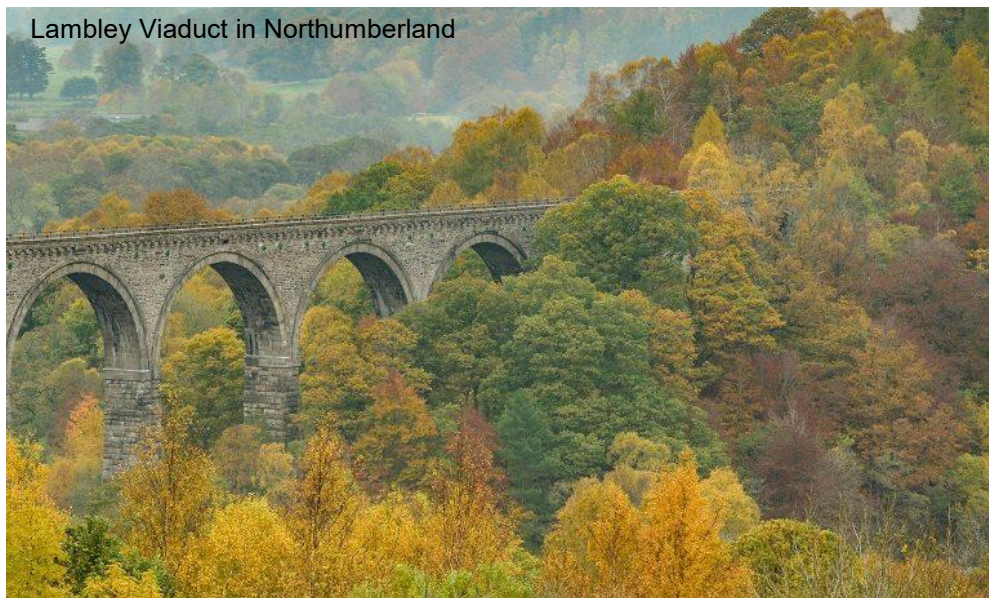




Lambley Viaduct in Northumberland



## **St Andrew's Church Magazine - October/November 25**

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## FROM THE VICARAGE

Welcome to our October and November edition of our church magazine.

You will no doubt have seen the flags going up around our town and country this past month. The flags will mean different things to different people. Some may see it as a strange oddity, others it may be a way of saying no to housing refugees in hotels. For others is it a reminder of a patriotic feeling and reclaiming of pride of the country. Some may see it as a warning, that they are not welcome in this country or perhaps some may see it as a symbol of fear.

Whilst the flags are hard to miss, they highlight a deeper rift in our communities. A rift perhaps started, or at least widened during the Brexit decision. In a way, it gave permission for us to see people as other. To form teams, groups, label people and see the other as something to fear, laugh at or attack.

What is the way forward when the country is divided. One way is to unite people around a common cause. At its worst is to unite over someone we hate, at its best is to unite over something we agree upon. Sadly at the moment that seems something just out of reach.

But, there is another way and one we rarely choose to explore. That is to listen to the other. To lay aside our wants, desires, pride, power and to step into another's shoes.

In Philippians 2, Paul marvels at what Jesus did for humanity. He writes '[Jesus] Who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross.

Nine months before Christmas day the creator of the universe became an innocent, vulnerable foetus. For the next nine months, the creator resided in Mary. His home was only protected by a few cms of flesh. A nasty fall, an unexpected attack, a dangerous moment on the journey to Bethlehem could all have snuffed out the light of the world. This King of Kings was then born not in a throne room, but in a stable.

The lord of lords fed from his mother, was cleaned and washed by a lowly Jewish girl in the middle of nowhere. Why does he do this. He lays it aside so that those who were without power may receive

power. Those who were hopeless would be given his hope. Those who had no authority would have the greatest authority. He lays aside his majesty so that we can raise our heads in God's presence. His humbling of himself, challenges us as his followers to humble ourselves. Despite what we feel we deserve, what we feel we require and what we may be upset we are not receiving, we are challenged to instead look behind us to who has even less than us. To turn around and pass our bread backwards not to cling to the little we have, but to share and see what God can do with the gift we give freely.

I watched a video recently about how we need to change how we discuss things. So often we fight a straw man. We take our opponents argument and we reduce it to a straw man. They're just racists, they're just lefties, they're just stupid, they're just scared. We pat ourselves on the back for knocking over the straw man, but of course this only hardens the divide. No one has spoken to each other. No one has heard each other.

Instead he argues we should build steel men. That is we should seek to know our opponents position so well that they would hear our explanation of their views and say 'wow, that's better than I could have explained it'. To really hear the voice of our brother and sister. To be as vulnerable as a child in the womb. To really listen. Then we can really find a way forward.

As the nation builds higher walls, may the church seek to be a place where the tunnels of understanding are built.

