

River Idle Churches

BAWTRY, AUSTERFIELD, MISSON,
EVERTON & MATTERSEY

What's Happening in February . . .

- **Youth Alpha** for Older Kids, Bawtry Church Hall, Sunday 1st, 4.00 – 6.00pm
- **Nourish**, Bawtry Church Hall, Mondays 11.30am -1.00pm, soup, cake and chat
- **Little Lambs**, Bawtry Church Hall, Tuesday 3rd, 9.30 - 11.30am, then every Tuesday during term time
- **Misson Messy Church**, Misson Parish Hall, Thursday 5th, 3.30 - 5.30pm
- **Little Lambs**, Everton, Friday 9th, 9.30 -11.30am, then every Friday during term time
- **Carpenter's Arms Pop Up Pub Quiz**, Mattersey Church Hall, Monday 9th, 7.30pm
- **Craft & Chat**, Mattersey Church Hall, Tuesday 10th, 1.30 - 3.30pm
- **Pancake Party**, Bawtry Church Hall, Shrove Tuesday 17th, 10.00 am – 12noon
- **St John's Community Café on Tour**, Misson Parish Hall, Friday 20th from 9am
- **Joint Council Meeting**, Bawtry Church Hall, Tuesday 24th, 7.30 – 9.00pm
- **The Bible Course – Lent Study**, Bawtry Church Hall, from 26th, 7.00 – 9.00pm

The Church of England's theme for Lent 2026 is **Draw Near: Life-giving habits for Lent**.



If you have a smart phone, download the Everyday Faith app, for guided reflections through Lent.

This year the focus is on the 'rhythm of life' habits and patterns which help us grow as disciples of Christ day-by-day, as we prepare to celebrate the great mystery of God's saving love at Easter. Teaching us how we can cultivate the habits and practices that will draw us nearer to God. And as we do, God will draw nearer to us. During Lent, reflections centre on six activities in our calling as disciples: **worshipping together, praying, exploring the Bible, sharing communion, offering service and sharing the good news** with others.

Starting in Lent The Bible Course



FROM 26TH FEBRUARY, RUNNING OVER EIGHT SESSIONS, JOURNEY FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION AND GAIN A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE BIBLE

To book a place, please e-mail revbeckyhancock@gmail.com or ring 01302 218 308



Pancake Party 10am - 12noon

Shrove Tuesday 17th

St Nic's Church Hall, Bawtry



Join us for a morning of fun, food, friendship and pancakes, with games, as we look at the meaning of Shrove Tuesday.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Suggested donation of £1 per child.

Contact Di Grice. Details on last page.

Ash Wednesday 18th

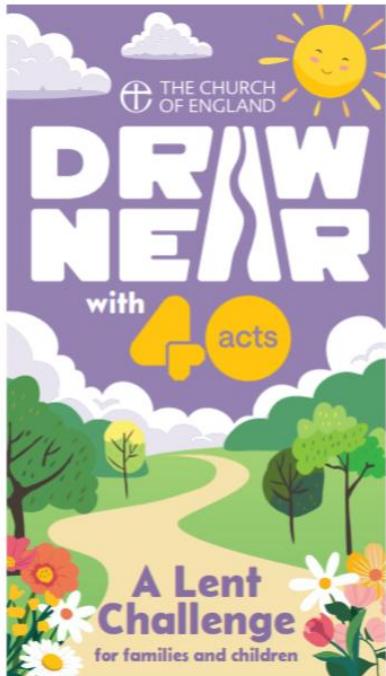
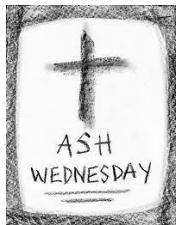
Communion Service

7.30pm, St Nic's Bawtry

Come to a quiet, reflective service to mark the beginning of Lent, the 40-day period leading up to Easter.

Lent is a time to consider being more intentional about giving your time and priorities to God, whether through prayer, acts of kindness, taking up something new or giving something up.

Lent isn't about self-denial, it's about renewal and a chance to reset, refocus and prepare for the joy of Easter.



Di Grice, Children and Families Lead, would like to encourage our Children & Young People to explore the life-giving habit of generosity with The Lent Challenge of 40 Acts

- ~ simple acts of kindness ~ daily Bible reading ~
- ~ reflections ~ and ~ prayer ~ during Lent from Wednesday 18th February to Easter Day.

There are booklets, wall charts and all kinds of other resources available.
So why not sign up too and join us?

Find out more via the Church of England website
cofe.io/DrawNear

HOME GROUPS

These are the home groups meeting across the Benefice. **Becky's** fortnightly on a Wednesday evening. **Jean's** weekly on a Wednesday morning. **Barbara's** fortnightly, on a Thursday morning. **Paul's** fortnightly in Everton. The current Alpha Group, will become a new home group, meeting fortnightly on a Wednesday evening in Mattersey.

If you are interested in joining a Home Group, please talk to Becky.

LEAVING A LEGACY

Each year, around 4,000 people leave a gift in their will to their church. This helps to fund mission projects, maintain beautiful church buildings and helps faithful communities to grow. For many people, leaving a gift in their will is a final opportunity to make a lasting gift to God. No matter how large or small, every gift, in every will, makes a big difference.

This is something for each of us to prayerfully consider.

February 2026 - Services across the River Idle Benefice

1 st	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Living Waters/Sundayz Cool	1 Cor 1:18-end John 2: 1-11
	11.15am	All Saints, Mattersey	Holy Communion	
8 th	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Living Waters/Sundayz Cool	Romans 8: 18-25 Matt 6: 25-end
	11.15am	Holy Trinity, Everton	Holy Communion	
	6.00pm	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Evensong	
15 th	8.30am	St Helena's, Austerfield	Morning Prayer	2 Peter 1: 16-end Matt 17: 1-9
	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Benefice Family Communion at Living Waters/Sundayz Cool	
18 th	7.30pm	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion	Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17 Matt 6: 1-6, 16-21
22 nd	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Living Waters/Sundayz Cool	Romans 5: 12-19 Matt 4: 1-11
	11.15am	St John the Baptist Misson	Holy Communion	
	6.00pm	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Evensong	

There is a service of Holy Communion every Thursday morning at 9.30am in St Nicholas' Church, Bawtry

Every Monday morning at 9.00 am, we meet in one of our churches across the Benefice to pray for our communities. You are most welcome to join us

1st Monday - Mattersey 2nd Monday - Everton
3rd Monday - Bawtry 4th Monday - Misson
5th Monday - Austerfield

Nurturing Prayer



For centuries, God's people have kept the rhythm of daily prayer. As part of our intentional focus around Nurturing Prayer, this month we encourage you to pause to pray The Lord's Prayer, at noon each day. This means you will be taking part in this ancient and shared spiritual discipline.

If you have a smartphone, you could download for free, the Lectio 365 app. Which will support and encourage you in your daily prayers.

“ Prayer does not equip up for the greater work. Prayer is the greater work”
“ When you pray, you don't just ask for strength, you become it”
“ Let go and let God”

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Holy Trinity, Everton
St Helena's, Austerfield
St John the Baptist, Misson

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