

Holy Trinity

Rothwell

Parish Magazine



May 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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October to March every second Sunday each month

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Please send all magazine articles for the June magazine to:

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Please note the Editor may edit articles, without consultation, and in all such cases her decision is final.

Receiving weekly Pew News by email

Pew News is given out at church for each service. If you would like to receive Pew

News or the Magazine by email please inform our Benefice

Administrator - Dawn Cooper on treshambeneficeassistant@yahoo.co.uk

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 May 2025

Thursday 1 st		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
Sunday 4 th		
9.15 am	Parish Communion	Loddington
10.00 am	Family Service	Rushton
10.45 am	Parish Communion	Rothwell
8.30 pm	Compline	Zoom
Thursday 8 th		
10.00 am	Morning Prayer	Rothwell
Sunday 11 th		
9.15 am	Time for God	Loddington
10.00 am	Family Communion	Rushton
10.00 am	Tea & Toast Service	Thorpe Malsor
10.45 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
6.00 pm	Choral Evensong	Rothwell
8.30 pm	Compline	Zoom
Thursday 15 th		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
Sunday 18 th		
9.15 am	Parish Communion	Rushton
10.45 am	All Together Café Service	Rothwell
11.00 am	Parish Communion with Baptism	Loddington
1.00 pm	Baptism Service	Rothwell
8.30 pm	Compline	Zoom

Thursday 22nd		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
Sunday 25th		
9.15 am	Parish Communion	Loddington
9.15 am	Parish Communion	Pipewell
10.45 am	Parish Communion with Baptism	Rothwell
10.45 am	Parish Communion	Thorpe Malsor
8.30 pm	Compline	Zoom
Thursday 29th		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell

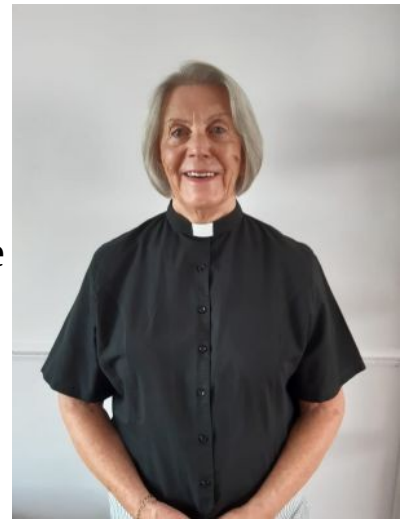
Forthcoming Events 2025

Sunday 25 th May 12noon	APCM meeting	Holy Trinity Church
Sat 14 – Mon 16 June	Flower Festival	Holy Trinity Church
Fri 24 - Sun 26 Oct	Weekend retreat	Walsingham Shrine

<i>Readings</i>	1st Reading	Gospel
Sunday 4 th May	Acts 9:1-6	John 21:1-9
Sunday 11 th May	Acts 9:36-end	John 10:22-30
Sunday 18 th May	Acts 11:1-18	John 13:31-35
Sunday 25 th May	Acts 16:9-15	John 5:1-9

A message from Margaret

In my Lent reading this year I included a novel - *“The Measure”* by Nikki Erlick. Purely fiction, the story tells how on one particular day everyone in the world aged twenty-two and over received on their doorstep a small wooden box. In the box was a piece of string, the length of which represented the length of that person's life with those younger at the time receiving theirs on their twenty second birthday. The choice of whether or not to open it was theirs. *“Where had the boxes come from?”* people wondered, *“And were they sent as a test or as a gift?”*



The book was based around 8 people in America, some who did open their box and had varying lengths of string and some that didn't. It was knowing this much that made me want to read the book. I don't want to give too much away in case you are drawn to read it too but I can say that all human nature, both bad and good was portrayed throughout the story.

We might feel certain as to whether or not we would choose to know our life-span in this way but unless faced with choice we cannot know how we would react; would we be intrigued to know? Could knowing we had a long string encourage us to be more adventurous or plan our time better? Or would we be more inclined to get on with things and even take risks with a short string, knowing we had little to lose?

In Matthew 24 the disciples ask Jesus when the signs of his second coming and the end of the age will be and over time many have made guesses as to when the world will end. Jesus says, *“About that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only*

the Father.” God chose for us not to know but Jesus did emphasize the importance of us being prepared.

Surely to live each each day as if it is our last should be our aim and not simply hoping we will have time to put our lives in order at the last minute. Our thoughts shouldn't concentrate on how long we might have left but on the choices we make to live the life we have been given, well, in tune with God's rule of love and serving one another.

