



What's On Where



In the 4 Saints Benefice
3rd July 2022

Sunday services

Sunday 3rd July

9am@St Andrew's(HC)

Sides: Gaynor W

Reader: Joan B

Coffee: Diana L

9.15am@St Bartholomew's(HC)

11am@St Andrew's

Sides: Lin N

Reader: Gail Mac

Coffee: Lynn S

11am@St Mary's

Services next week

Thursday 7th July

9.30am@St Andrew's(HC)

Sunday 10th July

9am@St Andrew's(HC)

Sides: Diana I

Reader: Gill G

Coffee: Tracey T

11am@St Andrew's

Sides: Debs P

Reader: Alison D

Coffee: Mike & Sue D

3pm@All Saints

Collect for this Week

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

This weeks Readings

Gal 6.1-6,7-16

Luke 10.1-11, 16-20

Next weeks readings

Col 1.1-14

Luke 10.25-37

Sheila Holdridge

Sheila passed away on Sunday 26th June at a care home in Glen Parva where she has been since November 2019. She contracted covid and then, just as she was getting better from that, broke her hip and declined quickly after that nasty injury.

St. Andrews's (and particularly the Mother's Union) were an integral part of her life since coming to the village in 1952. She preferred helping in practical ways (her picnic slices were sublime) and was keen on most sports, especially tennis. Funeral date is not fixed yet.

What's coming up?

4	JUL, MON	● All day	Office closed
		● 08:45 – 15:45	Pettitt's preschool The Cornerstone
		● 14:15 – 15:30	Friendship Teas The Bridge
		● 19:00 – 21:00	Bellringing St Andrew's
5	JUL, TUE	● 08:45 – 15:45	Pettitt's preschool The Cornerstone
		● 12:00 – 17:00	Mother's Union Jubilee Tea The Bridge
		● 19:30 – 21:30	PCC The Bridge
6	JUL, WED	● 08:45 – 15:45	Pettitt's preschool The Cornerstone
		● 12:30 – 15:00	McChat The Bridge
		● 19:00 – 21:30	Breathe The Bridge
7	JUL, THU	● 08:45 – 15:45	Pettitt's preschool The Cornerstone
		● 09:30 – 10:30	Parish Communion
		● 10:00 – 12:30	Bible discussion group The Bridge
		● 13:00 – 16:00	Lets go The Bridge
		● 16:00 – 17:00	Pettitts finish for Summer.
		● 19:00 – 22:00	Rainbow shop meeting The Bridge
8	JUL, FRI	● 08:45 – 15:45	Pettitt's preschool The Cornerstone
		● 10:00 – 14:00	Leicester Stroke club The Bridge
9	JUL, SAT	● 14:00 – 15:00	Blessing Caiazzo & Adamson St Marys
10	JUL, SUN	● 09:00 – 10:00	9am service St Andrew's
		● 11:00 – 12:00	11am service St Andrew's
		● 15:00 – 16:00	Afternoon Service at Peatling

Thought for the Week

Jesus, Friend of Outcasts

Mark 2: 13-17

Then Jesus went out to the lakeshore again and taught the crowds that gathered around him. As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at his tax-collection booth. "Come, be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Levi got up and followed him. That night Levi invited Jesus and his disciples to be his dinner guests, along with his fellow tax collectors and many other notorious sinners. (There were many people of this kind among the crowds that followed Jesus.) But when some of the teachers of religious law who were Pharisees saw him eating with people like this, they said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with such scum?"

When Jesus heard this, he told them, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor – sick people do. I have come to call sinners, not those who think they are already good enough.” (New Living Translation)

Albert was a well known minister in Holland. He was asked to conduct a major ecumenical service for Easter in the largest church in Amsterdam. He looked round for some way of trying to convey the thrill and excitement of Resurrection.

He hit upon the idea of a trumpeter improvising on the theme of Resurrection.

Improvisation was important: it was about rising from the dead. He tried the major orchestra in the city but the trumpeter there would not think of sinking to improvisation. So, on the advice of one of his younger church members, he went to a night club and found a genius trumpeter. The man agreed to play.

On Easter Sunday he did indeed play. Starting from a low, groaning note he built up to an almighty crescendo of sound. They had never heard anything like it before. It was moving, wonderful and magnificent.

Later that week Albert went round to pay the man. ‘Who were those people in church on Sunday?’, the man asked, ‘Unlike the people here, they listened, they appreciated, they understood.’ Albert explained that these were the people of God at worship. ‘Tell me more’, said the man, ‘I don’t know anything about all this.’

They met three or four times. They talked about the Gospel, about God and about Jesus, they talked about the promises and the demands of God. ‘I think I would like to be baptised’, said the man.

Albert told the story to the Elders meeting. ‘Wonderful’, they said, ‘But he will stop playing his trumpet in that nasty night club, won’t he?’

(Written by Graham Cook)

What’s the first thought that comes into your mind after reading this?

Is it speaking to some of us about our attitudes?

Are we missing the point? Are we focusing on wrong issues?

There are a vast range of people who some might see as unsuitable to worship in churches, their lifestyles don’t match what some expect from being a Christian. Jesus didn’t feel like this, he was to be found with those others didn’t want to associate with.

