



26th Oct- 2nd Nov 2026

Services Across The Benefice

Thursday 29th October

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

Sunday 1st November

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

Welcomer: Christine

Readings: Amy

Refreshments: Amy & Kathryn

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

Collect

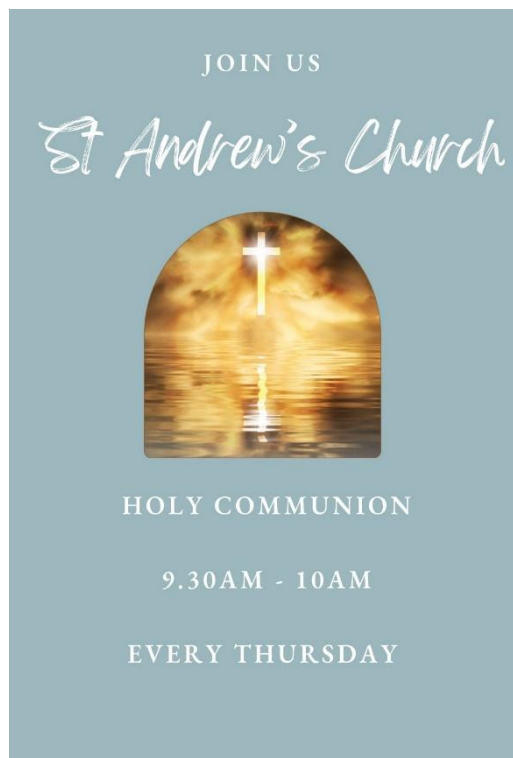
Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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

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 😊

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 £37,767

BOOK STOP

Please do have a look at the books for sale or to borrow. The books cover many different themes including Prayer, Reflections, Poetry etc. There are many Christian CDs and some beautiful DVDs with stunning scenery set to famous hymns. There are also some Christian cards, small prayer cards and bookmarks. All donations go to the Restoration Fund. I also have resources for small groups but now there isn't space to display them so do speak to me if you're interested in having a look. Thank you, Gail.

Shoebox Appeal

My children's school, Kilby School, is taking part in the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal, run by Blythswood Care, a Christian charity that brings hope and practical help to people in need. The Baptist Church also takes part in this wonderful appeal, and I thought it would be lovely if we could get involved and help too!

I will be leaving a collection box outside the church office for anyone who would like to donate some items to help fill the shoeboxes. The items needed include:

- Toothbrushes
- Bars of soap
- Underwear and socks
- Hats, gloves and scarves
 - Sweets
- Toys and small gifts

Donations need to be in by Friday 30th October.

If you have anything you could spare, I would be so grateful. Even a small donation can help bring a smile to someone's face and share a little kindness and joy this Christmas.

Thank you so much for your support!

Emma

New Noticeboards Dedicated at St Andrew's

On Sunday 11th October, we were pleased to dedicate our new noticeboards at St Andrew's Church, giving thanks for two very special people whose memories will continue to be part of our church community.

One noticeboard is dedicated to the memory of **James Mackley (Jim)**, much-loved husband of Gail Mackley and remembered as a faithful servant of God. The other is dedicated to the loving memory of **David and Sally Hodges' parents of Sally Bailey**, who is fondly remembered by our church family.

These dedications are a lovely reminder of the people who have been part of our church's story and the lasting impact they have had on those around them. As the noticeboards display news, events and information about church life, they will also serve as a lasting tribute to those remembered through them.

We give thanks for the love behind these dedications and for the opportunity to remember those who are deeply missed but never forgotten.



Dedicated to the memory of James Mackley (Jim).
Much loved husband and faithful servant of God.
Deeply missed but never forgotten.



A MORNING OF

Christmas

TREASURES

SHOP ♥ SIP ♥ SUPPORT

Join us for a relaxed morning of festive shopping, delicious refreshments and great company.

