



12<sup>th</sup> May - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## **What's on Where**

**Welcome to this week's round-up of events and services happening across the Four Saints Benefice.**

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

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

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

9am @ St Andrew's Church, Countesthorpe (Holy Communion followed by our APCM)

11am @ St Mary's Church, Willoughby Waterleys (Morning Praise)

### **Collect**

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 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**

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

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING  
(APCM)**

**SUNDAY 18 MAY 2025  
10.30am in St Andrew's Church**

### **ELECTIONS**

*At the Meeting of Parishioners*

#### **Two Churchwardens**

Completed nomination forms to be given/sent to the Rector or Secretary before the meeting

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*At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting*

#### **Eight PCC Members**

**five** to serve for **three years**  
and, to fill vacancies,  
**two** to serve for **two years** and **one** for **one year**

#### **up to four Deputy Churchwardens**

(one-year term of office)

***Nominations for PCC and  
Deputy Churchwardens close  
on Sunday 11 May***

***Nomination forms will shortly be available at the back of church or ask Eva Morris, PCC Secretary:***

**0116 277 4622**

### **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.

### **Loose Change Appeal**

The change you put in to the Loose Change Jar is really important as it helps towards the cost of minor repairs allowing larger sums of money to be used on urgent more major structural repairs the church is facing.

During April £26.75 was donated in the Loose Change Jar  
& the total raised to date is £1301.60

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

### **Safeguard Training Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>**

As ever, it is important that all of us as church members play our part in protecting everyone from abuse of any kind and that we follow the Church of England guidelines.

Thank you to those of you who have completed your DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check and training.

The Diocese safeguarding training team have offered to come to St Andrews, on June 7<sup>th</sup>, to deliver basic and foundation level safeguarding training in the Bridge Building. Please could those of you who are outstanding in your training consider attending this. Please let Emma Adams, Dave McAughey, Helen Stokes or Jacqui McAughey know if you would like to attend as spaces are limited.

Dine India has agreed that we can use their parking on that day.

This is the outline of the day:

9.15am Refreshments available

9.30am Basic Awareness training (2.5 hours)

Mid-day Lunch – bring your own if you are staying

12.30 Foundation training and domestic abuse training (3.5 hours)

4 pm Close of day

As a reminder

Basic Safeguarding training is essential for anyone volunteering in a Church. It is required for but is not limited to:

Vergers, servers, welcomers, caretakers, refreshment helpers, shop staff, sides persons, PCC members, church wardens, bell ringers, choir members, members of music groups,

Basic safeguarding training is a prerequisite for further training, including foundation safeguarding training and safeguarding leadership training.

This training is renewed every three years.

Foundation training is required for anyone who has safeguarding responsibilities or has contact within their Church role with Children, young people, and/or vulnerable adults.

This course is for lay volunteers and paid staff in roles involving contact with under 18's or vulnerable adults. It is also suitable for paid staff members who only have indirect contact with under 18's and/or vulnerable adults.

This course is required for but not limited to:

Anyone in a role which involves work with children, young people, or vulnerable adults, Churchwardens; Anyone going on to complete any other safeguarding learning pathway, Vergers, PCC Members/Lay Chapter Members.

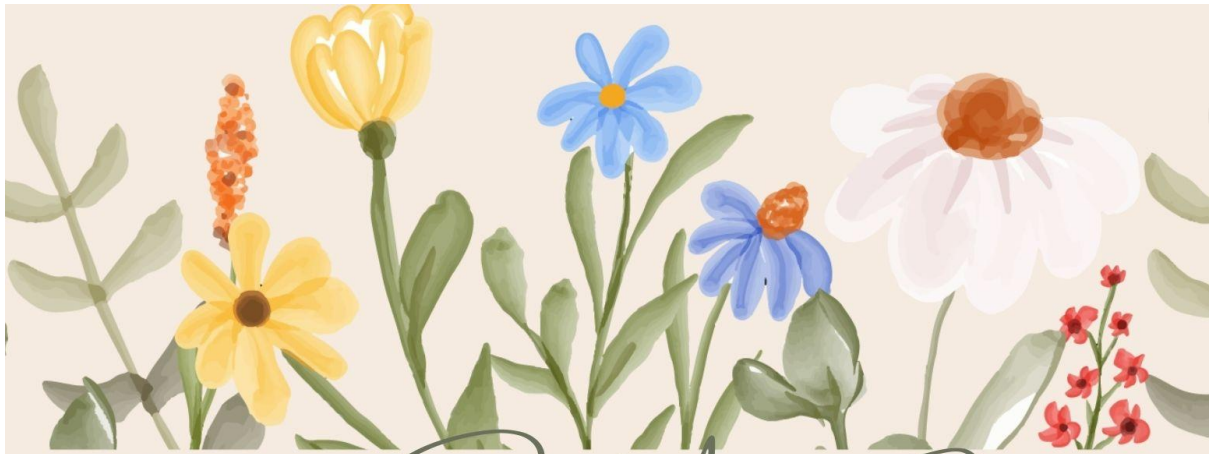
All training can be completed online on the Leicester Diocese safeguarding website

