



St Andrew's Church Rugby

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple *Candlemas* 28th January 2024

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

10.30am Choral Eucharist

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Deacon: Rosemary Privett, Worship Leader

6.00pm Choral Evensong

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

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

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Introit *sung by the choir*

Please stand

Opening Hymn 589 Angel-voices ever singing

The Greeting *is given by the president*

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 Welcome

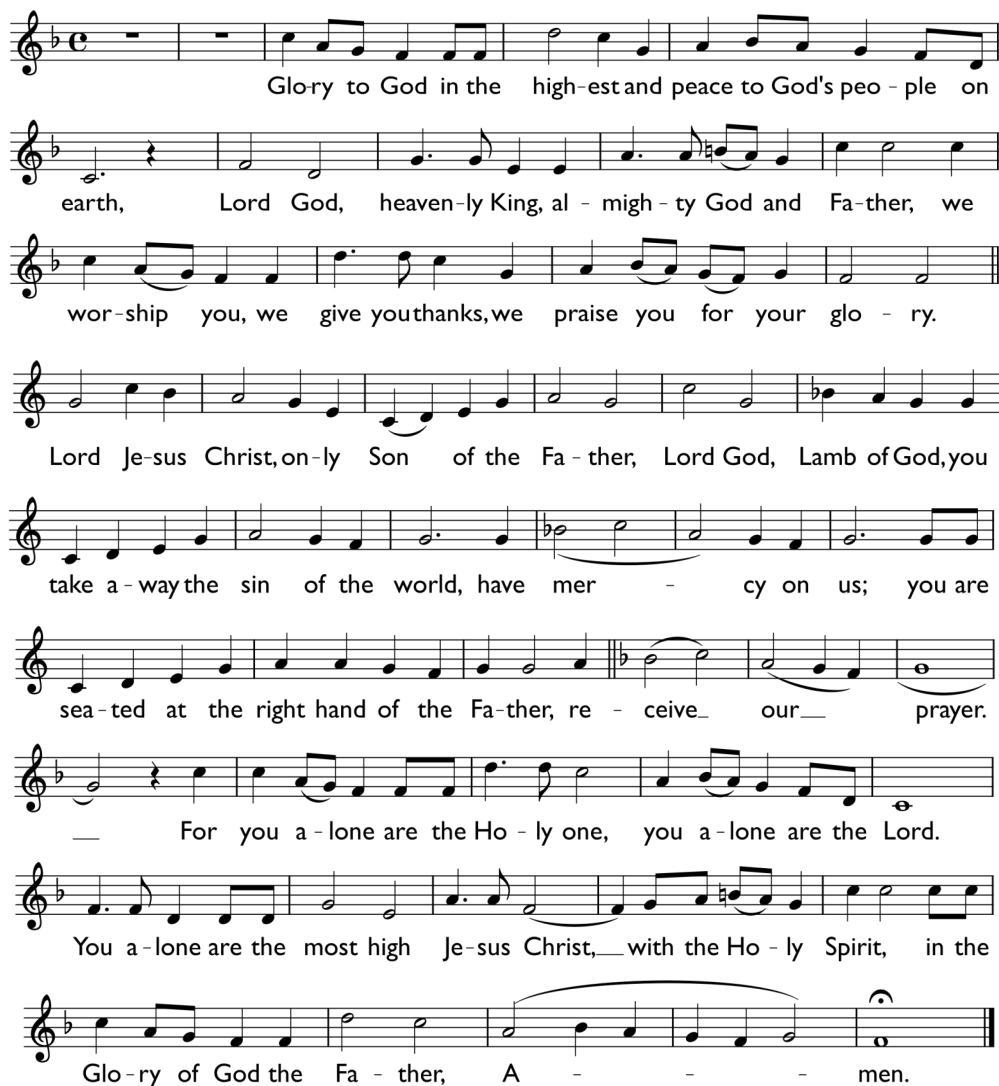
*The President welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.
Younger children and their parents are welcome to use the play area
in the south aisle.*

Introduction

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

Gloria in Excelsis

We sing together



Glory to God in the high-est and peace to God's peo - ple on
earth, Lord God, heaven-ly King, al - migh - ty 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 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.
— 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 Spirit, in the
Glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - - - men.

