

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity 7th August 2022

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

10.30am Choral Eucharist

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12.30pm Baptism of Melody and her parents Maddie and Charlie

The Rev'd Pam Gould

6.00pm Zoom Evening Prayer

Reflection: The Rev'd Barry Collins

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

While social distancing and wearing a mask are no longer compulsory, we encourage you to:

- maintain 1m distance from others whilst inside the building.
- sit in the side aisles if you would prefer greater distancing or wish to remain off camera

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; a link to online giving is on the back of this service sheet.

Opening Hymn 702 *Please stand*

**Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.**

**Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.**

**Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.**

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 president welcomes the congregation. Sunday Club, for Children aged 4 and above, meets in the Godly Play space; younger children and their parents are welcome to use the play area in the south aisle.

Invitation to Confession

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

The President grants God's absolution

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.

Gloria in Excelsis *we sing together*

**Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest**

**Glory to God in the Highest
and peace to his people on earth
Lord God, Heav'nly King
Almighty God and Father
we worship you, we give you thanks
we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
only son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God
you take away the sins of the world
have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest**

**For you alone are the Holy one
You alone are the Lord
You alone are the most high
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit
In the Glory of God the Father
Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest**

The Collect

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Reading *Please sit* Genesis 15:1-6

The reading is from the fifteenth chapter of the book of Genesis, beginning at the first verse

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

For the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Please stand

Gradual Hymn 387 *Please stand*

**Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking,
as the Gospel words unfold;
we, in all our age long seeking,
find no firmer truth to hold.**

**Word of goodness, truth, and beauty,
heard by simple folk and wise,
word of freedom, word of duty,
word of life beyond our eyes.**

**Word of God's forgiveness granted
to the wild or guilty soul,
word of love that works undaunted,
changes, heals, and makes us whole.**

**Speak to us, O Lord, believing,
as we hear, the sower sows;
may our hearts, your word receiving,
be the good ground where it grows.**

Gospel Reading *Please remain standing*

Alleluia, alleluia.

I do not call you servants but friends,
because I have made known to you
everything that I have heard from my Father.

John 15.15

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
All Glory to you, O Lord (12:32-40)

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord
All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

Sermon *The Rev’d Canon Edmund Newey*

Please stand

**All We believe in God the Father
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Amen.**

Please sit or kneel as we are led in prayer

Prayers of Intercession,

Response

Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

and at the end

Merciful Father,
**All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen**

Healing prayer: John P, Solanki, Pear L, Tom R, David C, Eric B, Maggie, Irene, George, Edwin, Alan B, Mary S, Jane B, Adrianna, Luci & Sophie, Clyde, Pat, Barbara, Gillian, Rita & Noel, Caroline, Dilshad, Lily, Denise, Matt R, Mona, Ryan L, Tony & Kirsten, Jean & David

Those who have died: Bill Rogers, Martin How

The Peace *Please stand*

Christ is our peace, who in the one Spirit is reconciling us to one another and to the Father. We meet in his name and share in his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

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 488

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**Church of God, elect and glorious,
holy nation, chosen race;
called as God's own special people,
royal priests and heirs of grace:
know the purpose of your calling,
show to all his mighty deeds;
tell of love which knows no limits,
grace which meets all human needs.**

**God has called you out of darkness
into his most marvellous light;
brought his truth to life within you,
turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you
that God's name is glorified;
and all find fresh hope and purpose
in Christ Jesus crucified.**

**Once you were an alien people,
strangers to God's heart of love;
but he brought you home in mercy,
citizens of heaven above.**

**Let his love flow out to others,
let them feel a Father's care;
that they too may know his welcome
and his countless blessings share.**

**Church of God, elect and holy,
be the people he intends;
strong in faith and swift to answer
each command your master sends:
royal priests, fulfil your calling
through your sacrifice and prayer;
give your lives in joyful service
sing his praise, his love declare.**

Please remain standing

The Preparation of the Table

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

**All All things come from you
and of your own do we give you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God,

our light and our salvation;

to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things

and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,

the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and

archangels

and all the powers of heaven

we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Sanctus and Benedictus *we sing together*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord,

Hosanna in the highest

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children,

you embraced a people as your own.