Revd Margaret Mossman

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

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Christine Richardson

Kettering Food Bank



Donations taken to the Kettering Food Bank on 16th April (Easter Collection) were as follows:

24 tins, 2 small steamed puddings, 12 packs rice, 1 waffle mix, 6 pasta sauce, 1 christmas pud, 1 Belgian choc cakes, 1 bag teabags, 1x 4 cup-a-soup, 2 jars cooking sauce, 3 boxes teabags, 1 bag sugar, 1 jar hot chocolate, 1 bag porridge oats, 2 x boxes caramel bars, 1 pack biscuits, 1 pack cheese biscuits, 1 box millionaires shortbread, 1 box breadsticks, 5 sachets porridge oats, 1 bag popcorn, 4 sauce sachets, 1 bag almonds, 3 boxes stock pots, 1 box Flu Relief sachets, 2 bags of nuts, 1 bag pretzel pieces, 1 ice cube tray, 1 set lollipop makers, 1 box cake mix, 1 large wheat biscuits, 4 bottles sauce, 1 box Latte sachets, 2 boxes Rocky Road, 1 box cherry bakewell, 1 jar dip, 3 jars spread, 1 coloured icing set, 1 jar hoisin sauce, 1 jar lemon sauce,

Confectionary: 6 large Easter Eggs, 1 box creme eggs, 3 bags toffees, 2 box choc fudge bars.

Total 114 items

On behalf of the Kettering Food Bank we thank you for your continuing support.

Ann and Tom Chessum.



As part of the Eco Team's attempt to gain an award from the Wildlife Trust for our work on making the churchyard more 'wildlife friendly', I am doing monthly wildlife surveys. I am reporting on the wildlife seen during a one-hour period. Although this isn't a large number of species at the moment, hopefully this will increase.

Date: 3/4/25. Time: 14.20 – 15.20

Birds: Woodpecker, Jackdaw, Robin, Bluetit

Bees: Re-tailed bumblebee, Buff-tailed bumblebee

Butterflies: Large white, Orange- tip, Brimstone

Mammals: Grey Squirrel

I am not an expert on insects so am not going to identify different Beetles, Dragonflies etc. but I'll do my best. I will keep a book on the wildlife seen each month if anyone is interested.

Kim Foster

On 26th March a group of eight children from Victoria Infants School, together with two members of staff, visited the churchyard. We enjoyed almost an hour identifying the wildlife which we would hope to find there before adding more wood to the log pile and sowing wildflower seeds. It is good to see the churchyard providing a place where children can learn and enjoy our wildlife.

The following day some of our Sunbeams completed the task of sowing the wildflower seeds.

You may have spotted signs in the churchyard saying

“Don’t mind the weeds, we are feeding the bees”

These two areas will be left uncut to allow plants to grow undisturbed.

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

Coffee Morning

The coffee morning and Swap Shop in church this month, will be on Saturday 10th May and we will be collecting for *Christian Aid*. Thank you.



Charity of the Month

Christian Aid



Christian Aid week is in May. Christian Aid believes in giving the gift of hope. Christian Aid’s work includes helping people to:

- claim their rights and access services such as healthcare and education
- ensure they are not discriminated against for any reason
- become more resilient to shocks and disasters such as drought, climate change and hurricanes
- make the most of opportunities, such as being able to sell their produce for a fair price.

“We believe in something radical: equality for all.”

Stories of hope.

The slogan above tells us why this charity is called “Christian” Aid; the message of the gospels: front and centre. Christian Aid believes that, with hope, things that aren’t fair now can be fair one day.

Christian Aid works hand-in-hand with local communities to create lasting change, offer lasting hope, and help people build a life free from poverty.

Such hope is alive when a mum of three in India who couldn’t afford to send her eldest children to school, had her life transformed after being helped by Christian Aid’s local partners to leave manual scavenging and start a tailoring business of her own.

Hope arrived for Laila who lives in a Bangladeshi refugee camp after fleeing Myanmar in 2017. Christian Aid’s partner in Bangladesh, encouraged Laila to pursue higher education and give back hope to her community in the future.

Hope is transforming lives in Malawi as Christian Aid partners with farmers to transform their livelihoods using the humble but mighty pigeon pea: a drought-resistant, soil-revitalising, high-protein, low-cost, delicious crop.

You can collect envelopes from church and return them to Laurabeth. You can also donate online or via the charity box at the back of church.

To offer hope, give what you can in church or at www.christianaid.org.uk

Mothers' Union



Feast of the Annunciation Lady Day, 25th March

Our branch hosted the Deanery service for the MU on this important festival of the Church's year. Revd Margaret celebrated the Eucharist and preached for our members and visitors in Holy Trinity.

