St Andrew's Church

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

The Second Sunday before Advent
15th November 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

12.30pm PCC meeting

6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer
Officiant : The Rev'd Alison Baxter
Preacher : Sue Goddard

Mass Setting: Mass of St Thomas *Thorne*

Introit : Thou knowest Lord *Purcell*
Anthem : My Soul, there is a country *Parry*

Processional Hymn **715: Lord, for the years**
Gradual Hymn **260: Spirit divine, attend our prayers**
Offertory Hymn **787: Take my life, and let it be**
Communion Hymn **794i: The King of love my shepherd is**
Recessional Hymn **827: Ye servants of God**

Collect:
Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Reading : Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end

Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people who rest complacently on
their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
'The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm.'
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The Great Day of the Lord
The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Gospel: Matthew 25.14-30

Jesus said, 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.
The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents.
In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.
But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."
And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."
Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours."
But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.
For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Post Communion Prayer:

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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, Nick B & family, Prem M.

In memoriam: Graham Hardwick

News and Notices

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

Joab Lawlor. We are delighted to welcome Joab Lawlor, an ordinand (trainee priest) at St Stephen's House in Oxford, who will be on Sunday placement with us until Easter. Please do say hello!

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 2.15pm - 3.45pm 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 and 1pm-2.30pm on 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.

Advent Quiet Day. Advance notice that our Advent Quiet Day will be on Saturday 28th November at The Olde House in Southam. Further details will follow.

St Andrew's Day. Our Patronal Festival is on Monday 30th November. We will be celebrating it with Choral Evensong, sung by Rugby School's Temple Consort, at 6pm. Afterwards the Friends of St Andrew's will be hosting mulled wine and mince pies in church.

We are delighted to be holding the **Cranmer Awards**, a special competition for children 11-18, at St Andrew's on the 25th November at 5pm. The main competition is about reciting a small section of scripture or a traditional prayer from the Prayerbook. This year there is also a poetry competition. Those who win first place will receive a cash prize of £60, second place is £40 and third is £30. Winners will be invited to go along to the national final which is always somewhere special, with previous finals held at Hampton Court Palace and where the first prize is £250. The competition aims to help children learn to read and pray confidently and is an exciting opportunity to do something special! If you or one of your children would like to know more, please talk to James or Edmund.

Christmas Publicity. We are in the process of getting postcards printed to distribute to the houses in our Parish. We'd really appreciate help in doing this, so please take a look at the list of roads at the back of church and maybe think of a group of people you could share the job with. Thank you.

Stewarding If anyone would like to join our excellent stewarding team to help welcome the public in to church over Advent and Christmas, please speak to Joyce, Hash or email the office. There are daytime opportunities as well as evening.

Diary for the week 16th – 22nd November
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 2.15pm Bereavement Point
Wednesday 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Community Conversation 12.00pm Holy Communion 5.00pm Young Choristers 7.00pm Women's Circle group	**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 1.00pm Church Mice 	**Saturday** Rugby's Christmas Lights switched on
Sunday 22nd November **Next before Advent** **Christ the King**	8.00am BCP Holy Communion 10.30am Choral Eucharist 6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

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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.