



26th January- 2nd February 2026

Services Across The Benefice

Thursday 29th January

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

Sunday 1st February

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

Welcomer: Christine R

Reader: TBC

Refreshments: TBC

Readings: 1 Cor 1:18-End & John 2:1-11

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

Collect

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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.

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

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. The total cost of the building work is approximately £100,000 but if we can get to £50,000 we then qualify for some grant schemes. 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>

Friendship Teas

Another successful full year ending with the Christmas party where £50.00 was collected for the restoration fund. Thank you everyone!

The group will start again on Monday 2nd February 2.15pm-3.30pm

Diana Lee

Funeral Service

The funeral of the late Shirley Taylor will take place on 10th February, beginning with a service at the Crematorium at 12.30pm, followed by a funeral service at St Andrew's Church at 1.00pm. We continue to hold her family and loved ones in our thoughts and prayers.

Help around the Church


We're looking for helping hands for a variety of jobs around the church, both big and small. This includes finding someone who could reuse candle ends so they're not wasted (perhaps making new candles), removing wax from altar cloths, sorting through the children's books, and organising pens, pencils and crayons. There's also some brass cleaning that needs doing. These tasks can be done in pairs or individually—if you're working on your own, please just let someone know you're in the church. Any time and help you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

Lost Property

Please take a moment to check the lost property, as we currently have a growing collection of water bottles, coats, and other items. Storage space is limited, so any unclaimed items will, over time, be donated to charity. Thank you.

St Andrew's Coffee Morning



 Cakes needed for Bacon Butty Day – Saturday 31st January
If anyone is able to donate a cake for Bacon Butty Day, we'd be very grateful.

Homemade or shop-bought welcome. Thank you!

Curry Night

Friends of Foston have booked Dine India for 9th February next
6.30pm for 7pm start.

If you would like tickets, please contact Jacky Brookes the FOF secretary on 0116 2789876 or mobile 07810664845. Email jackyandron@btinternet.com. Tickets are £25.00 per person with half going to Friend of Foston fund raising for St Bartholomew's Church. Payment on the night. We look forward to a fun night with you all. Thank you all for your support at the Christmas Tree Festival which raised a substantial amount for the ongoing repairs and maintenance of our beautiful Church.

Loose Change Appeal

Here we are at the start of a new year. Thank you to all who have placed their loose change in the Jar during 2025.

During Dec £42.3 was donated in the Loose Change Jar & the total banked to date is £1640.60

Please continue to place your loose change in the jar so we can maintain the buildings as best we can – you might have noticed the preparation by the main door in readiness for painting. If you haven't seen the Loose Change Jar it is on the table by the glass doors.

Rotary Club Concert



***Rotary Club of Blaby
Concert with Enderby
Youth Band***

Countesthorpe Village Hall

Friday 20th March

**6.30pm for 7pm start
with**

Raffle on the night

Free Event but ticketed-

Contact Mike on 07799894209



SAVE THE DATE!

Friday 27th March 2026

LE8 Five Brass Quintet

St Andrew's Church, Main Street, Countesthorpe

This is an advance notice so you can save the date in your diaries.



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - COUNTESTHORPE

SPRING CONCERT WITH
LE8 FIVE BRASS QUINTET

Friday 27th March 7:30pm

IN AID OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

TICKETS: £12.50 each

from June Ainge on 07803 000285

Email: le8five.brassquintet@hotmail.com

Leicestershire's finest Brass Quintet with special guest Compère Graham Sutton showcase an evening of music for all...

Refreshments included
Tickets also available on the door
Try your luck on the Raffle

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