



All Saints'
Newtown Linford



Fourth Sunday of Easter

21 April 2024

10am

Holy Communion

The Revd Richard Trethewey

First reading: 1 John 3.16-24

Second reading: John 10.11-18

*This service will be streamed online at
www.facebook.com/allsaintsnewtownlinford/live*

A warm welcome to all to worship today, whether onsite or online. Please use this sheet to help you during the service and then take it away as a reminder of the notices and as a guide to prayer.



There is a loop system for those with hearing aids

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News and forthcoming events

APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place next Sunday 28 April as part of the 10am service. As well as receiving reports about church life and electing people to represent the congregation on the PCC and as churchwardens, our major focus will be on helping prepare our self-reflection as a church – our Story Board – in order to help us engage in the Shaped by God Together conversations. If you would like to stand for PCC or nominate someone else, please use the forms at the back of church and return it to Ann Scrine.

Memorial Bench

Following this morning's service there will be a brief ceremony in the churchyard to dedicate a new bench which has been installed in memory of Janet Neaverson, who for so many years gave so much to the community and the church.

Art Group: Spring Exhibition 2024

Currently running in church, the pieces on display showcase a variety of works relating to the recent project theme - Charnwood Forest - featuring a variety of individual interpretations and stories developing from the original concept. Open until 28 April.

Giving

If you would like to give to support All Saints', please use our online donation page, <https://bit.ly/asnl-donate>. A basket and contactless giving system are available at the back of church. If you would like to give regularly, please speak to Richard Trethewey about the Parish Giving Scheme.

Distribution of Communion

At Communion services here in Newtown Linford it is possible to receive the wine from a chalice. If you wish to continue to receive the wafer dipped in the wine rather than sip from the shared cup, please hold out **just one** hand as the priest approaches you and they will dip it in a separate chalice.

Funerals

Elizabeth Ford's funeral is to be held on Wednesday 24 April at 11am in church. Lydia Knott's is to be on Monday 22 April at 2pm in church. Eric Langton will have a Memorial and Thanksgiving Service in church at 12 noon on Wednesday 1 May, following a short service at 11am at Loughborough Crematorium. Please continue to pray for Sue and family, Helen and family, Sheila and family and all their friends, as well as Marilyn Upstone and others who have been bereaved recently.

Shaped by God Together: Journey to Minster Communities

The conversations about All Saints' involvement in a Minster Community will begin in April. To prepare for the changes which will affect every parish, we can:

- Pray for the renewal of God's church.
- Partner with neighbouring churches.
- Promote vocations – please pray and consider: is there someone you know who you think should explore this?
- Prioritise school links.

Prayer

The UK will, at some point this year, go to the polls in arguably one of the most hotly contested elections in living memory.

Leicester Citizens, a community-organising alliance which includes members from the Diocese of Leicester, have created a campaign, Value Our Vote, to encourage people to register to vote, get the right Voter ID and to get out and use their vote on Polling Day when it comes.

John 13:33-35 Jesus instructs us to "Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other."

Luke 10:27 Jesus says we must "Love your neighbour as yourself". In Matthew 25:45 Jesus was saying "How you treat the hungry, thirsty, immigrant, poor, sick and prisoner is how you treat me".

God of justice and mercy, please help us to take our responsibilities seriously and choose our leaders wisely, for the good of all in society when election day comes.

Help us to understand how you unconditionally love us, Lord Jesus. Please bring opportunities my way to follow you, to treat others with love and care.

Lord, help us to encourage our friends and families to register, to have the right voter ID, and, when the day comes, to go and vote with the love and compassion for others at the forefront of our voting.

Wendy Bebbington, Member of Leicester Citizens

Collects

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion: Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Additional Collect: Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Measures for everyone's safety

Ventilation: we continue to have windows open whenever we meet.

Space: pick up a card from the table as you enter to place next to you to indicate you wish increased space.

Hygiene: sanitizer is provided in key locations – at the entrance, where books can be collected and where communion is distributed.

Communion is available with the bread dipped in the wine.

We would prefer you not attend services while you are testing positive for COVID-19. Please join the service online – we stream every Sunday.