

May 2026

# River Idle Churches

BAWTRY, AUSTERFIELD, MISSON,  
EVERTON & MATTERSEY

## What's Happening in May. . .

**Youth Group**, St Nic's Church Hall, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4.00 - 6.00 pm

**Nourish**, Bawtry Church Hall, Mondays 11.30am - 1.00pm, soup, cake and chat, except Bank Holidays, so won't be there on 4<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May.

**Little Lambs**, Bawtry Church Hall, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>, 9.30 - 11.30am, then every Tuesday during term time

**Misson Messy Church**, Misson Parish Hall, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>, 3.30 - 5.30pm,

**Disciple Course**, St Nic's Church Hall, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>, for five weeks, 7.00 - 9.00pm,

**Little Lambs**, Everton Village Hall, Friday 8<sup>th</sup>, 9.30 - 11.30am, then every Friday during term time

**Everton APCM**, Holy Trinity Church, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>, 12.30pm,

**Carpenter's Arms Pop Up Pub Quiz**, Mattersey Church Hall, Monday 13<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm

**Craft & Chat**, Mattersey Church Hall, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, 1.30 - 3.30pm

**Mattersey APCM**, Church Hall, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>, 1.00pm

**St John's Community Café on Tour**, Misson Parish Hall, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> from 9am

**Everton Scarecrow and Flower Festival**, Holy Trinity Church, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>, 2 - 5pm then Church and Village Hall, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>, 10am - 4pm.

**Fuel North for Y7+, St Anne's, Worksop**, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>, 6.00pm

## BEING THE CHURCH : AN EASTER JOURNEY

Easter is not just a single day of celebration, but a season in which we ask a deeper question: ? What happens when people encounter the risen Jesus ?

The answer we discover in the Bible is simple and profound: the Church is born.



Each Sunday, as we worship, pray and learn together, we will discover more of what it means to be the Church, as a community shaped by the risen Christ and sent into the world to love. You are warmly invited to be part of this journey.

Throughout this season, one theme will run through everything: Generosity. The early church didn't simply believe together, they shared together. They were generous with their faith ~ time ~ hospitality ~ gifts/talents ~ care for one another and ~ their resources.

What might it mean for you to be part of a generous church?  
We started in April and will continue through May, exploring all of this,  
as we dig into the book of Acts.

### Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM)

**Everton**, Holy Trinity Church  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>, 12.30pm

**Mattersey**, All Saints Church Hall  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>, 1.00 pm

### You are all invited to The Vicarage

for a BBQ, 2pm, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June  
Bring something to sit on and  
some food to share: sides or salad or desert



Becky + John look forward to welcoming you

## You are Invited to DISCIPLE - following Jesus into Real Life

The Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham has launched a new five week course, DISCIPLE, designed to inspire and equip you to follow the teachings of Jesus into real life. Each week, you'll gather with people from a range of churches to worship together, watch an engaging video with teaching and stories, discuss in small groups and pray for one another. The course will help to shape you as a disciple, exploring the 3Cs of the Diocesan vision in detail and practice:

- ... Disciples motivated by compassion ...
- ... Disciples founded on confidence ...
- ... Disciples acting with courage ...

Thursday evenings from 7 - 9 pm, starting 7<sup>th</sup> May, at St Nic's Church Hall, Bawtry

Book on via the website: [southwell.anglican.org/youre-invited-to-disciple](http://southwell.anglican.org/youre-invited-to-disciple)

Or by Contacting Rev Becky on 01302 218 308 or e-mailing [revbeckyhancock@gmail.com](mailto:revbeckyhancock@gmail.com)

### RIVER IDLE BENEFICE WOMEN'S GROUP

Natasha Chadwick is starting up a new Women's Group, in Bawtry. Each month we will share a light meal, conversation and bible study.

The first session will take place on Saturday morning 9<sup>th</sup> May, in St Nicholas Church Hall, time to be confirmed.

To register, please e-mail Rev Becky on [revbeckyhancock@gmail.com](mailto:revbeckyhancock@gmail.com)



### WORSHIP WORKSHOP EVENINGS

7 - 9 pm, on 19<sup>th</sup> + 20<sup>th</sup> at St Nicholas Church, Bawtry  
with Tom Walters, Diocesan Worship Lead

A special invitation to emerging and established worship leaders. If you are a musician, singer or have a heart for leading worship, contact: [laura@theriverfold.com](mailto:laura@theriverfold.com) to come and explore the joy of worship through music and prayer. With teaching, encouragement and interactive activities, to help you explore with others who share a passion for worship.



