Wardens Waffle

October 2026

September is now picking up the pace with Church activities/projects at the beginning of the month we celebrated **Creation Sunday** – a message of hope and restoration. "You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace".

The **Pearson Family** once again gave us an amazing **Coffee Concert**, with one of our biggest supported coffee concerts. So, a huge thank you to the three generations of Pearson Family, for supporting St Peter's Church in this way, it is very greatly appreciated.

On the same day the **Ride & Stride** event was on for the **Historic Churches Trust**. A thank you to all who manned the Church throughout the day, sadly we only had one visitor, but it is important we support them, as we have been given a grant from Historic Churches Trust towards our spire work.

The **Diocese of Leicester** is marking its **Centenary** in 2026–27 a goodly number attended the gathering at the Athena on Sunday 13th where we worshipped together with a live music group, and listened to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally. Our Clergy attended the Cathedral on the Saturday.

A successful **Table Top** Sale took place in St Peter's Church. We had 16 stalls booked in, with a mixture of goods on sale. Thank you to **Judy M**, for baking & running the Church Cake Stall, and everyone who supplied cakes for sale, it was an extremely popular stall! Also, thanks to **Shirley A & Family** for also running a Church stall with her huge tombola, and the new "limited edition" Church mugs, these are now on sale at the coffee bar at £5 per mug or £6 if you want sweet filled ones – make great Christmas presents, do get one before they all go!

What's Happening: -

Harvest Sunday 4th October – Please bring along (if able) a donation of tins or packets of food suitable for the food bank.

We have decided to try having a **Bring & Share Lunch** following the 10am service for a **Harvest** get together instead of the harvest supper. There is a list of food if you want to sign up to bring along or just turn up anyway!

Lots going on with the property side of things. The **Spire Work** is sadly still awaiting sign off with the diocese.

We have a redundant **Chimney Flue** on the north side of the **Church** from the old boiler. This is causing ingress of rain into the boiler room, and we have quotes to have this removed, and the copper replaced, but this also needs putting through the diocese again first before we can go ahead

St Peters Centre has lots of leaky areas from the **Flat Roof** areas, and PCC has agreed a quote to take that forward.

We are also fitting another two **Air Conditioning** units to the St Peter's Centre downstairs rooms; this has also been agreed by PCC to go forward.

The Old Rectory, has an unruly **Contorted Willow Tree**, that is now obscuring the neighbouring terraced house, this is in the conservation area, and already has a TPO assigned to it, so I am trying to work this out with the arborist at the council to be able to get this pruned to a suitable size.

2026 Dates for your diary not mentioned above: -

St Peters St Pauls St Cuthberts St Andrews St Marys

Harvest Bring & Share Lunch – Sunday 4th October – after 10am service.

National Memorial Arboretum Coach Trip - Saturday 10th October

Pet Service – Sunday 11th October 4.30pm St Andrews Burton Overy

Coffee Concerts – Saturday 24th October 10.30am St Peter's Church.

Joint Benefice Service – Sunday 25th October 10am St Pauls Church

Choral Evensong – Sunday 25th October 5pm St Peter's Church

All Souls Service – Sunday 1st November 6pm St Peter's Church

Remembrance Service – Sunday 8th November 2.30pm St Peter's

Choral Evensong – Sunday 22nd November 5pm St Peter's Church

Coffee Concerts – Saturday 28th November – Flute & Piano

Benefice Advent Carol Service – Sunday 29th November 6pm St Cuthberts Church Great Glen (Toilet facilities available)

Christmas Tree Festival – Sunday 6th December St Andrews Burton Overy.

Nine Lessons & Carols – Sunday 13th December 6pm St Peter's Church

Cake & Carols – Tuesday 15th December 6.30pm St Cuthberts

Carols By Candlelight – Thursday 17th December 7pm St Marys Carlton Curlieu.

Nine Lessons & Carols – Sunday 20th December 6.30pm St Cuthberts

Carols By Candlelight – Sunday 20th December 7pm St Pauls Church

Crib Service – Thursday 24th December 4pm St Peter's Church

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Crib Service – Thursday 24th December 4.30pm St Andrews Burton Overy

Midnight Communion – Thursday 24th December 11.30pm St Peter's Church

Midnight Communion – Thursday 24th December 11.30pm St Cuthberts

Christmas Day – Friday 25th December 10am St Peters

Christmas Day – Friday 25th December 10am St Pauls

Christmas Day – Friday 25th December 10.30am St Cuthberts

Joint Benefice Service – Sunday 27th December 10am St Peter's Church

So, that's my colouring in done for this month. Please get these dates in your diaries, and support as much in the benefice as you can. If you need transport, please ask, if we can arrange it, we will!

Many blessings

Angela x