

All Saints’

Newtown Linford’

**Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

21 September 2025

**10am Holy Communion**

The Revd Richard Trethewey

 1 Timothy 2.1-7

 Luke 16.1-13

 *Whenever possible, services are streamed online at*

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**There is a loop system for those with hearing aids**

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News and forthcoming events

**Harvest**

Next Sunday, 28 September, we will celebrate Harvest at the 10am service with the Brownies participating. Donations of dried and packaged food will be given to the Y Centre in Leicester as part of our long support of their work with the homeless.

**Richard Trethewey**

Following the announcement that our Rector, Richard Trethewey, is leaving to become the Archdeacon of Leicester, his final service at All Saints’ will be our Harvest Celebration on Sunday 28 September. There will be a leaving event at 3pm at St Peter’s, Glenfield, for those wishing to say goodbye in the benefice.

**Autumn dates**

As we celebrate All Saints’ Day on 2 November at 10am, we also have a service of Remembering with Thanksgiving at 5pm; on 9 November we hold Remembrance Sunday for our community; 16 November is Safeguarding Sunday.

**Shaped by God Together: Journey to Minster Communities**

The conversation around the formation of Minster Communities in the south and west of the diocese (‘Area 5’) is progressing, with the PCC having further talks with a group which lies to the immediate west of the city. Please pray:

* for the renewal of God’s church;
* for our partnership with neighbouring churches;
* for wisdom for ourselves and all those involved in discernment;
* for God’s calling to all of us to play our part in his church – please also consider: what calling do I need to explore?
* for our links with the school and other village organisations.

**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 or you can scan this QR code. If you would like to give regularly, please speak to Rebecca Hale about the Parish Giving Scheme.

If you pay tax, filling out a Gift Aid declaration will enable the church to reclaim the tax you have already paid on your gift, making each £1 you give worth £1.25 to us. This can make a truly substantial difference to the church – please consider whether you can do this, declaration forms are available at the back of church.

Prayer

*Fairtrade Fortnight: 22 September to 5 October*

“Since Jesus asks us as Christians to love our neighbours as ourselves, and our neighbour is any other human being with whom we come into contact, the demand to love must prevail when we shop.”

It comes down to this. When we buy any product, we're not just buying a thing on a shelf. Behind it are people – the people who grew, processed, and crafted what we see. We come into contact with them even if we will never directly meet them. They are our neighbours.

That means we have to care about their lives - were they paid enough for their work? Do their families have access to schooling and food? Are they free to ask for good working conditions? Protected from environmental harm? If we love our neighbours, we need to do everything we can to ensure that the answer to these questions is 'yes'.

Fair Trade is one way of caring. During Fairtrade Fortnight,22 September – 5 October, our churches can explore what Fairtrade is and does, celebrate what it’s accomplished, pray for it, encourage people to get involved – and enjoy wonderful Fairtrade products.

We can celebrate the Fortnight by committing or recommitting to be a Fairtrade place of worship. There are only two criteria:

1. To use Fairtrade products wherever possible (at least tea, coffee and sugar) and share information about Fairtrade products with the wider congregation.
2. To integrate Fairtrade into the life of our places of worship, at Fairtrade Fortnight or other times of the year, for example through events, stalls and worship.

Prayer for us to be agents of change:

*Dear Lord, please give us hearts yearning for the changes that manifest your Kingdom: justice in matters large and small, the love that cares for neighbours, a closer walk with you as we follow your ways. Amen.*

*Dear Lord, please give us minds that strive to understand, your Word and our world so that we can hear your call in the situations we encounter and the choices we have to make. Amen.*

*Dear Lord, please give us eyes that see the world as you do, lips that speak words of truth and love, hands and feet that take action, and strength to persevere that, changed by your Spirit, we may become agents of change, through whom you reveal your Kingdom for the honour and glory of your name. Amen.*

*Peter Yates, Social Responsibility Panel*

Collects

**Collect:** Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.

**Post Communion:** Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Additional Collect:** Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Measures for everyone’s safety**

**Ventilation:** we continue to ensure good airflow through the building.

**Hygiene:** sanitizer is provided at the entrance and where communion is distributed.

Communion is available with the bread dipped in the wine by the priest – please do not dip it yourself.