



St Andrew's

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

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.

We have a plate at the back of church for offerings; a link to online giving is on the back of this notice sheet.

2nd Sunday of Epiphany **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** **18th January 2026**

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

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

10.30am Choral Eucharist

President: The Rev'd Sharon Crofts

Preacher: The Rev'd Alison Baxter

Deacon: Tom Nettey

6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

Officiant: The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far;
The Lord hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my
mother hath he made mention of my name.

And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of
his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his
quiver hath he hid me;

And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be
glorified.

Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for
nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the Lord, and
my work with my God.

And now, saith the Lord that formed me from the womb to be his
servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered,
yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord, and my God shall be
my strength.

And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to
raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel:
I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be
my salvation unto the end of the earth.

Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to
him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to
a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall
worship, because of the Lord that is faithful, and the Holy One of
Israel, and he shall choose thee.

Gospel: John 1:29-42

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold
the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is
preferred before me: for he was before me.

And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel,
therefore am I come baptizing with water.

And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from

heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?

He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.

One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

Healing prayer: Irene W, George W, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M, Caroline, Lily, Denise, Mary S, Mary G, Cheryl W, David, S.M, Faith F, Jane B, William B, Rosemary & John K, Sue P, Carol S, Elizabeth I.

News and Notices

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

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/>

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

Church Mice Stay and Play Group Great news! Church Mice has restarted at St Andrew's. 10-11.30am Fridays (term time) for ages 0-4 years and it's free. Please spread the news where you can. Volunteers are warmly welcome, have a chat with Lydia, Joyce or Heather for more information. Thank you.

The St Andrew's 100 Club The 9th draw took place on Sunday 4 January with the winning tickets being - No 4 - Rev'd Canon Dr Edmund Newey, No 28 - Hash Mistry, No 48 - Ronald Smith and No 68 - Rev'd Pam Gould. It is still not too late to support the work of St Andrew's, why not consider joining The St Andrew's 100 Club for next year 2026 / 27, application forms will be available in March Future draws take place on the first Sunday of the month.

The Children's Society It has been another successful year as we collected over £700. A thank you poster from the Children's Society is at the back of church. Sadly we have lost some of our collectors and I am hoping to recruit more people. It involves having a box from me into which you put any loose change - or more if you wish! It is surprising how much it can amount to at the end of the year and is for a very good cause! Please see me for more information. Marion

The Second Annual Rex Pogson Lecture will take place in church on the afternoon of Saturday 28th February. We are delighted that it will be delivered by the countertenor, Patrick Craig, Director of Aurora Nova Choir, on the subject of Angels. Full details will follow shortly, but please save the date.

Rugby Revive is Rugby's ecumenical partnership of churches across the town. A Commissioning Service for new volunteers across a wide range of ministries, from Street Pastors to CAP Debt Counselling, will take place at Rugby Baptist Church on Sunday 25th January at 6.30pm. Please keep them in your prayers, especially during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from the 18th to the 25th January, and if you'd like to find out more about the work the Rugby churches do together, visit reviverugby.net or talk to one of the clergy.

Praying for the Persecuted Church. Each year an organisation called Open Doors evaluates the fifty countries where Christians face the most severe persecution for their faith. This year these are the top ten: North Korea, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, Eritrea, Syria, Nigeria, Pakistan, Libya and Iran. Please do keep in your prayers our fellow members in the Body of Christ, as they face persecution, violence and discrimination.

Diary for the week 19th - 25th January

Café open Monday - Friday 10am-2pm, Saturday 10am-12noon

Week of prayer for Christian Unity

Monday

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Ball of Yarn Knitting &
crochet drop-in group
6.30pm St A's Community Singers
7.30pm Bell Ringing practice

Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am Reflective Eucharist
1.00pm Lunchtime concert
2.00pm Bereavement Point

Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Pastoral Group meeting
12.00pm Eucharist
5.00pm Young Choristers
7.00pm Women's Circle Support

Thursday

9.00am *No Morning Prayer*
6.00pm Holy Communion
7.15pm Choir Practice

Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Church Mice
10.00am Big Table Gospel Group

Saturday

Sunday 25th January

3rd of Epiphany
Conversion of Paul

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.30am Choral Eucharist
12.30pm PCC meeting
6.00pm Choral Evensong

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