



What's On Where



In the 4 Saints Benefice
7th Aug 2022

Sunday services

Sunday 7th Aug

9am@St Andrew's(HC)

Sides: Diana L

Reader: Karen K

Coffee: Diana L

9.15am@St Bartholomew's(HC)

11am@St Andrew's

Sides: Lynn S

Reader: Gail Mac

Coffee: Liz S

11am@St Mary's

Services next week

Thursday 11th Aug

9.30am@St Andrew's(HC)

Sunday 14th August

9am@St Andrew's(HC)

Sides: Gaynor W

Reader: Wendy C

Coffee: Tracey T

11am@St Andrew's

Sides: Gill G

Reader: Debs P

Coffee: Mike & Sue D

3pm@All Saints(HC)

Collect for this Week

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This weeks Readings

Heb 11.1-3, 8-16

Luke 12. 32-40

Next weeks readings

Heb 11.29-12.2

Luke 12.49-56

Harvest Supper

We are hoping to have a Harvest Supper in St Andrew's church on October 5th at 7.00pm. We are planning to serve hot food so it is very important that we know how many people would be interested.

Please sign the list at the back of the church by September 4th if you wish to come.

What's on next week?

If you spot any mistakes please let Ant know via the office so that he can adjust next weeks event list.

Likewise if your group is changing it's dates, having a break or restarting please let the office know asap.

Thanks

Day	Group	Start Time	Venue
Mon 8th Aug	Friendship tea	2.15pm	The Bridge
	Bellringing	7.00pm	St Andrew's
Tues 9th Aug	Craft Group	1.15pm	The Bridge
	Mafia	7.30pm	The Bridge
Weds 10th Aug	McChat	1.00pm	The Bridge
Thur 11th Aug	Parish Communion	9.30am	St Andrew's
	Bible Discussion	10.30am	The Bridge
	Music Group	7.30pm	St Andrew's
Fri 12th Aug	Leicester Stroke Club	10.00am	The Bridge

Please note that for any Safeguarding issues please contact the Rector until further notice

Thought for the Week

Thought for the week will return next week.

The Bible Course

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There is a course book that accompanies the course costing £4.99.

The course will start on Thursday, 8th September and finish on 27th October.

If you are interested in coming along, please let Rev Richard know on either 0116 2780907 or richard.vicarage@gmail.com as soon as you can so that the course books can be ordered in time.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Thank you so much to all who have been involved in raising funds for the shortfall in our finances which arose as a result of the work on the church wall. Your hard work and contributions are very much appreciated. We are well on the way towards our target of £10,000. Here is a summary of the amounts raised so far:

Grant from Parish Council	£1000
Quiz Night	£ 507
Crocheted Easter chicks	£ 171
Dine India meal	£ 750
Flower quiz (Mick and Gill)	£ 170
Sale of plants - Duggans	£ 930
Loose change jar to date	£ 85
Smartie tubes to date	£ 108
Total	£3,721

At the end of July I am sending off the latest 100 teddies knitted for Ukrainian refugee children entering the UK to begin a new life here. Thank you so much to all who have taken part.

Many people have said they would like to continue knitting over the summer. With that in mind, please keep knitting if you would like to. Please place finished teddies in the Rainbow Shop or in St Andrew's. The very final day for handing teddies will be

Sunday September 18th

Many thanks. Gill Allard

LOOSE CHANGE & SMARTIE TUBE MONTHLY TOTALS

A big thank you to everyone who is supporting the Loose Change and Smartie Tube fund raising effort. The totals for July are

The loose Change carboy contained	£16.25
We had 7 Smartie tubes returned	£65.30
May total	£81.55

Cash in our pockets seems to be very much a thing of the past. However if you do happen to have the odd coin or so in your pockets or purses and can spare them we would be really pleased to receive them in the large jar in Church. All your donations are making a difference to what and how the church is able to maintain our fine old building.

If you have any items you would like in WoW please let Ant have the details by Thursday morning if at all possible.

Prayers, 7th August 2022



You will receive a warm welcome at all the churches in our Benefice.

We pray this week and praise dear God,

We thank God for the continuing fine weather, for time to rest, for time to stop and stare.

We thank you for the farmers, especially those in our villages collecting the harvest.

We thank you for the Commonwealth Games being held in Birmingham.

We give thanks for all the work and organization that has gone on in planning and running the games.

We pray to our God for what others need and for ourselves,

We pray to God for anyone suffering in the heat this week.

We pray for countries suffering from droughts.

We pray for anyone on low income wondering how they will heat their homes and feed their families in the autumn and winter.

We pray for the Conservative members in their decisions to appoint a new leader as our Prime Minister in September.

We pray for those families from Ukraine who have set up homes in our village, may they feel safe and welcomed into our community.

We continue to pray for our church members and those who care for them, who still need our prayers.

We pray for all those with long term illness, Kath, Dave, Christine, Roger, Angela, Matthew, and Stephen.

We pray for them all and their families, please keep them all safe in the shelter of your loving arms, dear Lord.

We also pray for friends and relatives in need of our prayers,

We pray for Chris and Penny, Lynda and Bryan, Tracey, Isabelle and

James, Jean, Pat, Bob and Margaret, Colin, Hazel, Pat, and Karen.
We pray for all the residents in Cherrytrees, especially Freda, and for Roberta, Elsie, Jean, and Barbara in other care homes. We pray too for the people living in Brook Court.

We pray for anyone remembering an anniversary this month, a birthday, a death, or anniversary of a special day.
Dear God please surround them all with your love.
We pray especially for families in our community mourning their loved ones.

**Be with them all now and in the days ahead.
Thank you, God, for hearing our prayers. Amen.
If you know anyone, especially in our benefice, who needs our prayers, large or small, and would like them to be included above (with their permission) please contact Anne on 0116 2772781.**

Sunday 7th August 2022 2.30pm until 5pm

Church Garden Party In the garden and grounds of St Andrew's.

Cream teas

Tombola

Books

We need items for the tombola

Cakes and scones please

We also need lots of helpers on the day.

Names to Anne Jelves or Claire Reakes

Lets have a really fun afternoon and celebrate the first anniversary of Richard being inducted as our Rector.

Everyone in Countesthorpe and the wider Benefice very welcome.

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