

What's On Where

In the 4 Saints Benefice
25th July 2021

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

WEBSITE: www.standrewscountesthorpe.co.uk

FACEBOOK page: St Andrew's church and The Bridge

OFFICE HOURS; Mon to Fri 10.00am til 1pm

This weeks readings

Eph 3.14-end

John 6.1-21



Collect for this Week

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Services this week

10.30am@St Andrew's

Leaders: June/Helen

Services next week

Sunday 1st Aug

10.30am@St Andrew's (HC)

Leaders: Rod/Lindsey

11.00am@ St Mary's

Leader: Mike O

Usual covid rules re masks etc will apply.

St Andrew's Church is online live on Facebook at the group "St Andrew's Church and The Bridge"

Due to staff holidays the office will be closed on Fri 23rd July and will reopen on Mon 2nd Aug. There will be no WOW on Friday 30th July. Any urgent issues please contact the church wardens. (details at the back of WoW or on the website)

FRIENDS OF ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH



NOTICE TO ALL GARDENERS

Do you like weeds? Most gardeners like to get rid of them. We are looking for some weed fairies again. The car park at the Bridge has lots of weeds between the blocks. As the Bishop is due to visit us on Sunday 8 August it would be lovely to have this area clear of weeds. The garden team have been very busy over the past few weeks clearing the garden at the Vicarage. Our main object is to keep the Community Garden ship shape and accordingly it would be helpful if some weed fairies could take responsibility for the paved areas around the Bridge.

Thank you

Breathe

Breathe is our group for young people, age 10-18, and currently meets weekly for faith chat, bible study and lots of fun and games. We currently have a large group of amazing young people who have remained faithful and continued to meet and support each other throughout the last year. Unfortunately, in September we will be losing one of our female leaders which means that we may struggle to cover weekly meetings.

Please could we ask all members of the church family (especially female) to think about whether they may be able to help with this group. This would probably involve attending Breathe sessions every other week, although depending on restrictions there may be some Zoom sessions. For more information please contact Matt Brown, Chris Gradden or Debs Perkins. Please help us to maintain this important ministry and continue supporting this amazing group of young people.

Thanks, The Breathe Leaders

Thought for the Week

Leave your bags behind

1 Peter 5: 7

Give all your worries to Him because He cares for you.

Imagine that your best friend has announced they're treating you to an all-expenses-paid cruise. All of your meals are included and they're even throwing in a brand new wardrobe.

"Leave your bags behind", your friend tells you. "All you have to do is show up".

Can you imagine arriving at the cruise ship with suitcases full of clothes, shoes and food? "Why are you carrying all this junk?" your friend would say. "I told you I had it covered – don't you trust me?"

All too often, this is how we approach God. He invites us to give Him our burdens but we show up, time and time again, weighed down with bags so full we can't even carry them. So we drag them behind us wherever we go. They slow us down so that we're not productive, just burdened. Worry, anger, resentment, anxious thoughts.....sometimes the list is long.

God has told us to give all of our cares to Him. He promises that He has them covered and yet we still hang on. What baggage are you carrying today that you can give to the Lord?

PRAYER

Father, thank you for the invitation to cast all my cares upon You. Help me to let go of the things that are weighing me down and to trust You to take them for me.

(From The New Life Daily Devotional, published by Barbour Publishing Inc. Used by permission).

Keep strong, keep safe and Keep the faith.

Gail x

No Prayers this week due to holidays

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).

If you want to pray with others, this is an informal group, and anyone can join us on Wednesday evenings 7.00pm on Zoom. (Ask Jacqui Mc or Lindsey for joining details). ...Note change of day.

HELP NEEDED

I am starting to rebuild the list of people available to help in church. Please don't assume that if you were on the list before COVID you will be on the list now.

Could you let me know if you are available to be a sidesperson and or a Bible reader in church?

If you don't feel able to at the moment I am happy to add you when you do feel able.

AV operators

A big thank you to the people who offered to help with this but we really could do with more helpers. Please let Eva or Ant know if you can help with this...no previous knowledge needed!

Keys

There are a lot of keys for the church buildings out there. I know there used to be a record of them (If anyone has this please pass it onto me). We need to build a register of keys for security.....so if you have any keys that open church buildings and doors can you please let me know which keys you have if you haven't already done so.

It is expensive to get these keys cut so if you no longer need the keys please return them to me.

Please do not make copies yourself as we have had issues with copies affecting locks.

Thank you

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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.