



# St Andrew's Church

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## **The Sunday next before Lent 15th February 2026**

### **8.00am BCP Holy Communion**

President and Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

### **10.30am Choral Eucharist**

President & Preacher: The Rev'd Alison Baxter

Deacon: The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

**3.30pm Refreshments and Film Showing: Prayers for Billy**

### **6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer**

Officiant & Reflection: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

### **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*

## **The Gathering**

### **Introit**

*Sung by the choir*

My eyes for beauty pine Howells

*Please stand*

### **Opening Hymn**

**2: Christ, whose glory fills the skies**

### **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.**

### **Prayers of Penitence**

*The Deacon says*

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

*A brief time of quiet is kept.*

**All** **Most merciful God,**  
**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**we confess that we have sinned**  
**in thought, word and deed.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**  
**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**  
**In your mercy**  
**forgive what we have been,**  
**help us to amend what we are,**  
**and direct what we shall be;**  
**that we may do justly,**  
**love mercy,**  
**and walk humbly with you, our God.**  
**Amen.**

### **Absolution**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and bring us to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** **Amen**

# The Gloria

## REFRAIN



## VERSE 1



Lord God, Heav'n - ly King, Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa - ther. Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take<sup>3</sup> a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. You are

sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

## VERSE 3

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly one, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

# The Collect

*The president says*

Let us pray

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

## ***The Liturgy of the Word***

### **Reading**

A reading from the book of Exodus

(24.12-end)

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

For the word of the Lord  
**All Thanks be to God**

*Please stand*

**Gradual Hymn**

**281: 'Tis good, Lord, to be here**

**Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew (17.1-9)

We sing together:



Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

We sing together



Please sit

**Sermon**

The Rev'd Alison Baxter

Please stand

**The Creed**

**All** **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again**

in accordance with the **Scriptures**;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the **Father**.  
**He will come again in glory**  
to judge the living and the dead, and his **kingdom**  
will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
**the Lord, the giver of life,**  
**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**  
**who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and**  
**glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**  
**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of**  
**sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**  
**and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

*Please sit*

## **Intercessions**

*This response may be used*

Lord, in your mercy  
**All Hear our prayer**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,  
**All accept these prayers**  
**for the sake of your Son,**  
**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**  
**Amen.**

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

## The Peace

God is love and those who live in love live in God  
and God lives in them..

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*

## Offertory Hymn

### 709: Light of the minds that know him

*A collection plate is available at the back of church  
or this link will allow you to give to St Andrew's online:*



## The Preparation of the Table

*Please remain standing, the president says*

Almighty Father,  
as we celebrate this holy sacrament of our redemption  
may your Spirit fill us with the light of faith;  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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.

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

Ho- ly, Ho- ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po-ter 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;  
 he gave it to them, saying:  
 Drink this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

*The sanctuary bell is rung, The Deacon then says:*

Great is the mystery of faith

We sing together



Christ has died: Christ is ri - sen: Christ will come a - gain.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole  
world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
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 the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

**All** **God here among us,**  
**light in the midst of us,**  
**bring us to light and life.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**All** **Jesus Christ is holy,**  
**Jesus Christ is Lord,**  
**to the glory of God the Father.**

## Agnus Dei

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-cy on 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

**455: My God, and is thy table spread**

## Communion Anthem

**O nata lux Tallis**

## Post Communion Prayers

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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**

## The Dismissal

*Please stand*

**Recessional Hymn**

**676: Immortal, invisible, God only wise**

*During this hymn the ministers process to the back of church.*

## The Blessing

*The president blesses the people, saying*

The peace of God,  
which passes 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 Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

*The Deacon says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The ministers depart.*

**Organ Voluntary**

# Lent at St Andrew's

**Ash Wednesday** 18th February: 12noon Eucharist with Ashing  
7.30pm Sung Eucharist with Ashing.

**Thursdays in Lent** 5.30pm Reflective Prayer 6pm Lent Eucharist

**Big Table Gospel Group** will be reading David Ford's, *Meeting God in John: A Companion for Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Beyond*. All are welcome. It meets on alternate Thursday & Friday mornings at 10am starting Friday 20th February.

