

# What's On Where

## In the 4 Saints Benefice

24th May 2020

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

WEBSITE: [www.standrewscountesthorpe.co.uk](http://www.standrewscountesthorpe.co.uk)



### Readings for this week

Acts 1:6-14

John 17:1-11

### Collect for this Week

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and  
compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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

### 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/campaign/lifeline>)

### Thy Kingdom Come

Please join in a global call to prayer: May 21st to May 31st 2020

It's not too late to join in this Christian global prayer movement..

Thy kingdom come (TKC) started this year on May 21st Ascension day and continues for 10 days until May 31st Pentecost. It is an invitation for individuals, families and churches to pray, for friends and family and neighbours to know Jesus. We pray also for ourselves that we will be refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit at this Special time.

We pray also for our churches here in Countesthorpe, Foston, Peatling Magna and Willoughby.

If you go onto the website [www.thykingdomcome/global](http://www.thykingdomcome/global) and sign up to pledge2pray, you will receive a daily email with inspiration and encouragement to pray.

For those of you on St. Andrews Facebook I am posting daily videos produced by TKC and will start posting prayer ideas.

On Friday May 29th 3pm till May 30th, we are trying to cover the 24 hours with prayer. This is tough to organise whilst we are in lockdown but if you do want to join in.

We do have a virtual room that you can register on to or you can email me [jacquimcaughey@aol.com](mailto:jacquimcaughey@aol.com) or standrewsoffice office.

Details for the virtual room are <http://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/ba33a4>

There are prayers on the St. Andrews website and links to resources on the TKC website

I hope you will all be blessed during this time

I hope that you feel inspired to join in this global event. For more information please contact Jacqui McAughey [jacquimcaughey@aol.com](mailto:jacquimcaughey@aol.com) or 07985322362 or one of the leadership team.

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.

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### Prayers for this week

#### Reflection:

This time of the year is usually spent with the twinning group either here or in Mennecy, France. I have been recalling fun times in the sunshine with our friends. With the wonder of modern technology, we have been able to facetime our friends in France and have looked around their lovely garden and discussed the lockdown restrictions in both our countries.

Lots of us have had our holidays cancelled this year, theatre trips postponed, family meals out, celebrations on hold. It is very hard to be patient; we are desperate to see our family and friends. Things we can hold on to, are the support and generosity of our neighbours and our community. Many of us are on the internet and can keep in touch with each other, there are prayer groups and if anyone needs prayer this can be arranged quickly, we all have more time to pray. God listens to our prayers; nothing is too much trouble for Him.

#### We thank you God and praise you:

We thank you God for the lovely weather this week, for the people in our community gifting plants and the chance for us all to enjoy our own surroundings.

We thank you God for all those who have recovered from Covid 19 in the last few months. We thank you for doctors, nurses and all healthcare staff still taking care of Covid 19 patients and those with other illnesses.

#### We offer our prayers to you God this week:

We pray this week for other lands suffering from other disasters, for India and Bangladesh after the recent cyclone, for places where crops are dying, where people are still contracting Polio, Cholera and other diseases.

Last week was Christian Aid week and the Rainbow Shop usually has a fundraising event to supplement the street collections. Unfortunately, the shop has been closed since March so these much-needed funds will not be sent this year, so we pray for those countries that still need our support.



We pray for our Government as they review the data and make further decisions regarding children returning to school and more businesses restarting.

We pray for the virus to slow down and for scientists to find a safe vaccine for us all.

We continue to pray for our Church members who are ill or being shielded at home. Those starting new treatment, awaiting operations and those with long term illnesses and those recovering at home.

We pray especially for Gaynor in the Queens Medical in Nottingham and her husband Jim.

We pray for Valerie C recovering after an accident at home, for John F awaiting an operation, Jim about to commence a new round of treatment and for Michael, Angela, Matthew, Roger, and Stephen with long term illnesses. We pray for them and their families, keep them all safe.

We pray for friends and relatives in need of our prayers, thinking of Glenys, Caroline and Cameron, and anyone else known to us.

We pray for all the residents in Cherrytrees and any of our relatives or friends in other care homes.

We pray for all the carers in care homes and pray they too get support.

We pray for those suffering with mental health problems.

We pray for those living on their own, those who are lonely and feeling unloved.

We pray for those now applying for Universal Credit and others with no income. We pray for our Foodbank, for the volunteers and all those donating food and money.

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

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 who has died in our villages in the last few weeks. We pray for their families.

We pray for anyone we know we have lost friends or loved ones.

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](mailto:aejelves@yahoo.co.uk)

Or message our Facebook page:

St Andrews Church and the Bridge.

### Time of reflection

O Lord open our lips;  
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning is now, and shall be for ever.  
Amen.

#### Psalm 46

1. God is our refuge and strength:  
a very present help in trouble.
2. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved:  
and though the mountains are shaken in the midst of the sea;
3. though the waters rage and foam:  
and though the mountains quake at the rising of the sea.
4. The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
5. 'Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted upon the earth.'
6. The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning is now, and shall be for ever.  
Amen.

#### Confession:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.  
Amen.

#### Collect

Read: Acts 1: 6-14  
John 17: 1-11

#### Reflection:

Choose either the reading from Acts or from John. Spend time following these steps, listening to what God might be saying to you. Don't rush each step...let God speak through his word to you today.

Sit in a quiet, and recall that you are about to listen to the Word of God.

Read the scripture passage aloud in order to hear with your own ears the words. When you have finished reading, pause and recall if some word or phrase stood out or something touched your heart. If so, pause and savour the insight, feeling, or understanding.

Go back and read the passage again because it will have a fuller meaning. Pause again and note what happened.

At this point you may want to pray with God or Jesus in response to the word. Let the Holy Spirit lead you as you follow the promptings of your heart. This kind of reflective listening allows the Holy Spirit to deepen awareness of God's taking the initiative to speak with us.

Pray using the prayers on the previous page, concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

Now to the King eternal,  
immortal, invisible,  
the only God,  
be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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