



St Mary's



St Andrew's



Holy Trinity



St Thomas'

September Newsletter

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CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Children's Society Box collection for Coates this year raised a total of £344.45. An **EXCELLENT** result considering the 'cost of living' rise. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Tricia Brookes

BLESS THE BACKPACKS

(For those returning to school)

Sunday – 3rd September 2023



Harvest lunch - Wed 27th September 2023 : 12.30 pm

Tickets £6 per head



In Holy Trinity church

Advance notice = Little Eagles concert – Sat 14th October 2023

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON-LINE

St Thomas' - (Spoiler Alert)!

HARVEST SUPPER



Saturday 7th October - 7.30pm

Pondersbridge Village Hall

Tickets: £10

Main Course, Dessert, Cheese & Biscuits, Tea, Coffee, Water
You are welcome to bring your own alcoholic or soft drinks

Please contact Carol: 01733 844497 or Paul: 07720 719420

To reserve seats ASAP

David Fleming's 'RIDE AND STRIDE' Programme

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - THOUGHT 180



On September 9th Elizabeth and I will be making a sentimental journey.

In part it is a celebration of my 60 years in the Ministry, in part it is a thanksgiving for all the wonderful people who have helped us on our way and in part too, it is to raise money on 'Ride and Stride' Saturday for our own Parish Church and for The Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust.

Our trip will start at **Littleport St George**, our Parish Church, we will then drive on to **Fincham** Church where we were married in 1966 and next, to **Emneth** where we first met at a marriage I took, for some friends who were also friends of Elizabeth. From there on to **Wisbech St Peter** with so many happy memories of the Rose Fair, Interregnums and special services where I was 'signed off' as Archdeacon of Wisbech in 1993 to go directly to Prison without passing go: then to **Wisbech St Mary**, our last parish (1985-88). From there to **HMP Whitemoor**, where, after taking a Christmas Day service in 1988, I caused consternation in the Special Secure Unit by dropping my personal alarm! We then go across the fen to **Whittlesey St Mary**, our home from 1976 to 1985, (what a wonderful time), past our old house to the beautiful sister church of **Whittlesey St Andrew** before going down to what was the bumpiest road in all the fen to **St Thomas', Pondersbridge**, this being the third church in my group of parishes, with a character all of its own.

After a long drive we will arrive at **HMP Littlehey** which, in our day, was **Her Majesty's Borstal Gaynes Hall** and part of my first living in the Ely Diocese; down the hill to **St Andrew Great Staughton** where I was made vicar on Tuesday, 15th October 1968. The longest part of the journey will be to **Ely Cathedral** where I was 'moved' from 'Reverend' to 'Honorary Canon' in 1982.

In that same year I was elected Chairman of the House of Clergy and Vice President of the Diocesan Synod. Two years later on St Michael's Day 1984, I was installed as the 'Venerable' Archdeacon of Wisbech. Elizabeth also has many happy memories of working the Cathedral shop and it there that I 'phoned her, (so she became the first person to know), to tell her I had been appointed as Chaplain General of Her Majesty's Prisons.

Onward to home, to **Littleport Church then 'Fair-haven'**. We think it will be a journey of around 140 miles. We **know** it will be a journey filled with glad remembrances and, we **suspect**, also hold a number of sad memories too. I will publish a timetable later.

We are looking for as many sponsors as we can get. Half of the money we raise will go to our Parish Church to help its flourishing, and half to Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust. Should you like to share our venture, please copy this link:

<https://app.investmycommunity.com/cambridgeshire-historic-churches-trust-8745>

this should direct you to our fund-raising page.

Please don't worry if you haven't got any cash to spare or you would rather donate to another cause, or think I have a blooming cheek asking!! Just remember us as we ride back the years and thank God, with us, for all things bright and beautiful that have made our journey so special.

Take care, keep safe. David

Churches Together



Holiday at Home – 1st, 2nd and 3rd August 2023

Every summer, in the first week of August, Holiday at Home is held in the Methodist/URC Church in Queen Street. It is an outreach of Churches Together aiming to provide a “holiday” of three days of activities and meals for those in our community who are lonely and isolated. Six members of St. Andrew’s “Thursday Club” were guests this year.

Whittlesey Community Transport provides the transport for guests to and from the church and this year we had 32 guests. Tuesday and Thursday mornings consisted of activities (from hand massages to flower arranging) and the afternoons of entertainment (Whittlesey Singers, Ralph Barker – monologues, The Banjo Man and hilarious film clips- Tony Wright).

