



5th Oct- 12th Oct 2026

Services Across The Benefice

Thursday 8th October

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

Sunday 11th October

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

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

Welcomer: TBC

Readings: Gail

Refreshments: Liz & Gill

Collect

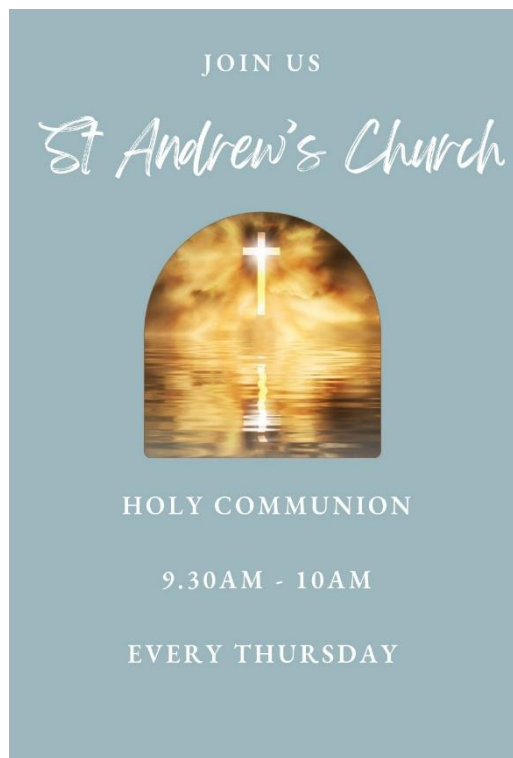
O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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 £36,000

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of Mothers' Union will be our Annual Rally. This event will take place in Church on Tuesday 6th October at 2.30 pm. The speaker will be Elaine Macmanard from Home Start Horizons. Please come and join us, all are welcome. Refreshments will be served after the service. Margaret Watts.



Upcycling

Do you have any old or unused tools, gardening equipment etc you would like to move on and see them being used? I met a friend recently who told me that she and her husband collect old and unused tools etc and send them through a Christian group to Africa to help villagers across the continent. Tools that are in need of repair are given to a group of youngsters who are being taught the skills to repair damaged and broken items giving these young people a useful role in their communities. If you have any items you want to move on then please speak to Geoff who will be pleased to relieve you of unwanted items. P.S. Our friends have just let me know they are now able to take old sewing machines and associated kit



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

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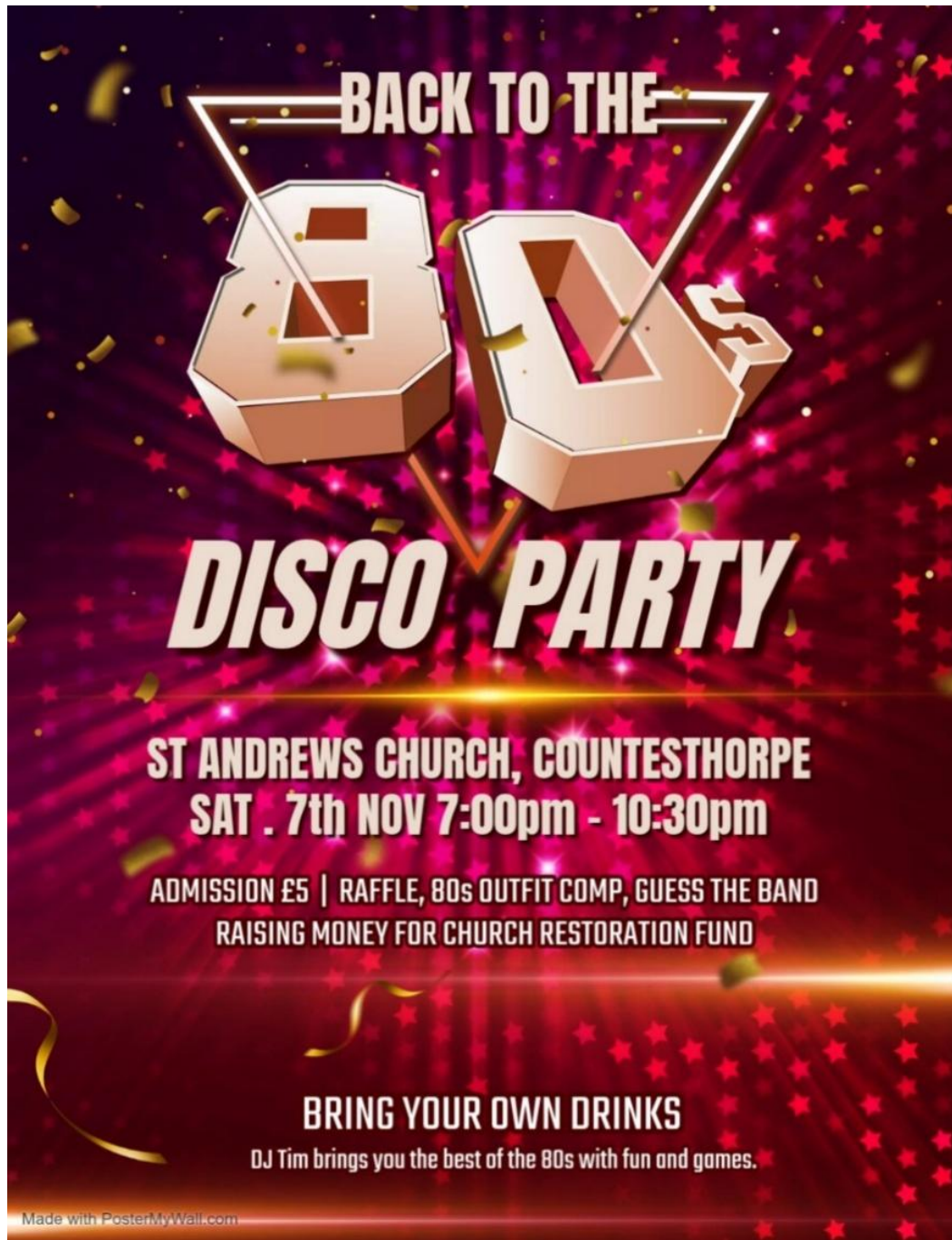
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

