



# St Andrew's Church Rugby

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

## **The Fifth Sunday after Easter Rogationtide 5th May 2024**

**8.00am BCP Holy Communion**

*The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey*

**10.30am Worship All Together**

*President: The Rev'd Peter Privett*

*Talk: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey*

**3pm Rogation Service at May Blossom Farm**

**6.00pm Confirmation Service with Baptism**

*The Rt Revd Ed Condry*

### **The Collect**

○ LORD, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Reading:** Acts 10:44-end

While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.

Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

## **The Gospel:** John 15:1-8

Jesus said, 'As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should

remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

These things I command you, that ye love one another. .

**Healing prayer:** Solanki, Irene W, George W, Edwin F, Mary S, Jane B, Adrianna, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M, Rita & Noel, Caroline, Dilshad, Lily, Denise, Tony & Kirsten, Donald, Alan & Tim, Mary G, Sarah P, Ron G, Marion, Colleen S, Catherine E, John D, Louise E, Cheryl W, Pauline W, Teenie S-S, Lucy Phillips.

**In Memoriam:** Frank Roger Badger, The Rev'd John Hargreaves

## **News and Notices**

*Any item to be included in News & Notices should be with Kate by Wednesday, 12 noon.*

**Rogationtide Blessing Service** 3pm at May Blossom Farm, Sunday 5th May. Come and walk the boundaries of May Blossom Farm, asking God's blessing on all the farm's green and growing things, especially its newly planted areas of native woodland and hedgerow.

**Ascension Day**, forty days after Easter, marks the ascension of Jesus to the Father's right hand in glory. As usual, we will be celebrating with a Sung Eucharist at 7.30pm, this Thursday 9th May.

### **Children's and Families Ministry Lead**

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Helen Bryant as our new Children's and Families' Ministry Lead.

Helen said, 'This is an exciting role, forging connections between the three settings of church, schools and home. I look forward to sharing my faith with children and young people, their parents and carers and using my gifts for the good of God's kingdom in our town'.

Edmund said, 'Helen brings a wealth of varied experience and strong local and national connections to this role. She is already well known at St Andrew's and in local schools through her work as Lay Chaplain at Harris Academy and we look forward very much to having her on the staff team'.

Helen will begin on the 1st June, alongside a continuing part-time role as Lay Chaplain at Harris Academy. She is currently in the first of three years training for ordination on the Eastern Region Ministerial Training Course.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting** The postponed financial business from last Sunday's APCM will be completed at a short meeting after the Sung Eucharist on Sunday 19th May. Copies of the finalised accounts and annual report for 2023 are available in hard or electronic copies.

**D-Day 80** On the eve of the eightieth anniversary of D-Day, we will be welcoming the Mayor and other guests to St Andrew's to dedicate a new standard for the charity, Blind Veterans UK. All are welcome to the service at 2.30pm on Wednesday 5th June, followed by refreshments.



**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/>

**Thirteen Bells Book Club** We choose a book to read together and meet fortnightly to discuss it. Titles include thrillers, science fiction, history, family drama and romance. We meet in local cafes including St Andrew's. Contact John: [shoparound1938@gmail.com](mailto:shoparound1938@gmail.com)

**The Rugby Cafe Writers** meet every fortnight in St Andrew's Church on a Friday at 10am. This is a group for anyone who enjoys writing fiction, non-fiction or poetry. The group has recently published an anthology called A Story For Every Day Of Winter. To buy a copy, see a member of the group or go to [www.rugbycafewriters.com](http://www.rugbycafewriters.com) New members are always welcome.

**The Big Table Gospel group** meets every week in the church cafe on alternate Thursdays and Fridays at 10am. This is a group for anyone who wishes to explore the weekly readings of the church in a bit more depth and talk about how they relate to everyday life. We are devoting our Thursday meetings to discussing a book on some aspect of faith. New members welcome. Contact John on [shoparound1938@gmail.com](mailto:shoparound1938@gmail.com)

**The Easter Magazine** is now available and it is hoped you will find something of interest. The next issue of Your Magazine will be the Pentecost Issue and a contribution from you is welcome, be it an article, story, poem or something of interest you wish to share

with the readers. Should you feel inspired please provide your contribution by 21 April. Please send to John or Kate. Thank you.

**Rugby Foodbank** greatly appreciates your contributions and on-going support. We now have a collection basket at the back of church

**Regular Giving to support St Andrew's Mission and Ministry.** We are hugely grateful to all who support St Andrew's financially by regular giving. We are in the process of transferring the management of regular giving to the new Parish Giving system, which saves a lot of administrative time and expense. To sign up you can take a form from the back of church or you can use this link: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/rugby-st-andrew-rugby/> Please have a word with Hash, Joyce or any PCC members if you would like to find out more.

You are warmly invited to **May Blossom Farm's Gardening** for Wellbeing Saturday afternoon sessions between 2pm and 4pm on various dates until the end of June. Sessions are an opportunity to grow veg, connect with others and enjoy time outdoors in God's creation. They are part-funded through your very generous donations at the recent St Andrews Community Lunch. To come along, simply book a parking space for the sessions you would like to attend on Eventbrite here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/gardening-for-wellbeing-3190549>

Please note that for the **World Food event** on 12th May tickets are now available. We are seeing a high demand for the tickets and not to disappoint, please see Hash and Joyce to ensure tickets are allocated. We have set the number at 100 due to the high demand. The event will be very informal, no seating, 10 serving stations, bar and raffle. Self service with no limits to how many times you go up!

# Diary for the week

## 6th - 12th April 2024

**Monday**            *Bank Holiday - church closed*

**Tuesday**    9.00am    Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*  
                 9.30am    Reflective Communion *followed by coffee*  
                 1.00pm    Lunchtime concert  
                 2.00pm    Bereavement Point  
                 6.00pm    Free Voice

**Wednesday** 9.00am    Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*  
                 12.00pm    Wednesday Communion  
                 2.15pm    Mothers' Union communion  
                 5.00pm    Young Choristers  
                 7.00pm    Songwriters' group

**Thursday**    9.00am    Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*  
                 10.00am    Big Table Gospel group  
                 6.30pm    Board games group  
                 7.30pm    Ascension Day Sung Eucharist

**Friday**        9.00am    *No Morning Prayer*  
                 10.00am    Café Writers' group

**Saturday**    10.00am-12pm    Café open. *Pop in for friendship and fellowship*  
                 10.30am    Second Saturday Songs

### **Sunday 12th May 2024 - The Sunday after Ascension Day**

**8.00am** Holy Communion (BCP)  
                 **10.30am** Choral Eucharist  
                 **12.30pm** World Food fundraising event  
                 **6.00pm** Evensong

## St Andrew's Staff Team

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[givi.ng/1160223](https://givi.ng/1160223)



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