

# **Worship & Events**

**IN THE NORTH BELTISLOE GROUP OF PARISHES**

**Boothby Pagnell, Braceby, Humby Chapel,  
Ingoldsby, Lenton, Old Somerby,  
Ropsley, Sapperton**



**September to December 2025**

**Website for the group of Parishes**

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com>

## Ropsley

Ropsley has been baking through the summer heatwaves and even the church building has felt too warm- if only we could save a bit of this heat for the cold winter months ahead!

We have been continuing with services once or twice a month since Easter, mainly with Bishop Hall Speers, who continues to be a very reassuring presence in the Benefice, taking some lovely services and also attending PCC and Benefice meetings to help us through this period of time until we can appoint a new vicar. The new vicar once in post, will also be covering the Colsterworth group of parishes as well as North Beltisloe, so quite a task, but we are looking forward to having someone to lead us.

In June, Peter Williamson did a talk on George Boole in the Church. George Boole was a local man, born in Lincoln, and he laid the mathematical foundations of the information age and computer science, with his ground-breaking advances. Peter has a very in depth understanding of his work, and gave a very interesting talk. This also included lots of history about George Boole's life and works. The evening was very enjoyable, with delicious refreshments provided by Michael and Elaine Ward.

In July a Lindy Hop dance evening was held in Ropsley hall, which was great fun. It was amazing to see how many talented dancers there are in Ropsley!

A 'pub' quiz was held in the church in early August, and several teams enjoyed competing. We hope to repeat this event in the future and try and encourage more people to take part.

We are now approaching Autumn, and on Friday 5th September there is a flower arranging workshop at 10.30 in church. The Harvest Supper will be on Saturday 6th September, to be held alongside the village show. Tickets are £15 to include a jacket potato with several fillings. Please bring your own drinks, and if possible, a desert to share.

The Harvest Festival will be in Ropsley Church on 7th September at 10 am.

The Ride and Stride event takes place on Saturday 13th September, when drinks and refreshments will be available in church. Please take this opportunity to visit the church where you will find some interesting information about its history and heritage.

The Remembrance Service will be on Sunday 9th November in Church, followed by the laying of the poppy wreaths at the war memorial at 11 am.

We already have plans for Christmas events and services, with our wreath making workshop on Saturday 22 November, a winter concert with the Chapel Hill Duo on 6th December, and this year the carol service will be on the evening of Sunday 14th December. Please also see the rota for Christmas services.

Details of events at Ropsley church and the rest of the Benefice can be found on the website [achurchnearyou.com](http://achurchnearyou.com)

We look forward to welcoming you all to our events and services,

*Helen Sloss and Karen Steptoe, Churchwardens, St Peter's Church, Ropsley*

## Ingoldsby

At the beginning of May we held our Annual PPC meeting. Minutes are available if anyone would like to see them. We were delighted to welcome Chris Mortlock as a new Church Warden. Linda Steward has had to resign as she is hoping to move, we are very grateful for all the work Linda has done advertising events for us and hope she doesn't move too far away. All other members remain the same. Services in Ingoldsby have continued over the last three months and we continue to be grateful to Bishop Hall Speers for his continued help and support. In May our church was blessed with numerous flower arrangements to celebrate VE day. It was wonderful to see the church looking so beautiful. Thank you to all who put in flower arrangements. A service was held to remember this event. In July Professor Francis Gilbert gave us a talk on the History of Ingoldsby Church, this was both informative and entertaining. We also had Martin Ebb who is a stone mason come and bring some of his carvings, which were truly amazing, he demonstrated carving and let guests 'have a go'. The evening concluded with our amazing ladies providing 'Cheese and Wine'. A big thank you to Francis and Martin and to all who supported this event in so many ways. Over the last few weeks we have launched a 'Planned Giving' campaign in the village. We are trying to ensure the future of our church. Sincere thanks to all who have responded to date. Our annual Harvest Festival will be held on 14th September at 11.00 this will be a family service so all ages are very welcome. Gifts of produce, tinned food, dried food will be gratefully received. September 23rd we will be joining the Village Hall for a Macmillan coffee morning 10-11.30 posters will be out soon. Donations of cakes, welcome on the day. In November we will hold our annual Act of Remembrance. December 24th at 5.00 will be our Annual Carol service. For more information on services please see the rota in the centre pages.

Please remember St Bartholomews is your church, whose continued existence at the heart of our community is thanks to the good stewardship of parishioners who have cared for it and supported it down the centuries.

