

FOSSE GROUP NEWS

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

NOVEMBER EDITION

Sunday 3rd November-All Saints / All Souls

This Sunday in our churches...

FOSSE GROUP COMMUNION FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

9.15am
St Peter's,
East Bridgford



SERVICE TO REMEMBER
THOSE WE HAVE LOST
6pm
St Mary's, Car Colston



All welcome whether you have lost someone recently or a long time ago

Prayer for the Middle East

Dear God.



We cry out to you on behalf of the people seriously affected by the conflict in the Middle East. Our hearts break at the devastation and suffering that we see, and we know it breaks yours, too.

We ask that you would stretch out your mighty hand to bring an end to this war.

We cry out for people who have been injured or traumatised, who have lost loved ones or their homes. Please provide everything they need and be their comfort, their hope, their healer, and their safe refuge.

We pray for your peace to reign. We look to you as our Saviour and the hope of the world.

Amen.





November services and readings

SUNDAY SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

	Sunday 3rd November All Saints & All Souls gold/white	Sunday 10th November Remembrance Sunday red/green	Sunday 17th November Safeguarding Sunday red/green	Sunday 24th November Christ the King red/white
St Peter's East Bridgford	9.15 am Fosse Group Communion for All Saints Day	10.50 am All-age Remembrance service	9.15am Sung Communion 6.00pm Evensong	9.15am Sung Communion
St Mary's Car Colston	6pm Service to remember those we have lost		11.00am Communion	
St Helen's Kneeton		6.00pm Remembrance Sunday service		
St Wilfrid's Screveton		10.30am Remembrance Sunday service		
St Augustine's Flintham				11.00am Morning Worship

NOVEMBER READINGS

Sunday 3rd November Fosse Group Communion EB	1st reading Revelation 21.1–6a	2nd reading/Gospel John 11.32–44	Psalm
Service to remember those we have lost CC	John 6:37-40		
Sunday 10th November Remembrance Sunday service Sc	Micah 4:1-5		
All age Remembrance Sunday service EB	Mark 1:14-20		
Remembrance Sunday service K	Micah 4:1-5		
Sunday 17th November			
Sung Communion EB	Hebrews 10.11-25	Mark 13.1–8	
Communion CC	Hebrews 10.11–25	Mark 13.1–8	
Evensong EB	Daniel 12.1–3	Mark 13.1–8	Psalm 16
Sunday 24th November			
Sung Communion EB	Revelation 1.4b –8	John 18.33–37	
Morning Worship F	Revelation 1.4b –8	John 18.33–37	

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

Wednesday 6th November Philippians 2.12–18	Wednesday 20th November Revelation 4
Luke 14.25–33	Luke 19.11–28
Wednesday 13th October Titus 3.1–7	Thursday 28th November Revelation 18.1–2, 21–23; 19.1–3, 9
Luke 17.11–19	Luke 21.20–28

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 10.00AM GATHERING FOR ACT OF REMEMBRANCE, SCREVETON WAR MEMORIAL 10.30AM REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE, ST WILFRID'S, SCREVETON 10.40AM REMEMBRANCE PROCESSION TO WAR MEMORIAL, EAST BRIDGFORD 10.50AM ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

11.00AM SERVICE AT ST PETER'S CHURCH

ST HELEN'S, KNEETON

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

EAST BRIDGFORD

6.00PM

REMEMBRANCE DAY MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 10.50AM ACT OF REMEMBRANCE ST MARY'S, CAR COLSTON 10.50AM ACT OF REMEMBRANCE FLINTHAM VILLAGE HALL



Thoughts from the Rectory-November 2024



World War I was supposed to be the war to end all wars, but since the guns fell silent on the Western Front in 1918, conflicts around the world have continued.

As I write this, there are at

least 56 ongoing conflicts in all corners of our world, the highest number since World War II. This number includes those that have become international, with at least 92 countries involved in conflicts outside their borders. Some are drug wars, terrorist insurgencies and ethnic conflicts. Others full blown civil wars or cross border invasions.

We think, in particular, about the ongoing conflict in Ukraine which began in 2014 when Russia occupied Crimea and escalated more than two years ago with the full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Thousands have been killed and injured on both sides.

And then there are the disputes across the Middle East which have been bubbling under the surface for many years, but the escalation in violence and destruction in the last few weeks in many places across the region leaves the world precariously on the edge of the abyss. We watch in horror as each new scene of bombing and destruction, killing and hostage taking unfolds and feel helpless as we hear the daily stories of individuals and families left bereaved, fearful and homeless with no place of safety to turn to and little hope of peace.

Perhaps as we approach the season of Remembrance again in November and the annual national two minute silence, we have the space to reflect, remember and grieve for what has been lost to war in our world and to pray for peace.

The first-ever two-minute silence was observed on Armistice Day, on 11th November 1919 which means we have been observing it now for 105 years. During the silence, we are encouraged to remember those who have lost their lives in the theatre of war. Always a poignant moment in the Remembrance Services at the war memorials across our nation and in our churches.

I wonder what you think about during that moment of silence?