After the service we had tea and refreshments, which included a cake brought by Hazel Goodman from Kettering to celebrate the birthday of her husband Raymond. We all had a very enjoyable time together when we were able to renew old friendships, and make new ones, and to share news and memories together.

Doreen Lambert

Frances Lunch Project

The money raised from this project provides food for children, who have Free School Meals, during the school holiday.

I picked up 2 bags of food from the project and delivered to Rothwell schools from St Andrews Kettering on Wednesday.

Each bag contains: 1 white sliced loaf, 6 bags of crisps, 10 slices of ham, 1 pack of Choc Rice Cereal, 1 kg of white rice, Apple and Blackcurrant juice for diluting, 1 jar of strawberry jam, 1 tub of margarine spread, Large pack of cheese slices, 40 Tea Bags, 1 tomato Passata, 1 tin macaroni cheese, Tuna, Tomatoes, Baked beans, Spaghetti hoops, Ravioli, Chicken meat balls, 1 pack of bourbon biscuits, 1 bar of chocolate, Small pack of Easter eggs.

This was greatly appreciated at both Infants and Junior schools.

Any help, financial or help with the delivery on the Wednesday before every school holiday would be very much appreciated. Please speak to me if you would like to help.

Penny Knight

Church Cleaning

The Spring cleaning at Holy Trinity has gone well this Lenten season. My thanks to all who volunteered to clean before Easter and those who regularly do the worst jobs of cleaning the toilets and kitchen area!

Penny Knight

Compline Zoom Services

Following on from the questionnaires, we will be offering a short, reflective compline service via Zoom at 8.30pm each Sunday in May.



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 is primarily a time for quiet contemplation and reflection before sleep, and typically includes a confession of sins, psalms, scripture readings, versicles and responses, the Lord's Prayer, the collect, and the Nunc Dimittis.

The link to Zoom will be emailed out with Pew News on the Thursday before and will also be posted on the Facebook page.

If you would like any further information, please speak to Laurabeth.

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Choral Evensong

On Sunday 11th May at 6pm, there will be a service of Evensong at Holy Trinity.

Evensong is a traditional prayer service, typically held in the late afternoon or early evening, that incorporates choral music, scripture readings and prayers. It's often a meditative and reflective experience, marking the end of the day with a focus on faith and praise.

If you would like to take part in this service as part of the choir, please let Laurabeth know.

Laurabeth Creasey

Choose your favourite hymn

Remember our new regime whereby the third hymn is to be chosen by members of the congregation. The sign-up sheet is now at the back of Holy Trinity.



Tresham Benefice Fellowship

The chairman Colin Spickett continues to search for interesting and affordable outings for members. Over 20 members toured Barnsdale Gardens in April, and May's outing to Harrington Aviation Museum proved to be very popular with members making their own way there. A volunteer will be on site to explain the history of the Museum and members will enjoy tea and cakes afterwards and because 17 members showed their interest a large discount was applied at the entrance.

June sees a Ploughman's at the Three Cranes, Cransley. To date 16 members are interested. There is still time to book via my email. In July Colin managed to hire two day boats from Union Boats in Market Harborough, once again first come first served so, sorry, there are no spaces available, barring cancellations. I'm really pleased that members are at last, booking their places for outings by return of email. It really helps, thank you. As there won't be a printed programme this year, Colin is keeping everyone in touch via my email address. He is looking at affordable outings and looking for ideas (speakers) for the winter months. He is ploughing through your suggestions, thank you. Is this the year you are joining us? We meet on the third Thursday of the month in Cransley Village Hall at 2pm.

The annual fee is only £5 and the outings and minibus are extra.

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Laurel Spickett

Flower Festival 2025

A reminder of the preparations for the 2025 Flower Festival with the theme of 'Celebrating Books'. It will take place Saturday 14th - Monday 16th June. We welcome displays of real flowers or those created by knitting, crochet, or from paper etc. We are also accepting sponsorship of displays from the flower team on windows or the font priced £10 - £25.

Please contact Christine Richardson or Jo Freeman for an entry form or further information. Entries close May 16th.

We are also looking for volunteers on the door and for refreshments along with donations of cakes and raffle prizes - a rota is in church for you to sign up. Your support for this wonderful event is greatly appreciated, with all proceeds going to Church Funds.