For those who are willing to lay aside their pride, to not hold on to what they have, but to look behind to what they can give. To listen, not just be listened to.

Perhaps though the walls of fear may continue to rise, the church and others in our community can build tunnels of understanding to bring healing and wholeness.

Perhaps then we may realise we never needed the walls

I hope you are encouraged as you read this magazine of the stories and messages calling for understanding, the welcome of the stranger, the sharing of the little we have and discovering we have more that we thought. Please do join me in praying for our country and the world at this turbulent time.

Every blessing

*Tom*

## ST ANDREW'S LADIES

For our August meeting Doreen organised a Beetle Drive. There were new Beetle cards that had six legs instead of the usual four. We soon got used to them and the scores were quite high. Heather won and Veronica got the booby prize, which was a packet of tissues to wipe away her tears! We followed this with a Bring and Buy which made some money for our Charity giving. We ended the evening with coffee, biscuits and a Raffle.

For our September meeting Steve Burwell came and gave a talk about his experience on the London to Brighton Run. This is an event for Veteran Cars (pre 1905) that takes place on the first Sunday in November.

The first run took place in 1896 to commemorate the passing of a law raising the maximum speed to 12mph and the abolishing the need for a man carrying a red flag in front of the car!

In 1927, keeping as closely to the original, The Daily Sketch and Sunday Graphic revived the Run and in 1930 The Royal Automobile Association took over the running and still do, the only time that it didn't happen was during WW2 and Covid.

Steve, who trained as a mechanical engineer, was asked by a local farmer who owned a 1900 Cadillac if he would like to accompany him on the London to Brighton run, of course Steve jumped at the opportunity. Needless to say that the journey didn't go without a hitch and Steve realised why he had been asked. Steve went on several more Runs none off which were incident free.



The Run leaves Hyde Park (up to 600 Veteran cars take part) and follows the A23 via Crawley where they have a coffee stop. En Route people line the way and offer refreshments to the participants. The Run ends at Maderia Drive in Brighton. On completion of the Run every car receives a medal which when selling the car can add value to it. Steve has been lucky enough

to be given one of the Medals which he is very proud of.

Our next meeting is on Friday October 17th at 2pm. The speaker will be Lorraine Lewis speaking about the Foundation she set up. Coffee Mary and Alison.

# 17th St Andrew's Scouts



**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**7.15pm for 7.30pm start**

**quiz hosts Roger & Penny Payne**

**Bar – Raffle**

£2.50 per person (teams maximum of 4)

Tickets available from Christine - 07970 003404

[christinesmith483@btinternet.com](mailto:christinesmith483@btinternet.com)

## **CHRISTMAS ANGELS**

YES! it is time to start thinking about our Christmas Angels! Last year many people at St Andrew's knitted over 300 Angels that were left all over the town during Advent for people to find and enjoy. Knitting and crochet patterns, and balls of wool are available at the back of the church and there is a box to pop your finished angels into. Many thanks. *Sue*

*A man asked God, "Is it true that to you a billion years is like a second?" God replied yes. So the man asked, "Is it also true that to you a billion pounds is like a penny?" God again replied "Yes.", so the man said, "God, can I have a penny?" and God replied "Just a second."*

## FROM THE MAGAZINE 10 YEARS AGO

### St Andrew's Walking Group

A total of 21 walkers and one enthusiastic dog (see photo) set out on manoeuvres on Friday August 7th. Actually not quite like manoeuvres but at times, as we strung out in single file along paths, we resembled a Cecil B DeMille biblical epic or Napoleon's retreat from Moscow. The walk was a loop by the Ise Brook and we halted for a break at Weekley Church before walking back on the other side of the Ise. A small knot of hardcore walkers went on further whilst others returned to the Robinson cafe for tea and cake



but without any piano accompaniment. Fortunately there were enough supplies of cake for all on a lovely sunny afternoon.

The walk on Saturday Sept 12th was a longer circular one and took in Fotheringhay, Nassington and Elton. Numbers had dropped to 4 dedicated and enthusiastic walkers but we enjoyed the countryside, the sunshine (when it appeared), a picnic at Elton and refreshment at "The Crown".

### You Have to Smile

*0% for this exam even though all the answers are correct!*

Q1 - In which battle did Napoleon die? A - his last one

Q2 - Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

A - at the bottom

Q3 - The River Ravi flows in which state? A - liquid

Q4 - What is the main reason for divorce? A - marriage

Q5 - What can you never eat at breakfast? A - dinner

Q6 - If you threw a red stone into the blue water what will it become? A - wet

Q7 - How can you lift an elephant with one hand? A - You cannot find an elephant with one hand.

Q8 - How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it? A - however you like, a raw egg will never crack concrete.

