



14th April-5th May 2025

What's on Where

Welcome to the latest edition of the WOW! There's plenty happening throughout the Four Saints Benefice this Easter

Easter Services Across the Benefice

13th April- Palm Sunday

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

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

15th April-Compline

8pm @ St Mary's Church, Willoughby Waterleys

16th April-Compline

8pm @ All Saints Church, Peatling Magna

17th April-Maundy Thursday

7pm @ St Bartholomew's Church (Holy Communion)

18th April-Walk of Witness

10am @ The Methodist Church, Countesthorpe

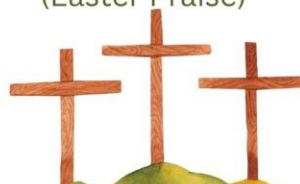
20th April- Easter Sunday

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

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

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

3pm @ All Saints Church, Peatling Magna
(Easter Praise)



****Please note there will be no Thursday Holy Communion on the 17th April- Instead please join us for Compline at 7pm St Bartholomew's Church, Foston. ****

Thursday 24th April

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

Sunday 27th April

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

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

Thursday 1st May

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

Sunday 4th May

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

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

Collect's for coming weeks

Sunday 13th April

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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.

Thursday 17th April (Maundy Thursday)

God our Father,
you have invited us to share in the supper
which your Son gave to his Church
to proclaim his death until he comes:
may he nourish us by his presence,
and unite us in his love;

who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 20th April (Easter Day)

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

Sunday 27th April

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness

that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 4th May

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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 (Except for the first Tuesday of the month)

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 (Term time only)

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.

Reminder: Electoral Roll Forms

If you haven't already, please remember to fill out your Electoral Roll Form and return it to Ken or Anne as soon as possible.

Being on the Electoral Roll helps us stay connected as a church family and allows you to take part in important church matters.

Thank you for your support!

The Common Cup

Starting on Easter Day, it has been decided that we will reintroduce the use of the common cup at our communion services. This means that the current practice of the priest intincting the bread with the wine will stop and this will be replaced with the traditional method of offering both the bread and the wine separately.

For those who do not wish to receive the wine may just receive the bread and return to their seats. It remains Anglican teaching that to receive the sacrament in one kind only, is to receive the sacrament in its entirety.

The practice of the individual communicants intincting themselves is not permitted. For further guidance please see the following link from the Diocese of Europe.

<https://www.europe.anglican.org/note-about-receiving-holy-communion-intinction>

As always, Richard is very happy to discuss this matter with anyone.

Urgent request from the Ukraine Church in Leicester

Another full car of mixed items was taken to the Ukrainian Church last Friday. As usual, Bo and his helpers were extremely grateful for the items we had taken.

Since the appointment of Mr Trump there has been an increase in the urgency with which we support the Ukrainians particularly with food and medicinal items. The lack of support from the Americans has resulted in an increase in the raids by the Russians and the devastation being caused and the effect this is having on the lives of the Ukrainians. The peoples of the Ukraine are fighting for their lives so if you are able to support them please will you donate something from the following list of urgently required items. Food items along with medication – **not prescribed drugs** – toiletries especially for women and warm clothing. The following are the items that are required at the moment : -

Tinned meat and fish (ham, spam, corned beef, sardines, tuna, mackerel)

Soup – small tins if possible – Cup-a-Soups

Easy to make meals using boiling water as well as pasta, rice, etc.

Warm clothing eg hats, gloves, sleeping bags.

Medical items (**not prescription drugs**) – plasters, pain killers, first aid kits – All types of toiletries including toothpaste, soap, shampoo, sanitary wear etc.

It is right and proper we help those in our own community who are facing hardship and we can do that through the **Countesthorpe Community Trust Fund** and the **Food Bank** but please will you give some thought to helping those we will never meet whose plight is far far worse.

Please speak to either Karen or Geoff if you want to know more or are able to donate any of the above items.

