



13th July- 20th July 2026

Services Across The Benefice

Thursday 16th July

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

Sunday 19th July

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

Welcomer: Christine

Reading: Rachel

Refreshments: Liz, Jill & Sue

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

Collect

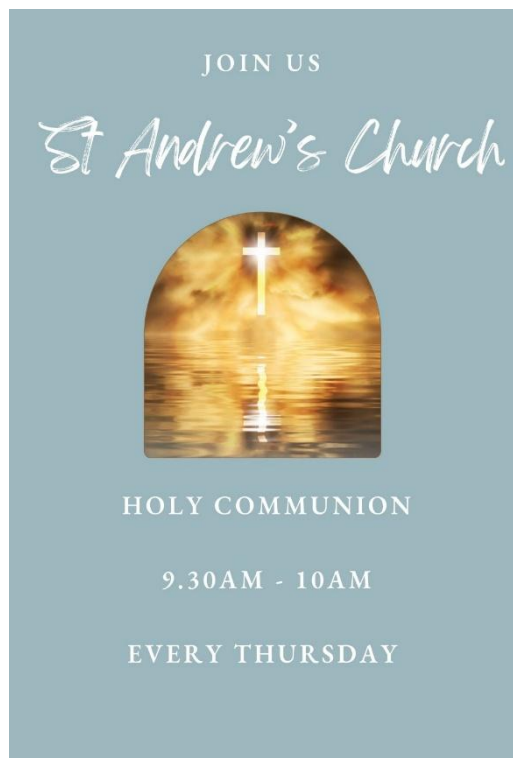
Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the
same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns
with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Morning Prayer

Please join us for morning prayer Monday- Saturday 8am- 8.30am



Thursday Morning Communion



NOTICES

As we look to the rest of the year ahead, our long-serving churchwarden, secretary, and treasurer are preparing to step down after many faithful years of service. Their dedication has been a blessing, and we are deeply grateful for all they have given. Their departure leaves us with an important invitation: to consider whether God might be calling us to step forward. Many of us feel tired or unsure what we could offer, yet God often works through ordinary people who simply make themselves available. These roles are not just administrative tasks—they are ministries that help our church remain healthy, hopeful, and ready for the future. No one would be left unsupported; training and companionship would be offered throughout. Please pray, reflect, and listen for God's gentle prompting. Even a small stirring of willingness may be the beginning of something life-giving for you and for our church.

Richard

Volunteers Needed – Cornerstone Decorating

We are looking for a few volunteers to help decorate the Cornerstone in July. It's a simple way to contribute to the life of our church and help keep the building looking welcoming and well cared for.

If you can spare some time and would like to get involved, please contact Anne Jelves.

All Saint's Church, Peatling Magna Coffee Morning

Please join us on the first Saturday of every month for our Coffee Morning, we have cakes, bacon cobs and a book Stall. All in aid of church funds, 10-12pm 😊

*****Domestic Abuse Awareness Training*****

Friday 22nd August | 10:00am – 1:00pm

The Bridge

We are pleased to be hosting a **Domestic Abuse Awareness Training** session on **Friday 22nd August** from **10.00am to 1.00pm** at **The Bridge**. Refreshments will be provided.

This is an excellent opportunity to complete your training in a friendly, face-to-face environment, particularly if you find online training difficult or aren't confident using computers. The session will guide you through everything you need to know, with support available throughout.

Domestic abuse awareness is an important part of safeguarding, helping us to recognise the signs, respond appropriately, and support those who may be affected.

To book your place, please contact Emma Adams as soon as possible.

Safeguarding- IMPORTANT!

As Safeguarding Officer, I would like to thank all those who generously give their time to volunteer across our churches. Your contribution is greatly valued and helps our churches to flourish.

However, safeguarding training and DBS requirements are not optional; they are an essential part of keeping children, young people and vulnerable adults safe.

I would also ask all volunteers to take personal responsibility for ensuring their safeguarding training and DBS requirements are kept up to date. With a large number of volunteers across the Benefice, it is not practical for safeguarding officers to continually chase individuals for compliance. Please respond promptly to requests and complete any outstanding requirements as soon as possible.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and your cooperation helps us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for all.

Emma Adams

Home Bakers Needed for the Garden Party!

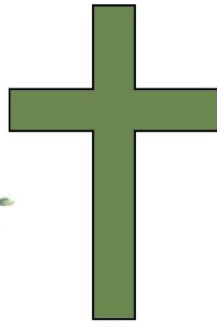
Can you help make our Garden Party a great success? We're looking for volunteers to bake **homemade cakes and scones** for the event. If you're able to help, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church. Whether you can bake one item or several, every contribution will be greatly appreciated. If you could also donate a tombola prize, there is a box at the back of church 😊

Restoration Project

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 £30,000 😊

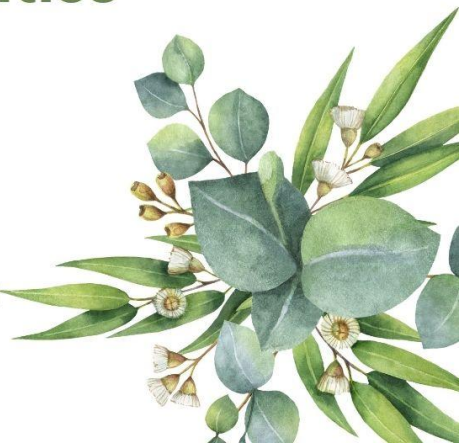


**Please join us for a Garden Party at
St Andrew's Church, Countesthorpe,
LE8 5QX**

Sunday 26th July from 2.30pm

**Craft and Gift Stalls, Cream Teas,
Tombolla, Bookstall , Face Painting and
Children's Activities**

**Proceeds to St Andrew's Church
Restoration Fund**



Loose Change Appeal

The donations made in the Loose Change Jar during June are **£25.00**

making the total banked to date **£1805.60**

The saying is 'every little helps' and that is the case so please continue to donate your loose change. Although the monthly amount doesn't seem very much (some have said it's not worth the effort) looking at the £1805 to me says it has very much been worth the effort.

