



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.

Conversion of Paul

25th January 2026

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher: The Rev'd Hugh Priestner

10.30am Choral Eucharist

President & Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Deacon: Rosemary Privett

12.30pm PCC meeting

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Reflection: Gwyneth Hickman

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.

Collect:

O God, who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may shew forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading: Acts 9.1-22

And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, and desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. And, as he journeyed, he came near Damascus, and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven. And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he, trembling and astonished, said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. And Saul arose from the earth, and when his eyes were opened he saw no man; but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink. And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for behold, he prayeth, and hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias, coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem; and here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy

way; for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: for I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and, putting his hands on him, said, Brother Saul, the Lord, (even Jesus that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest,) hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales; and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus. And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God. But all that heard him were amazed, and said, Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests? But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.

Gospel: St. Matthew 19.27-end

Peter answered and said unto Jesus, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundred-fold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last, and the last shall be first. .

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.

In Memoriam: Ida Joyce Indira Prasad, Alexandra Murgatroyd

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 Marion writes 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.

The Second Annual Rex Pogson Lecture will take place in church at 4pm on Saturday 28th February. Entitled '**Angels don't speak... they sing... — Reflecting on Angels in the Arts**', we are delighted that it will be delivered by the countertenor, Patrick Craig, Director of Aurora Nova Choir, Booking will open 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 this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from 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.

Electoral Roll If you are a regular at any of our services we would love to have you on the Electoral Roll, our contact list of worshippers at St Andrew's. This enables you to vote at the annual meeting and you may also like to think about being on our church council. Please speak to Pat, Joyce or Hash to check if you are already a member or if you would like a form to complete.

Diary for the week 26th January - 1st February

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

Monday

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Knitting & crochet group
10.30am Art with Aish
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

Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
12.00pm Eucharist
5.00pm Young Choristers
7.30pm Bell Ringers AGM

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

Sunday 1st February

(Candlemas)

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am Worship All Together
with Baptism of Mirabel

6.00pm Zoom Evening Prayer

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or this link will allow you to give to St Andrew's online:

