

Welcome to St Andrew's Church

17th March 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Lent



Welcome

It's lovely to have you worshipping with us today, if you are new, we would love to welcome you, please do introduce yourself to one of our welcomers on the door. If you need any help or information, they will be happy to assist.

We welcome all comers whether this is your first time or thousandth time in church. You are welcome whatever your age, gender, marital status, disability, race or sexuality. You are welcome whether you have a deep and mature faith in Christ; are uncertain and still seeking; or have no faith.

To find out more about what's on at St Andrew's please see our website and Facebook pages;

<https://standrewseg.co.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsChurchEasternGreen/>

Collect

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A New Covenant

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33

Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

Jesus Speaks about His Death

²⁷ 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' ³⁰ Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people ^[a] to myself.' ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Notices

Easter Raffle

Tickets are now available for the Easter raffle which will be drawn on Easter Sunday. £1 a go. Tickets are available at the back of church.

Mission Hub

We are delighted that Rev David Hammond our Area Dean will be coming to speak to us on Tuesday 19th March at 7.30pm, in the side room, about our local Mission Hub and how they can help us as we work together to grow our church. Following on from a year of reflecting on mission and starting new things and learning more this will be a great chance to come together and think about how to take things forward. All are welcome. Please can you let Julie know if you are coming so we can get an idea of numbers.

Prayer Ministry

Every week before a service the Prayer Ministry Team will pray for the church, the congregation and for that day's service. On the third Sunday of each month members of the Prayer Team will be available to any member of the congregation who would like a prayer to cover a specific situation – either for themselves or a loved one when two members of the team will join with that person to pray with him or her after the service. The members of the team are Lynnette, Jeremy, Rita and Sara. Confidentiality is assured and permission will be sought to share with the Prayer Team who, will continue to pray on their behalf.

Baptisms and Confirmations

Calling all adults and older children! There will be an opportunity to get baptised this Easter or to renew your baptismal vows. If you have been baptised or christened but would like to renew those promises for yourself, or if you have never been baptised and would like to find out what this involves, do come and chat to Rev Jo. If you haven't been confirmed and would like to find out more about that do chat to me. Every Easter the bishop holds a confirmation service in the cathedral, open to anyone in Coventry churches who haven't been confirmed. To find out more speak to Jo.

Maundy Thursday Supper

We will be holding a simple soup supper on Maundy Thursday before the service as part of Holy week. If you could make a soup or bring some rolls please can you let Julie or Jo know.

Welcome and Hospitality

We are hoping to provide an opportunity once a month to offer a welcome and hospitality to members of our congregation and the community, perhaps in the form of a coffee morning or something similar. Please could you think about the possibility of offering help as a volunteer and speak to Lynnette (02476 467097) about what's involved.

Sunday Teas and Coffees

We are still looking to recruit more people to help with serving teas and coffees after the Sunday service. This is a great way to get to know others and help us build our church community, to find out more chat to one of the wardens or to Jo.

Prayer Book

There is a book placed at the back of the church in memory of Lesley Lee, in which you are invited to enter the name of someone for whom you would like to be held in prayer. Please feel free to make an entry in the book knowing those named will be held in prayer by the Prayer Group.

Tots Time

Tots time is our new Tots group for babies toddlers and their carers. Running twice a month on Thursdays. Pop in any time from 8.45am, finishing around 10.15am. The next dates are: 21st March, 11th and 25th April.



Books and Jigsaws

To raise money for the church, there is a selection books and jigsaws in the side room, suggested donation £1 per book and £2 per jigsaw. Please take as many as you would like and leave your donation in the wall box or with the vicar or one of the churchwardens.

Donations

Should you wish to give online to support the work of the church, the link below or the QR code will take you directly to the page. It is a secure way of supporting the churches ministry. Thank you for your ongoing support. Nick Tooby.

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/eef64318-0a22-4db7-8d81-0ab3ccddf15d>



Diary Dates March	Time	Event
Sun 17 th	10.00am	Parish Communion
Mon 18 th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	6.00pm	Alpha Course – week 8
Tues 19 th	7.30pm	Mission Hub meeting in side room
Weds 20 th	10.00am	Wednesday Communion
Thurs 21 st	8.45am	Tots Time

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
EASTERN GREEN

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2024

Palm Sunday, 24th March
10am Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday, 28th March
6.30pm Soup Supper
7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service
Including footwashing, communion and stripping of the altar

Good Friday, 29th March
10am All Age Easter Activity Service
Join us to explore the Easter story creatively together
2pm An Hour at the Cross
A service of reflection and prayer

Easter Sunday, 31st March
6am Sunrise Service followed by breakfast
Welcome in the Easter dawn with this special service of light
10am, Parish Communion and Easter Celebration
Please note the clocks go forward one hour on Easter Sunday

The church is open throughout Holy Week for prayer and reflection

Please send notices for next week to Julie by Thursday, email administrator@standrews-eg.org.uk or call 07756 918847