

3 March – 16 March 2024



Sunday 3rd March — THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday in our churches...

SUNG COMMUNION SERVICE

9.15am

St Peter's, East Bridgford

Readings:

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22



COMMUNION SERVICE

11.00am

St Wilfrid's, Screveton

Readings:

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22



CELTIC EVENING PRAYER

FOR LENT

5pm via Zoom

Reading:

Matthew 10:16-22

Please contact Rev Ruth for joining details—all welcome



For our prayers:

- For lasting peace in the places of conflict in the world, especially Gaza and Israel, Ukraine and Russia
- For leaders of all nations to govern with integrity and compassion
- For aid agencies working to bring humanitarian aid to those who need it.
- As we approach Mothering Sunday, for all mothers and those who have been like a mother to us, especially those facing hardship
- For our Mother Church, Southwell Minster, and for all who minister and work there.
- For those suffering stress and all who are ill or in any kind of trouble
- For the recently bereaved.



CELTIC COMMUNION

Friday evenings during Lent 7.00pm

8th March

St Mary's, Car Colston

15th March

St Mary's, Car Colston

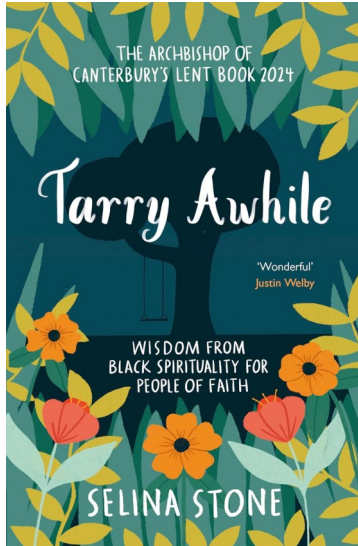
22nd March

St Peter's, East Bridgford



If you like worship that is quiet and reflective with plenty to stimulate the senses and the soul then try our series of Celtic Communion. Using words from the Iona Christian Community and beautiful Celtic music we will celebrate Communion with a light and inclusive touch in the round.

Lent in the Fosse Group



The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2024 is 'Tarry Awhile' by Selina Stone –this can be ordered from all good book stores and online.

Daily Reflections and readings for Lent

This year, why not follow the Church of England's daily reflections and readings for Lent. These are available in booklet format, as an app, by email or on your smart speaker.

Find out more at :

cofe.io/
WatchAndPray

40 daily reflections, Bible readings and actions to help us use Lent as a time to wait together for God.

Available as booklets for adults and children, an app for Android and iOS, by email or smart speaker.

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHURCH HOUSE PUBLISHING



The Fosse Group & East Bridgford Methodist Church Lent Course 2024 – 'Growing Disciples of Christ with Compassion, Confidence & Courage'

This year we will be using resources developed by the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham to explore some of the 7 areas of focus for their refreshed diocesan vision. Through the course of 5 weeks we will be exploring 5 of these key areas in more detail.

The 7 areas of focus are:

- Inspiring worship**
- Reaching younger**
- Enhancing diversity**
- Growing leaders**
- Enabling commitment**
- Encouraging generosity**
- Nurturing prayer**



When?

Wednesday afternoons
21st February – 20th March 2-3pm

Where?

East Bridgford Methodist Church

The sessions are open to anyone from any of our churches and those who belong to neither. All welcome whether you have been to any sort of study group before or not.

Wednesday afternoons 2-3pm EB Methodist Church		Session title
21 st Feb	Revd Ruth Colby/ Revd Tim Morris	Inspiring worship
28 th Feb	Rev Tim Morris /Revd Ruth Colby	Nurturing prayer
6 th March	Revd Tim Morris	Enabling commitment
13 th March	Revd Ruth Colby	Reaching younger
20 th March	Revd Ruth Colby/ Revd Tim Morris	Encouraging generosity

Please bring along a Bible with you, if you have one, and a notebook.

For more information please contact:

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Revd Tim Morris revtimmorris@aol.com 01949 837330

Coming up for children and families...



MESSY MOTHERING SATURDAY 9TH MARCH

10am-12pm

Flintham

Village Hall

Join us for a morning of crafts and activities for families, ready for Mothering Sunday. All children must be accompanied.



To book your place email: office@fossegroup.org.uk



FOSSE GROUP

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 10th March

10.00am Pancakes & Praise, St Peter's, East Bridgford

10.00am Lay-led Mothering Sunday Service, St Wilfrid's, Screveton

11.00am St Augustine's Church, Flintham

Informal worship suitable for all ages as we celebrate mothers and those who have been like a mother to us. There will be the traditional blessing and giving of flower posies and refreshments after the services.

The service at St Augustine's will also include Communion.



News from our parishes...



BAT BOXES FOR ST. PETER'S CHURCHYARD

On Saturday, 17th February, nine members and supporters of Nottinghamshire Bat Group gathered in St. Peter's churchyard to put up nine bat boxes.



They started off with a walk around the churchyard to identify suitable sites.



Then there followed a comprehensive health & safety talk and instruction on how to affix the boxes safely, the first box was secured to a tree near the Garden of Remembrance.



The group spent all morning safely putting up the boxes and there are now nine bat boxes on six trees around the churchyard.

Thanks to Nottinghamshire Bat Group who kindly donated the bat boxes and their time.

