



St Andrew's Church

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The Second Sunday in Lent 1st March 2026

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

10.30am Worship All Together

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Preacher: The Rev'd Peter Privett

Deacon: The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

6.00pm Zoom Evening Prayer

Officiant: The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

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.

Toilets are available through the arch beside the main entrance.

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 seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

Gospel: John 3:1-17

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. .

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, Patricia T

News and Notices

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

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. Please speak to Pat, Joyce or Hash

We are hosting a 'Death Cafe' style Community Conversation Wednesday 4th March at 10.30 in St Andrew's Church. Death cafes provide a safe and welcoming space for people to discuss death, dying, and mortality, fostering open conversations about these often-taboo topics. Death cafes happen globally and are informal gatherings where people come together to share their thoughts and feelings about death and dying. The aim is to increase awareness of death, encouraging participants to live their lives to the fullest. There is no agenda; discussions are led by the participants themselves, allowing for a free exchange of ideas and experiences. Our 'Death Cafe' style conversation also provides an opportunity to engage with two of our local Funeral Directors whom we've invited to join us to help support any questions there might be about what to do when someone dies. If you have any questions in advance, please speak with Revd Sharon or Joyce Woodings.

Flamenco from Spain with Rebeca Ortega & Ramon Ruiz. An unforgettable night of flamenco music, singing and dance with the prize-winning artists from Andalusia, Spain. Tickets available through Eventbrite. RUGBY: Flamenco from Spain | Rebeca Ortega -Ramon Ruiz Tickets, Friday, Mar 6 from 7:30 pm to 9 pm | Eventbrite

Do you have any leftover wool or fabric that you are never going to use—if you do the Yarnbombers are collecting. You can bring into church for Joyce or take straight to Wild and Free in Bank Street--thanks.

The next **Rosebuds** will be 18th March 7pm at Satchmo's Corner.

Easter Lilies If you would like to make a donation to help with the cost of the Easter lilies, maybe in memory of a loved one, please leave with the wardens or the office. If you are able to gift aid, please complete your details on a yellow envelope and mark as Easter flowers.

World Day of Prayer service at Bilton Evangelical Church on Friday 6th March at 10.30am. The 2026 World Day of Prayer materials from Nigeria. At a time when people worldwide are carrying heavy burdens, our Nigerian sisters offer profound insights into finding rest in God! All Welcome.

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.



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Together for the Church of England is a group supporting greater equality and inclusion in the church. A local meeting is being held at St Mary's, Walsgrave at 7pm on Wednesday 18th March. All welcome—speak to one of the clergy if you would like a lift.

Lent at St Andrew's

Thursdays in Lent 5.30pm Reflective Prayer, 6pm Lent Eucharist

Big Table Gospel Group will be reading David Ford's, Meeting God in John: A Companion for Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Beyond. All are welcome. It meets on alternate Thursday & Friday mornings at 10am starting Friday 20th February.

English Mystics Following on from the success of last year's series of webinars on Women Mystics, this spring we are sharing in a series of talks led by experts from Sarum College. We meet in the Lady Chapel on Mondays between 7.30 and 9pm. All welcome.

30th March — The Cloud of Unknowing with Becky Field
27th April — William Blake with Mark Vernon
25th May — Evelyn Underhill with Jane Shaw

A booklet, **Draw Near: Life-giving Habits for Lent**, is available at the back of church. It focuses on the habits and practices that are essential to what it means to be a Christian—Do please take a copy for a suggested donation of £3.



Finally, during Lent we will experiment with reintroducing the passing of collection plates at the offertory. If you give regularly by Parish Giving or standing order, please do take one of the cards as you enter church, so that you can place this in the plate as a sign of your offering. You can also use our QR code.



Diary for the week 2nd - 8th March

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

Monday

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Ball of Yarn Knitting &
crochet drop-in group
10.30am Art with Aish
6.30pm Community Singers
7.30pm Bell Ringing practice

Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am Reflective Eucharist
1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime
Concert
2.00pm Bereavement Point

Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Community
Conversations
5.00pm Young Choristers
7.00pm Adoptive Parents Group

Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer
5.30pm Lent Reflective Prayer
6.00pm Eucharist
7.15pm Choir practice

Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Church Mice
10.00am Big Table Gospel group
7.30pm Flamenco from Spain

Saturday

Sunday 8th March

Third Sunday of Lent

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.30am Choral Eucharist
12.30pm PCC meeting
6.00pm Evensong

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