

# **Holy Trinity Rothwell**

## **Parish Magazine**



# **June 2025**



# **Holy Trinity Rothwell**

***A place for everyone!***

## **Our Vision**

We are a Church which exists to know Christ in our midst, and to make Christ known beyond our walls

We aim to be an inclusive Church, offering a variety of worship styles ... a place for everyone!

We aim to be:

- Christ centred, making God known beyond our walls
- Inclusive and welcoming to all
- Prayerful and Spirit led
- A loving and caring Christian community

***We look forward to welcoming you!***

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**Pew News**

## Church Floodlighting

Thank you to all that continue to support us with funding the floodlighting for church. If you would like to sponsor a day please contact Bea (Loddington) on 01536 711326 or Brenda (Rothwell) on 01536 710258

**Heating** - Please note that the heating at Holy Trinity will be switched off from May to September as usual.

# Services in the Tresham Benefice

## June 2025

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>		
9.15 am	Parish Communion and Baptism	Loddington
10.00 am	Family Service	Rushton
10.45 am	Parish Communion	Rothwell
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost		
9.15 am	Time for God	Loddington
10.00 am	Said Communion	Rushton
10.00 am	Tea & Toast Service	Thorpe Malsor
10.45 am	Holy Communion and Baptism	Rothwell
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday		
9.15 am	Parish Communion	Rushton
10.45 am	All Together Café Service	Rothwell
11.00 am	Parish Communion with Baptism	Loddington
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>		
10.00 am	Morning Prayer	Rothwell
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>		
9.15 am	Family Communion	Loddington
9.15 am	Parish Communion	Pipewell
10.45 am	Parish Communion	Rothwell
10.45 am	Parish Communion	Thorpe Malsor
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>		
10.00 am	Benefice Service	Loddington

## Forthcoming Events 2025

Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> June at 7pm	Seagrave Singers concert	Holy Trinity Church
Sat 14 – Mon 16 June	Flower Festival	Holy Trinity Church
Fri 24 - Sun 26 Oct	Weekend retreat	Walsingham Shrine

<b><i>Readings</i></b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Acts 2:1-21	John 14:8-17
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31	
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Isaiah 65:1-9	Luke 8:26-39
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	1 Kings 19:5-16, 19-21	Luke 9:51-62

# A message from Andy

**Do You Love me?** John 21:15-25

If you're a fan of America's Got Talent on tv Jane Marczewski, also known as Nightbirde, sang a song of her own composition, called "*It's Okay*". When she spoke to the panel of judges before her performance, she revealed that she had been dealing with cancer in her lungs, spine and liver. "*I'm okay,*" she told them. She carried on, saying, "*It's important that everyone knows that I'm so much more than the bad things that happen to me.*" Afterwards, she told the panel, who were clearly moved, "*You can't wait until life isn't hard any more, before you decide to be happy.*"



On her website she wrote:

*I have had cancer three times now, and I have barely passed thirty. There are times when I wonder what I must have done to deserve such a story. I fear sometimes that when I die and meet with God, that He will say I disappointed Him, or offended Him, or failed Him. Maybe He'll say I just never learned the lesson, or that I wasn't grateful enough. But one thing I know for sure is this: He can never say that He did not know me... Call me bitter if you want to – that's fair. Count me among the angry, the cynical, the offended, the hardened. But count me also among the friends of God. For I have seen Him in rare form. I have felt His exhale, laid in His shadow, squinted to read the message He wrote for me in the grout: "I'm sad too."*

Sometimes Jesus doesn't wait for the shockwaves of a trauma to die down. He doesn't wait for us to be in full health, or for our anger, guilt

and resentment to subside. He doesn't wait for us to recognise him, or for our permission to bring us new life, stir up goodness and truth, and show us that we are truly God's representatives in this world. He doesn't even wait for us to be happy, or for our decision to turn (or return) to God. Sometimes Jesus is just there before us, on the lake shore, offering to feed and teach us, requiring in return that we feed and teach his lambs.

