



17th - 22nd November 2025

Services Across The Benefice

Thursday 20th November

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

Saturday 22nd November

3pm @ St Andrew's Church, Countesthorpe (Service of Light)

Sunday 23rd November

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

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

Welcomer: Christine R

Reader: Rachel P

Refreshments: Gaynor L

Collect

Eternal Father,

whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in
the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole
created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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.

JOIN US

St Andrew's Church



HOLY COMMUNION

9.30AM - 10AM

EVERY THURSDAY

Notices

Volunteer Kitchen Manager Needed

We're delighted to share that the role of **Kitchen Manager** has been kindly filled by **Tony Cuthbert**. This is wonderful news, as it's a vital role in ensuring the smooth running of all our events. We're very grateful to Tony for stepping up to take on this important responsibility.

Could You Be a Church Verger?

We're looking for people to join our **list of vergers** at St. Andrew's — friendly faces we can call upon to help when needed at weddings, funerals, and special services.

Vergers play an important role in welcoming people, preparing the church, and ensuring everything runs smoothly. It's a lovely way to serve our community and be part of special moments in people's lives.

You'll receive a **small fee** for each service. Training and guidance are provided.

If you're interested or would like to know more, please speak to Emma or Anne

LOOSE CHANGE APPEAL

Well we now know the repairs to the Tower are going to cost £100,000 +. It isn't just the big repairs we need to manage but also the day to day items – work that can and is being undertaken by a small team.

The money you so generously put into the Loose Change Appeal jar is being used to pay for some of the materials the team need when

carrying out the day to day repairs and decorations across all the church buildings.

During October £49.07 was donated in the Loose Change Jar & the total raised to date is £1561.60

Please continue to place your loose change in the jar so we can maintain the buildings as best we can. If you haven't seen the Loose Change Jar it is on the table by the glass doors.

Geoff Kirk

Advent Course

We are very blessed to have Sue Rebis coming to deliver a two-session Advent course on the Christmas story in its original social, political, and religious context. Sue is a very gifted Bible teacher and will guide us through the story as it would have seemed to the people at the time. It promises to be a brilliant opportunity to stretch ourselves theologically, learn some new things, build our faith, and understand the Christmas story in a new way. Sue's teaching is very engaging and accessible, so come and enjoy! The two sessions will take place on **the 3rd and 10th December in the Bridge, from 7.30-9pm.**

Minster Communities

All four PCCs in the benefice decided to move forward into Stage 2 of the process, in which all willing churches in the area decide what their Minster may look like. In our area, eleven churches have agreed to work together so far. Cosby, Whetstone; Blaby; the Four Saints; Lutterworth, Cotesbach, and Bitterswell; and Husband's Bosworth are those churches. You may notice that this is a significantly smaller number than the area first included. The Avon Swift benefice of eleven churches have all voted red, meaning they have currently opted out of the Minster Community process. Narborough have not yet responded. This group of eleven churches proceeding with the Minster can still afford 3 stipendiary priests between them.

The steering group has met for the first time, formed of representatives from all the benefices involved in the Minster. Our representatives are Rev. Richard, and Richard Holdridge. The steering committee are now inviting PCC members to join four working groups centred around different ministries. Further details on these working groups are to follow.

As ever, we must look for God at work in this process, knowing He goes ahead of us. We give thanks for the friendships and beginnings of shared ministry with the ten other churches committed to the Minster.

If you would like any other information, or have questions, please do contact either Rev. Richard, or Rev. Cam.

Christmas Wreath-Making Evening

Friday, 28th November | 6:30–8:30pm | The Bridge at St Andrew's |
£35 per person

Get into the festive spirit and join us for a wonderful evening of
Christmas wreath making! 🌿 ✨

A professional florist will guide us step-by-step in creating beautiful, fresh wreaths to take home — all materials and equipment will be provided.

Enjoy a few glasses of bubbly and some nibbles as you craft, chat, and celebrate the start of the Christmas season together.

There are only 20 tickets available, so be sure to book early! It's a perfect opportunity to invite friends, family, and neighbours for a relaxed and creative evening.

To reserve your place, please let Harriet know:
harrietwiltshire01@gmail.com/07758794785. Payment can be made
by cash or bank transfer.

We can't wait to see you there!

Harriet

Christmas Fayre Donations 🎁

We're getting ready for our Christmas Fayre and would love your help!

Please pop any tombola or raffle donations into the box at the back of the church.

And if you can promise a cake or two, we'd be delighted! 🍰 ✨
(only treasures, please!)

Thank you 😊

Christmas Concert Raffle

This is a request from our Ukrainian friends for their Christmas fund raising concert on the 20th of December.

Sally and I would be happy to collect any gifts and or warming trays. 07970 738760. We need quite a few of these food warmers, so if you know where we could borrow some for one evening, please let us know. (20th of December) We're also grateful for any items for our Fayre and tombola – maybe someone among your friends or in your church has things at home that are no longer needed but are new or in excellent condition (toys, cosmetics, sweets, small gifts, but not clothes). That would really help us a lot.

Stephen Bailey

Service of Light

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St Andrew's Church,
Countesthorpe



Saturday 22nd November @ 3pm

‘The hands we held’



A short reflective service to remember our loved ones.



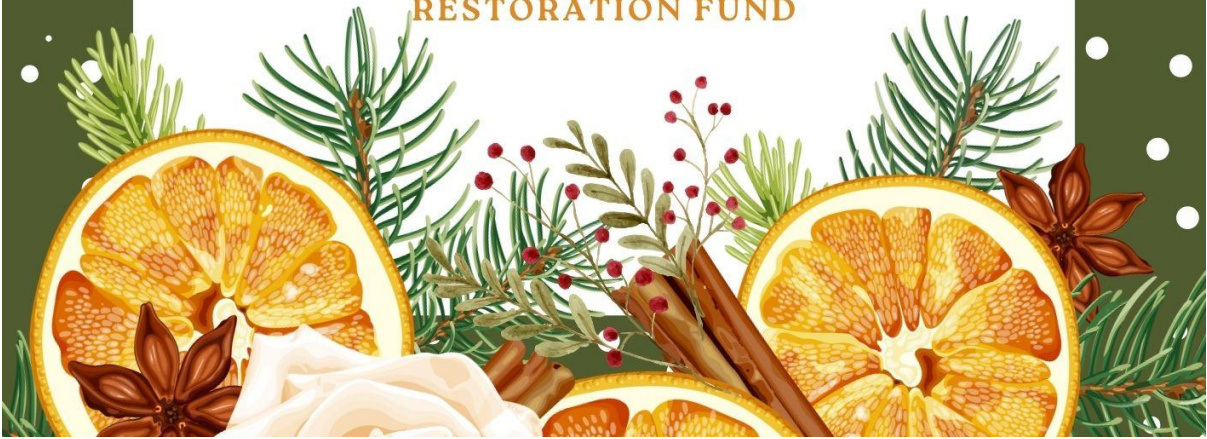
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Cakes, Toys, Christmas gifts and
more!

SATURDAY NOVEMBER
29TH 10AM-1PM

LUNCHES SERVED IN THE BRIDGE
FROM 11.30AM

PROCEEDS TO THE CHURCH
RESTORATION FUND



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