



What's On Where

In the 4 Saints Benefice
5th December 2021



NEWS FROM ST.ANDREW'S, COUNTSTHORPE, ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, FOSTON,
ALL SAINTS, PEATLING MAGNA, & ST. MARY'S, WILLOUGHBY WATERLEYS

Readings

Phil 1.3-11

Luke 3.1-6

Collect for this Week

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again
as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

Please note that due to the repairs work,
Foston Churchyard will be closed as from
Monday 29th December until the
completion of the repair work. (Hopefully
Mid Feb 2022)

**St Andrew's Church will re open for
services on 12th Dec with the usual
9am communion, 11am service and a
Carol service at 6pm.**

**Due to the new covid variant we ask
that everyone coming to these
services is prepared to wear a mask
for the safety of themselves and
others.**

**See inside WoW for further notices.
Before then we will continue to use
The Bridge.**

Rainbow Shop Grand Christmas Raffle

Instead of our mini Christmas fair this year we are holding a raffle. Each prize is a beautiful hamper, something to keep or give as a present, if you win one.

They are all on display in the Rainbow Shop.

Tickets £1 each. (Draw on 18th Dec)

Please help us to make up for the lost giving due to the shop closure.

Sally

Rotas for November/December

Date	Time	Sides	Reader	Coffee
5/12/21	9am	Gaynor W	Edward T	Diana L
	11am	Sue J	Jill C	Liz S
12/12.21	9am	Ann H	Wendy C	Ken J
	11am	Lynn S	Gail Mac	LynnS
19/12/21	9am	Diana L	Joan B	Tracey T
	11am	Gill G	Debs P	Mike & Sue D
25/12/21	10am	Ann H	Gill G	Mick & Gill G
26/12/21	10am	Gaynor W	Ken J	Ken J

Sunday services

9am@St Andrew's (HC)
Leader: Helen/ Richard

11am@St Andrew's
Leader: Helen/ Richard

11am@St Mary's
Leader:Mike

Wrap up warm for
services as windows and
doors will be open.

Services next week

Sunday 12th Dec
9am@St Andrew's (HC)
Leader: Rod/June

11am@St Andrew's
Leader: Rod/June


3pm@ All Saints
Carol Service
Leader: Richard

6pm@St Andrew's
Carol service
Leader: Lindsey/ Richard

Masks during services

In light of the new advice from the Diocese The Rector, Churchwarden
and the PCC **expect** the wearing of masks during all services.

**St Andrew's Church is not currently online but will be in the near future on
Facebook at the group "St Andrew's Church and The Bridge"**



The Carol Service is to go ahead as planned on December 12th at 6pm. We have no formal choir this year but we would like to have a group of singers at the front who could support the singing of the carols.

If you would like to be part of this group, please let Gill Allard know by emailing gill.allard@sky.com or 07807244284 as soon as possible. Details nearer the time.

MAFIA is back!

The Men's group has restarted and is on every 2nd Tuesday in The Bridge starting at 7.30pm.

See Mike Darlow for more details.



Help needed

So that the Church can re-open on the 12th December we need to reorganise the furniture and give the building a clean.

As a result we need people to do the cleaning and others to help rearrange the chairs etc.

The proposed time and date is **Weds 8th Dec at 10am.**

Please speak to Anne if you can help or want to know more.

















I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their cards and messages after my recent illness.

It is wonderful to be home after my stay in 3 different hospitals. The staff were always kind and caring. I am making progress now but I wish it was quicker!

My thanks and Good wishes to you all and a Happy Christmas

Love from Aileen Heaton

What's coming up?

