



Issue 1 - February 2024

## Pathway Church

# News and Reflections from across the Benefice

### Reflections from the Rector

Lent begins in February, and I wonder whether you have given much thought as to how you might keep it this year?

Traditionally, Lent has been a time of spiritual preparation. For some this has always included fasting - giving something up; for others it might include taking something up - perhaps developing a new spiritual practice or daily habit.

As we keep the season of Lent together you are very welcome to join us on Ash Wednesday as we mark the beginning of Lent as a church community. There will be a traditional service with Ashing and Holy Communion at Holy Trinity in the morning, and a more informal service with Ashing and Holy Communion in Whittlesey in the evening.

There will also be a number of Lent Groups running across the Benefice for the first five weeks of Lent - more information can be found in this newsletter.

However you are choosing to keep Lent this year, I pray that it may be a time of real spiritual growth and fruit for you ahead of the Easter feast!

God bless,

Emily (Rector)

# Parish News

## *Holy Trinity Coates*

Regular Trinity Tots continues to meet on Monday Mornings

This continues to be a success and with a couple of the regulars having left to go to Nursery there are places for newcomers so please spread the word.

## *St Andrew's Whittlesey*

Please see below the forms for Friends of St Andrews joining/renewal and also

St Andrews Sunday Lunch.

Also attached Poster for Silent Disco.

## *St Mary's Whittlesey*

More news to follow next month...

## *St Thomas', Pondersbridge*

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*In future months we'd love to better celebrate and share what's happening across each of our four parishes - keep an eye out in March's Newsletter.*

# News from PCCs

## **Whittlesey: St Andrew**

**Feedback from PCC: St Andrew's PCC met on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and the following was discussed:**

- Canon B8 and the wearing of vestments for other occasional services
- Role Descriptions and Safer Recruitment
- Fabric: the clock chime and the flooring
- Prayers of Love and Faith
- St Andrew's Hall

## **Whittlesey: St Mary**

**Feedback from PCC: St Mary's PCC met on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 and the following was discussed:**

- Church Finances
- Lay Ministry
- Sir Harry Smith's Sword
- Insurance requirements
- Garden of Rest
- Prayers of Love and Faith
- Health and Safety

## **Pondersbridge: St Thomas**

**Feedback from PCC: St Thomas' PCC met on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024 and the following was discussed:**

- Archdeacon Rischard led us in a discussion around turning points - tensions that have arisen around changes in the wider Benefice and a perceived lack of change at St Thomas's. How do we seek to move forward from here? How do we demonstrate greater generosity, self-discipline and grace with one another?
- Evening Praise
- Prayers of Love and Faith.

## **Coates: Holy Trinity**

**Feedback from PCC: Holy Trinity PCC met on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and the following was discussed:**

- Prayers of Love and Faith
- The wider Benefices' use of the Holy Trinity Church as a venue for meetings and whether we might ask for a contribution towards the cost of heating/lighting from the team.

# Services and Events for February

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Morning Praise	Holy Trinity, Coates
2 <sup>nd</sup> before Lent	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Whittlesey
	11am	Sunday Worship + HC	St Mary's, Whittlesey
	6pm	Evening Praise	St Thomas, Pondersbridge
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Coates
Next before Lent	9:30am	Morning Praise	St Andrew's, Whittlesey
	11am	Sunday Worship	St Mary's, Whittlesey
	11am	Morning Praise	St Thomas, Pondersbridge
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	Friend's Coffee Morn.	St Andrew's Hall
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Coates
Ash Wednesday	7:30pm	Worship Wednesday	St Mary's or St Andrew's - TBC
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Morning Praise	Holy Trinity, Coates
Lent 1	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Whittlesey
	11am	Sunday Worship	St Mary's, Whittlesey
	6pm	Evening Praise	St Thomas, Pondersbridge
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Lent Group	212 Ramsey Rd, Pondersbridge
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	10am	Lent Group	Holy Trinity, Coates
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10am	Lent Group	St Andrew's, Whittlesey
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Morning Praise	Holy Trinity, Coates
Lent 2	9:30am	Morning Praise	St Andrew's, Whittlesey
	11am	Sunday Worship	St Mary's, Whittlesey
	11am	Holy Communion	St Thomas, Pondersbridge
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Lent Group	212 Ramsey Rd, Pondersbridge
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Lent Group	Holy Trinity, Coates
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Lent Group	St Andrew's, Whittlesey

## **Regular Services and Activities:**

Monday	9-11am	Trinity Tots	Holy Trinity, Coates
Monday	7pm	Exploring the Gospel	The Falcon Pub
Tuesday	7pm	Alpha Course	The Rectory
Wednesday	9:15am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Coates
Thursday	9:15am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Whittlesey

# Friends of St Andrew's



## 2024 Membership Renewal/Application Form

Please complete the following membership renewal/application form for 2024 in full and return it with your membership fee of £7.50 per person to

Membership Secretary - Mr Phil Knighton, 2 Walnut Close, Whittlesey,

PE7 1LL. Email [adyandphil@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:adyandphil@hotmail.co.uk) Telephone number 01733 202008.