We are not yet the people that God created us to be – none of us are. Our new life may begin with encountering Jesus and being baptised with the Spirit, and new opportunities and challenges, new learning and new discoveries, will open our eyes and hearts on the way and convert us again and again to Jesus' love – bringing courage, inspiration and joy, but for some of us Jesus asks that question – Do you love me? And for many of us the answer is not an easy one, we have spent many years doing the religious stuff the church asks of us, we've given our time, our money and done what is asked. But Jesus asks none of that, of course giving shows where our priorities are and our commitment to the church, but what Jesus really asks is

*Do you love me?*

*Revd Andy Giles*

## Thursday Club

Thursday Club meets every other Thursday afternoon in the **Methodist Church at 2pm.**



*Chrys Vere (07868 732414)*



# Marigolds Friendship Group

We are an independent friendship group who meet at Holy Trinity Church. Come and join us, for friendship, support, tea, chat relaxed activities, speakers, music etc. on the second and fourth Monday of the month from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm. The group is aimed at people who find themselves alone; whilst it is mainly attended by ladies, gentlemen are welcome. Some of our events are open to anyone, not just those on their own. For more details please contact:

Christine Richardson: 07763407868

Jackie Hands: 07484790862

*Christine Richardson*

## Coffee Morning

The coffee morning and Swap Shop in church this month, will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June and we will be collecting for *Jonny's Happy Place in Kettering*  
Thank you.



The churchyard has, once again, come to life with the warmer weather; trees have blossomed, bees have been swarming, our wildflower seeds have germinated and the Swifts have arrived to nest in the tower.



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Swifts are under threat as their population halves every twenty years. They are the most amazing birds. They eat, drink, preen, sleep and mate while flying, only landing to build their nest. They come to Europe in early May and make their way back to Africa at the end of July, a round trip of 14,00 miles.

What's the problem?

- Swifts nest in old buildings
- Old buildings are being knocked down and repaired
- New buildings have no nooks and crannies for Swifts
- Swifts are faithful to their nest sites
- When Swifts arrive back from Africa to raise a new family, they find their nesting places have gone – they are homeless.

We are fortunate to see these birds returning to our church each year so please watch them for the short time they are here, learn about them and

enjoy them. If you would like to find out more there is a little booklet “*I am a Swift*” pinned to the Eco board at the back of the church.

This month we will be visited by the judges from the *Wildlife Trust* as we have applied for the *Bronze Award for Churchyard Conservation*. We look forward to sharing news with them of the work we have done in recent months and our plans for the future.

If you are interested in wildlife and would like to join our small team you would be most welcome.

*Pam Shaw on behalf of the Eco team (Tel: 07717280584)*

## **Compline Zoom Services**

The zoom Compline Services in May were a great success. Many people logging on who might not have turned out for a late evening service – including myself from France!



Compline, also known as Night Prayer or Prayers at the End of the Day, is a service traditionally performed at the end of the day, before retiring for the night. It was a very peaceful way to end the day – thank you Laurabeth! More please!

*Janet Ray*

# Mothers' Union



Our St George's Day tea party was a great success and raised £211 for our funds, which will be used for one of the many projects organised by the MU. Grateful thanks to all who supported this event and for making it such a success.

The MU was delighted that Sophie, the Duchess of Edinburgh, has accepted to be our patron - she follows the late Queen, who was patron for many years. The MU is now looking forward to celebrating 150 years since its foundation in 1876.

The branch was able to provide two parcels of food as part of the Frances Lunch Club Project. This is to help families during the school holidays: one parcel was taken to Rothwell Infants School and one to Rothwell Junior School. We hope to be able to make this a regular gift.

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June there is to be a Diocesan Quiet Day at St. Katherine's Church, Irchester, led by our chaplain, the Revd Deborah Marsh, and for our June branch meeting we are planning an evening meal out together.