A booklet, **Draw Near: Life-giving Habits for Lent**, is available at the back of church. It focuses on the habits and practices that are essential to what it means to be a Christian—Do please take a copy for a suggested donation of £3.



Finally, during Lent we will experiment with reintroducing the passing of collection plates at the offertory. If you give regularly by Parish Giving or standing order, please do take one of the cards as you enter church, so that you can place this in the plate as a sign of your offering.

## News and Notices

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

**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](mailto:shoparound1938@gmail.com)

**Church Mice Stay and Play Group** Great news! Church Mice has restarted at St Andrew's. 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 Second Annual Rex Pogson Lecture** will take place in church at 4pm on Saturday 28th February. Entitled '**Angels don't speak... they sing... — Reflecting on Angels in the Arts**', we are delighted that it will be delivered by the countertenor, Patrick Craig, Director of Aurora Nova Choir, Full details and tickets are available here: <https://www.standrewrugby.org.uk/events>

**Electoral Roll** If you a regular at any of our services we would love to have you on the Electoral Roll, our contact list of worshippers at St Andrew's. This enables you to vote at the annual meeting and you may also like to think about being on our church council. Please speak to Pat, Joyce or Hash to check if you are already a member or if you would like a form to complete.

**The St Andrew's 100 Club** The 10th draw took place on Sunday 1st February with the winning tickets being; Number 3 - Beatrice Long, Number 45 - Annette Isles and Number 9 - Joyce Woodings. It is still not too late to support the work of St Andrew's, why not consider joining The St Andrew's 100 Club for

next year 2026 / 27, Application Forms will be available in March 2026 when you will have the opportunity to join the illustrious company of the thirty 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.

**Recycling Initiatives Update** The recycling columns were emptied on 6 February with a further black bag containing 3,615 milk container tops sent for recycling meaning since the start of this initiative some 65,652 milk container tops have been recycled and saved from going to landfill. Thank you for your support of this and our other recycling initiatives. We can accept spectacles in support of Rugey Rokeby Lions Used Postage Stamps in support of 'Knitted Knockers' a charity supporting women who have had a mastectomy; Used Ink Cartridges raising funds directly for St Andrew's; Candles and Tealights presently we are unable to accept coloured or scented candles or candles in containers (glass or metal); Unwanted Mobile Telephones through the National Police Aid Convoy to Ghana where they are passed to the charity Afrikids which uses them in support of technology training and their repair and reuse; not forgetting the ability of Toilet Twining, St Andrew's Church, Rectory and members of the congregation have twinned their toilets, should you feel encouraged to do so please speak with John D, search [toilet twinning.org](http://toilet twinning.org) [info@terfund.org](mailto:info@terfund.org) or call 02039063906 providing safe water, hygiene and sanitation for all. Thank you for supporting our various recycling initiatives

**Do you have any leftover wool or fabric** that you are never going to use—if you do the Yarnbombers are collecting. You can bring into church for Joyce or take straight to Wild and Free in Bank Street--thanks.

**Mystery!** Does anyone know the whereabouts of a small box containing 20 old copies of the Parish Magazine? I can't remember who I lent it to but I would like them back please! Sue Minton

# Diary for the week 16th - 22nd February

Café open Monday - Friday 10am-2pm, Saturday 10am-12noon  
School half term

<b>Monday</b> 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Knitting & crochet group 10.30am Art with Aish 6.30pm St A's Community Singers 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice	<b>Tuesday</b> 9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Reflective Eucharist 1.00pm Lunchtime concert
<b>Ash Wednesday</b> 9.00am Morning Prayer 12.00pm Eucharist with ashing 5.00pm Young Choristers 7.30pm Sung Eucharist with ashing	<b>Thursday</b> 9.00am Morning Prayer 5.30pm Lent Reflective Prayer 6.00pm Holy Communion 7.15pm Choir Practice
<b>Friday</b> 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Church Mice 10.00am Big Table Gospel Group	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>Sunday 22nd February</b> <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion 10.30am Choral Eucharist 3.30pm Ukraine Service 6.00pm Choral Evensong

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