



15th Dec 2025- 5th Jan 2026

Services Across The Benefice

Thursday 18th December

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

Sunday 21st December

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

Welcomer: TBC

Reader: Alison

Refreshments: TBC

Readings: Isaiah 7:1-16 & Matthew 1: 18- End

Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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

- Check the poster further on in the booklet for services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Sunday 28th December

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

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

Welcomer: Sue J

Reader: Rachel P

Refreshments: TBC

Readings: Hebrews 2:10- End & Matthew 2:13- End

Collect

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 4th January 2026

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

Welcomer: Christine R

Reader: Amy C

Refreshments: TBC

Readings: Eph 1:3-14 & John 1:10-18

Collect

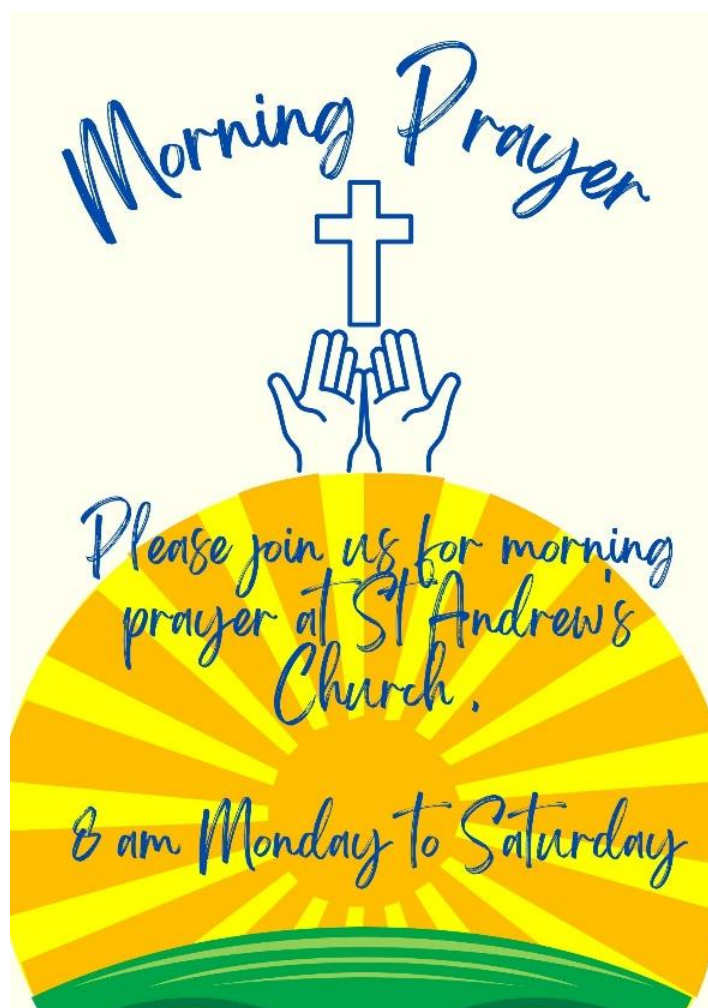
Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may

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

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

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

Countesthorpe Health Centre **Parking during the Christmas period 2025**

The car park at Countesthorpe Health Centre is controlled by ANPR cameras. During the Christmas period, the parking restrictions will be removed on certain non-working dates so that residents can park and take part in various festive community events.

The “free parking” dates are the 3 remaining Sundays in December and a further 3 ½ days around Christmas.

Parking restrictions are removed on the following dates:

All day Sunday 14 December, from 6 am to midnight
All day Sunday 21 December, from 6 am to midnight
From 2pm Wednesday 24 December to midnight on Sunday 28 December

At all other times, the standard restrictions apply:

Monday to Friday from 7.30 am to 6.30 pm permit required,
obtained by signing in at the Health Centre

Outside of these times: 2 hours’ free parking and no return within 24 hours.



It's Christingle Time

Our Christingle Services will be held on **Wednesday 24th December**
@ 3.00pm and 4.30pm

These services are a wonderful opportunity to share the Light of Christ coming into our world with the families who come.

Please can we ask for your help?

