

## APRIL EDITION

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April—FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

*This Sunday in our churches...*

### SUNG COMMUNION

**9.15am**

**St Peter's East Bridgford**

Readings:

Philippians 3: 4b-14

John 12: 1-8



### COMMUNION

**11.00am**

**St Wilfrid's, Screveton**

Readings:

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12: 1-8



### CELTIC EVENING PRAYER

**5.00pm**

**Via Zoom**

Readings

Luke 22:1-13



## A Prayer for Easter

Risen Lord Jesus,  
as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden  
on the morning of your resurrection,  
so may we meet you today and every day:  
speak to us as you spoke to her;  
reveal yourself as the living Lord;  
renew our hope and kindle our joy;  
and send us to share the good news with others.

*Amen*



*Our Easter services and events are in this newsletter. We would love to see you at one of our services over this special time in our churches.*

## PALM SUNDAY

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

**10.30am Palm Cross procession  
from St Wilfrid's Church,  
Screveton**

**11.00am Fosse Group  
Palm Sunday service  
with Communion  
St Mary's Church, Car  
Colston**



## Christian Art

### REFLECTIONS FOR HOLY WEEK

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

**7.00pm Reflection for  
Holy Week  
via Zoom**

Contact Rev Ruth for  
joining details



Spend some time exploring some of the  
greatest paintings of the Passion and  
Resurrection of Jesus

## *April services*

### **Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

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

### **Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April**

7.00pm Celtic Communion St Mary's, Car Colston

### **Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April –5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

9.15am Sung Communion St Peter's, East Bridgford

11.00am Communion St Wilfrid's, Screveton

5.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer Zoom

### **Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April**

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

### **Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> April – PALM SUNDAY**

10.30am Palm Cross procession Starting at St Wilfrid's, Screveton

11.00am FG Communion for Palm Sunday (CW) St Mary's, Car Colston

### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April – MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

7.00pm Reflection on the Art of Holy Week Zoom

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

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

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April – MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7.00pm Maundy Thursday Communion with washing of hands followed by vigil to

10pm St Peter's, East Bridgford

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April – GOOD FRIDAY**

2.00pm Last Hour St Helen's, Kneeton

### **Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> April – EASTER DAY**

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

11.00am All age Easter service with Communion St Mary's, Car Colston

### **Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April- WEDNESDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

**No Communion service**

St Peter's, East Bridgford

### **Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9.15am Sung Communion St Peter's, East Bridgford

11.00am Communion St Augustine's, Flintham

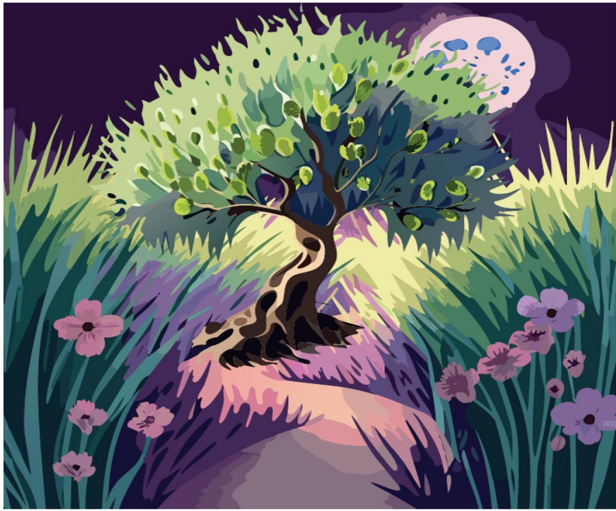
4.00pm Music & Readings of the Easter Story St Peter's, East Bridgford

### **Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April**

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

## **CHANGES TO MAY SERVICES**

**Please note that as the Fosse Group of churches will be in interregnum from May, your usual church services times may change. Please check on our website [www.fossegroup.org.uk](http://www.fossegroup.org.uk), or the May edition of this newsletter, before you set out for a service.**



## Waiting with Jesus

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**Thursday 17th April at 7pm**

**Maundy Thursday Communion with washing of hands followed by vigil at St Peter's Church, East Bridgford**

Our Maundy Thursday Communion service at 7pm will include symbolic washing of hands as we remember Jesus washing the feet of the disciples. The service leads into a vigil until 10pm as we reflect on the scene in the Garden of Gethsemane. Please stay with us if you are able.



