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**ALL
SAINTS'
& HOLY
TRINITY**
WEEKLY E-NEWS



As the October diary is on its final page this week, a distinct and reflective energy fills the air. The quiet purpose of October gives way to the deep and sacred threshold of November, a month dedicated to remembrance, gratitude, and holy anticipation. It is a fitting time to not only honour the saints who have guided us but to also celebrate the living threads of our own parish story.

This week, that story holds a special joy as we mark two years since Revd Andrew's arrival among us. As we prepare for All Saints' Day, we are reminded that the spirit of fellowship is also nurtured by the dedication and leadership we are blessed with in the present. This milestone is a testament to the ministry and community we have built together under his guidance.

In that spirit, our parishes are alive with both solemn preparation and cheerful activity. From polishing brass for our special anniversary and All Saints' service to the final touches on autumn fairs, we see the many hands and hearts that make our community thrive.

Let's carry this sense of gratitude and holy anticipation into the week. May it be a time where we give thanks for Revd Andrew's ministry, find deep warmth in one another's company, and draw inspiration from the saints who guide our way.

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Pew Sheet

Sunday 2 November 2025 All Saints' Day

Setting: Assisi Mass

77 – Blest are the pure in heart

162 – Father, I place into your hands

211 – God be in my head

177 – For all the Saints – vs. 1,2,7 & 8

SERVICES THIS WEEK

2 November	8.00am	Said Communion (BCP) All Saints', Melbourne
	9.45am	Sung Communion Holy Trinity, Meldreth
	6.00pm	All Souls' Day Service All Saints', Melbourne
6 November	8.00am	Said Eucharist All Saints', Melbourne
9 November	8.00am	Said Communion (BCP) All Saints', Melbourne
	9.30am	Remembrance Service War Memorial, Meldreth
	10.50pm	Act of Remembrance War Memorial, Melbourne Followed by Service in Church

Revd Andrew is on leave on 4th & 5th of November

Building Works in our Churches – We will be closing Holy Trinity for 3 weeks in November. The church will close on the 3rd November and will reopen with new seating and lighting at a special service at 6pm on the 23rd November – see below!

Songs of Praise and Reopening of Holy Trinity – 6pm on 23rd November

Join us to sing some of our favourite hymns and celebrate the reopening of the Church after its closure for building works. If you have a favourite hymn, let the Vicar know before the 23rd November.

All Saints' Christmas Fayre – 15th November, 10.00am

Due to the building works, we have moved this event to the hall next door. We are looking for donations for the chocolate tombola, bottle tombola, cakes for both the refreshments and the cake stall plus prizes for the Grand Draw. Thank you!

Swing into Christmas – Thursday 27th November at 7.30pm

Enjoy the festive spirit at our exclusive Christmas Swing Music event, presented by Shades of Swing Big Band and featuring Tom Huttlestone. Admission is £15 per person. To reserve your place, please call 07976 228377



All Souls' Day Service – Sunday 2nd November at 6pm

A special service where we remember those who have gone before us, with the opportunity to light a candle for each loved one we miss from our lives. If you would like a name or names remembered during our service, please write the name on the sheet at the back of the church, or contact Revd Andrew.

**Do join us for tea and coffee after the 9.45am service
in the hall next door!**

Sunday

2 November 2025

All Saints' Day

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son
Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed
saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those
inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who
truly love you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Daniel 7:1-3. 15-18

A reading from the book of Daniel.

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever – for ever and ever."

PSALM Psalm 149

R Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth.

Alleluia.

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of
the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their
king. **R**

Let them praise his name in the dance;
let them sing praise to him with timbrel
and lyre.

For the Lord has pleasure in his people
and adorns the poor with salvation. **R**

Let the faithful be joyful in glory;
let them rejoice in their ranks,
With the praises of God in their mouths
and a two-edged sword in their hands; **R**

To execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples;
To bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with fetters of iron;
To execute on them the judgement
decreed;
such honour have all his faithful servants.
Alleluia. **R**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:11-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named,

not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL Luke 6:20-31

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you."

POST COMMUNION

God, the source of all holiness
and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on
earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your
kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Services for November 2025

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		<i>Followed by Service in Church</i>
13th Nov'	10.00am	Said Eucharist <i>All Saints', Melbourn</i>
16th Nov'	9.45am	Sung Eucharist <i>All Saints', Melbourn</i>
23rd Nov'	9.45am	Sung Eucharist <i>All Saints', Melbourn</i>
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise! <i>Holy Trinity, Meldreth</i>
27th Nov'	10.00am	Said Eucharist <i>All Saints', Melbourn</i>
30th Nov'	9.45am	Said Eucharist <i>All Saints', Melbourn</i>

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Prayer Requests

Revd Andrew would be happy to receive your prayer requests. Please let him know if there is anything or anyone specific you would like to pray for.



Prayer and Bible study groups

Prayer group meets on the first Wednesday of the month.

On the third Wednesday of the month, a group meets for Bible study.

Both groups meet between 11.00 and 12.00.

If you would like to join either or both groups, you will receive a warm welcome.

Please contact Pat Smith for more information.

Home Visits

If you are ever housebound or unable to attend church due to illness and wish to receive Holy Communion or prayers for the sick, please contact Revd Andrew to arrange a home visit.





A Church Near You is a website created by the Church of England to let people know more about churches across England. On this website each church has its own pages which hold lots of important information about the church including service times and events. Over the last few weeks, I have been updating our parish pages on 'A Church Near You'.

Please do look at the entries for Meldreth and Melbourn. If you log on to the website, you can find a church by entering the village name or postcode and selecting from the churches it gives you within a certain geographical area. (If you put in your own postcode it will bring up your local church first!) I would be pleased to have your feedback on updates.

www.achurchnearyou.com

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NEWS

Mary Bailey

In Loving Memory of Our Dear Churchwarden



It is with profound sadness that I announce the passing of our beloved Churchwarden, Mary Bailey. Mary died peacefully at home on the evening of the 28th October, surrounded by her family.

Mary was a steadfast and faithful servant of the church, whose unwavering dedication touched the lives of all who knew her. To many, she was more than an esteemed member of our congregation; she was a trusted colleague, a cherished friend, and a confidante. To me, she was "My Mary"! Mary stepped up to become Churchwarden at a difficult period for the benefice, a role she carried out with care and compassion. I will be forever grateful for her service to me as Vicar.

During her time as Churchwarden, Mary's commitment, compassion, spirit, and faith enriched our community and strengthened our shared faith. Her legacy will live on in her dedication to All Saints'; and her support too of Holy Trinity.

Funeral arrangements will be shared in due course, allowing us all the opportunity to come together and honour Mary's life.

At this difficult time, we ask that you remember Mandy, Ruth, and all of Mary's family in your prayers. May they find comfort and strength in the love and support of our community.

May Mary rest in peace, and rise in glory.

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Hug a Hoodie – or Even a Reader!



Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs) across the Church of England can now be both warm and instantly recognisable, thanks to the launch of an official national hoodie by the Central Readers' Council.

The idea, first sparked in the Diocese of Bristol, aims to help people identify lay ministers when they are out and about

in more informal settings, away from their robes. The hoodie also offers an opportunity for gentle evangelism, a way to start conversations about faith beyond the church doors.

One Bristol LLM, Karen, shared how her new hoodie opened an unexpected conversation with her neighbour, who remarked that there was "nothing up there". She replied with a smile, "You are right, God is not up there, he is down here with us every day." That moment, she said, would never have happened without the hoodie.

Another, Steve, said seeing someone wearing one was what first inspired him to explore lay ministry himself, proof that visibility really does matter.

The national hoodie, available in a cheerful "royal blue" to match the Readers' scarves, features the LLM and Church of England symbols boldly printed on the back and a smaller emblem on the chest.

Here in our benefice, we are proud of our Reader, Pat Smith, who gives so much to our worship and community life. When she receives her own hoodie and you spot her wearing it, you will know instantly who she is, and while you could certainly "hug a hoodie" in appreciation, perhaps do ask first!



The phrase "hug a hoodie" originated in 2006 after a speech by David Cameron encouraging compassion and understanding towards young people often labelled as troublemakers. How fitting, then, that these new hoodies also stand for warmth, visibility and connection within our church community.

Left Behind:

Traveller Children Failed by the System



Schoolchildren from the Romany, Roma, and Irish Traveller communities are being left behind with lasting consequences, according to a new report from the charity the Traveller Movement.

