

DECEMBER EDITION

Sunday 1st December – ADVENT SUNDAY

This Sunday in our churches...

Fosse Group Experience Advent Café
 Church with EB Methodist Church

10am

St Peter's church, East Bridgford



Advent Carol Service

3.30pm

St Peter's church,
 East Bridgford

For our prayers...

A Prayer for Advent

God of hope, who brought love into this world,
 be the love that dwells between us.
 God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
 be the peace that dwells between us.
 God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
 be the joy that dwells between us.
 God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
 be the centre, the focus of our lives
 always, and particularly this Advent time.

What is Café Church?

Instead of a traditional service, this is a more relaxed and informal style of meeting together to worship God. It is still Church, but perhaps feels more open in its coffee shop style setting.

Hot drinks and pastries are served with people sitting at café tables to eat, drink and talk with each other. All are welcome – there are activities for all ages to enjoy. It is a good chance to catch up with friends, an opportunity to meet new people, and is a time to think and talk.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 1st December
 at 3.30pm

St Peter's Church
 East Bridgford



EXPERIENCE ADVENT CAFÉ CHURCH

SUNDAY
 1ST
 DECEMBER
 10.00AM



ST PETER'S
 CHURCH
 EAST
 BRIDGFORD

Come and join us for a coffee, tea and pastries and worship, for an introduction to Advent in an informal, relaxed and interactive setting.

December Services

Sunday, 1st December – ADVENT SUNDAY

10.00	FG Experience Advent Café Church (with EB Meth Ch)	St Peter's, East Bridgford
3.30pm	Advent Service	St Peter's, East Bridgford

Wednesday 4th December

10.00am	Communion (BCP)	St Peter's, East Bridgford
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Sunday, 8th December – 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.00am	Pancakes & Praise (with christening)	St Peter's, East Bridgford
10.00am	Morning Prayer (lay-led)	St Wilfrid's, Screveton
5.00pm	Carol Service	St Helen's, Kneeton

Wednesday, 11th December

10.00am	Communion (BCP)	St Peter's, East Bridgford
6.30pm	1 st Shelford & EB Scout Group Carol Service	St Peter's, East Bridgford

Saturday 14th December

5.00pm	Christingle	St Augustine's, Flintham
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Sunday, 15th December – 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.15am	Sung Communion	St Peter's, East Bridgford
11.00am	Communion	St Mary's, Car Colston
6.30pm	Carol service	St Peter's, East Bridgford

Wednesday, 18th December

10.00am	Communion (BCP)	St Peter's, East Bridgford
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Thursday 19th December

6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	St Wilfrid's, Screveton
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Saturday 21st December

5.00pm	Carol Service	St Augustine's, Flintham
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Sunday, 22nd December – 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.15am	Sung Communion	St Peter's, East Bridgford
5.00pm	Carol Service	St Mary's, Car Colston

Tuesday, 24th December – CHRISTMAS EVE

3.00pm	Christingle	St Peter's, East Bridgford
5.00pm	Christingle	St Peter's, East Bridgford
11.30pm	Midnight Mass	St Peter's, East Bridgford

Wednesday, 25th December – CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00am	All-age Communion for Christmas Day	St Augustine's, Flintham
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Sunday, 29th December – 1st SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

10.00am	Fosse Group Communion	St Wilfrid's, Screveton
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Wednesday, 1st January

No Communion



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

IN THE FOSSE GROUP

Sunday 8th December at 5pm

Carol service

St Helen's, Kneeton

Wednesday 11th December at 6.30pm

East Bridgford Scout Group Carol Service *St Peter's, East
Bridgford*

Saturday 14th December at 5pm

Christingle

St Augustine's, Flintham

Sunday 15th December at 6.30pm

Carol Service

St Peter's, East Bridgford

Thursday 19th December at 6pm

Carols by candlelight

St Wilfrid's, Screveton

Saturday 21st December at 5pm

Carol Service

St Augustine's, Flintham

Sunday 22nd December at 5pm

Carol Service

St Mary's, Car Colston

Tuesday 24th December

3pm & 5pm Christingle *St Peter's, East Bridgford*

11.30pm Midnight Mass

St Peter's, East Bridgford

Wednesday 25th December at 10am

All-age Communion for Christmas Day

St Augustine's, Flintham

The Christmas season is fast approaching and many of us have already turned our thoughts to what to buy as a gift for those who are important in our lives.

