

Sunday

@ *St Andrew's*

Eucharist on the Baptism of Christ

12th January 2025

President: The Reverend Alison Baxter
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Edmund Newey
Deacon: The Reverend James Sampson-Foster

Later today:

12.30 - 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

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 Gathering

The rector welcomes the congregation and makes any announcements.

Introit: *If ye love me, Tallis*

Please stand

Opening Hymn: 108:When Jesus Came to Jordan

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit

All Amen

The Greeting

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

**All From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord of glory be with you.

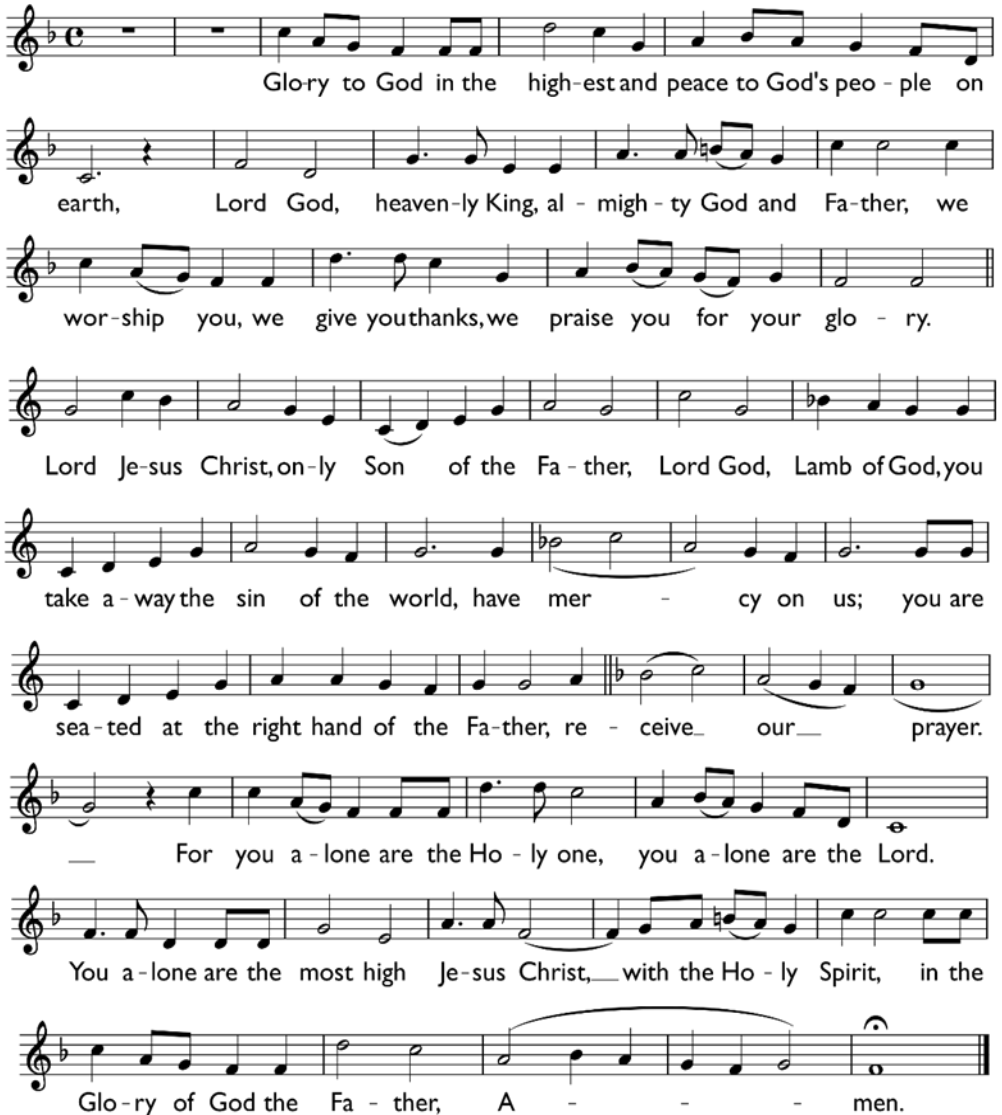
All The Lord bless you.

Additional words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayer of Preparation

**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.**

Gloria in Excelsis



Glory to God in the high-est and peace to God's peo - ple on
earth, Lord God, heaven-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa-ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us; you are
sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther, re - ceive our prayer.
— For you a - lone are the Ho - ly one, you a - lone are the Lord.
You a - lone are the most high Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit, in the
Glo-ry of God the Fa - ther, A - - - men.

The Collect

Let us pray that we may be faithful to our baptism.

A time of quiet is kept.

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted
children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit

Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,

and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold';
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

For the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Please stand

Gradual Hymn: 109: When Jesus Comes to be Baptised

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke

We sing together



Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

We sing together



Please sit

Sermon

The Reverend Canon Edmund Newey

A short period of quiet follows the talk.

Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism

The ministers process to the font. Feel free to turn or follow on to gather around the font.

The Deacon pours water into the font with these words.

God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

All Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.

The president stands before the water and says

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
for your gift of water in creation;
for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters,
bringing light and life;
for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
baptised in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation,
brought to birth by water and the Spirit,
and for your grace bestowed upon us your children,
washing away our sins.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit move upon these waters.
Restore through them the beauty of your creation,
and bring those who are baptised
to new birth in the family of your Church.
Drown sin in the waters of judgment,
anoint your children with power from on high,
and make them one with Christ
in the freedom of your kingdom.
For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours,
now and for ever.

All Alleluia. Amen.

