

River Idle Churches

BAWTRY, AUSTERFIELD, MISSON,
EVERTON & MATTERSEY

August ☀️ 2026

What's Happening in August. . .

River Idle Women's Group Bawtry Church Hall, Saturday 1st, 10am - 12noon, with breakfast

Youth Group for Older Kids, Bawtry Church Hall, Sunday 2nd, 4.00 - 6.00pm

Nourish, Mondays 11.30am - 1.00pm, too hot for soup, so instead sandwiches, cake and chat

Little Lambs at Bawtry and Everton, are on holiday and will return in September

Craft & Chat, Mattersey Church Hall, Tuesday 11th, 1.30 – 3.30pm

St John's Community Café on Tour – the bakers are taking a much needed break

St Helena's Angel Patronal Festival and Eco Garden, St Helena's Church, Austerfield, Saturday 15th 11am - 3pm and Sunday 16th 12noon - 3pm

Mattersey Parish Council, Village Picnic in the Park on Millennium Green, Saturday 29th, from 12noon. Make your own Bug Hotel at home and bring it along to enter the competition, prizes be won. BYOB and picnic. There's a Dog Show and Bouncy Castle, and much more.

Sermon Series "I AM"

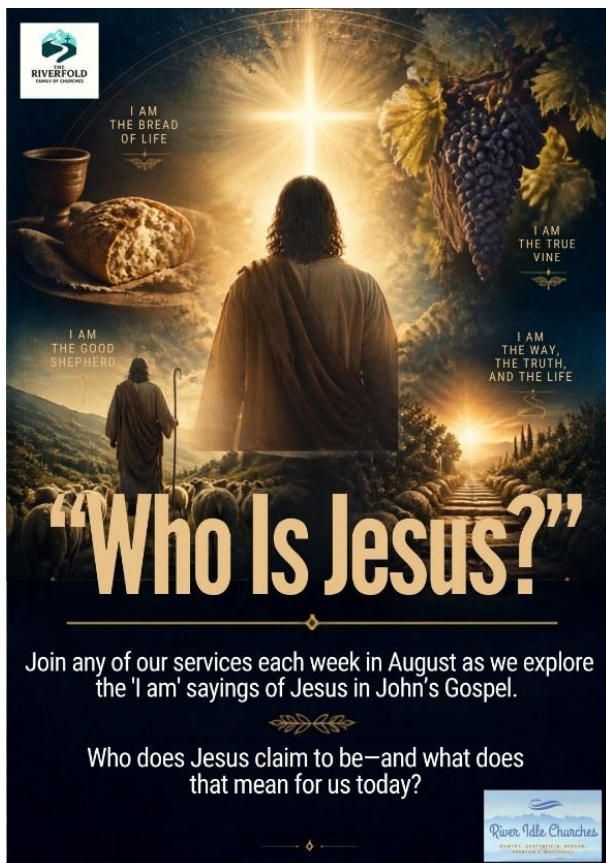
Throughout the month of August, we are exploring Jesus' sayings in the Bible

~ I AM ~

....the Bread of Life
the Light of the World
the Good Shepherd
the Resurrection and the Life
the Way, the Truth and the Life

See you at services held across the Benefice in August to find out what Jesus is saying to you with His words.

Please see page 3 for details of all services
- times and churches.



Rev Becky will be on holiday Fri 7th - Thurs 20th August

In Becky's absence, please contact
Samantha Brazier, PA on
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You can leave a message on the mobile
or send an e-mail to
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Deanery Confirmation Service

Sun 15 Nov, 6-8pm, St Saviour's Retford

If you would like to know more about being confirmed,
or to book a place on the Preparation sessions, chat
with Sam when you see her at church most Sundays,
or ring on 01302 218 308
or e-mail: samanthabrazier00@gmail.com

Rev Becky will be holding Confirmation Preparation
Sessions in the Autumn and you are most welcome to
come along.