Q9 - It takes 8 men 10 hours to build a wall how long will it take 4 men to build it. A - no time at all it's already built.

Q10 - If I have 3 apples & 4 oranges in one hand and 4 apples & 3 oranges in the other what have I got? A - big hands

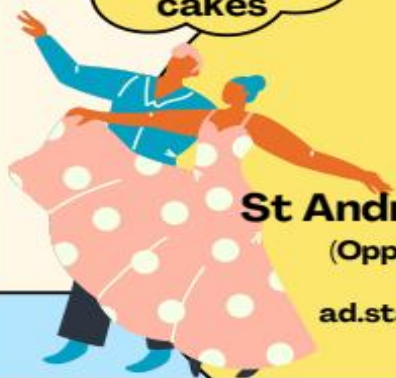


# Afternoon TEA DANCE

**Saturday  
4<sup>th</sup>  
October**

**2.30pm to  
4.30pm**

**£5 including  
Tea and  
homemade  
cakes**



**St Andrews Church, Kettering**

(Opposite Sainsburys) To book call

**07481 156283 or email:**

**[ad.standrewskettering@gmail.com](mailto:ad.standrewskettering@gmail.com)**

## CAFE CHURCH

Join us every 3rd Saturday of the month

Drop in anytime from 10am to 11am

10am - 10:30am - Refreshments & Social

10:30am - 11am - Informal Worship

**FOR ALL AGES EVERYONE WELCOME**

## HOLIDAY AT HOME 2025

This year's Holiday at Home theme was *That's Entertainment*. Games, quizzes, film shows, theatre, musical entertainment and talks from the world of stage and screen filled the 3 days. We even had a visit from the Mayor.



Everyone enjoyed the delicious themed lunches and the afternoon teas and a chance to chat and catch up with each other's news.



Comments received noted the variety of entertainment and the food, friendliness and fellowship.

The team are already planning for next year.

*A murderer was secured to the electric chair, about to be executed. The chaplain approached him and asked, "Do you have any last requests?". "Yes," replied the murderer. "Would you hold my hand?"*

*~~~~~*  
*There is a restaurant on the moon which has great food but no atmosphere*

# Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

We did not have a Mothers' Union Meeting in August but a Mary Sumner Day Service was held on Saturday 9th August at Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell. This was a lovely service and we were delighted that eleven of our members were able to attend along with Helen Lynett, our Diocesan President. Afterwards we all joined together for tea, cakes and a chat.



On the 21st August a number of MU2 members enjoyed a picnic at Wicksteed Park, after a play in the sand pit we sat on the grass in the sun for a picnic, a couple of MU1 members went along too.



On 4th September we welcomed Christine from Eve, Nene Valley Christian Family Rescue to talk to us.

This is one of our Church's charities and Christine's talk was very interesting and sometimes quite upsetting. Nene Valley Christian Family Refuge was set up in 1984 with the name Eve being added in 2015. Eve Women's Rescue supports women and children by offering them a safe place in their refuges with a therapeutic recovery programme to help survivors to heal and move forward with their lives. Hopefully women will then be able to live independent lives and support their children. MU2 are hoping to invite Christine to talk to them on Zoom in the near future.

We were delighted to welcome our Diocesan President, Helen Lynett to our Church on Sunday 7th September to present us with our Rise Up Against Domestic Abuse Bronze Award. To obtain this award the Church had to put 'Rise Up' posters in public places, we have these posters in our all of our toilets and you would be surprised how regularly we have to replace the tear off slips on our posters. To commit to pray for those affected by domestic abuse and make a connection with our local domestic abuse support organisation. Between one in three and one in four women are affected by domestic abuse at sometime in their lives and Mothers' Union is committed to do whatever it can to support women and children who have suffered domestic abuse. Our certificate is now on display near our Mothers' Union Banner.



**Respond  
Inform  
Support  
Empower  
Unite  
Pray**

On Thursday 2nd October Laura from 'Baby Basics' is coming to talk to us. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

*Hilary Whitwell - Branch Leader*



*Many Congratulations  
David & Barbara Cross  
for 2nd October on your  
Diamond Wedding Anniversary*



*With love from all your friends in Mothers' Union & St. Andrew's Church*

## OUR NEW ORDINANDS

We are delighted to welcome Katie and Fay who have been accepted by the Church of England to train for ministry. They have the title 'ordinand' which means they are on placement with us for a year alongside studying for their degrees, before they go on to undertake their curacies. Mostly this placement involves observing, leading and reflecting on a few services a term. We are so excited to host them and I hope their short introduction messages on the next pages give you a chance to learn a bit more. Do say hi, encourage them and hold them in their prayers as we support them in this next step of their ministry.

*Tom*

## Ordinand: Katie Brett:

Hi everyone, thank you for how you have welcomed our family to St Andrew's, I am looking forward to being on placement at St Andrew's this year as part of training for ordination.