With Thanks

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# *Rainbow Shop May Fayre*

*Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 10am-1pm*

*In the Bridge, Countesthorpe*

*Plants, Cakes, Jewellery, Raffle, Toys and more*

*Bacon Cobs*

*Proceed to Christian Aid*





# Spring Tide



## Fish, Chips & Pie

**Saturday 31st May**

The Bridge, Countesthorpe

1-4pm

£10 per ticket

available from the Rainbow Shop

There will be Bingo and a Raffle

£1 extra for peas, Curry Sauce,

Tea and Coffee



### **Urgent request from the Ukraine Church in Leicester**

Over the last 3 years when taking items to the Ukrainian Church in Leicester the atmosphere has always been upbeat. What a difference when taking another full car of mixed items recently, it was all deflation and sadness. We were advised by the team that with immediate effect they will no longer be accepting clothing etc. However they will continue to accept the following for the time being:-

Tinned and dried food

Medical items eg plasters, pain killers etc (not prescription drugs)

Sanitary wear

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

### **Appeal for help with a Ukrainian family**

We have been approached about the possibility of hosting another family.

Having had a few months without any lodgers, we feel we could help again but are rather daunted about all this involves. Sharing our home is only part of what they may need, so wondered if anyone else in our church family would be willing to join us in helping them settle in.

Their English is basic, so we predict they may need help with form filling e.g. registering at a new doctor and other things that come up.

They are currently living in another area of Leicestershire, so will hopefully have universal credit sorted. Another need we predict is help with transport. Due to a medical condition they return to Ukraine 2-3 x a year for on going treatment, so may need help getting to airports/train stations/coaches.



They are a family of mum, daughter and auntie, with their men left behind to fight.

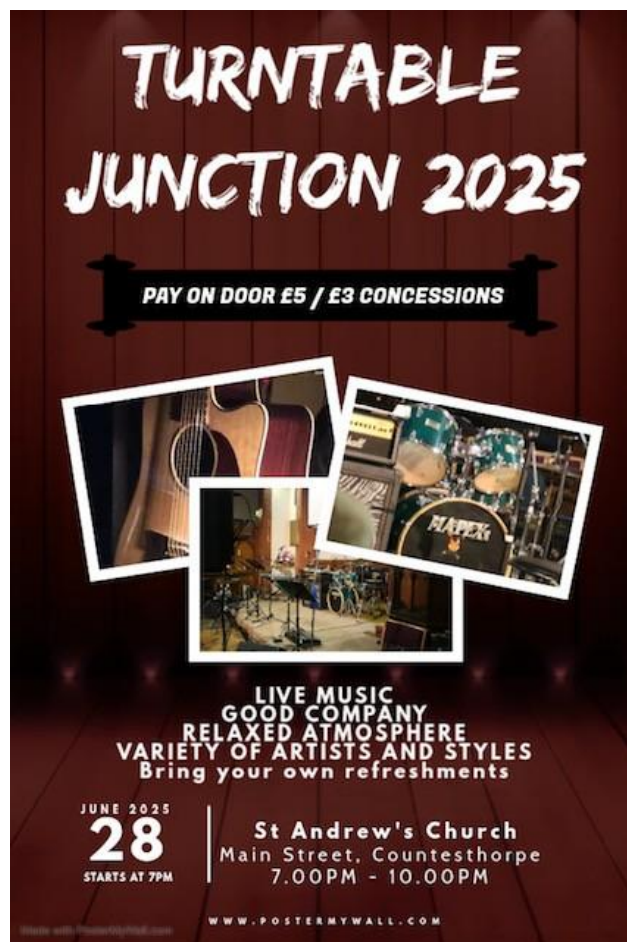
We only have basic details, and have not met them yet, as want to see if we can build a team before we make the final decision.

This is a very practical way of offering our support to Ukrainians displaced by the war, please consider and pray if you are drawn to helping them.

Sally and Stephen Bailey

07969103993

### Turntable



# COMMUNITY FUN DAY

**21<sup>st</sup> 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!

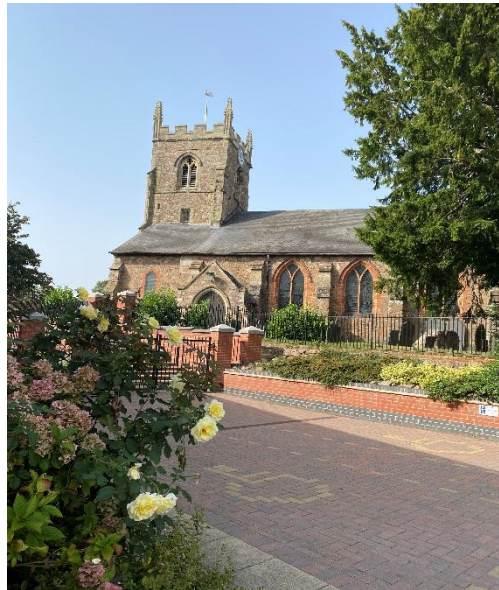
 **Most of it is completely free!**

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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