On the Wednesday, a day trip to Springfields had been arranged by coach/ small bus for the disabled. The weather forecast was for storms and rain but we were blessed with fine weather and experienced just a shower on the way home! We had time to shop both before and after a wonderful meal together. The Methodist/URC church was able to provide more volunteers this year and with Kay from St. Jude’s, it provided a lovely working atmosphere. Lyn, Zoe and Cara Ann were our organisers and they did a brilliant job! Colin, from The Falcon, cooked meals for us on Tuesday and Thursday and H@H helpers assisted in serving.

Everyone, in whatever capacity, expressed their enjoyment of the three days together and our guests’ written comments were SO positive, and overflowing with thanks.

Thanks specifically, go to the following helpers: **St Thomas’**: Carol and Sylvia, **St Mary’s** :Shirley, and Jane, **St Andrew’s**: Phil, Lynne, Pat, Sally and Chris.



For ALL our Churches

St Thomas', Holy Trinity, St Mary's, St Andrew's



The 'Not Just Café' unfortunately will **NOT** reopen in time for our monthly breakfast this September. The next breakfast therefore is booked for **10.00 am, Saturday, 7th October**. Please ring **MIN: 01733 208096** to reserve your place.

Family Evening Meal
September 23rd – 5.30 pm

A black silhouette illustration of a family of seven people sitting around a dining table. There are two adults and five children of various ages. The scene is set against a white background with a faint watermark.

A table for a maximum of 15 people has been booked at the
'Not Just Café'
There is an excellent choice of both English and Chinese food,
all offered at **VERY** reasonable prices, (cash only please).

Soft drinks, various teas and coffees are available, however, you may bring your own wine or beer if you prefer.

Please ring MIN: 01733 208095 to reserve a place.

Where is it? The Not Just Café is next door to the library. Looking forward to hearing from you, please leave your name and number if I'm not able to take your call at the time.





Friends of St. Andrew's Church
You are invited to our
Sunday Lunch on Sunday 22nd October 2023
At St. Andrew's Church Hall
12.30pm for 1pm

2 course Sunday Carvery Lunch for £14.00
Choice of Beef, Gammon or Pork or a vegetarian option



Followed by Apple Sponge and custard
Or Chocolate Fudge cake



A bar will be available

Please complete booking form below and return it to
Lynn Palmer either by email lynn.palmer20@btinternet.com

Or

18 Glenfields, Whittlesey, Peterborough PE7 1HX

If you require any information please ring Lynn on 07767 373264

Maximum of 6 per table for group or family bookings

Name _____

Number in your party?

Choices of Desert Apple Sponge..... Chocolate Fudge Cake

Any dietary requirements eg. Vegetarian

Please tick payment method

Cheque payable to "Friends of St. Andrew's".....

Or BACS Sort code 20-67-37 Account number 23409678 Reference: Sunday Lunch



**Friends of
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PUMPKIN FESTIVAL 2023

**COME AND SEE OUR PUMPKIN DISPLAYS
AND WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH A PUMPKIN!**

**St. Andrew's
Church
Whittlesey**



**27th & 28th
October 2022**

**Open 10am to 4pm
Entry Free**

Refreshments and Childrens Activities available



For further information or an entry form
please ring Lynn on 07767 373264 or
email lynn.palmer20@btinternet.com



Friends of St. Andrew's Church
Whittlesey
Present



St. Andrew's Church Hall, Parkinson Lane, Whittlesey.

Saturday 2nd September 2023

Ages 3-8years 11.00-12.00 noon Ages 8-15 years 1.00-2.00pm

£5 per headset

Refreshments available



For further information contact
Sarah Walker 07720 530448
Book via St. Andrew's Hall website
www.standrewshall.net



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SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2023

SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2023



**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE AT ST ANDREW'S
CHURCH HALL
PARKINSON LANE, WHITTLESEY
Open 10am to 4pm**



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PLEASE SEND ANY ITEMS/NOTICES FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE NEWSLETTER TO: Tina Overton – 07434 58 2838 or email: tinauk2011@gmail.com to arrive by the evening of the 26th September 2023 at the latest to ensure inclusion. Many thanks.

NB: It is with real sadness I inform all readers that as from the end of December 2023, I will no longer be producing the Newsletters. I've had such fun researching finding free cartoons to illustrate content and the comments received from those who read it, have been very complementary and uplifting. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I'm not leaving town, just looking at new ventures so if there is anyone 'out there' who would like to take it on....please do...it would be a real shame for it to no longer be around.