

What's On Where

In the 4 Saints Benefice
18th October 2020

NEWS FROM ST.ANDREWS COUNTTESTHORPE, ST. BARTHOLOMEWS FOSTON,
ALL SAINTS PEATLING MAGNA, & ST. MARYS WILLOUGHBY WATERLEYS

WEBSITE: www.standrewscountesthorpe.co.uk



On Sunday 25th October the online service will be a communion service led by Mick

Last weeks service can be found at:-

<https://youtu.be/P3uz3YGcAqI>

Readings for this week

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22: 15-22

Collect for this Week

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY SERVICE

A NOTICE FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

At 10.30am every Sunday

St Andrew's Church is online live at
<https://standrewschurch.uk>

and on Facebook at St Andrew's Church and The Bridge

The online service is also shown in church at the same time
Numbers are strictly limited to allow for social distancing:
around 30 people or slightly more if there are family groups
(Face coverings are compulsory)

There will be no WOW next week

Notice from Anne Jelves, PCC Lay Chair

At 7.30pm on Tuesday 27 October

via Zoom and in church

there will be a

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

for the election of

TWO CHURCHWARDENS

Nomination forms available on request, to be sent to the Chair or Secretary

before the meeting

and the

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

for the election of

**THREE DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES,
SEVEN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

and

FOUR DEPUTY CHURCHWARDENS

Candidates - please ask for a nomination form for the position concerned

to be returned to the PCC Secretary by Sunday 25 October

To attend via Zoom ask for joining instructions to be sent to you

Numbers in church are strictly limited to allow for social distancing:
around 30 people - slightly more if there are family groups
For this reason you are asked to book in advance to attend in church
(Face coverings are compulsory)

For bookings, Zoom joining instructions and nomination forms contact
Eva Morris (PCC Secretary)
Tel: 0116 277 4622



THE FOUR SAINTS BENEFICE

Reflection: This week I was sat in a traffic queue for a while after a slightly stressful food shopping trip! I was initially frustrated, then I started to listen to an interview on Jeremy Vine. He was talking to Sinead Burke, who describes herself as a “little person” and I was captivated by this strong lady and how she lived with disability, she spoke so well.

She has been a teacher, a fashion blogger and now an author. I was so glad I had this opportunity to hear her.

She is certainly a good role model, not just for young people

but for us all (you can listen back on Jeremy Vine Radio 2 Wednesday 14th about 1 hour 10 minutes).

We thank you God and praise you:

We thank God and praise you for all those role models in our lives, for those who brought us to Jesus Christ, and for those who taught us kindness, and for those who support us in the good times and the not so good times.

We give thanks that due to technology and our amazing technical team; a lot of our congregation has still been able to participate in the services, home groups and prayers, we have been truly blessed.

We offer our prayers to you God this week:

We pray for our country in this pandemic, we pray that people will obey the rules and restrictions so that the infection numbers will reduce and less people will need hospital treatment and there will be less deaths.

We pray for our families, we pray they have time, at least to relax and enjoy the half term break with their children.

As the days get shorter, we pray for all those that suffer with mental health, especially those without employment, those with little or no income.

We pray for the people of America as they approach the forthcoming elections.

As we approach our APCM, we pray for our church wardens and for our PCC. We pray the technology works and everyone can join in.

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

We pray for June and Trev, Christine, Lynn, Mabel, Gaynor, and Jim, Jim, and Gail. We also pray for Michael and Laura, Angela and Les, Matthew and Kerrie, Roger and Dawn, and Stephen and Elizabeth. We pray for Brenda and her family.

We pray for them all.

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

David and Jo. Sally, Joan’s daughter Alison, for friends of Malcolm P, Bob and Margaret and Colin, Hazel and Caroline, and anyone else known to us.

We pray for all the residents in Cherrytrees, especially Beryl and Freda, and for Sheila, Gwen, and Jean in other care homes. We pray for all the staff in the care homes and pray they too, get support for their worthwhile jobs.

We pray for those suffering with mental health problems especially young people. We pray for those awaiting scans and operations, those starting treatment and those finishing.

We pray for anyone having to see doctors about results without a friend or loved one by their side.

We pray for those receiving food parcels from our foodbank and we thank God people are still donating money and food,

so, no one goes without. We give thanks for those donating in our village every week.