We need:

- Donations to buy the oranges. We need approximately 100. There will be a basket for your donations at the back of church. They cost around 50p each, so maybe you could fund a couple? Any donation will be gratefully received, and we are sourcing them from a local independent trader. Thank you 😊
- Help making the Christingles on **Christmas Eve morning @ 10.00am in church**. Everything will be provided, the more people who come the quicker they are made. There is a conveyor belt system and somewhere along that belt there will be something nice to munch 😊

Could you help?

- Help at both services to give out and light the Christingles. We give them out and light them at a point during the service, and we need 6-8 people at each service to make that happen safely and quickly.

Could you help with that? There will be sign-up sheets at the back of church for both Christingle making and Christingle serving.

Whatever you can offer will be gratefully received, thank you.

Cam, Helen, Debs & June

Christmas Day Service

Hi all,

At the St Andrew's 10am Christmas Day service this year there will be children's activities in the service, plus the chance to show one present they have received to the congregation. So, if you have children, or have them visiting, do bring them along to the service with a favourite present they have opened this year. The more the merrier!

Reverend Cameron Wiltshire-Plant

Help Needed: Joinery Skills Welcome

Following the sad passing of Malcolm Payne, we are now in need of someone with basic joinery skills who can kindly assist with some maintenance in the church. Several of our chairs require re-gluing, and there are a few other small joinery tasks that will need attention over the coming months. If you feel you could help or know someone who might be willing to lend their skills, please speak with Geoff Kirk.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Restoration Project Push

We are now really starting to push forward with our **Restoration Project**, as the work required on the tower is becoming critical and cannot be delayed. To help raise the £50,000 needed, I've begun sharing our appeal with the wider Countesthorpe community to build awareness of the situation and encourage local support. It would make a huge difference if you could also share our **JustGiving page** with friends, family, neighbours, and on social media. The more people who see it, the closer we get to saving our historic church tower. Here's the link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/standrewschurch>

We would love your help decorating the church for Christmas! If you're free on **Christmas Eve at 10am**, please come along and lend a hand as we prepare the building for our festive celebrations. Many hands make light work, and it's always a lovely time of fellowship as we get the church looking beautiful for everyone who will join us over Christmas. If you can help, please speak to **Diana Lee** or simply come along on the day

Thank you 😊

Craft Group Update

The last craft group of 2025 will be on the 16th December and will restart again on the 13th January 2026.



14th December, St Bartholomew's Church, Foston– Carol Service @ 4pm

*14th December, St Andrew's Church, Countesthorpe– Carol Service @
6pm*

18th December, All Saint's Church, Peatling Magna–Carol Service @ 7pm

*24th December, St Andrew's Church, Countesthorpe– Christingle Service
@ 3pm & 4.30pm*

*24th December, St Mary's Church, Willoughby Waterleys– Holy
Communion @ 6pm & Carol Service @ 7pm*

*24th December, St Andrew's Church, Countesthorpe– Midnight
Communion @ 11.30pm*

*25th December, St Bartholomew's Church, Foston– Holy Communion @
9.15am*

*25th December, St Andrew's Church, Countesthorpe– Holy Communion @
10am*

*28th December, St Bartholomew's Church, Foston– Holy Communion @
9.15am*

*28th December, St Andrew's Church, Countesthorpe– Morning Praise @
11am*

Funeral of Patricia Linnett

We will be holding the funeral service for **Patricia Linnett** on **Friday, 19th December**, at **St Andrew's Church**, beginning at **9:30am**.

Patricia was a valued member of our wider community, and we invite all who knew her to join us as we come together to give thanks for her life and to support her family in their loss.

Please keep Patricia's loved ones in your thoughts and prayers over the coming days.

Christmas choir and music

Would anyone like to join a small bunch of singers and musicians for the carol service at St Andrew's on Sunday 14th December? If so, please let Helen Stokes (07711612648) or Cam know. There will be a couple of short rehearsals on Thursday 4th and Monday 8th at 8.00 in the church.