Act of Penitence

God of truth,
you are faithful to the covenant you have made with us;
look in mercy on your people.

From all our sins, O Lord:

All wash us, and we shall be clean.

We have broken the pledges of our baptism,
and failed to be your disciples.

From all our sins, O Lord:

All wash us, and we shall be clean.

Though we are saved by Christ
and dead to sin through the deep waters of death,
we have not witnessed to his grace by our manner of life.

From all our sins, O Lord:

All wash us, and we shall be clean.

We have shown indifference to those in need
and have been afraid to stand up for justice and truth.

From all our sins, O Lord:

All wash us, and we shall be clean.

Today we rejoice and give thanks
because your Son humbled himself to be baptised in the
Jordan.

Through the waters you have given us the mystery of baptism
for the remission of our sins.

From all our sins, O Lord:

All wash us, and we shall be clean.

Through water and Spirit
you give us new life as the people of God,
and pour out upon us the gifts of your new covenant.

From all our sins, O Lord:

All wash us, and we shall be clean.

Almighty God,
in our baptism you have consecrated us
to be temples of your Holy Spirit.
May we, whom you have counted worthy,
nurture your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith,
and worship you with upright lives;
through Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Receive the water of life, the free gift to all who desire it.

Water is sprinkled over the people.

May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to
come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

2 Corinthians 1.22

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.

*All may exchange a sign of peace. During the peace, the ministers
move to the crossing and the people return to their seats.*

Offertory Hymn: 671: I will sing the wondrous story

A collection plate is available at the back of church or
this link will allow you to give to St Andrew's online:
givi.ng/1160223

The Preparation of the Table

Please remain standing

Open the heavens, Lord our God,
and send your transforming Spirit
on us and these gifts.

May we who are baptised into Christ
be ready to share his cup of suffering
and strengthened to serve him forever.

All Amen.

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

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
You celebrated your new gift of baptism
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.
Your voice was heard from heaven
to awaken faith in the presence among us
of your Word made flesh.

Your spirit was seen as a dove,
revealing Jesus as your servant,
and anointing him with the oil of gladness
to preach good news to the poor.
Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven,
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven
for ever praising you and singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, in the name of the
Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, Ho - san-na in the high - est

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a half note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a half note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, and a quarter note A3. The second staff begins with a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, and a quarter note A3. The third staff begins with a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, and a quarter note A3. The fourth staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a half note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, and a quarter note A3. The fifth staff begins with a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, and a quarter note A3.

We sing together

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

The sanctuary bell is rung.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in
glory.

The Deacon says:

Great is the mystery of faith:



Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Mary, Andrew and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving 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

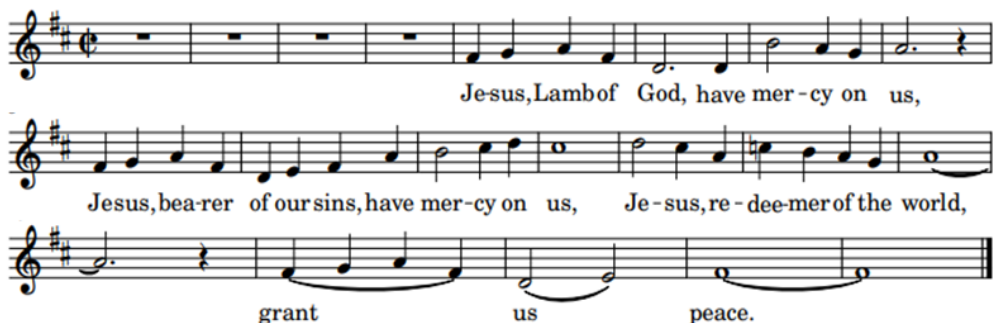
The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**All God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

We sing together



Jesus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us,
Jesus, bea-rer of our sins, have mer-cy on us, Je-sus, re-dee-mer of the world,
grant us peace.

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.**

All are welcome at the Lord's table. Those who are baptized may receive communion as directed by the stewards. If you are not baptized, we would love for you to come forward so we may pray God's blessing over you. If you need a gluten free host, please let the minister know. If you would like to be baptized, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please talk to one of the ministers at the end of the service.

Communion Hymn: 332: Freed in Christ from death and sin.

Anthem: The Spirit of the Lord, *Elgar*

Post Communion Prayers

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation:
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**All Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen**

The Dismissal

Please stand.

Recessional Hymn: 646: God is working his purpose out.

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

The Blessing

May God the Father,
who led the wise men by the shining of a star
to find the Christ, the Light from Light,
lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

All Amen.

May God the Son,
who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,
transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

All Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit,
who came upon the beloved Son
at his baptism in the river Jordan,
pour out his gifts on you
who have come to the waters of new birth.

All Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Conclusion

The Deacon says

We have come to Christ, the living water.
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 for News & Notices should be with the office by Wednesday, 12 noon.

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 and our prayers are especially with Rebecca and Clara in their sudden loss.

Women Mystics: Female Theologians through Christian History. Over the first five months of the year we will be streaming a series of lectures, organised by Sarum College and the Church Times, on Women Mystics. Join us in church on Monday 20th January, 7.30—9pm for the first lecture on Hildegard of Bingen, by Lauren Cole.

Rugby Revive Service of Blessing for New Ministries— Sunday 26th January 6.30pm. We're delighted to host this service for all the churches of Rugby during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The preacher will be the Venerable Barry Dugmore, Archdeacon Missioner.

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>

Eco Tip for the Week Remember to keep a bag for life in your car or in your bag. That way, when you go shopping, you won't need to use a disposable bag!

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 past support and your continuing support during 2025.

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/>

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**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