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

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Disco Time



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

In support of Alzheimer's society and the St Andrew's Building Restoration Project. Remember to invite friends in the village or family members to join our exhibition. We ask you to select just one piece each this year and invite you to provide a title and a short description of what the work shows and the inspiration behind it.

- Posters will soon show more details!
- Forms to provide details of your art will soon be at the back of church, or ask Michelle 07926706445 jmichellewatkiss@gmail.com
- There will also be a sign-up sheet at the back of church for offers to help with the exhibition.

We hope this will be an opportunity to come together and show our support for those in our community who are affected by Alzheimer's, as well as supporting our building fund. Any questions, please contact Michelle

Support for Ukraine

If you are visiting **Aldi or Lidl**, where these items are particularly inexpensive, please consider picking up **paracetamol and/or ibuprofen** whenever you shop. Donations can be placed in the **collection box at church**, and Stephen Bailey will collect them and pass them on to our friends, who will take them to the Ukrainian Centre in Leicester. If you would like to donate any of the other items on the list, these would also be very much appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity and support. ❤️



WINTER AID COLLECTION FOR THE ARMED FORCES OF UKRAINE

Together we can make a difference! ♥

Small things
bring big
warmth! ♥



FOOD

- Instant soups / porridge
- Energy / protein bars
- Nuts and dried fruit
- Tinned meat and fish
- Tinned ready meals



WARM CLOTHING AND ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- Thermal underwear
- Thermal / very warm socks
- Warm hats and gloves
- Fleece tops
- Neck warmers / scarves
- Warm insoles
- Hand and body warmers
- Thermal blankets
- Winter sleeping bag



MEDICINES AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES

- Fever-reducing medicines
- Painkillers
- Mucolytics and cough remedies
- Antihistamines
- Sorbents
- Antiseptic wipes
- Eye drops / eye-washing solutions
- Sore throat remedies
- Gargling solutions



A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FOR OUR DEFENDERS

- Letters and drawings from children — to boost morale and remind our service members of our gratitude and that they are remembered.



OTHER ESSENTIALS

- Wellington boots
- Warm winter specialist clothing, such as Level 7 or equivalent



IMPORTANT:

All items must be new and suitable for use. Food and medicines must have a valid use-by / expiry date.



Together for Ukraine ♥



WE ARE COLLECTING HUMANITARIAN AID FOR UKRAINIAN ARMED FORCES (UAF)

*Gift warmth to our defenders
during the winter period!*



*Together we
can support
those who protect
our freedom! ♥*



DONATIONS
accepted

EVERY SATURDAY

starting from 26 September



from 11:00
to 14:00



At the Ukrainian school,
2A Fosse Rd,
Leicester, LE3 0QD

*Thank you to everyone
who joins us! ♥*



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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