The report, *Fought not Taught: Tackling Institutionally Coercive Exclusions for Romani (Gypsy), Roma and Irish Traveller Children*, highlights the disproportionate use of “off-rolling” — removing a pupil from the school roll without a formal exclusion — as well as pressure to home-educate, informal removals, and disciplinary systems that disadvantage these children.

The Bishop of Lincoln, the Rt Revd Stephen Conway, who wrote the foreword, described the issue as “a matter of justice for those who are excluded and left without a voice”.

Among its 15 recommendations is a call for Ofsted to review behaviour policies nationally and shift focus towards early intervention and proportionate discipline. The report argues that inspections place too much weight on attainment and attendance while overlooking inclusion. It suggests that exclusion and elective home-education figures should form part of inspection criteria.

In 2023–24, “persistent disruptive behaviour” led to 176,000 school suspensions. The report states that children facing overlapping disadvantages, such as poverty, SEND needs, minority status, or trauma, are more likely to be excluded. It urges a move from punishment to understanding and support.

It calls for meaningful alternative education options and accessible online resources for children who travel. Early-years engagement is a key priority, including reinstating Sure Start centres to provide joined-up family and childcare support.

The report also recommends a statutory system for recording racist bullying, citing distressing examples from young respondents.

Bishop Conway said: “We must act now to ensure that no child is denied opportunity because of a lack of bold and creative thinking.”

More details are available at travellermovement.org.uk.

Report Warns Young People Struggling with Life's Pressures

Children's Society surveys 10 to 17 year olds



One in ten young people are unhappy with their lives, according to the Children's Society's Good Childhood Report 2025, released on Thursday. The study, which consulted ten young advisers and more than 150 children aged ten to seventeen, highlights growing concerns about pressure, anxiety, and falling happiness levels.

Peer pressure, academic expectations, social media, and fears about the world were all cited as major sources of stress, with school identified as a key cause of anxiety. The charity is calling for a whole-school and whole-system approach to well-being, alongside continued expansion of mental health teams.

Children's happiness with schoolwork has now dropped below all other areas of life, with 11 per cent saying it makes them least happy. One in seven were unhappy with their appearance, describing unrealistic beauty standards and constant comparison.

Professionals consulted for the report pointed to rising poverty, poor housing, and a lack of holistic family support as key factors in the decline in well-being. The loss of youth clubs and safe community spaces was also raised.

Many young people described school as stressful, saying that academic success is often valued more than personal growth or creativity. They also said that if they are encouraged to spend less time on their phones, positive alternatives should be provided.

The charity welcomed new mental health initiatives but warned that small-scale efforts cannot keep up with growing needs. "We can and must do more," said chief executive Mark Russell. "With the right support, teenagers can feel heard, valued, and hopeful about their future."

Church Attendances Rise for Fourth Year



After more than two decades of steady decline, a significant shift is underway within the UK's religious landscape. For the fourth consecutive year, church attendance has risen, signalling a potential reversal of a long-established trend and offering a fresh sense of optimism among faith communities.

This sustained growth, documented in the latest statistics, is largely attributed to the impressive expansion of evangelical and Pentecostal congregations, as well as vibrant, multicultural churches, particularly in urban areas. These communities have often thrived by fostering a strong sense of belonging and through dynamic, contemporary forms of worship that resonate with younger generations and new families.

Furthermore, analysts suggest that a post-pandemic "re-evaluation of priorities" has played a crucial role. Following the isolation of lockdowns, many individuals have actively sought out community, spiritual grounding, and a place of collective support. The local church, for many, has provided that vital anchor.

While the established Anglican and Catholic churches continue to face challenges, many have also reported stabilising numbers, thanks in part to innovative local outreach programmes and a renewed focus on community service that extends beyond their congregations.

This four-year upward trend does not erase the significant declines of previous decades, and the broader picture remains complex. However, it undeniably marks a pivotal moment. It suggests that in an increasingly secular age, the deep-seated human need for community, purpose, and spiritual connection is finding a renewed home within the nation's churches.

Chaplain Rachel Fielding Delighted as Therapy Dog Alfie Wins Top BBC Award



A Lancashire hospital Deacon and Chaplain is offering spiritual care with a very special companion — Alfie, a specially trained and newly award-winning therapy dog.

Their partnership is a reminder of chaplaincy's holistic care, meeting people in moments of vulnerability with kindness, presence, and a wagging tail. Together, Rachel Fielding and Alfie bring comfort and joy to patients, with Alfie's gentle presence helping to open doors to pastoral support and brighten even the most difficult days.

Rachel serves at East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust (ELHT) with Alfie, who is the only therapy dog in England directly owned by an NHS trust. He provides wellbeing support for patients and staff across hospitals in Blackburn, Clitheroe, Accrington, Pendle, and Burnley, as well as community sites. Alfie is now a familiar and much-loved part of the chaplaincy team's work and even met the Prince and Princess of Wales during their 2022 visit to the Trust.

This month, his good work was recognised nationally when he was named overall winner of the BBC Countryfile Magazine Dog of the Year award.

Alfie lives with Deacon Rachel and is based in the hospital's Spiritual Care Centre. As well as being a Church of England chaplain, Rachel is also a qualified Therapy Dog Practitioner. Alfie followed in the pawprints of Jasper, another therapy dog owned by the Revd David Anderson, whose success inspired the Trust to fund Alfie through NHS Charities Together — a first for the NHS.

Rachel says that Alfie often helps patients open up about worries or faith, creating new opportunities for connection, hope, and healing. She now also trains other dogs for care-home ministry, extending the gift of comfort and companionship even further.



Please Can You help?

Donations Needed for the All Saints' Christmas Fayre

Plans are well under way for this year's All Saints' Church Christmas Fayre, which as we have said will take place in and around All Saints' Community Hall.

To help make the Fayre a success, we are asking for donations of items for the various stalls. Please can you help? We are looking for bottles of any kind: wine, spirits, squash, sauces or bubbles for the ever-popular Bottle Tombola, and chocolate of all shapes and sizes for the Chocolate Tombola.

Our Gift Stall would be delighted to receive new and unopened gifts, while the Crafts and Produce Stall welcomes handmade crafts, jams, chutneys, and seasonal treats. The Cake Stall and Refreshments Team will need plenty of homemade cakes, bakes and biscuits to tempt visitors, so any contributions will be greatly appreciated.

For the second year we also have an All Things Christmas Stall, featuring festive items such as decorations, cards, wrapping, and small seasonal gifts. If you have anything new and Christmas-themed to donate it will fit in perfectly.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support. It truly makes all the difference in keeping our Christmas Fayre one of the highlights of the church calendar.

If you can help please call Kimmi 07976 228377 or Diane 07939 659742



Great Expectations at All Saints' Church, Melbourn



On **Saturday 13 December 2025 at 7pm**, All Saints' Church, Melbourn, hosts the return of the acclaimed touring company **This Is My Theatre** with a festive staging of Great Expectations. a spellbinding retelling of Charles Dickens' much-loved classic.

Audiences in both All Saints' Melbourn and Holy Trinity Meldreth have previously enjoyed this company's evocative performances, and their latest visit promises another evening of rich atmosphere and engaging storytelling.

Journey with young Pip as he rises from modest beginnings to the heights of society, shaped by mysterious fortunes and unforgettable encounters. Meet the eccentric Miss Havisham, the distant Estella, and the gentle Joe Gargery, all brought vividly to life through expressive staging and live music.

Combining warmth, wit, and poignancy with a dash of seasonal charm, this adaptation captures the heart of Dickens' tale and its timeless message of generosity, compassion, and renewal — perfectly suited to the spirit of Christmas.

A licensed bar will be open before the performance and during the interval, ensuring a relaxed and enjoyable evening.

Great Expectations promises heart, hope, and festive cheer for audiences of every age. So, join us for an evening of theatre to remember and rediscover the joy of Dickens' enduring story of love, ambition, and redemption.

Tickets are on sale now priced at £16 for this enchanting event at All Saints' Church, Station Road, Melbourn (SG8 6DX) from :
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The Canary Islands: Which One is Your Perfect Match?

Just a four-hour flight from the UK, the Canary Islands are a sunshine escape that delivers all year round. These Spanish gems promise effortless travel, great value, and that all-important warmth, even in winter, when temperatures rarely drop below 20°C.

