



17<sup>th</sup> March- 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## **What's on Where**

**Welcome to this weeks edition of WOW! There's plenty happening throughout the Four Saints Benefice.**

### **Services Across the Benefice**

#### **Thursday 20th March**

9.30am @ St Andrew's Church, Countesthorpe (Holy Communion)

#### **Sunday 23rd March**

9.15am @ St Bartholomew's church, Foston (Holy Communion)

11am @ St Andrew's Church, Countesthorpe (Morning Praise with Holy Communion)

Welcomer: Paula

Reader: Rachel

Refreshments: Liz & Jill

Readings- Isaiah 55:1-9 & Luke 13:1-9

## Collect for Sunday 23rd March

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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.



### **Friendship Teas**

Monday afternoons see a group of regulars meeting for tea, cake & a chat.

You are invited to join us, everyone is welcome, in the Bridge Starting at 2.15 until 3.30. Except holiday Mondays. Cost £1.50

### **Craft Group**

Join the Craft Group every Tuesday in The Bridge from 1.30pm

### **Bible Discussion Group**

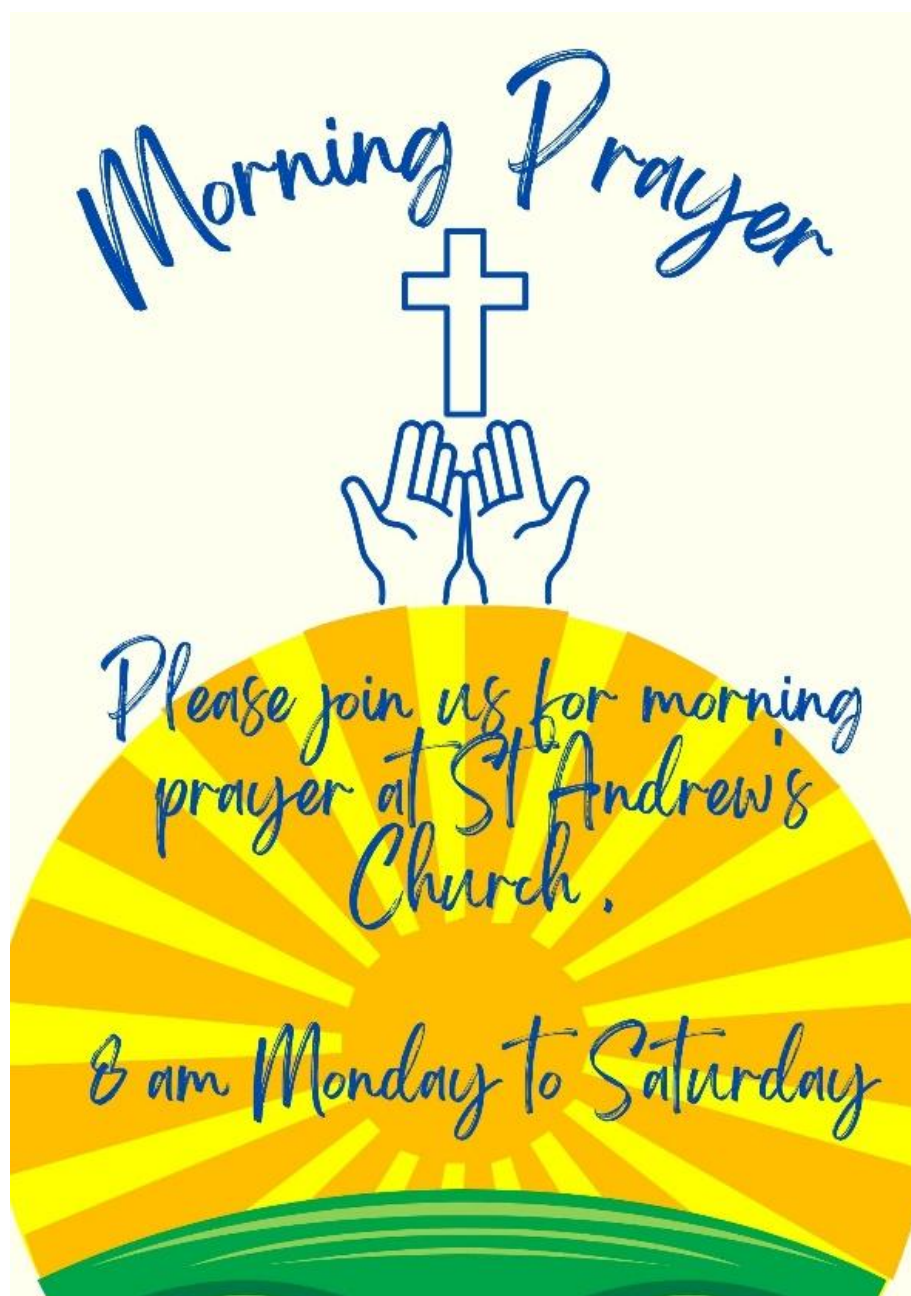
Thursday Bible Discussion – Grow in Faith, Share in Fellowship  
Join us every Thursday at The Bridge, Countesthorpe, from 10:30 am to 12pm for a relaxed and welcoming Bible discussion. Whether you're new to the Bible or have been reading it for years, this is a space to ask questions, share insights, and deepen your faith over a cup of tea or coffee. Come and explore how God's word speaks into our lives today—we'd love to have you with us!

