



St Andrew's Church

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The Third Sunday after Easter 26th April 2026

6.00pm Choral Evensong

President and Preacher : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Welcome to St Andrew's Church

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.

Responses: Rose **Canticles:** Stanford in C

Introit *sung by the choir*

Hail glorious spirits *Tye*

The Minister announces the opening hymn, please stand

Hymn 608: Christ is our cornerstone

The Welcome

The Minister welcomes the congregation to the service

Beloved, we are come together
in the presence of Almighty God
and of the whole company of heaven
to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ
our worship and praise and thanksgiving;
to make confession of our sins;
to pray, as well for others as for ourselves,
that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love

and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace;
and to ask on behalf of all men
such things as their well-being doth require.
Wherefore let us kneel in silence
and remember God's presence with us now.

Please kneel as we say together

**ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father,
We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost
sheep,
We have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts,
We have offended against thy holy laws,
We have left undone those things which we ought to
have done,
And we have done those things
which we ought not to have done,
And there is no health in us:
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable
offenders;
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults,
Restore thou them that are penitent,
According to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesu our Lord:
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
That we may hereafter live a godly,
righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of thy holy Name.
Amen.**

MAY the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon
and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and
the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

**All Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.**

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us.

Answer O Lord, make haste to help us.

Please stand

Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord.

Answer The Lord's Name be praised.

Please sit

Psalm 29

Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto
the Lord : ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.
Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name : worship the
Lord with holy worship.

It is the Lord that commandeth the waters : it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.

It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation : the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees : yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.

He maketh them also to skip like a calf : Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.

The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness: yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.

The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes : in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.

The Lord sitteth above the water-flood : and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.

The Lord shall give strength unto his people : the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Please stand for the Gloria if you wish

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen

Please sit

Old Testament Reading: Ezra 3.1-13

When the seventh month came, and the Israelites were in the towns, the people gathered together in Jerusalem. Then Jeshua son of Jozadak, with his fellow priests, and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel with his kin set out to build the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt-offerings on it, as prescribed in the law of Moses the man of God. They set up the altar on its

foundation, because they were in dread of the neighbouring peoples, and they offered burnt-offerings upon it to the Lord, morning and evening. And they kept the festival of booths, as prescribed, and offered the daily burnt-offerings by number according to the ordinance, as required for each day, and after that the regular burnt-offerings, the offerings at the new moon and at all the sacred festivals of the Lord, and the offerings of everyone who made a freewill-offering to the Lord. From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt-offerings to the Lord. But the foundation of the temple of the Lord was not yet laid. So they gave money to the masons and the carpenters, and food, drink, and oil to the Sidonians and the Tyrians to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea, to Joppa, according to the grant that they had from King Cyrus of Persia.

In the second year after their arrival at the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Jeshua son of Jozadak made a beginning, together with the rest of their people, the priests and the Levites and all who had come to Jerusalem from the captivity. They appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upwards, to have the oversight of the work on the house of the Lord. And Jeshua with his sons and his kin, and Kadmiel and his sons, Binnui and Hodaviah along with the sons of Henadad, the Levites, their sons and kin, together took charge of the workers in the house of God.

When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments were stationed to praise the Lord with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, according to the directions of King David of Israel; and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord,
'For he is good,

for his steadfast love endures for ever towards Israel.’
And all the people responded with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. But many of the priests and Levites and heads of families, old people who had seen the first house on its foundations, wept with a loud voice when they saw this house, though many shouted aloud for joy, so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people’s weeping, for the people shouted so loudly that the sound was heard far away.

Please remain seated

Magnificat *Luke 1*

MY soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Please stand for the Gloria if you wish

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Please sit or remain seated

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 2.11-end

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by those who are called ‘the circumcision’—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Nunc Dimittis *Luke 2.29*

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared :
before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Please stand for the Gloria if you wish

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

The Apostles Creed *please stand*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholick Church;**

**The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen**

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Answer And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray

Please sit

Answer Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Cantor Our Father,

**Answer which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen.**

Cantor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the King

Answer And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people.

