

Sunday *@ St Andrew's*

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.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter **11th May 2025**

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

10.30am Choral Eucharist

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Preacher: The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

Deacon: Tom Nettey

12.30pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Lunch

6.00pm Evensong

Officiant: Helen Bryant

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 9.36–end

Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber.

And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them.

Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

And it came to pass, that he tarried many days in Joppa with one Simon a tanner.

Gospel: John 10.22–30

And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.

Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.

Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.
I and my Father are one.

Healing prayer: Irene W, George W, Adrianna, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M, Noel, Caroline, Lily, Denise, Mary G, Cheryl W, Teresa V, David, S.M, Faith F, Jane B, William B.
In Memoriam: Theodore Johnson, Jane Gould

News and Notices

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

Annual Church Meeting and Lunch TODAY. Our 2025 Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at 12.30pm followed by lunch. Do stay for this opportunity to celebrate the past year at St Andrew's and look forward to future plans. Elections to the PCC (the church council) also take place at this meeting. A copy of the Annual Accounts for 2024 is also available at the back of church.

James's Priesting. Having completed a year as a Deacon, James will be ordained Priest in the Cathedral on Sunday 29th June at 10.30am. We are planning to book a coach to attend the service—please sign the list at the back of church to indicate your interest in attending.

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 shopround1938@gmail.com

Volunteer Thank You—Sunday 1st June St Andrew's depends on the involvement of a huge number of volunteers to sustain our ministry and mission. Your clergy and staff team would like to say thank you by inviting you to tea in church at 4pm on the afternoon

of Sunday 1st June. If you're already a volunteer at St Andrew's, please do put the date in your diaries; if you're not yet, a volunteer perhaps you'd like to come along to find out more!



Christian Aid Week 2025 11th - 17th May

This is a wonderful opportunity at St Andrew's Church to show our love and concern for parts of the world where there is a lot of suffering. Christian Aid celebrates it's 80th birthday this year supporting work with refugees in Europe following the Second World War. Let's act again now, to help relieve suffering and build a world where everyone has a safe place to call home. Envelopes are available in church for your donation.

Rosebuds next meet on Wednesday 14th May 7pm at Satchmo's Corner. Join us for a labyrinth journey!

Diary for the week 12th - 18th May:	
<p>Monday 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Knitting & Crochet Group 6.30pm Community Singers 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice</p>	<p>Tuesday 9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Reflective Eucharist 1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime Concert 6.30pm Free Voice</p>
<p>Wednesday 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Pastoral Group meeting 12.00pm Holy Communion 2.15pm Mothers' Union Communion 5.00pm Young Choristers 7.00pm Songwriters' group</p>	<p>Thursday 9.00am Morning Prayer 6.30pm Board Games Group 7.15pm Choir Practice</p>
<p>Friday 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Big Table Gospel group</p>	<p>Saturday 10am– 12pm Café Open</p>
<p>Sunday 18th May The Fifth Sunday of Easter BIKEFEST</p>	<p>8.00am BCP Holy Communion 10.30am Choral Eucharist 7.00pm Iona Evening Prayer</p>