As some of you may be aware I look out each year for the launching of the Christmas adverts from the major stores with great enthusiasm, to see what their message is (and, of course, to see if there is material for a Christmas sermon or a magazine article!). I was therefore delighted this week as I was just embarking on writing my 'Thoughts from the Rectory' for December that it again coincided with the release of a number of Christmas adverts. Having reviewed some of them I found to my delight that there were some rich pickings!



John Lewis have again released a Christmas campaign that has a bit of a back story, this year about two sisters and the search for the perfect gift, and as has become customary for Christmas adverts, a 'warm glow' at its heart. The campaign is called '*Give knowingly*' and is designed to encourage customers to buy gifts with intention and consideration (all from John Lewis of course!).

According to one of the many and varied reviews on 'Google' the campaign's concept is based on the idea that "knowingly" represents living a life of intention, kindness, and doing the right thing. All very altruistic. One might even forget that the ad is designed to lure you into their store to spend and spend...

But perhaps there is a message in the advert for us to take away again this year. The John Lewis strap line '*give knowingly*' might encourage us to think a little more carefully about the gifts we choose and where they come from- as well as who they are destined for.

Perhaps we could consider this year giving with greater respect and care for the environment – choosing gifts that are ethically sourced and produced, are eco-friendly or fairly traded; using wrappings made from recycled paper and those that are plastic-free. Perhaps you might look at giving a charitable gift, such as those available through Oxfam (and many other charities) to help transform the lives of those in poverty rather than buying something at all.

Whatever you decide to give, and wherever you decide to purchase your gifts, I hope you will keep in mind that the reason you are giving at all is because it is **Christ**mas. We celebrate Christmas because in the beginning God gave knowingly from his love – a world of diversity, colour and beauty, and into that world he gave knowingly his son Jesus.

'For a child is born to us, a son is given to us.

And he will be called:

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

He will rule with fairness and justice for all eternity.

taken from Isaiah 9:6-7

This gift from God is the best gift that we could possibly receive – given knowingly – because God knows that we need the saving presence of Jesus in our lives.

I pray that this Christmas as you ponder on the gifts you might give, that you will seek out the gift of Jesus that is given again knowingly by God every year at Christmas (and every day in between) and that you might find that Jesus is the only gift you really need.

Blessings for December *Revd Ruth*

News from our parishes...



News from the Parish of Car Colston and Screveton

November is the month for Remembrance. **St Mary's** had the privilege of



hosting the Fosse Group service to mark All Souls Day remembering those we have loved and lost. The congregation from across the Fosse Group joined together for this quiet, reflective and personal service. Rev Ruth led the prayers in memory of loved ones and there was an

opportunity to light candles and add names to the Prayer Tree.

Whereas All Souls related to personal loss the following week Armistice Day provided a time for national remembrance. **St Mary's** churchyard was the setting for the annual village Act of Remembrance. In the presence of 23 villagers the names of the fallen from Car Colston were read aloud. In addition to the traditional British Legion wording considerable thought was given to accompanying prose and poetry. Both are well worth a read. The Proud Tower by Barbara W. Tuchman paints a portrait of the world before the Great War (chapter 2 'The Idea and the Deed'). In contrast 'Have you Forgotten Yvonne' is a deeply touching poem found unsigned in the papers of Lieutenant Colonel V. O. Robinson M.C. of Chesterfield who at one time served in the 6th Battalion Sherwood Foresters. The poem is believed to date from the First World War.

Moving from the past and seeking to nurture the future **St Mary's** was delighted to welcome family and friends to a joyful Christening service. Rev Ruth led the delightful service complete with Bible reading and prayers, jelly babies and bubbles. The refreshed Children's Area was moved to a position at the heart of the congregation where it proved to be a big success with all the young families attending.

The concluding service of the month focused on Safeguarding in the Church of England. It was a timely reminder of the responsibility we all have for safeguarding with a reflection from Rev Ruth on

the traumatic events set out in the Makin Report and an overview of parish safeguarding from the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

A Wine Tasting Evening was held at **St Mary's** on Thursday 14th November to raise funds for both parish churches. We were delighted to have the opportunity to welcome over 50 guests from the villages and churches of the Fosse Group and from neighbouring parishes too. Following a warm welcome from Rev Ruth we were introduced to Phillip Trease of Weavers who gave an engaging talk about each of the 10 tasting wines. There were a few nervous moments when transferring red wine between glasses to replicate decanting but thankfully carpet and stone floor remained unscathed! We served a selection of cheeses, smoked salmon and charcuterie to accompany the wines. Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of the evening and above all thanks to everyone who supported.



