



I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me .

Philippians 4:13

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Pathway Church

News and Reflections from across the Benefice

Reflections from the Rector

We once again find ourselves in this season of Remembrance – known in the church as ‘Kingdom Season’; this weekend we’ll be remembering all those Saints who have carried the light of faith ahead of us, as well as all those who have died in the faith of Christ before turning to Remembrance Sunday – and the memory of those who sacrificed so much in the course of war and conflict.

As we approach another Remembrance Sunday, particularly in light of the conflicts currently ongoing in some not-too-distant parts of the world, I cannot help but turn once again to that question of ‘Where is God in the midst of such conflict and war?’

The military chaplain and poet Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy found himself wrestling with the same question, faced with the brutality of life and war in the trenches of World War I. His answer? God was there with them - in the trenches and on the front line - right in the midst of the mud and the mess, with a heart full of sadness and pain for what he finds there. Studdert-Kennedy describes a little something of this in his poem *The Sorrow of God*:

So the Father of God goes sorrowing still
For his world what has gone to sea,
But he runs up a light on Calvary’s night
That beckons to you and me.
The beacon light of the sorrow of God
Has been shining down the years.
A flashing its light through the darkest night
Of our human blood and tears.

So it isn’t just only the crown of thorns
What has pierced and torn God’s head;
He knows the feel of a bullet, too,
And he’s had his touch of the lead.
And he’s standing with me in this here sap,
And the corporal stands with him,
And the eyes of the laddie is shining bright,
But the eyes of the Christ burn dim.

And you've taught me more of what God is
Than I ever thought to know,
For I never thought he could come so close
Or that I could love him so.
For the voice of the Lord, as I hear it now,
Is the voice of my pals what bled,
And the call of my country's God to me
Is the call of my country's dead.

Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy
The Sorrow of God, 1918

God bless,

Emily
Rector



Benefice News

Pathway Lego Club



Exciting news the Lego club got underway in September with great success we have now had 2 sessions and looking forwards to many more. The next Lego Club will meet at St Andrew's Parish Hall , Parkinsons Lane, Whittlesey on Saturday November 23rd Starting 9.30 am .

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 ,Boiler Room prayers

Meeting every Tuesday and Friday Morning this is a great way to share prayer.

Fridays Prayer can be shared in person at St Marys Whittlesey just before Open Church .

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 .

Parish News

Whittlesey - St Andrew



Friends of St. Andrew's Church



Come and join us for

Christmas Afternoon Tea

Friday 6th December 2024

At St. Andrew's Church

2pm - 5pm



Selection of Sandwiches, Scones with Cream and Jam,

Selection of Christmas themed Cakes

Tea or Coffee

For £10.00 per person



Numbers are limited please book soon

Please complete booking form below and return it to
Lynn Palmer either by email lynn.palmer20@btinternet.com

Or

18 Glenfields, Whittlesey, Peterborough PE7 1HX

If you require any information please ring Lynn on 07767 373264

Name _____ Names of members in your party

Any dietary requirements eg. Allergies, Vegetarian

Please tick payment method

Cheque payable to "Friends of St. Andrew's"

Or BACS Sort code 20-67-37 Account number 23409678

Reference: Afternoon Tea

Whittlesey -St Marys

**ST MARY'S
CHRISTMAS
CRAFT FAYRE 4th
ANNIVERSARY**

Hand Made Christmas Crafts
Hand Made Jewellery
Local Honey & beeswax candles
Wood Crafts & Resin Gifts
Knitted Goods
Patchwork & Embroidery
Wax Melts & Candle
Stocking Fillers
Home Made Preserves
Refreshment Stall... plus many more stalls!

NOVEMBER **02** SATURDAY
10AM-2PM

Free Entry for Public

St Mary's Church, Whittlesey,
Peterborough



St Marys amazing prayer board with prayers and Praise flags following week 2 How to Pray series REJOICE we are using Pete Greig's book How to Pray, a guide for young explorers for our intergenerational Sunday service .

This follows the same topics as the Adult version of the book being used for the Prayer course running on Zoom Wednesday evenings 7.30 it's not too late to join us all info is on Pathway Church website .

