



St Andrew's Church Rugby

Christ the King

24th November 2024

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

10.30am Sung Eucharist

President: The Rev'd Sharon Crofts

Deacon: The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

Preacher: Gwyneth Hickman, Licensed Reader

Healing Prayer: Carol and Edmund

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey,

Reflection: The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

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

After the service, please feel free to stay for refreshments—a chance for us all to get to know each other better.

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.

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; you will find a link to online giving with the offertory hymn.

The president welcomes the congregation and makes any announcements.

Introit: Above all praise Mendelssohn

Sung by the choir

Please stand

Opening Hymn 676 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

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.

All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Invitation to confession

The Deacon says

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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 says

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.

The Gloria *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

The president says

Let us pray

Silence is kept.

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King;
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

The Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.
A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousand served him,

and ten thousand times ten thousand stood
attending him.

The court sat in judgement,
and the books were opened. As I watched in the night
visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand

**Gradual Hymn 565 Pray for the Church, afflicted and
oppressed**

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

(18:33-37)

We sing together:

Glory to you O Lord.

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

We sing together

Praise to you O Christ.

Please sit

Sermon Gwyneth Hickman, Licensed Reader

The Creed *Please stand*

**All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Please sit or kneel as we are led in prayer

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used

and at the end

Lord in your mercy

Merciful Father,

All Hear our prayer

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

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, Sarah P, Ron G, Marion, Cheryl W, Pauline W, Jane G., Kate F, David

In memoriam: Rita Bright

The Peace *Please stand*

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. *Colossians 3:14,15*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

The Deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We share the peace with those around us by saying
'peace be with you'*

Offertory Hymn 229 Hail, thou once despised Jesus

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The Preparation of the Table

Please remain standing

To you we come, Father of lights,
with angels and saints,
where heaven and earth unite.

May Jesus meet us in the breaking of bread.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you *R.* and al-so with you.

Lift up your hearts. *R.* We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For with the oil of gladness
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.
As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the
cross
and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of
peace.
As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,
that he may bring before your infinite majesty
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.
And so with angels and archangels
and all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending hymn of 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**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

The sanctuary bell is rung

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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,

The Deacon then says:

Great is the mystery of faith

We sing together

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Andrew and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Sanctuary bell is rung, please sit or kneel

Believing the promises of God,
as our Saviour 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 all share in one bread.**

Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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.**

Holy Communion will be administered at the High Altar and at the west end of church. Please come forward to receive communion as directed by the stewards. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, or a gluten free host please indicate this to the ministers.

Communion Hymn 647 God moves in a mysterious way

Communion Anthem: O God the King of glory Purcell

Healing Ministry

The healing works of Jesus described in the gospels are signs of the kingdom of God present and growing in the world—and of the promised transformation of humankind in God's image. The Church's ministry of healing is proclaiming and sharing in those signs and that vision.

After receiving communion, all who wish are invited to move to the Prayer area by the font to receive prayer for healing and wholeness in body, mind and spirit..

Post Communion Prayers

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**

Please stand

Recessional Hymn 769 Rejoice, the Lord is King!

During this hymn the ministers process to the back of church.

Conclusion

The president blesses the people, saying

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The Deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers depart.

Organ Voluntary

News and Notices

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

Bishop of Coventry. Our new Bishop of Coventry has just been announced: the Rt Revd Sophie Jellie, currently Bishop of Doncaster, will be joining us in the spring. We very much look forward to welcoming her and in the meantime will enjoy the continuing leadership of our Acting Bishop, Ruth Worsley, until Christmas.

St Andrew's Eve. We will keep our patronal festival on Friday 29th November with Festal Evensong at 6pm, sung by the Lay Clerks of Rugby School and the Choristers of Bilton Grange.

Parish Giving Scheme. There was an error in some of the printed material; the correct PGS Parish Code for St Andrew's is 11061116. Some people have had some difficulties with the parish giving website. If you have any issues, ring up their very helpful people on 0333 002 1271 (Mon to Fri, 9am - 5pm). If you are struggling, do have a chat to Joyce or Simon.

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/>

Rita Bright. Rita's funeral service will take place at Rainsbrook Crematorium on Monday 2nd December at 1pm. All who knew Rita are warmly invited to attend.

Festival of Christmas Trees. Our annual festival opens on Friday 29th November. If you are able to help staff the church during set-up on Thursday 28th, please speak with Joyce.

Manchester Carols Saturday 7th December at 7pm Tickets will be on sale shortly.

Carol-singing and Handbell-ringing in Care Homes. As usual, we will be singing in five homes around the parish this Christmas: Thursday 12th December 10.15 Rugby Care Home, 11.15 Farmers Court,; Monday 16th December 10.30 Granville, 11.15 Te Hira, 3pm Trinity Court. All are welcome—you don't need to be a trained singer—just enthusiastic! You might also like to join our handbell ringers, who are practising at the moment—if you're interested, please speak with Christine Homer.

Nativity Trail at May Blossom Farm. Come and meet the donkeys and sing carols around the manger on Saturday 21st December, 1.30-3.30pm

Recycling Update

Thanks to your support a further bag of **Milk Container Tops** has been provided to aid the school in Sierra Leone, cumulatively some 13 bags and 44,508 milk container tops prevented from going to landfill. Donating your used **Ink Cartridges** has so far raised over £1000 for the work of the church, let's see how quickly we can double this. A further two boxes of **Candles and Tea Lights** have been despatched for recycling, with these you have saved some 40.48 Kg from going to landfill. Don't forget to recycle your old/unused **Spectacles** for Rugby Rokeby Lions to recycle, they can be deposited in their collection box. Thank you for your continued support of our various initiatives.

Eco Tip: Be a tourist in your own area – from parks, walks, theatres and museums there is plenty to enjoy in the Rugby area. Why not think of a local holiday, rather than flying?

Advent at St Andrew's

The season of Advent begins on the 1st December.

Our **Advent Quiet Day, 'Journeying to Bethlehem'**, is an opportunity to prepare spiritually for the Advent and Christmas. It will take place at Budbrooke on Saturday 30th November from 10am to 4.30pm, led by Rosemary Privett and Heather Fielding. Lifts will be available and a donation of £8 towards costs would be appreciated. Please put your name on the list at the back of church if you would like to come.

The **Advent Carol Service** is on Sunday 1st December at 6pm. As part of your spiritual preparation for Christmas, you might like to join the **Big Table Gospel** group as it reflects on the themes of Advent through the lens of poetry and to come to the weekly evening eucharist on **Thursdays in Advent at 6pm**.

**Diary for the week
25th –30th November**

Monday 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
10.00am Ball of Yarn knitting & crochet 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 Concert

Wednesday 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
12.00pm 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
6.00pm Festal Evensong for St Andrew's Eve

Saturday 10.00am-12noon Café open
10.30 Advent Quiet Day (Budbrooke)

Sunday 1st December Advent Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am Sung Eucharist (*Worship All Together*)
6.00pm Advent Carol Service

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