



What's On Where



In the 4 Saints Benefice
15th May 2022

Sunday services

9am@St Andrew's (HC)

Sides: Gaynor W

Reader: Joan B

Coffee: Ken J

9.15am@St Bartholomew's(HC)

11am@St Andrew's

Sides: Lin N

Reader: Jill C

Coffee: Mike & Sue D

11am@St Mary's

Services next week

Thursday 19th May

9.30am@St Andrew's(HC)

Sunday 22nd May

9am@St Andrew's (HC)

Sides: Diana L

Reader: Gill G

Coffee: Mick & Gill G

11am@St Andrew's

Sides: Debs P

Reader: Jill C

Coffee: Susan J

Collect for this Week

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the
world

and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

This weeks Readings

Acts 11.1-18
John 13.31-35

Next weeks readings

Acts 16.9-15
John 5.1-9

What's coming up?

16	MAY, 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
17	MAY, TUE	●	08:45 – 15:45	Pettitt's preschool The Cornerstone
		●	12:30 – 13:15	Funeral (Brown) St Andrew's
		●	13:30 – 15:30	Craft group The Bridge
18	MAY, WED	●	08:45 – 15:45	Pettitt's preschool The Cornerstone
		●	12:30 – 15:00	McChat The Bridge
		●	13:00 – 14:00	Chapter meeting tbc St Andrews Church Main St, Countesthorpe
		●	19:00 – 21:30	Breathe The Bridge
19	MAY, 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
		●	19:30 – 21:30	Music Group Practice St Andrew's Church
20	MAY, FRI	●	08:45 – 15:45	Pettitt's preschool The Cornerstone
		●	10:00 – 14:00	Leicester Stroke club The Bridge
		●	18:00 – 21:30	Messy Church St Andrew's
21	MAY, SAT	●	09:00 – 18:00	Messy Church The Bridge
		●	14:00 – 15:00	Wedding (Marrion & Smith) St. Andrew's Church

Rotas for St Andrew's

There is a new rota available for June and July. Please see Anne or Ant for a copy. (It has been emailed out so please only collect a copy if you really need it.)

Thought for the Week

Allsorts

As Jesus walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' Jesus told him and Levi got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: 'Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?' On hearing this, Jesus said to them, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but those who are ill. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.' – Mark 2:14-17 (NIV)

What were Jesus' disciples thinking as they reclined around Levi's table? These fellow guests were the sort of people a nice Jewish fisherman's parents would have warned him to stay away from and who would almost certainly incur foot-tapping from that fisherman's wife.

The disciples hadn't been with Jesus very long, after all. Did they trust him not to lead them into dissolute ways among these people, who weren't quite their sort? I mean, a tax collector – a tax collector! And that man leaning across for the mustard, whom you would usually cross the street to avoid. What sort of kingdom was this? What sort of leader was Jesus if he couldn't see who these people were?

Any time we find ourselves wishing somebody wasn't there at church, we need to remember this story and ask ourselves what we're here for and who we're here for. Jesus came for everyone, not just nice, sorted people (as if any of us are). He actively sought and enjoyed the company of people who weren't perfect. He laid himself, his reputation and his disciples down to make a way for everyone to find their way back to God.

(Taken from New Daylight)

During the years I've been involved in pastoral work, I have encountered people from all walks of life, both young and old and those in between, struggling to come to terms with what was happening in their lives. On their journey towards acceptance they had lost their way and lost sight of who or what matters most. May the love of Jesus shine through each one of us as we reach out showing care, compassion and understanding for those we meet on our journey through life.

Until next time

Keep strong, keep safe and keep the faith

Gail x

News from the Four Saint's Benefice



Shaped By God Together:

Moving forward together

Saturday, 28th May 2022

10.00am – 12.00pm

St Andrew's Church, Countesthorpe

Please come to this meeting if you can. It is an opportunity for everyone in the benefice to come together to start to think about what 'Shaped By God Together' will look like for us.

