

17 March – 30 March 2024



## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Sunday in our churches...

#### SUNG COMMUNION SERVICE

9.15am

St Peter's, East Bridgford

#### Readings:

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33



#### COMMUNION SERVICE

11.00am

St Mary's, Car Colston

#### Readings:

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33



#### EVENSONG

6.00pm

St Peter's, East Bridgford

#### Readings:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

John 12:20-33

Our choir is blossoming under their new temporary director. Please do come to give them your support and to experience this beautiful traditional service of Evensong loved by generations, and led by our choir with some wonderful hymns to sing and a choir anthem to raise the roof.



#### For our prayers:

- For the people of Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Russia and Haiti and all places of brokenness in our world—for peace, reconciliation and compassion.
- For those who are persecuted for their faith across our world.
- For those who provide care and support services in our communities particularly those supporting the frail and elderly, those with fragile mental health and those facing financial hardship.
- For our local Funeral Directors and all who guide and support the bereaved.
- For those in any kind of trouble, physical, mental or spiritual.



## CELTIC COMMUNION

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 7.00pm, 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.

#### Plant Hunters' Fair in the

Palace Gardens,

Southwell Minster

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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



*Lent in the Fosse Group*



# Waiting with Jesus

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
Thursday 28th March

**Vigil at St Peter's Church, East Bridgford**

Our service at 7pm leads into a vigil between 8pm & 10pm as we reflect on the scene in the Garden of Gethsemane. Please sign up below if you are able to stay with us for part or all of the vigil.

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## Music in the Fosse Group

### **Music at East Bridgford**

Music comes in many forms from pop to show, to folk to jazz, to classical to operatic and different forms without doubt resonate with each of the readers of East Bridgford Village Magazine. As a listener, we can jump the ages and music can take us back to a special moment in our lives or support fresh memories, behind each of these lovely pieces of music is an artist and musician, a composer and a performer. Some may not know but the beautiful church of St Peter's East Bridgford is home to a group of fabulous musicians which we call 'the choir', but these tight-knit group of people are more than musicians; they have a specific skill and that is to help others to enjoy music within the wonderful, ancient and sacred setting of the church. The music they sing also evokes warm feelings and ranges from supporting a general hymn to singing a delicate psalm or rousing anthem, from ancient to contemporary, but no matter what your religious diversity or beliefs it is absolutely sure to uplift your soul in one way or another. This group of people, our choir, are so musically talented in fact that they can usually sing a piece of music that is put in front of them 'by sight' just by reading the dots on the page, delivering the notes the composer put to paper and ink almost like a 'human jukebox' - put in your pound and they sing! It's really something to wonder at and to be honest this is something that they clearly enjoy too. This mixed group give up their time each Thursday evening for an hour and a half to rehearse their music and deliver it within the structure of a 9:15am Sunday service or a monthly 6:00pm evensong, the latter being where the service surrounds the music which transports you floating from the day into the night. You must really come along and sample this for yourselves and it would be remiss of me not to selfishly plug the fact that we'd welcome more singers, both male and female, to help us do this; basic music reading being a very handy skill for this role of course.

A perfect time to have a go is at Eastertime and you can see below that we have planned a special musical service telling the Easter story in words and music over an hour on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April (4:00pm) at the church where we invite singers (18+) to join us as we work towards this. Treat it as a 'one off' if you like and it will certainly give you a flavour of what and who East Bridgford Church Choir are. We'd also love you to come and experience this amazing story, just turn up in this friendly and welcoming environment, 'grab a pew' as they say and relax into hearing some wonderful texts and gorgeous music of the season! Call Amanda now to take part on 07814 477402.

*Ian Watts*

*Temporary Choir Director*

***Or just come along to listen and join in the hymns***

## ST PETER'S EAST BRIDGFORD



## MUSIC & READINGS *of the* EASTER STORY

### A SPECIAL MUSICAL SERVICE

Sing 5 Anthems, 4 Hymns & 1 Taize Chant  
Rehearsing Thursdays: 21/3, 28/3 & 4/4 @ 6:30pm

The Church Choir will be pleased to welcome experienced singers who would like to join them for the rehearsals and service.

