



St Andrew's

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Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist **21st September 2025**

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher:

The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

10.30am Choral Eucharist

President: The Rev'd Sharon Crofts

Deacon: The Rev'd Alison Baxter

Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

6.00pm Prayers for Peace in the Holy Land and Middle East

Leader: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey



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

Our 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.

Please sit in the side aisles if you would prefer greater distancing or wish to remain off camera

The Gathering

The president welcomes the congregation and makes any announcements

Introit *sung by the choir*

Hail, glorious spirits Tye

Please stand

Processional Hymn 341: We turn to Christ anew

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.

Prayer of Preparation

All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Invitation to Confession

The Deacon invites us to confess our wrongdoing:

Jesus said to his apostles,
'You are my friends if you obey my commands.'
Let us now confess our disobedience to him.

You were sent to preach the good news of light
in the darkness of the world:
Lord have mercy

All Lord have mercy

You were sent to plant in our hearts the seed of eternal life:
Christ have mercy

All Christ have mercy

You were sent to reconcile us to yourself
by the shedding of your blood:
Lord have mercy

All Lord have mercy

The President grants God's absolution

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins;
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name
through Jesus Christ our Lord

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

We proclaim the glory of God by singing:

REFRAIN



Glo - ry to God. Glo - ry to God. Glo - ry to God in the High - est.

VERSE 1



Glo - ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, Heav'n - ly King, Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

VERSE 2



Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa - ther. Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. You are



sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

VERSE 3



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly one, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

The Collect

The president says

Let us pray

O Almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector
to be an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the
possessive love of riches
that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

Proverbs 3:13-18

Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get
understanding,
for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better
than gold.
She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire
can compare with her.
Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and
honour.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are
peace.
She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who
hold her fast are called happy.

For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gradual Hymn 300: Glory to you, O God

As the procession passes, please turn to face the Gospel

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

I do not call you servants but friends,
because I have made known to you
everything that I have heard from my Father.

John 15.15

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew (9:9-13)

We sing the response



As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

We sing the response



Please sit

Sermon The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Please stand

The Creed

**All We believe in one God
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from
heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Please sit or kneel as we are led in prayer

Prayers of Intercession

This or another response may be used

Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

And at the end

Merciful Father,

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

Healing prayer:

Irene W, George W, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M, Caroline, Lily, Denise, Mary S, Mary G, Cheryl W, Teresa V, David, S.M, Faith F, Jane B, William B, Rosemary & John K, Chris & Chris H, Sue P, Russell H, Chris C.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand. The president says

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

Ephesians 2.19,17

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

The Deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share the peace safely with those around us

Offertory Hymn 487: Christ is the one who calls

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




Please remain standing

The Preparation of the Table

God our Father,
keep us united in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread and the prayers,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

cf Acts 2.42

The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you **All** and al - so with you.

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

It is indeed right and good
that we should give you thanks, praise and glory,
almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For after his resurrection
he sent out his apostles and evangelists
to preach the gospel to all nations
and lead us in the way of truth.
Himself the chief cornerstone,
he founded his Church upon the apostles
firmly to stand for ever
as a sign of your holiness upon earth

and a living witness to all
of the way that leads to heaven.
And so with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we lift our voices
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

Sanctus and Benedictus *We sing together*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and
might, Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Hosan na, Hosan na, Hosan na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san na, Ho - san na, Ho - san na in the high - est.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.
who in the same night that he was betrayed,

took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

The Sanctuary bell is rung

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

The Sanctuary bell is rung. The Deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith:

We sing together



And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Sanctuary bell is rung, please sit or kneel

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.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

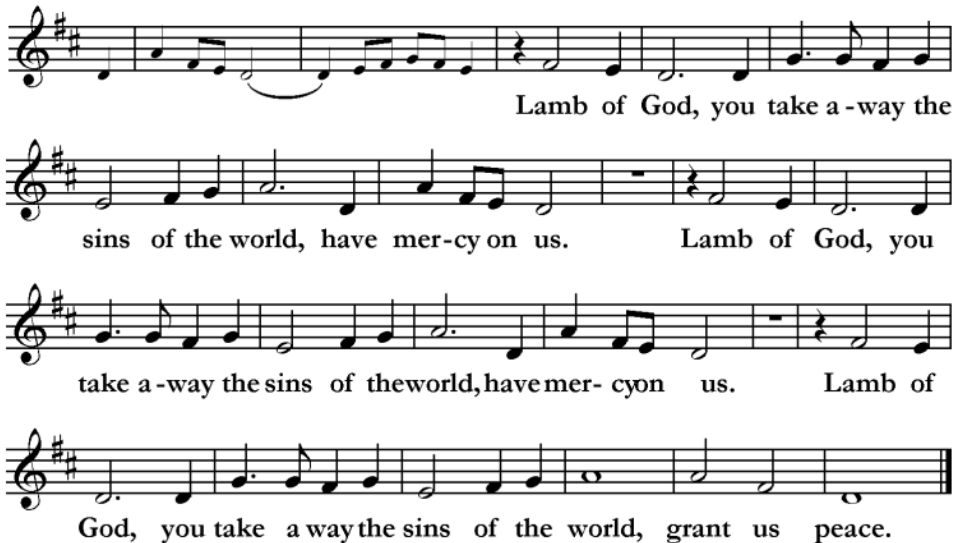
**All Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sins of the world, have mer- cyon us. Lamb of
God, you take a way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

All are welcome to receive God's blessing.

