

SEPTEMBER EDITION

Sunday 1st September – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday in our churches...

SUNG COMMUNION

9.15am

St Peter's, East Bridgford

Readings:

James 1.17-end

Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23



COMMUNION

11.00am

St Wilfrid's, Screveton

Readings:

James 1.17-end

Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23



CELTIC EVENING PRAYER

5.00pm

Via Zoom

Readings:

Psalms 119.9-16,
 Matthew 4.23-5.20



For our prayers...Prayer for Fair Trade Fortnight

Creator God,

we look around our world; we can see our homes in the city or in the country; in them and around them we can marvel at the beauty of your creation, if we just open our eyes. Through the wonders of digital technology, we can see the wonders far from us too, and the eco systems living in it. Yet we are also the ones who have caused chaos and harm to these beautiful places and to flora and fauna within them. Give us eyes that see beyond the beauty. You have given us enough land to feed our populations, yet many go hungry. You have given us wealth, yet we are often slow to share. You have given us the ability to look outwards and to see where others need help, but often we only look at our own lives. Forgive us Lord, when we do not open our eyes, and when, as a Parent, we make your heart sad at our selfish nature. Touch our eyes afresh today and enable us to see what you have created. Help us nurture and care for all that lives on this beautiful planet we call home. Help us to seek always for justice and fairness for places and people and to make this world a better place. Amen



The Fosse Group of churches invite you to a special service to celebrate

GODPARENTS' SUNDAY

Sunday 29th September, 3pm

St Peter's Church, East Bridgford

Come and join us to celebrate all that godparents bring to the lives of their godchildren.

We welcome anyone who is a godparent or a godchild or has supported someone in their faith life to come and join in this special service of celebration.

Stay for tea and cakes after the service

September services and readings

SUNDAY SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

| green | Sunday 1st September <i>14th Sunday after Trinity</i> | Sunday 8th September <i>15th Sunday after Trinity</i> | Sunday 15th September <i>16th Sunday after Trinity</i> | Sunday 22nd September <i>17th Sunday after Trinity</i> | Sunday 29th September <i>18th Sunday after Trinity</i> |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|
| St Peter's East Bridgford | 9.15 am Sung Communion | 10.00am Pancakes and Praise | 6.00pm Evensong | 9.15am Sung Communion | 10.00am Harvest Festival at EB Methodist Church 3.00pm FG Godparents Sunday celebration |
| St Mary's Car Colston | | | 10.00am FG Said Communion 11.00am Café Church & Brunch | | |
| St Helen's Kneeton | | 6.00pm Evensong | | | |
| St Wilfrid's Screveton | 11.00am Communion | 10.00am Morning Prayer (lay -led) | | | |
| St Augustine's Flintham | | | | 6.00pm Harvest Festival | |

SEPTEMBER READINGS

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| Sunday 1st September <i>EB & Sc</i> | James 1.17-end | Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23 | |
| Sunday 8th September <i>Pancakes & Praise EB</i> <i>Morning Prayer Sc</i> <i>Evensong Kn</i> | Mark 6.7-13 Jonah 3.10-4.11 Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23 | Revelation 8.1-5 Mark 7.24-end | Psalm 119. 57-72 Psalm 119.49-56 |
| Sunday 15th September <i>Said Communion CC</i> <i>Evensong EB</i> | James 3.1-12 Proverbs 1.20-33 | Mark 8.27-end Mark 8.27-end | Psalm 119.73-88 |
| Sunday 22nd September <i>EB</i> | James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a | Mark 9.30-37 | |
| Sunday 29th September FG Godparents Celebration <i>EB</i> | Acts 2:14, 36-41 | | |

Wednesday morning Communion at St Peter's, East Bridgford at 10.00am

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| Wednesday 4th September 1 Corinthians 3.1-9, Luke 4.38-end | Wednesday 18th September 1 Corinthians 12.31b-end of 13, Luke 7.31-35 |
| Wednesday 11th September 1 Corinthians 7.25-31, Luke 6.20-26 | Wednesday 25th September Proverbs 30.5-9, Luke 9.1-6 |

Thoughts from the Rectory



September 2024

September is a good time of the year to re-set our clocks – not in the sense of changing the clock forward or back, that will come in due course next month, – but a metaphorical resetting of our minds and bodies for the coming of the autumn which is just around the corner.

