



6.00pm Choral Evensong

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

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.

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

Responses: Ayleward **Canticles:** Warmesley in d minor

Introit *sung by the choir*

Above all praise *Mendelssohn*

The Minister announces the opening hymn, please stand

Hymn 565: Pray for the church afflicted

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 72

1. In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust, let me never be put to confusion : but rid me and deliver me in thy righteousness, incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

2. Be thou my strong hold, whereunto I may always resort :

thou hast promised to help me, for thou art my house of defence and my castle.

3 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly : out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

4 For thou, O Lord God, art the thing that I long for : thou art my hope, even from my youth.

5 Through thee have I been holden up ever since I was born : thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb; my praise shall be always of thee.

6 I am become as it were a monster unto many : but my sure trust is in thee.

7 O let my mouth be filled with thy praise : that I may sing of thy glory and honour all the day long.

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: I Samuel 8:4-20

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving

other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.'

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.'

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.'

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: John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be

fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

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 Collect

*Then shall follow the Collects: The first of the day, the second for peace,
the third for aid against all perils.*

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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*

O God the King of glory *Purcell*

Reflection The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

Intercessions made for the world

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

In memoriam: Ronald Talbot, Peter Church, Jill Montgomery, Owen Miller, Audrey Chandler.

Please stand

Final Hymn 25: We praise you, Father

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.

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Answer And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us bless the Lord.

Answer Thanks be to God.

The choir and minister depart

Voluntary

News and Notices

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

Advent Quiet Day—Waiting on God. Our annual Advent Quiet Day will take place at The Olde House Retreat in Southam on Saturday 29th November between 10.30 am and 4pm. Led by Rosemary Privett and Heather Fielding, the day will include the opportunity for an optional walk to Southam's holy well.

Quiet days are a great way to deepen your relationship with God - if you've not been on one before, do ask Rosemary, Heather or one of the clergy to talk you through how they work. A list to sign up is at the back of church and we invite a contribution of £15 to cover costs. Please bring a packed lunch with you and indicate if you would be able to offer a lift.

Our **Advent Carol service** is on Sunday 30th November at 6pm

Bishop Sophie's Visit. The Bishop of Coventry will be spending a day getting to know the Rugby Deanery on Monday 1st December. During the day there are two opportunities to meet her—first at Morning Prayer at 9am St Andrew's and secondly at our Deanery Confirmation service at St Mark's, Bilton at 7.30pm, at which three candidates from St Andrew's will be confirmed: Mick, Blessing and Grant.

St Andrew's Day. Also on Monday 1st December we keep our patronal festival with a service of Choral Evensong in church at 6pm sung by the Temple Consort of Rugby School.

Rugby Town Centre Christmas Lights Switch-On

As Rugby gets ready to sparkle with the big Christmas Lights Switch-On at the end of November, St Andrew's will be opening its doors for a family-friendly afternoon of Christmas crafting. It will be a creative, cosy, and Christmassy time – a quieter alternative to the hustle, bustle and expense of the town centre funfair. To help make the afternoon extra special, we are asking for donations of Christmas craft supplies – things like tinsel, glitter, felt, wrapping paper, ribbons, bows, pom-poms, pinecones, sequins, buttons, and any other festive items in red, green, gold or silver. Why not have a little rummage and raid your Christmas decoration or craft boxes at home – you never know what treasures might be hiding in there! If you can help, please pass your donations onto Simon Armstead (Children & Families Team). A big, sparkly thank you for your generosity – every little ribbon, pom-pom, or sprinkle of glitter will help make Christmas extra magical for the children and families who come through our doors!

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

Recycling Update We have received news that the most recent box of Ink Cartridges, sent on 13 October, has raised £62.05 meaning the cumulative for the Ink Cartridge Initiative has now

raised £1148.75 since we started collecting. Thank you to all our donors, and if you know anyone who uses and can provide used Ink Cartridges for recycling do let them know, as this is a welcome addition to Church Funds. Keep collecting and donating. We can accept used or unwanted Spectacles, used Postage Stamps and Tea-lights and white or ivory Candles (at present we cannot accept coloured or scented candles or those in glass containers).

The St Andrew's 100 Club The 7th draw took place on Sunday 2 November with the winning tickets being - Ticket Number 72 - William Uglow, Ticket Number 80 - Patrick Eales and Ticket Number 102 - Noni Khumlalo. It is still not too late to support the work of St Andrew's, application forms are available at the West End of Church, why not collect one, complete and join the illustrious company of the twenty one winners to date. Good Luck to all ticket holders, future draws take place on the first Sunday of the month. Thank you for your support, John, Helen and Sonia.

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Community Engagement Lead We are delighted to announce that our new part-time Community Engagement Lead will be Jo Bryant. Jo started work with us on Wednesday—do make her welcome as you see her at events and activities over this busy season.

Church Mice Stay and Play Group Great news! Church Mice has restarted at St Andrews. 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.

May Blossom Farm Live Nativity: Following the success of last year Hannah has kindly agreed to host another live nativity trail at her farm on the 20th December at 2-3.30pm. Come along and be prepared to dress up as a nativity character and follow the trail around the farm as we greet the animals that are there and sing a carol at each pen. Following the trail we will warm ourselves up again by having mulled wine/fruit punch and mince pies/shortbread. It was a lot of fun last year so we look forward to seeing you there. Car parking spaces are limited so it would be useful to have an indication as to whether you intend to come by speaking to either Joyce Wooding or Rev'd Alison Baxter.

Diary for the week 24th - 29th November

Monday

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Ball of Yarn Knitting &
crochet drop-in group
10.30am Art with Aish
1.00pm Funeral of Ronald Talbot
6.30pm Community Singers
7.30pm Bell Ringing practice

Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am Reflective Eucharist
1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime
Concert
6.30pm Free Voice

Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Pop Up Play Village
12.00pm Eucharist
5.00pm Young Choristers

Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Setting up of the
Christmas Tree Festival
3.30pm Official Opening of the
Festival by the Mayor
6.00pm Eucharist
6.30pm Board Games group
7.15pm Choir practice

Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Big Table Gospel group
12noon Funeral of Owen Miller

Saturday

10am– 12pm Café Open

Sunday 30th November

Advent Sunday

Fire and Ice town event for
Christmas light switch on

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.30am Choral Eucharist
1.00-4.00pm Café open and
Christmas crafts
6.00pm Advent Carol Service

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