For more details about our Branch and Diocesan activities, please contact Brenda Austin (telephone 710258).

*Doreen Lambert and Brenda Austin*

# Tresham Benefice Fellowship

After a very successful day at Harrington Aviation Museum when 19 members were "educated " by their volunteers and after a look round the museum everyone met for a cuppa and biscuits.

June is Ploughman's lunch time at the Three Cranes, Cransley and July's outing is a trip on the Grand Union canal, only two places available at the time of writing.

Once again Margaret Wride has asked the members for afternoon tea in August. Please could you let me know if you are interested so Margaret knows how many scones to bake.

September sees us back in the Village Hall Cransley - more details later. There's still time to book the Ploughman's lunch (before June 9<sup>th</sup> please) and we look forward to seeing you.

Have you considered joining us yet? Only £5 per annum. We meet once a month on the third Thursday of the month. Please contact me on my email address. [laurelspickett@gmail.com](mailto:laurelspickett@gmail.com).

*Colin and Laurel Spickett*

# Flower Festival 2025



## **‘Celebrating Books’**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025

In conjunction with The Rowell Fair

Thank you to everyone who has submitted an entry for the 2025 Flower Festival, with the theme of '*Celebrating Books*', we are excited to have about 30 displays planned.

The Festival will be open Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 10am - 5pm; Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 3pm - 5pm, and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 10am - 5pm. Entry is £2 for adults and free for accompanied children.

As well as flowers, there will be refreshments, stalls, a raffle, and quizzes. The Bone Crypt will be open on Saturday and Sunday afternoon and there will be readings from local school children on Monday morning. We look forward to welcoming you across the weekend!

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to help on the door, serve refreshments, donate cakes and raffle prizes. Your support for this wonderful event is greatly appreciated, with all proceeds going to Church Funds, more volunteers are also welcome.

*Jo Freeman & Christine Richardson*

# Seagrave Singers & GBRT Community Choir



## *An Evening of Song*

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June | 7pm**

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# A Year with the London City Mission

## Part 7



### The Gift

As voluntary evangelists in London City Mission in the late '80s, we were occasionally deployed to other parts of the country. During Easter '88 we became conference staff for the annual Christian festival, Spring Harvest, at the Minehead Butlins resort. Our authoritarian leader, Rob, of course forbade us to enjoy any of the on-site entertainments. We were there to W-O-R-K from dawn until bedtime and if we found ourselves free, we were given strict instructions to offer ourselves up for any odd jobs.

One day, having had a session cancelled, Oliver, Chris and I defiantly piled ourselves into one of the overhead cable cars, feeling strangely liberated and giggling. Suddenly I spotted Rob below us, striding up and down near the staff headquarters. He seemed to be looking for someone. Probably us. As if on the same spring, we all ducked down into the carriage as we sailed unseen over his head! Actually, although we spent most of our time organising seating, it was a pleasant change from London. We were even allowed walks along the sea front during the evening mealtimes!

As our year as volunteers neared its end, the Mission gifted us all a surprise "Thank You" weekend away at a mansion on the Felixstowe seaside. Depressingly, however, this was going to be hosted by Rob who would provide a series of talks. Unexpectedly, Sam, our ally in Rob's inner circle, informed us that Rob was confined to his bed due to some back condition. And the Mission had no one else to replace him! We had a skip in our steps when we realised we would potentially have an



untroubled mini-holiday away. We were discussing this excitedly in the dining room the evening before, when suddenly Rob almost danced in, declaring that he'd been miraculously healed! He was ecstatic, but he seemed to be sucking all the previous enthusiasm from the room into himself.