When they turned away and rebelled

your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,

to be the living bread,

in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,

and with a love stronger than death

he opened wide his arms on the cross.
On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

The sanctuary bell is rung

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

The sanctuary bell is rung

Great is the mystery of faith:

We sing the Acclamation together

**All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,

form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Andrew
and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting
praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Sanctuary bell is rung, please sit or kneel

As our Saviour has 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 this bread
to share in the body of Christ

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
Because we share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) *we sing together*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

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.

Post Communion Prayers

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from
deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

All Amen.

**All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Closing Hymn 493 (tune 394) *Please stand*

**Hope of our calling: hope through courage won;
by those who dared to share all Christ had done.
Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled,
will bring his gospel to a waiting world.**

**Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered,
inspired by all that we have seen and heard;
this call is ours, for we are chosen too,
to live for God in all we say and do.**

**Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,
from death's despair the gift of life restored;
our call to serve, to wash each others' feet,
to bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.**

**Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold;
to sow God's righteousness throughout the world;
bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,
the kingdom's harvest from the kingdom's seeds.**

**Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,
old joys remembered and new purpose found,
our call refreshed by sacrament and word,
we go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

Blessing and Final Responsory

The peace of God,
which passes 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 Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ.

Amen.

The ministers depart.

News and Notices

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

Special Notice: Holy Communion in both kinds

In the light of the Covid pandemic the Church of England took the precaution of suspending the common cup at communion. Individual cups of communion wine are prohibited by canon law, and intinction ('dipping' the host) carries a whole set of different infection risks so, in common with many other churches, at St Andrew's we have been receiving communion in one kind only since public worship in person resumed in 2020.

The Church of England is now once again permitting the use of the common cup and, from Sunday 10th July, those who wish will be able to receive the consecrated wine from the chalice at all eucharistic services here.

It's important to remember that for centuries the view of the Church has been that receiving in one kind — just the consecrated bread (or just the consecrated wine)— is *fully* valid and not an inferior form of Communion. Therefore no one should feel obliged to drink from the common cup if they have reservations about infection – although it should be noted that several studies in the U.S. have not found any link between restoring the common cup and virus transmission. The decision is entirely yours, so please do not feel pressured one way or the other.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

The **Wednesday 12noon Eucharist** will pause for August and resume in September

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/>

Volunteers. We are always on the look out for volunteers to help with the many activities at St Andrew's. In particular at the moment we would love to hear from you if you can help with:

- Acting as a steward at Sunday services (10.30am or 6pm)
- Serving in the church café on Tuesday lunchtimes over the summer
- Welcoming people for an hour or two when the church is open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10am-2pm.
- Welcoming and lending a general hand at regular Saturday morning events: Sustainable Saturday, Second Saturday Songs and the Repair Café.
- Being part of a pool of volunteers to help with occasional special events, such as concerts and festivals.

Please speak to Joyce or Edmund for more information and let Kate know if you are able to help.

Rugby Cafe Writers This is a group for anyone interested in writing or talking about books. We meet every fortnight on a Friday morning, usually in the church cafe. We also have a monthly online Book Chat meeting. Members have recently been selling their books at literary festivals and at the Saturday Singing Events at St Andrew's. For more information, go to www.rugbycafewriters.com

Thirteen Bells Book Club The club has been running for over a year. During that time, we have read 15 books together along with some short stories and poems. New members are most welcome. We currently meet fortnightly on Wednesday mornings online for 45 minutes. We aim to read about 50 pages of a book per week. Our latest book is *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes. Please contact John on shoparound1938@gmail.com for more information.