It has been marvelous to see so many people at **St Mary's** throughout November and for the church to be well used and appreciated for both worship and social events.

St Mary's dates for your diary in December

15th December – **Advent communion service 11am**

22nd December – **Village Carol Service 5pm**

24th December – **Mulled wine & mince pies 5-7pm**

Mustard Seed Meeting – 10th December at Radcliffe

Tickets now available – please see poster for details 25th January 2025 Burns Night at the Village Hall – a joint fundraising event for the Parish and Village Hall

More news from St Mary's...

A FUNDRAISER FOR
CAR COLSTON & SCREVEYTON VILLAGE HALL
AND
CAR COLSTON AND SCREVEYTON PARISH CHURCHES



BURNS NIGHT

25th January 2025

Join us to celebrate Scotland's most famous poet,
Robert Burns



7 pm Arrival Drinks
a 'Wee Dram of Whisky'

7.30 pm Traditional Three-Course Dinner

£20 per person

Dress: Wear a Touch of Tartan
Raffle, Games and Bar



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News from our parishes...

News from St Peter's church

Final Churchyard Working Party of the Year



We were very grateful to everyone who came and helped at the final working party of the year on the 9th November, it was much appreciated. See you next March!



ECO CHURCH

Sustainable Fashion Forget 'Fast' Fashion

A Rocha have some advice on sustainable fashion. It tells us that the fashion industry is the second most polluting in the world after the oil industry. Questions are being asked about the environmental ethics of raw materials, factory working conditions and the limited life of many articles of clothing. Less well publicised issues of the industry are the CO2 emissions and water use. (The UN tells us that the manufacture of one pair of jeans uses 10,000 litres of water.)

Recycling clothes can help with reducing the environmental impact your wardrobe is having. Giving to and buying from charity shops or by using one of the growing number of online sites where you can buy and sell 'pre-loved' clothes, are ways of using less resources.

If you are buying new, look for brands that are promoting sustainable fashion. Tearfund suggests some here, a five minute read.

<https://wearetearfund.org/article/ethical-fashion-tips-for-autumn/>

To quote Orsala de Castro (a sustainable fashion pioneer) "the most sustainable garment is the one already in your wardrobe".

Every little helps.

News from St Helen's church

St Helen's Remembrance Service was held on 10 November to honour those who were lost in the wars both past and recent. Kneeton lost two men in WWI - one, aged 22, was in the Royal Field Artillery and is buried in Sailly-Saillisel British Cemetery; the other, aged 33 was in the Royal Army Veterinary Corps.

The Army Veterinary Service began in 1796, but became the Royal Army Veterinary Corps in 1918. This was in recognition of the amazing work carried out by them. In WW1 about 450,000 horses were continually in service on the Western Front. There are records of 2.5 million casualty admissions to field veterinary hospitals of which 2 million returned to duty! The Corps is now responsible for 1,400 dogs deployed all round the world, as guard dogs or in mine detection in strategic locations.



Remembrance Stones by East Bridgford Brownies



2nd East Bridgford Brownies painted some wonderful Remembrance Stones which they displayed on Remembrance Sunday in the porch of St Peter's church. Thank you for sharing them with everybody who came to the Remembrance Sunday service.



Messy Remembrance—Flintham



Families from Flintham and surrounding villages had a wonderful time making wreaths and decorating biscuits as part of Messy Remembrance at Flintham on Saturday 9th November. We talked about themes of Remembrance including the huge number of animals that took part and died in WWI.



Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with craft activities, and refreshments.

Remembrance Sunday at St Wilfrid's, Screveton



St Wilfrid's was packed for the annual Remembrance Sunday service this year which followed a poignant Act of Remembrance at the Airmen's Memorial marking 80 years since the mid-air collision that killed 11 airmen over Screveton in 1944. Relatives of one of the airmen, Pilot Officer P W Laidler, had come over from Australia especially to be present for Remembrance Sunday. Thank you to Flintham Scout Group who turned out to parade and also to Southfields Pre-School who provided poppy crafts to decorate the church.



Experience Advent 2024



Just a taster of the delights that await you when you come along to **Experience Advent Café Church on Sunday 1st December 10am** when we will share some of the wonderful stories of Advent which our intrepid group of volunteers helped to share with the children of St Peter's Academy on Wednesday. We hope that what we have shared with the children will help you with your personal preparation for Christmas through the season of Advent..