What truly sets the Canaries apart is their variety. Each island has its own personality, from lively beach resorts and scenic hiking routes to peaceful coastal hideaways. Wherever you go, you'll find welcoming locals, easy exploring and an irresistible food scene featuring tapas, seafood and local wines. It's no surprise these islands remain a firm favourite for travellers seeking sunshine in every season.

Last week, we looked at Tenerife and today it's

Lanzarote: The Island of Fire and Art

Lanzarote is truly one of a kind. Formed by ancient volcanic eruptions, it's a landscape of black lava fields, whitewashed villages and deep blue seas; a dramatic contrast that gives the island its quiet, magnetic charm. More peaceful and refined than some of its neighbours, Lanzarote appeals to those who appreciate nature, culture and a slower pace. Its UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status has protected it from overdevelopment, ensuring that the island retains its natural beauty and sense of calm. With its art, architecture and commitment to sustainability, Lanzarote is the cultured heart of the Canaries.

Lanzarote's resorts are thoughtfully low-rise and beautifully maintained, each with its own distinct appeal. Puerto del Carmen is the island's main resort, offering a long golden beach, a sociable promenade, and a wide choice of restaurants and cafés. It's lively without being overwhelming, which is perfect for those who enjoy atmosphere alongside comfort.

Further south, Playa Blanca has a more relaxed, upmarket feel. The waterfront promenade connects the marina with a series of small beaches, lined with

boutique shops and elegant dining spots. The nearby Papagayo coves, a string of pristine, golden-sand bays, are among the island's most scenic.

On the east coast, Costa Teguise is known for its breezy charm and gentle pace. It's a favourite among those who enjoy a touch of activity, particularly windsurfing and sailing, but without the crowds. As evening falls, the town square becomes a lovely place to sit back with a glass of local wine and enjoy the warm, unhurried atmosphere.

Lanzarote's landscapes are nothing short of spectacular. The Timanfaya National Park, a surreal volcanic terrain of craters and ash fields where the earth still radiates heat, is a must-see. Guided tours reveal the island's fiery origins, while those who prefer to explore independently can follow the walking trails that wind through the park's dramatic volcanic scenery, a truly unforgettable way to experience its otherworldly beauty.



The Cueva de los Verdes, a network of lava caves illuminated with soft lighting, offers a fascinating underground experience and a touch of mystery. Meanwhile, the César Manrique Foundation provides a window into the creative spirit that shaped the island. Built within volcanic rock, the late artist's home blends art, architecture and nature in a way that perfectly captures Lanzarote's essence.

For a taste of tradition, visit the historic town of Teguise. Once the island's capital, its cobbled streets and weekly market are ideal for a leisurely wander, with plenty of opportunities to pick up local crafts or enjoy a coffee in the sunshine.

Whether you're seeking gentle adventure or simple relaxation, Lanzarote delivers. Its smooth, scenic roads are perfect for cycling or leisurely drives, while its well-marked walking trails, particularly around the Famara cliffs or Timanfaya area, provide breathtaking views and a peaceful way to connect with nature.

For something special, take a short boat trip to La Graciosa, a small, car-free island just off Lanzarote's northern tip. Its pristine beaches and unspoilt charm make it a haven of tranquillity.

And, no visit is complete without sampling the island's remarkable wines. In the La Geria region, vines grow in craters of volcanic ash, creating distinctive, award-winning varieties. A leisurely wine tour, followed by a glass of crisp Malvasía as the sun sets over the volcanic hills, is the perfect way to round off a day on this beautiful and truly unique island.

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Date	Time	EVENT	VENUE
1 November	7.00pm	All Saints' Day - Patronal Service	All Saints' Church
2 November	6.00pm	All Souls Service	All Saints' Church
15 November	10.00am	All Saints' Christmas Fayre	All Saints' Community Hall
23 November	6.00pm	Songs of Praise (not the BBC version!)	Holy Trinity Church
27 November	7.30pm	Swing into Christmas with Shades of Swing Big Band featuring Tom Huttleston	All Saints' Church
29 November	7.00pm	Tidings & Tinsel Christmas Party	All Saints' Community Hall
29/30 November	9.00am	Christmas Tree Festival	Holy Trinity Church
30 November	5.30pm	Advent Carol Service	Holy Trinity Church
7 December	3.30pm	Christingle Service	All Saints' Church
12 December	7.00pm	Charity Carol Concert in aid of East Anglia Air Ambulance	All Saints' Church
13 December	7.00pm	This My Theatre Production: Great Expectations	All Saints' Church
17 December	7.00pm	Carols at the British Queen	The British Queen, Meldreth

20 December	10.30am	Carol Singing in Melbourn Village	Outside Leech's Butchers
20 December	4.00pm	Carol Service	Holy Trinity Church
21 December	6.00pm	Carol Service by Candlelight	All Saints' Church
24 December	3.00pm	Crib Service	All Saints' Church
24 December	6.00pm	Christmas Sing-a-Long	Holy Trinity Church
24 December	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	All Saints' Church
25 December	9.00am	Christmas Morning Said Eucharist	All Saints' Church
25 December	10.15am	Christmas Morning Sung Eucharist	Holy Trinity Church
3 January	10.00am	Nativity Festival	All Saints' Church
11 January	9.45am	Plough Sunday	All Saints' Church
6 February	7.00pm	S.O.A.S Italian Evening	All Saints' Community Hall
18-19 April	10.00am	All Saints' Wedding Fayre	All Saints' Church
5-12 June		Pilgrimage to Malta	Malta

Saturday 1 November 2025
7.00pm
All Saints' Church
Melbourn



ALL SAINTS' DAY SERVICE

**Celebrate All Saints' Day &
Revd Andrew Birks' 2nd Anniversary**

This All Saints' Day, join us for a special Patronal Festival as we honour not only the legacy of the saints but also a second year of inspiring leadership from Revd Andrew Birks. Join us for our service as we reflect on the saints who inspire our faith and celebrate the wonderful impact Revd Andrew has made in our parish community. Let us come together in worship, gratitude, and hope for the future, and share in this joyous occasion.

Join us for refreshments in the Community Hall after the service.

ALL SOULS DAY

2 NOVEMBER 2025



Join us at All Saints' Church, Melbourn, for our All Souls' Day service at 6pm on Sunday 2nd November, a quiet and reflective time to remember with love those who have died. This special service offers space for prayer, music, and the lighting of candles in honour of those we miss.

If you would like someone to be named during the service, please write their name on the remembrance sheet located at the back of both churches.

All are welcome to attend and take part in this meaningful Act of Remembrance.

ALL SOULS' SERVICE

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

2 November 2025

6:00pm

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MELBOURN

We will be remembering loved ones we have lost and thinking especially of families who have been bereaved during the past year. The service will include hymns, readings and prayers. The names of those who have died will be read aloud and candles lit for our loved ones during the service.

To have your loved one included please add their name to the list held at the back of both churches or contact Revd Andrew Birks.





ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
MELBOURN

Christmas Fayre

15TH NOVEMBER 2025

10am - 1.30pm

in All Saints' Community Hall

Variety Of Stalls



**Books & DVDs
Jewellery Stall
Children's Tombola
Bottle Tombola
Mulled wine**



**Gift Stall
Chocolate
Tombola
Crafts and
Produce Stall**



**Grand Draw
All Things
Christmas Stall
Kimmi's Quiz
Cake stall**

And So Much More!

Delicious refreshments available
in the Community Hall

Please do come along and
support us



CELEBRATING THE RE-OPENING OF
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, MELDRETH

A
SPECIAL
*Songs of
Praise*
SERVICE

23 November 2025
6.00pm

JOIN US AS WE SING FAVOURITE HYMNS
TO CELEBRATE THE RE-OPENING OF HOLY
TRINITY CHURCH FOLLOWING THE
INSTALLATION OF A WONDERFUL NEW
LIGHTING SCHEME

WINE & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE AFTER
THE SERVICE

SWING INTO CHRISTMAS



27 November 2025
All Saints' Church
Melbourn
7.30pm

Tickets £15

To book
07976 228377

or

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TIDINGS & TINSEL *Party*

Enjoy a delicious 3 course Dinner
with a glass of Bubbly on arrival

Music and Christmas fun

29 November 2025

**All Saints' Community Hall
Melbourn**

**7.00pm for 7.30pm
£25 per person**

To reserve your places
please call 07976 228377
or email
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CHRISTMAS
TREE
FESTIVAL

HOLY TRINITY
MELDRETH

29 NOVEMBER
30 NOVEMBER

11AM-5PM SATURDAY
11AM-4.30PM SUNDAY

Noah the Donkey 11am-3.30pm

FOOD | SEASONAL CRAFT
& PRODUCE STALL

FREE PARKING & ENTRY

ADVENT SERVICE
30 NOVEMBER 5.30PM



Advent Sleepout

Friday 12 December, from 10pm



Join Canon James and Canon Jenny for the Advent Sleepout at Ely Cathedral
in aid of the Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project and Crisis.

