



Benefice News

I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me .

Philippians 4:13

Issue 9 - October 2024

Reflections from the Rector

The Autumn can seem like a particularly busy season, and there is lots happening across the Benefice this coming month as we begin to look from Harvest to the celebration of All Hallows – and the triumph of light over darkness.

We are lucky to have such a variety of worship across our team and I encourage you this month to hold our many different gatherings and congregations in your prayers, and to perhaps even come and try something new! Whether that might be the **Pet Service, Wild Worship, Lego Club** or our **Halloween Praise Party** – we worship an ever-creative God and it's wonderful to see so many different creative ways to worship, pray together and explore the Bible together as church family.

This month we will also be running **The Prayer Course on Zoom**; Prayer is such a core and fundamental part of our journey as a disciple of Jesus and I encourage you to join us on this eight week course as we explore Prayer and discipleship together (from the comfort of your own house!)

Happy October – and of course, don't forget The Pumpkin Festival at St Andrew's later this month. This is always lots of fun and it's wonderful to again see such creativity in the many different displays.

God bless, Emily – Team Rector

Benefice News & Events

Pathway Lego Club



Exciting news the Lego club got underway Sat 28th Sept with great success , Jane is asking if anyone would like to help just once a year or regularly to get in touch:

jane@pathway-church.co.uk

You will need to be safely recruited so if not already then this can be sorted.

Also if you have any Lego sitting around in lofts or cupboards that you can donate it will be gratefully received.

Morning Praise Online - Boiler Room

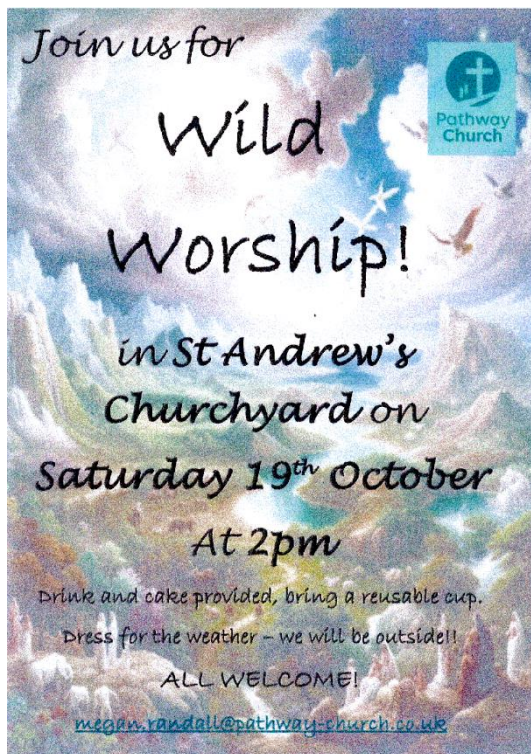
Meeting every Tuesday and Friday Morning this is a great way to share prayer. We pray for our local and church community and for others to come to know our Lord. Also we share prayer for world issues and those who are vulnerable.

There is opportunity to share some free prayer and also if you feel you would like to lead the group sometimes it would be great to here from you via myself

belinda.clapperton@pathway-church.co.uk or lloyd@pathway-church.co.uk

Or catch us anytime at Church.

The link can be found by going to webpage and clicking on Church life then Morning Prayer on the drop down here you will find online link and info to download the service sheet. The power of prayer is great .



Wild Worship

We'll be gathering in the Great Outdoors (St Andrew's Churchyard) for another Wild Worship later this month! All ages are very welcome to join us – but please do dress appropriately for the weather (whatever it may be!)

Worship Wednesday (for everyone) !

Worship Wednesday will be hosting a Halloween Praise Party for all ages later this month. For more details, pick up a postcard from church or keep an eye out for our weekly mailing.