EASTER LILIES AT ST PETER'S



If you would like to donate a Lily in memory of a loved one, please fill in the details on one of the forms at St Peter's, East Bridgford. The Lilies will be £3.50 each – please use the envelopes provided in the church for your donation and give to Pat Pring, or to one of the Church Wardens.

The lilies will form part of the floral decorations of the church for Easter celebrations.

Mustard Seed Prayer Group—East Bingham Deanery

Lesley Haig, the Lay Chair of our Deanery explains what the Mustard Seed prayer group is about...



What is Mustard Seed? Mustard Seed is a prayer group that meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 2 pm until 3.30pm prompt. Everyone is welcome to join in, more information below.

Jesus said that if you had faith only as big as a Mustard Seed you could ask for what you need and it would be given us. Therefore a small group of us meet monthly to pray for all the churches in our Deanery and for all those leading them.

We ask for God's blessing and his presence to be with everybody associated with any of our churches, we pray for our benefices, our schools and young people and that God would supply our needs as to finance and manpower. We pray for wisdom and strength for all those in leadership. The group usually has seven of us from around East Bingham who meet regularly, but a few more people would be very welcome to join us.

We pray spontaneously for the churches and clergy. Lay leaders known to us are prayed for also as we work our way methodically around the Deanery. We pray for all our churches. There is absolutely no pressure on anybody to pray out loud if you are not comfortable to do so, it's fine if you just want to pray along with us silently.

For the cold winter months we meet at Radcliffe on Trent church rooms, but when it warms up a bit we move around the Deanery to pray physically in some of our churches.

Below is a list of our 2024 venues.

January, February and March. St Mary's Church rooms Ratcliffe on Trent.

April. St Mary's Church Plumtree

May. St Mary's and All saints church. Bingham

June. St Mary's Church. Car Colston

July. St Luke's Church Hickling

August. St Mary Magdalene Church, Keyworth

September. St Peter's church Tollerton.

October. St Peter's Church. Widmerpool

November. St Thomas' Church Aslockton (or in the enjoining Cranmer Centre)

December we hope to return to Radcliffe on Trent.

All are welcome to come along to one of our meetings.

Volunteers needed to help at our new Youth Group in East Bridgford

We are hoping to start a new Youth Group for young people in school years 6 and over (ages 10-16), starting on Sunday 14th April and running once a month. Volunteers are needed for this vital new ministry in East Bridgford. Whether you can commit to every month, twice a year, or would like to pray for us; we need you! Various roles available depending on what you can offer. Please contact Rev. Ruth or Sarah Hobbs to discuss.

Email sarah.hobbs@fossegroup.org.uk.

We would also welcome young people age 14+ as leaders.



DIARY

correct at time of going to press

Monday 4th March

St Peter's Bellringers, 7-8pm, St Peter's church, East Bridgford

Wednesday 6th March

Communion (BCP), 10.00am, St Peter's, East Bridgford

Lent Course, 2pm, East Bridgford Methodist Church

St Mary's Car Colston Bellringers, 7-8.30pm, St Mary's, Car Colston

Thursday 7th March

St Peter's Choir practice, 6.30pm, St Peter's church, East Bridgford

Friday 8th March

Celtic Communion, 7pm, St Mary's Church, Car Colston

Saturday 9th March

Messy Mothering Saturday, 10am-12pm, Flintham Village Hall

SUNDAY 10th MARCH – MOTHERING SUNDAY (4TH SUNDAY OF LENT)

PANCAKES & PRAISE FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY

10am

St Peter's, East Bridgford

Readings:

Romans 12:10-13

LAY-LED MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

10am

St Wilfrid's, Screveton

Readings:

1 Samuel 1:20-end

Luke 2:33-35

ALL-AGE MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

11am

St Augustine's, Flintham

Readings:

Luke 2:33-35



Monday 11th March

St Peter's Bellringers, 7-8pm, St Peter's church, East Bridgford

Wednesday 13th March

Communion (BCP), 10.00am, St Peter's, East Bridgford

Lent Course, 2pm, East Bridgford Methodist Church

St Mary's Car Colston Bellringers, 7-8.30pm, St Mary's, Car Colston

Thursday 14th March

Funeral of the late Barbara Carver-Drury, 1.15pm, Rushcliffe Oaks Crematorium

St Peter's Choir practice, 6.00pm, St Peter's church, East Bridgford.

Friday 15th March

Celtic Communion, 7pm, St Mary's Church, Car Colston

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE AT ST WILFRID'S, SCREVETON

Sunday 10th MARCH at 10am

St Wilfrid's will be holding a lay-led service on Mothering Sunday— ladies will be presented with flowers and there will be refreshments after the service. All are welcome



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Please Note:

Revd Ruth's day off is

Tuesday

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Revd Ruth Colby

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Safeguarding

Any concerns about safeguarding should be directed to the Parish Safeguarding Officers

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pgolightly@btinternet.com

Mandy Beeby

Tel: **07850 085055** email:

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Plant Hunters' Fair in the

Palace Gardens,

Southwell Minster

Sunday 17th March

11:00am - 4:00pm

A wide selection of plants for sale from nurseries throughout the country including many rare species. This popular fair is situated in the beautiful gardens of The Archbishop's Palace next to Southwell Minster.

Entry: £2 suggested donation

This event is an important fundraiser for the Minster.