Come and experience something of what sleeping rough is like,
whilst raising funds for a local and national homelessness project.

Individuals and groups can register to join us and sleep outside,
or in the beautiful Lady Chapel.

Register via our website: **www.elycathedral.org**

Adults £10. Children £5

*(please note children must be aged 10 and over and each
accompanied by a parent, adult or other nominated adult).*

Registration closes on 9 November.

All proceeds will go to the designated charities.



**THIS MY
THEATRE**

**All Saints'
Church
Melbourn**

**Saturday
13 December
7.00pm**

Great Expectations

Charles Dickens

**Tickets £16
to Book:**

www.tickettailor.com/events/cuemarketing/1760710

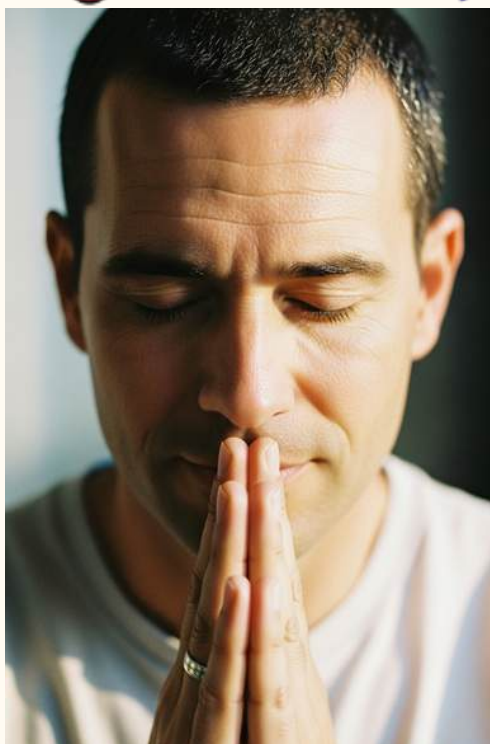
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A magical adaptation for the festive season

Diocese Daily Prayers

Friday 31 October

Today we pray for the Benefice of Hemingford Abbots. We pray for its Clergy: The Revd Tim May, The Revd Canon Brian Atling. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister, Mr Gerald Barrett, Mrs Elizabeth Pinnock, Mr Tim Wetherfield and for the life of the church, and the parish it serves. We pray for those supporting the financial health of our Diocese and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Polynesia - The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546 (Commemoration)



At the time of issue of this week's e-news the Diocese of Ely had not released the Daily Prayers for November

Diocesan Daily Prayer Calendar





S.O.A.S BONUS BALL



Supporters of All Saints' just have two more draws for the 2025 Bonus Ball Scheme. For just **£1** you can pick a number between 1 and 100. Reserve your number for the entire year with a one time payment of **£12** (or pro rata). Act fast to secure your favourite number(s)!

Every third Saturday of the month, in the All Saints' Community Hall between 10.30am-12.00pm, we will draw one lucky number. The holder of the matching number will win **£50**

October's lucky winner was David Bloomfield, well done David!

To reserve your number(s), please contact Revd Andrew or Kimmi. The next draw will be on **Saturday 15 November** during the Christmas Fayre.

All proceeds from the Bonus Ball Scheme will go towards supporting S.O.A.S in helping to care for and protect our wonderful church building for the years to come.

Remember you've got to be in it to win it, so get your numbers chosen now!

CHILVERS *Chuckles*



This feature page is here to bring you a little levity, laughter and fun each week. With Peter Chilvers' quick wit and charm leading the way, we hope this space will brighten your day and keep you coming back for more.

Stay tuned for weekly snippets to make you smile!



You gotta laugh....



The trial had been going on for three hours when the judge suddenly noticed that there were only eleven people in the jury box.

"Where is the twelfth man?" he asked the foreman of the jury.

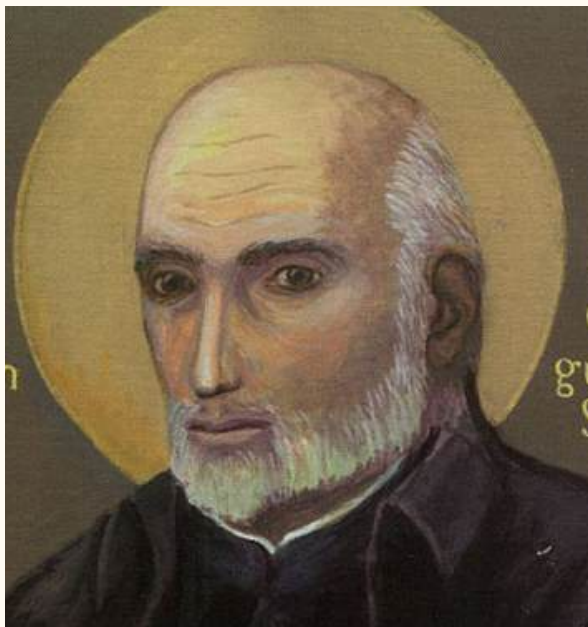
"He had to go away on business" said the foreman, "but don't worry, it's alright - he left his verdict with me".



A woman went to see a psychiatrist and said "It's my husband. He thinks he's a lift".

"Well, why don't you ask him to call in and see me?" said the psychiatrist.

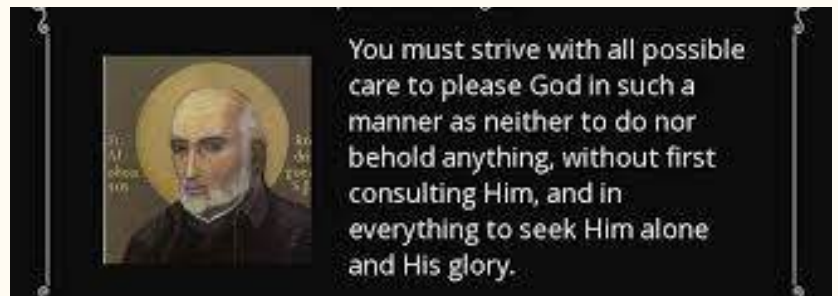
"He can't" said the wife "He doesn't stop at this floor".



Saint of the Week

31 October

Saint Alonso Rodriguez



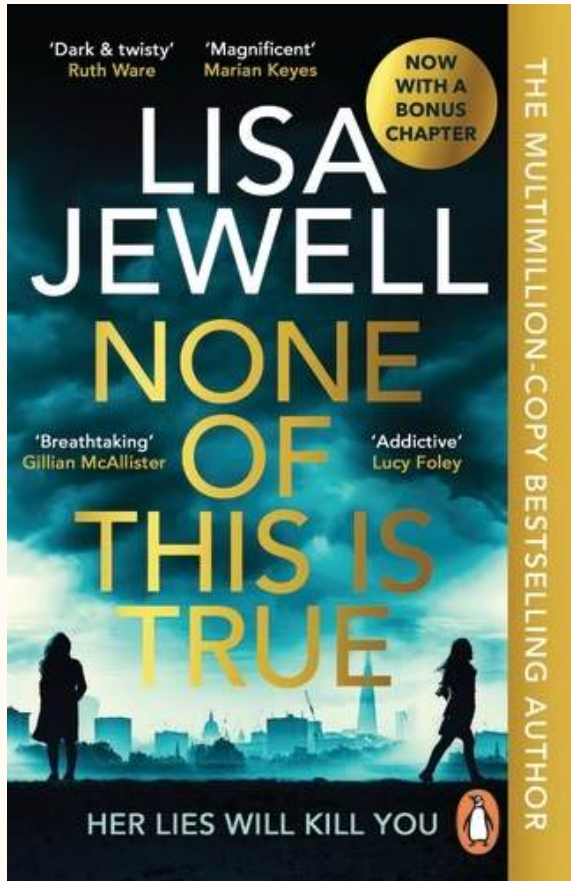
Saint Alonso Rodriguez is a figure whose life speaks not of grand, world changing deeds, but of profound humility and unwavering faith. Born in Spain in 1533, his story is one of enduring immense personal tragedy with quiet resilience. He married and had children, but within a relatively short period, he experienced the devastating loss of his wife, his daughter, and his mother. This series of sorrows could have broken any man, yet Alonso found a new direction for his life.

