



St Andrew's Church

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The Fifth Sunday after Trinity 5th July 2026

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

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

10.30am Worship All Together with Baptism

President: The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

Preacher: The Rev'd Alison Baxter

Deacon: Alex Suffell, Ordinand

6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer livestream at

www.facebook.com/StAndrewsChurchRugby

Officiant: Alex Suffell, Ordinand

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

After the service, please feel free to stay for refreshments—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.

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; you will find a link to online giving with the offertory hymn.

Prelude

The president welcomes the congregation with any notices

Introit

Sung by the choir

Lead me Lord SS Wesley

Please stand

Opening Hymn

365: Let us build a house

The Greeting

The president says

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit

All Amen

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All And also with you.

The president gives words of welcome.

Prayer of Preparation

The Deacon says

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of heaven
we must be born again of water and the Spirit,
and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth.
Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean.

Here we are clothed with Christ,
dying to sin that we may live his risen life.
As children of God, we have a new dignity
and God calls us to fullness of life.

Peruvian Gloria

We sing together

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory in the highest.

All Glory to God, glory to God, Glory in the highest.

To God be glory forever

All To God be glory forever.

Alleluia, Amen.

All Alleluia, Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to Christ Jesus.

All Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to Christ Jesus.

To God be glory forever

All To God be glory forever.

Alleluia, Amen.

All Alleluia, Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to the Spirit.

All Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to the Spirit.

To God be glory forever

All To God be glory forever.

Alleluia, Amen.

All Alleluia, Amen

The Collect

The president says

Let us pray

Silence is kept.

Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give your faithful people new life in the water of
baptism.

Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love,
and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Gradual Hymn

236: Breathe on me breath of God

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew (3: 13-17)

We sing together:



Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be
baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying,

‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.’ Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

We sing together



Please sit

Talk

Rev'd Alison

The Baptism

Presentation of the Candidate

The parents and Godparents of Everett are invited to stand facing the congregation in front of the nave altar. The minister addresses the whole congregation

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism, the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome Everett and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

The president says to the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Everett with joy.

Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith.

Will you pray for him,

draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Everett begins his journey in faith.

You speak for him today.

Will you care for him,

and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

All With the help of God, we will.

The minister then addresses the parents and godparents

We all wander far from God and lose our way:

Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.

In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask you:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

The minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of Everett saying:

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**All Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
against sin, the world and the devil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All Amen.

As the baptismal party moves down the aisle, if you are able please stand and turn to face the font.

Prayer over the Water

Water is poured into the font, and the priest asks God to bless and sanctify the water for baptism.

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,

to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we baptise into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,

they may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All Amen

Profession of Faith

The minister addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I invite you to profess together with Everett, his parents and godparents, the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Baptism

The minister pours water on Everett saying:

I baptize you Everett Gage
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All Amen.

Prayer

At the end of the prayers the minister says

Faithful and loving God,
bless those who care for this child
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.
Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love,
and protect their home from all evil.
Fill them with the light of your presence
and establish them in the joy of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

Welcome into the Family of Faith

The minister addresses the congregation:

The Church is the place where Jesus is made known and
welcomes us into his family. Here in his company we learn
afresh what it means to be human.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

We welcome Everett into the family of faith with a round of applause.

The Peace

The president says

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

The Deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We share the peace with those around us by saying
'peace be with you'*

All may return to their seats

Offertory Hymn

787: Take my life and let it be

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



The Preparation of the Table

Please remain standing, the president says

Generous God,
creator, redeemer, sustainer,
at your table we present this money,
symbol of the work you have given us to do;
use it, use us,
in the service of your world
to the glory of your name.

All Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you **And** al - so with you
Lift up your hearts **We** lift them to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our
Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks
because by water and the Holy Spirit
you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord;
you raise us to new life in him
and renew in us the image of your glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

Sanctus and Benedictus

We sing together

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values, rests, and triplets. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and
might, Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Hosan na, Hosan na, Hosan na_ in the high - est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name_ of the_ Lord.
Ho - san na, Ho - san na, Ho - san na_ in the high - est.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

The sanctuary bell is rung

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Sanctuary bell is rung, please sit or kneel

