

Benefice News



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News and Reflections from across the Benefice

Reflections from the Rector

This May we once again celebrate Pentecost - that great outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of the early church after Jesus had ascended back up to heaven. This gift of the Holy Spirit is just as much for us today and so we celebrate Pentecost knowing the joy and wonder of this gift for ourselves.

What difference does the gift of the Holy Spirit make to your life? And how ready are you to tell others about that?!

For we join a whole lineage of Christians who have come to discover the life-transforming power of the Holy Spirit for themselves; the fruit it bears and the gift of abundant life, joy, love and hope that it blooms.

If you would like to learn more about this thing called the Holy Spirit - and what it means for us as followers of Jesus and as people of faith - then I encourage you to consider joining our next Alpha Course - you can register your interest on our website.

God bless, Emily

PARISH NEWS

Following our APCMs (Annual Parochial Church Meetings), the following have been elected to (or continue in) the following roles:

Whittlesey: St Andrew

Churchwarden: Sarah Walker
 Churchwarden: Megan Randall
 Treasurer: Lynda Pilsworth
 PCC Secretary: Ann Mason

Whittlesey: St Mary

Churchwarden: Sue Iles Palmer
 Churchwarden: Ann Mayes
 Treasurer: Charlotte Elliott
 PCC Secretary: Miriam Tordoff

Coates: Holy Trinity

Churchwarden: Tricia Brookes
 Churchwarden: Ken Palmer
 Treasurer: Sue Jones
 PCC Secretary: Liz Tuckey

Pondersbridge: St Thomas

Churchwarden: Paul Turner
 Treasurer: Richard Burgess
 PCC Secretary: Liz Burgess

Services and Events for May

<u>Thursday 2nd</u>	6:30pm	Bible Study (Colossians)	The Falcon, Whittlesey
<u>Saturday 4th</u>	10am	Women's Breakfast	Not Just Café
<u>Sunday 5th</u>	9:30am	Morning Praise	Holy Trinity, Coates
Easter 6	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Whittlesey
	11am	Sunday Worship	St Mary's, Whittlesey
	6pm	Evening Praise	St Thomas, Pondersbridge
	6pm	New Wine Celebration	St Barnabas, Cambridge
<u>Monday 6th</u>	9am	"Breakfast Gathering"	Pondersbridge Hall
<u>Thursday 9th</u>	6:30pm	Bible Study (Colossians)	The Falcon, Whittlesey
<u>Saturday 11th</u>	10am-12	Coffee Morning	Holy Trinity, Coates
<u>Sunday 12th</u>	9:30am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Coates
Easter 7	9:30am	Morning Praise	St Andrew's, Whittlesey
	11am	Worship + Holy Comm. Followed by St Mary's PCC	St Mary's, Whittlesey
	11am	Morning Praise	St Thomas, Pondersbridge
	3pm	Afternoon Tea	St Andrew's, Whittlesey

12th-18th

Christian Aid Week

<u>Tuesday 14th</u>	10am-12	Friends Coffee Morn.	St Andrew's Hall
<u>Thursday 16th</u>	6:30pm	Bible Study (Philemon)	The Falcon, Whittlesey
<u>Friday 17th</u>	9am+	Christian Aid Cake Stall	The Buttercross
<u>Sunday 19th</u>	9:30am	Morning Praise	Holy Trinity, Coates
Pentecost	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Whittlesey
	11am	Sun. Worship + Baptism	St Mary's, Whittlesey
	6pm	Evening Praise	St Thomas, Pondersbridge
<u>Tuesday 21st</u>	7:30pm	Deanery Synod	
<u>Wed. 22nd</u>	10am	Holy Trinity PCC	Holy Trinity
<u>Saturday 25th</u>	7:30pm	Christian Aid Concert	St Andrew's, Whittlesey
<u>Sunday 26th</u>	9:30am	MP + Baptisms	Holy Trinity, Coates
Trinity Sun.	9:30am	Morning Praise	St Andrew's, Whittlesey
	11am	Sunday Worship	St Mary's, Whittlesey
	11am	Holy Communion	St Thomas, Pondersbridge
Wed. 29 th	7:30pm	St Andrew's PCC	St Andrew's

Regular Services and Activities:

Monday	9-11am Trinity Tots	Holy Trinity, Coates
Wednesday	9:15am Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Coates
Thursday	9:15am Holy Communion	St Mary's, Whittlesey

What's Happening Across the Team

Boiler Room Zoom Prayers 09.30 Tuesdays & Fridays

Morning Prayers for Pathway Church ,this is to be a regular event were you may pray on your own or join us on Zoom you can do this by going to :

www.pathway-church.co.uk/theboilerroom and clicking on the link to join the video call .

A short order of service is available at all of the Churches for you to take away and use .

We are praying that our community may be Blessed .

Stay curious, try Alpha.