Of course, for those of you with children or young people in the house and for those who work in education you will know what I mean. September sees the start of a new school year, perhaps a move of school for some, or a flying of the nest to higher education or the world of work for some of our young people. We need to be prepared, make sure we have everything ready for a new year ahead.

For the rest of us, as September approaches we see clubs, societies and groups springing into life again, coming back together after the summer break, renewing friendships, setting programmes, starting new courses of study and putting dates in diaries. All signs of things springing back to life after as the holiday season draws to a close.

But as we set our eyes on all of these new beginnings, the natural world is changing around us, seemingly in the opposite direction, somewhat at odds with our human endeavours! Nature is beginning the slow decline to winter that starts with the gathering in of the harvest in the farms around and the ploughing of the fields ready for a new crop. Then in quick succession comes autumn bringing wonderful colour and vibrancy to the hedgerows and trees as leaves turn to rich yellows and browns, russets and reds and drop to the ground to revitalise the earth.

The turning of the seasons and the gentle rhythm of life is both comforting and reassuring to us, even when it brings colder days and shorter evenings.

The Book of Ecclesiastes says this:

'For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.'

Ecclesiastes 3:1

But new life often cannot spring forth in the plant world without the dying of the old and the falling to the ground of the seed. It is essential to life and survival. Our wellbeing also depends on casting some things aside so that we don't become overwhelmed and in order that new growth might spring forth in it's time for us too.

Perhaps this September, as we reflect on what is important to reconnect with, we should be mindful to only take up again the things that give us life both new and old:

*'See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.'*

Isaiah 43:19

I hope and pray that whatever you do this September brings you joy and new life.

Blessings Revd Ruth

Help save Notts churches with your weekend walk or bike ride ...

Take part in Ride+Stride for Churches!

Join the **NHCT** for **Ride+Stride** where you can have a great day out, visiting

Nottinghamshire's historic churches whilst raising funds for their preservation. With many churches and chapels up and down the county open between 10am and 6pm, Ride+Stride is a great opportunity to learn more of their stories and explore the heritage of your local area. All five of the Fosse Group of churches will be open on Saturday 14th September to welcome visiting cyclists. Visit <https://nottshistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ridestride> for more information.



Join us in 2024 - 14 September

News from our parishes...



News from the Parish of Car Colston and Screveton

It is all change at **St Mary's** for the service on **Sunday 15th September**. We are delighted to be hosting a morning of Fosse Group services and events. It all starts at with a group said **Communion Service at 10.00am** to be held in the Chancel.

Then we launch into a **Café Church and Fairtrade Brunch at 11.00am** – all very exciting as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of Fairtrade and support produce which is Local, Organic and Animal Friendly. Please join us for this new venture and enjoy a Fairtrade fresh coffee or tea and a LOAF brunch in our newly refurbished area at the West End of the Nave. Everyone is most welcome to participate and many thanks to the Eco Farm at Screveton who will be helping us for the morning. In addition, there is an opportunity to highlight the many Eco Church initiatives across the two parishes as we journey together towards our ARocha Eco Church awards.

The morning also marks the start of our **second hand book exchange at St Mary's** so remember to bring along some of your old books to get us off to a flying start. We hope this will prove to be a refreshing and uplifting morning of church – although maybe not church as you know it! Please join us or better still let us know if you have some eco tips and ideas to share. Meanwhile our local happy hens are doing their best to be on top laying form ready for the occasion – let's hope there will be eggs for brunch!