**ST HELENA'S
ANGEL FESTIVAL**

Sat 15 August, 11am - 3pm
Sun 16 Aug, 12noon - 3pm

ST HELENA'S CHURCH
HIGH ST, AUSTERFIELD DN10 6QU

**. Come and see our Angels .
. Visit our Eco Garden .
. Enjoy Refreshments .
. Angel Weaving Masterclass:
running both days .**

All Funds Raised Will Go Towards The
Up-Keep of this Historic Church

THANK YOU

Every month we invite you to festivals and workshops, groups and gatherings, home groups and services.

And You Come

We send you all the dates and times of service across the Benefice and Prayers Meetings and Communion.

And You Come

Thank you for being a part of what we do, it wouldn't be the same without you.



River Idle Benefice

WOMEN'S GROUP

SATURDAY 1st AUGUST
10 AM - 12 NOON
ST NIC'S CHURCH HALL

Join us for
Food and Fellowship
To Explore our Relationship
with God

All Women are Welcome

Future Dates 2026/7:

- 5th September
- 10 October
- 14 November
- 12 December
- 9 January 2027

£3 recommended donation to cover breakfast.
Thank you

Contact is Natasha Chadwick: 07894 223 097



TOO HOT FOR YOU? TOO HOT FOR WILDLIFE

You can help make a difference!



Things you can do to ensure nature has a chance in these dry, very hot days.

1. Keep birdbaths and saucers topped up with water for birds, bees and other insects. Water stress is one of the biggest killers in hot weather. Putting a stone in will help bees to perch and drink without drowning.
2. Put food out every night for Hedgehogs, as they struggle to find invertebrates when the ground is dry, as worms move deeper underground. Hedgehogs need water too, so make sure you put a dish on the floor. Please DON'T ever put milk out, hedgehogs can't digest it and they become very poorly.
3. If you have any grass left in this heat, please keep it long. It will help retain moisture, provide a source of shelter for insects and mammals and keep topsoil from blowing away.
4. Leave unpruned garden bushes / shrubs which create wonderful shaded areas for garden creatures.
5. Keep fruit trees well-watered. Focus on watering flowering and fruiting species. These are great food sources for pollinating insects, birds and other animals.
6. Add mulch around trees, shrubs and plants which helps to retain soil moisture, reduces watering and improves soil health. Use organic mulch like grass cuttings, wood chips or straw, spread two to three inches deep and avoid direct contact with plant stems.

THANK YOU FOR CARING

Benefice Pilgrimage Walk

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

Benefice Pilgrimage Walk

* new date * Saturday 12 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.



August 2026 - Services across the River Idle Benefice

2nd	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Living Waters / Marriage Blessing and Sundayz Cool	John 6: 22-51
	11.15am	All Saints, Mattersey	Holy Communion	Exodus 16: 2-5,11-18 John 6: 22-51
9th	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Living Waters/Sundayz Cool	John 8: 12-20
	11.15am	Holy Trinity, Everton	Holy Communion	Isaiah 60: 1-3 John 8: 12-20
	6.00pm	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Evensong	
16th	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Living Waters / Sundayz Cool	John 10: 1-18
	11.15am	All Saints, Mattersey	Holy Communion	Ezekiel 34: 11-24 John 10: 1-18
23rd	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Living Waters Note: No Sundayz Cool	Ezekiel 37: 1-4 John 11:17-44
	11.15am	St John the Baptist, Misson	Holy Communion	
	6.00pm	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Evensong	
30th	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Living Waters Note: No Sundayz Cool	Isaiah 35: 1-10 John 14: 1-7
	11.15am	St Helena's Austerfield	Holy Communion	

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

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"



Prayers for the Season of Creation which is the whole of September and Becky's Sermon Series ~ Created ~ Renewed ~ Sustained ~ Sent

General Synod in York

At the July General Synod, two new Festival Celebrations were authorised.

The Festival of Christ in Creation – 1st Sunday in September.

Commemoration of 21 Martyrs in Libya – 15 February.

Who's Who:



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Becky's usual rest day is Saturday

Retired Clergy:

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Mattersey Currently Vacant

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

SAFEGUARDING is Everyone's Responsibility
~ See Something ~ Hear Something ~ Say Something ~
Tell your Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)

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.

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