



Holy Trinity



St Thomas'



St Andrew's



St Mary's

# October Newsletter

## St Thomas' Church



Saturday 7th October  
 Pondersbridge Village Hall

For details:  
 Ring Carol - 01733 844497



### *Harvest Donations* - 8th October 2023

*Donations this year will be for  
Whittlesey Emergency Food Aid.*



## Food Collection

*Community Half-Term Activities*

11.00 am - 3.30 pm

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> October

**SPOILER ALERTS!**

4<sup>th</sup> November : 'Echoes from The Past'

Live Music Concert in St Thomas' Church

instrumental hits from the 60s/70s - Shadows, Beatles, Roy Orbison etc.

For a sample of their music contact

Carol 01733 844497 - Tickets £10 - include refreshments.

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25<sup>th</sup> November = **Open breakfast**

Serving between **9.00 am - 10.00am**

Then stay as long as you like

Contact Carol - 01733 844497 or Paul - 07720 719 420

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**Christmas Bazaar -**

*Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 : 1.00 - 3.00 pm -*

*Free admission : more details in next month's*

*Newsletter!*



### **David & Elizabeth's Ride & Stride**

Our September Newsletter included details about David and Elizabeth Fleming's sentimental journey to celebrate David's 60 years of ministry. As you will have read, they took part in the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride event on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Travelling by car and driven by their daughter Fiona, they made a special journey calling at various places in the Diocese of special significance to them. David was vicar of St Mary's and St Andrew's from 1976 to 1985 and during that time, St Thomas' Pondersbridge also became part of the benefice. David and Elizabeth visited those three churches and left a copy of 'Our Sentimental Journey' in each one.

If you are someone who is unable to get to your church to read it and would like to see this, please contact Roger Brown on 01733 202884 or 07736 527043 who will arrange for you to see it.

# Roger Brown's - RIDE & STRIDE



## Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust – Ride and Stride

**Saturday 9th September 2023**



Setting off on my cycle soon after 9.45 am, I travelled along the Green Wheel to Stanground Lock and then beyond to the church of St John's Stanground, arriving at 10.10 am. My objective was to cover those churches in the Yaxley Deanery which I didn't get to last year. However, I did call at St John's last year but as they are open for tea and coffee on a Saturday morning, I stopped to have a cuppa and a chat.

Leaving there I headed out to Ferry Meadows, and was delighted to see a Great Western Railway steam locomotive huffing and chuffing along on the Nene Valley Railway. Stopping in the layby outside Ferry Meadows I met Roy Plummer, originally from Blackbush, selling his wares of fruit and veg. We reminisced about our schooldays and schoolfriends and he gave me a lovely juicy peach to help me on my way.

It was a hot day with temperatures hovering around 30C.

Finding St Michael's Chesterton is not easy, being tucked away behind the main road houses, before going through a gated gravel pathway with overhanging trees. I wasn't surprised to find that the church was locked.



Travelling across the bridge over the A1 I reached Alwalton and called in to see some friends from one of our dance groups, who had retired. Whilst chatting I consumed three glasses of water. My thirst needed quenching! It was then across to St Andrew's church which was open with a pleasant lady in attendance. She explained that parts of the church date

back to 1170 and showed me where Henry Royce's ashes were interred. Henry Royce was the co-founder of the Rolls Royce Motor car and he was born at Alwalton in 1863. There was also a memorial to Frank Perkins, who had lived in the Manor House, behind the church.

Continuing my journey, I set out for Christ Church, Orton Goldhay. Thanks to my friend's 'SatNav' (on cycle mode) it took me along cycleways I hadn't been on before and I would have had difficulty finding, without such help.

It was now 1.10 pm and I had covered 19.8 miles.



Again, with the aid of 'sat nav' I arrived at St Mary's, Orton Waterville. The church was busy as it was also Heritage Day. Plenty of refreshments were on offer and I had a catch up with a fellow Licensed Lay Minister. Duly refreshed I made my way to Holy Trinity, Orton Longueville.

Together with the churches I visited last year, I had now completed my visit of the Yaxley Deanery churches. It was now 2.00 pm and I had covered just over 22 miles. I crossed the Oundle Road into Orton Mere and followed the cycle track along the Nene Valley Railway line into the city centre. On reaching the embankment I sat and enjoyed the sunshine and consumed most of the contents of my water bottle.

Eventually I carried on alongside the north bank of the river Nene and over the Millennium Bridge to bring me back into Stonald Road, finally arriving home at 3.00 pm. I had covered a distance of 30 miles.

Thank you to all who sponsored myself and others for the Ride and Stride event, we will let you know in the next Newsletter the total sponsorship money raised, which will be divided equally between Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust and the Benefice Account.

# Holy Trinity

*Blessing  
of  
the  
Animals*



3.00 pm - Sunday 22nd October  
All pets welcome!

## Feedback from PCC Meetings:

**Holy Trinity PCC** met on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and the following was discussed:

- Sunday worship service pattern and time
- Statement of Need as we seek a new Bishop of Ely
- Leading your Church into Growth Local
- PCC Policies
- Quotations for a new Boiler
- Harvest Festival donations

**St Mary's PCC** met on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 and the following was discussed:

- Statement of Need as we seek a new Bishop of Ely
- PCC Policies
- Finances
- Armed Forces Weekend – June 2024

**St Andrew's PCC** met on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and the following was discussed:

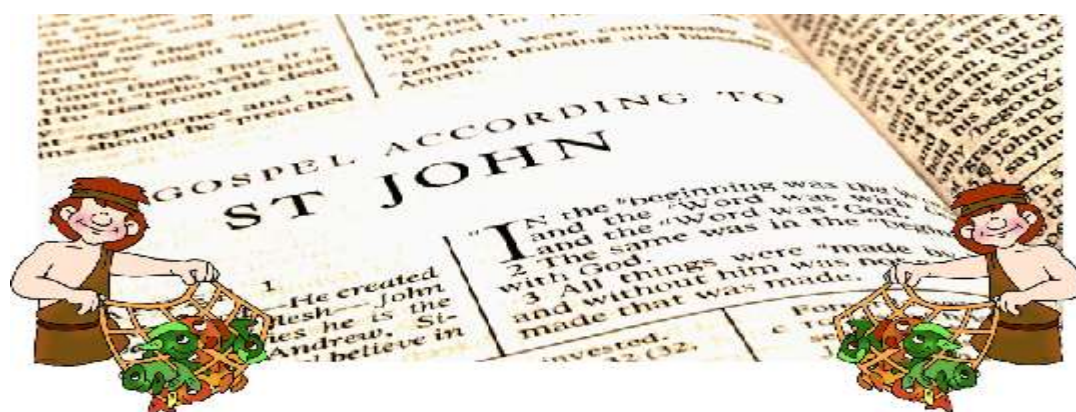
- Sunday worship service pattern and time
- Screens for Church, Church Laptop and Wi-Fi for Church
- Leading your Church into Growth Local
- PCC Policies
- Faculty Application to remove some pews
- Hall Finances
- Churchwarden Emeritus
- Christmas Carol Service

**St Thomas' PCC** will be meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

## Fellowship for the Benefice

The Falcon – from 2<sup>nd</sup> October – 7.00 pm

Everyone is welcome to join us as we explore scripture and faith,  
together, on Monday evenings



**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November** – A service of Comfort & Hope  
To remember a loved one who has gone before us.



**In St Andrew's Church**



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