St Andrew's Church

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

Advent Sunday
29th November 2026

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher : The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

10.30am Choral Eucharist

President : The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster
Preacher : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey
Deacon : Tom Nettey
Healing : Sharon and Mike

6.00pm Advent Carol Service

Officiant : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

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:
Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence,
As when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence!
When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence.
For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.
Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved.
But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.
But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.
Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all thy people..

Gospel: Mark 13:24-end

Jesus said, But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,
And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.
And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.
And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.
Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near:
So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors.
Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.
Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.
But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.
Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the

time is.
For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.
Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:
Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.
And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch..

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, Elaine Cumberbatch

News and Notices

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

Advent begins today, the beginning of the Church's year.

- The **Advent Carol Service** our choir-led, traditional carol service is tonight 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** is now open – 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 tomorrow, Monday 30th November. We will be celebrating it with Choral Evensong, sung by the Bilton Grange Choristers and the Lay Clerks of Rugby School, at 6pm. Afterwards the Friends of St Andrew's will be hosting mulled wine and mince pies in church. All are warmly welcome.

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.

The Snowman Live Celebrate Christmas with the whole family on Saturday 5th December, with a film screening of The Snowman. Live music by The Brass Band of Central England (formally Jaguar Landover band). It promises to be a very special afternoon. There are 2 performances at 2pm & 5pm, tickets available through standrewrugby.org.uk/events.

Funerals. Elaine Cumberbatch's funeral service will take place on Wednesday 16th December at 1pm and Canon Graham Hardwick's funeral service will take place on Friday 8th January at 1.15pm, both at St Andrew's.

Diary for the week 30th November - 6th December
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 6.00pm St Andrew's Day Evensong 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice	**Tuesday** 9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Reflective Eucharist 1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime Concert 2.15pm Bereavement Point 6.30pm Blue Light Service
Wednesday 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Community Conversation 12.00pm Holy Communion *2.00pm Private booking until 6pm*	**Thursday** 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Big Table Gospel group 4.00pm Warwickshire Music concert 6.00pm 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 6.00pm Air Ambulance service 	**Saturday** The Snowman Live 2.00pm and 5.00pm
Sunday 6th December **Second Sunday of Advent**	8.00am BCP Holy Communion 10.30am Choral Eucharist 6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

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