



St Andrew's Church

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Pentecost (Whitsunday)

24th May 2026

6.00pm Choral Evensong

President and Preacher : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Welcome to St Andrew's Church

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.

Responses: Rose **Canticles:** Ireland in F

Introit *sung by the choir*

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire

The Minister announces the opening hymn, please stand

Hymn 258: O thou who camest from above

The Welcome

The Minister welcomes the congregation to the service

Beloved, we are come together
in the presence of Almighty God
and of the whole company of heaven
to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ
our worship and praise and thanksgiving;
to make confession of our sins;
to pray, as well for others as for ourselves,
that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love

and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace;
and to ask on behalf of all men
such things as their well-being doth require.
Wherefore let us kneel in silence
and remember God's presence with us now.

Please kneel as we say together

**ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father,
We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost
sheep,
We have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts,
We have offended against thy holy laws,
We have left undone those things which we ought to
have done,
And we have done those things
which we ought not to have done,
And there is no health in us:
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable
offenders;
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults,
Restore thou them that are penitent,
According to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesu our Lord:
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
That we may hereafter live a godly,
righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of thy holy Name.
Amen.**

MAY the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon
and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and
the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

**All Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.**

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us.

Answer O Lord, make haste to help us.

Please stand

Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord.

Answer The Lord's Name be praised.

Please sit

Psalm 67

1 God be merciful unto us, and bless us : and shew us the
light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us:

2 That thy way may be known upon earth : thy saving health
among all nations.

3 Let the people praise thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise thee.

4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad : for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

5 Let the people praise thee, O God : let all the people praise thee.

6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase : and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

7 God shall bless us : and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

Please stand for the Gloria if you wish

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen

Please sit

Old Testament Reading: Joel 2.21-end

Do not fear, O soil;

be glad and rejoice,

for the Lord has done great things!

Do not fear, you animals of the field,

for the pastures of the wilderness are green;

the tree bears its fruit,

the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad

and rejoice in the Lord your God;

for he has given the early rain for your vindication,

he has poured down for you abundant rain,

the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,

the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall
never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

God's Spirit Poured Out

Then afterwards

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood
and fire and columns of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned to
darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible
day of the Lord comes. 32 Then everyone who calls on the
name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Je-
rusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said,
and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Please remain seated

Magnificat *Luke 1*

MY soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded :

the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Please stand for the Gloria if you wish

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Please sit or remain seated

New Testament Reading: Acts 2.14-21

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters

shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Nunc Dimittis *Luke 2.29*

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared :

before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Please stand for the Gloria if you wish

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :

and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :

world without end. Amen.

The Apostles Creed *please stand*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

Born of the Virgin Mary,

**Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen**

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Answer And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray

Please sit

Answer Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Cantor Our Father,

**Answer which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen.**

Cantor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the King

Answer And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people.

Answer And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

The first for the day, the second for peace and the third for aid against all perils.

God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem *sung by the choir*

And I saw a new Heaven *Bainton*

Reflection The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Intercessions made for the world

Healing prayer: 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, Patricia T, David P,

In Memoriam: Peter Long

Please stand

Final Hymn 257: O Spirit of the living God

Please remain standing

Final Blessing

The peace of God,
which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
be amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The choir and minister depart

Voluntary

News and Notices

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

APCM. The adjourned financial business from last Sunday's APCM will take place at 12noon this Sunday. The 2026 annual report and accounts are available from the office in electronic or hard copy.

Christian Aid The cake stall for Christian Aid made around £250. Many thanks to all those who contributed for this excellent result. Sue Goddard

Journeying in Faith with Children, Sunday 7th June

12noon. A time for parents, grandparents and members of the congregation to explore ways of supporting—and learning from—children of all ages in their journey of faith. Light Lunch & Children's activities provided. Please take one of the forms at the back of church and let us know if you're coming.

Summer Concert on Saturday 27th June at 4pm in church there will be a celebratory summer concert, inspired by the legacy of Rex Pogson. Entry is free and generous donations are encouraged to support Myton Hospice and our Peace Garden project. The Peace Garden, established in Rex's memory, will contain a memorial to Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy, 'Woodbine Willie', the famous Great War Chaplain, who was curate of St Andrew's from 1910-1912—more details are available on a separate leaflet.

Helen Bryant. We're delighted that Helen Bryant will be ordained deacon at Coventry Cathedral on Sunday 28th June 2026. She will be serving her curacy part-time in our neighbouring parishes of St Peter with St John and St George's, Rugby, whilst continuing to work as a Chaplain at Rugby School. Please keep Helen and her family in your prayers - we will share further details of the ordination arrangements in due course.

The St Andrew's 100 Club There is still time to join our 40 previous illustrious prize winners; Application Forms are available from John or Helen - with tickets priced at £25 each per annum and there is no limit as to the number of tickets you may hold, with payment accepted by Cheque or Standing Order. To Ticket Holders who paid by Standing Order for last year 2025 / 26 and you selected a one off payment, please consider re-joining and pick up an Application Form and renew your Standing Order. Our first year raised £1225 for Church and this initiative is a way to support the work of the Church while having the opportunity to win a prize, with the prize draws taking place on the first Sunday of each Month, for the preceding month. You've Got To Be In It To Win It.

Recycling Update Your contributions have allowed a further box of White and Ivory Candles to be sent for recycling on 15 May weighing, 13.2Kg meaning since we started the Recycling Candle Initiative we have recycled 177.15Kg of candles saved from going to landfill. Thank you for your support of this and our other recycling initiatives.

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 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.



Blessing the River Avon. To mark the end of this year's Great Big Green Week, churches along the course of the River Avon will be blessing and giving thanks for its waters on Sunday 14th June. Here in Rugby, we'll be holding a service of blessing and a bring and share picnic beside the Avon between Brownsover and Clifton at 3.30pm. All are welcome and have a word with James or Alison for more details.

Diary for the week 25th - 31st May

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

School half term holiday

Monday

Bank Holiday

Church closed

Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Reflective Eucharist

1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime

Concert

Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer

12.00pm Midday Eucharist

Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer

6.00pm Eucharist

7.15pm Choir Practice

Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Big Table Gospel group

Saturday

Sunday 31st May

Trinity Sunday

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am Choral Eucharist

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