After years of supporting his remaining son, he sought entry into the Society of Jesus. He was initially refused, his age and lack of formal education seen as impediments. However, his persistence paid off, and he was finally admitted as a lay brother, not a priest. At the age of forty, he was sent to the College of Montesion in Palma de Mallorca, where he was given the seemingly mundane role of porter, or doorkeeper.

For the next forty six years, Brother Alonso performed this duty with extraordinary dedication. He saw each knock on the door as the voice of God, and every visitor as Christ himself. His cell became a place of spiritual wisdom, where he offered counsel to students and professors alike, including a young Saint Peter Claver, whom he inspired to undertake his missionary work in the New World. Alonso's profound interior life, marked by intense prayer and asceticism, was the hidden source of his strength and influence.

Canonised in 1888, Saint Alonso Rodriguez stands as a powerful testament to the idea that sainthood is often found in the faithful fulfilment of ordinary duties. He reminds us that holiness is not about the prominence of one's position, but the love and devotion with which one serves, no matter how small the task may seem.

Our E-News Weekly Book Recommendation



None of This is True

Lisa Jewell

In “None of This Is True,” Lisa Jewell crafts a chilling psychological thriller about the unsettling friendship between two women who share the same birthday. Alix Summer is a popular podcaster on the cusp of renewed success. Josie Fair is a quietly peculiar woman who feels her life has been unremarkable. By chance, they meet in a restaurant while both are celebrating their forty fifth birthdays.

Josie soon presents herself to Alix as a potential subject for her podcast, suggesting that her own life is on the verge of dramatic change. Intrigued, Alix agrees to interview her. What begins as a professional project quickly descends into an intense and invasive relationship. Josie begins to infiltrate Alix’s life, offering unsettling advice and revealing dark secrets about her own marriage to a much older man.

As Alix delves deeper into Josie’s story, she uncovers a disturbing history of manipulation and tragedy. She realises too late that she has become entangled in a web of dangerous lies. The narrative is punctuated by snippets from a Netflix true crime documentary, revealing from the outset that Josie is a suspect in a shocking series of events.

The novel builds tension as Alix races to uncover the truth about her new acquaintance, forcing her to question Josie’s motives and her own safety. The line between interviewer and subject blurs, leading to a terrifying climax where the dark reality of Josie’s life is fully exposed, proving that none of her story is true.



After the service, Avril and Roger set out three covered biscuit plates: Gingerbread, Shortbread, and Chocolate.

Hearing this Revd Andrew is feeling determined and makes it his mission to find the gingerbread man.



On the serving table:

- Left is by the coffee urn
- Middle is by the tea
- Right is by the napkins

Avril says, "I put the shortbread by the tea."

Roger says, "The chocolate isn't by the napkins."

Question: Without lifting any lids, where is the gingerbread for Revd Andrew?

Have a guess and email us your answer.
First correct answer received might even win a prize!

Answer in next week's e-news.

Answer to last week's conundrum:

Both men are right — Trevor didn't count himself, and Mike did!

- *Trevor: counted 48 worshippers (not including himself).*
- *Mike: counted the same 48 plus Trevor and Andrew (50 in total).*

Answer: The difference is in who they counted, not how they counted.

FAITH & FUNNIES: DIVINE LAUGHTER



WINNIE WISDOM

KINDNESS

*is more than deeds. It is an attitude, an expression,
a look, a touch. It is anything that*
Lifts another person.



WHAT'S ON

Storigraphic – Open Studio Shopping Day

Saturday 1 November 11:00am – 7:00pm

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Explore the latest design collections
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All products are sustainably
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Scan for Event Registration

Diwali

Celebration

Venue: St Thomas & Canterbury Church Hall
Next to St Mary's Catholic school
Melbourn Road
Royston
SG8 7DB

Time : 4.30 pm to 8.00 pm
November 1st 2025



DJ event by

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DJ**



Event registration deadline: 20 October 2025
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REED PARISH COUNCIL PRESENTS

FIREWORKS ON THE GREEN

**SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER
FROM 6PM ON REED VILLAGE GREEN**

Bonfire from 6.15pm. Fireworks at 6.45pm
BARBECUE - DRINKS AT THE CRICKET CLUB BAR

ADMISSION FREE, DONATIONS WELCOME

PROCEEDS FROM THE BUCKET
COLLECTION GO TOWARDS LOCAL
GOOD CAUSES

PROCEEDS FROM THE BARBECUE GO
TO REED CHURCH AND SCHOOL

More info at www.reedparishcouncil.gov.uk/bonfire-night.htm



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8TH NOVEMBER
10.00AM - 3.00PM**

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STALLS SELLING
WONDERFUL
CHRISTMAS
GIFTS**



MELBOURN PRIMARY PTFA
PRESENTS

2025 FIREWORKS

SAT 8TH NOVEMBER

Melbourn Primary School

BBQ, Bar, Glow Products

GATES OPEN DISPLAY STARTS EVENT ENDS

5.30PM

7PM

8PM

UNDER 18S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM
PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/MELBOURNPRIMARYSCHOOL

ADULT £6.50 CHILD £4.50
FAMILY 2 ADULTS 2 CHILDREN £20
CHILD AGE - RECEPTION TO 16 YEARS
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November
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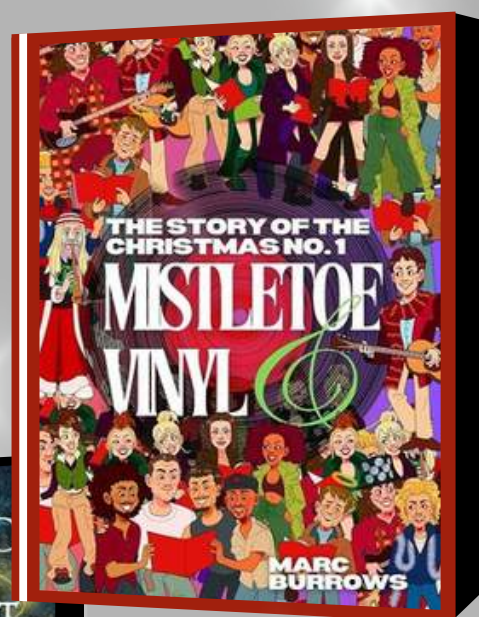
JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING CELEBRATING
THE CHRISTMAS NO.1 PHENOMENON WITH

MARC BURROWS

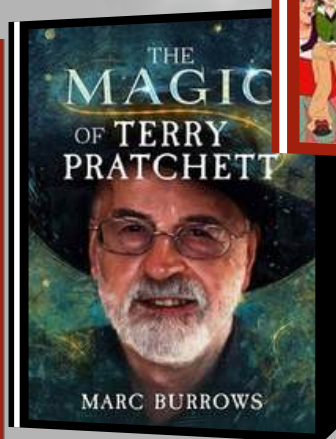
AUTHOR, MUSICIAN & COMEDIAN

Enjoy songs from Bing to Blobby
from Slade to Sausage Rolls!
Talks, Slides, Acoustic Songs &
a lively Q&A.

Plus, Marc's special homage to
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MONDAY
10TH NOVEMBER 7.30PM
(DOORS OPEN 7PM)
THE OLD SCHOOLHOUSE,
MARKET HILL, ROYSTON
SG8 9JL



TICKETS:

£5 - Event only | £15 Event + a choice of book
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Do you have an air fryer or are considering buying one?
Would you like to cook cheaper and healthier?

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Everyone who comes along can receive a free medium air fryer. Please note that if you have previously attended an air fryer course with Communities 1st you are not eligible to attend.



Knebworth Village Hall, Committee Room, Park Lane, SG6 3PD
Wednesday 22 October 2025

Westmill Community Centre, Yellow Room, John Barker Place, Hitchin, SG5 2PG
Wednesday 5 November 2025

Royston Town Hall, Heritage Hall, Melbourn Street, Royston, SG8 7DA
Wednesday 12 November 2025

All sessions are 10am - 1pm

Funded through North Herts Council's Household Support Fund.

