



31st August – 7th September 2026

Services Across The Benefice

Thursday 3rd September

NO SERVICE

Sunday 6th September

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

Welcomer: Christine

Readings: Amy

Refreshments:

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

Collect

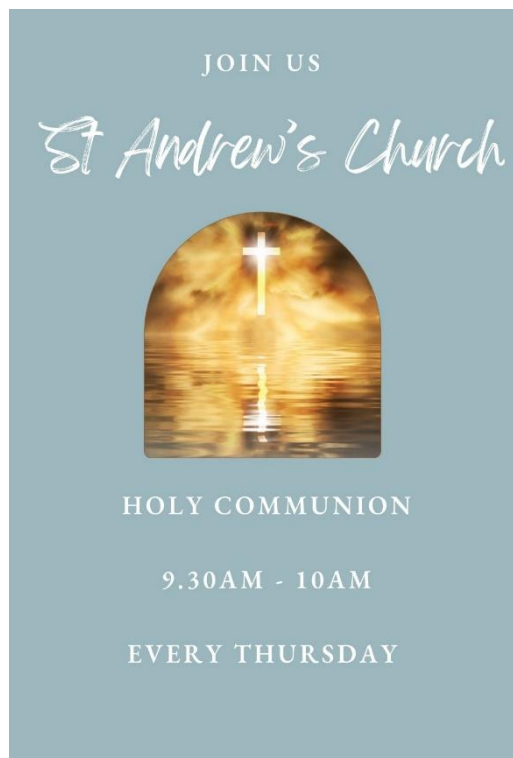
Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Morning Prayer

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



Thursday Morning Communion



NOTICES

Changes to Services

Please note that there will be no Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer from 26 August to 9 September inclusive. There will also be no Holy Communion on Thursday 3 September. Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to welcoming you back to our usual pattern of services.

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 😊

MOTHERS' UNION

The next Mothers' Union Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st September at 2.30 pm in The Bridge. The speaker will be P.C.S.O. Kirsty Reid, giving an overview of her valued work within our community. Please come and join us, all are welcome.

Margaret Watts.

Book Stop

I am hoping to start Book Stop in church soon. It will be a place where you can borrow books, purchase books and all donations will go to the Restoration Fund. There will also be home group resources, DVDs etc. If anyone has a bookcase, they no longer need, perhaps you would consider donating it so I can set everything up. If anyone would like to help me that would be brilliant. Thank you, Gail

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

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 😊

Please Could You Donate £10 to Buy a Ukrainian Bible?

My brother, Tom Hedges, Focal Minister at St Mary's Church, Hogsthorpe, Skegness, has organised a collection through his group of churches in Lincolnshire to support Ukraine. They are sending much-needed practical supplies, including dressings, tourniquets and analgesics—all items specifically requested by those working on the front line. They are currently busy purchasing and organising the delivery of these supplies. Tom then received an email from the Bible Society offering Ukrainian Bibles at a cost of £10 each. He felt that it would be wonderful to send some Bibles alongside the practical aid, providing not only physical help but spiritual encouragement and support to serving soldiers. We will be supporting Tom in this initiative and, following his visit to us on 26th July, I wanted to offer our church family the opportunity to join him in this venture.

Would you consider donating £10 to provide a Ukrainian Bible for a serving soldier? Every Bible will be sent with the practical aid being collected for Ukraine.

If you would like to take part or would like further details, please contact me. Many thanks,

