



11th May-18th May 2026

Services Across The Benefice

Thursday 14th May

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

Sunday 17th May

9am @ St Andrew's Church, Countesthorpe (Holy Communion)
Followed by the APCM

Welcomer: Christine

Readings: Rachel

Refreshments: Jacqui & Jacky

Readings: Acts 1:6-14 & John 17:1-11

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

Collect

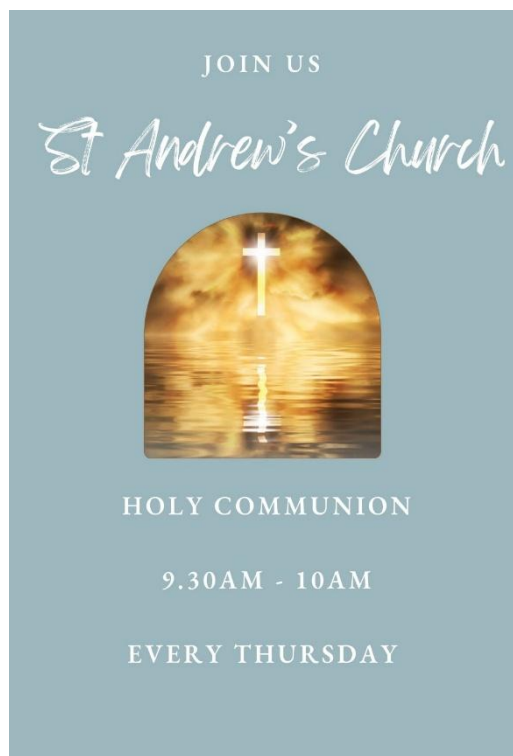
O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, 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



Thursday Morning Communion



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:***

eva.morris@btinternet.com

0116 277 4622

TALKS AT THE TOWER

YES! SUE REBIS IS BACK

Saturday 23rd May 10.30-12 at the Water Tower

Many of you benefited from her gifted teaching in December for our advent course, so she has kindly agreed to some more of her illustrated talks at our home. She will be looking at encounters with Jesus, the first one being the woman with the bleeding disorder

Refreshments will be provided.

Please let us know if you can come, to aid planning, but do just turn up if you find last minute you are able to come.

Stephen Bailey 07970738760

Loose Change Appeal

Where is 2026 going? Here we already at the end of March and the clocks are now in summer mode !! The donations placed in to the Loose Change Jar during April are: £37.00, making the total banked to date **£1757.60**

Whilst a lot of effort is quite rightly being 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 is able to 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.

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.

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 😊

Christian Aid week



Christian Aid Spring fair in The Rainbow Shop and Bridge

Saturday 9th May 10-1

Christian Aid week starts 10th may. Many of you remember going around door to door with CA envelopes and then experiencing the anxiety of going back to collect them. Some happy encounters, and some hiding away, or even rude responses. However, it was all worth it usually collecting over £1000 for this well-established charity and a wonderful witness of our faith.

Since Covid and continuing growth of our village and fewer able-bodied volunteers, this collection has stopped. Instead, we have put our energy into the Spring Fair instead, great relief for most of us.

So please support the Spring Fair, there are bacon rolls, cake, craft, book, jewellery, toy and plant stalls plus tombola and raffle, with extra clothes on sale in the shop.

Many thanks

Sally

If anyone would like to donate for the Tombola prizes,
please see Christine Root- Thank you 😊

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.

Make a note

COMMUNION LESSONS FOR CHILDREN



6th & 20th September @ 3pm
The Vicarage in Whetstone



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