



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

Second Sunday before Lent

8th February 2026

6.00pm Evensong

Officiant: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Reflection: The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

Responses: Ferial

Introit Sung by the choir O Praise the Lord Batten

Opening Hymn 619: Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem

Beloved, we are come together
in the presence of Almighty God
and of the whole company of heaven
to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ
our worship and praise and thanksgiving;
to make confession of our sins;
to pray, as well for others as for ourselves,
that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love
and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace;
and to ask on behalf of all
such things as their well-being doth require.
Wherefore let us kneel in silence
and remember God's presence with us now.

Please kneel as we say together

**ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father,
We have erred, and strayed from thy ways
like lost sheep,
We have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts,
We have offended against thy holy laws,
We have left undone those things which we ought to
have done,
And we have done those things
which we ought not to have done,
And there is no health in us:
But thou, O Lord,
have mercy upon us miserable offenders;
Spare thou them, O God,
which confess their faults,
Restore thou them that are penitent,
According to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesu our Lord:
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
That we may hereafter live a godly,
righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people
pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their
sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

All Amen.

**All Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;**

**And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us.

Answer O Lord, make haste to help us.

Please stand

Cantor Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;

**Answer As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Cantor Praise ye the Lord.

Answer The Lord's Name be praised.

Please sit

Psalm 148

O praise the Lord of heaven : praise him in the height.
Praise him, all ye angels of his : praise him, all his host.
Praise him, sun and moon : praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise him, all ye heavens : and ye waters that are above the
heavens.
Let them praise the Name of the Lord : for he spake the
word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were
created.
He hath made them fast for ever and ever : he hath given

them a law which shall not be broken.

Praise the Lord upon earth : ye dragons, and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and vapours : wind and storm, fulfilling his word;

Mountains and all hills : fruitful trees and all cedars;
Beasts and all cattle : worms and feathered fowls;

Kings of the earth and all people : princes and all judges of the world;

Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord : for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.

He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him : even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

Please stand for the Gloria if you wish

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Please sit

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 8:1, 22-31

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

Magnificat Luke 1

MY soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath fill-ed the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.

Please stand for the Gloria if you wish

Glory be to the Father :
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Please sit

New Testament Reading: Revelation 4

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy,
the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.'
And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for

ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

Nunc Dimittis *Luke 2.29*

LORD now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation:
 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people ;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
 and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Please stand for the Gloria if you wish

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

The Apostles Creed

Please stand

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
 Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 Born of the Virgin Mary,
 Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 Was crucified, dead, and buried:
 He descended into hell;
 The third day he rose again from the dead;**

**He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen**

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Answer And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray

Please sit or kneel

Cantor Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Answer Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Cantor Our Father,
which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Cantor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the King.
Answer And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Answer And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people.
Answer And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Answer Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Answer And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

Then shall follow three Collects: The first for the day, the second for peace, the third for aid against all perils.

O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do: Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please sit

Anthem O Lord our Governor Willan

Reflection The Rev'd Edmund Newey

Intercessions made for the world

Healing prayer: Irene W, 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, Elizabeth I.

In Memoriam: Ida Joyce Indira Prasad,

Please stand

Hymn 589:Angel-voices ever singing

Please remain standing

Blessing

Voluntary

News and Notices

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

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/>

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

Church Mice Stay and Play Group Great news! Church Mice has restarted at St Andrew's. 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 Second Annual Rex Pogson Lecture will take place in church at 4pm on Saturday 28th February. Entitled '**Angels don't speak... they sing... — Reflecting on Angels in the Arts**', we are delighted that it will be delivered by the countertenor, Patrick Craig, Director of Aurora Nova Choir. Full details and tickets are available here: <https://www.standrewrugby.org.uk/events>

Electoral Roll If you are a regular at any of our services we would love to have you on the Electoral Roll, our contact list of worshippers at St Andrew's. This enables you to vote at the annual meeting and you may also like to think about being on our church council. Please speak to Pat, Joyce or Hash to check if you are already a member or if you would like a form to complete.

The St Andrew's 100 Club The 10th draw took place on Sunday 1st February with the winning tickets being; Number 3 - Beatrice Long, Number 45 - Annette Isles and Number 9 - Joyce Woodings. 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 will be available in March 2026 when you will have the opportunity to join the illustrious company of the thirty one winners to date. Good Luck to all ticket holders, future draws take place on the first Sunday of the month. Thank you for your support, John, Helen and Sonia.

Mystery! Does anyone know the whereabouts of a small box containing 20 old copies of the Parish Magazine? I can't remember who I lent it to but I would like them back please! Sue Minton

Film Showing On Sunday 15th February, as part of LGBT History Month, we will be showing *Prayers for Bobby*, a poignant true story of a devoutly religious young gay man. The film addresses critical themes such as acceptance, love and the consequences of intolerance. Join us for a cup of tea at 3.30pm with the film starting at 4pm. All welcome

Diary for the week 9th - 15th February

Café open Monday - Friday 10am-2pm, Saturday 10am-12noon

Monday 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Knitting & crochet group 10.30am Art with Aish 6.30pm St A's Community Singers 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice	Tuesday 9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Reflective Eucharist 1.00pm Lunchtime concert
Wednesday 9.00am Morning Prayer 12.00pm Eucharist 2.15pm Mothers' Union 5.00pm Young Choristers	Thursday 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Big Table Gospel Group 6.00pm Holy Communion 7.15pm Choir Practice
Friday 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Church Mice	Saturday 10.30am Second Saturday Songs
Sunday 15th February <i>Next before Lent</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion 10.30am Choral Eucharist 3.00pm LGBT month film 6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

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