



27th April- 4th May 2026

Services Across The Benefice

Thursday 30th April

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

Sunday 3rd May

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

Welcomer: Christine R

Readings: Kathryn C

Refreshments: TBC

Readings: Acts 7:55- End & John 14:1-14

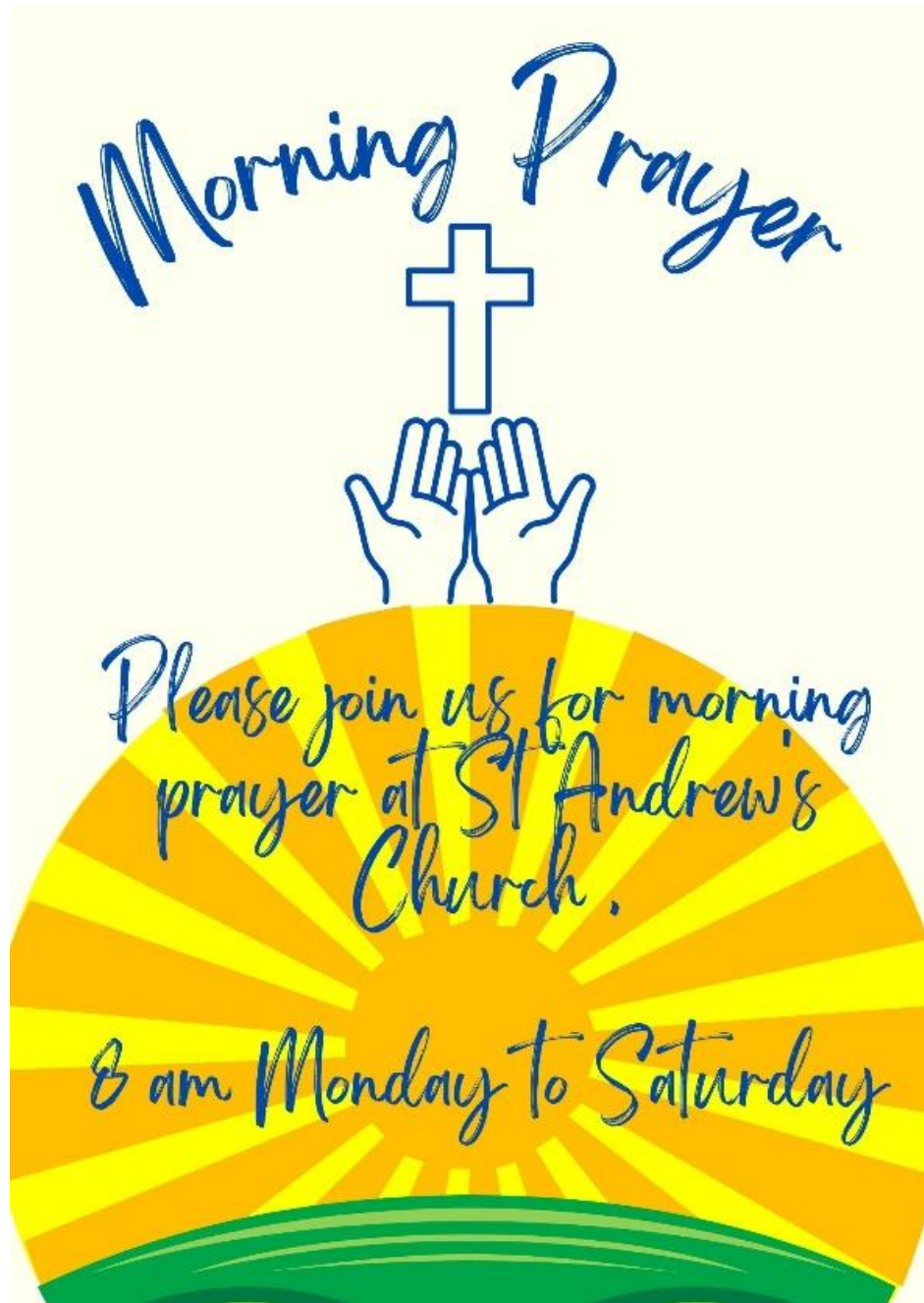
11am @ St Mary's Church, Willoughby Waterleys (Holy Communion)

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome
death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds
good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good
effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
(APCM)**

SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026

10.30am in St Andrew's Church

ELECTIONS

At the Meeting of Parishioners

Two Churchwardens

Completed nomination forms to be given/sent to the Rector or Secretary before the meeting

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Two Deanery Synod Representatives

to serve for **three years**

Nine PCC Members

five to serve for **three years**

and, to fill vacancies,

two to serve for **two years** and **two** for **one year**

up to four Deputy Churchwardens

(one-year term of office)

*Nominations for Deanery Synod, PCC and
Deputy Churchwardens close
on Sunday 10 May*

Nomination forms available at the back of church or ask

Eva Morris, PCC Secretary:

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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

Mothers' Union

The next meeting of Mothers' Union will take place on Tuesday 5th May in The Bridge at 2.30 pm. Our speaker will be Eileen Payne, a Mothers' Union Trustee, sharing with us, her work with AFIA which is Away from It All Holidays for under privileged children. Please come and join us.

Margaret Watts.

Children Taking Communion

We would love to invite any children who are interested in taking Holy Communion to register their interest with Cam or Richard. We are hoping to run a short course of sessions on a Sunday to help children understand the meaning, importance, and significance of Communion, so that they can take part with confidence and a deeper awareness of what they are doing. If this is something your child may be interested in, please do get in touch—we would be delighted to support them on this special step in their faith journey.

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

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 is 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 £25,500 😊

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

RIDE & STRIDE-12 SEPTEMBER 2026

Please book this date in your diary.

Last year there was a small number of church members who raised money for our Church Restoration Fund by either walking, cycling or taking a bus from church to church.

Can we get a greater number of people joining this event this year? Why not make it a Family Fun Day out and visit as many churches as you can during the day.

Further information will follow over the coming months including a list of the churches that will be open on the day.

Geoff & Karen Kirk

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