Easter Flowers



The year is rushing by & time to think about bringing flowers back into church to celebrate Easter.

The decorating will take place on Saturday 19th April starting at 9.30.

If you are willing to help arrange flowers or donate money towards the flowers.

Please contact me Diana Lee on 2779142 if you are willing to help.

Cam & Harriet's Restoration Run

On the 4th May, Cam and Harriet are taking on the challenge of running a very hilly trail half marathon! This is to raise money for the St Andrew's Church restoration Fund. Any donations to sponsor us for this would be gratefully received. Please do share with those that might be interested in sponsoring. There is a form at the back of the Church, and you can also give online at

<http://www.justgiving.com/page/camandharrirestorationrun>

Many Thanks

Cam & Harriet

LOOSE CHANGE & SMARTIE TUBE APPEAL

Despite observations that we are moving more and more towards a cashless society we are pleased to say 'Thank You' for your continuing support. The change you have been putting into the loose change Jar helps towards the urgent major expense the church is facing.

March saw £41.36 in the Loose Change jar
& the total raised to date is£1275.60

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

V.E Celebrations



VE DAY
80TH ANNIVERSARY
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION
8 MAY 2025



Countesthorpe Parish Council

invites you to



REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF V. E. DAY

A THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

**Thursday, 8th May 2025, from 6.30 till 7.30 pm
The Centenary Paddock, Station Road Countesthorpe**

*A tribute through music, readings, the raising of the V.E Day Flag,
St. Andrew's Church Bells and lighting the Lantern of Peace*

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A 1945 PICNIC ON THE PADDOCK

**Saturday, 10th May 2025, from 1 till 5 pm
The Centenary Paddock, Station Road Countesthorpe**

*Bring your family and friends, a picnic and something to sit on
Enjoy an afternoon of music from a variety of musicians, including
Swing-a-ma-thing Dance Band and LE8 Five Band*

Dress like it's 1945

(prizes for the best dressed adults and children)

*Craft, tombola and quiz activities for both children and adults
Food outlets (BBQ, ice creams, cakes, coffee and tea)*

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH QUIZ

**Saturday, 10th May 2025, 7.30 pm for an 8 pm start
The Village Hall, Station Road, Countesthorpe**

Teams of up to six adults, £5 per adult

To reserve a table, please email: manager@countesthorpeparishcouncil.co.uk

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For further details and complete programmes for each event, please scan the QR code, or visit www.countesthorpeparishcouncil.co.uk



*If you can't leave your dog at home for the events on The Paddock,
please ensure your dog is kept on a lead at all times.*

Please note: parking in the area is restricted and car parks close by all have time limits

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

21st June, 12-4
Centenary Paddock, Countesthorpe



Come along, soak up the vibes, and be part of our lovely community.
Whether you're here for the music, the games, or just the ice
cream—we'd love to see you!

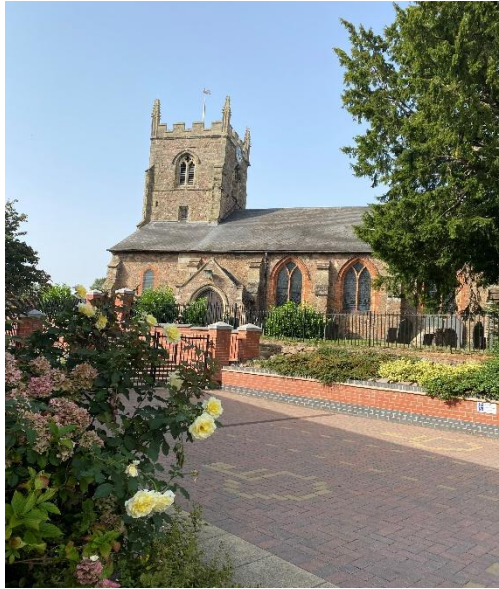
★ Most of it is completely free!

Bring some cash for the BBQ, Ice Cream van and Coffee Van.

SEE YOU THERE!

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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