

FOSSE GROUP NEWS

News from the churches of St Augustine, St Helen, 24 St Mary, St Peter & St Wilfrid

23rd June - 6th July2024

Sunday 23rd June - FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday in our churches...

SUNG COMMUNION 9.15am

St Peter's, East Bridgford **Readings:**



2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-end



Communion 11.00am

St Augustine's, Flintham

Readings:

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-end



For our prayers...

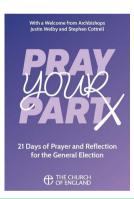
- For peace in places of conflict across the world, especially in Gaza and Israel, Ukraine, and Sudan.
- As we approach the General Election—for integrity in politics, for candidates to seek your will and for your Kingdom to come. Help us to use our vote wisely.
- For those competing in and supporting teams in the Football Euros -that the tournament will be playing in good spirit.
- For our Experience the Lord's Prayer event on Tuesday, for the volunteers and children that will attend.
- For those preparing for ordination as Deacons and Priests in our Diocese.
- For those who are struggling in mind, body or spirit this week and for the recently bereaved.

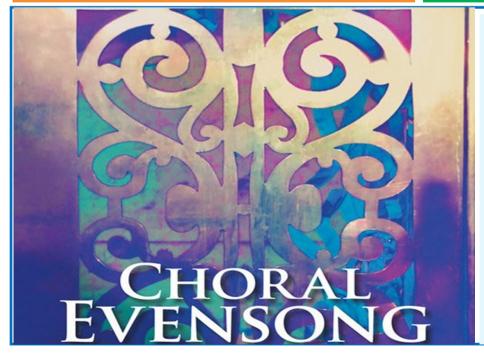
General Election 4th July 'Pray Your Part' - 21 days of prayer

Don't forget to pick up your free copy of 'Pray your Part' available in our churches now so that

you can join with others across the nation in the run up to the General Election on 4th July.

Lord let your kingdom come, your will be done.





COMBINED CHOIRS

CHORAL EVENSONG

Choirs of All Hallows and St Peter's East Bridgford

All Hallows Church,

Gedling

Sunday 23rd June at 6pm

News from our parishes...

News from the Parish of Car Colston and Screveton

D-Day service at St Wilfrid's on Sunday 9th June

Worship was enjoyed by 23 in our congregation. Our junior uniformed Services was represented by Bella, a Scout from the Flintham Group who read some Memories of D-Day together with a childhood memory from Christine Barker (8 +yrs old on D-Day)! Some parachutes had been made by local children to help mark the occasion. The service was followed by refreshments.

From your Churchwarden... I would like to thank you for re-electing me as Churchwarden for St Wilfrid's and look forward to having your continued support in looking after our beautiful church and graveyard and hopefully see you indoors too at both of our services on 1st (11am) and 2nd (10am) Sundays.

MOST importantly, I would like to thank **Elizabeth Bonser** who has held this office for nearly 20 years and who has worked so

very hard in the role as Churchwarden for Screveton. Elizabeth has decided to retire as she is now moving to live in East Bridgford but I will still be relying on her knowledge and also the help of our great **CLEANING AND FLOWER** team – **June, Jackie** and **Sue**. We all hope that you will enjoy our peaceful place of worship. If anyone would like to help in anyway please let me know. *Mandy*





NEWS FROM ST MARY'S

On the evening of Thursday 6th June, the local community gathered at **St Mary's** to pay tribute to and remember all those involved in the D-Day Landings of 1944. At 6.30pm thanks to bellringers from across the Fosse Group **St Mary's** was able to join the national call to 'Ring out for Peace' with some fine ringing to mark the occasion. The ringing was followed by an Act of Remembrance in the churchyard

led by Rev Ruth which included a two minute silence. Everyone then returned to church to enjoy the cheese, wine and the light refreshments provided.

