



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

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Collect:

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading: Jonah 3:10-4

And God saw the works of the people of Nineveh, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.

And he prayed unto the Lord, and said, I pray thee, O Lord, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

Therefore now, O Lord, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live.

Then said the Lord, Doest thou well to be angry?

So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city.

And the Lord God prepared a gourd, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd.

But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered.

And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live.

And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even unto death.

Then said the Lord, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:

And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.

And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.

Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.

And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?

They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.

And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.

But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.

And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house,

Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made

them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.

But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?

Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.

Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?

So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

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 1 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 and 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'.

Christmas Lunch. We are planning a Christmas lunch at Draycote Water Café for members of the 8 o'clock congregation. It

is likely to be on Wednesday 25th November and up to ten places will be available – please have a word with the steward on duty if you’d like to come.

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 <i>6.00pm private appointment</i>
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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