**Wednesday 30th October 2024 at 5pm,
Pathway Church at St Mary's!**

**Join us for sung praise, prayer activities,
crafts, sweets, games and food together.**

**This is worship FOR EVERYONE - A fun way to
worship God this Halloween, whatever your age.
(Kids need to be accompanied!)**

**Please bring a "finger food" dish or dessert for
the bring and share party tea after worship.**

**"Good Guy/Girl" costumes, or REALLY BRIGHT
clothes encouraged! Prizes for the best outfits!**

Any questions? Email hello@pathway-church.co.uk



News from our Parishes

Whittlesey - St Andrew



Friends of
St. Andrew's Church
Whittlesey



PUMPKIN FESTIVAL 2024

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

St. Andrew's
Church
Whittlesey



26th & 27th
October 2024

Open Saturday 10am to 4pm

Sunday 10.45 to 4.30pm

Entry is Free Donations welcome

Refreshments and Childrens Activities available



Supported by HE Bull & Son Funeral Services

For further information
please ring Lynn on 07767 373264



Friends of St. Andrew's Church Whittlesey



PUMPKIN FESTIVAL 2024

The Friends of St. Andrew's Church are holding the annual Pumpkin Festival on the weekend of 26th and 27th October 2024 in St. Andrew's Church, Whittlesey.

The aim of the Festival is to have some fun and to raise funds for St. Andrew's Church. The displays will be judged by the public and the winners announced at the end of the Festival

1st Prize £25 2nd Prize £15 3rd Prize £5

Entries have a display area of approximately 2ft x 4ft (61cm x 1.2 m) and can be of any theme as long as there is a pumpkin somewhere in the display. Let your imagination run riot!

Publicity for your organisation, business or club is welcome

Due to the risk of fire, candles cannot be used, but battery lights are acceptable.

Displays can be set up on Friday 25th from 4.30pm to 7pm.

Displays will be open to the public between 10am to 4pm on Saturday 26th and 10.45 to 4.30pm Sunday 27th .

There is no entry fee but donations are most welcome.

We welcome entries from individuals, business, organisations and clubs.

Please fill in the entry form below and return to lynn.palmer20@btinternet

or by post to 18 Glenfields, Whittlesey, PE7 1HX

by Sunday 20th October.

If you need any further information please ring 07767 373264



Entry form for Friends of St. Andrew's Pumpkin Festival



Name, Organisation or Club.....

Name of Display if you have one.....

Contact Name

Address.....

Telephone Number.....

Email address.....



Friends of St. Andrew's Church
Whittlesey



QUIZ NIGHT

AT ST. ANDREW'S HALL

PARKINSON LANE

ON SATURDAY 26th October 2024

7.00pm for 7.30pm.start



CASH PRIZE for WINNING TEAM

RAFFLE



**BRING YOUR OWN
BANQUET AND BEVERAGES**



TEAMS OF UP TO 6, TICKETS £5.00 PER PERSON

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE

RING LYNN 07767 373264

OR PAT 01733 203152

Whittlesey - St Marys

St Marys will be opening regularly starting on Friday 4th October 10am-12noon Market Day, pop in for a chat and cuppa, spend some quiet time or just enjoy the building. Someone will always be available for prayer should you wish. We plan to make this a long term arrangement and any donations of cakes/biscuits will be greatly received.

Serving the Church is always a great way of giving and always fun. Through out the year all sorts of events happen both in Church and outreach at community events if you think you would like to be involved speak to Emily or Lloyd .

School News We are extremely happy to have arranged for an after school Bible Club at New Rd school when the children return in September; if you feel that you could be involved please let myself or Emily/Lloyd know this is a great way to introduce children to Jesus. The club will run on a Tuesday 3.15-4.15 we anticipate it will begin after half term in November.

Church warden Ann is launching a St Mary's Birthday board - no need to declare age just date and month with a picture on the board each week there will be a Happy Birthday mention during service 😊

Coates - Holy Trinity

Rake and Cake



7th September was a great community effort with volunteer days going well with lots of help in the graveyard and refreshments provided by the pantry.

Local council were helpful when it came to disposing of the huge amount of green waste

We also looking forward to our annual pet service which will be held on Sunday 13th October this year at 10am.

Tricia Brookes
Church Warden.