We live in a busy, noisy world and sometimes it is hard to tune out the noise and turn off the trivial thoughts that run through our minds in the silence, but each year, I try to clear my mind for those brief few moments and focus on the sacrifice made by so many young lives in the service of their country. I think about the colossal waste of life that resulted from the wars that have been, and the wars which continue today. In that moment, on Remembrance Sunday, I recall the stories of my own family and those I have known who have served their country in wartime and in peace.

Underlying all these thoughts is a yearning for peace.

There is a wonderful, hope-filled, aspirational bible verse in Isaiah which says,

"They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

Wouldn't this be wonderful?

No more war, no more lives lost in conflicts, no more innocent civilians caught in the crossfire of ideological arguments or the pursuit of power. This is my prayer each Remembrance Sunday, that nations will not use weapons as a means to settle disputes and that we can teach our children to be peacemakers and not war-mongers.

All these things will be going through my head as I stand again on Remembrance Sunday to observe the silence.

In the silence, you can hear a pin drop.

In the silence, you can hear the birds sing.
In the silence, you can hear the leaves rustle.
For us, it is only the briefest of silences, just two

short minutes

For many, in places of conflict, the silence is not

For the fallen, the silence is eternal.

Holding all who have no peace in prayer this November

Blessings

long enough.

Revd Ruth

News from our parishes...

News from the Parish of Car Colston and Screveton

Harvest Festival at **St Mary's** this year was a thoroughly joyful occasion celebrated by a congregation of 29 adults and 9 children. The service led by Rev Ruth offered a mixture of Bible readings, poetry, prayers and reflections together with hymns both old and new. The

Children's Corner at the West End of the Nave has really come into its own these days and provides a warm, informal, welcoming space for the young families attending our services. It was a delight that so many children participated in the service and they all did a great job carrying either loaf, grain, tools, apples or harvest pictures up the aisle to our harvest table. The church was beautifully and sustainably decorated with seasonal flowers and produce and with wheat from the farm. Considerable thanks are due to everyone who contributed to the displays and particularly to those who spent long hours arranging all the flowers. The collection of non-perishable items was well supported and will now be taken to Arnold Foodbank. The Foodbank collection box remains in the porch for further donations. Fellowship and refreshments followed on after the service and people remained in church for a chat, a cup of fresh coffee and homemade carrot cake.

St Mary's church clock regulator has recently been fitted and is working well. It is operated by an electromagnet governing the speed stroke of the pendulum and the correct time is received by satellite. The hour change will be adjusted automatically. Beautiful in its simplicity!

There have been some spectacular night skies of late and thanks to one Church Lane resident we have this wonderful photograph of **St Mary's**.

St Mary's dates for your diary in November

3rd November - **All Souls Service 6pm** - a service to remember those we have lost

11th November **Armistice Day Act of Remembrance 10.50am** - in the churchyard

14th November – **Wine Tasting Event 7pm** – please see poster for details

17th November – **Safeguarding Sunday 11am** - raising the visibility of Safeguarding and PSO's

The next **Mustard Seed** meeting is on 19th November 2pm at Aslockton

SAVE THE DATE

25th January 2025 Burns Night at the Village Hall









In collaboration with Weaver's of Nottingham, St Mary's Church invite you to a:

Wine Tasting Evening

Thursday 14th November 2024 at 7pm St Mary's Car Colston

Tickets £20 each

To raise funds for St Mary's and St Wilfrid's Churches.

Philip Trease of Weaver's will guide us through several wines with paired cheeses designed for the Christmas period, which are available to order on the evening for home delivery.

Tickets can be bought on the St Mary's online shop (see QR code below) or by contacting Philip on 0115 9580922.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Book tickets here

To buy tickets from our online shop visit...

https://carcolston screvetonparish. sumupstore.com





News from our parishes...

ST AUGUSTINE'S FLINTHAM ST HIGHEN'S MARETON

News from St Peter's church

St Peter's Churchyard Working Party

Many thanks to the grandson of

a member of our congregation who very kindly volunteered to help us one Thursday in the churchyard with the cutting back of overhanging branches. So with that help and those who came on 12th October we made some good progress in getting the churchyard in reasonable order. All the green waste is recycled, we no longer have bonfires The final St Peter's Churchyard Working Party



for this year is on **Saturday**, **9**th **November**, when we want to have a final tidy up for the winter and to make sure everything is in good order for the Remembrance Service the next day.

Someone will be there from 9.00am and we have usually finished by 11.30am, you can come when it suits you and stay for as long or short a time as you can spare, even half an hour would help.

We are pleased to announce that St. Peter's gained their SILVER ECO CHURCH award on 18th October, 2024



There will be weeding, cutting back and tidying of hedges, so secateurs, shears and loppers would be good to bring if you have them. Your help would be much appreciated—tea, coffee and biscuits at 10.00am.

Looking forward to seeing you



Japanese Knotweed in St Peter's Churchyard

If you noticed someone walking down our churchyard path in what looked like a white hazmat suit, it was the technician from Japanese Knotweed Ltd, coming to spray this invasive weed, which is in a very small part of our churchyard but needs to be dealt with.