Saturday 31st October
9.30am – 12.30pm
The Bridge, Countesthorpe

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— FEATURING STALLS FROM —



Beyond a Gift



Gilly's Christmas Emporium



Tracey Louise



Cards by Stem Glass Design



Very Shabby Very Chic



Second Hand Book Stall

— ♥ —

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

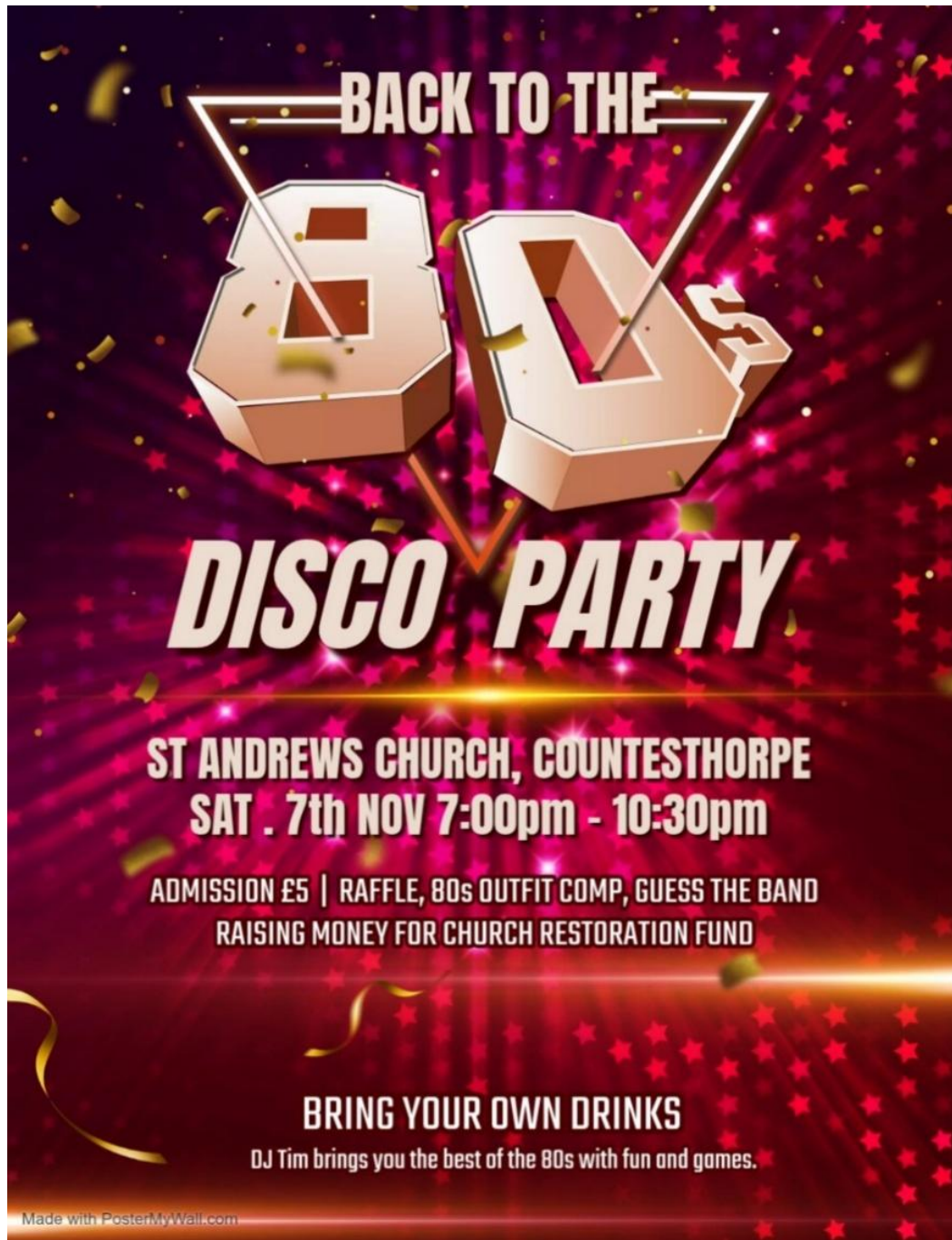


In aid of
**St Andrew's Church
Restoration Fund**





Disco Time



Remembrance Day Service



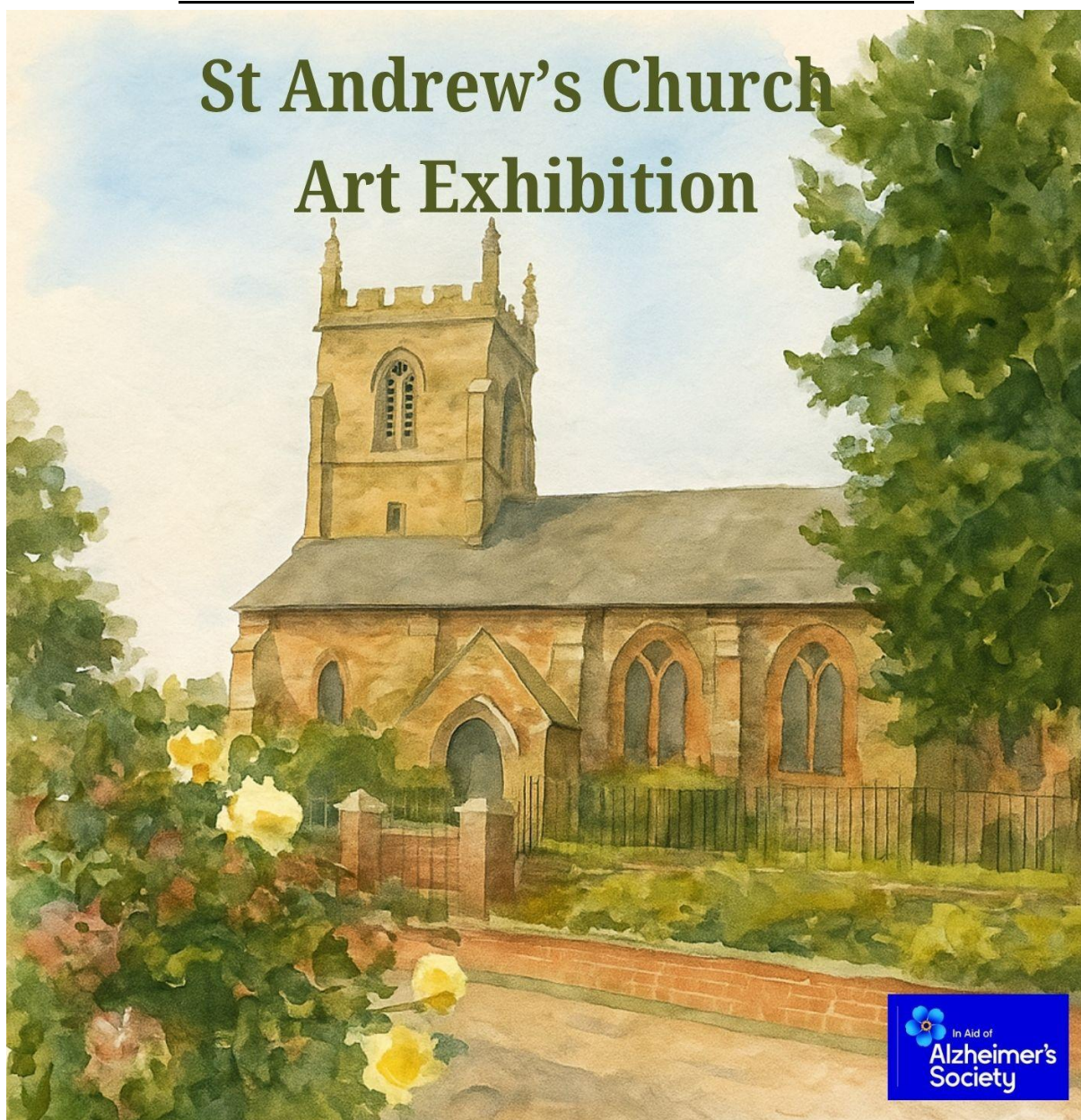
@ St Andrew's Churchyard
Countesthorpe

Sunday 8th November
10.50am



St Andrew's Art Exhibition 14th-15th November

St Andrew's Church Art Exhibition



Free Entry, All Welcome

Saturday 14th November 10am - 3pm

Sunday 15th November 10:30am -12.30pm



**Enjoy arts and refreshments in Church,
In aid of Alzheimer's Society and
St Andrew's Church Restoration fund.**

St Andrew's Church

Cheese, Wine & Art Evening

Saturday 14th November

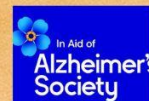
7.00pm - 9.30pm

Tickets £15.00

In support of Alzheimer's Society and St Andrew's
Church Restoration fund.

