



13th April- 20th April 2026

Services Across The Benefice

Thursday 16th April

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

Sunday 19th April

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

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

Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 Flowers

It was good to see the cheerful flowers in church over Easter. Thank you to all who helped arrange the flowers and contributed towards the cost- Diana Lee



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*

Illustrations include a butterfly in the top left, a snail in the bottom left, a shovel in the bottom right, and a pot with soil in the bottom right.

LOOSE CHANGE APPEAL

Where is 2026 going? Here we are already at the end of March and the clocks are now in summer mode !! The donations placed into the Loose Change Jar during March are £22.34

making the total banked to date **£1722.60**

Whilst a lot of effort is quite rightly put into raising the big money required for the major repairs the church is still faced with doing the everyday maintenance. A small group of volunteers can carry out a lot of this work keeping the cost down to materials in the main – that cost being covered in the main by the Loose Change donations.

Please continue to donate your loose change.

MONDAY EVENING "FILM" CLUB

We are looking for some new people to join our small friendly group which meets at The Water Tower every Monday 7.30-9pm. As we have caught up with all the available episodes of The Chosen, we are going to study one of the gospels together. We welcome people new to Bible study but also any experienced scholars too. It is always interesting to share insights and support each other in our faith Journeys. The start of this new group will be on 13th April.

For further details please speak to Sally or Stephen Bailey

07969103993 or 07970738760

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

Vocations Event

Dear friends, as spring begins, I draw your attention to a couple of things:

Rather than offer a central vocations event this year, the diocese has organised 3 more local days for people wanting to explore their calling.

The first session will be in Leicester Forest East on 25th April, the second in Kibworth on 16th May and the third will take place on 6th June. They haven't secured a venue for the third date but are looking for somewhere in the north/east of the Diocese.

Journey in Faith Course 2026/7

The Journey in Faith Course continues to deepen faith and grow vocations. The Diocese are running a new course starting in September.

Please speak to Cam or Richard if you are interested.

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 😊

Future Event for the diary

RAISING FUNDS FOR ST ANDREWS CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

FEATURING BANDS
BLUE DRAGON ILLUSION
SIENNA ACOUSTIC

MUSIC NIGHT
SAVE OUR CHURCH

APRIL '10
7PM | @ST ANDREW CHURCH
TICKETS ON DOOR

LOCATION:
ST ANDREWS
MAIN ST, COUNTTESTHORPE

BRING YOUR OWN DRINK
£5 OR £250 CONC

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An Hour with God

St Andrew's Church, Countesthorpe

Date : Sunday 3rd May

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.....

Christian Aid week



The Rainbow Shop Spring Fair in aid of Christian Aid week will be on the 9th May 10am-1pm. There will be plenty to enjoy from Tombola's, Raffles, bacon butties, cakes sales, craft sales to jewellery stalls, book, toys and clothes sales. All proceed will be to Christian Aid.

Turntable Junction 2026

Another great lineup!



Live Music
Good Company
Relaxed Atmosphere
Variety of Artists and Styles

Pay cash on the door £5.00
Bring your own refreshments

Saturday
June 27th

St Andrew's Church
Main Street, Countesthorpe
7.00 – 10.00PM

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