



St Andrew's Church

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent 15th March 2026 Mothering Sunday

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

10.30am Choral Eucharist

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Preacher: The Rev'd Sharon Crofts

Deacon: : The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

Officiant: The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

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

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.

Toilets are available through the arch beside the main entrance.

We have a plate at the back of church for offerings; a link to online giving is on the back of this notice sheet.

Collect:

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ . Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Reading: I Samuel 1:20-end

Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the Lord.

And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.

But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the Lord, and there abide for ever.

And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the Lord establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him.

And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the Lord in Shiloh: and the child was young.

And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli.

And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the Lord.

For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him:

Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord. And he worshipped the Lord there.

Gospel: Luke 2:33-35

And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;

(Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

Healing prayer: 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, David P

In Memorium: Irene Watts

News and Notices

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

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. Please speak to Pat, Joyce or Hash

The next **Rosebuds** will be 18th March 7pm at Satchmo's Corner.

Easter Lilies If you would like to make a donation to help with the cost of the Easter lilies, maybe in memory of a loved one, please leave with the wardens or the office. If you are able to gift aid, please complete your details on a yellow envelope and mark as Easter flowers.

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 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.

Together for the Church of England is a group supporting greater equality and inclusion in the church. A local meeting is being held at St Mary's, Walsgrave at 7pm on Wednesday 18th March. All welcome—speak to one of the clergy if you would like a lift.

The St Andrew's 100 Club The 11th draw took place on Sunday 1st March with the winning tickets being 101- Eloise Khumalo, 104 - Tiago Ferreria and Joyce Woodings. It is still not too late to support the work of St Andrew's, why not consider joining for next year 2026 / 27, Renewal and Application Forms are available NOW 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.

St Andrews church members are warmly invited to **May Blossom Farm** on Saturday 4 April 11:00am until 2:00pm to celebrate with us as the Rugby Mayor opens our new Sensory Garden. Free entry, with sandwiches and drinks provided, and family Easter activities. Please book a parking space here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/grand-opening-of-the-may-blossom-farm-sensory-garden-tickets-1984380798386?aff=oddtcreator>

Friday 27th March: There is an opportunity to spend a quiet hour or so between 10 and 12 at the beautiful Orthodox church in Rugby. E- mail or speak to Sue Goddard for more details if you are interested. goddardsuem@gmail.com

The SAFEGUARDING SURVEY 2026



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Please help us shape a safer Church by completing the Safeguarding Survey, to celebrate what's working well and highlight where we can do better.

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Lent at St Andrew's

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.

English Mystics Following on from the success of last year's series of webinars on Women Mystics, this spring we are sharing in a series of talks led by experts from Sarum College. We meet in the Lady Chapel on Mondays between 7.30 and 9pm. All welcome.

30th March — The Cloud of Unknowing with Becky Field
27th April — William Blake with Mark Vernon
25th May — Evelyn Underhill with Jane Shaw

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, standing order or by our QR code, 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.



Diary for the week 16th - 22nd March

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

Monday

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Ball of Yarn Knitting & crochet drop-in
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 Tuesday Lunchtime Concert
2.00pm Bereavement Point

Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
12.00pm Midday Eucharist
5.00pm Young Choristers
7.00pm Women's Support group

Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer
5.30pm Lent Reflective Prayer
6.00pm Eucharist
7.15pm Choir practice

Friday

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



Saturday

Sunday 22nd March

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8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.30am Choral Eucharist
12.30pm Baptism of Alfie
6.00pm Choral Evensong

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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.

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