### **Little Friends**

Join us every Thursday in The Bridge, Countesthorpe from 1pm-3pm, for a relaxed, friendly group for babies-in-arms to 4-year-olds. **Little Friends** is a space to play and share stories. There is a light lunch....(free or a donation)....followed by ....tea, coffee and biscuits ... .finishing at 3.00pm in time to collect children from school.

## Morning Prayer

Please join us for morning prayer Monday- Saturday 8am- 8.30am  
This is a time for prayer and reflection and a lovely way to start your  
day, so please come along everyone is very welcome.



## Thursday Morning Communion

Join us on Thursday mornings from 9:30am to 10am for a quiet Holy Communion service. It's a simple, reflective time to pause, pray, and refocus in the middle of the week. Whether you're a regular or just curious, you're welcome to come along and take part

JOIN US

*St Andrew's Church*



HOLY COMMUNION

9.30AM - 10AM

EVERY THURSDAY

# **Notices**

## **Lent Course**

'Our Lent course this year will be taking place at the Bridge on a Wednesday evening from 7.30, each week from the 12<sup>th</sup> March until Easter Sunday.

We will be doing the 'Practicing the Way' course, a resource designed to help each of us with our spiritual formation in the modern world, giving teaching and tips to put spiritual practices into place in our ordinary lives.

It works best if people attend each session to build on the material of the last, but it is fine to attend as availability allows!

If you plan to come along, you will need the companion guide PDF which I can email to you, and either leave it in digital format or print it at home, depending on what you prefer. You can also buy a (reasonably expensive!) very beautiful hardcopy by searching 'Practicing the way companion guide' into google. You can either do this before the first session, or I will email any that come with the attachment after the first session.

If you want to go the extra mile, John Mark Comer's book 'Practicing the Way' on which the course is based, can be purchased here and read alongside the course:

<https://www.hive.co.uk/Product/John-Mark-Comer/Practicing-the-Way--Be-with-Jesus-Become-like-him-Do-as-he-did/29007605>

The course uses videos, group discussions, and spiritual practices for us to take away, have a go at, and see how they fit into our lives.

Growing in our spiritual journey towards Christlikeness is the heart of any Christian community, and this course will be a great chance for of us to see where we are growing and receive inspiration to grow again.

I look forward to sharing it with you!  
For the companion guide, or to contact me with any thoughts or questions, please text 07397197427 or email [cwpfoursaints@gmail.com](mailto:cwpfoursaints@gmail.com).  
Thanks, and see you there!  
In Christ, Cam.'

### **Storytelling for Everyone - The Hub Diocese of Leicester**

A one-day workshop to help us tell the story of God better.

**When:** Saturday 15th March 09.30

**Where:** St Martins House

**Duration:** 5 hours

**Closing Date:** Monday 10th March

### **New Wine**

After a lovely week of Spring weather, going camping for a week might have become a more enticing prospect! A group from the benefice are going to the Christian summer festival New Wine, which mixes worship and teaching with chance to share fellowship as a church. It's a great opportunity to be encouraged by great speakers, receive prayer, gather together with Christians from all over the world, and take under 18s along to brilliant and Godly kids work. We would love to see lots more people sign up, which you can do easily by going to the New Wine website and clicking 'Book Now.'