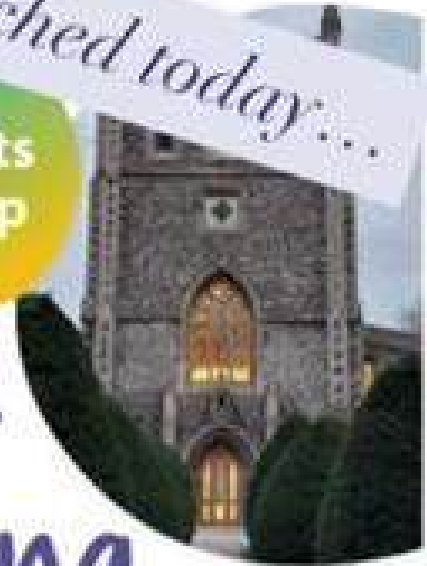
For more information or to book your place, please:
Visit: www.communities1st.org.uk/communitylearning
Email: training@communities1st.org.uk
or Call: 01727 649960

Tickets launched today...

act Addenbrooke's
Charitable Trust
Registered charity number: 1170103

**Tickets
£30pp**

Cheese & Wine Tasting Evening



ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH, ROYSTON

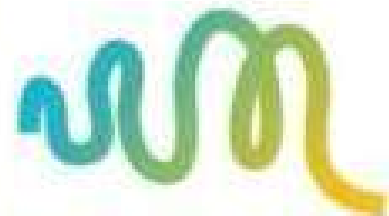
We are delighted to be guided through an
selection of wines from Cambridge Wine Royston,
paired perfectly with artisan cheeses
from Honest Fig.

Friday 14 November, 2025

Arrive 19:00 – 21:30

What's included:

- A welcome drink
- Expertly paired wines and cheeses
- A unique opportunity to enjoy world-class wines



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Youth Evening at Ely Cathedral

Following on from the success of the Youth Pilgrimage in July, Ely Cathedral is hosting a Youth Event on Friday 14 November. We would love to invite young people in school years 7-13, along with their youth leaders and church leaders, to come for an evening of fun and food, finishing with Compline by candlelight.

Please share this with your young people and youth leaders and encourage them to come along. Young people are welcome to attend without a leader.

Date: Friday 14 November

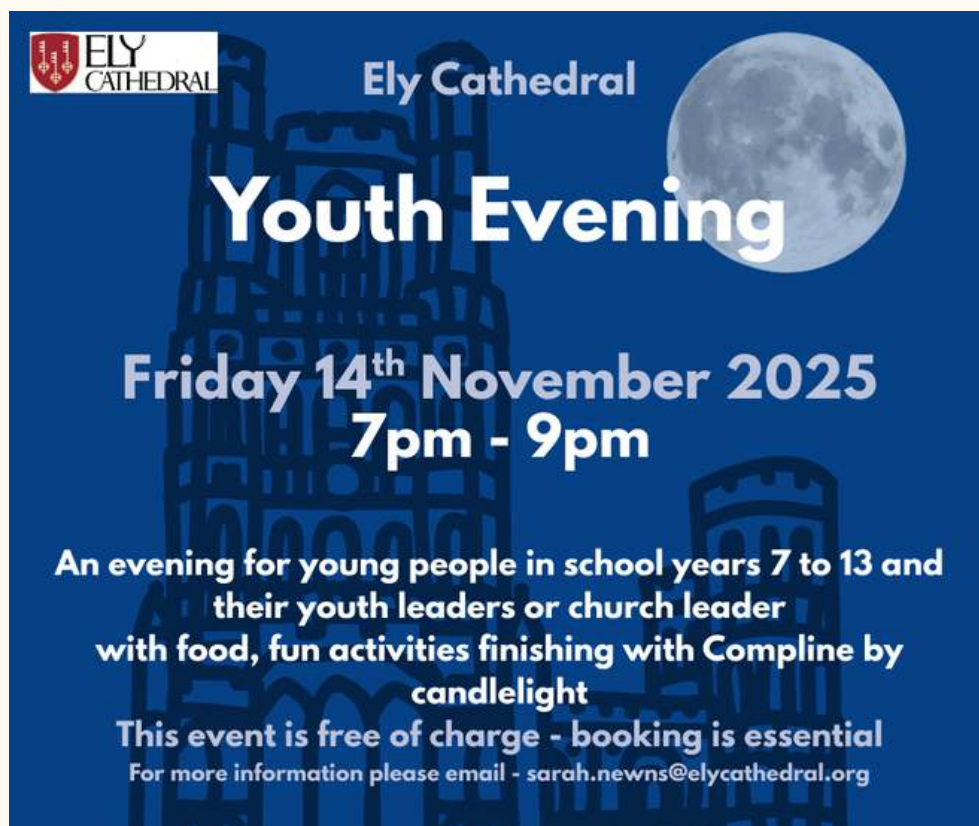
Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Venue: Ely Cathedral

Book a space for your young person here

Youth Leaders and church leaders please book here

Any further questions, please email youthpilgrimage@elycathedral.org



NEW!

Event by
The Pheasant

24 Heydon Road, Great
Chishall

Saturday 15th November

VINTAGE VEGAS

7 TILL 9PM

ENJOY AN EVENING WITH
FRED SINGING FRANK SINATRA &
ELVIS TRIBUTE SONGS,
COMPLIMENTED BY FOOD AND
DRINK SPECIALS

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL
FREE TO ATTEND



An Evening With Fred



Singing Live

**The Pheasant
Chrishall**

Saturday 15th November

7:00 - 9:00pm

*With songs from Elvis Presley,
Frank Sinatra and many more!*



£5 per ticket

To Purchase a ticket please email
orwellsecretary1920@gmail.com

Orwell Football Club presents...

Race Night 2025!

Date: Saturday 15th November

Time: 7pm

Location: Orwell Village Hall, 36 High
Street, Orwell, Royston, SG8 5QN



NEW
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SINGERS

Visions of Paradise

music of remembrance and consolation

Eleanor Daley *Requiem*
and works by Victoria, Mahler,
MacMillan & others

New Cambridge Singers
James Potter conductor

Sat 8 November, 7.30 PM
Church of St Peter & St Paul
Steeple Morden SG8 0PD

Sat 15 November, 7.30 PM
St John the Evangelist Church
Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 8RN

Tickets **Cambridge** £18 · students £8 · U18s free
www.ticketsource.co.uk/new-cambridge-singers

Steeple Morden £14 · students/U16s £7 · from Village Shop
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HAUXTON CHRISTMAS FOOD & CRAFT MARKET

Sunday 16th November

✨ Start your Christmas shopping here! ✨
Find unique gifts, good food, & local crafts.



