



24th March- 7th April 2025

What's on Where

Welcome to a double edition of the WOW! There's plenty happening throughout the Four Saints Benefice.

Services Across the Benefice

Thursday 27th March

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

Sunday 30th March (Mothering Sunday)

10am @ St Andrew's Church, Countesthorpe (Benefice Communion)

Welcomer: Christine

Reader: TBC

Refreshments: Mick & Gill

Readings- 1 Sam 1:20-End & Luke 2:33-35

(Reminder that the clocks go forward)

Thursday 3rd April

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

Sunday 6th April

9am @ St Andrew's Church, Countesthorpe (Holy Communion)

Welcomer:

Reader:

Refreshments:

Readings- Isa 43:16-21 & John 12:1-8

11am @ St Mary's Church, Willoughby Waterleys (Holy Communion)

Collect for Sunday 30th March

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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.

Collect for Sunday 6th April

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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.



Regular Events in the Benefice

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 bytea, coffee and biscuitsfinishing 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

APCM. This year's APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) will be at 10.30am on Sunday 18 May, in the Church.

Mother's Union

Meeting 1/4/25 2.30pm in the Bridge

We have a very interesting speaker, Rose Scott, from Jakin Pregnancy Care and Counselling who has a great story to tell of how out of adversity a whole healing ministry is born, all in Gods hands. This is an organisation I used when working as a GP and now I am chair of the Trustees. I assure all who can attend this will be an uplifting and faith inspiring event. Hope to see you there.

Sally Bailey

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

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

Beetle Drive Evening

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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



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For tickets please contact
Claire Reakes @ the Vicarage
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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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