



St Andrew's Church

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The Third Sunday after Easter **26th April 2026**

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher : The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

10.30am Choral Eucharist

President : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Preacher and Deacon : The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

Healing Ministry : John and Carol

6.00pm Choral Evensong

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Welcome to St Andrew's - may God's peace be with you

If you have felt something special in this service and want to talk about faith, have a chat with one of the clergy or ministers after the service.

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We have a plate at the back of church for offerings; a link to online giving is on the back of this notice sheet.

Collect:

Almighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ .

Amen

Reading: Acts 2:42-end

And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved .

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Healing prayer: George W, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M, Caroline, Lily, Denise, Mary S, Mary G, Cheryl W, David, S.M, Faith F, Jane B, William B, Rosemary & John K, Sue P, Carol S, Patricia T, David P,

In Memorium: Elizabeth Ingram, The Reverend Pamela Gould

News and Notices

Any item to be included should be with the office by Wednesday, 12noon

Church closure

The church will be closed for essential electrical works from Monday 27th April to Friday 1st May inclusive. Sadly, this means that all weekday services and events will have to be cancelled that week, but everyone is welcome to Morning Prayer at 9am the Rectory each morning.

Newcomers Coffee. As last month, we'll be holding a short meeting after church next week (Sunday 3rd May) for anyone who considers themselves new to St Andrew's. Do come along—this is a great opportunity for us all to get to know each other better.

Gold Altar Frontal. Our beautifully refurbished gold altar frontal will be rededicated at Evensong on Sunday 10th May at 6pm in the company of the family of the late Pat and Stewart Smith, who contributed to the costs of the work. All are welcome.

Helen Bryant. We're delighted to announce that Helen Bryant will be ordained deacon at Coventry Cathedral on Sunday 28th June 2026. She will be serving her curacy part-time in our neighbouring parishes of St Peter with St John and St George's, Rugby, whilst continuing to work as a Chaplain at Rugby School. Please keep Helen and her family in your prayers - we will share further details of the ordination arrangements in due course.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Our annual church meeting will take place after the Sung Eucharist on Sunday 10th May. This is an opportunity to celebrate the life of the church over the past year and hear about our current needs and future plans. There will also be elections to the church council and deanery synod - if you

would like to find out more about getting involved, please have a word with any of the clergy of wardens.

Dawn Chorus Walk Welcome the day with birdsong and community in St. Andrew's Gardens on May 4th at 5.30am. Join the Churchyard and Heritage Project for this peaceful guided experience and absorb the sights and sounds as the garden wakes up with you. Free to attend but booking is essential.

Christian Aid Week: There will be a cake and produce stall outside St Andrews in aid of this worthwhile charity on the morning of Saturday 16th May. Contributions of cakes etc clearly labelled Christian Aid can be left in church beforehand or possibly collected during the previous week. Offers of help welcome to Pat Eales or Sue Goddard.

The Big Table Gospel group meets every week around the talking table in the cafe, alternating on Thursday and Friday mornings. Contact John on shoparound1938@gmail.com

Bereavement Point 2pm - 3.30pm on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month (plus the 5th if there is one!). Opportunity for group conversation and relationship building where everyone is welcome and comfort is offered <https://compassionaterugby.co.uk/>

Church Mice Stay and Play Group 10-11.30am
Fridays (term time) for ages 0-4 years and it's free. Please spread the news where you can. Volunteers are warmly welcome, have a chat with Lydia, Joyce or Heather for more information. Thank you.



The St Andrew's 100 Club The 12th draw took place on Sunday 5 April with the winning tickets being - Ticket Number 1 - Sally Beament, Ticket Number 43 - Brinley William and Ticket Number -

90 Gwen Grant. It is still not too late to support the work of St Andrew's, why not consider joining The St Andrew's 100 Club for next year 2026 / 27, Application Forms are available NOW at the West End of Church, when you will have the opportunity to join the illustrious company of the 37 winners of last year. Good Luck to all ticket holders, future draws will take place on the first Sunday of the month and it is great that you have helped raise £1225 for St Andrews' in our first re-launch year,
Thank you for your support John, Helen and Sonia.

Recycling Update Your efforts in collecting Ink Cartridges have allowed another box weighing 3.25Kg to be sent on 30 March for recycling and saved from going to landfill, this is the 18th box since we started collecting and the cumulative saved from going to landfill is now 85Kg. The value of this consignment of cartridges was £60.85 for the work of St Andrews' - so please spread the word to your friends and family, and any business you know to save their Ink Cartridges and recycle with St Andrews' so we can grow this income stream. Thank you so much for your continued support of this and our other recycling initiatives.

Diary for the week 27th April - 3rd May

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Saturday

Café open 10am-12noon

Sunday 3rd May

Fourth Sunday after Easter

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am Choral Eucharist

12.15pm Coffee and welcome
chat for newcomers

6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

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