Believing the promises of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

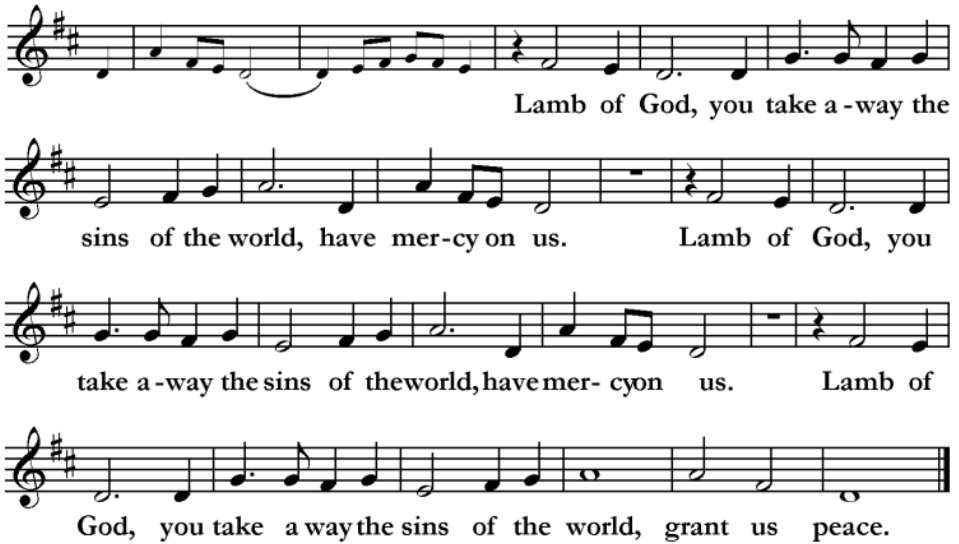
The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

We sing together



Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sins of the world, have mer- cyon us. Lamb of
God, you take a way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Holy Communion will be administered at the High Altar and at the west end of church. Please come forward to receive communion as directed by the stewards. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, or a gluten free host please indicate this to the ministers.

Communion Hymn

451: Just as I am

Communion Anthem

The Lord bless you and keep you *Rutter*

Post Communion Prayers

Eternal God, our beginning and our end,
preserve in your people the new life of baptism;
as Christ receives us on earth,
so may he guide us through the trials of this world
and enfold us in the joy of heaven,
where you live and reign,
one God for ever and ever.

All Amen.

**All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen**

Please stand

Recessional Hymn

494: I the Lord of sea and sky

During this hymn the ministers process to the back of church

The Blessing

The president says

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Giving of a Lighted Candle

A candle is given to Everett and the minister says

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
Everett, you have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**All Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

The Deacon says

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God

The ministers depart.

Organ Voluntary

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' (Psalm 145:4).

News and Notices

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

Church in the Park—an afternoon of worship organised by Rugby Revive network takes place in Caldecott Park during the Love Rugby festival today, Sunday 5th July—all are welcome.

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.

Ordinand on placement—we're delighted to welcome Alex Suffell for a four-week placement at St Andrew's from Sunday 21st June. Alex is training for ordination at Cranmer Hall in Durham, but comes originally from Onley just down the road. She will be assisting with worship and mission on Sundays and during the week—do please say hello and make her welcome!

Summer Quiet Day. Our annual summer Quiet Day will take place at All Saints', Leamington Hastings on Saturday 18th July from 10.30am to 4.30pm. Led by James, this will be a great opportunity for spiritual refreshment. A donation of £10 towards costs would be appreciated, lifts will be available and please remember to bring your own lunch. A sign-up sheet is at the back of church.

Recycling Update Your contributions allowed on 25 June a box of used tealights to be sent for recycling of both the wax residue and the aluminium, this weighed 13.25 Kg meaning since we started this initiative we have recycled 190.4 Kg of candles and

saved that from going to landfill. Thank you for your support of this and our other recycling streams.

Rugby Eco Hub is hosting the film *The National Emergency briefing*, a documentary featuring eminent scientists who speak about the Climate emergency and the need to find urgent ways out of it. All are welcome at the John Lees Hall at the Baptist Church on Tuesday 7th July at 7-30.

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

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.

Diary for the week 6th - 12th July

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
10.30am Art with Aish
6.30pm Community Singers
7.30pm Bell Ringing practice

Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am Reflective Eucharist
1.00pm Lunchtime Concert
2.00pm Bereavement Point

Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
12.00pm Holy Communion
2.15pm Mothers' Union
5.00pm Young Choristers

Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer
4.00pm Warwickshire Music
concert
6.00pm Holy Communion
7.15pm Choir practice

Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Church Mice
10.00am Big Table Gospel
group



Saturday

10.30am Second Saturday Songs

Sunday 12th July 6th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.30am Choral Eucharist
12.30pm PCC meeting
6.00pm Evensong

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



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