The Collect

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Please sit

Reading

The reading is from the third chapter of the book of the prophet Malachi beginning at the first verse.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those

who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says
the Lord of hosts.

For the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Please stand

Gradual Hymn 74 Like a candle flame

Gospel Reading

Today the Lord is presented in the Temple
in substance of our mortal nature.

All Alleluia.

Today the Blessed Virgin comes
to be purified in accordance with the law.

All Alleluia.

Today old Simeon proclaims Christ
as the light of the nations and the glory of Israel.

All Alleluia. Praise to Christ, the light of the world.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
2:22-40

We sing together



When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.’

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

We sing together



Please sit

Sermon *The Rev'd Edmund Newey*

Please stand

**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.

Prayers of Intercession *Please sit or kneel as we are led in prayer*

Let us pray to the Father through Christ
who is our light and life.

Father, your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel:
look in mercy on your Church, sharing his light.
Lord, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Father, your Christ in his temple brings judgement on the
world:
look in mercy on the nations, who long for his justice.
Lord, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Father, your Christ, who was rich, for our sakes became poor:
look in mercy on the needy, suffering with him.
Lord, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Father, your Christ is the one in whom faithful servants find their peace:

look in mercy on the departed, that they may see your salvation.

Lord, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Father, your Christ is revealed as the one destined to be rejected:

look in mercy on us who now turn towards his passion.

Lord, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna,
and showed them the infant King.

Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises,
and the patience to wait for their fulfilment;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Healing prayer: Solanki, Irene W, George W, Edwin F, Alan B, 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, Rex & Marion, Colleen S.

In Memoriam: Eve Dickinson, Trevor Levesley, Alan Bartrop, James Shera.

Prayers of Penitence

Please stand

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:

‘I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness
but shall have the light of life.’

Let us therefore bring our sins into his light
and confess them in penitence and faith.

**All Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Peace *Please stand*

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way 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 safely with those around us by saying
'peace be with you'*

Offertory Hymn 103 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

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will allow you to give to St Andrew's online:
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Please remain standing

The Preparation of the Table

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the
righteous;
accept the gifts we bring before you
and grant that Christ may shine in us
to the praise and glory of your name.



All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Musical notation for the Eucharistic Prayer, consisting of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The notation is in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

The Lord be with you R. and al-so with you.

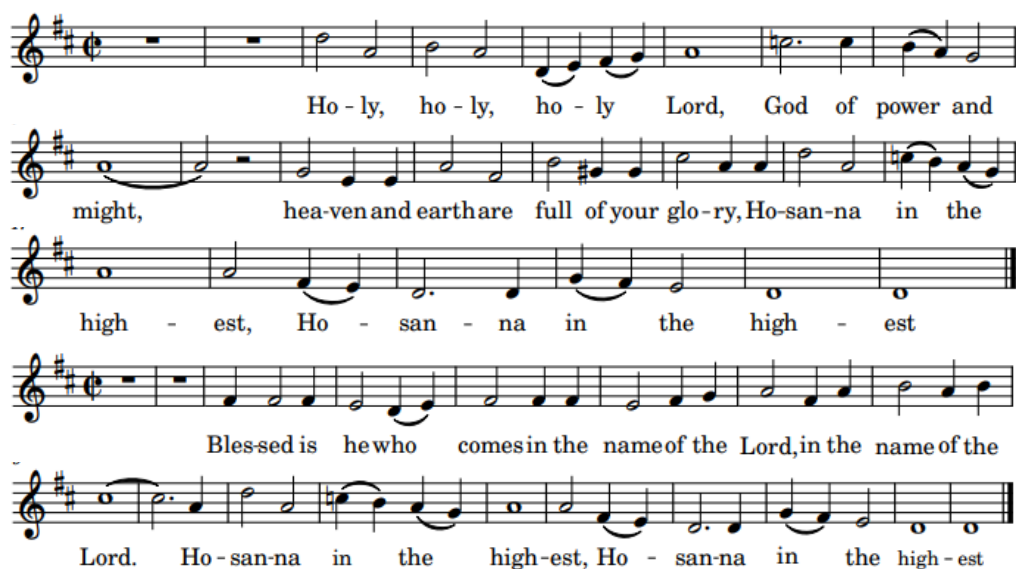
Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
 always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
 through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.
 For on this day he appeared in the Temple
 in substance of our flesh
 to come near to us in judgement.
 He searches the hearts of all your people
 and brings to light the image of your splendour.
 Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light to lighten the
 nations, while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your
 redemption.
 Destined for the falling and rising of many,
 he was lifted high upon the cross
 and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart
 when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.
 And now we rejoice and glorify your name
 that we, too, have seen your salvation
 and join with angels and archangels
 in their unending hymn of praise:

