



23rd March- 30th March 2026

Services Across The Benefice

Thursday 26th March

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

Sunday 29th March- Palm Sunday

10am @ St Mary's Church, Willoughby Waterleys (Benefice Communion)

Readings: Matt 21:1-11, PS 118:1-2,19 end & Matt 27:11-54

No other services this day

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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 Services Across the Benefice

29th March- Palm Sunday

10am @ St Mary's Church, Willoughby Waterleys
(Benefice Communion)

31st March-Compline

8pm @ St Mary's Church, Willoughby Waterleys

1st April-Compline

8pm @ All Saints Church, Peatling Magna

2nd April-Maundy Thursday

7pm @ St Bartholomew's Church (Holy Communion)

3rd April-Walk of Witness

10am @ St Andrew's Church, Countesthorpe

5th April- Easter Sunday

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

10am @ St Andrew's Church, Countesthorpe
(Holy Communion)

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

3pm @ All Saints Church, Peatling Magna
(Easter Service)



ELSIE THOMPSON

The family of Elsie have asked me to inform friends of her funeral which will be held at St Andrew's Church, Countesthorpe on Tuesday 7th April at 10 am. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Easter cards

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

Request for help

On Good Friday St Andrew's are providing refreshments after the Walk of Witness with our friends from Countesthorpe Methodists.

We would like to provide Hot cross buns so I am asking for cash donations so we can get them from the local bakers. Also are there 2 or 3 people willing to slice, butter on and serve with teas and coffee?

See Annie before 29th March please. Thanks

Annual Reports

It is that time of year again! If I could have all groups reports by the end of April that would be much appreciated so I can get the booklet together- thank you. Emma

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 😊

Alzheimer's Jewellery APPEAL

The Alzheimer's Jewellery Appeal is still ongoing so please if anyone has any jewellery, they no longer want place in the box at the back of church. They will take almost every type of jewellery, cufflinks, watches, working or not, rings, earrings, necklaces, brooches, bracelets, even if something has a stone missing, nothing goes to waste.

The Alzheimer's Association needs the funds the Jewellery Appeal raises, so please have a sort out and tell friends and family. Thank you for your support and this Appeal is ongoing. Please contact me if you need any more information, Gail Mackley.

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

Thank you all so much for your very generous donations for the Raffle Prizes for the LE8 Five Brass quintet evening on Friday 27th March – you are so good. If you have bought an offering but not yet donated it – then please still bring it and put it in the box at the back of church. If you haven't bought yet but are intending to, could we ask that you buy an Easter Egg? Any size/type.... The event is the week before Easter so eggs will be topical 😊 Also – is anyone available during the day Friday to help with preparing some simple nibbles? If you are available and would like to help - please could you let me know. Thank you so much

June & Trev Ainge

**EASTER COFFEE & CAKE
AFTERNOON**

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH

**2PM-4PM IN THE BRIDGE,
COUNTESTHORPE**

STALLS:

- >BEYOND A GIFT
- >TRACEY LOUISE
- >TROPIC BY HELEN
- >HOME SWEET CHIC
- >GREETINGS CARD BY STEM GLASS DESIGN
- >SECOND HAND BOOK STALL

**IN AID OF ST ANDREWS CHURCH
RESTORATION FUND**



If you're able to donate a cake (homemade or shop-bought), we would be so grateful. Cakes, traybakes, cupcakes, biscuits – all welcome!

Please let us know if you can help and bring your donations along on the day (or get in touch to arrange a drop-off).

Thank you so much for supporting this event – we couldn't do it without you!



HOLY WEEK

ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FROM 7PM TO 7.30PM FOR A TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION USING THREE STORIES FROM PAULA GOODER'S BOOK "THE WOMEN OF HOLY WEEK". ALL ARE VERY WELCOME.



FOSTON CHURCH PLANT SALE

SATURDAY 25TH APRIL

10AM-2PM

Outside the Rainbow shop,
Countesthorpe

Gardening books for sale

Refreshments available

*In aid of St Bartholomew's
Church, Foston repair fund*



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