

Sunday

@ *St Andrew's*

The Sunday before Lent **2nd March 2025**

8.00am **BCP Holy Communion**
President: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey
& Preacher

Later today:

10:30am **Sung Holy Communion**
President: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey
Deacon: The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster
Preacher: The Rev'd Alison Baxter

6.00pm **Zoom Evening Prayer**
Officiant: The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster
Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Collect

O Lord, who has taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee: Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's Sake. Amen.

Reading: Exodus 34:29-end

And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him. And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him. And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them. And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him in mount Sinai. And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face. But when Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded. And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening. And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem. But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him. And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said. While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud. And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him. And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone. And

they kept it close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.

Healing prayer: Irene W, George W, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M, Noel, Caroline, Lily, Denise, Mary G, Cheryl W, Teresa V, Jane G., David. S.M, Faith F, Alison J, Jane B,

In memoriam: Peter Galliford

News and Notices

Any item for News & Notices should be with the office by Wednesday, 12 noon.

There will be a service of Confirmation at St Andrew's Church on the evening of the 19th April, Easter Eve. Confirmation classes for young people will be held at 12:30 on Sundays for five weeks starting on the 16th March. The classes will be led by Helen Bryant and Rev'd James.

If you are an adult who would like to make this significant step on your faith journey and be confirmed, have a chat to Rev'd James or Rev'd Edmund.

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/>

Equip Hub: The diocese provides opportunities for life-long learning and training, in person, online and on Zoom. There are courses to explore your faith, training for lay ministry and free resources, videos and podcasts. Head onto ww.equiphub.org.uk/ to find out more.

Our first of two annual food festivals is happening on April 26th in the church Gardens between 11 and 4pm. Ben Jennings, community engagement lead, is looking for 2 to 3 volunteers to help pack down the event (because he is running a Candle Lit Concert in the church on the same date!). The jobs to be carried out are as follows: packing down a small gazebo or two, stacking and taking in 20 wooden chairs, folding away and taking in the 6+ tables, reeling extension cables, moving in wooden stage blocks, carrying in speakers, and cleaning up litter. It will take approximately 1 hour, between 4 and 5pm (if we have 3 people working together). Thanks in advance for your support.

Amazing Grace is a learning community committed to promoting racial equality within the church of God. Unfortunately due to insufficient interest, the upcoming events have been postponed. Please pray for this important work going forward.

World Day of Prayer Friday 7th March, 10.30am at Sacred Heart Church, Bilton. The theme this year is “I Made You Wonderful,” based on Psalm 139:1-18. All welcome

Living in Hope – A Lent Journey, 40 Daily Reflections

This Lent, the Church of England, “Living Hope”, daily reflections offer the opportunity for us all to deepen our hope in God and be part of what God is doing to bring hope into the world.

Daily e-mails offer Bible readings, short reflections, and a practical challenge, as well as prayers linked to weekly themes. Sign up and receive daily messages straight to your inbox from Ash Wednesday (5th March 2025) at: www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/living-hope-lent-reflections. Alternatively, if you would prefer the traditional format, books are available at a cost of £2.50 from Church House Publishing.

Recycling Update. Your contributions have enabled our eighth box of candles, tealights and candles in containers to be sent for recycling, this box weighed 19.25 Kg providing a cumulative total of 103.39 Kg saved from landfill. Our sixteenth box of ink cartridges weighing 3.89 Kg has been despatched meaning a cumulative total of 78.4 Kg has been saved from landfill, and when we know the value of this latest box we will update you. As well as these items we also need your milk container tops, unwanted or old spectacles, your old mobile phones and your used postage stamps, and don't forget to bring items, if you can for the Foodbank. Boots are now accepting medicine blister packs and you can earn for every 5 blister packs recycled £1 off when you spend £5 in store. Thank you for your continued support of our many recycling initiatives.

Yellow Gift Aid Envelopes. In addition to the parish giving scheme, St Andrew's continues to offer gift aid envelopes for those who need it. Unfortunately, each week a number of people do not fill out their details on the front of the envelopes. Without writing your title, full name, address and postcode together with the date, we are unable to claim the 20% enhancement on your giving from HM Government. This extra 20% is at no cost to you, and is of a great help to resourcing our mission of showing the love of God to the people of Rugby.

Next Sunday's Bible Reading

Why not study the reading during the week?

Luke 4:1-13

And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

Diary for the week 3rd –9th March

Monday 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
10.00am Ball of Yarn knitting & crochet group
6.30pm Community Singers
7.30pm Bell ringing practice *New members welcome*

Tuesday 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
9.30am Reflective Eucharist *followed by coffee*
1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime Concert
2.00pm Bereavement Point
6.00pm Free Voice

Ash 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

Wednesday 10.00am Community Conversation
12.00pm Eucharist
5.00pm Young Choristers
7.30pm Ash Wednesday Eucharist

Thursday 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
6.30pm Board games group
7.15pm Choir Practice

Friday 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
10.00am Big Table Gospel group

Saturday 10.00am-12noon Café open
10.00am Second Saturday Songs

Sunday 2nd March The First Sunday in Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Sung Eucharist

6.00pm Sung Evensong