Sanctus and Benedictus *we sing together*

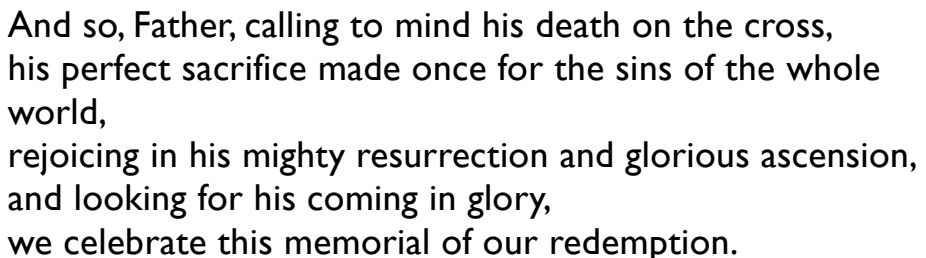


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the
 high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san-na in the high-est, Ho - san-na in the high-est

The sanctuary bell is rung

The sanctuary bell is rung and the Deacon says

We sing the Acclamation together



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 the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Andrew and 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.

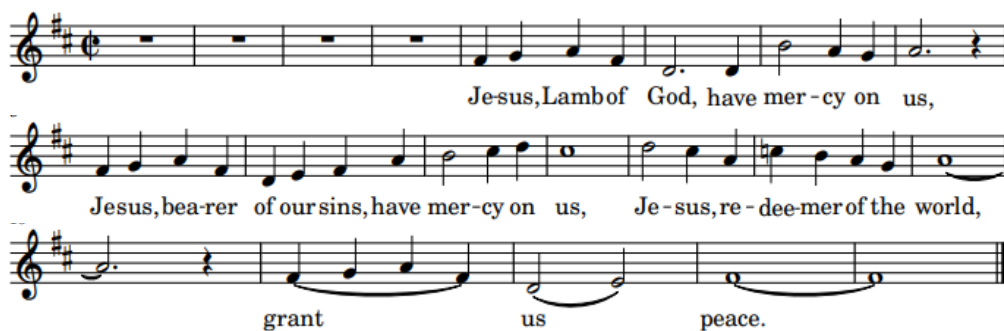
**All God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

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 (Lamb of God) *we sing together*



Jesus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us,
Jesus, bea- rer of our sins, have mer-cy on us, Je- sus, re- dee- mer of the world,
grant us peace.

Communion will be administered in both kinds (consecrated bread and consecrated wine from the common cup) at the High Altar and in one kind only (consecrated bread) at the west end of church.

Please come forward to receive communion as directed by the stewards.

Communion Anthem *sung by the choir*

Nunc Dimittis Shera

Candlemas Procession

As the Candlemas candles are lit, the president prays:

Lord, God, the springing source of everlasting light,
pour into the hearts of your faithful people
the brilliance of your eternal splendour,
that we, who by these kindling flames
light up this temple to your glory,
may have the darkness of our souls dispelled,
and so be counted worthy to stand before you
in that eternal city where you live and reign,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

*As the choir and clergy process to the west end, all turn to face the font.
while the hymn is sung.*

Closing Hymn 810 Thou, whose almighty word

The president says:

Father, here we bring to an end our celebration
of the Saviour's birth.

