



St Andrew's Church Rugby

The Fifth Sunday after Easter Rogationtide 5th May 2024

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

10.30am Worship All Together

President: The Rev'd Peter Privett

Talk: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

3pm Rogation Service at May Blossom Farm

6.00pm Confirmation Service with Baptism

The Rt Revd Ed Condry

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

Our main Sunday services are livestreamed. You may prefer to sit in the side aisles if you wish to remain off camera

The service sheet gives directions on when to stand or kneel, but please feel free to remain sitting if you prefer. 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 service sheet.

Introit *sung by the choir*

Ubi Caritas Ola Gjeilo

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Amen.

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice in Him and be glad.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one.
Where charity and love are, God is there.
Love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Amen.*

Please stand

Opening Hymn 72: Joy to the world

The Greeting *is given by the president*

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit

All Amen

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All And also with you.

The Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have often misused
and ill-treated your creation:
hear us, and in your mercy save us and help us.

For every act of carelessness that has treated the world
merely as a playground: Father forgive us.

All Save us and help us

For every act of wastefulness that forgets the crying of the needy: Father forgive us.

All Save us and help us.

For every act of selfishness that defies your just rule over our lives: Father forgive us.

**All Save us and help us
Cleanse us from our sins
Through the love of Christ,
And set us free for his service
Through the power of the Spirit;
For the glory of your name
Amen.**

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent Jesus to be our Saviour,
forgive us our sins,
and make us holy to serve God in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

The Collect

Let us pray *Silence is kept.*

Risen Christ,
Faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep
Teach us to hear your voice
And to follow your command
To the glory of God the Father

All Amen.

Please sit

Reading Psalm 148 1-14

The reading is taken from the book of psalms, number one hundred and forty eight

Alleluia. Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you his angels;
praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you stars of light.

Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.

He made them fast for ever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and mist,
tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and birds on the wing;

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and women, old and young together;
let them praise the name of the Lord.

For his name only is exalted,
his splendour above earth and heaven.

He has raised up the horn of his people
and praise for all his faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.

Alleluia.

For the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Please stand

Gradual Hymn 537: For the beauty of the earth

Please remain standing

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke *(13:18-19)*

We sing together

All Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said therefore, 'What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

Talk *Edmund*

Please stand

The Creed

**All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is
named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Amen.**

Please sit or kneel

Prayers of Intercession,

This response may be used

and at the end

Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,
All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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, Pauline W, Teenie S-S, Lucy Phillips.

In Memoriam: Frank Rodney Badger, The Rev'd John Hargreaves

Confirmation: Glenn, Mel, George and Mia. Glenn's son, Charlie, will also be baptized

The Peace *Please stand*

God calls us to peace

All In God's justice is our peace

Christ calls us to be God's people

All In Christ is our peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We share the peace with those around us by saying
'peace be with you',*

Offertory Hymn 553: Touch the earth lightly (tune 545)

*A collection plate is available at the back of church or this
link will allow you to give to St Andrew's online:
givi.ng/1160223*



The Preparation of the Table

Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer *please remain standing*

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Lord of all life, you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You give us the starry sky above,
the sun and the moon,
And everything that gives us light,
light for our eyes and hearts and minds.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

We sing together

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest**

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

The sanctuary bell is rung

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

The sanctuary bell is rung.

Great is the mystery of faith:

We sing together

**All Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.
Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.
For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Sanctuary bell is rung, please sit or kneel

Believing the promises of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Invitation to Communion

We break the bread of life
And that life is the light of the world.

**All God here among us,
Light in the midst of us,
Bring us to light and life.**

The Agnus Dei (The Lamb of God) *We sing together*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Communion will be administered in both kinds (consecrated bread and consecrated wine from the common cup) at the High Altar and at the west end of church. Please come forward to receive communion as directed by the stewards.

Communion Hymn 429: Bread is blessed and broken

Communion Anthem

O thou the central orb *Charles Wood*

Post Communion Prayers

God of truth, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life; strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen**

Please stand

Closing Hymn 284: For the fruits of his creation

*During this hymn the ministers and choir process to the back of church.
Please turn to face them at the back as they pass for our Blessing.*

The Blessing

God the Father,
By whose glory Christ was raised from the dead.
Strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life:
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Alleluia
Amen.**

The minister departs.

Organ Voluntary

News and Notices

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

Rogationtide Blessing Service 3pm at May Blossom Farm, Sunday 5th May. 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.

Ascension Day, forty days after Easter, marks the ascension of Jesus to the Father's right hand in glory. As usual, we will be celebrating with a Sung Eucharist at 7.30pm, this Thursday 9th May.

Children's and Families Ministry Lead

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Helen Bryant as our new Children's and Families' Ministry Lead.

Helen said, 'This is an exciting role, forging connections between the three settings of church, schools and home. I look forward to sharing my faith with children and young people, their parents and carers and using my gifts for the good of God's kingdom in our town'.

Edmund said, 'Helen brings a wealth of varied experience and strong local and national connections to this role. She is already well known at St Andrew's and in local schools through her work as Lay Chaplain at Harris Academy and we look forward very much to having her on the staff team'.

Helen will begin on the 1st June, alongside a continuing part-time role as Lay Chaplain at Harris Academy. She is currently in the first of three years training for ordination on the Eastern Region Ministerial Training Course.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting The postponed financial business from last Sunday's APCM will be completed at a short meeting after the Sung Eucharist on Sunday 19th May. Copies of

the finalised accounts and annual report for 2023 are available in hard or electronic copies.

D-Day 80 On the eve of the eightieth anniversary of D-Day, we will be welcoming the Mayor and other guests to St Andrew's to dedicate a new standard for the charity, Blind Veterans UK. All are welcome to the service at 2.30pm on Wednesday 5th June, followed by refreshments.



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/>

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.

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

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.

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

6th - 12th April 2024

Monday *Bank Holiday - church closed*

Tuesday 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
 9.30am Reflective Communion *followed by coffee*
 1.00pm Lunchtime concert
 2.00pm Bereavement Point
 6.00pm Free Voice

Wednesday 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
 12.00pm Wednesday Communion
 2.15pm Mothers' Union communion
 5.00pm Young Choristers
 7.00pm Songwriters' group

Thursday 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
 10.00am Big Table Gospel group
 6.30pm Board games group
 7.30pm Ascension Day Sung Eucharist

Friday 9.00am *No Morning Prayer*
 10.00am Café Writers' group

Saturday 10.00am-12pm Café open. *Pop in for friendship and fellowship*
 10.30am Second Saturday Songs

Sunday 12th May 2024 - The Sunday after Ascension Day

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am Choral Eucharist
12.30pm World Food fundraising event
6.00pm Evensong