We’re missing the most important point, I believe, a heart that wants to acknowledge Jesus as Lord and Saviour, is such a precious thing and we should be telling everyone, irrespective of their lifestyle, gender, colour etc. how much Jesus welcomes them with arms open wide and a heart full of love.

Something to think about..... If you want to speak to me about anything I’ve said this week, please do.

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

Gail x

News from the Four Saint's Benefice

Whoops, recently we announced the **Flower Quiz** made £140 – we admit to being a bit surprised it wasn't slightly more, however when searching our car storage pocket for the service manual we found an envelope containing £40 quiz money which had been put away after church for safe keeping and forgotten about. So total quiz money is now £180 minus £10 prize money, and yes, we have had a thorough search to ensure there's no more hidden away. We have written many quizzes in the past but this one has raised the most money so, again, thank you all for taking part.

Mick and Gill

LOOSE CHANGE & SMARTIE TUBE APPEAL

The Church is facing a list of expensive repairs etc over the coming weeks and months. When we ran the Loose Change appeal back in the period 2013 – 2016 the money raised was used specifically to pay for materials required by those with specific gifts such as painting, woodwork etc.

It is hoped that perhaps the money donated to the Loose Change Appeal can be used in a similar way. As a consequence, and this is said in the knowledge that we don't have so much cash in our pockets, all donations will be used to enable small 'works' to be carried out by the Church family in its widest sense.

If you are wondering where the Loose Change Jar has gone to it is now on the table by the kitchen hatch.

Urgent request from the Ukraine Church in Leicester

Thank you for the continuing donations for the Ukrainian people – not just those on the front line but also the families who have arrived in Leicester and who are being helped to start a new life here in Leicestershire by the existing Ukrainian families.

As a result the items that are required is changing and at the moment the following is the list of the most urgently needed items :-

Tinned meat and fish (ham, spam, corned beef, sardines, tuna, mackerel)

Soup – small tins if possible – Cup-a-Soups

Easy to make with boiling water meals as well as pasta, rice, etc.

In addition medical items are required but these must be in date and NO prescription medication can be accepted.

MAFIA reaching out

The MAFIA group of men in the church have over many years, where possible, attended Men's Christian meetings put on by other organisations. Unfortunately these have been affected and curtailed by the pandemic. So when the chance came to go to one locally on Saturday 18th June being held at the Leicester Lions Rugby Club on Lutterworth Road, Blaby, we accepted the invitation.

Six went so thanks go to Alex, David, Neil, John, Roger and Mike for attending what turned out to be challenging and enjoyable meeting.

The event was put on by Whetstone Baptist Church Re-Tyred Mens Group and ran from 10.00 am till 12.00 noon. On arrival we were warmly welcomed and received a bacon/sausage breakfast cob and a cuppa which was a great start to the morning.

Following an introduction we heard a testimony from a local rugby player about how he came to give his life to the Lord during his playing career and the ups and downs of being a Christian in those circumstances. He spoke well and his story was moving and inspiring.

Then the main speaker was introduced. Bruce Nadin was at one time senior pastor at Sutton in the Elms Baptist Church. He shared how he had become involved in a role as Chaplain to Leicester City Football Club and how that grew and developed over time. He went on to move to Cape Town, South Africa and shared how his role as a Sports Chaplain followed him. He is currently very involved with South African Football. He told various stories of things that happened which were funny but also inspiring. He believes passionately that God has been involved in every step of the way on his journey. He feels that God has a sense of humour but also a real wish to bless us if we take on the roles that God gives us.

It was a good way to spend a Saturday morning and we look forward to be invited to future such meetings.

The MAFIA group meet once a month on the 2nd Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Bridge, and also on special occasions like Saturday. There is a possibility that we may put on such an event in the Bridge. SO MEN WATCH THIS SPACE

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

Prayers, 3rd July 2022



St Andrew's church is in middle of the village of Countesthorpe and the tower has been standing for over 700 years!

We pray this week and praise dear God,

We give thanks and praise for our community events, for the walking market last week and the Scout Gala this weekend. We thank God for the opportunity to join in events together after the last two years of restrictions.

We give thanks for the Scout leaders and the work and time they give for our young people.

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

We pray for all those in our community suffering with Covid currently. We pray for anyone on holiday, we pray their journeys are without stress.

We pray for the family and friends of Dame Deborah James as they grieve for a truly remarkable lady.

We pray for Ukraine as their suffering continues and we pray for all those travelling to other countries for safety. We pray for those hoping to live in our village, may we show compassion, love and understanding.

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 the family of Sheila Holdridge who died this week. Please be with Richard and Peter and their families as they grieve for their beloved mother and plan her funeral.

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.**

Next possible fundraiser

We are thinking of offering afternoon teas in the church grounds

On **Sunday 7th August** 2.30pm until 5pm.

To do this we need plenty of help; before and on the day.

Cake makers, Scone makers, People to put out tables and chairs,

Scone assemblers for jam and cream, Tea makers

Please see Anne Jelves or Claire Reakes if you can help asap. Thanks

We can only do this if we work together as a team.

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