Mulled Wine



Pigs in Blanket Baps



Handmade Gifts & Local Produce



Christmas Tombola

10:00 AM / 1.30 PM
FREE ENTRY

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CB22 5HS

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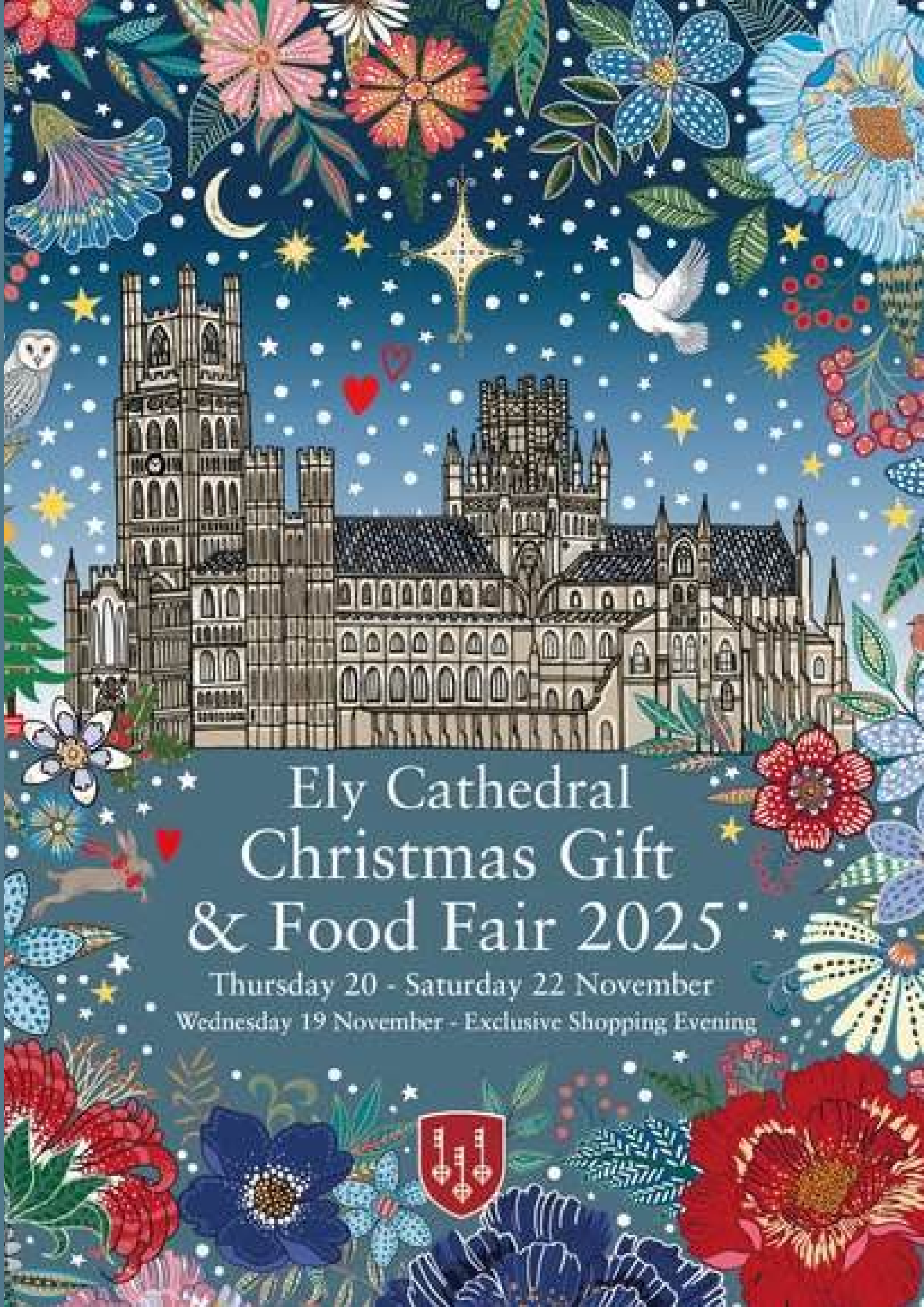
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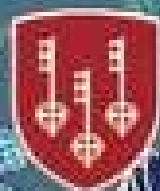
Sunday 16th November
12.00pm – 4.00pm
Little Gransden Village Hall
SG19 3DP

FREE parking & FREE admission



Ely Cathedral Christmas Gift & Food Fair 2025

Thursday 20 - Saturday 22 November
Wednesday 19 November - Exclusive Shopping Evening





FREE ENTRY

Come along to Shepreth's 2nd SWISH

Saturday, 22 November 2025

14:00 – 16:00

The Plough SG8 6PP

WHAT is a SWISH?

A clothes swapping event. Drop off unwanted items and find something you like. It's free and reduces waste!



WHAT can I bring?

Adult, children and baby clothes
Shoes and accessories

All items *must be clean and in good condition*
In the interest of hygiene, swimwear/underwear not accepted



WHEN do I bring items?

Drop off 1–3 pm via the back entrance
Front doors open for swishing at 2 pm



HOW much can I take?

As much as you and your household can use. Even if you don't have anything to swap. Items not for resale.

There will also be free
sewing repairs on offer!



All aspects of the event are free. Donations welcome.



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**SATURDAY 22ND
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**DOORS OPEN 6PM
FILM STARTS 6.30PM**

TICKETS £5

**HOTDOGS | POPCORN
SWEETS | BAR**

Children must be
accompanied by an adult.
Seats available. Children
can bring pillows, blanket,
PJ's or onesies (and a
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**Hauxton
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Hauxton Food & Craft **MARKET**

**Join us this autumn for some wonderful fresh
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**21st September
19th October
16th November
21st December**

**10am -
1.30pm**

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HAUXTON
CAMBRIDGE
CB22 5HS**

**WWW.HAUXTON.NET
EMAIL: HAUXTONMARKET@GMAIL.COM**



St Peter & St Paul Church, Steeple Morden

12TH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd November, 2025

We'd love for you to join us

Friday 9-4 / Saturday 11-4 / Sunday 11-4

Refreshments will be available

Plus Preserves and Cake Stall & Raffle

Christmas Tree with Toy Service on Sunday 23rd at 4pm

(We are collecting good condition 2nd hand toys for a local women's refuge and Mary's Child charity via Mothers Union)

We'd love to hear from you if you have a little free time and would like to

help over the weekend please contact Gilly on 852380



SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2025 11.00am to 3.00pm Cake Sale & Christmas Fayre

Please join us to help raise money for the Rabbit Residence Rescue (rabbitresidence.org.uk).

Stalls include:

- homemade cakes and baked goods
- bunny themed goodies including RRR merchandise
- "Sponsor a Bunny"
- forage bags for your furry friend's Christmas present
- handmade Christmas decorations
- plus more (including a small art & craft table for children)

Cash and card accepted.

Venue: Village Hall, Great Chishill, Royston SG8 8SH (free parking, toilets & disabled facilities)

FREE ENTRY

Raffle prizes

Refreshments for sale
including tea, coffee
and hot chocolate

**Hot sausage rolls and
Homemade Soup**

for sale
as well as a selection of
Homemade Cakes

Charity No. 1148016



Save the Date
Great Shelford Christmas Lights
Switch On & Market

Sunday 30th November 2025, 2pm-5pm
Great Shelford Memorial Hall & Car Park



Christmas Market

Melbourn Science Park
Our Christmas Market returns on
Thursday 4th December!



Open to the public
Free entry
Free parking
Supporting and promoting
local businesses
Live Singer
Sweet & Savory Food Trucks
Charity raffle
Childrens entertainment

Thursday 4th
December
12pm - 5pm
Melbourn Science Park

bruntwood
SciTech



FOWLMERE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday December 13th

9.00 am to 1.00 pm

Fowlmere Village Hall, SG8 7RY



Cakes
Breads
Olives, Crackers, Cheeses
Highbury Farm Lamb
The Pie Kitchen
Apple Juice
Pinkster Gin

Refreshments

Glass Art
Pure Beauty Studio
Cards, Art, Stationery
Decoupage
...and more!

Gifts
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A Cuppa and a Chat at Coffee Stop



Come along to the All Saints' Community Hall in Melbourn for our weekly Coffee Stop, held every Saturday morning from 10.30am to 12.00pm. Here, you can enjoy a good cup of tea or coffee along with some biscuits in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. It's a nice opportunity to take a break, catch up with old friends or make some new ones, all while supporting a good cause.

The Coffee Stop is more than just a chance to enjoy a hot drink; it's a community gathering that helps bring people together and supports the ongoing efforts of the Supporters of All Saints' (SOAS) in maintaining and enhancing our church and its activities. So, why not drop in this Saturday? We'd love to see you there and share in the simple pleasure of good company and a hot drink.



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INSPIRING WOMEN

Ladies of Melbourn and surrounding areas, are you looking for a vibrant community to connect with? Look no further than Melbourn WI! Bringing together women of all ages for fun, friendship, and a variety of fantastic activities.

Held every fourth Wednesday of the month at 8pm at All Saints' Community Hall in Melbourn. Meetings feature informative and humorous speakers, creative workshops, and plenty of opportunities to chat and socialise. And of course, no gathering is complete without tea, cake, and sometimes even wine!

Whether you're looking to make new friends, learn something different, or simply have a good time, Melbourn WI is the place to be. Why not go along and pay a visit, nothing to lose and they'd love to have you join them!

For more information, email MelbournWI@gmail.com.
A warm welcome awaits you!

Melbourn & Meldreth Women's Group



The Melbourn and Meldreth Women's Group is a friendly organisation that gathers monthly, alternating between All Saints' Community Hall in Melbourn and the Meeting Room at Holy Trinity Church in Meldreth. Their meetings commence at 7:45 pm and last for approximately 90 minutes, with a small fee of £2 to cover costs. Refreshments are provided afterwards, allowing a great opportunity for socialising.