Sally Bailey, 07969 103993

St Andrew's Church Coffee Morning



Saturday 29th August

10am-12noon



Join us for Coffee, Cakes ,
Bacon Cobs & Bookstall

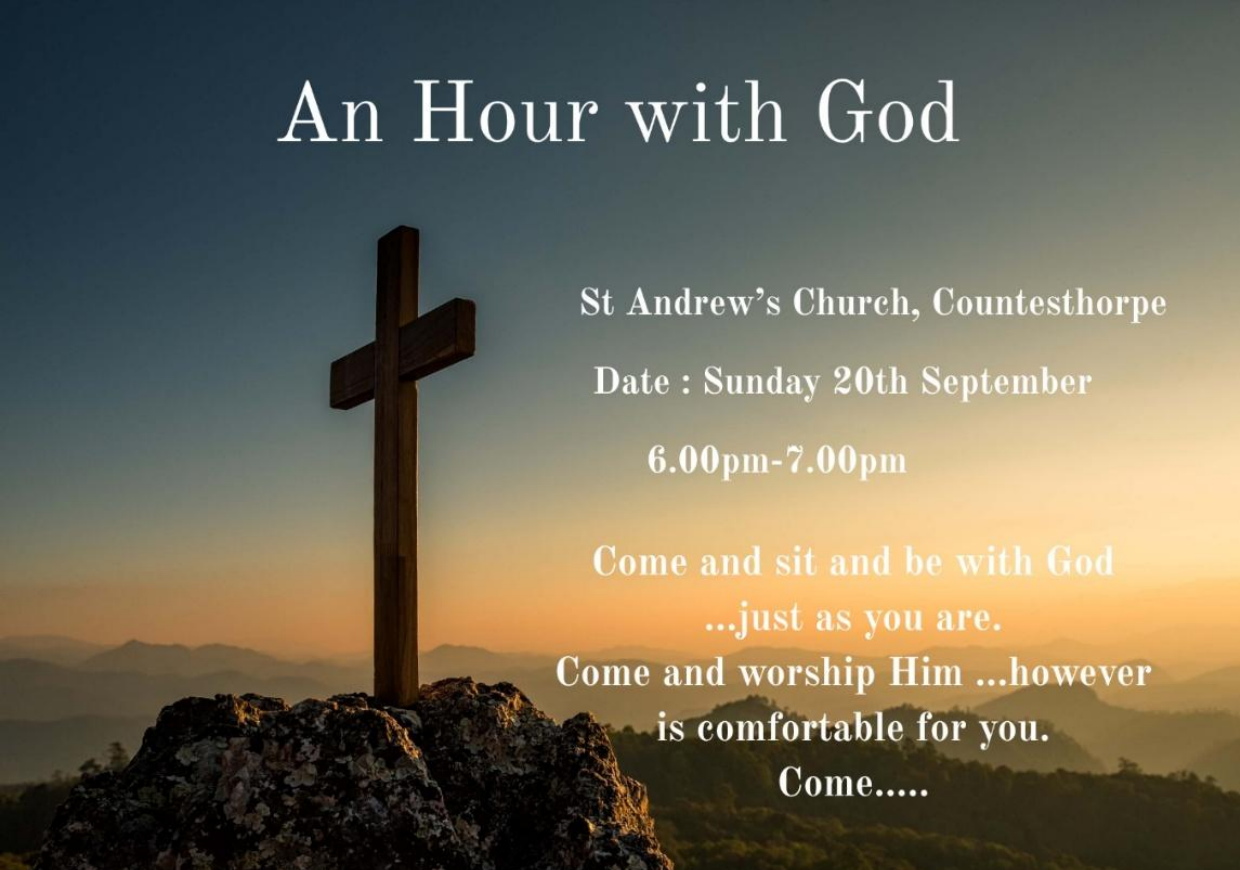


The Bridge, Countesthorpe

In aid of St Andrew's Church Restoration fund

RIDE & STRIDE 12 SEPTEMBER 2026

We are now just **3 weeks** away from this year's Ride and Stride event. St Andrew's will be open again this year and we are looking for support in several ways. Participants Sponsorship for participants. Stewards manning St Andrew's to greet visitors. A list is at the back of church, please add your name. A list of all the churches and chapels participating in this event will be placed onto the board in church along with sponsor forms. Why not make this a family day out and visit as many buildings as you can using the list. St Andrews will receive 50% of all sponsor money raised with the balance going to Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust. Because we are supporting this event we are entitled to ask for financial support for the repairs we need to carry out and to that effect Emma has obtained an application form. If you need to know any more, please speak to either Karen or Geoff.



An Hour with God

St Andrew's Church, Countesthorpe

Date : Sunday 20th September

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.....

The Friends of St Bartholomew's
Church, Foston invite you to a invite
you to a

QUIZ NIGHT

7pm for an 7.30pm prompt start

To be held at
Countesthorpe
Village Hall

Teams of Six
£5 per person
to include a Prize Draw



Please register your team with
Michael at mwright249@aol.com

Number of teams limited

Raising funds for St Bartholomew's
Church

Everyone is Welcome



FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

Journey in Faith Course 2026/27

Looking to grow in your Christian faith? Journey in Faith is a three-term course offering time, space and companionship to grow in your knowledge of the Christian faith, deepen your relationship with God and explore how to live out your faith in everyday life.