Other dates for your diary - Saturday 14th
September Ride and Stride

Tuesday 17th September 2.00pm Mustard Seed
Prayer Group at Tollerton



News from St Wilfrid's

We have put up five bat boxes in the churchyard and two bird boxes to encourage wildlife habitats. Our grateful thanks to Sheds at the Eco Farm Screveton—a Bug house is on its way. Our benches to the memory of past parishioners have also been renovated to a high standard and paid for by a friend of St Wilfrid's.

Our baby bat named Screvie who was rescued and recovered by our 'Batman' – John Parker from Nottinghamshire Bat Group, has been released back into the church in full health. Ruth has a recording of the release!

We have had several visitors to our lovely church which is open 24/7, who came to see our Whalley Tomb in the bell tower—for those who don't know about this hidden gem at St Wilfrid's—it is a magnificent alabaster tomb depicting Whalley and his three wives and 21 children!





Brunch...But not as you know it!
Church...But not as you know it!

To celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight we are hosting

Cafe Church Brunch

Sunday 15th September 2024 at 11am
St Mary's Church, Car Colston

Enjoy brunch with us as we discuss using your 'LOAF'
with this relaxed, family friendly and interactive event.

Its Church...but not as you know it.

Contact us at stmaryscarcolston@gmail.com if you want to know more.

Fairtrade at

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the future is fair



News from our parishes...



News from St Peter's church

August Working Party at St Peter's

A big thank you to all who came to help at the August working party, we managed to get a huge amount done.

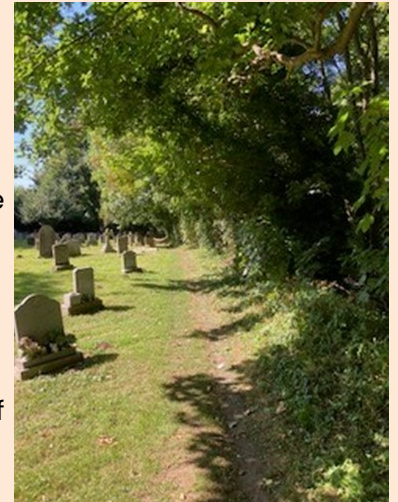
The path at the bottom of the churchyard that runs parallel with Trent Lane is cleared and the hedge cut back. It is now possible to walk the right line.



The wall in the front churchyard, with the roses growing on it, has been cleared and the roses cut back.

The large pile of soil left under a tree, after a lot of effort over several working parties, has been levelled, and you will see from the photo that plants are taking advantage of the freshly cleared earth. Plus, all the usual jobs that are done at every working party.

So, thanks again to all who came to help, it is much appreciated.



CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

The next Churchyard Working party is on **Saturday 21st September**. You could bring your secateurs or shears or loppers, we have plenty of cutting back that needs doing and there is always weeding and tidying! We'll be there from 9.00 onwards and have usually finished at the latest by 11.30am but come when you can for as long or short a time as you can spare. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits.

We look forward to seeing you.

ECO CHURCH—FAIRTRADE

We often see the Fairtrade logo on goods but do we really know what it stands for?

I decided to look on the Fairtrade web site and I quote:-

"As an international movement and in partnership with 2 million farmers and workers, Fairtrade has a vision of a world in which all producers enjoy secure and sustainable livelihoods, fulfil their potential, and decide on their future.

Fairtrade works with farmers and workers in more than 1,900 producer organisations, across 70 countries, so they can improve their living standards, invest in their communities and businesses, and protect our shared environment.

We achieve this by rallying a global community of millions – farmers and workers, supply chain partners, brands, retailers, shoppers, schools, government – to pay fair prices and uphold fair production standards and practices.

Fair prices provide an immediate lifeline for farmers and workers struggling with low incomes and disadvantaged by global trade."

I also found out that the black Fairtrade logo means all the ingredients in the product are Fairtrade and the white Fairtrade logo means that specific ingredients in the products e.g. cocoa, are sourced as Fairtrade.

It is interesting to look at the different supermarkets online and see what Fairtrade products they stock.