The holiday home was lovely, but we had to attend our first lecture soon after arriving. Rob entered, a ball of fury and pain. He warned us that no one had better cross him as he was in constant agony and that it was only the strong painkillers that were keeping him going. This explained his 'miraculous' healing! His tempestuous talk seemed to use little scripture, though he carried a remarkably large Bible. Everything Rob said seemed critical or mocking towards us, whilst boosting his own importance. At one point, he inexplicably started shouting at us as we sat there stunned. He left the room dramatically, throwing his hefty Bible at us as a farewell gesture. We were all in rather a state of shock. Then something strange happened. I felt an overwhelming sense of peace and purpose. I stepped forward and suggested we pray. That serenity seemed to descend on us all. I prayed for Rob, for his illness, for us all. In my heart I felt a forgiveness and a care that went completely against my previous resentment to our leader. I told everyone to go off and enjoy the mansion and its seaside surroundings.

Later on, a strangely cowed Rob found me in the main lounge. Apparently his minions had reported everything back to him. He hugged me for a long time. I wasn't really sure how to process this, but from then on things changed. I certainly never heard a harsh word from him towards me again.

As our year with the London City Mission approached its close, events took a sudden, though in hindsight possibly predictable, turn.

*To be continued .....*

*Ian Scales*

## “I know I always can trust you”

Towards the end of my recent sabbatical leave, I went to Lee Abbey on the North Devon coast for a Prayer Retreat to reflect upon retirement later this year.



One of the wise guides suggested it would be good to choose a “theme song” for this next stage in life. At first I didn’t think this was a very good idea! Then I remembered that on a previous visit, fifteen years ago, before my interview to be one of your Bishops, I sang a hymn on my prayer walks.

That hymn was “*Father, I place into your hands the things I cannot do*” by Jenny Hower and it has been a special favourite ever since. It’s a wonderful reminder of God’s trustworthiness in the face of life’s challenges. The verses cover the whole range of anxious questions; “*What will I do?*” “*Where will I go?*” “*Who will I be?*” “*What about my family?*” and “*How will I cope?*”

The final verse focusses on walking close to God and loving his people, the Church;

*“Father, I want to be with you and do the things you do, Father, I want to speak the words that you are speaking too,*

*Father, I want to love the ones that you will draw to you.”*

It’s a lovely call to pastoral leadership and it continues to inspire me after 39 years of ordained ministry.

But my wavering loyalty to God is overwhelmed by his faithfulness to me. In response to an enquiry about faith during a Question & Answer session with school children at the Cathedral, I said; “*Faith is less about what you believe, more about who you can trust*”.

This month I celebrated the Golden anniversary of my Confirmation. After over 50 years of following Jesus, “*I know I can always trust him.*”

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

The Rt Revd John Holbrook  
Bishop of Brixworth

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## Point to Ponder

One of the first songs we ever learn is “*Happy Birthday*.” From the minute we are born we become part of our family history and the world community. Our date of birth is registered for identification purposes, and we enter on to the world stage as a human being. We have a name, and we have a place in our family history.

We hear stories and memories of the people who are our relatives which explain or fascinate or amuse us. The family tree, like old photos, helps to shape our sense of belonging and identity. Ancestry research is a big business and makes for some interesting TV programmes.

William Barclay, the prominent 20<sup>th</sup> century Scottish, New Testament scholar and broadcaster wrote “*there are two great days in a person’s life. The day we are born and the day we discover why.*” The second date is not found in the public calendar of events but in the secret diary of our hearts.

The “*why*” is always with us. What answers do we give to ourselves and to those close to us? Does our birth have a strong influence? Or family upbringing? Or events? Or one’s circle of friends? It is vital to one’s well-being to have times of questioning. There are no glib answers to the question “*why*,” only challenges.

People who are in love with life wrestle and care passionately about the answers they discover. In the process they often find what they are looking for, namely their own awareness of the essence of love and that love is unconditional.