**Holy Trinity Church, Everton  
Scarecrow and Flower Festival  
Saturday 16th and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>**



**Fundraising for Holy Trinity Church  
Tower restoration fund**

Saturday 16th Church open 2-5. Enjoy the flowers and refreshments

Sun 17th Church/Village Hall open 10-4.

Wander round the village and visit the Church and Churchyard. Sunday enjoy plant sales, a craft fair and refreshments.

Could you leave your lawn untouched during May as part of the **No Mow May** initiative



Mowing less frequently provides enough nectar sugar for ten times the amount of bees, beetles, moths butterflies and other pollinators, especially during May

It also allows spring plants to set seed before the first mow of the summer

## May 2026 - Services across the River Idle Benefice

3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Living Waters/Sundayz Cool	Acts 7: 55-end John 14: 1-14
	11.15am	All Saints, Mattersey	Holy Communion	
10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Living Waters/Sundayz Cool	Acts 17: 22-31 John 14: 15-21
	11.15am	Holy Trinity, Everton	Holy Communion Followed by APCM	
	6.00pm	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Evensong	
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Ascension Day St Nicholas, Bawtry	Holy Communion	Acts 1: 1-11
	7.30pm	St Nicholas, Bawtry	No evening service	
17 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	St Helena's, Austerfield	Morning Prayer	Acts 1: 6-14 John 17: 1-11
	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Family Communion at Living Waters/Sundayz Cool	
24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Pentecost St Nicholas, Bawtry	Living Waters/Sundayz Cool	Acts 2: 1-21 John 7: 37-39
	11.15am	St John the Baptist, Misson	Holy Communion	
	6.00pm	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Evensong	
31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Trinity Sunday Holy Trinity, Everton	Benefice Family Communion Service with Traditional Clypping of the church, followed by a Picnic	Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-end Matt 28: 16-end

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

1<sup>st</sup> Monday - Mattersey    2<sup>nd</sup> Monday - Everton  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday - Bawtry    4<sup>th</sup> Monday - Misson  
5<sup>th</sup> 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, 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.

“ 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”

## Who's Who:



**Vicar: Reverend Becky Hancock:** 01302 218308  
Email: revbeckyhancock@gmail.com  
Becky's usual rest day is Saturday



**Children & Families Team Leader: Di Grice** 07748 804 080  
Email: riveridlechildrensworker@gmail.com  
Di's usual rest day is Wednesday

**PA to Rev Becky - Samantha Brazier**  
01302 218308  
Email: samanthabrazier00@gmail.com



Contact details for the Vicarage | River Idle Benefice  
Telephone with answer machine: **01302 218 308**  
E-mail address: **riveridlechurches@gmail.com**

**Website: [www.riveridlebenefice.co.uk](http://www.riveridlebenefice.co.uk)**

### Churchwardens

Bawtry Chris Grice | Chris Eyes

Austerfield Kay Beckett | Samantha Brazier

Misson Anne Rowe | Peter Edwards

Everton John Dunn | Vacant

Mattersey Currently Vacant

If you're interested in becoming a Churchwarden at Mattersey or Everton, we would like to hear from you: e-mail: [riveridlechurches@gmail.com](mailto:riveridlechurches@gmail.com)

### Retired Clergy:

Reverend Jean Tomlinson

Reverend Richard Spray

**Reader:** Paul Kirby



Find us on Facebook:

The River Idle Benefice  
Churches

and Individual Pages for:

St Nicholas, Bawtry

Holy Trinity, Everton

St Helena's, Austerfield

St John the Baptist, Misson

### Treasurers - Contact Information

Bawtry w Austerfield 01302 710 948 [peter.eggleston@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.eggleston@btinternet.com)  
Peter Eggleston

Misson - Susan Howard 01302 719 113 [suehowardsusan@aol.co.uk](mailto:suehowardsusan@aol.co.uk)

Everton - Jean Winder 01777 817 777 [sleepyjeantaxis@gmail.com](mailto:sleepyjeantaxis@gmail.com)

Mattersey - Chris Hull 01777 816 858 [cpahull@btinternet.com](mailto:cpahull@btinternet.com)