



St Andrew's Church

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

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity 27th September 2026

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher : The Rev'd Hugh Priestner

10.30am Choral Eucharist

President : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Deacon : The Rev'd Alison Baxter

Preacher : The Rev'd Hugh Priestner

Followed by newcomers welcome coffee & chat in the Lady Chapel

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant and Preacher : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

*Followed by a reception to celebrate the completion of the renovation
works*

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.

Collect:

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Reading: Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end

The word of the Lord came unto me again, saying,

What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?

As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel.

Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal?

When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die.

Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

Gospel: Matthew 21.23-32

And when Jesus was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?

And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things.

The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him?

But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet.

And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things. But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard.

He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.

And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.

Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

Healing prayer: George W, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M, Caroline, Lily, Denise, Mary S, Mary G, Cheryl W, David, S.M, Jane B, William B, Rosemary & John K, Sue P, Carol S, Patricia T, David P, Margaret S, Nick B & family, Prem M, Graham H.

News and Notices

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

Newcomers' Meeting. If you've recently started worshipping at St Andrew's, welcome! After the 10.30 eucharist today there will be a short meeting, with tea, coffee and biscuits, in the Lady Chapel. This is an opportunity to meet the clergy and for us to get to know one another a bit better – please do come along.

October is Black History Month. We'll be marking the month with a number of events: a screening of the film *Selma* (2014) in church at 3.15pm on Sunday 4th October; an exhibition of images of Jesus, as pictured by members of our congregation and local community; a World Food Lunch after our Harvest Festival eucharist on Sunday 11th October; and a Sunday service considering themes from the month on the 25th October. More information will follow shortly.

Harvest World Food Lunch Sunday 11th October 12.30pm. This year's Harvest Lunch will celebrate the diversity of our congregation – please sign up on the list at the back of church to offer something delicious to share!

Generous Giving Week, from the 4th to the 11th October, is our annual opportunity to learn more of how we can support St Andrew's ministry and mission through giving our time and money.

Journeying with Children in Faith. Following a successful session earlier in the year, we'll be meeting again at 12noon on Sunday 18th October to experience Godly Play. All are welcome and the session is especially designed to help parents and carers of children who share in Godly Play each week to find out more about how it works. Lunch and activities will be provided for children.

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 2.15pm - 3.45pm 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. Next month we will also be experimenting with a second afternoon session. Please spread the news where you can. Volunteers are warmly welcome—have a chat with Lydia, Joyce or Heather for more information. Thank you.

**Young Choristers
need your help!**

Some of our Junior Choristers have grown over the summer holiday and their cassocks need to be

let down. If you have sewing skills and would be prepared to help, please contact Rachel. It's all hand sewing, no machine required. youngchoristers@rugbychurch.org.uk



Diary for the week 28th September – 4th October

Church Community Café open Monday - Friday 9.30am-2pm
Saturday 9.30am-12noon

Monday

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Ball of Yarn knitting &
crochet group
10.30am Art with Aish
6.30am St A's Community
Singers
7.30pm Bell Ringing practice

Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am Reflective Eucharist
1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime
Concert
2.15pm Bereavement Point

Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
12.00pm Holy Communion
5.00pm Young Choristers

Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer
6.00pm Holy Communion
7.15pm Choir practice

Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Big Table Gospel
Group
10.00am Church Mice
7.30pm *private appointment*



Saturday

7.00pm Bilton Silver Band
concert

Sunday 4th October 18th Sunday after Trinity

Generous Giving Week

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.30am Choral Eucharist
3.15pm Black History Month
SELMA film showing
6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

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