

31st March – 13th April 2024



Sunday 31st March – EASTER DAY

Sunday in our churches...

DAWN SERVICE FOR EASTER

MORNING

6.00am

St Wilfrid's , Screveton

Readings:

John 20:1-18

ALL-AGE EASTER SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

9.15am

St Peter's, East Bridgford

Readings:

Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18



ALL-AGE EASTER SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

11.00am

St Augustine's, Flintham

Readings:

Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18



An Easter message from Revd Ruth

Reflecting for a moment on that first Easter Day, it was a day which started as a day of quiet and mourning for the loss of a good friend and Messiah and a sense of hopeless anticipation. This Easter we too might feel a sense of hopeless anticipation as we approach Easter, not because we doubt Jesus, or his rising, but looking at the seemingly hopeless situations across our world where the hungry go unfed and the violence of those who wield great power dominates the ordinary and sweeps the everyday away in a torrent of fear and devastation. As we listen again to the news and feel the anxiety of what we cannot control where can the world find hope and joy this Easter?

Into our shattered and broken world, Easter comes. Nothing can stop Jesus bursting from the tomb to renew, refresh and remake us with the joy of the resurrection and the knowledge that nothing can separate us from the love of God, whoever we are and wherever we live—if only we turn to him and acknowledge him as Saviour. Jesus has the final word and that word will always be life!

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR EASTER MORNING



CHORAL EVENSONG

ST PETER'S CHURCH, EAST BRIDGFORD

6pm on the **THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

Please do come 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.

Greatly Ability

ST PETER'S CHURCH CHOIR (& FRIENDS)



NINE READINGS *of the* EASTER STORY A SPECIAL MUSICAL SERVICE

Sunday 7th April
at 4 pm

St Peter's Church
East Bridgford



The Easter story, also known as the Passion of Christ, is a significant narrative in Christianity, recounting the events leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Paired with sacred music, the story takes on a powerful and deeply spiritual dimension. It creates a deeply moving and spiritually enriching experience. The power of music enhances the narrative, stirring emotions and fostering a sense of connection with the story's themes of sacrifice, redemption, and hope. The universal appeal of music and storytelling crosses cultures and faith traditions. The Easter story, accompanied by sacred music and featuring volunteer singers from diverse choral backgrounds along with East Bridgford Church Choir, has the potential to resonate with people of diverse cultures and beliefs, fostering a sense of unity and shared humanity.

News from our parishes...



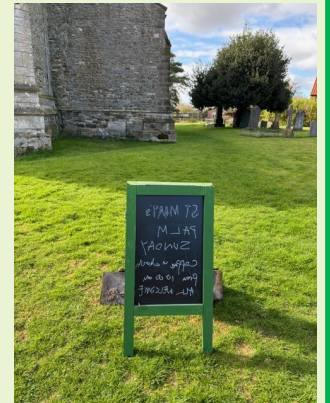
Following the successful season of Celtic Communion in Lent it has been a busy weekend of bellringing at **St Mary's**. On Saturday we had the pleasure of welcoming the RAF Guild of Bellringers to as part of their tour of local towers. The bellringers who had travelled from all parts of the country were full of enthusiasm for our new tower and bells. The ringing sounded excellent and was much enjoyed by all involved. There was also an opportunity during the course of refreshments to look around the church and great interest was expressed in the recent refurbishment project and also in the WWI Grave Recovery Cross. Many thanks to everyone who helped organise the RAF visit and for including **St Mary's** in the tour.



The next day was Palm Sunday which saw our own happy band of bellringers back at **St Mary's** bright and early to ring before the start of the traditional Procession. Tea/coffee and croissant were served as everyone gathered and following the blessing of the Palms the Procession set off down the road with willow branches in hand ready for the service in Screveton.

As we look forward to the Easter weekend we are bracing ourselves for the **Easter Morning Dawn Breakfast in Car Colston**.

This seemingly annual event is made even more special this year thanks to Easter coinciding with the clocks going forward an hour! Nevertheless, we remain confident of a good turn out – see you there!



News from St Wilfrid's

We had a lovely service on Palm Sunday with ten people walking from St Mary's in Car Colston to St Wilfrid's at Screveton. We had the wonderful choir from St Peter's, East Bridgford come over to sing with us, and **30** people attended the service.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Dawn service on **Easter Morning at 6am** when we bring the new fire of Easter into church. All welcome.



News from our parishes...



Hilary - a PCC member of St Peter's, asks us all to think about our carbon footprint.

CARBON FOOTPRINT-what is yours?

According to the World Health Organisation, a carbon footprint is a measure of the impact your activities have on the amount of carbon dioxide (CO₂) produced through the burning of fossil fuels and is expressed as a weight of CO₂ emissions produced in tonnes.

At our last PCC meeting we learnt that the gross carbon emissions for St Peter's church building came to 12.8 tonnes for 2023, worked out by the Diocese using their Energy Footprint Tool. We are thinking of ways we can further reduce that figure in our aim to be 'Net zero carbon' by 2030.

However, have you ever wondered what your own carbon footprint is? On 'Googling' *measure your carbon footprint* there are very many web sites on which you could do just that, all ask similar questions, about your energy bills, how you commute to work, what your usual diet is etc.

I found the WWF Footprint calculator to be the simplest

<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/> .

A Rocha UK, the ECO Church project, recommend

<https://www.climatestewards.org/offset> .

Although all the various sites I tried gave slightly different results, it did set me thinking about how I might reduce my own carbon footprint.

Why don't you give it a go and see what your carbon footprint is?



Messy Church East Bridgford

At Messy Church we talked about Easter and made our own Easter Gardens. We made delicious Easter egg nest cakes and lots of crafts with an Easter theme.

If you haven't tried Messy Church yet do come along to our next one on **Thursday 18th April** at East Bridgford Methodist Church straight after school.

We would love to see you!



For children, families and young people

NEW Christian Youth Group

@East Bridgford Methodist Church

Email: cyp@binghammethodist.org.uk

Facebook: @BEBCYP

2nd Sunday of the Month
Starts 14th April

Future dates: 12th May,
9th June, 14th July

5.30-7pm
For ages 11-18

Food
Fun
Games
Friendship

A joint project run by St. Peter's Church and the Methodist Church in East Bridgford, led by Sarah Hobbs, Families and Youth Worker.

YOU'RE INVITED!

PANCAKES & PRAISE

FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY 14th APRIL

10.00am

ST PETER'S CHURCH, EAST BRIDGFORD

Pancakes and coffee served from 9.45am, come and join us.

DIARY

correct at time of going to press

Monday 1st April

St Peter's Bellringers, 7.30-9pm, St Peter's church, East Bridgford

Wednesday 3rd April

NO COMMUNION SERVICE

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

Thursday 4th April

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

Saturday 6th April

Burial of ashes- Michael Clarke, 5pm, St Peter's Garden of Remembrance



Sunday 7th April—SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNG COMMUNION

9.15am

St Peter's, East Bridgford

Readings

Acts 4:32-35
John 20:19-end



COMMUNION

11am

St Wilfrid's, Screveton

Readings

Acts 4:32-35
John 20:19-



MUSIC & READINGS of the EASTER STORY

4pm

St Peter's, East Bridgford

See page 2 for more details

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Monday 8th April

St Peter's Bellringers, 7.30-9pm, St Peter's church, East Bridgford

Wednesday 10th April

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

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

Thursday 11th April

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

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

We will be starting 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.



Safeguarding

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

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Reverend Ruth will be on annual leave between Monday 1st April and Friday 5th April