Answer And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

The first for the day, the second for peace and the third for aid against all perils.

Almighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem *sung by the choir*

Christ is our cornerstone *Cook*

Reflection The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Intercessions made for the world

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, Patricia T, David P,

In Memorium: Elizabeth Ingram, The Reverend Pamela Gould

Please stand

Final Hymn 610: Christ is the world's true light

Please remain standing

Final Blessing

The peace of God,
which passeth 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 Ghost,
be amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The choir and minister depart

Voluntary

News and Notices

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

Church closure

The church will be closed for essential electrical works from Monday 27th April to Friday 1st May inclusive. Sadly, this means that all weekday services and events will have to be cancelled that week, but everyone is welcome to Morning Prayer at 9am the Rectory each morning.

Newcomers Coffee. As last month, we'll be holding a short meeting after church next week (Sunday 3rd May) for anyone who considers themselves new to St Andrew's. Do come along—this is a great opportunity for us all to get to know each other better.

Gold Altar Frontal. Our beautifully refurbished gold altar frontal will be rededicated at Evensong on Sunday 10th May at 6pm in the company of the family of the late Pat and Stewart Smith, who contributed to the costs of the work. All are welcome.

Helen Bryant. We're delighted to announce that Helen Bryant will be ordained deacon at Coventry Cathedral on Sunday 28th June 2026. She will be serving her curacy part-time in our neighbouring parishes of St Peter with St John and St George's, Rugby, whilst continuing to work as a Chaplain at Rugby School. Please keep Helen and her family in your prayers - we will share further details of the ordination arrangements in due course.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Our annual church meeting will take place after the Sung Eucharist on Sunday 10th May. This is an opportunity to celebrate the life of the church over the past year and hear about our current needs and future plans. There will also be elections to the church council and deanery synod - if

you would like to find out more about getting involved, please have a word with any of the clergy of wardens.

Dawn Chorus Walk Welcome the day with birdsong and community in St. Andrew's Gardens on May 4th at 5.30am. Join the Churchyard and Heritage Project for this peaceful guided experience and absorb the sights and sounds as the garden wakes up with you. Free to attend but booking is essential.

Christian Aid Week: There will be a cake and produce stall outside St Andrews in aid of this worthwhile charity on the morning of Saturday 16th May. Contributions of cakes etc clearly labelled Christian Aid can be left in church beforehand or possibly collected during the previous week. Offers of help welcome to Pat Eales or Sue Goddard.

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 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 St Andrew's 100 Club The 12th draw took place on Sunday 5 April with the winning tickets being - Ticket Number 1 - Sally Beament, Ticket Number 43 - Brinley William and Ticket Number -

90 Gwen Grant. 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 are available NOW at the West End of Church, when you will have the opportunity to join the illustrious company of the 37 winners of last year. Good Luck to all ticket holders, future draws will take place on the first Sunday of the month and it is great that you have helped raise £1225 for St Andrews' in our first re-launch year,
Thank you for your support John, Helen and Sonia.

Recycling Update Your efforts in collecting Ink Cartridges have allowed another box weighing 3.25Kg to be sent on 30 March for recycling and saved from going to landfill, this is the 18th box since we started collecting and the cumulative saved from going to landfill is now 85Kg. The value of this consignment of cartridges was £60.85 for the work of St Andrews' - so please spread the word to your friends and family, and any business you know to save their Ink Cartridges and recycle with St Andrews' so we can grow this income stream. Thank you so much for your continued support of this and our other recycling initiatives.

Diary for the week 27th April - 3rd May

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Saturday

Café open 10am-12noon

Sunday 3rd May

Fourth Sunday after Easter

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am Choral Eucharist

12.15pm Coffee and welcome
chat for newcomers

6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

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