

Notices for Sunday 21st June

Trinity 3

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Confirmation Service – Sunday 21st June at 10am at St Botolph's

This Sunday is the Confirmation service at St Botolph's, Shepshed. Please remember that there is no morning service at St Mary's so that we can support Frankie, Amanda and Titus as they are confirmed. Please do come to the Father's Day breakfast at St Mary's first if you can, and we can share lifts over to Shepshed!

Worship with a Classical Flavour at 6pm

Join us on Sunday evening for Worship with a Classical Flavour. We'll be looking at Acts 10:1-48, Peter and Cornelius: A Tale of Two Conversions, which will be interspersed with some beautiful music from Jeremy and Corrine. Our service will be followed by our regular refreshments and a short concert on piano and woodwind.

OTHER SERVICES & EVENTS

Father's Day Church Breakfast – Sunday 21st June from 8.30am

Whether you're bringing Dad for a bacon butty or enjoying time with Church family, all are welcome for our Father's Day Church Breakfast on Sunday 21st March. Join us anytime from 8.30am to 9.30am for bacon butties, pastries from Olivia's, fresh fruit, granola, yoghurt and cereals at our self-serve breakfast bar. Please [sign up](#) so that we know how many to cater for and don't forget to let us know about any dietary or access requirements (use the 'Add additional ticket' button to sign up several people together or drop Hazel an email if you're having trouble). We hope that you'll join at St Botolph's in Shepshed afterwards, for a confirmation service, to stand as witnesses in support of everyone being confirmed in our Minster Community.

Confirmation

Let's rejoice with Amanda, Frankie and Titus who are taking the next step in their journey this weekend. Here is what they have to say:

Amanda writes:

'Today I stand before you to share what God has done in my life. My journey hasn't been easy... Through God, I've learned not to stay stuck in the past. Instead, I keep looking forward, trusting that every trial, both good and bad, has meaning and can be used for something greater... Choosing to follow Christ hasn't made life perfect, but it has changed everything. I now know I am loved, forgiven, and never alone.'

Frankie writes:

'For me, confirmation is a natural progression from baptism. From my decision to live my life for God at baptism to actively strengthening my bond/relationship with God. It also confirms me being part of the church community.'

And Titus writes:

'I've always gone to church but I want to know God more. Going to church has just become a normal thing for me and I want to be able to see church from a different perspective. I want to know God for myself, not just because my parents have always been very involved with church.'

Table Talk – Wednesday 24th June at 12pm at Toby Carvery

This group warmly invites anyone who would welcome some company whether they live alone or not. It is a lovely opportunity to meet together to share lunch and chat. The meetings take place on the last Wednesday of each month at the Toby Carvery, Forest Road at 12 noon. Please contact ian@stmaryincharnwood.org.uk if you would like any more details. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Messy Church Goes Wild – Saturday 27th June at 4-5:30pm in St Mary's Woodlands

All are welcome to join us in the woods of St Mary's Nanpantan for our last Messy Church before the Summer Holidays. We'll be sending each other out, just like the disciples were sent out, thinking about Paul on his ship, discipleship and other 'ships' through creativity, activities and stories. Make your own ships to sail, discover secret messages and ask big questions before we share a meal around the campfire and toast marshmallows. Join us for fellowship, worship, stewardship and fun!

Minster Community Prayer and Share – Sunday 5th July at 3-4:30pm at Broom Leys

A Prayer and Share event, with refreshments, will take place on Sunday 5th July 3-4:30pm at Broom Leys. This is open to everyone.

Summer Sundays – Sunday 12th July to Sunday 23rd August at 11am

Please be aware that between 12th July and 23rd August there will be one Sunday service at 11am. There will be no 10am or 6pm services, with the exception of our home-grown 'Music for a Summer's Evening' at 6pm on 16th August.

Ride+Stride – Saturday 12th September

Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust grant aids historic churches and chapels of all Christian denominations for repairs, restoration and some community facilities. The Trust's main fund raising is through the annual sponsored Ride+Stride event. Walkers and cyclists, for example, seek sponsors for the number of churches or chapels they visit on the event day.

Should you wish to take part, the link to the Ride+Stride web site is <https://www.lhct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/> where, nearer the time, the Sponsorship Form can be found and the List of Churches Taking Part.

The money raised by each participant from St. Mary's is shared equally between St. Mary's and the Trust. Contact John Buckland for more information at john.buckland3@ntlworld.com and also if you would like to take part, and he will process the monies collected. Note that the church will *not* be opening for Ride+Stride this year.

OTHER NOTICES

INEQE Safeguarding Audit Survey – Have Your Say

The Diocese of Leicester and Leicester Cathedral are currently taking part in an independent safeguarding audit by INEQE. Please take a few minutes to complete the relevant survey(s), designed to gather valuable feedback about safeguarding practice and culture across the diocese.

There are surveys for: Diocesan workforce; Parish workforce; Parish community members; Cathedral workforce; Cathedral worshippers; Children and young people; Victims & Survivors of church related abuse.

- Your voice matters – share what is working well and what could be improved
- All responses are confidential and anonymous, and managed independently by INEQE

Thank you to everyone who has already taken part. If you have not yet completed the survey, we warmly encourage you to do so - your feedback is important and valued.

Look out for the surveys link on pink posters and postcards in church.

[Find the INEQE surveys here.](#)

[Learn more on the diocese website.](#)

Cookies for Loros

Thank you to everyone who donated for Daisy's chocolate chip cookie fundraiser for Loros: she raised an amazing £26.46! Thank you all!

Restoration of St Mary's Roll of Honour

The fund has reached £1000, so we're halfway to our target, and the temporary Roll of Honour will be updated in the coming weeks. We now have a post on facebook and a fundraising page on the website - please do spread the word to anyone you know with links to the men named on the Roll, or who have a connection to church but may have lost touch with us.

A donations page has been set up on ChurchSuite which can be accessed via this [link](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS

RECRUITING: Baca

Baca are currently hiring for many positions both paid and voluntary. If you would like to look at any of them in more detail, click on the following link.

[Join our team - Baca Charity - Safe to heal, free to thrive](#)

Friends of Launde Abbey Updates

Information about the Launde Abbey Programme of retreats, quiet days and concerts for 2026 can be found here:

<http://www.laundeabbey.org.uk/events>

Click [here](#) for the current newsletter.

ADVOCATE SLOT

Our charity for June is SAFI

St Mary's supports the Ray family, serving with CMS in Tanzania. Ben and Katy lead See Ability First Tanzania (SAFI), with the aim to create livelihoods, enterprise and opportunities for people with disabilities, through crafts, design & skills collaboration.

You can see a video from Ben if you [click here](#)

Prayer requests from Ben and Katy:

- Praise God for his faithfulness to SAFI and the Rays
- Pray for growth to be at a manageable rate
- Praise God for growing faith amongst SAFI trainees
- Pray for the new fellowship meeting at our centre
- Praise God for exciting new enterprises starting
- Pray for the Rays' house move and safety