I grew up going to our village church in Kent, I gave my life to Jesus when I was 7 years old, and what an adventure it has been since then! I felt an initial call to become a vicar when I was 12 and it's been a long journey to this point, but God has been



faithfully nurturing me. I enjoy: reading novels, chatting with friends in coffee shops, a bit of swimming, camping with my family, a good pint, playing board games, and wandering around National Trust properties. Before starting my training, I was a secondary school Religious Studies teacher, and have taught in 3 different schools across Peterborough diocese. I have been very fortunate to study Theology at the University of Exeter and at Trinity College Bristol, and I will be continuing to study by completing further research as part of ordination

training at Westcott House, Cambridge.

Over this year, you will probably see me popping up in meetings, asking questions, or serving in different ways so that I can gain more experience of ministry. A big part of my training is to reflect on what I read, see, hear, and do, which means I might be making notes or asking to take a picture. Any records I make will be kept anonymous and will only be shared as part of my reflective assignments at Westcott House to help me grow and prepare for ministry, but if you have any concerns about me sharing something then please come and speak to me. I am excited to get to know you all better over this year as we seek to know Christ, grow in discipleship, and deepen our love of God together.

## Ordinand: Fay Rowland:

Hello All, I'm Fay, the one with pink hair. In case we have not met yet, may I introduce myself?

I'm a brand-new ordinand and over the coming months you'll

occasionally see me pop up in the sermon slot or leading worship. But mostly I'll be a pew-filler, same as everyone else.

Hold on, what's an ordinand? Basically, a trainee vicar. I'm taking a two-year Masters in Theology at Ripon College Cuddesdon, Oxford, after which (assuming I don't do anything completely stupid), I'll be ordained at Peterborough Cathedral in the summer of 2027. I very much hope that you'll be there to cheer me on.

I'm still somewhat bemused by the thought of me in a dog-collar. When God started prodding me about this, about a decade ago, I was none too keen. Clergy? Me? My vicar at that time did not support women in ministry, so first enquiries floundered in a quagmire. But God wasn't giving up and, after two-and-a-half years of selection process, I was recommended in July.

I'll be training part time alongside my normal employment, which will be a lot of work, but I enjoy study and who needs to clean the house? I earn my pennies by teaching maths, which I utterly adore. I've also signed another contract with my publisher, so I have a book to write as well. I don't do things by halves!

When I'm not translating Greek, explaining Pythagoras or going tappity-tappity-tap on my computer, I love singing. You may have seen me in the choir recently. This is a true delight – robes and everything! How

blessed we are at St Andrew's with the wealth and variety of musical worship we enjoy.

I also love handicrafts: sewing, crochet, knitting – I'm a great nit! I've just finished a fabulous blanket for my youngest daughter to take to uni. As I write, we'll be packing her into the car in an hour and I'll come back tomorrow to an empty house. Sniff, sniff.

My eldest has just finished a degree in Classical Piano and has moved to Spain to be with her adorable young man. My middle daughter is in Edinburgh with her adorable young

man doing Architectural Engineering. My youngest is about to start Design for Performance in Cardiff. Terribly proud of all of them.

Then it'll just be me at home with my pet dragon, and my computer, going tappity-tappity-tap.



# OCTOBER 2025

		Wed 1st 10am Communion 6:30pm St A Runners	Thu 2nd 9.15am Little Ands 1.30pm Sewing Group 2pm Mother's Union	
Fri 3rd 9:45am Art Group 2pm Craft Group 3:30pm Fun Cafe	Sat 4th 2pm Tea Dance	<b>Sunday 5th</b> <b>16th Sunday after Trinity</b> 10am Communion inc Sunday Club 6pm Boilerhouse!		
Mon 6th 10am A time to pray 6pm Girlguiding	Tue 7th 10am Make & Natter 5:15pm Scouting	Wed 8th 10am Communion 12pm Old Boys lunch 6:30pm St A Runners	Thu 9th 9.15am Little Ands 1:30pm Sewing group 7pm Welcome Event	
Fri 10th 9:45am Art Group 2pm Craft Group 3:30pm Fun Cafe	Sat 11th 4pm Wedding 7.30pm Mark Wat- son 'Before It Over- takes Us'	<b>Sunday 12th</b> <b>17th Sunday after Trinity - Harvest</b> 8.15am Said Communion 10am All Together 12noon Harvest Lunch in Church Hall 3pm NSPCC Charity Concert		
Mon 13th 10am A time to pray 6pm Girlguiding	Tue 14th 10am Make & Natter 5:15pm Scouting	Wed 15th 10am Morning Prayer with MU 6:30pm St A Runners 7.30pm Gary Delaney sold out	Thu 16th 9.15am Little Ands 1:30pm Sewing group	
Fri 17th 9:45am Art Group 2pm St A's Ladies 2pm Craft Group 3:30pm Fun Cafe	Sat 18th 10am Café Church	<b>Sunday 19th</b> <b>18th Sunday after Trinity</b> 10am Holy Communion inc Sunday Club		
Mon 20th 10am A time to pray 6pm Girlguiding 7.30pm PCC meeting	Tue 21st 10am Make & Natter 5:15pm Scouting	Wed 22nd 10am Communion 6:30pm St A Runners	Thu 23rd 9.15am Little Ands 1:30pm Sewing group 6:30pm Youth group	
Fri 24th 9:45am Art Group 2pm Craft Group 3:30pm Fun Cafe	Sat 25th 7.30pm For the Love of Song. Concert in aid of PSPA	<b>Sunday 26th</b> <b>19th Sunday after Trinity</b> 8:15am Said Communion 10am Morning Praise inc Sunday Club 5pm Evensong with bring & share supper		
Mon 27th 10am A time to pray	Tue 28th 10am Make & Natter	Wed 29th 10am Communion 6:30pm St A Runners	Thu 30th 1:30pm Sewing group	Fri 31st 9:45am Art Group 2pm Craft Group