Open Church

St Marys began opening regularly on Friday 4th October 10am-12pm on

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 have seen new faces popping in to say hello and have been sharing our crafting skills teaching each other crochet and Rug making .

Ann doing some rug making and Jane chatting with Viv having a cuppa and painting bottles .



We also had visits from a Grandparent with her small Grandson paying his first visit to our Church 😊 they popped in after seeing the Open Church signs .

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

Our pet service was a success even those without pets enjoyed the service.



We are now looking forward to our event on 15th November when we will hold a film show about the past history of Fenland

The following week we have our Autumn Coffee morning which will be held in church on Saturday 23rd November. As usual there will be coffee and cake, preloved books, white elephant and craft stalls .

Following that we will be preparing for our Posada event. This is an old Mexican tradition And involves figures of Mary and Joseph travelling around homes in the village and beyond Accompanied by knitted sheep during the season of Advent. Starting at the beginning of December, Mary and Joseph are trying to find somewhere to stay to have their baby moving around leaving a sheep at each house as they move on, and eventually end up at church on Christmas Eve where they are reunited with the sheep brought by the families who hosted Mary and Joseph during Advent.



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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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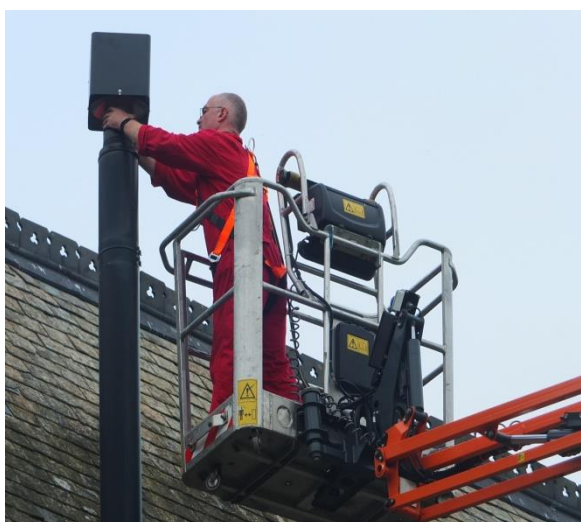


St Thomas Church, Pondersbridge.

November at St Thomas Church Pondersbridge



Time moves quickly the middle of October saw the first autumn frost carpet the grass verges here in Pondersbridge. Early morning drivers crawling through our village to avoid the traffic gridlocks in Whittlesey, must have noticed it too. We have also changed the clocks. With that in mind and the predicted cold weather, our churchwarden Paul Turner was raised to new heights within the church community, when he took on the job of replacing the two chimney cowls and checking the gutters.



For the second time in nine years, it took nerves of steel to approach such heights in a cherry picker, a small part of his commitment in serving as a Churchwarden plus the added bonus of reducing costs. For those with safety concerns, all procedures and safety measures were in force.

Carrying out this task puts a whole different perspective on all other concerns he deals with as church warden and once back on the ground felt a sense of achievement and satisfaction. St Thomas' has always had a "can do" attitude so it is second

nature to our PCC members to do as much as we can ourselves, and it is always a team effort.



So this takes us onto our next **Breakfast Gathering which is on Saturday 16th November** 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 14th November*

We didn't imagine our **Breakfast Gatherings** would be so popular or intergenerational either. They have brought together so many within the parishes, also old

friends who left the benefice and new ones arriving. We have cooked 235 breakfasts this year, with two more sessions to go and look forward to seeing you all again.

HARVEST SUPPER – from members of Thomas PCC, a huge THANK YOU to all who supported our Harvest Supper last month. 40 suppers were served and enjoyed with good company and great fellowship.

Moving on to our **Half Term Activities for Children and Families** these were held over two days during the last week of October. We now look forward to our **All Age Worship** service in St Thomas Church on **Sunday 3rd November at 11.00 am**. Taken by John Chrisp, it will be based on our Half Term Activities theme “God’s Creation”.



This photograph taken at Easter, shows the re-enactment by young members of those families, of the story of Jesus riding to Jerusalem on a donkey, with palms and cloths thrown before him. The children are already talking about what they want to play in the Nativity service. Dan the Donkey also looks forward to his part.