6	DEC, MON	 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
7	DEC, TUE	 08:45 – 15:45	Pettitt's preschool The Cornerstone
		 14:00 – 16:30	Mother's Union The Bridge
8	DEC, WED	 08:45 – 15:45	Pettitt's preschool The Cornerstone
		 19:00 – 21:30	Breathe The Bridge
9	DEC, THU	 08:45 – 15:45	Pettitt's preschool The Cornerstone
		 10:00 – 12:30	Bible discussion group The Bridge
		 13:00 – 16:00	Lets go The Bridge
10	DEC, FRI	 08:45 – 15:45	Pettitt's preschool The Cornerstone
		 10:00 – 13:00	Leicester Stroke club The Bridge
12	DEC, 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 @ Peatling Peatling Magna
		 18:00 – 19:00	Carol service

Please support St Andrew's Church, Countesthorpe on #easyfundraising this year, you can raise FREE donations when you shop online with over 4,500 retailers. It's simple and only takes 2 minutes to sign up! Plus, if you sign up, we'll get a £5 bonus donation:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/standrewschcount/?invite=B56H5C&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_source=stwsharebox

Thought for the Week

Twenty Questions

“So you will know them by their fruit” – Matthew 7:20

Several friends laughed the night away as they enjoyed playing with a tiny electronic “Twenty Questions” game. The group would think of a common noun, such as a piano, mop, eyelash, or spoon, and then the gadget would begin asking questions: “Animal, mineral or vegetable?” “Is it lighter than a duck?” “Smaller than a microwave?” “Can you hold it?” “Can you put it in an envelope?” “Would you find it at a school?”

Amazingly, the game could figure out what they were thinking of in almost every instance by asking fewer than twenty questions – simply by finding out characteristics of the object.

People are similar to this tiny computer. They don’t have to be told who is a Christian. Every action answers their every curiosity: how people spend their time and money and set their priorities, how much they help the needy, whether they are patient when wronged, how generous they are, how they treat children, whether they gossip, how they show or fail to show love for people. Every action bears fruit, revealing whether individuals are true disciples of Jesus Christ. “A good tree cannot have bad fruit. A bad tree cannot have good fruit” (Matthew 7:18). The lives we lead shout whether Christ is front and centre in our lives.

PRAY

Lord, may my every action bear witness of Your Holy Spirit’s work, leading people to a direct knowledge of the truth. Amen.

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Keep safe, keep strong and keep the faith.

Gail x

Prayers 5th December 2021



Reflection.

The season of advent is a period in the church year, about waiting, waiting for the birth of Jesus Christ, the anticipation and joy in waiting. It seems to me that 2021 has been a period of waiting, waiting for the pandemic to recede, waiting to appoint a new rector, then waiting for Richard

to arrive, waiting for church worship without restrictions and now waiting to return to church now the church wall is safe. My prayer this week, is that we will be able to join together in our church and worship and praise God and share the joy of advent.

We pray this week and praise dear God,

We give thanks that the cold weather did not prevent the stonemasons continuing to rebuild the wall.

We give thanks that some of our church members are back home after time in hospital. We give thanks for hospital and ambulance staff looking after them.

We give thanks for all the Christmas decorations around the village, bringing light into darkness.

We give thanks for the Parish Council supplying and decorating the tree in the churchyard.

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

We pray that Iran will soon free Nazanin, and she can return to her husband and daughter.

We pray for all refugees wherever they are, may we always have compassion.

We pray that the new Covid variant does not increase hospital admissions and deaths.

We pray people will go for vaccinations when called and further restrictions will not be necessary.

We continue to pray for our church members who still need our prayers.

We pray for those ill or recovering from illness, Aileen now recovering at home, Dave, and Jacqui, Christine, Roger, home again after a brief spell in hospital, Dawn, and Sarah. Val and Andy, and for Jim and for Gail, for Angela and Les,

Matthew and Kerrie and Stephen and Elizabeth. For all those with Covid. We pray for them all, 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 continue to pray for 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 Sheila, Gwen, Jean, and Barbara in other care homes.

We pray especially for Jacquie Sturrock and her family after the sudden death of her father.

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 for anyone else we know, who have lost friends or loved ones.

Be with them all and their families 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.

Email aejelves@yahoo.co.uk

Or message our Facebook page:

St Andrews Church, Countesthorpe.

We also have a WhatsApp and a Facebook Messenger

group for prayers at any time. If you need prayers, please ask me (no need to give any details).

We also have a prayer group on Zoom, on Thursdays at 6.15pm. If you want to join us or would like us to pray for you, please contact Jacqui or Lindsey for details. All are welcome.

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