The current Alpha has now come to an end, all those attending fed back they had enjoyed the Alpha experience and felt positive about exploring a life with Christ further.

This Alpha was fully subscribed if you are curious to find out more or know someone who may be interested then speak to one of ministry team about booking for the next one or you can book through Alpha website.

Alpha is a great way to explore Faith and Jesus with others sharing friendship and food in a relaxed environment enabling you to explore Faith without pressure.

TRINITY TOTS

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.

HOLY TRINITY COATES

Coffee Morning

SATURDAY 11TH MAY 10:00-12:00

CAKES, CRAFTS, PLANTS AND PRE LOVED BOOKS.



PONDERSBRIDGE

Our “**Open Breakfast**”



sessions over the winter months, have proved very popular and by request, it was decided and announced at the March session that we would pop in an extra one to be held on **Monday 6th May, serving between 9.00 – 10.00 am.**

For those who haven't been before, a selection of breakfasts are cooked to order, on arrival, from a provided menu, the most popular, unsurprisingly, being the “Full English”. Average attendance per session has been 34 people, with all ages catered for. Give it a try.

Can we just ask that you book your seat, by calling 01733 844497 or 07720719420 by the end of Friday 3rd May to verify numbers. Thank you.



Our fortnightly Thursdays sessions of “**Crafty Times**” gives those who attend, a time of relaxation to do what appeals to them on the day, be it a craft they choose to bring, a chance to try a new one, to read, unwind, take part in invigorating conversation, or just listen. Sessions of mixed gender and generational support, from infant to 80+ years works well for all, giving a feel of caring inclusion. Held in Pondersbridge village hall (PE26 2TR), light refreshment is provided with a starting time of 2.00pm.



Menu

- 1. Full breakfast: - Sausage, Bacon, Egg, Hash Brown, Baked Beans, Tomatoes, Mushrooms, Includes tea/coffee, bread butter/toast..... £6.50
- 2. Bacon, Egg + two other.....£3.50
- 3. Bacon, Egg & Beans.....£2.50
- 4. Beans on Toast.....£2.00
- 5. Egg on Toast (fried/Poached).....£2.00
- 6. Bacon sandwich.....£2.50
- 7. Bacon & Egg sandwich.....£3.00
- 8. Sausage Sandwich.....£2.50
- 9. Sausage & Egg Sandwich.....£3.00
- 10. Scrambled Egg on Toast.....£2.50

Tea or Coffee free

Help yourself to toast, butter, jam, marmalade

In St Thomas Church

Pondersbridge PE26 2TR

another live performance by

From The Past
Echoes



playing Instrumental hits

Including The shadows, Roy Orbison, The Beatles

Proceeds to Cambridge, Peterborough & South

Lincs. Mental Health - (MIND)

Saturday 8th June

7.00 pm

Entry £10 - Children under 16 Free - (includes refreshments) to ensure a seat
best to book by calling Paul – mobile 07720719420 or 01733 844497

Colossians

and Philemon at The Falcon

*A Bible reading series over five weeks,
exploring Jesus and the church
through two of Saint Paul's letters.*

**Thursday evenings
from 6:30pm at
The George**

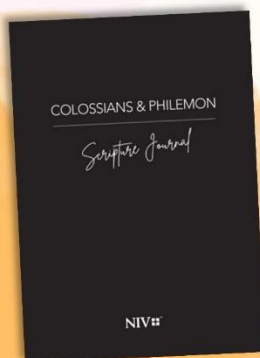
- 18 April — Colossians ch. 1
- 25 April — Colossians ch. 2
- 2 May — Colossians ch. 3
- 9 May — Colossians ch. 4
- 16 May — Philemon

**Please read the chapter
before the session and
consider these questions:**

What surprised or
excited you about God
in the chapter?

What made you feel
uncomfortable or unhappy?

What left you confused?



An accompanying Scripture Journal with
space for notes is available to buy at
www.pathway-church.co.uk/bookshop
which is not essential but may be useful.

Any questions regarding this study series
can be sent to lloyd@pathway-church.co.uk

Date for diary 21st Sept 2024

Proposed trip to Walsingham, Norfolk to visit The Anglican Shrine of our Lady Of Walsingham were we can attend service and take Holy Water if desired. This trip would rely on enough drivers willing to Car share or a driver willing to drive a self-drive minibus.

I have looked at hiring a coach but it is very expensive.

If interested please email belinda.clapperton@pathway-church.co.uk for more info.

If you like a Pint with your Bible study, or coffee or Cola see then you are welcome to join us as we explore Colossians and Philemon. Poster above.

There is still time to book for next Ride & Stride ,the date for the next annual Ride & Stride: **Saturday 14th September 2024** – you don't have to Ride or Stride – do whatever you have the time. We will be opening the churches in support on the day.



To see some of the highlights from the 2023 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.

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/>.

Any info or additions for **June (yes June !)** can you please email me by 20 May

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