

Sunday

@ *St Andrew's*

The Baptism of Christ **Sunday 12th January 2025**

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President

and Preacher: The Reverend Canon Edmund Newey

Later today:

10.30am Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Alison Baxter

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Edmund Newey

Deacon: The Reverend James Sampson-Foster

12.30am Baptism of Kairo Franklin Hannay

President: The Reverend Pam Gould

Deacon: The Reverend James Sampson-Foster

6.00pm Sung Evensong

Officiant

and Preacher: The Reverend James Sampson-Foster

Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus didst reveal him to be thy Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant that we, being born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful to our calling as thine adopted children; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob,
and he that formed thee, O Israel,

Fear not: for I have redeemed thee,
I have called *thee* by thy name; thou *art* mine.

When thou passest through the waters, I *will be* with thee;
and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee:
when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned;
neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

For I *am* the Lord thy God,
the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour:

I gave Egypt *for* thy ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

Since thou wast precious in my sight,
thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee:
therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.

Fear not: for I *am* with thee:

I will bring thy seed from the east,
and gather thee from the west;

I will say to the north, Give up;
and to the south, Keep not back:

bring my sons from far,
and my daughters from the ends of the earth;
even every one that is called by my name:
for I have created him for my glory,
I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not;; John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable. Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice

came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

Healing prayer: Solanki, Irene W, George W, Mary S, Jane B, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M, Noel, Caroline, Dilshad, Lily, Denise, Donald, Alan & Tim, Mary G, Ron G, Marion, Cheryl W, Pauline W, Teresa V, Jane G., Kate F, David.

In memoriam: Byron Caulton

News and Notices

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/>

Rex Pogson Lecture. Elizabeth Oldfield will deliver this inaugural annual lecture, established by the Friends of St Andrew's in memory of dear Rex, on Saturday 1st February at 4pm in church, followed by refreshments. Tickets are £10 and £5 for U18s and full details are available here: <https://www.standrewrugby.org.uk/event-details/fully-alive-tending-to-the-soul-in-turbulent-times-the-rex-pogson-lecture-by-elizabeth-oldfield>

Byron Caulton Funeral. A funeral service for Byron Caulton will be held at Rainsbrook Crematorium at 3pm on Monday 20th January. Anyone who would like to attend is most welcome.

Eco Tip: Wash clothes on a low heat - Most of the energy used in washing clothes is used in heating the water, washing clothes at 30 degrees uses 40% less energy than would be used at a higher temperature.

Green Christian would like to invite you to join the Great British Birdwatch this year on 25th January. We are meeting in the church cafe at 10am for a coffee and cake and then we'll divide up into small groups to record what birds we see in the church gardens, St Andrews Gardens and other places for one hour. We'll then return to the cafe for more coffee and cake!! All welcome to join us. Talk to Joyce if you need more info.

Recycling Initiatives Update. Your seventh box of Candles, Tealights and Candles in Containers has been sent for recycling containing 15.83 Kg meaning a total of 84.14Kg have been prevented from going to landfill so far since collecting started in June 2024, your used ink cartridges are most welcome to provide funds for Church and to date some £1019.30 has been raised - let's see how soon we can make it £2000 the current box is 75% full awaiting more so it can be sent, your milk container tops are welcome and provide funds for a school in Sierra Leone, your used Spectacles are wanted to support the work of the Rugby Rokeby Lions. and don't forget to bring in your used stamps from your received post, Christmas and New Year Cards that can be given to Helen in support of the charity 'Knitted Knockers' supporting women who have had a mastectomy. Thank you for your support.

Diary for the week

13th-18th January

- Monday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
10.00am Ball of Yarn knitting & crochet group
10.30am-12.30pm Art Group
11.00am Church Mice Baby & Toddler Stay & Play
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
- Wednesday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
12.00pm Eucharist
2.15pm Mothers' Union Eucharist
5.00pm Young Choristers
- 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
- Saturday** 10.00am-12noon Café open

Sunday 19th January

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Sung Eucharist

6.00pm Choral Evensong

