



St Andrew's Church Rugby

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

The Fourth Sunday after Easter 28th April 2024

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

10.30am Choral Eucharist

Livestreamed: [twitch.tv/standrewrugby](https://www.twitch.tv/standrewrugby)

President: & Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Deacon: Helen Bryant, Lay Chaplain, Harris Church of England School

12.00pm The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Reviewing our worship and work at St Andrew's over the past year and our plans for the future, along with elections to the church council.

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Reflection: Helen Bryant, Lay Chaplain, Harris Church of England School

The Collect

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading: Acts 8:26-end

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus said, 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Healing prayer: Solanki, Irene W, George W, Edwin F, Mary S, Jane B, Adrianna, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M, Rita & Noel, Caroline, Dilshad, Lily, Denise, Tony & Kirsten, Donald, Alan & Tim, Mary G, Sarah P, Ron G, Marion, Colleen S, Catherine E, John D, Louise E, Cheryl W, Teenie S-S.

In Memoriam: Eric Rani, Frank Roger Badger, The Rev'd John Hargreaves

News and Notices

Any item to be included in News & Notices should be with Kate by Wednesday, 12 noon.

Confirmation. We are delighted that Bishop Ed Condry will be returning to St Andrew's on Sunday 5th May at 6pm to confirm four candidates: Glenn, Mel, George and Mia. Glenn's son, Charlie, will also be baptized at the service. Please pray for these five fellow pilgrims on their next stage in the journey of Christian faith. All are welcome at the service, which will draw on the Celtic tradition and be accompanied by St Andrew's Community Singers.

Rogationtide Blessing Service at May Blossom Farm. Come and walk the boundaries of May Blossom Farm, asking God's blessing on all the farm's green and growing things, especially its newly planted areas of native woodland and hedgerow.

Rugby Foodbank greatly appreciates your contributions and ongoing support. We now have a collection basket at the back of church



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/>



Let's talk about it

Community Conversation, Wednesday 1st May, 10.30-11.45am. As a lead into 'Dying Matter Week,' 6th-12th May, you are invited to attend our Community conversation, which will focus on the topic of dying and death. This is an important topic for people to talk about, including how we might ourselves make preparations for that eventuality, talk to our loved ones about it and how we might support our community friends and neighbours when they are grieving. I hope you will join me. Reverend Sharon Crofts

Rev'd John Hargreaves who did his curacy in St Andrew's has

sadly died following a long illness. His family warmly invites anyone who wishes to attend his funeral on Friday 3rd May at I Iam in Rippon Cathedral and to refreshments afterwards.

Thirteen Bells Book Club We choose a book to read together and meet fortnightly to discuss it. Titles include thrillers, science fiction, history, family drama and romance. We meet in local cafes including St Andrew's. Contact John: shoparound1938@gmail.com

The Rugby Cafe Writers meet every fortnight in St Andrew's Church on a Friday at 10am. This is a group for anyone who enjoys writing fiction, non-fiction or poetry. The group has recently published an anthology called *A Story For Every Day Of Winter*. To buy a copy, see a member of the group or go to www.rugbycafewriters.com New members are always welcome.

The Big Table Gospel group meets every week in the church cafe on alternate Thursdays and Fridays at 10am. This is a group for anyone who wishes to explore the weekly readings of the church in a bit more depth and talk about how they relate to everyday life. We are devoting our Thursday meetings to discussing a book on some aspect of faith. New members welcome. Contact John on shoparound1938@gmail.com

The Easter Magazine is now available and it is hoped you will find something of interest. The next issue of *Your Magazine* will be the Pentecost Issue and a contribution from you is welcome, be it an article, story, poem or something of interest you wish to share with the readers. Should you feel inspired please provide your contribution by 21 April. Please send to John or Kate. Thank you.

Regular Giving to support St Andrew's Mission and Ministry. We are hugely grateful to all who support St Andrew's financially by regular giving. We are in the process of transferring the management of regular giving to the new Parish Giving system, which saves a lot of administrative time and expense. To sign up you

can take a form from the back of church or you can use this link: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/rugby-st-andrew-rugby/> Please have a word with Hash, Joyce or any PCC members if you would like to find out more.

Recycling - Your contributions continue to support the Church as well as other charities. There is a yellow collection bin for your unwanted **spectacles**. The recycling unit has two columns the left hand column is for the collection of **ink cartridges** and the right hand column is for **milk container caps**. Please assist the sorting and packing process by not placing items in the wrong column. Where possible only deposit the ink cartridge without their original cardboard packaging as we can only send the ink cartridges for recycling. Don't forget your **used postage stamps** to support the Knitted Knockers Charity that provides wool for Breast Replacements for women who have had a mastectomy, and your unwanted **mobile telephones** will be transported to Ghana by the charity NPAC - National Police Aid Convoy.

You are warmly invited to **May Blossom Farm's Gardening** for Wellbeing Saturday afternoon sessions between 2pm and 4pm on various dates until the end of June. Sessions are an opportunity to grow veg, connect with others and enjoy time outdoors in God's creation. They are part-funded through your very generous donations at the recent St Andrews Community Lunch. To come along, simply book a parking space for the sessions you would like to attend on Eventbrite here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/gardening-for-wellbeing-3190549>

Please note that for the **World Food event** on 12th May tickets are now available. We are seeing a high demand for the tickets and not to disappoint, please see Hash and Joyce to ensure tickets are allocated. We have set the number at 100 due to the high demand. The event will be very informal, no seating, 10 serving stations, bar and raffle. Self service with no limits to how many times you go up!

Diary for the week 29th April - 5th May

- Monday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
 10.00am Ball of Yarn knitting & crochet group
 10.30am Art with Aish
 6.30pm St Andrew's Community Singers *All welcome*
 7.30pm Bell ringing practice *New members welcome*
- Tuesday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
 9.30am Reflective Communion *followed by coffee*
 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert by Da-Hee Kim (piano)
 2.00pm Bereavement Point
 6.00pm Free Voice
- Wednesday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
 10.30am Community Conversations
 12.00pm Holy Communion
 5.00pm Young Choristers practice
 7.30pm Adoptive Parents Group
- Thursday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
 1.00pm Funeral of Eric Edgar Rani
 6.30pm Board games group
 7.15pm Choir Practice
- Friday** 9.00am *No Morning Prayer*
 10.00am Big Table Gospel group
- Saturday** 10.00am-12pm Café open. *Pop in for friendship and fellowship!*

Sunday 5th May - 6th of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Choral Eucharist

3.00pm Rogation Service at May Blossom Farm

6pm Confirmation Service with Bishop Ed Condry

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