**2.00pm Last Hour at 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 & Passion hymns

### **The Archdeacons' Visitation Dates**

Every year, the Archdeacons' Visitations take place. These are formal church services, during which Churchwardens across each Archdeaconry are admitted. This year there will be two dates to choose from, both held at Southwell Minster:

**7:30pm 12th June 2025** at Southwell Minster

**7:30pm 23rd July 2025** at Southwell Minster

A very warm welcome is extended to anyone who wishes to attend these services. These Visitations are opportunities to show support for your Churchwardens, as they are sworn into office. All Churchwardens, those returning and those newly appointed, will be prayed for as we recognise their invaluable and faithful work for parishes and communities across the Diocese. We would love you to join your clergy and Churchwardens for these important services.

### **Diocesan Day of Prayer**

*Southwell Minster State Chamber*

*Thursday 10th April, 7.30-9pm*

Join us for an evening of prayer and worship and an opportunity to receive, be encouraged and be blessed by time together with God. Southwell Minster is always pleased to welcome visitors to their regular pattern of services, should you wish to join in as part of these days of prayer. In addition to this, you could also join in with Nottingham City Prayer which takes place at 7am at churches around the city.





**Messy Good Friday**  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 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 [sarah.hobbs@fossegroup.org.uk](mailto:sarah.hobbs@fossegroup.org.uk)



# *Easter Day Services*

**Sunday 20th April**

**All-age Easter service with Communion**

**9.15am St Peter's, East Bridgford**

**11am St Mary's, Car Colston**

*Celebrate Easter Day by joining us  
for our All-age Communion services.*

*All welcome.*

*These services are followed by  
refreshments and an Easter Egg  
hunt!*

## News from our parishes...



### News from the Parish of Car Colston and Screveton

Here at **St Mary's**, we can hardly believe that come the end of April the Fosse Group will be in Interregnum and Rev Ruth's time as our Rector will be over. As we reflect on more than five years packed full of events both close to home and much further afield we appreciate how fortunate we have been to have had Ruth with us in our parishes, villages and communities. There is no doubt that Ruth's leadership together with her generous and healing ministry has enabled **St Mary's** to become the growing and active church it is today. Ruth's ability to engage with young families especially through weddings and christenings has been hugely important at **St Mary's**. Those families have stayed with us because of Ruth and as a result our worshipping community has increased. Of course, we have had great fun along the way and have enjoyed very many memorable occasions which for the most part have been faithfully recorded in the now precious annals of the Fosse Group News. April will be a month of farewells coupled with very our very best wishes to Ruth and Mark for a long and happy retirement.

**Ruth** – you will be sorely missed at **St Mary's**, you have enabled us to spread our wings and we will be forever grateful. Thank you.

### Rev Ruth's last service at St Mary's is Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 11am.

Please join us for the service and to say farewell with fizz and cake afterwards.

### Date for your diary in May

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 7pm for 7.30pm at St Mary's Car Colston

The Bishop of Sherwood Rev Andy Emerton will talk about his

"Journey to Faith"

**Whilst every effort is being made to maintain services as we enter the Interregnum please check service schedules, noticeboards and social media for changes to the usual pattern. If in doubt contact Fosse Group Admin or the churchwardens.**

**St Wilfrid's** have been enjoying the Spring flowers and bulbs which have been coming up all over the churchyard. This makes up for some of the austerity indoors of no flowers during Lent.

However we did have a lovely wedding celebration this month for a couple who dressed the church for the event with daffodils and tulips.

The time is drawing near to say goodbye to Reverend Ruth and her husband Mark who will be retiring to Rutland at the end of April. Five and a half years of caring for our souls in such a joyful way. Ruth has always had a ready smile and given a warm reception to all she has met and comforted. We wish them both a happy retirement and our thanks for all her hard work and Mark's support during their time with us here at St Wilfrid's and in the wider Fosse Group. Thank you and our best wishes!





## News from St Peter's church

### Farewell to Rev Ruth

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Rev Ruth at the end of the month. Her last service will be A Reflection of the Easter Story at St Peter's at 4pm, a service of hymns and readings. Friends from across the whole Fosse Group will be joining us.

This will be followed by refreshments – wine and soft drinks, savoury and sweet bites, and cake of course! This will give us all the opportunity to thank Rev Ruth for her ministry amongst and show her our appreciation, and to wish her and Mark a happy retirement.

### Into the future

During the interregnum we are aiming to maintain the continuity of our worship pattern, but inevitably there will be slight changes as we welcome different clergy to lead our services. More details will follow in May's newsletter, but do get into the habit of checking what's happening each week.

### Church Electoral Roll Renewal

Every six years parishes are required to prepare a new Electoral Roll and that is happening this year, 2025. Being on the roll enables you to have a say in your church, its present and future, and to participate in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

If you are already on the current Electoral Roll, we hope you will renew your membership. And new members are always welcome as well. At St Peter's application forms are available in church. Only a few details are required. Then you can place the completed form in the locked box opposite the church door inside church, or hand it to me or put through my letter box – details are on the form. The deadline date is April 27<sup>th</sup>.