*There's a new pencil with a rubber at both ends but I don't see the point of it.*

# NOVEMBER 2025

<p>Saturday 1st 10am-3pm Incredible Makers Market</p>		<p><b>Sunday 2nd</b> <b>20th Sunday after Trinity - All Saints</b> 10am Holy Communion inc Sunday Club 6pm Naming &amp; Remembering</p>	
<p>Mon 3rd 10am Time to pray 6pm Girlguiding</p>	<p>Tue 4th 10am Make &amp; Natter 5:15pm Scouting</p>	<p>Wed 5th 10am Communion 6:30pm St A Runners</p>	<p>Thu 6th 9:15am Little And's 1:30pm Sewing group</p>
<p>Fri 7th 9:45am Art Group 2pm Craft Group 3:30pm Fun Café 7:15pm Quiz Night</p>	<p>Sat 8th 7:30pm Johnny's Happy Place Fundraiser with Fynnus Fogg</p>	<p><b>Sunday 9th</b> <b>21st Sunday after Trinity</b> <b>Remembrance</b> 8:15am Said Communion 10am All Together</p>	
<p>Mon 10th 10am Time to pray 6pm Girlguiding</p>	<p>Tue 11th 10am Make &amp; Natter 5:15pm Scouting</p>	<p>Wed 12th 10am Communion 6:30pm St A Runners</p>	<p>Thu 13th 9:15am Little And's 1:30pm Sewing group</p>
<p>Fri 14th 9:45am Art Group 2pm Craft Group 3:30pm Fun Café 7pm Railway Film Night</p>	<p>Sat 15th 10am Café Church</p>	<p><b>Sunday 16th</b> <b>22nd Sunday after Trinity</b> 10am Holy Communion inc Sunday Club</p>	
<p>Mon 17th 10am Time to pray 6pm Girlguiding 7.30pm PCC meeting</p>	<p>Tue 18th 10am Make &amp; Natter 5:15pm Scouting</p>	<p>Wed 19th 10am Communion with Mother's Union 12 noon Wed Lunches 6:30pm St A Runners 7.30pm Flower Arranging Demo</p>	<p>Thu 20th 9:15am Little And's 1:30pm Sewing group</p>
<p>Fri 21st 9:45am Art Group 2pm Craft Group 3:30pm Fun Cafe</p>	<p>Sat 22nd 7:30pm Alfie Moore Apocalypse Now</p>	<p><b>Sunday 23rd</b> <b>Sunday next before Advent</b> 8:15am Said Communion 10am Morning Praise inc Sunday Club 5pm Evensong with bring &amp; share supper</p>	
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*Bono and Edge walk into a bar. The barman says, "Not U2 again."*

## Kettering & District Flower Club

presents

# Let's get Festive

A flower arranging demonstration by  
award winning national demonstrator

## Vanessa Wellock

Kettering Arts Centre

Wednesday 19th November 2025

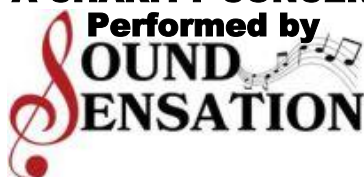
Doors open 6:30pm for 7:30pm start

Ticket £16 available from Kettering Flower Club or from Penny Payne in Church

Sales table - Licensed bar - Raffle

## FOR THE LOVE OF SONG

### A CHARITY CONCERT



**Kettering Arts Centre**

**3pm Sunday 12th October 2025**

**Ticket: Adult £10 Under 12s £5**

from **wegotickets.com**

Also available from NSPCC ([angelagoodliffe@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:angelagoodliffe@hotmail.co.uk))

and from Sound Sensation ([sound.sensation@outlook.com](mailto:sound.sensation@outlook.com))

## NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

## "Wednesday Lunches"

Wednesday November 19th

12 noon in the Church Hall

Please join us for a lovely meal with  
your friends from St. Andrew's at the Wednesday Lunches  
Please let us know if you will be coming

*The Social Committee*

## ST ANDREW'S WALKING GROUP

Motto: *But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.* (Isaiah 40:31)



Since the last magazine 3 walks have taken place. The weather led to the Ise Valley cake walk being shortened because of the heat, while the Lyveden walk replaced a cancelled one due to a downpour! It's been a funny year weatherwise.



The walk around Fotheringhay, Nassington and Elton took place in warm and then hot sunshine with the temperature pushing into the high seventies (I am stuck in Fahrenheit mode). The break at *The Crown* in Elton came at the right time.

The last walk of the year will be a Christmas social walk around Wicksteed Park with cake and cheese on offer. Santa dress optional. The date will be in the notices.

This will be the last walk we organise as after 10 years we have decided to untie our laces and step back from leading the walking group. We hope to hand over our water bottle, guides and maps to someone with perhaps new ideas and new routes.

Many thanks to all who have supported us over the last ten years combining fun and fellowship with enjoyment of the countryside around us. Please do get in touch if you would like to co-ordinate the walking group in the future.

*Malcolm and Rosalind Robinson* ☎01536 519741

*Ed: In 'From the Magazine 10years ago' there is an report from the Walking Group in their first year.*

*Three old guys are out walking. The first one says, "Windy, isn't it?"  
The second one says, "No, it's Thursday!"  
The third one says, "So am I. Let's go for a beer."*

## OCTOBER

October is the tenth month of the year in the Gregorian calendar, and has 31 days. The name comes from the Latin octo for "eight". It was the eighth month of the year before January and February were added to the beginning of the year at around 700 BC.

October in the UK is the middle of autumn, offering a mix of mild and cooler days with the potential for rain but it's a beautiful time for exploring fall colours, especially in wooded areas, and enjoying activities like hiking to witness the vibrant fall foliage.

Events and activities happening across Britain in October, the spookiest month of them all. You're sure to have a ghoulishly good time exploring these Halloween events and autumn things to do in England and Wales.

Cheltenham Literature Festival, 10 – 19 October 2025 It will see the launch of major books, as well as talks, workshops and performances touching upon subjects as diverse as history, politics, sport, food and fashion.

World Conker Championships Northamptonshire 12 October 2025 The game of conkers has been a popular pastime of British schoolchildren for decades. The World Conker Championships are held on the village green in Southwick near Oundle, Peterborough, with many attempting to become the king or queen of conkers.

Iris Prize Festival Cardiff, south Wales 13 – 19 October 2025 A six-day celebration of LGBTQIA+ film, including screenings of a series of short films competing for the Best British Iris Prize.

FilmBath Festival, Bath, 17 – 26 October 2025 Soak up the special atmosphere of packed auditoriums as you enjoy screenings of previews, documentary features, films and talks with directors, producers and stars.

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Phone 01536 519741 – speak to Rosalind or leave a message .  
(We need numbers in advance so that we make enough soup!)

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Our next lunch is Wed Oct 8th. We have to preorder so I need your menu choices with a £5 deposit by Tue Sept 30<sup>th</sup> at the latest. If you need a menu please ask.

Our **Christmas Lunch** is on Wed Dec 10th, 12:30pm at The Star. All men are welcome. I have menus. As always we need to preorder and the last date for orders with a £5 deposit is Sun 16th Nov.

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Speak to David Carter or Tom for more info.

### **EVENSONG - 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

This is a traditional sung version of Evening prayer. The service is led by the choir and lay worship leaders. After the 45 minute service we have a bring & share supper which everyone is welcome to join (you don't need to have brought anything to share with us)

Dates for the remainder of 2025: 26<sup>th</sup> Oct & 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov @ 5pm

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*Did you hear about the new corduroy pillow? It's making headlines everywhere.*

## ADVENT

Advent means "arrival" and signifies the start of an event or the arrival of a person. In Christian communities around the world, Advent refers to the four-week season of remembering leading up to Christmas and celebrating the arrival of Jesus on Earth. It's a time to reflect on the unexpected nature of Jesus' humble birth and join in the anticipation of when he will come again to reunite Heaven and Earth. Christians from many backgrounds celebrate this time with reflections on hope, peace, love, and joy.

