



St Andrew's Church

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

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity 20th September 2026

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

10.30am Choral Eucharist

President : The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

Deacon and Preacher : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Healing : Alison and Edmund

12.30pm PCC meeting

6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

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

Mass Setting: Mass of St Thomas *Thorne*

Introit : Rejoice in the Lord *Elvey*

Anthem : Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace *Wesley*

Processional Hymn **710: Light's abode, celestial Salem**

*Omitting * verses*

Gradual Hymn **284: For the fruits of all creation**

Offertory Hymn **709: Light of the minds that know**

Communion Hymn **430: Bread of heaven, on thee we feed**

Recessional Hymn **475: Forth in the peace of Christ we go**

Collect:

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear
the prayers of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they
ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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 : Jonah 3.10-end of 4

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked

the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16

Jesus said, 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you

have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Renovation Works. Our Phase I building project is progressing well: the northern frontage of the church has been cleaned, stonework restored and window guards replaced and the railings refurbished. This week ecologically-sound floodlighting is being installed. We are very grateful for the support of Rugby Borough Council's town centre regeneration funding to enable this project. We will be celebrating the project's completion with the Deputy Mayor and other dignitaries after Evensong on Sunday 27th September – all are welcome!

Newcomers' Meeting. If you've recently started worshipping at St Andrew's, welcome! After the 10.30 eucharist on Sunday 27th September 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.

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, but 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 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/>

Church Mice Stay and Play Group 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 fifth draw of the second year of The St Andrew's 100 Club, took place following the 10.30 service on Sunday 6 September with the winning tickets being - Number 62 held by Robert Maxwell, Number 42 held by The Late Reverend Pamela Gould and Number 67 held by William Uglow. Congratulations to our three new winners who bring our total winners to 52. Tickets are £25 each per annum, which is less than 7p per day, and there is no limit as to the number you may hold. The prize draws take place on the first Sunday of each month, for the previous month. Thank you for your support - 'You've Got To Be In It, To Win It'.

Diary for the week 21st – 27th September

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
6.00pm *private appointment*

Wednesday

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

Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Big Table Gospel
Group
6.00pm Holy Communion
7.15pm Choir practice

Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Church Mice



Saturday

2.00pm Wedding Service

Sunday 27th September 17th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.30am Choral Eucharist
6.00pm Choral Evensong
followed by reception for the
completion of the renovation
works

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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.