**All Help us, in whom he has been born,
to live his life that has no end.**

Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.

**All Help us, who have received the bread of life,
to be thankful for your gift.**

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

**All Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple,
to trust in your eternal promises.**

Here we have greeted the light of the world.

**All Help us, who bear these candles,
never to forsake the light of Christ.**

Here we stand near the place of baptism.

**All Help us, who are marked with the cross,
to share the Lord's death and resurrection.**

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.

**All Help us, for whom Lent is near,
to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

Here we bless one another in your name.

**All Help us, who now go in peace,
to shine with your light in the world.
Thanks be to God.Amen.**

The ministers depart.

Voluntary

Herr Gott, nun schleuss den Himmel auf, *J.S. Bach, BWV 617*

News and Notices

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



Compassionate Communities 'Community Conversation' It's really good to talk!

Come along and join us around the table for tea/coffee, cake and chat on the first Wednesday of each month, 10.30-11.45. Contact Sharon Crofts, 07342 086276

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

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 New members are always welcome to join.

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

Healing Ministry We are seeking to introduce healing ministry into one of our worship services and are keen to hear from members of our worshipping community who would be interested in supporting us in this. We know that St Andrew's used to offer this and that some of you would have been involved. If you would like to offer your experience or learn more about future potential involvement in healing ministry please speak with Edmund or Sharon at your earliest convenience. With many thanks.

The 'Yes' Conference for women who want to say yes to God in 'such a time as this' *Hebrews 10:31*. Launde Abbey 3pm Friday 5th April - 12pm Sunday 7th April 2024. Full board, £273-single occupancy, £220-shared room. Contact Juliet Packer: Juliet.packer49@gmail.com

Parish Magazine - The next copy of YOUR Magazine will be the Easter 2024 Issue and a contribution from you for inclusion is welcome, be it an article, poem, story or something you wish to share. Should you feel inspired then please provide your contribution by Sunday 25 February to John, Rob or Kate in the Parish Office. Thank you.

Myton Hospice's Coventry Cathedral Abseil. Mike Taylor has bravely signed up to be part of this year's fundraising of £35,000 for Myton Hospice by abseiling down Coventry Cathedral on 16th March. He has set a fundraising target of £200 and would welcome donations to achieve this. If you wish to give online, his JustGiving page can be found through the events page on our website: www.standrewrugby.org.uk/events

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, 14th February**, when there will be eucharists with ashing at 12noon and 7.30pm. Details of all the many things going on this Lent are in the leaflet 'Lent 2024' - please take a copy and see what you might like to commit to.

Diary for the week 29th January - 4th February 2024

Monday	9.00am	Morning Prayer <i>in the Lady Chapel</i>
	10.00am	Ball of Yarn <i>knitting and crochet group</i>
	10.30am	Art with Aish
	6.30pm	St Andrew's Community Choir <i>All welcome</i>
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice <i>New members welcome</i>
Tuesday	9.00am	Morning Prayer <i>in the Lady Chapel</i>
	9.30am	Reflective Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>
	1.00pm	Lunchtime concert by Renfei Xin (classical guitar)
	2.00pm	Bereavement Point
	6.00pm	Free Voice
Wednesday	9.00am	Morning Prayer <i>in the Lady Chapel</i>
	12.00pm	Wednesday Communion
	5.00pm	Young Choristers
	7.30pm	Sound bath
	7.30pm	Bell ringers AGM
Thursday	9.00am	Morning Prayer <i>in the Lady Chapel</i>
	12.30pm	Funeral of Eve Dickinson
	6.30pm	Board Games Group
	7.15pm	Choir Practice
Friday	9.00am	<i>No Morning Prayer</i>
	10.00am	Café Writers' Group
Saturday	10.00am-12pm	Café open. <i>Pop in for friendship and fellowship!</i>
Sunday 28th January 2024 - 2 before Lent		
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Choral Eucharist
	12.30pm	Fundraising lunch for May Blossom Farm
	6.00pm	Zoom Evening Prayer

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