#### Service

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April  
at 4 pm

St Peter's Church  
East Bridgford

## Messy Church

### Messy Mothering Saturday

On Saturday 9th March we had a busy bustling morning with families joining us at Flintham Village Hall for Messy Mothering Saturday. We enjoyed lots of fun and messy activities making gifts and treats for the important women in our lives. We heard the story of baby Moses, who was blessed with many amazing women caring for him, who were all watched over by a loving God. We danced and sang about



the wonderful love of Jesus. A great success! We're all looking forward to the next Messy session in Flintham on Good Friday. Why not join us?

*See details below*



# Messy Easter

## Messy Good Friday

## Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 10am-12pm

## Flintham Village Hall

Join us for a morning of Easter activities for families with hot cross buns and a retelling of the Easter story, finishing with an Easter egg hunt.

All children must be accompanied. To book your place email [office@fossegroup.org.uk](mailto:office@fossegroup.org.uk)

## News from our parishes...



**St Mary's** was the venue for last Friday's Celtic Communion Service providing a wonderful opportunity to utilise and appreciate the refurbished worship space in the West Nave. The service led by Rev Ruth was both quiet and reflective with thought provoking liturgy and gentle music. For those of us fortunate enough to be present it offered a calm and peaceful end to an otherwise hectic week.

Despite all the rain a recent sighting in **St Mary's** churchyard is proof that Spring is on the way. Heavily camouflaged but still visible in the undergrowth the 'chief mower' was spotted emerging from hibernation and busying himself with a



mower test run and preliminary cut before the start of the 2024 Mowing Rota Season. Such was the considerable effort involved and the duration of the task that many sightings were reported and photographs taken to be shared later on social media.



The Lent edition of The Prayer Book Today magazine has now been published and as promised the Chairman's Letter contains Bradley Smith's reflections on **St Mary's** Service of Dedication. It is, as ever, beautifully written. If you would like to read the full article a copy will be available in **St Mary's** or please let us know and a copy can be shared with other churches.

We are looking forward to **Palm Sunday on 24<sup>th</sup> March**. This year the **Palm Sunday Procession** sets off from **St Mary's** at 10.30am. Tea/coffee and croissant will be served in church from 10am onwards to provide a little sustenance for the journey, so please come early and enjoy.

**Do join us on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 7pm for Celtic Communion**

**and for**

**Communion on 17<sup>th</sup> March 11am the Fifth Sunday of Lent**



### News from St Wilfrid's

We had a lovely Mothering Day Service on Sunday with 25 people including three children.

All ladies were presented with a bouquet of flowers which had been blessed by Rev Maggie Woodward.

The Fosse Group **Palm Sunday service will take place at St Wilfrids at 11am 24th March** at the end of the procession from St Mary's.

## News from our parishes...



### Pancakes & Praise for Mothering Sunday at St Peter's

At Pancakes and Praise on Mothering Sunday we celebrated women who have shaped the world, and prayed for the women who have shaped our lives.

Following our pancakes and coffee before the service started we prepared some little card people with smiles and colours. We heard about women as diverse as Billie Jean King, Florence Nightingale, Rosa Parks and Greta Thunberg who helped to shape the world we live in today. We found out about what Love in Action means and how we can honour God and all those strong women who paved the way for change and progress—even when the going was tough. We then named the strong, courageous and influential women in our own lives and wrote their names on the little people we had decorated and they formed a heart for our prayers. Thank you to Pat and Sarah for preparing little pots of flowers for us all to give to mums, grandmas and other women in our church family.



