



What's On Where



In the 4 Saints Benefice
14th Aug 2022

Sunday services

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)

Services next week

Thursday 18th Aug

9.30am@St Andrew's(HC)

Sunday 21st August

9am@St Andrew's(HC)

Sides: Sue J

Reader: Joan B

Coffee: Ken J

9.15am@St Bartholomew's(HC)

11am@St Andrew's(Bapt)

Sides: Debs P

Reader: Alison D

Coffee: Lynn S

11am@St Mary's(HC)

Collect for this Week

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

This weeks Readings

Heb 11.29-12.2

Luke 12.49-56

Next weeks readings

Heb 12.18-end

Luke 13.10-17

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 15th Aug	Friendship tea	2.15pm	The Bridge
	Bellringing	7.00pm	St Andrew's
Tues 16th Aug	Craft Group	1.15pm	The Bridge
Weds 17th Aug	McChat	1.00pm	The Bridge
Thur 18th Aug	Parish Communion	9.30am	St Andrew's
	Music Group	7.30pm	St Andrew's
Fri 19th Aug	Leicester Stroke Club	10.00am	The Bridge
Sat 20th Aug	Messy Church	4.00pm	St Andrew's

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

Thought for the Week

To the border

Deuteronomy 34: 1a,4-6a:

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo.....The Lord said to him ,’This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob, saying, “I will give it to your descendents”; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.’ Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab.

This is such a moving scene. Moses, now an old man, had worked so hard. He had risked so much and had suffered greatly at the hands of a people who never stopped complaining. He saw the vision of what was to be, yet the best he got was to view it from a mountaintop.

By the time we get to this point in Deuteronomy, we should not really be surprised by this ending, because in four earlier chapters we are told that Moses would not live to get to the land.

It is the destiny of some to see the vision from afar, to be aware of what needs to be done, to set things in motion, to struggle with those who don’t see the point, but then leave the outcome to God. Was Moses’ death without meaning? Of course not. He had done what he had been chosen to do. He had completed his task. He had taken the people to the border.

Reflect upon this little story from North America:

‘One day a hunter stopped by a lake and, as he reached down to splash his face, in the still water he saw the reflection of a beautiful white bird. He looked up, but the bird was gone. The rest of his life was spent in a quest to find the bird. He journeyed far and wide until one day, when he was very old, he was resting and felt a tickle on his face. He reached up; it was a white feather, and he died holding it.’

Nice to be back with you all again this week and I hope this Thought for the Week has something to say to us all.

Until next time..... Keep safe, keep strong and keep the faith.

Gail x

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.

The course will be in The Bridge room and starts at 7.30pm.

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.



A big thank you to everyone who supported the Garden party last week. Especially those who worked so hard to make it a big success.

We raised ££717.62 which is superb!

Watch this space for the next event!

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 APPEAL

A big THANK YOU to all of you, who over the last few weeks and months, have been placing your loose change into the jar. The little bits of cash when added up become a substantial amount of money that is to be used to help buy products where members of the church and wider family are able to use their skills.

Please continue to help us maintain our church for the wider benefit of our community by adding your loose change into the jar.

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

Prayers, 14th August 2022



Preparations for the wonderful garden party held in our church grounds last Sunday.

This event was only made possible by many helping hands from St Andrew's, a lot of prayers and good weather! It was a great event to welcome our community and beyond.

It was also an occasion to look back over the last 12 months and give thanks for Richard and Claire.

We pray this week and praise dear God,

We give thanks for the colourful lamp-post tubs of flowers provided by the Parish Council.

We give thanks for helpful neighbours looking out for each other, especially in this heatwave.

We give thanks for cheerful workman and shopkeepers continuing to work in the heat.

We give thanks for unexpected gifts or just nice words from friends and families.

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 all 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 continue to 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, Gaynor, 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 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. We pray for the family of Roberta Male who sadly died last week. We pray for them as they plan her funeral.

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.

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