It is the start of an exciting adventure with God as he leads us into a new direction, not only as The Four Saints Benefice but as a Diocese.

This first meeting will be an occasion for us to answer some important questions that will affect the future of our four churches.

Everyone has a role to play, your views and opinions really matter. You can help shape the future.



Christian Aid Week

This year Christian Aid Week will be 15th to 21st May. Here in Countesthorpe we have a wonderful history of supporting Christian Aid by organising house to house street collection for many years and by donating all the proceeds from the Rainbow shop. We are unable to have the collection now but there will be donation envelopes in Church and in The Rainbow Shop. Please continue to support the work of Christian Aid by visiting the Rainbow Shop, donating in the envelopes and by coming to the Spring Fayre on May 14th. Many Thanks

Dine India

Fundraiser for church building fund

Tuesday June 14th 7 for 7.30pm

Tickets £20 each (£10 goes to us)

Contact Anne Jelves or Claire Reakes for a ticket

LAUNCHING AT THE APCM

Treasure Hunt for the Wall

There will be 100 numbers for you to choose from on a board

Each number costs £5.00

At the APCM three numbers will be picked out secretly (so that no-one knows what they are) These three numbers will be the First, Second and third prizes of £25, £20, £15 respectively.

Once all the numbers are sold, the prize winners will be revealed.

Many thanks lovely people

June & Trev Ainge

WELCOME BABY MEALS

In case the news has not reached you yet, Ning, Joe, Jamie and Oliver now have a beautiful baby girl called Bella who arrived on 12th April. Joe is back at work next week [9th may]and Ning would be very grateful for any evening meals, for the following couple of weeks, while she becomes used to juggling baby and boys! They eat anything and there are no allergies.

Please message me as I am trying to coordinate the rota. Many thanks

Sally 07969103993

English bluebells for sale, delicate and fragrant, plus large pots of Bridal Crown narcissi. Perennials for sale too, such as daylilies, sedum, hostas, bergenia and many more, all in aid of St Andrew's wall renovation fund.

Prices are £2.50 per plant or any 5 for £10

Collect from 19 Cosby Road, Countesthorpe.

If you need more info please call Jill Duggan on 07588 654 167.

N.B. sales of mini daffs and snowdrops have so far raised over £600. AMAZING!! Thank you

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

Urgent request from the Ukraine Church in Leicester

They thank everyone who has kindly donated items to the Ukrainian people. However as the war goes into its third month there is greater urgency for practical support with the following being a few of the most urgently required items – mainly for men on the front line:-

Tents, Camping mats, Sleeping bags, Hot Water bottles, Insulated flasks, Protein & Energy bars, Painkillers (eg Ibuprofen), First Aid Kits, Wound dressing materials, Male socks, Female Sanitary items, Nappies, Baby Food

We are also being asked to be extra careful when making monetary donations as even the major supporting charities have had their sites compromised with donations being diverted away from their intended destination. As a result we are being urged to speak to organisations prior to making donations so any donations we make go to their intended destination.

Teddies for Tragedies

Would you like to find a way to support refugee children coming from Ukraine? Manchester Airport Chaplaincy Team, in collaboration with the organisation

@ teddiesfortragedies.org.uk,

are asking for knitted teddies that can be given to refugee children as they arrive here. The teddies are small (10") and knitted to an easy standard pattern that takes a couple of evenings to do. It's a really good way to use up all those bits of left over DK wool!

If you would like to be involved you can pick up a pattern in Church or in the Rainbow shop. I will collect all the finished teddies and send them off to Rev George Lane at the airport. I'm aiming to get a lots of teddies to send off by the middle of June. Please place your finished teddies in Church or hand in at the Rainbow shop. Knit as many as you can!! By all accounts the children treasure them.

Many thanks. Gill Allard.