Thank you to the many volunteers that have made Experience Advent possible from those who provided resources to those who served refreshments and especially to our storytellers who worked so hard with the children on Wednesday.

Hope to see you at Café Church on Sunday to explore for yourselves!

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

**at ST PETER'S CHURCH,
EAST BRIDGFORD**

**FRIDAY 6th & SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER
10am—4pm**

SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER 11am—3pm

**Featuring trees
decorated by local
organisations and
Individuals**

ALL WELCOME

**Light refreshments
will be
available**

**Sponsored by local
organisations**



Exploring Christian Art Advent



**Friday 6th December at 7pm
on Zoom**

**Please contact revruthcolby@gmail.com for
joining details**

Flintham Advent Windows 2024

24 houses or village amenities, a
new window lit up each day in
December in the run up to
Christmas

Welcome to our Advent Windows Trail for 2024

How the trail works:
Each day from 6th - 24th December a new Advent Window will be revealed in the village and lit up for the first time.
Once a window is revealed it will be lit every evening from 5pm until at least 8pm, adding to the trail of lit windows through the village leading to a great atmosphere and light in the run up to Christmas and New Year. The themes for the windows this year are 'Joy to the world' and 'Heils and Angels'. See if you can spot who has chosen which theme!
The map shows where each new window will be revealed on the trail. The route runs from one end of the village to the other and includes contributions from Flintham Primary School, Flintham Community Shop, The Boot & Shoe and F&S.

Thank you to all those who take part.

Conceyry Spinney Woodland Spinney & Oakwood

- 1 - 4th Dec: 107, Conceyry
- 2 - 5th Dec: Conceyry
- 3 - 6th Dec: Conceyry
- 4 - 7th Dec: Woodland
- 5 - 8th Dec: Oakwood
- 6 - 9th Dec: Conceyry

Inholms Road & Gardens

- 7 - 10th Dec: F&S Pavilion
- 8 - 11th Dec: Inholms Gardens
- 9 - 12th Dec: Inholms Gardens
- 10 - 13th Dec: Flintham Primary School
- 11 - 14th Dec: Flintham Community Shop

Main Street & Woods Lane

- 12 - 15th Dec: The Covecote
- 13 - 16th Dec: The Boot & Shoe
- 14 - 17th Dec: Jeannica House
- 15 - 18th Dec: The Birches
- 16 - 19th Dec: Souterston House
- 17 - 20th Dec: Rowan House
- 18 - 21st Dec: Winstons Cottage
- 19 - 22nd Dec: The Broadmarsh
- 20 - 23rd Dec: Broadgate
- 21 - 24th Dec: Rosewood House



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Advent Windows Trail map available
electronically from
revruthcolby@gmail.com or on the Fosse
Group website at: www.fossegroup.org.uk
or in paper copy from
Flintham Community shop
or the Boot & Shoe

DIARY

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Monday 2nd December

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

Thursday 5th December

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 December

Exploring Christian Art, 7pm-8.30pm via Zoom

Sunday 8th December

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

Monday 9th December

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

Thursday 12th December

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

Monday 16th December

Flintham School Christmas service, 2pm-3pm St Augustine's, Flintham

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

Tuesday 17th December

St Peter's Academy rehearsal, 9-11am, St Peter's, East Bridgford

Mustard Seed Prayer Group, 2pm-3pm, Radcliffe-on-Trent

Thursday 19th December

St Mary's Bellringers, 10.30am-12.00pm, St Mary's, Car Colston

St Peter's Academy KS2 Christmas service, 10.00-11.00am, St Peter's, East Bridgford

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

Monday 23rd December

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

Monday 30th December

Wedding rehearsal, 2pm-3pm, St Peter's, East Bridgford

Tuesday 31st December

Wedding of Henry Kilmister and Verity Pearce, 1.30pm, St Peter's, East Bridgford

Wednesday 1st January

NO COMMUNION SERVICE

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Please Note:

Revd Ruth's day off is
Tuesday

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Safeguarding

Any concerns about
safeguarding should be
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Please note that Revd Ruth and the Admin team will be taking **annual leave** during the Christmas and New Year period. Normal service will resume on Sunday 5th January. Revd Ruth will be available during this period via email, if needed.

SERVICES IN JANUARY 2025

Sunday 5th January

9.15am	Communion for Epiphany	St Peter's, East Bridgford
11.00am	Plough Sunday Service	St Wilfrid's, Screveton
5.00pm	Celtic Evening Prayer	Zoom

