



**July
2026**

What's Happening in July. . .

Little Lambs, Everton Village Hall, Friday 3rd, 9.30 -11.30am, every Friday during term time
Youth Group for Older Kids, Sunday 5th, 4.00 – 6.00pm, Church Hall

Nourish, Mondays 11.30am -1.00pm, soup, cake and chat. 6th July in St Nicholas Church.
Rest of July - back in the Church Hall. 13th July Bawtry Mayflower School pupils will visit.

Little Lambs, Bawtry Church Hall, 9.30 - 11.30am, every Tuesday during term time, **except** cancelled on 7th, due to work in the church hall

Craft & Chat, Mattersey Church Hall, Tuesday 14th, 1.30 – 3.30pm

St John's Community Café on Tour, Misson Parish Hall, Friday 17th from 9am

Church BBQ, at The Vicarage, Sunday 19th, 1.00 – 5.00pm, bring and share

Joint Council, St Nicholas Church, Thursday 23rd, 7.30pm

Looking Ahead to What's Happening in August . . . and Beyond

River Idle Women's Group

St Nicholas Church Hall, Saturday 1st, 10am – 12noon, with breakfast, £3 donation suggested, All women welcome, whether you've made the first two or not, do come along to share

Future dates: 5th Sept, 10 Oct, 14 Nov, 12 Dec and 9 Jan 2027

St Helena's Patronal Festival in Austerfield

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th, 11am - 3pm

Come to see the Angel displays, Eco Garden and enjoy refreshments

There will be a Deanery Confirmation Service

On Sunday 15 November, 6.00 - 8.00 pm
at St Saviour's Retford. Rev Becky will be organising Confirmation Preparation Sessions in the Autumn.

If you would like to know more about being confirmed, or to book a place on the Preparation sessions, have a word with Sam when you see her at church most Sundays, or ring on 218 308 or e-mail: samanthabrazier00@gmail.com

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SAFEGUARDING

We all have a responsibility to ensure our Churches are safe for all.

Our policies and practices comply with National Safeguarding Standards.

Our Safeguarding Policy is available to review in all our Churches.

~ Repair Work at St Nicholas Church Hall ~

From Monday 6th to Friday 10th

Scaffolding will be erected for work to be carried out on the roof and guttering
Activities normally held in the Church Hall have been moved to other venues, so please check the diary listing above.

TRENCH CANDLES

"Whatever will we be asked to collect next?"

When we were all asked to save random items, like empty plastic sweet tubs, used pens and pre-loved bras, we were encouraged by people's thoughtfulness and eco awareness.

Whatever did people think when asked to bring candle stubs, empty baked bean cans and brown corrugated cardboard into church? We were all proud to learn, the answer is to make trench candles which provide humanitarian aid to the people of the Ukraine. Eduards, from the Doncaster Ukrainian Centre, visited All Saints' Mattersey Church Hall in April and June to demonstrate to a group of volunteers, how to make trench candles, explain why they were needed and the number of benefits they would provide. In April we ran out of cans. Then, by June, through the generosity of so many across The River Idle Benefice and The Riverfold, an amazing 120 trench candles were made.

With a factory line in operation to remove can sharp edges, cut wicks, roll tubes and melt down wax, the cans became candles filled with light giving, warmth giving, food warming, clothes drying cans of hope, love and care. The candles are used in foxholes on the front line and can last twelve hours depending on the weather conditions..

Eduards was so appreciative of our help, and also took bags back to the Ukrainian Centre, which were filled with toiletries, baby wipes, hand sanitiser, aspirin, coffee / chocolate sachets, energy bars and warm socks.

On behalf of Eduards, an enormous thank you for your generous support, which is making a vital difference. Collection points will remain in our churches for depositing toiletries and first aid items etc. As winter approaches, we will start to make requests for empty cans and candle wax, for us at another trench candle making session. THANK YOU for spreading the word and for all your prayers.



A huge thank you for eating your way through multiple tubs of Roses, Quality Streets, crackers and biscuits, then kindly donated the empty tubs to The River Idle Benefice churches.

You have been awesome and contributed to Greene King collecting a record number of tubs, a mighty **295,000** across the country, which diverted them from landfill, and was an increase of over 20% on 2025.

Greene King took the tubs to a specialist recycling company. The money raised from their sale raised funds for its charity partner - Macmillan Cancer Support. The sale of the **33.74 tonnes** of recycled plastic meant **a donation of £10,122 for Macmillan**. WOW. So you have eaten your way to a great success for a most worthy charity. Thank you.

Benefice Pilgrimage Walk

On behalf of
Nottinghamshire Historic
Churches Trust
part of Ride + Stride



Benefice Pilgrimage Walk

Saturday 5 September, 10 am to approx 4 pm
Starting at All Saint's Church, Mattersey

The plan is to do a sponsored walk as a group, however, you can join at any of the churches along the way. Last year a number of us parked at Misson then took the bus to Mattersey, which worked really well.

Timings and more detail will be available over the summer. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Well behaved dogs on leads are most welcome. It is planned to have a very late lunch at a Misson pub.

Starting at All Saints Church, Mattersey, visiting Holy Trinity, Church Everton, St Nicholas Church, Bawtry, St Helena's Church, Austerfield ending at St John the Baptist, Misson.

There will be a stop of approximately 15 minutes at each church for a rest and prayers. Pop it in your diary and look out for more information.

July 2026 - Services across the River Idle Benefice

5 th	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Living Waters/Sundayz Cool	Rom 7: 15-25a Matt 11: 16-19, 25-end
	11.15am	All Saints, Mattersey	Holy Communion	
12 th	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Living Waters/Sundayz Cool	Rom 8: 1-11 Matt 13: 1-9, 18-23
	11.15am	Holy Trinity, Everton	Holy Communion	
	6.00pm	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Evensong	
19 th	8.30am	St Helena's, Austerfield	Holy Communion	Rom 8: 12-25 Matt 13: 24-30, 36-43
	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Benefice Family Communion at Living Waters/Sundayz Cool	
26 th	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Living Waters/Sundayz Cool	Rom 8: 26-end Matt 13: 31-33, 44-52
	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
~ You are warmly invited ~

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

Joint Church Council (JCC) and Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meetings from July 26 – January 27

JCC	Thursday 23 July, 7.30pm, St Nicholas Church Monday 19 October, 7.30pm, Mattersey Church Hall Thursday 21 January 2027, 7.30pm, St Nicholas Church Hall
Bawtry with Austerfield	Tuesday 29 September, 7.30pm, St Nicholas Church Tuesday 17 November, 7.30pm, St Nicholas Church Hall
Everton	Tuesday 29 September, 11.30am, Holy Trinity Church Tuesday 17 November, 11.30 am, Holy Trinity Church or Joanna's
Misson	Thursday 9 July, 7.00pm, Odd Fellows Monday 21 September, 7.00pm, Odd Fellows Monday 9 November, 7.00 pm, Odd Fellows
Mattersey	Tuesday 22 September, 11.30am, Mattersey Church Hall Wednesday 11 November, 11.30am, Mattersey Church Hall

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”



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Mattersey Currently Vacant

Retired Clergy:

Reverend Jean Tomlinson

Reverend Richard Spray

Lay Reader: Paul Kirby



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The River Idle Benefice
Churches

and Individual Pages for:

St Nicholas, Bawtry

Holy Trinity, Everton

St Helena's, Austerfield

St John the Baptist, Misson

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