Introductory Session:



Saturday 26 September | 9.30am–12.30pm



St Martins House

Course groups will run on Tuesday evenings in Frisby on the Wreake, Wednesday evenings in Western Park, Leicester, and Thursday evenings in Market Harborough.

For more information: Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org

To book: MMBookings@LeicesterCofE.org

A suggested donation of £40 per term covers course costs.

Tickets on sale now!

St Andrew's Church Countesthorpe

HARVEST

Supper

**WEDNESDAY 7TH
OCTOBER**

Starts at 7pm in Church

TICKETS £7.50

CONTACT CHRISTINE ROOT
07773058672

**Please bring a
drink, bowl, plate, glass,
knife, fork & spoon.**

JEWEL 2026 – Shine Women's Christian Conference ✨

Join women from across the county and beyond for a wonderful day of **worship, sound biblical teaching, inspiring talks and fellowship.**

June is attending and has two spare seats in her car for anyone who would like to join her.



JEWEL 2026 – Shine Women's Christian Conference



Tickets and full details: [Eventbrite – JEWEL 2026](#)

Saturday 10 October 2026 | 9.30am–4.30pm

A lovely opportunity to worship together, be encouraged and connect with other Christian women. ❤️

St Andrew's Art Exhibition

- This year will be on the weekend of 13th to 15th November.
- Half of the proceeds will go to an Alzheimer's charity and half to the Church Building Fund
- The **Cheese, Wine and Art evening** will be on the Saturday 14th, with refreshments also served throughout the weekend. Please consider bringing your own art and invite your friends and neighbours to join us. This year, as well as painting, we'd love to see a whole range of mediums: from fabric to clay, printing, wood, digital and more. Nearer the time we will ask for some volunteers to help with setting up, serving refreshments etc. Hoping this will be a very enjoyable community event! Any questions, please contact Michelle Watkiss. Many thanks, Michelle

STAYING SAFE

When Using Tradespeople

PROTECT YOUR HOME & YOURSELF
FROM **ROGUE TRADERS**



BEFORE YOU AGREE TO ANY WORK:



GET AT LEAST THREE WRITTEN QUOTES

Where possible, compare prices and what's included.



ASK FOR PERSONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Ask friends, family or neighbours if they have used someone they would recommend.



CHECK ONLINE REVIEWS & BUSINESS DETAILS

Look for genuine reviews and check the business has a real address and contact details.



TAKE YOUR TIME

Never feel pressured into making an immediate decision. A reputable tradesperson will always allow you time to think.



BE CAUTIOUS OF UNEXPECTED CALLERS

Be wary of anyone who knocks at your door unexpectedly offering to do work.



HAND NO MONEY OVER UNTIL THE JOB IS DONE

Never pay upfront. Agree a payment schedule and only pay when you are happy with the completed work.



ALWAYS ASK FOR A WRITTEN INVOICE OR RECEIPT

This protects you and helps if there are any problems later.



TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If something doesn't feel right, don't be afraid to say "No thank you."

If you are unsure, speak to someone you trust.

Need a Second Opinion?



If you are ever unsure about a quotation, a tradesperson, or simply want a second opinion, please don't hesitate to ask.

**CONTACT STEPHEN BAILEY
ANY TIME BY PHONE OR TEXT**

or anyone else in Church if you need contact information regarding local trust worthy trades people.

**Stephen Bailey
07970 738760**



USEFUL NUMBERS

**citizens
advice**

Citizens Advice

For guidance on your consumer rights and dealing with rogue traders.

☎ 0808 223 1133 | www.citizensadvice.org.uk



Trading Standards

Can investigate reports of unfair trading and scams.

☎ 03454 04 05 06

**Action
Fraud**

Action Fraud

If you believe a fraud or scam has taken place, report it.

☎ 0300 123 2040 | www.actionfraud.police.uk



Please note: The church does not recommend or endorse individual tradespeople. We are happy to offer support and a second opinion if you are unsure.



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