Big Table Gospel Group This group meets every week to discuss the Gospel reading coming up on the forthcoming Sunday. What does this reading mean to us today? What is its relevance to our lives now? We meet on alternate Thursdays and Fridays at 10am in the church cafe. Contact John on shoparound1938@gmail.com if you would like to join.

Rugby Foodbank appreciates your much needed donations and has need of the following - Sweeteners, Quality Carrier Bags (Bags for Life), Shampoo, Deodorant, Dried Milk, Sponge Puddings, Tinned Vegetables, Tea, Coffee and Tinned Rice Puddings. Your donations can be brought to Church and we will deliver them to Rugby Foodbank. Thank you.

July was the driest July since 1935 with some parts of England experiencing the least rainfall on record and is further evidence of **Human Made Climate Change** that is affecting us all. In England rainfall was down 26% in the first three months and in July was 76% less and the year is now in a Prolonged Dry Weather Status. With the recent higher temperatures and the drier weather during the first half of this year affecting not only crop production but potentially threatening water supplies; please take steps to save water where you can and to save on food waste, among the other sustainable and eco habits you use and have adopted.

A meeting is being held organised by a coalition **Just Stop Oil** including Christian Climate Alliance at Rugby Baptist Church on Monday 8 August from 7pm to 9pm do come along to discuss and learn more on reducing reliance on fossil fuels and creating a fairer society.

Sunday Coffee Everyone seems to have enjoyed the return of coffee after the 10.30am service but in order for this to happen it takes volunteers. There will be a rota out soon so please speak to Hash or Joyce to join - the bigger the team the better for everyone! It's not difficult or time consuming and training will be given for anyone who isn't used to the church kitchen.

Friends of the Holy Land invite you to an Ecumenical Service on United Nations International Day of Peace at Coventry Cathedral, Wednesday 21st September at 5.15pm. Led by Coventry Cathedral Chorus, attended by the Bishop of Coventry the Rt Revd Dr Christopher Cocksworth and the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham, the Most Rev Bernard Langley. There will be light refreshments so are encouraged to register at www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/coventry for catering purposes.

Coventry Diocese new website

<https://www.coventry.anglican.org>

Sacred Space daily prayer online can be found at

www.sacredspace.ie/

BBC radio 4 Sunday worship 8.10am

BBC Songs of Praise Sunday on BBC One at 1.15pm

pray-as-you-go.org the gospel reading for the day and prayers,
soothing music and pictures

Daily Hope 24 hours a day phonenumber **0800 804 8044** for
worship, prayer or a full service for those not able to access
anything online

The Diocesan Prayer Diary

<https://www.coventry.anglican.org/your-faith/prayer/prayer-diary.php>

Coventry Churches Wellbeing line 0767 807437 Offering
support and a safe place to talk for people who are feeling
anxious, low in mood or unable to enjoy life in the same way.

Diary for the week 8th-14th August

The church office is open Monday to Thursday 10am - 2pm

- Monday** 9.00am No Morning Prayer
10.00am Ball of Yarn *knitting and crochet group*
7.30pm Bell ringing practice *New members welcome*
- Tuesday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
9.30am Reflective Communion *followed by coffee*
1.00pm Lunchtime concert by Robert Barnett
(solo guitar) *folk*
- Wednesday** 9.00am No Morning Prayer
2.15pm Mothers' Union Communion. *All are welcome*
- Thursday** 9.00am No Morning Prayer
- Friday** 9.00am No Morning Prayer
10.00am Big Table Gospel group
- Saturday** 10.00am-12pm *Café open. Pop in for friendship and fellowship!*
11.00am Christian Bikers against child abuse meeting
8.00pm Candlelit Concert by Omni Vibes & Wildwood
Didgeridoo

Sunday 14th August **The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

- 8.00am** Holy Communion
10.30am Choral Eucharist
12.30pm Baptism service
2.30pm Wedding of James & Vicky
6.00pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

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