Let's try to do our bit in supporting their work with farmers and workers and look out for the Fairtrade logo when we are buying food and other goods, yes it is even on some wines!



Don't forget the Fosse Group are celebrating FairTrade Fortnight on Sunday 15th September at St Mary's, Car Colston with Café Church Brunch— see pages 4 & 5. Join us at this relaxed family friendly event at 11am

What's on in September

Christian Youth Group

@East Bridgford Methodist Church

Email: cyp@binghammethodist.org.uk

Facebook: @BEBCYP

2nd Sunday of the Month

Future dates:

8th Sept, 13th Oct, 10th
Nov, 8th Dec.

5.30-7pm

For ages 11-18

Food
Fun
Games
Friendship

A joint project run by St. Peter's Church and the Methodist Church in East Bridgford, led by Sarah Hobbs, Families and Youth Worker.

If you are in school year 6 and older, why not join us on Sunday 8th September for fun, games, friendship and some food, at our Christian Youth Group at East Bridgford Methodist Church.

Everyone is welcome.

This session is aimed at our younger children...why not come along with family members after school on Thursday 19th September? There'll be fun and games, food and friends, singing, arts and crafts—with a bible story theme.

Everyone is welcome.



At East Bridgford
Methodist Church

Third Thursday of the month

3.45-5pm

Crafty activities, story, songs
and a light tea.

Next dates:

19th Sept

17th Oct

21st Nov

No need to book, just turn up!

A vibrant nature-themed background featuring green leaves, flying birds, butterflies, and insects like ladybugs and bees. The text is centered in green.


Saturday 14th September
FAMILY ACTIVITY DAY
10am-12pm
St Peter's Churchyard
Bugs, bats, bees, wildflowers,
counting nature, art & crafts
Come and see what we are doing to help
nature in our churchyard

DIARY

correct at time of going to press
For all church services see page 2

Monday 2nd September

St Peter's Bellringers, 7.30-9pm, St Peter's, East Bridgford
Growing disciples steering group, 7.15pm-8.15pm, St Mary's, CC

Wednesday 4th September

Experience Advent planning meeting, 2pm-3.30pm, St Peter's, EB

Thursday 5th September

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 6th September

FairTrade Fortnight café church meeting, 10am-11am, St Mary's, CC
Exploring Christian Art, 7pm-8.30pm, via Zoom

Sunday 8th September

Youth Group, 5.30pm-7pm, East Bridgford Methodist Church

Monday 9th September

St Peter's Bellringers, 7.30-9pm, St Peter's, East Bridgford
Pancakes and Praise planning meeting, 7pm-8.30pm, venue tbc

Thursday 12th September

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

Saturday 14th September

Churchyard Activity Day, 10am-12pm, St Peter's churchyard, EB
Nottinghamshire churches Ride and Stride

Monday 16th September

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

Tuesday 17th September

Mustard Seed Prayer Group, 2pm-3.30pm, Tollerton

Thursday 19th September

Deanery Chapter, 12.30pm-2pm, Bingham
Messy Church, 3.15pm-4.45pm, East Bridgford Methodist Church
St Peter's Choir practice, 6.30pm, St Peter's, East Bridgford

Monday 23rd September

Ministry Team meeting, 2pm-3.30pm, Kneeton Road
St Peter's Bellringers, 7.30-9pm, St Peter's, East Bridgford

Thursday 26th September

Car Colston, Flintham & Screveton Mother's Union, 3pm-4.30pm, venue t,b,c
St Peter's Choir practice, 6.30pm, St Peter's, East Bridgford

Monday 30th September

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

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Volunteers needed!

Volunteers are needed to help tell the stories of Advent to the school children of St Peter's Academy when they visit St Peter's church for **Experience Advent!**

This will be taking place on **Wednesday 27 November**.

The first planning meeting will take place on **Wednesday 4 September at 2pm**

If you are able to help, please contact Rev Ruth at revruthcolby@gmail.com or

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