Pondersbridge – St Thomas

A reminder to those who have booked a seat for our **Harvest Supper**, this is on **Saturday 5th October**

Please arrive at **Pondersbridge Village Hall** for around [7.pm](#) as we will be dishing up prompt at **7.30 pm**.

Bring your own soft/alcoholic drinks, glasses will be provided as will tea and coffee.

Our next **Breakfast Gatherings** are on **Saturday 16th November and Saturday 14th December**, serving between **9.00 – 10.00 am** in **Pondersbridge village hall**.

Please call 01733 844497 or 07720719420 to book your seat, by the end of Thursday, previous to the meal. You choose your meal on arrival and a menu is provided here to show you the options available.

It is early I know, but our **Christmas Bazaar** will be held in the church at St Thomas on **Saturday 7th December from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm**. Free entry as always, with lots on offer.

It is proposed that our **Half Term Activities** for our local families will take place during the last week in October and will culminate with a family orientated service in St Thomas Church on Sunday 3rd November.

Kind Regards

Carol Turner.



St Thomas Church next
Breakfast Gatherings at Pondersbridge Village Hall
SATURDAY 16TH November & Saturday 14th December serving
between 9.00am-10.00 am

Menu

1. Full breakfast:- Sausage, Bacon, Egg, Hash Brown, Baked Beans, Tomatoes, Mushrooms, Includes bread butter/toast..... £6.50 *tea/coffee,*
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.....£3.00
- Tea or Coffee free*

***Please book your seat by the end of
Thursday 14th November - Thursday 12th December***

Ride and Stride

Roger Brown took part again in this event this week year and sent us this report
Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust – Ride and Stride: Saturday 14th September
2024.



The Ride & Stride event is always held on the second Saturday of September the objective of which is to raise money by visiting as many churches or chapels as possible by whatever means of transport. I have always cycled and this year decided I would visit some churches in the Yaxley Deanery, St Ives Deanery and the churches of our own benefice in the March Deanery, as detailed in the September Newsletter.



It was cooler than last year (33C) and I decided that I needed my bright orange jacket which I was grateful to have. I set off along the Green Wheel only to realise that I didn't have a key to lock the bike so went back home to get this and started off again at 11.05. I cycled to Stanground Lock, and onto St John's church Stanground where I arrived at 11.30. There was sadness with the pioneer priest Rev'd Carol Avery having died the previous Tuesday after a short illness. [Funeral service at Peterborough Cathedral at 1pm on Tuesday 8th October.] There was also joy with a couple having returned to the church where they were married 55 years ago, not having been back to the church since.

Living in Chesterfield and having holidayed on the east coast they felt called to drive to St John's on the way home. I continued on my ride reaching Stanground Baptist church at 11.55 and St Margaret's Fletton at midday. I had now completed 5 miles. I spoke to the two people at St Margaret's who were intending to set up a heritage display for the afternoon but unable to find the right key to open the porch gate of the church. I could not assist them and I made my way to St Mary's Farcet where a church fete was taking place.



Wonderful refreshments. The church was raising money for a compostable toilet and had a portaloo on site for the weekend as extra way of advertising the need for a toilet. I



thought I would try out the spacious loo which included baby changing facilities. All very efficient! Back on the bike I arrived at St Peter's Yaxley at 1 pm. A Beautiful decorated cross was at the front of the church. I thought the church was locked but found a door open with a flower arranger busy using her talents making a floral creation. After a chat with her and her husband and signing the visitor book I enjoyed the downhill section of road reaching 20 mph as I headed for St Giles at Holme. The sun had appeared making it warmer and the fields of sunflowers basked in that sunshine along the road I was travelling. It was

1.23 pm when I arrived at the church, part of the Fen Edge Churches benefice and the original home of the Victorian Floating church, The Fenland Ark. I browsed through the literature and chatted to the Rector, Becky. The Coffee Ark was outside the church, a mobile coffee shop (a professionally converted and restored Land Rover Defender 127).



