



Whittlesey, Pondersbridge & Coates
Church of England Churches
TEAM MATTERS



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Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust – Ride, Drive and Stride 2017

The main fundraising event takes place every year on the second Saturday of September when participants cycle, drive or walk around Cambridgeshire's churches to raise money for the Trust and their own church.

Previously I have cycled around the churches in the March Deanery (2007), the churches of the Yaxley Deanery on a tandem with my son Christopher (2008), the churches of St Ives Deanery (2009) and Ely cathedral and back (2012) calling at churches en route with John Blackburn and son Thomas.

This year on Saturday 9th September I set off on my bike from St Andrew's church just before 10.30 and cycled to St Thomas' at Pondersbridge (3 miles) and then along Glassmoor Bank and Cock Bank to Turves and into Coates to call at Holy Trinity church. By now I had completed 15.7 miles. Back into Whittlesey I visited St Mary's at 12 noon having completed 18.2 miles after which I went home for a light lunch.

After the short lunch break I set off for Thorney arriving on the outskirts of the village as a thunderstorm descended. I needed my florescent rain coat (which hadn't been used before today as it has always been lovely weather when I have previously cycled out).

I didn't get too wet as I arrived at Thorney Abbey and took refuge there for 15 minutes whilst the heavy rain abated. I had now completed 24.7 miles since starting out in the morning. The sun reappeared and it was quite pleasant cycling five and a half miles to Newborough. The church of St Bartholomew was closed but there was access into the porch where I stayed for ten minutes whilst another sharp shower came down. Four miles down the road and I was at St Pega's church at Peakirk - the village taking its name from the saint. She was the sister of St Guthlac. I hadn't been to this thousand-year-old church before which has extensive 14th Century wall paintings of national importance - and there were two ladies at the door to welcome me. Not much more than a mile down the road and I was in the village of Glinton and St Benedict's church having completed a distance of just over 35 miles. It was then to the northern part of Peterborough and the church of St John the Baptist at Werrington (38.3 miles) and onto All Saints Paston. Nearer to the city centre I called at All Saints Park Road and then Peterborough cathedral (42.8 miles). It was 4 pm when I reached St John's Stanground on my way back to Whittlesey returning to my starting point at St Andrew's at 4.25 pm having completed 50 miles.

I was delighted to achieve this ride after being so ill four years ago.

Thank you to all who sponsored me which at the time of writing is £317.50, half of which will be returned to the Team account.

Roger Brown

**Full details of Sundays and other services inside.
You are welcome to join us at our services:**

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Regular Weekday Services:

Monday: 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer at St Mary's
Tuesday: 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St Andrew's
Wednesday: 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
Thursday: 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St Mary's
Friday: 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer at St Andrew's,
12 noon Midday Prayer at St Mary's

An invitation from Bishop David to work with Partnership for Missional Church

I am writing to invite you to consider being one of a select group of clergy engaging with their parishes in a new learning community called "Partnership for Missional Church" which we are about to introduce and which we think could have significant positive impact in your situation.

The Diocese of Ely will be working a group of parishes as the first cohort to work with this approach. I hope you will give very serious consideration to being part of that group.

PMC has now been introduced into several dioceses across the Church of England. It makes no claim to be a 'quick fix', but where churches are open to discovering God's direction for their future it provides the tools to make that a reality. Bishop Stephen has stated in the introduction to our Diocesan Strategy that: "Together we are on a journey continuing to discern what God is calling us to be: people fully alive". PMC provides a prayerful and effective way to enable a local church to engage deeply with that discernment. It will fit naturally alongside, and significantly enhance, the process of developing and maintaining a Development Action Plan.

Peter Wood (peter.wood@elydiocese.org) and Mike Booker (mike.booker@elydiocese.org) are taking the lead in developing the link between our diocese and PMC.

With all good wishes.



Roger Brown, Pat Marston, Paul Turner and attended the introductory evening at on Wednesday 6th September at St Mary's, Ely. Canon Mike Booker came to the last Team Council meeting to present the partnership for missional church. Please keep this project in your prayers as begin to be more involved.

God bless you all. Revd Nigel

Sunday 1st October – Trinity 16 – Harvest Festival - Green

8.00 a.m. St Andrew's - BCP Said Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. St Andrew's - Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity - Morning Service
11.00 a.m. St Mary's - Morning Service
11.00 a.m. St Thomas' - Morning Service (note change of service)

First reading Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
Second reading Revelation 14: 14-18
Gospel John 6: 25-35

Anniversaries:

Holy Trinity 2nd Doris May Jackson

St Andrew's 1st Lorna Joan Spires, 2nd Olive Francis Turner, Ruth Mabel Dickinson,
5th Roland Jack Hull, Reginald Peter Holding, David Reginald Dickinson, 6th Richard Dennis Phillips,
Jean Beatrice Mullis, Arthur William Green, 7th Jesse John Kisby

St Mary's 1st Greta Prokopczuk, 5th Herbert Cecil Wright, 6th Anthony 'Tony' Chapman,
7th Lynne Sarah Porteous

Sunday 8th October - Trinity 17 – Green

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's - Morning Service
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity - Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Mary's - Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Thomas' - Morning Service
3.00 p.m. St Mary's - Mayor's Civic Service

First reading Isaiah 5: 1-7
Second reading Philippians 3: 4b-14
Gospel Matthew 21: 33-end