The treatment will be done regularly over several years and the area has not to be disturbed.



ECO CHURCH

You and Your Driving continued......

It has occurred to me, and no doubt to many of you as well, that another way to save energy is to share lifts.

So, after you have modified your driving, how about offering to share lifts with people you know. You could be going to a church service in one of the other churches in the benefice, a church coffee morning, one of the many classes for art, exercise or learning, for the daily commute or even if you find that you are going shopping to a supermarket at the same time, better to use one car rather than two or even three.

Every little helps.

Recent activity in East Bridgford

Two characters often seen in

St Peter's church and churchyard were spotted in plain sight in East Bridgford recently. Where were they heading? What was in that suspicious package? Well, not to be daunted by any task they undertake, having removed a kneeler from St Peter's in order to

repair part of the floor, David and Hilary took the kneeler away to do some additional repair work and were on their way back with it when sighted on Main Street.



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News from St Helen's church

On 19 October St Helen's Church was pleased to welcome a group of bell ringers from Holbeach who came to ring a Quarter peal. They told us we were the fifth church they had

visited that day and the next day they were ringing a full peal at a church in Northamptonshire. We watched in amazement at their expertise and the concentration and physical effort required for 45 minutes continuous

Lincoln Diocesan Guild

On Saturday, 19 October 2024 in 45m

Kneeton, Nottinghamshire St Helen

Tenor: 6-0-1 in C

1296 Kneeton Treble Place Minimus

1 Robert Simpson

2 Brian E Plummer

3 Luke Tobin (C)

4 Anthony D Walker

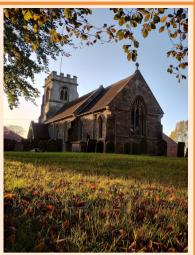
First quarter in new method:

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ringing. Moreover, it was very special to hear the village filled with their sound for such an extended period. They rang a new method, which will be called the 1296 Kneeton Treble Place Minimus—details to be found in The Ringing World. They were very grateful for the tea and biscuits provided afterwards







News from St Wilfrid's church

St Wilfrids Screveton held their Harvest Service at the Eco Farm with thanks to our hosts David
Rose and family. Like last year, we enjoyed a well attended service with 24 adults and
children who generously gave tinned goods for the Emmaus Trust food bank in Newark. Rev

Ruth led our service and we followed it with seasonal refreshments, hot drinks and lovely community chatter. Thank you David for setting up the outdoor meeting area with fresh produce from your farm.

The following week our lay-led service also had a Harvest theme with the altar dressed with a wheat sheaf and our Font decorated by the children from Southfields who had spent a couple of hours in the church during the week exploring both the in and outside of our beautiful church. This was a lovely connection to our service in which we also celebrated Education Sunday, the longest celebrated day

by the church – celebrated since 1848.

Sad news with the falling of an old Yew tree in the churchyard. Quick cutting up of the fallen trunk has made the area safe and ensured that the wall of the churchyard remains safe; but also been left to form further habitat for wildlife.

A thank you to all who help with the upkeep of St Wilfrids; cleaning/flowers; the upkeep of the churchyard; donations for a person to come in and strim; and the hedge cutting along the front.





DIARY

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Friday 1st November

Exploring Christian Art, 7pm-8.30pm via Zoom

Monday 4th November

Ministry Team Meeting, 2pm-4pm, Flintham vicarage St Peter's Bellringers, 7.30-9pm, St Peter's, East Bridgford

Thursday 7th November

St Mary's Bellringers, 10.30am—12.00pm, St Mary's, Car Colston East Bingham Deanery Synod, 7pm-9pm, Bingham

Saturday 9th November

Churchyard Working Party, 9.00am-11.30am, St Peter's, E Bridgford Messy Remembrance, 10am—12pm, Flintham Village Hall Christening,of Matilda Bignall - 2pm St Mary's, Car Colston

Sunday 10th November

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

Monday 11th September

Act of Remembrance, 10.50am, Flintham Village Hall Act of Remembrance, 10.50am, St Mary's, Car Colston St Peter's Bellringers, 7.30-9pm, St Peter's, East Bridgford

Thursday 14th November

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 St Mary's & St Wilfrid's Wine tasting evening, 7pm-9pm, St Mary's, Car Colston

Monday 18th November

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

Tuesday 19th November

Mustard Seed Prayer Group, 2pm-3pm, Aslockton

Thursday 21st November

St Mary's Bellringers, 10.30am—12.00pm, St Mary's, Car Colston Messy Church, 3.15pm-4.45pm, East Bridgford Methodist Church

Monday 25th November

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

Wednesday 27th November

Experience Advent, 9am-3pm, St Peter's, East Bridgford

Thursday 28th November

St Mary's Bellringers, 10.30am—12.00pm, St Mary's, Car Colston Car Colston, Screveton & Flintham Mother's Union, 2pm-3.30pm, St Peter's Choir practice, 6.30pm, St Peter's, East Bridgford

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Wednesday Communion

Please note that the children from St Peter's Academy are coming to church for Experience Advent on Wednesday 27th November, so the morning Communion service will be moved to

Thursday 28th November





