

Sunday

@ *St Andrew's*

23rd March 2025 - The Third Sunday of Lent

8.00am **BCP Holy Communion**

President & Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

10.30am **Choral Eucharist**

6.00pm **Choral Evensong**

Collect

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. .

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?

I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.

Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?

And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also,

till I shall dig about it, and dung it:
And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.

Healing prayer: Irene W, George W, Adrianna, 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, Russell, Gary and family
In memoriam: Len & Pat Hall, Ronald Fisher, Tyrese Bryan, Pamela Mawby

News and Notices

Any item to be included should be with Kate by Wednesday, 12noon

News this week

Families Easter Workshop: 16th April 2-5. Come and make an Easter Garden, help create Easter flowers and think more deeply about Easter as a family. More details to follow. Volunteers and encouragers always welcome!

ADVANCE - prayer for schools and young people. You are invited to join an ecumenical gathering on Sunday 23rd March at The Woodlands Centre, Cymbeline Way, Rugby at 6pm for a focused evening of prayer for schools and young people in the town.

Yellow Gift Aid Envelope Each week there are a number of Yellow Gift Aid Envelopes that we cannot use to claim the enhanced giving of 20%, as the detail boxes have not been completed. It is vital that each of the boxes on the face of the Yellow Gift Aid Envelope contain your title, full name, full address and postcode together with the date - without this information we are unable to claim the 20% from HM Government and the envelope used if sealed is also wasted. Thank you for your assistance.

Recycling Update A 10th box of candles has been despatched for recycling weighing 12.8 Kg meaning cumulatively 123.84 Kg has been saved from going to landfill. As well as your candles, tealights and candles in containers you can deposit for recycling your used

ink cartridges, milk container tops, used and replaced spectacles, old mobile telephones and used postage stamps. Many thanks for your support of our many recycling initiatives.

Relaunch of The St Andrews' 100 Club We are pleased to announce that The St Andrews' 100 Club is being relaunched from April 2025 with a new organising and administration team. The first prize draw being made in May and monthly thereafter. The Club year will run from April to March annually and Application Forms are available in Church. This is a good way to support the work of the Church with a chance to win back the price of your ticket!

Diary for the week 24th - 30th March:

Monday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Ball of Yarn Knitting and Crochet Group
 10.30am Art and Design with Aish
 6.30pm Community Singers
 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 9.30am Reflective Eucharist
 11.00am Guided Prayer Hour
 1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime Concert
 6.00pm Free Voice

Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Pastoral group meeting
 12.00pm Holy Communion
 5.00pm Young Choristers

Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Big Table Gospel group
 6.00pm Lent Eucharist
 6.30pm Board Games Group
 7.15pm Choir Practice

Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 1.00pm Omega course

Saturday

10am– 12pm Café Open
 8.00pm Candlelit Concert

Sunday 30th March
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Mothering Sunday

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
 10.30am Choral Eucharist
 followed by a cake festival
 12.30pm Confirmation class