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 268: Affirm anew the three-fold name

Communion Anthem *sung by the choir*

O for a closer walk with God Stanford

Post Communion Prayers

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
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 671: I will sing the wondrous story

Please turn to face the back of church as the procession passes.

Blessing and Final Responsory

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations,
bring you, with all the saints,
to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ.

Amen.

The minister departs

Organ Voluntary

News and Notices

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

Thursday evening eucharist each Thursday in the Lady Chapel at 6pm—an opportunity for reflective worship at the end of the working day.

Sponsored Abseil. *Sarah Stott writes, 'On 27th September I am taking part in an abseil down the new Coventry Cathedral in aid of Myton Hospice who constantly do an amazing work, supporting others in the most difficult of times. This why I am asking whether members of St Andrews Church would generously sponsor me to help me reach my goal of £200, by donating or if able, supporting me at the event itself, which would be fun or in my case terrifying!' Please find below the attached link for my JustGiving page: https://www.justgiving.com/page/sarah-stott-abseil?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL*

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 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/>

Everyone is invited to An Evening With the Rugby Cafe Writers at St Andrew's Church on Friday October 3rd at 7.30pm. This is part of the Rugby Literary Festival and will feature original stories, poems and memoir plus music from The Scutters. There will also be a bookstall and bar. Tickets are £3.50 on the door, or in advance from bit.ly/rcw2025

Rugby Foodbank As we look forward to Harvest, we are reminded that the number of people in our local community who require emergency food is still incredibly high. During the last year (2024), Rugby Foodbank has provided 6333 emergency food

parcels to people who can't afford the essentials. There are several ways you can make a donation, there's a dedicated webshop link if you would prefer to choose the resources and quantities that would be most helpful to you <https://www.trussellgiftshop.com/harvest-items>, we have a collection basket at the back of church, you can drop donations to the foodbank Monday–Friday 9.30am–12 noon or if you would prefer a collection, please contact harvest@rugby.foodbank.org.uk. Your support is vital to ensure that Rugby Foodbank can continue to provide their services.



On Sunday 12 October 2025 at 12:15pm for 12:30pm, Rugby & District Christian Aid

and St Peter-John's Church invite you to a traditional 3 course Sunday Lunch at St Peter-John's Church, St Peter's Road, Rugby. The cost of the lunch will be £12* per head, which includes a donation to be shared equally between Christian Aid and St Peter-John's Church. If you wish, please bring your own alcoholic beverages. There will be a raffle too. For more details or to reserve places, please e-mail me by Sunday 5 October 2025 on waltergoodman@btinternet.com as soon as possible before (*Cheques payable to. "St Peter-John's Church", places for lunch must be booked in advance).

Recycling Update A further box of **Tealights** has been despatched to our recycling partner weighing 12.25Kg providing a cumulative total of 141.20Kg saved from going to landfill, We also recycle **Candles** Ivory and White **Used Ink Cartridges**, **Milk Container Tops**, **used Postage Stamps**, **used or unwanted Spectacles** Lions and your **donations to Rugby Foodbank** are even more essential at present.

Next Issue of Your Parish Magazine will be the Christmas Issue and should you feel encouraged to provide an article, a piece of prose or poem, or something you wish to share, your contribution is welcome by Sunday 26 October and can be submitted in the usual way. Thank you for your support.

Diary for the week 22nd - 28th September

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
 7.30pm Greenhouse meeting

Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 9.30am Reflective Eucharist
 1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime Concert
 6.30pm Free Voice

Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 12.00pm Eucharist
 5.00pm Young Choristers
 7.00pm Soulful Sound Space

Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Big Table Gospel group
 6.00pm Eucharist
 6.30pm Board Games group
 7.15pm Choir practice

Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 6.00pm Friends of St Andrew's Evensong & dinner

Saturday

10am– 12pm Café Open

Sunday 28th September

15th Sunday after Trinity
 Generous Giving week begins

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
 10.30am Choral Eucharist
 6.00pm Choral Evensong

Peace Walk Rugby's annual Peace Walk takes place this year on Sunday 28th September, beginning at 3pm at the Peace tree beside Rugby Art Gallery and Museum and ending by 6pm at the Gurdwara. All are welcome and to join for all or part of the walk.

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