For tickets, contact:

Michelle Watkiss jmichellewatkiss@gmail.com or
the church office: standrewsoffice@hotmail.co.uk





ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
COUNTETHORPE



SERVICE OF LIGHT

Memories

An afternoon of remembrance,
love and light



A special service to remember those we have
loved and lost, to give thanks for their lives,
and to treasure the memories they have
left with us.

Saturday 28th November 2026
3.00pm

St Andrew's Church,
Countesthorpe

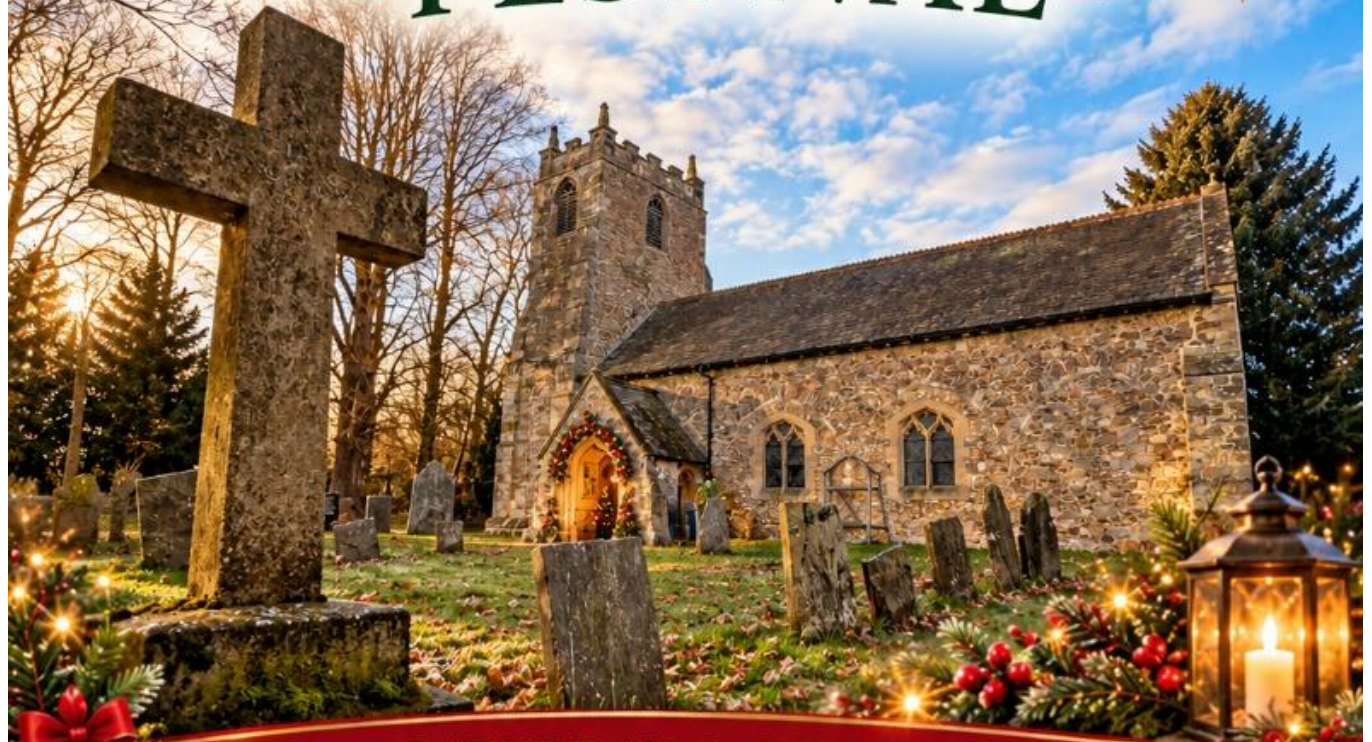
*"Thank you for
the memories."*

EVERYONE IS WARMLY WELCOME



ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH
FOSTON

Christmas Tree FESTIVAL



SATURDAY & SUNDAY
5TH & 6TH DECEMBER 2026
10.00AM – 4.00PM

*Admire a stunning display of decorated trees
in our beautiful historic 10th century church.*

**FREE
ENTRY**



**ENTER OUR
RAFFLE**

*Win one of our luxury
Christmas hampers*



**FESTIVE
REFRESHMENTS**

*Warm up with
mulled wine & mince pies*



**SUPPORTING
OUR CHURCH**

*Proceeds help maintain
our historic church*

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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