St Andrew's Church

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

The Sunday Next before Advent
Christ the King
22nd November 2026

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 James Sampson-Foster
Deacon : Rosemary Privett

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant : The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster
Preacher : Sue Minton

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.

Collect:
Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.
As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.
And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.
I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.
I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God.
I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.
Therefore thus saith the Lord God unto them; Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat cattle and between the lean cattle.
Because ye have thrust with side and with shoulder, and

pushed all the diseased with your horns, till ye have scattered them abroad;
Therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and cattle.
And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.
And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the Lord have spoken it.

Gospel: Matthew 25.31-end

Jesus said, 'When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:
And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:
And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.
Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:
For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:
Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.
Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?
When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?
And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me'.
Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:
For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:
I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.
Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?
Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.
And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

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, John D.

In memoriam: Graham Hardwick

News and Notices

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

Advent begins next Sunday, marking the beginning of the Church's year.

- **Advent Carol Service** our choir-led, traditional carol service is next Sunday 29th November at 6pm.
- **Advent Reflective Eucharists.** The Tuesday 9.30am Reflective Eucharist during Advent will offer an opportunity to reflect and pray together on the themes of Advent. A related prayer station in the Lady Chapel will be available through the week.
- **The Big Table Gospel group will be reading an Advent book together:** Paul Dominiak's *The Love that Moves the Sun*. The group meets every week around the talking table in the cafe, alternating on Thursday and Friday mornings. Contact John on shoparound1938@gmail.com

Our annual **Festival of Christmas Trees** begins this Friday – do spread the word!

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.

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. All are warmly welcome.

We are delighted to be holding the **Cranmer Awards**, a special competition for children 11-18, on the 25th November at 5pm. The main competition is about reciting a small section of scripture or a traditional prayer from the Prayerbook. 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 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 23rd – 29th 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
Wednesday 9.00am Morning Prayer 12.00pm Holy Communion 5.00pm Cranmer Awards (no Young Choristers this week)	**Thursday** 9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30pm Christmas trees set up 4.00pm Festival of Christmas Trees opening ceremony **6.30pm** Holy Communion 7.15pm Choir practice
Friday 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Big Table Gospel Group 10.00am Church Mice 1.00pm Church Mice 	**Saturday** *2pm-8pm Rugby's Artisan Market*
Sunday 22nd November **Advent Sunday**	8.00am BCP Holy Communion 10.30am Choral Eucharist 6.00pm Advent Carol Service

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