Holy Trinity Church Rothwell Flower Festival 2025



'Celebrating Books'

Saturday 14th – Monday 16th June 2025

In conjunction with The Rowell Fair

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A Year with the London City Mission

Part 6

A Rat, a Spy and a Toothbrush



Over Christmas, 1987, my voluntary evangelist team were sent to a missionary centre to provide dinner and entertainment for elderly, single people. Despite missing Christmas at home, I really enjoyed this experience. We were allowed to sleep on an actual carpet at the mission hall! We nervously asked if we could watch their television set. The base's missionary was shocked that we were forbidden to watch television. Actually, someone had donated a large modern set to our base, but our boss, Rob, decreed that tv was a distraction. Unsurprisingly, we could later hear the bellowing sounds from the donated television coming out of Rob's apartment!

Our Christmas missionary said that we could finish up the buffet and wine. Alcohol was also strictly prohibited during our time in London. We were allowed to return to our homes slightly the worse for wear!

After Christmas, life at the base carried on as what had become normal. One night I returned late alone and one of Rob's minions met me at the door with a toothbrush (they always seemed to be at that door!). Apparently Rob had ordered me to clean the floor of the attic with it (I never even knew we had an attic!). I was clearly not going to do anything so ludicrous. I just walked on, mouthing something objectionable. I heard nothing more about my minor rebellion, but decided to go secretly to see someone above Rob in the *Administration*.

By this time I had become used to working and living in cold, rundown buildings. Our base had a rodent infestation, threadbare carpets and broken furniture. In contrast, when I approached the administrative building for the London City Mission, I was struck by the relative magnificence. The car park was filled with gleaming top-of-the-range cars and I entered into a warm environment with plush carpets. The staff were well dressed and blandly polite. It was like I had stepped into another world.

Our administrator was able to see me, despite it being near his home time - roughly just before 5pm. He listened to me as I described our conditions, but he seemed annoyed, stating that he had had no other complaints. I suggested this might be because my colleagues were terrified of Rob and any possible repercussions. After some vague promises of an investigation, I was dismissed.

Rob soon informed us that some “rat” had gossiped about him to his boss and if he ever found out who it was their lives wouldn’t be worth living. Or words to that effect.

Oliver, Chris and I were sent away (perhaps Rob had had enough of our rebellious attitudes) for a long weekend to assist a small village in an outreach programme; inviting other villagers to see their church. Our experiences at London City Mission had grounded us in doing door to door work. We took villagers with us in groups. As with my experiences in London, I don’t recall once receiving a hostile reaction. The locals were friendly and many attended an evangelical event on the Saturday evening plus a Sunday service where I believe I preached! It was a fun, productive weekend, though we were thrown back into everyday work once we returned.

About a week later, Sam, our informant in Rob's ranks, said that she had recovered out of Rob's bin a long thank-you letter from the villagers. They had even sent us a monetary gift. We never saw either. We would probably never have known about it at all but for our spy!

To be continued

Ian Scales

APCM and Parishioners' meetings:

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 25th May at 12.00 noon following the morning service. There will also be a Meeting of Parishioners where Churchwardens will be elected. Everyone who is on the Parish roll is entitled to attend and we look forward to welcoming you there.

Jo Freeman

Lord, Teach us to Pray

The disciples asked this simple question of Jesus as they watched him spend time with his father in quiet and solitude. They must have noticed the way in which Jesus so easily drew close to God and made time to do so. They longed for this type of relationship themselves and so asked that Jesus would show them how to pray in order to experience this for themselves.



In our Year of Prayer, we are discovering ways in which we can draw closer to God and deepen our own prayer lives and it is exciting to hear of the different ways in which many of you are exploring this further.

Thy Kingdom Come is a national and international campaign that encourages us to pray for others, that they may come to know Jesus, and takes place between Ascension Day and Pentecost. The focus this year is on the Lord's Prayer and so can help us with our own events. I do hope you will explore the resources that are available and see what you can do in your parishes during this time. How wonderful it would be to see the results of 'those prayers as more people come to find out more about Jesus and know his love for them.

Let's keep praying!

+ Debbie

Point to Ponder

I remember the first VE celebration in 1945. My dad was on leave from the Navy, and he took me to see the bonfire that had been built at the top of our street. Everyone brought rubbish to burn, and someone had made a big effigy of “Hitler” completed with a face painted on an old pillowcase. I had no idea who or what “Hitler” was. I remember seeing the flames coming out under his toothbrush moustache. I felt safe and grown-up because my dad was beside me.

It would be another year before he would be demobbed, and I could begin learning firsthand about “Hitler” and the war that had kept my dad out of my early childhood.