Please make cheques payable to "The Friends of St Andrews". Please tick here.....

Alternatively payment can be made by Bank Transfer to

Friends of St. Andrew's, Sort Code 20-67-37 account number 23409678 using the reference Membership. Please tick here .....

Title and Full Name
Address
Postcode
Contact Telephone number
Email Address

If you feel you might like to help out at future Friends of St. Andrew's events please indicate below

Preparing and serving refreshments	
Door person/Steward	
Delivering Posters/letters	
Raffle prizes	
I am interested in being on the committee of "Friends"	

By completing this form you are agreeing to allow your personal details to be on file securely under the current Data Protection Act. By providing these details you will only be contacted by The Friends of St. Andrew's for the purposes of informing you of details of future meetings and events. You may request for them to be removed at any time.

Signature .....

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# Friends of St. Andrew's Church



You are invited to our

Sunday Lunch on Sunday 3rd March 2024

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 Crumble and custard  
Or Chocolate Brownie



A bar will be available

Please complete booking form below and return it to  
Lynn Palmer either by email [lynn.palmer20@btinternet.com](mailto:lynn.palmer20@btinternet.com)

Or

18 Glenfields, Whittlesey, Peterborough PE7 1HX

If you require any information please ring Lynn on 07767 373264

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Maximum of 6 per table for group or family bookings

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Names of members in your party

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Choices of Desert      Apple Crumble.....      Chocolate Brownie .....

Any dietary requirements eg. Vegetarian

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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 St. Andrew's Church  
Whittlesey  
Present



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

Saturday 17th February 2024

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 on 07720 530448

OR 01733 204351

(if unavailable please leave a message  
and I will get back to you)





## Lent Groups 2024

Meeting from the week commencing the 19<sup>th</sup> February; together we will be exploring the themes of Wilderness, Fasting, Solitude, Temptation and Preparation together.

Meeting on:

Tuesdays at 7:30pm - 212 Ramsey Rd, Pondersbridge

Wednesdays at 10am - Holy Trinity, Coates

Thursdays at 10am - St Andrew's, Whittlesey

## Other News and Information

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

**Firstly, to all who took part in the 2023 Ride & Stride fundraising event** which raised just over £21,900 to help churches of all denominations in the county of Cambridgeshire in 2024 – an increase of nearly £3000 on 2022!



Churches which raised funds in 2023 include:

Buckden, Cambridge: (Castle Methodist, Gt St Mary's, St Giles, St Edward's), Coveney, Dry Drayton, Ely Cathedral, Eltisley, Elton, Farcet, Fenstanton, Godmanchester, Gt. Paxton, Guilden Morden, Hemingford Abbots, Hemingford Grey, Houghton & Wyton, Kingston, Linton, Little Downham, Little Eversden, Little Thetford, Madingley, March, Melbourn, Mepal, Oakington, Somersham, Stapleford, Steeple Morden, Thriplow, Whittlesey and Willingham.

Two churches raised over £1000, and three churches raised over £500!

**Secondly to all sponsors** – without your sponsorship there would be nothing to celebrate and the Trust will not be able to help as much as they would like do with much needed grants/loans to churches which will apply for funding in 2024.

**Thirdly to those churches** which opened their doors to this year's Riders and Striders and made them welcome.

**Finally** please book the date for the next annual Ride & Stride: **Saturday 14th September 2024** – you don't have to Ride or Stride – do whatever you can and raise funds for your own church and for CHCT at the same time.

To see some of the highlights from the day, or send your own images and stories from the day please visit the Trust's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CambsHCT/> or email [canonannettereed@gmail.com](mailto:canonannettereed@gmail.com).

For more details about the Trust visit our website where you can become a member and/or take out Gift Membership, go to <https://camhct.uk/>.

## Contact Us

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Please send any items/notices for the March issue Newsletter to:

belinda.clapperton@pathway-church.co.uk by 14<sup>th</sup> February (Ash Wednesday).