



St Andrew's Church

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

25th October 2026

Marking Bible Sunday and Black History month

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher : The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

10.30am Choral Eucharist

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6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

Officiant : The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

Preacher : Gwyneth Hickman

Mass Setting: Mass of St Thomas *Thorne*

Introit : If ye love me *Tallis*

Anthem : O thou the central orb *Wood*

Organ Voluntary : Festival Voluntary *Flor Peeters*

Processional Hymn **810: Thou, whose almighty word**

Gradual Hymn **390: Thanks to God whose word was spoken**

Offertory Hymn **448i: I come with joy, a child of God**

Communion Hymn **587: Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)**

Omit * verse

Recessional Hymn **588: And can it be that I should gain**

Collect :

Compassionate God,
who sent Jesus Christ
to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities,
create in us new hearts and enlarged visions,
to see the image of God in every person
irrespective of background, race and ethnicity.
May we be generous in our love of others
as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice;
creating communities of human flourishing,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading : Galatians 3:26- 4:7

For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than slaves, though they are the owners of all the property; but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental spirits of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gospel: Luke 12:39-48

Jesus said, 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Peter said, 'Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for everyone?' And the Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, "My master is delayed in coming", and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.'

Post Communion Prayer:

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

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

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. A new afternoon session will start from Friday 16th October 1pm-2.30pm.

All Souls' Service. Our annual service of remembrance for departed loved ones is on Sunday 1st November at 6pm. A list for you to check and add the names to be remembered is at the back of church.

Advent Quiet Day. Advance notice that our Advent Quiet Day will be on Saturday 28th November at The Olde House in Southam. Further details will follow.

St Andrew's Day. Our Patronal Festival is on Monday 30th November. We will be celebrating it with Choral Evensong, sung by Rugby School's Temple Consort, at 6pm. Afterwards the Friends of St Andrew's are hosting a Fish and Chip Supper and Quiz Night at Rugby Baptist Church. More details will follow shortly, but please save the date!

Recycling Update Your contributions have allowed another box of Ink Cartridges to be sent for recycling containing 111 cartridges and weighing 3.25 Kg which has raised £66.25 - meaning since we started recycling ink cartridges in November 2018 we have raised £1275.85. This is the 19th box of ink cartridges we have recycled since the initiative began and we have saved 88.25Kg from going to landfill. Please do tell family members, work colleagues and anyone else you now who uses a printer that we can accept their ink cartridges for recycling and raise money for St Andrew's. Thank you for supporting this and our other recycling initiatives.

TWAM Tools With A Mission are looking for additional materials for their knitting toolkits: knitting machine wool, knitting machines and accessories, hand wool, children's knitting patterns. Their monthly tool sales in Rugby have raised over £2400 for their mission but these have now stopped for autumn and winter. Hopefully a pop-up shop in the town centre will open this festive season. Stay tuned! TWAM contact 01473 210220.

COP31 Prayer Event COP31 being The 31st United Nations Climate Change Conference and The Conference of The Parties to The Paris Agreement (COP21) is due to take place in The Expo Centre. Antalya, Turkey from 9 to 20 November. We will be holding our 6th Annual COP Prayer Event for COP31 on Saturday 7 November from 10.00 to 12.30 and you are very welcome to join in silent and spoken prayer for the deliberations, negotiations and essential compromise of all

governments, nations and individuals attending COP31. You don't have to attend all of the time, you can pop in if you can spare half an hour. Should you be unable to attend please make time to pray on that day for COP31 and make a single prayer to become a multitude of prayers to affect those attending Antalata in Turkey. The warning issued by Sir David Attenborough ahead of COP26 held in Glasgow - **If we don't act now, it will be too late. This is Now, Now is all there is, Don't wait for Then; Strike the Spark, Light the Fire ACT NOW** More detail of COP31 can be found on page 15 of The Harvest Issue of The St Andrew's Parish Magazine.

We are delighted to be holding the **Cranmer Awards**, a special competition for children 11-18, at St Andrew's on the 25th November at 5pm. The main competition is about reciting a small section of scripture or a traditional prayer from the Prayerbook. This year there is also a poetry competition. Those who win first place will receive a cash prize of £60, second place is £40 and third is £30. Winners will be invited to go along to the national final which is always somewhere special, with previous finals held at Hampton Court Palace and where the first prize is £250. The competition aims to help children learn to read and pray confidently and is an exciting opportunity to do something special! If you or one of your children would like to know more, please talk to James or Edmund.

Diary for the week 26th October – 1st November

Church Community Café open Monday - Friday 9.30am-2pm

Saturday 9.30am-12noon

Monday

9.00am *No Morning Prayer*

10.00am Ball of Yarn knitting &
crochet group

7.30pm Bell Ringing practice

Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Reflective Eucharist

1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime
Concert

Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer

12.00pm Holy Communion

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

1.00pm Church Mice



Saturday

12pm Rotary Art Prizegiving

Sunday 1st November

All Saints and All Souls' Day

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am Choral Eucharist with
Baptism

6.00pm All Souls' Service of
Remembrance and
Thanksgiving

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After the service, please feel free to join us for coffee—a chance for us all to get to know each other better.

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.