We pray for the homeless and those who try to help them.

We pray for the migrants still coming across the channel in little boats, risking their savings and their lives.

So many in need of prayers, God knows them all by name.

We pray for ourselves, our families, our friends and our neighbours.

Finally, we pray for those mourning the loss of loved ones.

We pray for anyone we know who has died in our villages in the last few weeks.

We pray for anyone we know, who has lost friends or loved ones.

PTO

Thought for the Week

Dear God, help us to support them with our prayers,
please Dear God hold them in your loving arms.

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 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.

If you want to pray with others, join us on Thursday evenings

7.00pm on Zoom. (ask for joining details)

A thank you from Brenda.

Dear All,

We just want to say a very big thank you to everyone,
for the love and support since we lost John.

Your prayers, cards and phone calls have been a great comfort
to us, at this very upsetting time, as nobody was expecting
this outcome.

As the Covid 19 is now getting worse again, I pray for all who are in
hospital at this sad time and for their families that cannot see them,
It is heart breaking.

With love and God's blessing,
Brenda and Family.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Visiting care homes is something we've not been able to do for some time but the lady mentioned below had the following idea of how she might be able to reach some of the residents.....

The residents decided it was too cold to venture outside for our Garden Service so they remained in the lounge and one of the staff opened the window and we delivered our service that way. As I masked up and hand sanitized, I leaned in the window and read these words:

"Hear O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

"Come", my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage, wait for the Lord!"

Psalms 27:7-9, 13-14 NRSV

Do not hide your face from me. It hit me like a brick.

There are all sorts of reasons why wearing a mask makes interaction with the elderly difficult – hearing problems, reading facial cues and so on – but the most telling for me is that they cannot see me smiling at them. I began to wonder about how confident we can be that God will not/does not hide his face from us and that when we pray the blessing

"the Lord make his face to shine upon us

the Lord look kindly on us"

we can truly believe that God is not masked, does not hide his face and does indeed look kindly on us. Dare we believe it and let it take deep root in us and then share that confidence with others?

While we ponder and process this, we can follow the injunction at the end of the Psalm

Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"

Something for us all to think about.....Blessings Gail



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reflections and prayers

Are you in need of some daily
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and reflections.

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OF ENGLAND



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SO LET US PRAY
SO LET US ACT
SO LET US DECLARE:

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A WEEK OF PRAYER

FUNDS FOR FOSTON

Does your child need a face mask for school ?

I have masks available today .

I am raising money for St. Bartholomews church , Foston . As with lots of events around the country , all the fund raising events at Foston church have had to be cancelled this year . St. Bartholomew's is in desperate need of funds to repair the east wall . I have been making face masks to raise funds , all of which will be given to this worthy cause . The masks are available in all sizes , three layers of fabric , two styles , ready for you to make your choice .

You will find us at the last house on the right at the top of the Rowans. Let me help you to keep your child safe & also to help St . Bartholomew's in its hour of need .

Pat Daw

St Andrews Church is online live at <https://standrewschurch.uk> and Facebook at St Andrews Church and The Bridge every Sunday at 10:30 am.

If anyone would like to contribute to the services in any way please contact Michael Turton 0116 2404271 or 07961073594



The Thursday evening time of prayer is still happening in this time of lockdown. Jacqui McAughey and others meet at 7.00pm using Zoom.

If you would like to be sent the link each week please ask Jacqui using the contact details below.

Mobile 07985 322 362 jacquimcaughey@aol.com

Can you help?

St Andrews has lost a lot of income due to the corona virus (both giving on Sunday and rents). Alison has set up a just giving page if you would like to donate to the ongoing work in Countesthorpe. (<https://www.justgiving.com/standrewscountesthorpe>)

Also The work of The Children's society desperately needs supporting. Please prayerfully consider if you can help this vital charity. (<https://justgiving.com/>)

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Track and Trace

Please note that each of the churches (& The Bridge) have their own Track and Trace QR code. This is easy to use with a smart phone.

All you need is the NHS Covid app, follow it's instructions and then every time you enter the church buildings (or other places too) just open the app and point it at the code. This then logs where you have been without you needing to sign in.

We need to get used to this as it could well be the new normal for the time being.