### 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sarah.hobbs@fossegroup.org.uk).

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



### 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.

## DIARY

correct at time of going to press

### **Monday 18th March**

St Peter's Bellringers, 7.30–9pm, St Peter's church, East Bridgford  
Messy Good Friday planning 8pm on Zoom (contact Sarah for details)

### **Tuesday 19th March**

Mustard Seed prayer group meeting, 2pm, St Marys' Church Hall, Radcliffe on Trent

### **Wednesday 20th March**

Communion (BCP), 10.00am, St Peter's, East Bridgford  
Lent Course, 2pm, East Bridgford Methodist Church  
St Mary's Bellringers, 7–8.30pm, St Mary's, Car Colston  
Pancakes & Praise planning meeting, 7–8.30pm, Main Street, East Bridgford

### **Thursday 21st March**

Messy Church, 3.15pm, Methodist Church, East Bridgford  
St Peter's Choir practice, 6.30pm, St Peter's church, East Bridgford

### **Friday 22nd March**

Celtic Communion, 7pm, St Peter's Church, East Bridgford

### **Saturday 23rd March**

RAF Guild of Ringers visit and service, 3pm, St Peters Church, East Bridgford

### **SUNDAY 24th MARCH—PALM SUNDAY**

#### **PALM CROSS PROCESSION**

10.30am, Starting from St Mary's, Car Colston

**Readings:** Liturgy of the Palms: Mark 11:1–11



#### **FOSSE GROUP COMMUNION FOR PALM SUNDAY**

11.00am, St Wilfrid's, Screveton

**Readings:** Liturgy of the Passion: Philippians 2:5–11

### **Monday 25th March**

Easter Assembly, 9–10am, St Peter's school, East Bridgford  
Flintham School Easter Service, 1.30–3pm, St Augustine's church, Flintham  
Reflection on the art of Holy Week 1 7–8pm, via Zoom – contact Rev Ruth for joining details

### **Tuesday 26th March**

Reflection on the art of Holy Week 2, 7–8pm, via Zoom – contact Rev Ruth for joining details

### **Wednesday 27th March**

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

### **Thursday 28th March**

Maundy Thursday Communion with washing of hands, followed by vigil to 10pm—see page 2.  
St Peter's Choir practice, 6.30pm, **St Augustine's church, Flintham**

### **Friday 29th March**

Messy Good Friday, 10am–12 pm, Flintham Village Hall—see page 4.  
Last Hour Service for Good Friday, 2–3pm, St Helen's church, Kneeton

### **CONTACTS**

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Please Note:

Revd Ruth's day off is  
Tuesday

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### **Safeguarding**

Any concerns about  
safeguarding should be  
directed to the Parish  
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*See next page for more details of our Lent and Easter services...*

# Lent and Easter across the Fosse Group



## PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH

10.30am

PALM CROSS PROCESSION  
FROM ST MARY'S, CAR COLSTON

11.00am

FOSSE GROUP PALM SUNDAY  
SERVICE WITH COMMUNION  
AT ST WILFRID'S, SCREVEYTON

*Come and join us as we process with palms between our two churches at Car Colston and Screveton in a traditional Palm Sunday procession before the 11am special service with communion for Palm Sunday, with refreshments after the service.*

## REFLECTIONS FOR HOLY WEEK

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March



7.00pm Reflection for Holy Week  
via Zoom

Contact Rev Ruth for joining details  
Spend a quiet 40 minutes meditating on  
the greatest paintings of the Passion  
and Resurrection of Jesus



## Waiting with Jesus

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>  
March

Vigil at St Peter's  
Church,  
East Bridgford

Our service at 7pm leads into a vigil between 8pm & 10pm as we reflect on the scene in the Garden of Gethsemane. Please sign up on the form in the church if you are able to stay with us for part or all of the vigil.

## GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

2.00pm Last Hour

St Helen's Kneeton

Hear the stories of those who were there on the first Good Friday at the foot of the cross alongside times of silence and Passion hymns



## EASTER DAY SERVICES ACROSS THE FOSSE GROUP

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March

6.00am Dawn Service for Easter morning St Wilfrid's, Screveton

(followed by breakfast in Car Colston)

9.15am All age Easter service with communion St Peter's, East Bridgford

11.00am All age Easter service with Communion St Augustine's, Flintham

Welcome Easter morning with lighting and bringing into church the new fire of Easter to light candles as the dawn breaks, at our 6am service.

Celebrate Easter Day by joining us for our All-age Communion services at 9.15am & 11am, which will be followed by refreshments and an Easter Egg hunt!

All welcome