It is not known when the period of preparation for Christmas that is now called Advent began, though it was certainly in existence from about 480; introduced by the Council of Tours to order monks to fast every day in the month of December until Christmas

Associated with Advent as a time of penitence was a period of fasting, known also as St Martin's Lent or the Nativity Fast. According to Saint Gregory of Tours the celebration of Advent began in the fifth century when the Bishop Perpetuus directed that starting with the St. Martin's Day on 11th November until Christmas, one fasts three times per week; this is why Advent was sometimes also named "Lent of St. Martin".

The first clear references in the Western Church to Advent occur in the Gelasian Sacramentary, which provides Advent Collects, Epistles, and Gospels for the five Sundays preceding Christmas and for the corresponding Wednesdays and Fridays. The homilies of Gregory the Great in the late sixth century showed four weeks to the liturgical season of Advent, but without the observance of a fast. Under Charlemagne in the ninth century, writings claim that the fast was still widely observed.

In the 13th century, the fast of Advent was not commonly practised although, according to Durand of Mende, fasting was still generally observed. When Pope Urban V ascended the papal seat in 1362, he imposed abstinence on the papal court but there was no mention of fasting. It was then customary in Rome to observe five weeks of Advent. The Ambrosian Rite has six. The Greeks show no more real consistency: Advent was an optional fast that some begin on 15 November, while others begin on 6 December or only a few days before Christmas.

The liturgy of Advent remained unchanged until the Second Vatican Council introduced minor changes, differentiating the spirit of Lent from that of Advent, emphasising Advent as a season of hope for Christ's coming now as a promise of his Second Coming.

## ROTAS

*If you are unable to fulfil any of your rota slots please try and arrange a swap or if you cannot arrange a swap please advise Debbie or Tom*

Date	Service	Intercessor	Reader	Welcomers
05/10/25	Communion Choir	Rosemary Harradine	Roger Payne	Karen Osborne John Mark Edmundson
12/10/25	All Together Harvest Band	Peter Bell	Andrew Bubeer	Brenda Weaver Doreen Hancock
19/10/25	Communion Choir	Roger & Penny	Graham Dickenson	Malcolm & Heather Abrams
26/10/25	Morning Praise Band	Rosalind Robinson	Louise Wilson	Ann Stockham & Penny Payne
02/11/25	Communion Choir	Maggie Price	Billy Hedrick	Christine Smith & Jenny Coombs
02/11/25 6pm	Naming and Remembering Choir			Debbie & David Cox
09/11/25	All together Remembrance Choir	Guides/ Scouts	Guides / Scouts	Youth Group & Terry Smith
16/11/25	Communion Choir	Fay Rowland	Sandra Reid	Hilary Whitwell & Christine Dornan
23/11/25	Morning Praise Band	Andrew Bubeer	Jonathon Monk	Karen Osborne & John Mark Edmundson
30/11/25	Communion St Andrew's Day Band	Rosalind Robinson	Debbie Cox	Brenda Weaver & Doreen Hancock
07/12/25	Communion Choir	Bethany Roberts	Fay Rowland	Malcolm & Heather Abrams

### FLOWER ROTA

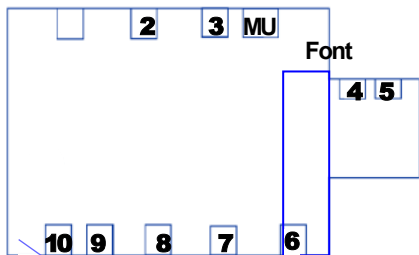
Date	Flowers	Date	Flowers
05/10/25	-	09/11/25	-
12/10/25	HARVEST	16/11/25	Rosemary Allen
19/10/25	Barbara Maclean	23/11/25	-
26/10/25	-	30/11/25	ADVENT
02/11/25	Doreen Hancock	07/12/25	





Date	Service	Coffee	Cleaning	Silver	Linen
05/10/25	Communion Choir	The Roberts family, Tania Watts	Emma & Bridget Sue Merrifield	Hilary Whitwell	Jenny Coombs
12/10/25	All Together Harvest Band	Janice Lynch, Angie Barker	Ailish Avery & Corinne Avery		
19/10/25	Communion Choir	St Andrews Ladies	Christine Smith & Nick Maple		
26/10/25	Morning Praise Band	Christine Smith, Sue Thurston	Heather & Malcolm Abrams	Doreen Hancock	Sue Merrifield
02/11/25	Communion Choir	Ann Stockham, Penny Payne, Angela Curchin	Malcolm & Rosalind Robinson		
02/11/25 6pm	Naming and Remembering Choir	Christine Smith, Terry Smith			
09/11/25	All together Remembrance Choir	Irene Clifford, Kirsty Bathe	Emma & Bridget Sue Merrifield		
16/11/25	Communion Choir	The Roberts family, Tania Watts	Ailish Avery & Corinne Avery		
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30/11/25	Communion St Andrew's Day Band	Ann Stockham, Penny Payne, Angela Curchin	Heather & Malcolm Abrams	Hilary Whitwell	Christine Smith
07/12/25	Communion Choir	St Andrews Ladies	Malcolm & Rosalind Robinson		

HARVEST FLOWERS			
2	Ann Stockham	6	Penny Baish
3	Angela Goodliffe	7	Debbie Cox
MU	Hilary Whitwell	8	Rosemary Harradine
4/5	Sandra Reid	9	Jane Jenkinson
Ped	Penny Payne	10	Doreen Hancock



I will be in Church on Saturday 11th October 9am—10.30am for you to bring in your flowers. There is no specific colour scheme for harvest but a vase of colourful flowers will be lovely to make the church look cheerful for Harvest.