For more information about the group or if you need a lift to a meeting, please contact any of the committee members: Diane Blundell on 01763 221415, Sue Toule on 01763 260955, Angela Leach on 01763 262793, or Janet Backer on 01763 2214924.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY SHEETS

God's Adopted Children

An unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

Complete the activity below:

The words below have been written in code. Use the letters in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.

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1. 3-8-15-19-5 _____

2. 11-9-14-4-14-5-19-19 _____

3. 20-18-21-19-20 _____

4. 1-4-15-16-20 _____

5. 6-1-13-9-12-25 _____

6. 20-18-21-20-8 _____

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8. 16-12-1-14 _____

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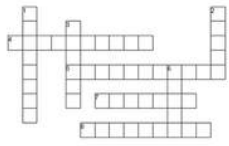
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Complete the activity below:



CROSS

1. Remaining the same
2. Money or property left to children by their parents
3. The ability to go wherever one chooses without restriction
4. Assurance that something will be done as promised; to make certain

DOWN

1. A considerate and thoughtful act
2. To have selected something from several possibilities
3. A group of persons consisting of one or two parents and their children
4. To take into one's family and raise as one's own child

UNCHANGING GUARANTEE	INHERITANCE KINDNESS	CHOOSE FAMILY	FREEDOM ADOPT
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Complete the activity below:

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If you would like copies of activity sheets for children emailed to you each week, they are available on request by contacting Pat Smith on 01763 262575

USEFUL INFORMATION SECTION



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Supporting the Blood Runners

Blood Runners are requesting donations of your old, **outdated mobile phones** and **used printer ink cartridges**. You can drop them off in the collection box located at All Saints' Community Hall in Melbourn.

The proceeds from dismantling the phones and used printer ink cartridges will support the Blood Runners (SERV) charity. This organisation has volunteers who deliver human tissue for the NHS to hospitals and laboratories throughout the East of England. The funds raised will help maintain the charity's vehicles, primarily motorbikes.

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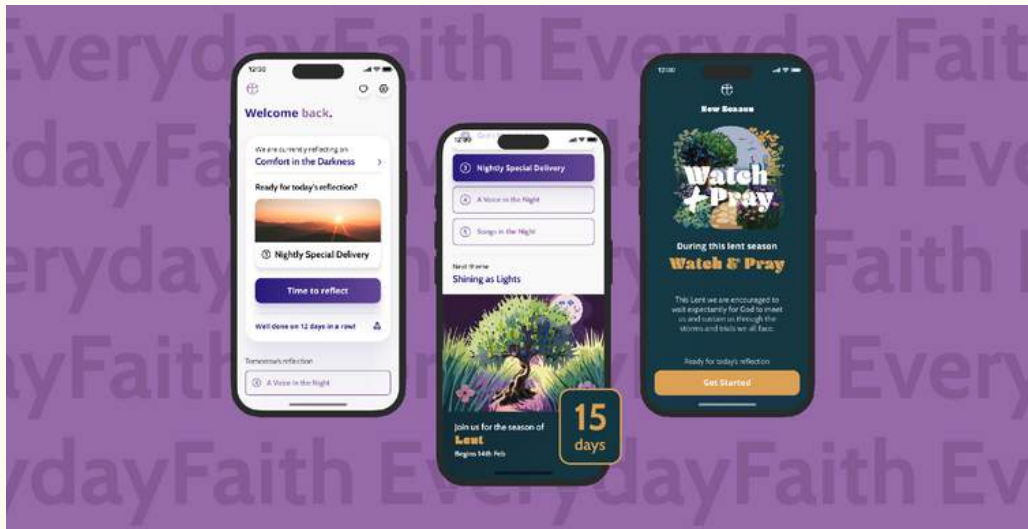
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Everyday Faith



Everyday Faith is the new daily devotional app from the Church of England designed to inspire, equip and encourage you in your faith every day of the week, not just on Sundays.

The idea for Everyday Faith is twofold. The app forms part of one of the Church of England's objectives of missional discipleship: "To become a church of missionary disciples where all God's people are free to live the Christian life, wherever we spend our time Sunday to Saturday." But the app also responds to overwhelming demand from our users for an app that delivers inspirational reflections year-round rather than being focussed on seasonal content during Lent and Advent. We wanted to create a space encouraging Christians to grow in their faith daily.

Everyday Faith is about where and how we encounter God as we go about our lives. Where is God in our daily lives? How do we find God in the fullness of everyday life? Whether you wish to develop your faith or support others in theirs, Everyday Faith is designed to support you in your life discipleship or vocational journey.

The app will provide you with carefully curated daily reflections, including selected Bible readings, a simple prayer to prepare you for the day ahead, and thoughts based on that week's theme.

The Everyday Faith app is optimised for Apple devices running iOS 15.0 and above, and Android 14 and above.



Just Search for
Everyday Faith

Safe Spaces



Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal, and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Church or as a result of their relationship with the Church of England, the Catholic Church in England and Wales or the Church in Wales.

The service is open to anyone over 18 who lives in England and Wales. If you live outside of England and Wales, but suffered abuse by someone in the Church or as a result of your relationship with the Church of England, Catholic Church in England and Wales or the Church in Wales, we will always endeavour to provide support, but this may be limited due to the services that are available outside of England and Wales.

Safe Spaces Helpline:

0300 303 1056

Monday to Friday: 09:00–21:00

Saturdays: 09:00–13:00

Sundays: 13:00–17:00

www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk



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Find out what's happening and hear all the news. Be the first to receive updates on all of our events, delivered straight to your phone.

Please use the QR code to join, alternatively contact Revd Andrew or Kimmi with your mobile number and we will be very happy to add you.

Look forward to seeing you there!

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How to Support Us

Parish Giving Scheme

A simple way to support us is by using the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). This is an innovative and efficient donation management service that supports churches in the United Kingdom. Designed to streamline the process of regular giving, the PGS simplifies administration for parishes while maximising financial contributions from donors. The scheme allows parishioners to make their donations through a Direct Debit system, offering flexibility with monthly, quarterly, or annual contributions. One of the key benefits of PGS is its automatic Gift Aid collection, which significantly enhances the value of donations at no extra cost to the donor or the parish. To cover card payment processing costs and additional bank charges, PGS charges 1.5% of the gift's value. However, this is offset by passing the full 25% value of HMRC's Gift Aid contribution back to the church. 'One-Off Gifts', making a single payment using your Debit, Credit Card or Apple/Google Pay wallet is also another option.

This scheme reduces the administrative burden on churches and volunteers by managing the entire donation process, including setting up direct debits, processing payments, and handling Gift Aid claims. Donors also benefit from the ease of adjusting their giving amounts and schedules to suit their financial circumstances, creating a more consistent and reliable income stream for the churches.

Launched in 2011, the PGS has grown steadily, supported by the Church of England and other Christian denominations, and is praised for its effectiveness in sustaining church activities and community outreach programs. By adopting the Parish Giving Scheme, churches can focus more on their mission and ministry, assured of a stable financial foundation.

Donors can either log in to use their existing account or continue as a guest if they haven't registered with PGS before. For easy access please use the QR code below:



Easy Fundraising Scheme

Another excellent way to support us is by signing up to the Easy Fundraising Scheme. The Easy Fundraising scheme is a simple yet effective way for churches, organisations, schools, charities, and community groups to raise funds without asking supporters for direct donations. This online platform partners with over 7,500 retailers, including major brands and small businesses, to facilitate a donation every time a supporter shops online.

Here's how it works: supporters sign up for free on the Easy Fundraising website and select a cause to support. When they shop online through the platform, a percentage of their purchase price is donated to their chosen cause at no extra cost to the shopper. The donation rates vary depending on the retailer, but the contributions can quickly add up with regular use.

The scheme benefits both supporters and organisations. For supporters, it provides a convenient way to contribute to their favourite causes without spending extra money. For organisations, it offers a steady stream of fundraising income with minimal effort required. They can track donations, promote their cause through the Easy Fundraising tools, and engage their community to maximise contributions.

Easy Fundraising is especially advantageous for churches and small charities that do not have the resources for traditional fundraising campaigns. By leveraging everyday online shopping habits, it transforms routine purchases into valuable support, making it a popular and accessible fundraising solution.

You can support All Saints' and Holy Trinity by signing up, follow the links:



All Saints' Church Easyfundraising page:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/allsaintsmelbourn/>

Holy Trinity Church Easyfundraising page:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/holy-trinity-meldreth/

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