So yes, please keep placing your loose change into the jar in church and it will continue to be helpful in many ways.

Wedding Vows

Stephen and I are renewing our wedding vows to celebrate 40 years of marriage on 26 July during the 11 am service. We know many people will be busy preparing for the garden party in the afternoon, but it would be good to see you to help us celebrate.

Many thanks
Sally

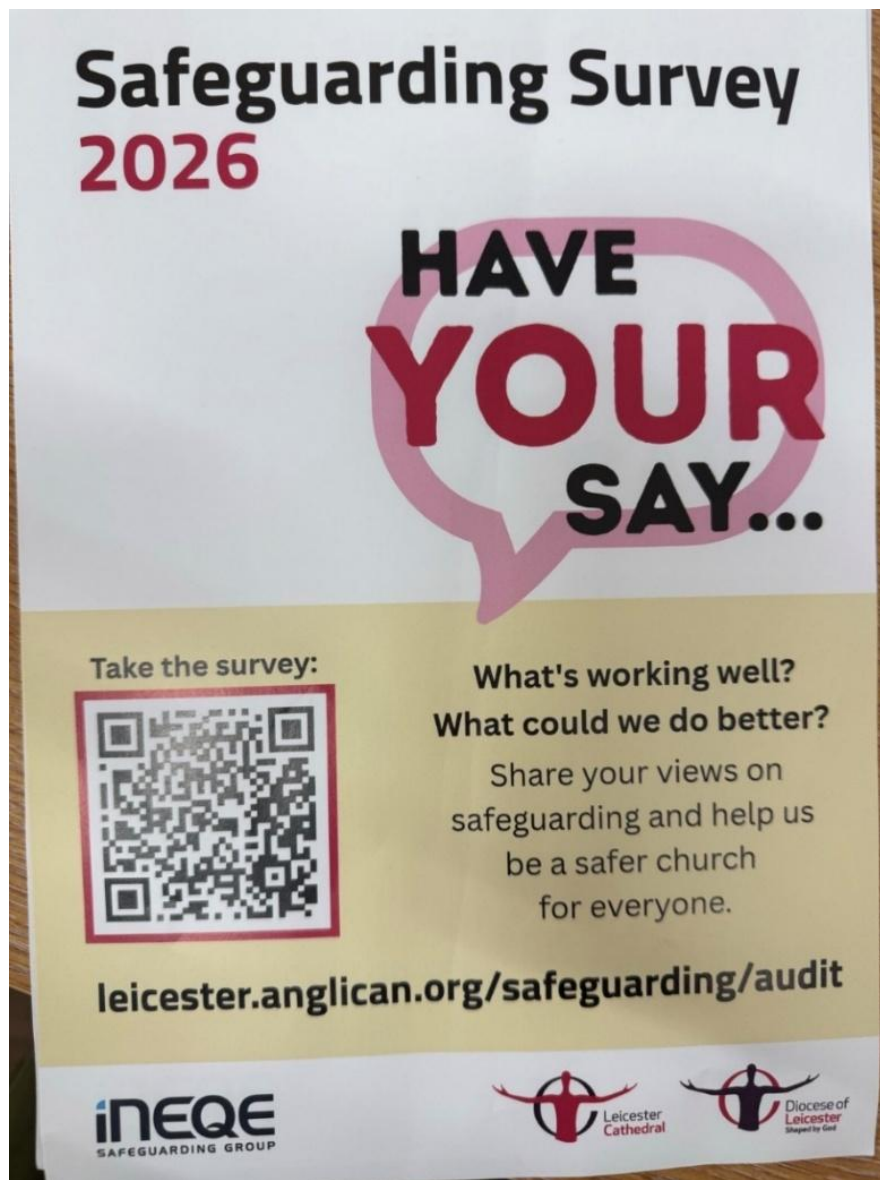
Kids Group

Kids group at the 9am Services is now finished for the summer for all our amazing volunteers to have a rest. The group will be starting up again on the 6th September which we will all be looking forward to. To welcome everyone back the group will be holding a brunch in The Bridge after church on the 6th September for the children, parents and leaders- Have a great Summer all 😊

We need your input!

Our Safeguarding Survey is now open, and we encourage everyone to take part. The feedback you provide will directly help shape improvements across the Benefice and strengthen our safeguarding practices.

Please take a few moments to complete the survey by scanning the barcode or visiting the website– every response counts.



**Safeguarding Survey
2026**

**HAVE
YOUR
SAY...**

Take the survey:



**What's working well?
What could we do better?**

Share your views on
safeguarding and help us
be a safer church
for everyone.

leicester.anglican.org/safeguarding/audit

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