



2nd March- 9th March 2026

Services Across The Benefice

Thursday 5th March

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

Sunday 8th March

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

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

Welcomer: Paula W

Reader: Rachel P

Refreshments: Liz & Sue

Readings: Exodus 17:1-7 & John 4:5-42

Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.

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

Easter cards

The Rainbow Shop is now selling a lovely selection of Easter cards.
Do pop in and pick yours up!

Rainbow Shop Meeting

3rd March at 7pm in the shop. All volunteers and interested people welcome. We will be reviewing how the shop is running and consider any new ideas. We will also be planning our Christian Aid week spring fair. It would be lovely to see as many people there as possible as it is a chance to meet up with other helpers you do not usually work with.

Sally Bailey 07969103993 for any questions

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>

The latest figure for our pot is £18,500 😊

Lent Course for the Benefice

We will be running a Lent course on Wednesday evenings starting 25th February for 5 weeks - finishing 25th March. This will be in The Bridge from 7:30 - 9pm

Where The Lost Things Go is a 'practically perfect' Lent course based on the popular film '*Mary Poppins Returns*'. Poet and minister Lucy Berry skilfully draws out some of the themes of the Oscar-nominated movie and shows how we can consider them more deeply alongside passages from the Bible.

The course is based around five weekly sessions, entitled:

- Were we dreaming? Belief and unbelief
- This can't be happening! Loss, denial and acceptance
 - The Banks children? Or the Bank's children?
- Lost people, being found: Fogs and the wilderness
 - Light! A seriously heavy symbol

Each session will include clips from the film, as well as discussion questions, Bible readings and closing prayers.

If you have any questions - please speak to Lindsey Jelves

Care For the Family are presenting an evening in Leicester for Couples

"Going the Distance"for a vibrant and lasting marriage

Stephen and I are going, yes even after 40 years there is hope for improvement.

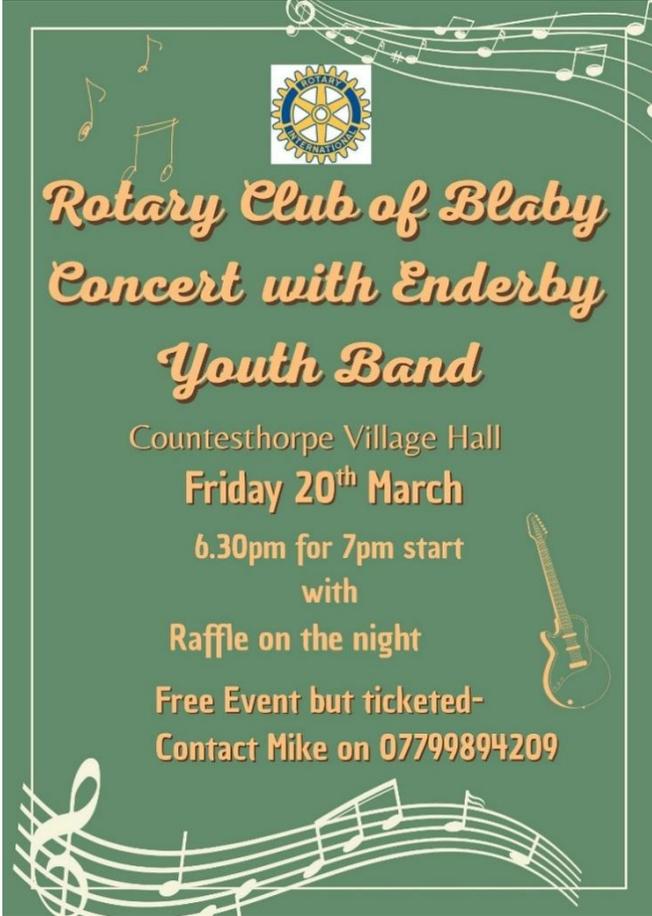
The evening is easy going and although a Christian organisation it is fine for people with no faith or different faiths. We have been to number of their seminars on various topics and they are always beneficial and professional

It is on the evening of 22nd April at One Church on Frog Island in the city.

We are happy to share our car. Tickets are £20 for a couple

For further details catch us in church or text Sally on 07969103993

Rotary Club Concert



The poster features a green background with white musical notes and a treble clef. At the top center is the Rotary International logo. The text is written in a mix of orange and white fonts. A small illustration of a guitar is on the right side.

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

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - COUNTSTHORPE

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

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

from June Ainge on 07803 000285

Email: le8five.brassquintet@hotmail.com

LE8 Five Brass quintet evening Friday 27th March
 Tickets are now on sale £12.50 each...and are selling! Please contact
 either of us or Emma in the office to buy yours..
 Raffle : We're asking for contributions towards the Raffle Prizes. We
 would like to make up hampers so need specific items :-
 Wine,...any Red, White or Pink.
 Good quality chocolate...eg Lindt, Green & Black, Tony's...
 Any and every contribution will help our fundraising, so if you can
 donate any of the above that would be wonderful.
 There will be a box at the back of St Andrew's Church
 Many thanks
 June & Trev Ainge

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