



4th May-11th May 2026

Services Across The Benefice

Thursday 7th May

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

Sunday 10th May

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

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

Welcomer: Paula W

Readings: Gail M

Refreshments: Sue & Jill

Readings: Acts 17:22-31 & John 14:15-21

Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his
death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he
may raise us to eternal joy; 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

**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

Special Birthday!

We'd also like to share a special notice: Ted Root will be celebrating his 106th birthday on the 24th of May! Ted is Christine Root's relative and a much-loved former member of St Andrew's—many of you will remember him arriving at church on his electric scooter. It would be wonderful if we could help make his day extra special by sending him a birthday card. Cards can be sent to Cherrytree Care Home.

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.

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.

Hello St Andrews

Sally and I use Octopus energy to supply our gas and electricity. Their prices are very competitive and have great customer support. If you have an electric Car the overnight charging rate is very low. If you have a phone with an APP it will tell you lots of information on your usage etc. If I recommend a new customer I receive £50 and you receive £50. If you decide to move over to Octopus energy and mention my name, when we receive the £50 from Octopus energy we will donate it to the Church rebuilding project.

Kind Regards, Stephen Bailey

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



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.

Geoff & Karen Kirk

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