*Beryl Cottrill*

### Help us for free

We're now registered with **easyfundraising**, which means you can help us for **FREE** by **signing up**. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch, Amazon, Trainline, Sainsbury's, Boots, Booking.com, Aviva, Waitrose and many, many more. It means that no matter what you buy online, from travel and holidays to fashion, homewares, insurance, and groceries, you will be raising **FREE** donations for us at no extra cost to you.

If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely **FREE**. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started!

You can find our easyfundraising page here:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpeterschurcheastbridgford/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=email-2](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpeterschurcheastbridgford/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=email-2)

Or via OUR QR code



*Spring in the churchyard*



*Mothering Sunday posies*



**More news from St Peter's church**

**ST PETER'S CHURCH AT EAST BRIDGFORD VILLAGE SHOW 28th JUNE 2025**

This year we will again be running a **cake sale** on the stall, and would welcome donations of cakes, savoury bakes, biscuits.

There will also be a **bottle tombola** on the stall, and again, we will need donations of bottles and jars for this—water, wine, spirits, bubble bath, sweets, sauces, jam.

If you are able to give an hour of your time on the day, we will also need volunteers to run both the cake sale and the tombola.

Please let Pat and Janette Fletcher know if you can help.

*Further details in next month's Fosse Group News.*



**From St Helen's church—Farewell to Reverend Ruth**

St Helen's Kneeton thanks the Revd Ruth for her ministry and spiritual enrichment of its community over the past 5 years. She, in particular, strove to encourage and support young families and children and introduced elements, such as readings or a short play activity, into the festival services, Rogation, Harvest and Carol services to incorporate them.

Her role in guiding young and older members of the community through important stages in their spiritual lives (baptism, marriage and funeral) has been of great value to several families; the Sampson family who moved to Kneeton in 2020, stress how grateful they have been for Revd Ruth's support for their family – for their daughter Hannah's Covid wedding in 2021, the christening of their first granddaughter, Martha in June 2023 and helped them say goodbye to their granddaughter, Hazel who was born sleeping offering much needed support for their daughter and her husband at this sad time.

In her time here she was also instrumental in leading a service in a paddock in Kneeton, for the planting of the Coronation Oak.

Tony and Patsy Rayner are particularly grateful for Revd Ruth's help and guidance during their term as Church Wardens and in the period afterwards.

Kneeton village wishes Revd Ruth and her husband, Mark a long and happy retirement.

**From St Augustine's church—Reverend Ruth's final service at Flintham**

It will be with sadness that we will be saying farewell to Reverend Ruth on Sunday 27th April as she leads her final service of Holy Communion at St Augustine's Church, Flintham. The service commences at 11.00am and it is hoped many from the Group will attend to support Ruth on her final day of ministry for the Group. All are warmly invited to stay afterwards to enjoy some light refreshment.



## DIARY

correct at time of going to press  
For all church services see page 2

### **Friday 4th April**

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

### **Monday 7th April**

St Peter's Bellringers, 7.30–9pm, St Peter's, East Bridgford

### **Wednesday 9th April**

Lent course, 2pm, East Bridgford Methodist Church

### **Thursday 10th April**

St Mary's Bellringers, 10.30am–12.00pm, St Mary's, Car Colston

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

### **Saturday 12th April**

Car Colston & Screveton PCC meeting, 10am, Boundary House

### **Monday 14th April**

St Peter's Bellringers, 7.30–9pm, St Peter's, East Bridgford

### **Tuesday 15th April**

Mustard Seed Prayer Group, 2pm–3pm,

Reflection on the Art of Holy Week, 7pm–8.30pm, Zoom

### **Thursday 17th April**

St Mary's Bellringers, 10.30am–12.00pm, St Mary's, Car Colston

### **Friday 18th April**

Messy Good Friday, 10am–12pm, Flintham Village Hall

### **Thursday 24th April**

Mother's Union, Car Colston, Flitnham & Screveton, 3pm–4.30pm, venue t.b.c.

St Mary's Bellringers, 10.30am–12.00pm, St Mary's, Car Colston

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

### **Monday 28th April**

St Peter's Bellringers, 7.30–9pm, St Peter's, East Bridgford

### **Baptisms—Sunday 27th April 9.15am**

Please come and support the McKean family as Nancy, Jimmy and Delilah are christened in our morning service. on Sunday 27th April at St Peter's, East Bridgford.



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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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## Please note

Revd Ruth will be on

annual leave

Monday 21st –Friday 25th

April inclusive and from

Monday 28th –Wednesday

30th April.

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