The real person who is “*me*” must be challenged to embrace the richness and diversity in love that is built into our existence. St Paul gives us this

message in his First Letter to the Thessalonians “*encourage one another and build up one another.*”

William Barclay puts it this way “*in the time we have it is surely our duty to do all the good we can to all the people we can in all the ways we can.*”

Every child that is born is a bundle of opportunities and hope. Today’s world has many voices that talk people down and thwart human potential. When we hear them, we must question them and reject them if they deny someone their full humanity. The late Pope Francis was not afraid to remind us that there are people who need help to be full human beings.

As we work out in our own ways the journey of self-discovery may we be inspired by the words of Jesus that “*in everything do to others as you would have them do to you.*” That is the challenge of God’s love to everyone of us that we enjoy our birthright.

Brian Wren, the 20<sup>th</sup> century hymn writer puts it this way:

*Together met, together bound by all that God has done,  
We go with joy to give the world.  
The Love that makes us one*

*Canon George Burgon*

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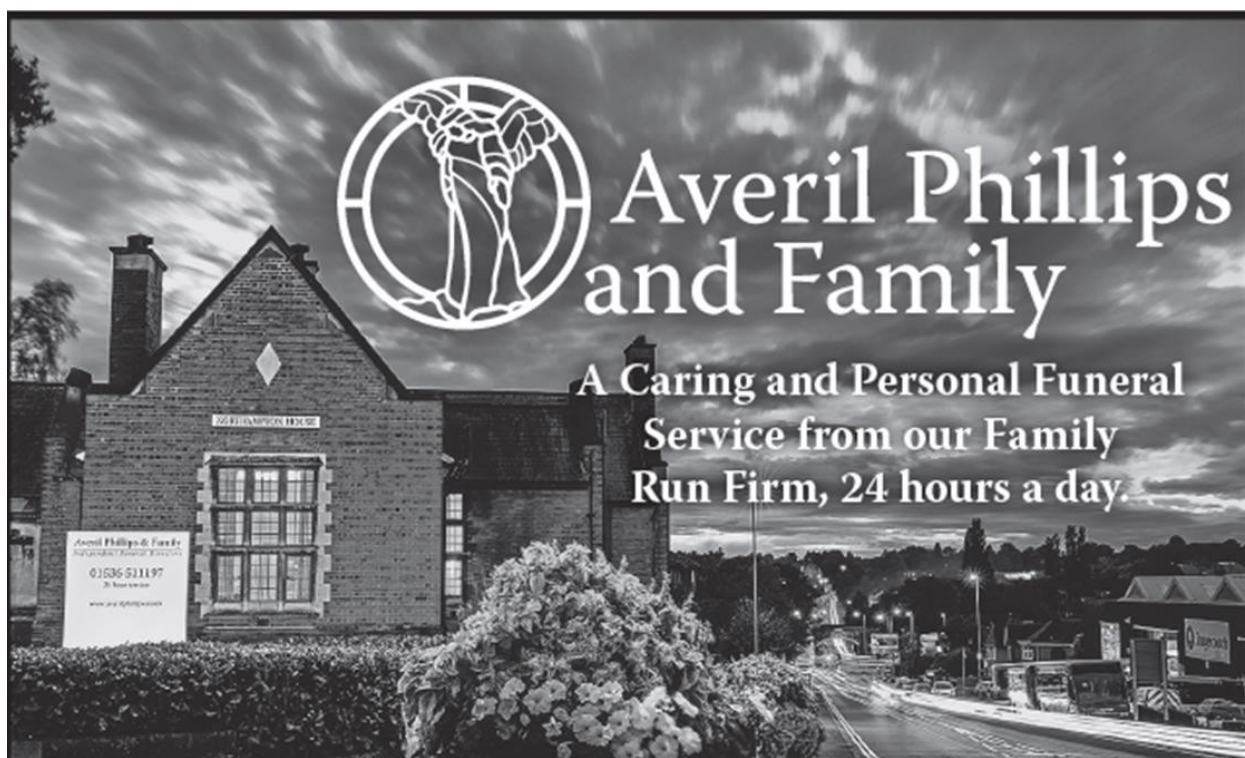
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