There is a cost and most people do camp, but we believe that what will receive from God in setting this time aside will repay the sacrifices it takes to get there. If you need financial support, or would like any more details, speak to Cam or visit the New Wine website. We are hoping to join forces for catering through the week, which will make it easier for novice campers and ensure that we spend good time in fellowship!

PS- if you're not a camper- there are plenty of other options!'

With every blessing,

Cam

### **Mission Week**

Over the last fortnight we have shared in our Sunday services at St Andrew's that we are having a Mission Week from 16-22nd June this summer. This will be time spent intentionally focusing on sharing the Gospel with the community of Countesthorpe through outreach, one-off services, and prayer. We are hosting a free community fun day on the 21st June on the Paddock, and will be sharing details closer to the time about how to get involved.

We are receiving the support of the Mission Students (18-25s who have given a year to volunteer in church ministry) based at Holy Trinity Church Leicester, and this will help us to do lots of exciting and engaging activities throughout the week.

The aim is to demonstrate the power of God working through a visible church community, and to invite people who do not currently come to church to follow Jesus and join our community of faith. Please do look out for more details and begin to pray that the event will draw in many freshly interested in following Jesus.

For more details and any questions, contact Cam.'

Thanks so much!

With every blessing, Cam



## MOTHERS UNION.

The Mothers Union have been invited to join the Thursday morning communion to hold the Lady Day service on 27th March at 9.30 am  
In St Andrews Church.

We would be pleased for anyone to join our members & the regular Thursday congregation.

## Beetle Drive Evening

A poster for a 'Beetle Drive Evening' event. The background is a light peach color with decorative wavy lines in red, yellow, and blue at the top and bottom. The title 'Beetle Drive Evening' is written in a large, bold, reddish-brown font. To the right of the title is a red ladybug illustration. Below the title, there are several colored boxes containing event details: a red box for the date and location, a blue box for the start time, a green box for the raffle and bar, a red box for the ticket price, a blue box for the supper, and a green box for the fund. To the right of the supper box are three dice with hearts on them. At the bottom left is another red ladybug illustration. At the bottom right, there is contact information for tickets.

**Beetle Drive  
Evening**

Friday 4th April @ The Village Hall in  
Countesthorpe

Starts @ 7.30pm

Easter Raffle  
Bar on the night

Tickets £8.00 each

Includes a Ploughmans Supper

In aid of St Andrew's Church  
Restoration Fund

For tickets please contact  
Claire Reakes @ the Vicarage  
or Christine Root on  
07773058672

## **LOOSE CHANGE & SMARTIE TUBE APPEAL**

Thank you for your support during February. The change you have been putting in to the loose change Jar helps towards the urgent major expense the church is facing.

February saw **£22.36** in the Loose Change jar  
& the total raised to date is **£1233.96**

If you haven't seen the Loose Change Jar it is on the table by the glass doors.

## **Coffee Morning**

### *St Andrew's Coffee Morning*



*Saturday 29th March*

*10am-12pm*

*The Bridge, Countesthorpe*

*Bacon Cobs, Cakes & Book*

*Stall*

*In aid of St Andrew's Church*

*Restoration Fund*

## **Lost Property**

We have a box of lost property at the back of church, if anyone has mislaid, gloves, hats, drinks bottles etc? Please look in the box, if unclaimed after two weeks will be donated to the Rainbow Shop, thanks.

## **St Andrew's Restoration Fund**

🙏 Help Restore St. Andrew's Church 🙏

St. Andrew's has been a place of worship, prayer, and community for generations, but our beautiful church is in urgent need of repair. The roof has suffered damage, and one of the windows is at risk of falling out.

As a church family, we have the opportunity to come together and protect this special place, ensuring it remains a house of God for years to come. Any support, whether through donations, fundraising, or prayer, will make a real difference.

If you feel able to give, please scan the QR code to donate. Thank you for your kindness and for being part of this journey with us. ❤️



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