Some 80 years on, our country and world has changed in all sorts of ways just as we all have as individuals. We cannot put the clock back as to how things were in those days. Yet how do we celebrate VE Day this month in ways that will respect our history and inspire the present generation?

The Armed Services will do us all proud and provide us with the opportunity to give them a special thanksgiving. We will see from their faces the rich diversity in our nation which has enriched and transformed our daily lives and has made us as we now are and will be in the future.

The homemade image of a “Hitler” burning on that bonfire which has been with me is still not consigned to the dustbin of history when credibility is still given to the opinions and deeds of that evil man in today’s world. There are sadly to be found many voices from all levels of society which want to make division a strength and cultural envy a virtue. We should not give the nod to those who are bullies and

windbags and who wish to exploit the weaknesses and fears of the fearful.

The legacy of VE Day is the challenge of peace. As Jesus teaches us “*blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the children of God*” (Matthew 5: verse 9)

As we have that status in the eyes of our Creator we should be as a family helping one another in the battles against the social ills in our generation. As one of my old college friends from my student days in the USA put it to me recently as we shared misgivings about the present administration, “*we will stand for honesty, love, respect for all living beings and for the ‘beating heart’ that is the center of Life itself.*”

What matters about VE Day now for all of us is what are we handing on to our children in our international values and personal standards. As I grew up, I learned about the man on the bonfire and the joy of that victory over evil forces. May VE Day help us all to reflect on these things.

Canon George Burgon

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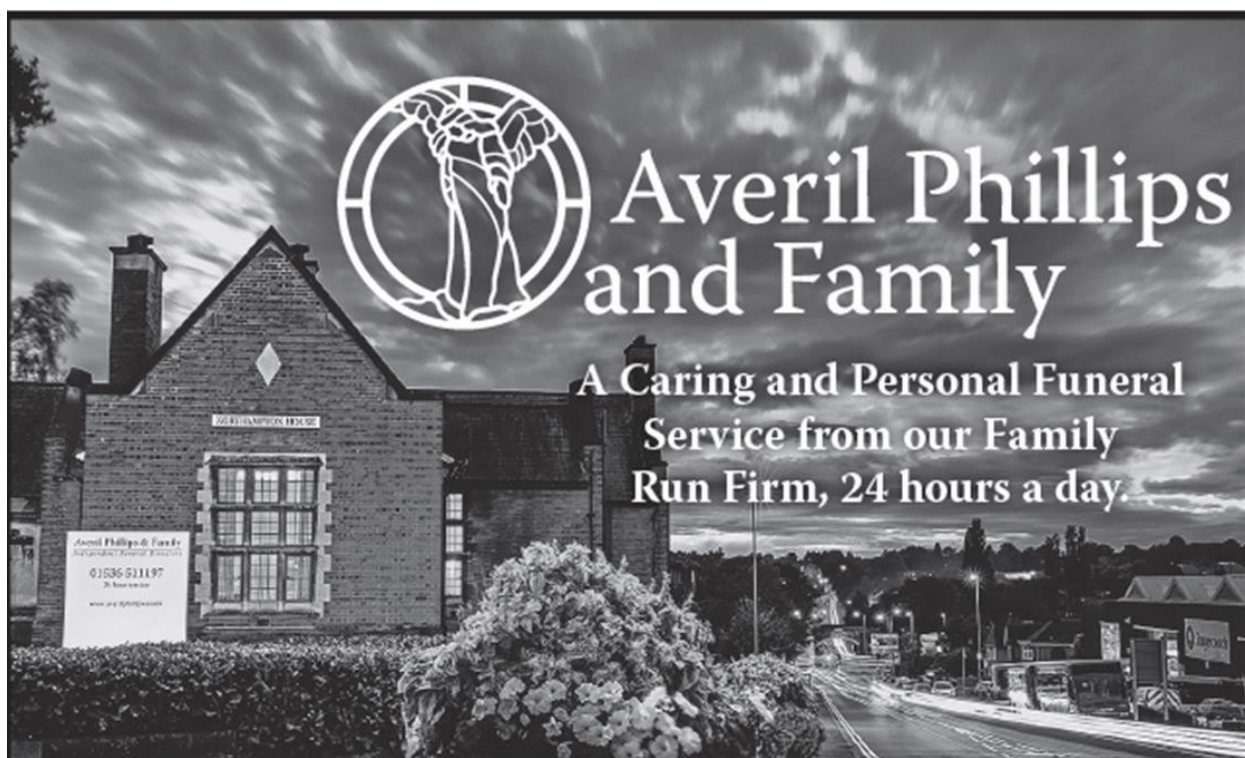
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