Ukrainian Refugees

Dear friends,

Stephen and I have applied to have some refugees come and stay with us. As yet, no match has been made. The whole process is new and fraught with bureaucratic problems initially to get here, then there will be the whole process of helping them to settle into their new life. They will need help with lots of form filling, opening bank accounts, benefits interviews, registering at doctors and dentists, applying to schools, trying to find work, improving language skills, lifts to places hard to find with buses and simple befrienders.

I would really be interested to know of anybody else in our benefice who has also offered their home so we can share ideas and offer mutual support.

Also, there may be people not in a position to offer accommodation but willing to help with support in the many tasks these refugees will face. If we could organise a small group around each host that would be of great benefit for all.

Please call or text me with your part you would like to play in helping Ukrainian Refugees.

Depending on response I may organise a meeting, or at least a Whats app group for mutual sharing.

Many thanks

Sally Bailey 07969103993

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
(APCM)**

TUESDAY 24 MAY 2022

7.30pm in St Andrew's Church

ELECTIONS

At the Meeting of Parishioners

Two Churchwardens

Completed nomination forms to be given/sent to the chairperson or secretary before the meeting

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Ten PCC Members

5 to serve for three years

4 to serve for two years and 1 for one year to fill vacancies

up to 4 Deputy Churchwardens

(one-year term of office)

***Nominations for PCC and
Deputy Churchwardens close
on Sunday 22 May***

***Nomination forms available in box at the back of church or
from Eva Morris, PCC Secretary:***

eva.morris@btinternet.com

0116 277 4622

Electoral Roll

This needs to be updated before the APCM on the 24th May. Please see Ken Jones for a form if you need to join the Electoral roll or you need to update your contact information.

'PCC Treasurer role - assistance wanted!

I am hoping to pass on the role of Treasurer to someone else at the next annual meeting (end of May), so please could anyone who might be interested in finding out more about this contact me, Anne or Richard. We have also discussed the possibility of splitting the role into two, as it is quite a lot for one person to do. This would also mean that you would not necessarily need much accountancy knowledge. There is various help and guidance available for Treasurers, such as on the Diocese website.

An example of a split might be:

Treasurer's jobs: counting collections and banking, paying bills, budgeting, keeping records of income and expenditure, filing invoices etc, invoicing the regular hirers of the Cornerstone and the Bridge, dealing with utility contract and insurance renewals etc., reporting to PCC at meetings. An average of two to three hours a week should be enough for these jobs, with flexibility if there are some weeks when you have more time available than others.

Accountant's jobs: payroll for the two employees including the monthly filing with HMRC, gift aid summaries for Ken Jones to make the claims, reconciling the bank accounts, analysing income and expenditure into categories for the accounts, preparation of year end accounts for Independent Examiner, submitting them to Diocese and Charity Commission. I may be willing to continue these myself for at least the next year if someone else is able to take on the rest!

Thank you, and please pray for the right person/people to be found!

Alison 07757 958239'

At the APCM on 24 May one item will be

ASK THE RECTOR!

You are invited to submit your questions beforehand

by Sunday 22 May, please

Prayers, 15th May 2022



Everyone is welcome, at all the churches in our Benefice.

We pray this week and praise dear God,

We give thanks this week for those people who helped tidy up the vestry. "Ask and you will receive" A mammoth job turned into a fun couple of hours and a sense of achievement. Praise God.

We give thanks that some of our prayers have been answered and progress is being made in helping a family in Ukraine in their desire to come to Countesthorpe.

We give thanks for our Parish Council and all their plans for the Queen's jubilee celebrations in a few weeks.

We give thanks for the Rainbow Shop and all its volunteers raising funds for Christian Aid.

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

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine,. We pray that soon our village will be welcoming strangers from Ukraine who will then become our friends.

We pray for the Queen and for her health as the country looks forward to her jubilee in a few weeks.

We pray for all the work done by Christian Aid all over the world wherever there is a need.

We pray for our forthcoming APCM and nominations for officers and the PCC.

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

We pray for those ill or recovering from illness, Gill, Roberta, Kath, Aileen, 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, Sheila, Jean, and Barbara in other care homes.

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 as they plan their funerals this month

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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