Thank you

*Penny*

## FROM THE DIOCESE

### The Season Of Creation

As we entered the month of September, many churches will have spend some time focusing on the wonders of creation, with Harvest Festivals or other types of service. For some time now, the Church of England has named the period between 1st September and 4th October as Creationtide, or the Season of Creation, where we can give thanks to God for his gift to us in creation. It was good to witness an uplifting in the recent meeting of General Synod, where further liturgical resources were discussed.



As well as giving thanks to God, this period of time provides us with an opportunity to recommit ourselves to care for all that God has made. As a Diocese, we share in the commitment of the Church of England to become net carbon zero by 2030, an ambitious target, but one that is very important, and reminds us of the fifth Mark of Mission, 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth'. Maybe this is a month when you might like to think afresh about you can do to help reach the target.

I am so encouraged to hear of churches that are engaging with Eco Church and delight that we now have some 'gold churches' amongst us. What an example they are!

Amongst the resources for Creationtide on the Church of England website, I came across this beautiful passage:

*In every acorn - there is the potential for a forest;  
In every apple pip - there is the potential for an orchard;  
In every soul - there is the potential for your kingdom  
to be established; full of joy and peace and love.  
Lord, may your kingdom come in us and in all your creation.  
May this be our prayer*

+ Debbie

The Rt Revd Debbie Sellin  
Bishop of Peterborough

## Farewell in Christ

As fourteen years of ministry in the Diocese draw to a close, our overwhelming sense is of thankfulness. Elizabeth and I are so grateful to God for the privilege of my being called here to serve as one of your Bishops, the warmth of your welcome and the kindness of your support. We have been upheld by your prayers, humbled by your appreciation and thrilled by your willingness to serve Christ. It has been deeply moving to see God at work in our communities, churches and ministries. Thank you all so much.



Throughout my Christian life, I have been sustained by the bible verse printed on a bookmark that I attached to my bedside cupboard whilst growing up. It had God's words of reassurance to Joshua as he took over leadership from Moses and read "Be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for I, the Lord thy God, will be with thee whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua 1.9).

I love this beautifully challenging prayer attributed to Sir Francis Drake;

*"Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves, when our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little, when we arrived safely because we sailed too close to the shore.*

*Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess, we have lost our thirst for the waters of life; having fallen in love with life, we have ceased to dream of eternity and in our efforts to build a new earth, we have allowed our vision of the new Heaven to dim.*

*Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wider seas where storms will show your mastery; where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars. We ask You to push back the horizons of our hopes and to push into the future in strength, courage, hope, and love.*

*Please continue to pray for us as we will continue to pray for you, as the Diocese grows under Bishop Debbie's inspiring leadership.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' and 'H' with a small cross to the left.

The Rt Revd John Holbrook  
Bishop of Brixworth



For a full programme check out the website: [ketteringartscentre.com](http://ketteringartscentre.com)

For tickets see Debbie Cox in church or visit the website

**Sat 11th October doors 7pm start 7:30pm**

**MARK WATSON: Before It Overtakes Us**

Ticket £22.50      age guidance 14+

**Sun 12th October doors 2:30pm start 3pm**

**NSPCC CHARITY CONCERT**

**Sung by Sound Sensation**

Ticket £10      Children under 12 £5

**Wed 15th October doors 6:45pm, Start 7:30pm**

**GARY DELANEY: Work in Progress - SOLD OUT**

Ticket £10      age guidance 16+

**Sat 25th October doors 6:45pm, Start 7:30pm**

**FOR THE LOVE OF SONG**

**A Fundraising Concert in aid of PSPA**

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**Sat 1st November 10am - 3:30pm**

**The Incredible Makers Christmas Market**

Entry £3 children free

**Sat 8th November doors 6:45pm, Start 7:30pm**

**JOHNNY'S HAPPY PLACE FUNDRAISER**

**With Fynnus Fogg**

Ticket £12      under 18 £10

**Wed 19th November doors 6:30pm for 7:30pm start**

**LET'S GET FESTIVE**

**A Flower Arranging Demonstration**

**by National Demonstrator Vanessa Wellock**

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