Helen x

On a side note, if there is anyone who would be able to help with the readings at the above service, please see Cam- Thank you

There is also a signup sheet at the back of church 😊

Carols & Cake



EasyFundraising for our church

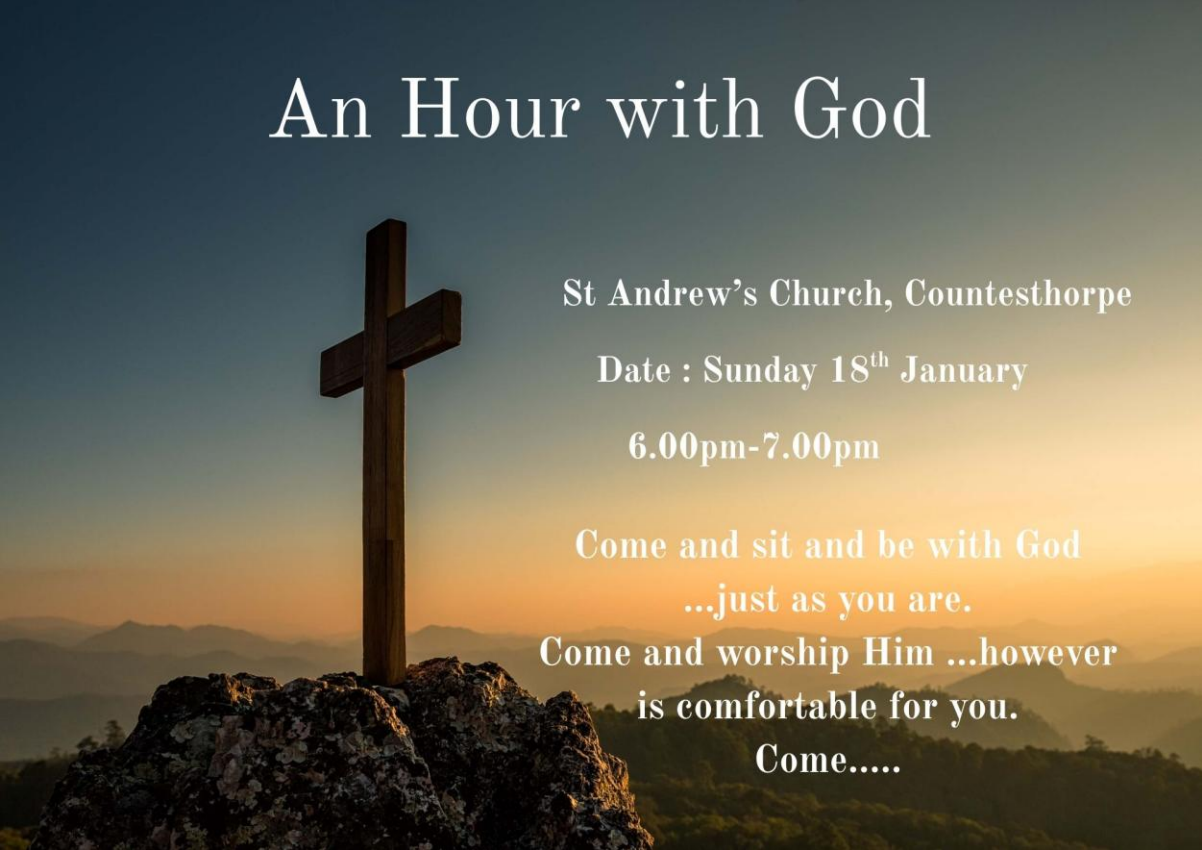
Sign up to support St Andrew's Church, Countesthorpe on the #easyfundraising app today or on the website and you can raise free donations for them when you shop online with all your favourite retailers,

That's right, you can raise money every time you buy Christmas presents, Black Friday bargains or anything else you buy online at no extra cost.

Plus, for a limited time only, they will get a bonus £2 donation when you sign up via the app:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app>

Hour with God



An Hour with God

St Andrew's Church, Countesthorpe

Date : Sunday 18th January

6.00pm-7.00pm

Come and sit and be with God
...just as you are.
Come and worship Him ...however
is comfortable for you.
Come.....

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