Last Sunday it was time once again for **St Mary's** annual pet service. We welcomed friends and family accompanied by new puppy faces as well as the more seasoned doggie church goers. Everyone was very well behaved as we gathered for the start of the service and listened attentively especially to the story of St Francis taming the wolf which is always a big favourite. There was also an opportunity to remember much

loved pets we have lost by placing their names on our 'Rainbow
Bridge' Fortunately, the weather improved sufficiently to enable us to move to the churchyard where the dogs lined up eagerly awaiting their blessing from Rev Ruth.

Please see page 3 for more news and photos from St Mary's...





News from our parishes...

News and photos from St Mary's continued.

It was very thoughtful that the individual blessing certificates were printed on high quality paper this year as many dogs like to keep the certificates by their beds as a reminder that they are blessed. We then headed off across the churchyard to **St**Mary's well established **Bug Church** where Rev Ruth blessed







all the bug
Inhabitants and we
considered in some
detail exactly what
creatures might
reside there. Many
thanks to everyone

both human and canine for joining in with the spirit of the occasion and also to Rev Ruth for leading such a joyful family service. The generous donations of pet food collected during the course of the week will be taken to the RSPCA Radcliffe Animal Centre.

For both these occasions **St Mary's** was decorated with

seasonal flowers gathered from our gardens and arranged naturally and informally. As part of **St Mary's Eco Church** initiative, the parish adopted a Sustainable Church Flower Policy in 2023 guided by the principles of 'Sustainable Church Flowers' a movement within the Church of England passionate about sustainability in our churches. More information and advice on how to 'bring floristry back to the way nature intended it' can be found on their website https://suschurchflowers.com/.





News from our parishes...



ECO CHURCH-YOUR GARDEN

As the better weather has encouraged us out into our gardens, I thought you might be interested in an article I

recently read in a newspaper that said......

'According to the Royal Horticultural Society, if 30 million gardeners replaced a square metre of paving with perennial plants, the collective impact could offset CO2 emissions from up to one million homes over 12 months.'



It also said.....

'Perennial plants have deep root systems that reach further into the ground, enabling them to store carbon more efficiently compared to shallow-rooted plants.'

I thought that this was very interesting and perhaps even if we haven't got a square metre of paving that we could remove, when we come to replanting a border think about using perennials. Every little helps.

Hilary

UPDATE ON PEWS AT ST PETERS

All ten of the pews have been sold, raising around £1500 for church funds, and have all now gone to their new homes, where, I'm sure, they are all being refurbished and cherished. The floor has been repaired—thank you to **Steve Maynard** from St Peter's Academy for doing this . We were excited to receive our new chairs which can be configured in a variety of ways for coffee mornings, informal worship etc. The new chairs have been supplemented with a stack of foldable chairs on a trolley, which will be added to the seating area when we need to seat large numbers of people for occasions such as concerts, weddings, services



like Feast Sunday and Remembrance Day, and when the children of St Peter's Academy are attending their services in church.

Why not come along and see them for yourselves at our **Feast Sunday service on Sunday 30th June at 6pm?**

Or come along to our **coffee morning on Saturday 13th July at 10am—12 noon** and see the new chairs in situ, and chat about the new opportunities for worship, and outreach into the community that this exciting new space will allow us. *Details on page 5.*

BAKERS NEEDED....APPEAL FOR CAKES FOR ST PETER'S CHURCH!

St Peter's will be having a stand at this year's East Bridgford Village Show, on **Saturday 29th June**. This year, we''ll be selling cakes. If you are a home baker, and have a few hours to make cakes, biscuits, scones, or even some savouries, please bring them along on Friday 28th June afternoon or evening to Pat at 18 Haycroft Way, or Janette at 2a Millgate.



All donations will be gratefully received

East Bridgford Village Show St Peter's Church stall Volunteers Urgently Required!

If you are able to staff the St Peter's Church stall at East Bridgford Village Show on Saturday 29th June, for just **one hour** of the day, please let Peter Golightly know.