We are encouraged that our activities do provide an outlet to what God wants us to do as disciples, in creating meaningful outreach to families from within our village community. These families now know about church life and Jesus and this led to one set of parents holding their wedding at St Thomas church this year.

Our **Christmas Bazaar** takes place in church at St Thomas’ on **Saturday 7th December from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm**. Free entry as always, with lots on offer, Home Baking, Pickles, Christmas



Cakes, Hand Made Gifts, Seasonal Floral items Plus tombola stalls for adults and children. **Santa** has the event in his diary so look out for his reindeer.

Vehicles can park in the village hall grounds and toilets are available there too. **Whatever the weather, join us for a memorable afternoon, relax with friends, enjoy hot refreshments and the warmth of our wood burning stoves.**

St Andrew's Pumpkin Festival 2024



1st Prize
The Butt Family
"Harry Potter Theme"



2nd Prize
George Pilsworth
"Gru-some Minions"



3rd Prize
Fen Hands
"The next Paralympian GB"



Friends of St Andrew's



Trinity Tots



Alpha Course @ Pathway

Services and Events for November

Saturday 2nd	11am	Explore Christening	The Rectory
	10-2pm	Craft Fayre	St Mary's, Whittlesey
	2pm	Service for the Bereaved	St Andrew's, Whittlesey
Sunday 3rd	9:30am	Morning Praise	Holy Trinity, Coates
All Saints	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Whittlesey
	11am	Sunday Worship	St Mary's, Whittlesey
	11am	All Age Service	St Thomas, Pondersbridge
Monday 4th	7pm	St Mary's PCC	St Mary's, Whittlesey
Wednesday 6th	9:30am	School Visit	St Mary's, Whittlesey
	7:30pm	The Prayer Course	Zoom
Sunday 10th Remembrance	9:30am	Morning Praise	St Andrew's, Whittlesey
	10am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Coates
	10:55am	Sunday Worship w/ Holy Com.	St Mary's, Whittlesey
	10:55am	Morning Praise	St Thomas, Pondersbridge
<i>Other Acts of Remembrance as advertised by the Town Council</i>			
Monday 11th	10:50am	Act of Remembrance	Whittlesey War Memorial
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Tuesday 12th	10-12pm	Friends Coffee Morning	St Andrew's Hall
Wednesday 13th	9:30am	School Visit	St Mary's, Whittlesey
	10am	Holy Trinity PCC	Holy Trinity, Coates
	7:30pm	The Prayer Course	Zoom
Friday 15th	7:30pm	Fenland on Film	Holy Trinity, Coates
Sunday 17th 2 before Advent	9:30am	Morning Praise	Holy Trinity, Coates
	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Whittlesey
	11am	Sunday Worship	St Mary's, Whittlesey
	6pm	Evening Praise	St Thomas, Pondersbridge
	7pm	St Thomas PCC	St Thomas, Pondersbridge
Wednesday 20th	7:30pm	The Prayer Course	Zoom
	7:30pm	St Andrew's PCC	St Andrew's, Whittlesey
Saturday 23rd	9:30am-11	Lego Club	St Andrew's Hall
	10-12pm	Coffee Morning	Holy Trinity, Coates
Sunday 24th Christ the King	9:30am	Morning Praise	Holy Trinity, Coates
	9:30am	Morning Praise	St Andrew's, Whittlesey

	11am	Sunday Worship	Holy Communion
	11am	Holy Communion	St Thomas, Pondersbridge
Thursday 28th	7pm	Friends of St Andrew meet	St Andrew's, Whittlesey
	7:30pm	Deanery Synod	Holy Trinity, Coates

Weekly Services and Events

Mondays	9-11am	Trinity Tots	Holy Trinity, Coates
Tuesdays	9:30am	Morning Prayer Online	Zoom
Wednesdays	9:15am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Coates
Thursdays	10am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Whittlesey
Fridays	9:30am	Morning Prayer Online	Zoom & St Mary's
	10-12pm	Open Church	St Mary's, Whittlesey

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.!

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