

Benefice News



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News and Reflections from across the Benefice

Reflections from the Rector

Last week a General Election was announced for the 4th July and I expect the run up to this will be what dominates much of our news and media over the weeks of June.

Most of you reading this will, I imagine, be voting in this upcoming election and you might already be starting to think about how you might cast your vote. I wonder, have you considered how your faith might bear on how you vote? Or how the Bible might help you decide?

Our Christian faith - and the Bible - might not tell us exactly who to vote for; there are Christians of just about every party-political colour, but if we truly believe that we are called to be the salt and light in God's world - elections are a time when we know we can make a difference.

Perhaps over the coming weeks, when we know we will hear many different voices, policies and promises, we might just take a little time to consider each of these through the lens of our faith and all that the Bible teaches us. I encourage you - whoever you may end up voting for on the 4th July - to prayerfully consider how you might vote.

Just as importantly, let us all pray over these coming six weeks! We all know that we face enormous challenges as a country. Let us pray for all prospective MPs and party members who are campaigning, that they might do so in a way that is honest, respectful and fair.

As the inscription (in Latin) on the stone floor of Parliament's Central Lobby says: 'Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain' (Psalm 127.1).

If you'd like to explore this further, you might be interested in the Bible Society's 'Britain and the Bible' project: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/about-us/our-work/england-and-wales/britain-and-the-bible/>

PARISH NEWS

WHITTLESEY: St Mary's - feedback from PCC meeting 12th May 2023 where the following was discussed:

- PCC Code of Conduct
- Reflection on our worship
- Our building and how it reflects our values.
- Plans to install a kitchen and toilet etc -do we wish to pursue this?
- Whittlesey Festival
- Choir money from some past funerals

COATES: Holy Trinity - feedback from PCC meeting 22nd May 2024 where the following was discussed:

- PCC Code of Conduct
- Reflection on our worship and Church life - what does our welcome look like? How might we explore more intergenerational (all-age) styles of worship?

WHITTLESEY: St Andrew's - feedback from PCC meeting 29th May 2024 where the following was discussed:

- PCC Code of Conduct
- Reflection on our worship - particularly the use of our new screens and newer (choral) music
- Spending policy
- Thursday Club Constitution - to take note
- The payment of 2023's contribution to (team) ministry expenses
- Visit of the DAC on the 4th June
- Hall finances
- Noticeboards

Holy Trinity, Coates

Thanks to all who supported our May coffee morning we raised a total of £239.



We are now busy with our graveyard trying to keep the grass cut and encouraging wildlife to visit. At the beginning of May we had a visit from Coates school Eco group and the children had a lovely Afternoon making boxes for ladybirds and other bugs and then placing them around the churchyard. We are still struggling with the grass cutting and up-keep of the graveyard so if anyone is able to help By volunteering an hour or two it would be most appreciated.



St Thomas, Pondersbridge



Our Open breakfast remains popular if you 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.

Our next Breakfast Gathering will be Saturday 15th June

9am -10am Pondersbridge Village hall

Can we just ask that you [book your seat](#), by calling Carol 01733 844497 or Paul 07720719420 by the end of Thursday 13th June to verify numbers. Thank you.

Our PCC members would like to say a very big thankyou to everyone who has so keenly supported our Breakfast gatherings.

Stories in the Bible, feeding the crowds, our priority is to bring people together using the skills God has given each of us, in serving our community and further afield. This valuable opportunity for mission and outreach has been a pleasure for us all to serve in this way.

We are looking forwards to our live concert.

“Echoes From the Past” performing again in St Thomas Church on Saturday 8th June, at 7.00pm.

Thank you again to all who are, giving their support to this worthy cause you will be in for a great night.

Tickets £10 (child under16 free) are selling very well we need to have numbers for catering) 01733 844497 or 07720719420.

However, if you decide to turn up on the night we will squeeze you in.

Proceeds are to go to the local branch of Cambridge, Peterborough and South Lincs MIND.

Celebrating Ministry and Service



Roger Brown - I was licenced as a Reader (Licenced Lay Minister) on 24th April 2004 and on the 20th anniversary went to the Wednesday Holy Communion service at Holy Trinity. As I was taking the service there the following Sunday, Tricia, made a celebration cake for us all to enjoy afterwards. Thank you, Tricia and to all who have been an encouragement to me in my licenced lay ministry to date.



All of us at Pathway Church would like to say a big Thank you to Roger for all Ministry work not only in church but out in the community as well.

Joyce Rogers - Last month we gave thanks to Joyce and the many years she has given to St Andrew's playing the organ and on occasion across the other parishes of the Benefice. We are truly grateful for her years of service to the worship and ministry of the local church.



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 .

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.

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.

Other News and Information.

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/>.

Services and Events for June

Saturday 1st	10am	Women's Breakfast	Not Just Café
	1-5pm	Coates Fete	Coates
Sunday 2nd Trinity 1	9:30am	Morning Praise	Holy Trinity, Coates
	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Whittlesey
	11am	Sunday Worship followed by Bring and Share Lunch	St Mary's, Whittlesey
	6pm	Evening Praise	St Thomas, Pondersbridge
Tuesday 4th	10am	DAC visit to St Mary's and St Andrew's	
Thursday 6th	11am	D-Day 80 th Anniversary	Whittlesey War Memorial
Saturday 8th	7pm	"Echoes of the Past" Concert	St Thomas, Pondersbridge
Sunday 9th Trinity 2	9:30am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Coates
	9:30am	Morning Praise	St Andrew's, Whittlesey
	11am	Sunday Worship	St Mary's, Whittlesey
	11am	Morning Praise	St Thomas, Pondersbridge
Tuesday 11th	10am-12	Friends of St Andrew's Coffee Morning	Hall
Saturday 15th	9am	Pondersbridge Breakfast	Pondersbridge Hall
Sunday 16th Trinity 3	9:30am	Morning Praise	Holy Trinity, Coates
	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Whittlesey
	11am	Sunday Worship	St Mary's, Whittlesey
	4pm	Messy Church	Queen St Church
	6pm	Evening Praise followed by a meeting of the PCC	St Thomas, Pondersbridge
	6:30pm	New Wine Celebration	CSK, Hampton
Saturday 22nd	10am	Booksale & Biscuits	Holy Trinity, Coates
	3pm	Afternoon Tea	St Andrew's Church
Sunday 23rd Trinity 4	9:30am	Morning Praise	Holy Trinity, Coates
	9:30am	Morning Praise	St Andrew's, Whittlesey
	11am	Sunday Worship	St Mary's, Whittlesey
	11am	Holy Communion	St Thomas, Pondersbridge
Saturday 29th- Sunday 30th		Armed Forces Weekend	Whittlesey

Sunday 30th	10:30am	Team Service	St Andrew's Hall
Trinity 5	3pm	Drumhead Service	St Mary's Churchyard

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

Peterborough Area
Termly Regional Celebration

CSK Church, Hampton
Peterborough, PE7 8FF

*New Wine
Evening*

Sunday 16 June
6.30-8pm

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christ the servant king

Any info or additions for July (yes July - half the year gone !) can you please email me by 20th June: Belinda.clapperton@pathway-church.co.uk.

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