St Peter's Feast Sunday Service



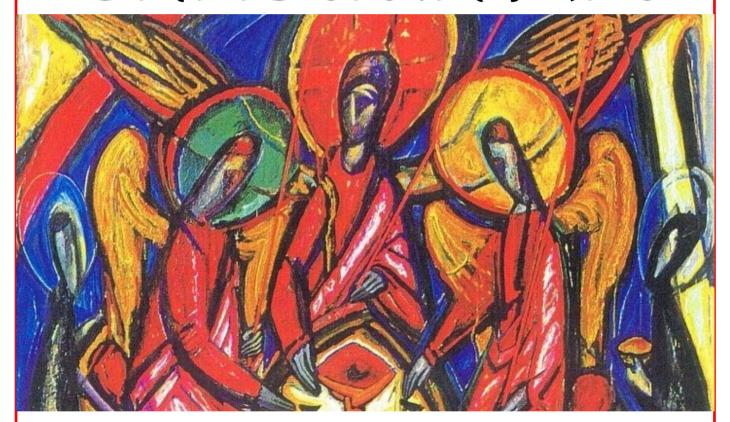
Including an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

SUNDAY 30th JUNE 2024 at 6PM ST PETER'S CHURCH, EAST BRIDGFORD





Exploring Christian Art



Art of the Trinity 1

Friday 5th July 7pm

On Zoom

Please contact

revruthcolby@gmail.com for joining details

DIARY

correct at time of going to press

Monday 24th June

St Peter's Bellringers, 7.30-9pm, St Peter's, East Bridgford

Tuesday 25th June

Experience The Lord's Prayer with St Peter's Academy, 9am-3.15pm, St Peter's, East Bridgford

Wednesday 26th June

Communion (BCP), 10.00am, St Peter's, East Bridgford Scouts visit to St Peter's, East Bridgford, 7.30pm-8.30pm

Thursday 27th June

St Mary's Bellringers, 10.30am—12..00pm, St Mary's, Car Colston Funeral of the late David Goodger, St Peter's East Bridgford,

Car Colston, Screveton & Flintham Mothers Union, 3pm-4.30pm, venue tbc

St Peter's Choir practice, 6.30pm, St Peter's, East Bridgford

Saturday 29th June

Peal attempt, St Peter's, East Bridgford, 9am-12am East Bridgford Village Show-11am-4pm

Sunday 30th June—FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

FOSSE GROUP COMMUNION 10.00am

St Mary's, Car Colston **Readings:**

Acts 12:1-11

Matthew 16:13-19

ALL AGE FEAST SUNDAY SERVICE 6.00pm

St Peter's East Bridgford **Readings:**

Acts 12:1-11

Matthew 16:13-19

See poster on pg 5 for details

CHRISTENINGS OF VIOLET AND ALFIE JOVENAL

2pm, St Peter's, East Bridgford



Monday 1st July

Flintham school visit to Flintham church, 9.15am St Peter's Bellringers, 7.30-9pm, St Peter's, East Bridgford

Wednesday 3rd July

Communion (BCP), 10.00am, St Peter's, East Bridgford

Thursday 4th July

St Mary's Bellringers, 10.30am—12.00pm, St Mary's, Car Colston St Peter's Choir practice, 6.30pm, St Peter's, East Bridgford

Friday 5th July

Christian Art-Art of the Trinity, 7pm, via Zoom

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Please Note: Revd Ruth's day off is Tuesday

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Safeguarding

Any concerns about safeguarding should be directed to the Parish Safeguarding Officers

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Mandy Beeby

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Fosse Group Communion 30th June 10am

It would be lovely to see people from across the Fosse Group join us at the **Fosse Group** Communion Service on Sunday 30th June at 10 am at St Mary's Car Colston.

This is a great opportunity to worship with friends and neighbours across our parishes, and, after the service, enjoy the hospitality of St Mary's.

If you've not been to visit St Mary's recently, this is a good time to admire the bell tower, the King Charles Royal Arms, and the refurbishment of the nave of this lovely village church.

A friendly welcome is guaranteed!