



15th April- 22nd April 2024

What's on Where

Welcome to the next week's WOW edition, there is lots going on across the Four Saint's Benefice.

This Week's Services Across The Benefice

Thursday 18th April

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

Sunday 21st April

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

Welcomer- Christine

Reader- Wendy

Refreshments- Jason & Michelle

Readings: Acts 4.5-12 & John 10.11-18

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

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Notices

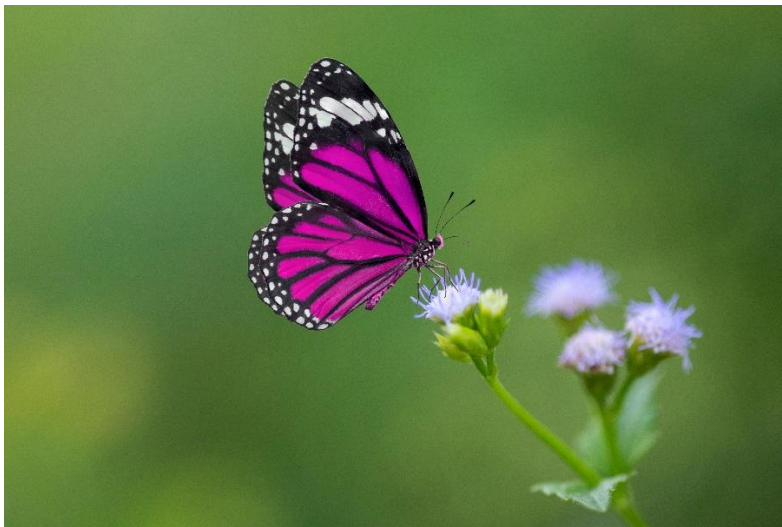
Morning & Evening Prayer

Please join us for morning prayer starting at 8am Tuesday to Saturday at St Andrew's Church. All welcome.

Please join Revd Richard at the vicarage every Wednesday for evening prayer at 5pm. All welcome.

Community Garden

Spend a few moments in the garden. Peaceful, restful- the work of God and the Garden Team.



MESSY CHURCH NEEDS YOU 😊

The numbers attending are increasing - thank you Jesus!
We have a brilliant team, who work very hard to bring news of Jesus to all those who come along.
However, we could really do with some more help - specifically in the areas of Food Preparation and Serving...and ..clearing up the Church and the Bridge afterwards.
Can you offer? A willing heart and an hour or two once per month is all that's required.
If you can, we would be delighted! Please see Helen Stokes or June Ainge for more information. Thank you!

Rector's Visiting

Would you like a visit from Richard? He is very keen to get to know the congregation a little bit better and is very happy to call. There doesn't need to be anything in particular, just an informal chat over a cup of tea. Please contact him on 0116 2780907 or email him on richard.vicarage@gmail.com.

As a side note, if anyone is looking to be confirmed, then please get in touch with Richard on the above contact details.

Mothers Union

Thank you for the donations of the used stamps, mobile phones, ink cartridges and old coins. These have now gone to the next collection point raising money for the Mothers Union funds. It's good to recycle and we are still collecting.

Contact Diana on 0116 2779142

Welcome and Hospitality Training

Richard is looking to conduct a welcome and hospitality training day for church members, if you think you may be interested in this please contact Richard at richard.vicarage@gmail.com

Church Flower Rota for 2024

I am now compiling a new list for the coming year, if you would like to add your name to this list or donate towards the flowers please contact Diana 0116 2779142

Peatling Coffee Morning

Join us for a coffee morning at Peatling on the first Saturday every month, held at the village hall 10am-12pm. Enjoy breakfast rolls, cake and coffee.

Willoughby Breakfast Morning

Join us for a cooked breakfast @ Willoughby Waterleys 9.30-11am. The last Saturday of every month.

For all Bridge Kitchen Users

We have a new fridge thermometer in The Bridge Kitchen. The previous one had been playing up and showing incorrect temperatures. The new one is inside the fridge on a shelf. Please could I ask that the fridge temperature is recorded every time the kitchen is used - even if the fridge isn't being used - as it helps to discern if there are any problems which need to be dealt with quickly.

A small reminder - should any issues be found , please complete the 'Complaints Form' (copies in The Bridge Folder), and hand it in to the office, so that issues can be dealt with as speedily as possible.

Many thanks, June

Book Club/ Film Club

Our book club is morphing into a film club and looking for interested people. Starting on 12th Feb at 7.30 pm at The Water Tower and then every Monday evening thereafter.

We are going to be watching the series The Chosen followed by discussion, drinks and nibbles.

If you would like further information or interested in coming please let me know. Sally 07969103993

Church Flowers

If you would like to join the flower rota or provide money towards the cost of flowers perhaps in memory of family or friends, please contact Diana Lee on 0116 2779142

COUNTESTHORPE COMMUNITY TRUST FUND

Brother, Sister, let me serve you
Let me be as Christ to you

We are pilgrims on a journey
And companions on the road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load

And this is what the Trust has been doing over the last 15 years. However, since the onset of COVID, the Trust has experienced a very large reduction in applications from villagers. We are aware of other

charities who are also having a similar reduction in applications for help over this same period.

This huge reduction is taking place when we are being informed by the media that the cost of living is almost spiralling out of control. If that is the case, why is the Trust not being pushed by families for help

SO FAR IN 2024 WE HAVE HAD NO ENQUIRIES FOR ASSISTANCE !!!.
This is at a time when food banks across the country are struggling to keep up with demand.

We don't have a bottomless pit of money but we would like to see those who are facing hardship being given assistance whilst we are able. If you know of a family where white goods have broken (or other goods or services) and they are unable to purchase a replacement, then please direct them to us.

Application forms are available from the Library, The Rainbow Shop or the Surgery. Alternatively, you can download a copy from the charities page of the Parish Council.

If you would like any further information please contact Geoff Kirk on 07851 399343.

LOOSE CHANGE & SMARTIE TUBE MONTHLY TOTALS

The Loose Change Appeal continues to generate funds which will be used to carry out some of the much needed repairs and maintenance to all St Andrews buildings. The total for March is : -

The Loose Change carboy contained	£30.25
We had no Smartie tubes returned	£0.00

Total £30.25

Whilst the Bridge building was being erected our focus was taken away from the routine maintenance work required by all the other 'St Andrews' Buildings. As a result we now face a lot of maintenance work, some of which we can do ourselves whilst other work will need specialist trade people.

Your loose change will enable us to make sure the work we are able to do ourselves is carried out as soon as we are able and so keep the property in good order, not just for us, but for future generations too.

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