



**St Andrew's Church**

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

## **The Tenth Sunday after Trinity** **9<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

### **8.00am BCP Holy Communion**

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

### **10.30am Choral Eucharist**

President and Preacher : The Rev'd Sharon Crofts

Deacon : The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

Healing : Carole and James

Mass Setting: Mass of St Thomas *Thorne*

Processional Hymn **621**: Dear Lord and Father of mankind  
*Omitting the \* verse*

Gradual Hymn **623**: Eternal Father, strong to save

Offertory Hymn **664**: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Recessional Hymn **766**: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

## **Collect:**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please you;  
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: 1 Kings 19.9-18**

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.  
Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'  
He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of

Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

### **Gospel: Matthew 14.22-33**

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

### **Post Communion Prayer:**

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; 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, Mick W, Nick B.

**In Memoriam:** Wilbert James

## **News and Notices**

*Any item to be included should be with the office by Wednesday, 12noon*

**Renovation Works.** You will notice that work has started on our Phase I building project. Over the next three months, the northern frontage of the church will be cleaned, stonework restored, window guards replaced, ecologically-sound floodlighting installed and the railings refurbished. We are very grateful for the support of Rugby Borough Council's town centre regeneration funding to enable this project. The church will remain open as normal throughout.

**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](mailto: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.

**Summer Camp** for children aged 5-11 at Dunchurch Baptist Church, Coventry Road, Rugby CV22 6RF. Dancing, acting, singing, games, crafts, cooking, bouncy castle, face painting. Further details from [strongrootsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:strongrootsgroup@gmail.com)

**Thanking all volunteers!** St Andrew's relies on the generosity of a large number of volunteers across a wide range of areas, from singing and serving to counting money and working in the cafe. Your clergy and Community Engagement Lead would love to say thank you by inviting you to tea, cake and some entertainment in church on the afternoon of Sunday 6th September at 4pm. More information will follow shortly, but do please save the date.

**The St Andrew's 100 Club** The fourth draw of the second year of The St Andrew's 100 Club, took place following the 10.30 service on Sunday 2 August with the winning tickets being - Number 74 held by Andrew Harris, Number 84 held by Tiago Ferrera, and Number 9 held by John O'Rourke. Congratulations to our three new winners who bring our total winners to 49. 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'

## **Rector's Reflection – Children in Church**

One of the ways in which God is blessing St Andrew's at the moment is the growing number of children sharing in worship. It's quite common for us to have over twenty children and young people on a Sunday morning. Between the ages of around 4 and 11 children are invited to share in Godly Play in the vestry and as teenagers they can join the group meeting in the café area. Toddlers and their parents or carers are welcomed to the children's corner, where they can enjoy each other's company while being close to the heart of the worship we all offer. Others of our young people enjoy singing in the choir, leaving during the sermon and prayers to learn with Rachel, our Junior Choir Leader and Will, our Director of Music.

Worshipping together across the generations is a great blessing. In today's world there are so few times and places where people of all ages – from babies to pensioners – meet together to share in a common activity. When different people meet there are sometimes points of friction – we all have different perspectives and priorities – but I believe the key thing is that we remain thankful to God for each other, different though we are. If you feel disturbed by others' behaviour, do please keep this principle in mind and have word with one of the clergy, rather than behaving unkindly with one another, remembering that St Andrew's offers a wide range of opportunities to worship together throughout the week, ten of which are peaceful and contemplative.

And let's give thanks that God is allowing us in this season to fulfil the words of the psalmist: 'One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts' (*Psalms 145:4*).

## **Diary for the week 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> August**

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 drop-in 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  
2.15pm Mothers' Union

### **Thursday**

9.00am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Big Table Gospel group  
6.00pm Holy Communion

### **Friday**

9.00am Morning Prayer

### **Saturday**

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August** **11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am BCP Holy Communion  
10.30am Sung Eucharist  
12.30pm Baptism service

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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.

Toilets are available through the arch beside the main entrance