It was sheltered and the warm so I took my jacket off. The Coffee Ark was there from 10 am to 4.30 pm and I had a coffee chatting with the locals for whom it was a meeting point. It was billed as a 'Gift Day' helping to raise money for the church.

I had now completed 13 miles and replacing my jacket I headed across Holme Fen to Ramsey St Mary's. The Lancaster flew above me on its way to the Duxford Airshow and

some other ancient aircraft were obviously on that same flight path. It was more than a gentle breeze that was behind me which meant it was easy to travel at 18 mph. It was 2.15 pm when I arrived at Ramsey St Mary having now covered almost 20 miles. The church was open but unattended. Journeying on it was almost 3 pm when I reached St Thomas a Becket, Ramsey's parish church. Again, the church was open but unattended. I spent a short time in the church before setting off once more, this time towards St Thomas, Pondersbridge. As I headed out of Ramsey travelling at 16 mph, a cycle came whizzing past me. I noticed the huge tyres and the sound that was being generated by this mode of transport and knew it to be an electric dual-purpose bike. Under human power only I reached St Thomas at 3.40 pm. I felt I was now on home soil as I set off along Glassmoor Bank towards Eastrea and onwards to Holy Trinity church at Coates. It was now 4.25 pm and I had travelled 35 miles. As I cycled into Whittlesey I found the bottom of the Eastrea dip one of the worst pieces of road to cycle on. Coming out of the dip towards Aldi the ruts on the side of the road were difficult to miss particularly with the busy passing traffic. Commercial vehicle drivers are very good at leaving the requisite passing space under the updated Highway Code (rules 162 to 169) but a few private vehicle drivers don't seem to know about it.

Arriving in Whittlesey I went to the Methodist/URC church and St Jude's Roman Catholic church, St Mary's and finally St Andrew's at 5 pm. I had completed almost 40 miles by the time I returned home. Just over 40 miles taking into account the false start.

Praise the Lord that I could achieve such a ride approaching my 80th birthday.

Thank you, to all, who have given sponsorship money for this event.

Total sponsorship money will appear in the next Newsletter.

Roger, LLM

To see some of the highlights from the day, 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/>.

Walsingham Trip

We had a wonderful day on our day pilgrimage to Walsingham Abbey and St Marys Shrine where we attended Mass took Holy communion and shared in the sprinkling of water from the Holy well. Walsingham is so peaceful I certainly left feeling spiritually enriched.

We shall be running another trip next spring details it be available January for early booking. The only cost was £13.50 for lunch in the refectory which we all enjoyed but is optional.



Stay curious, try Alpha.



Alpha is a great way to explore faith if you are interested in joining us for next course

Please email lloyd@pathway-church.co.uk to register interest .

The sessions are friendly we explore what faith is through videos and discussion and there is always great food.!

Important Information about the Church Electoral Roll(s)

Please note that the Electoral Roll will be completely renewed this coming year (2025) as it is every six years. If you do not live in the parish of the roll you wish to join, and are not prevented from attending worship e.g. through ill health, then you will need to attend worship in the parish at least once a month for the six months preceding the next APCM - usually held sometime March-May. Please let us know if you'd like to check which parish you live in (or you can check online by tapping your postcode into www.achurchnearyou.com)

What is the Electoral Roll?

It is your parish church's register of electors. In the same way that being on the civic Electoral Roll allows you to vote in parliamentary and local elections and referenda, joining the Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the PCC.

Being on the Electoral Roll does NOT make you a "member" of the Church; simply regarding your parish church as your spiritual home does that.

Who can join the Electoral Roll?

To apply for the Electoral Roll you must meet ALL of the following conditions:

- You must be aged 16 or over.
- You must be baptised.
- You must be a member of the Church of England and **EITHER** live in the parish **OR** have attended worship in the parish regularly (at least once a month) for the past six months (or more) unless prevented from doing so, e.g. through illness.

The renewal of the Electoral Roll will take place just prior to the APCMs next Spring.

Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

Our annual service to remember all those we have loved and lost this side of eternity will be held on All Souls day - **Saturday 2nd November** at 2pm.