Anniversaries:

St Thomas' 14th Kathleen Mabel Dean

Holy Trinity 9th Kath Blunt, 13th Norman Edward Dale

St Andrew's 9th Eva May Flatt

St Mary's 10th Reginald Foster, 11th Ethel May Gilbert, 13th Olive Evelyn Wright

Sunday 15th October – Trinity 18 - Green

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's - Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity - Morning Service
11.00 a.m. St Mary's - Holy Communion
6.00 p.m. St Thomas' - Holy Communion

First reading Isaiah 25: 1-9
Second reading Philippians 4: 1-9
Gospel Matthew 22: 1-14

Anniversaries:

Holy Trinity 20th Phyllis Josephine Wheatley, 21st Rachael Stevenson

St Andrew's 19th Annie Brittan, Daisy Julia Redding, 21st Richard John Dickinson

St Mary's 15th Phyllis Garner, 16th Agnes Mary Longstaff, 17th John Gallacher,
18th Vera Stafford, 20th Edith Rose Mary Hudson, 21st Stephen Joseph Parker

Sunday 22nd October - Trinity 19 – Green

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's - Morning Service
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity - Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Mary's - Holy Communion
6.00 p.m. St Thomas' - Evening Service

First reading Isaiah 45: 1-7
Second reading 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10
Gospel Matthew 22: 15-22

Anniversaries:

St Thomas' 23rd Jack Lines, 24th Joyce Ellen Youde, 28th Thomas Bartholomew Edwards

Holy Trinity 23rd Ada Louisa Boon

St Andrew's 26th Harold Kewish, 28th Gladys May Kisby

St Mary's 23rd Thomas Gale, 27th Irene Goodwin, 28th Maurice English

Sunday 29th October – Last Sunday after Trinity – Bible Sunday – Green

10.00 a.m. Team Holy Communion at St Thomas'

First reading Nehemiah 8: 1-6, 8-12
Second reading Colossians 3: 12-17
Gospel Matthew 24: 30-35

Anniversaries:

St Thomas' 31st James Edward Wade

Holy Trinity 29th George Edward King, 31st Bernard Cook

St Andrew's 30th Emily Jane (Cis) Oldfield, Nov 1st Ursula Mary Cuffe,
Donald George Wheatley, 4th William Hubert Oldfield

St Mary's 29th Pauline Betsy Gray, Nov. 2nd Edgar William Rose, Joan Birbeck

Sunday 5th November – Feasts of All Saints transferred from 1st November - White

8.00 a.m. St Andrew's - BCP Said Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. St Andrew's - Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity - Morning Service
11.00 a.m. St Mary's - Morning Service
11.00 a.m. St Thomas' - Holy Communion

First reading Isaiah 56: 3-8
Second reading Hebrews 12: 18-24
Gospel Matthew 5: 1 - 12

Feast of All Souls observed in the afternoon with the Annual Service for the Bereaved at 3pm at St Andrew's

Anniversaries:

St Thomas' 9th William Neville Lant

Holy Trinity 9th Ada Chester

St Andrew's 5th John George Marriott, 6th Jack Barnes, Harry Speechley,

7th Ada Anderson, 8th Hannah Paghett, 9th Dora Edith Wilsoncroft, 11th John William Barnes

St Mary's 5th John William Longstaff, Emma Candida Stafford, 6th Douglas James Coulson

Around the Team in October:

1st **Harvest Festival Services in church.**

2nd **7.00 p.m. Friends of St Andrew's Committee meeting**

3rd **9.30 a.m. Key Stage One Harvest at Park Lane**

10.30 a.m. Key Stage Two Harvest at Park Lane

7.30 p.m. Pilgrim Group at 212 Ramsey Road Pondersbridge

4th **7.30 p.m. St Andrew's PCC in church**

5th **9.45 a.m. Coates School Harvest Festival in church**

10.00 a.m. to 12 noon Friends of St Mary's church clean – all welcome

11.00a.m. Harvest Praise at the Gables

6th **2.30 p.m. New Road School Harvest Assembly**

7th **9.30 a.m. to 12 noon Friends of Holy Trinity Booksale in church**

9.45 a.m. Churchwardens training day

Annual Licensing of New Readers and Renewal of Licensed Lay readers in Ely Cathedral.

7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Friends of St Andrew's Quiz Night in the hall. Tickets £4 each from Parkers

Newsagents of phone 350812

Friends of St Andrew's Coop Supermarket trolley dash to take place on 7th November – This is the first prize in the Friends Prize draw – Tickets are available from church or Roger Parsons. If you can help with selling tickets please contact Roger on 350812. Tickets to be sold by the 6th October and the draw will take place at the Friends Quiz night.

8th **3.00 p.m. Mayor of Whittlesey's Civic Service in St Mary's. We will also be welcoming to this service Bishop David Thomson, Bishop of Huntingdon**

10th **Visit of Alderman Jacob's Year 2 first group to St Mary's**

17th **Visit of Alderman Jacob's Year 2 second group to St Mary's**

19th **10.20 a.m. Assembly Key Stage Two – Alderman Jacobs**

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at the Hermitage

31st **Bishops Study day for Clergy**

7.30 p.m. Pilgrim Group at 212 Ramsey Road Pondersbridge

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5th **3.00 p.m. Annual Service for the Bereaved at St Andrew's**