All are most welcome to join us for this quiet and reflective service which will include some hymns, readings and the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one.



Services and Events for October

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| Wednesday 2nd | 7:30pm | The Prayer Course | Zoom |
| Friday 4th | 10am-12 | Open Church | St Mary's, Whittlesey |
| Saturday 5th | 7:30pm | Harvest Supper | Holy Trinity, Coates |
| Sunday 6th | 9:30am | Morning Praise & Holy Baptism | Holy Trinity, Coates |
| Trinity 19 | 9:30am | Holy Communion | St Andrew's, Whittlesey |
| | 11am | Sunday Worship | St Mary's, Whittlesey |
| | 6pm | Evening Praise | St Thomas, Pondersbridge |
| Tuesday 8th | 10am-12 | Friends of St Andrew's Coffee Morning in the Hall | |
| Wednesday 9th | 7:30pm | The Prayer Course | Zoom |
| Friday 11th | 10am-12 | Open Church | St Mary's, Whittlesey |
| Sunday 13th | 9:30am | Morning Praise | St Andrew's, Whittlesey |
| Trinity 20 | 10am | Pet Service | Holy Trinity, Coates |
| | 11am | Sunday Worship w/ Holy Com. | St Mary's, Whittlesey |
| | 11am | Morning Praise (Harvest) | St Thomas, Pondersbridge |
| Monday 14th | 7pm | Joint Council | St Andrew's, Whittlesey |
| Wednesday 16th | 7:30pm | The Prayer Course | Zoom |
| Friday 18th | 10am-12 | Open Church | St Mary's, Whittlesey |
| | 11am | Memorial Service – Brenda Cooper | St Andrew's, Whittlesey |
| Saturday 19th | 2pm | Wild Worship | St Andrew's Churchyard |
| Sunday 20th | 9:30am | Morning Praise | Holy Trinity, Coates |
| Trinity 21 | 9:30am | Holy Communion | St Andrew's, Whittlesey |
| | 11am | Sunday Worship | St Mary's, Whittlesey |
| | 6pm | Evening Praise | St Thomas, Pondersbridge |
| Wednesday 23rd | 7:30pm | The Prayer Course | Zoom |
| Friday 25th | 10am-12 | Open Church | St Mary's, Whittlesey |
| Saturday 26th | 9:30am-11 | Lego Club | St Andrew's Hall |
| | 10am-4pm | Pumpkin Festival | St Andrew's, Whittlesey |
| | 7pm | Friends Quiz | St Andrew's Hall |
| Sunday 27th | 9:30am | Holy Communion | Holy Trinity, Coates |
| Bible Sun. | 9:30am | Morning Praise | St Andrew's, Whittlesey |
| | 11-4:30pm | Pumpkin Festival | St Andrew's, Whittlesey |
| | 11am | Sunday Worship w/ Baptism | St Mary's, Whittlesey |
| | 11am | Holy Communion | St Thomas, Pondersbridge |
| | 3pm | Mayor's Civic Service | St Mary's, Whittlesey |

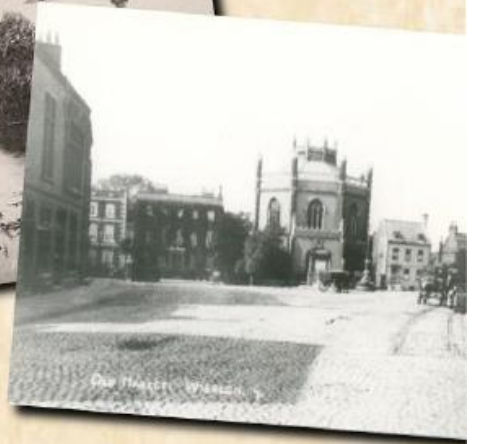
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FENLAND

Memory Lane

Cinema

"Fenland in the past"



APPEARING AT

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH. COATES
FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER**

**7.30 pm start
All Tickets £5**

**PURCHASE TICKETS
HERE**

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