We look forward to your ongoing support, and attendance at services and community events which are vital to the wellbeing of our village.

*Diana Burrows Chris Mortlock*

## North Beltisloe Benefice Services 2025

Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	10 am	Ropsley	Prayers for the Sick
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Sep	4.30 pm	Lenton	Evening Prayer
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Sep	9.30 am 10 am 11 am	Old Somerby Ropsley Lenton	Holy Communion Harvest Festival Café Church Holy Communion
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Sep	4.30 pm	Lenton	Evening Prayer
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Sep	10 am	Ingoldsby	Messy Church
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Sep	9.30 am 11 am	Ropsley Ingoldsby	Morning Prayer Harvest Festival
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep	4.30 pm	Lenton	Evening Prayer
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Sep	9.30 am 11 am	Sapperton Braceby	Holy Communion Harvest Festival
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Sep	4.30 pm	Lenton	Evening Prayer
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Sep	9.30 am 11 am	Ropsley Ingoldsby	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	10 am	Ropsley	Prayers for the Sick
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	4.30 pm	Lenton	Evening Prayer
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.30 am 3.30 pm	Old Somerby Lenton	Benefice Holy Communion Harvest Festival
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	4.30 pm	Lenton	Evening Prayer
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10 am	Ingoldsby	Messy Church
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.30 am 11 am 6 pm	Ropsley Ingoldsby Old Somerby	Holy Communion Holy Communion Harvest Festival
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	4.30 pm 7 pm	Lenton Sapperton	Evening Prayer Harvest Festival and Supper
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.30 am	Humby Chapel	Harvest Festival
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	4.30 pm	Lenton	Evening Prayer
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.30 am 11 am 11 am	Ropsley Ingoldsby Boothby Pagnell	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Harvest Festival and Lunch
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov All Saints	9.30 am	Ropsley	Holy Communion
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov All Souls	11 am 3 pm	Braceby Old Somerby	Remembrance All Souls' Service
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10 am	Ropsley	Prayers for the Sick
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10 am	Ingoldsby	Messy Church
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov Remembrance Sunday	10 am 10 am 10.45 am 3 pm	Ropsley Ingoldsby Lenton Old Somerby	Remembrance Remembrance Remembrance Holy Communion
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30 am	Sapperton	Benefice Holy Communion

## North Beltisloe Benefice Services 2025

Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov Christ the King	11 am	Ingoldsby	Holy Communion
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov Advent Sunday	9.30 am 11 am	Ropsley Boothby Pagnell	Holy Communion Patronal Festival with Holy Communion
Wed 3 Dec	10 am	Ropsley	Prayers for the Sick
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30 am 10 am	Sapperton Ingoldsby	Benefice Holy Communion Patronal Festival & Gift Service Christingle
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	5pm	Ropsley	Christingle
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10 am	Ingoldsby	Messy Church
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11 am 6pm	Ingoldsby Ropsley	Holy Communion Carol Service
Thu 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30 pm	Boothby Pagnell	Carol Service
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7 pm	Sapperton	Carol Service
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6 pm	Humby Chapel	Carol Service
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	9.30 am 3 pm 3 pm 6 pm	Ropsley Braceby Lenton Old Somerby	Holy Communion Carol Service Carol Service Carol Service
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Eve	5 pm 3 pm	Ingoldsby Ropsley	Carol Service Crib Service
Thu 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Day	10.30am	Lenton	Morning Prayer

### Other Christmas and later services still to be confirmed

Holy Communion can be offered in your own home if you are unable to attend services. Please contact Diana Burrows 01476585513

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## Messy Church

Messy Church has continued over the last few months with numbers fluctuating. Our last meeting before the summer break was all about 'Jonah and the Whale' We were delighted to welcome 10 children who had a wonderful time painting a huge whale and putting their heads through its tummy.

I must thank all our helpers who work so hard to prepare the crafts for these sessions, they give up their Saturday mornings to help the children complete the crafts, as although it is fun there is always Jesus teaching behind all the activities. So, thank you to Vernon, Carole, Janet, Carolyn, Elaine, Diane, Jane and Bishop Hall Speers for their continued support.

We now have a break until September when we hope to welcome new families. For more info pl contact Diana 01476585513 [diana\\_burrows@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:diana_burrows@hotmail.co.uk)



## Lenton

May was a busy month, starting with the usual coffee morning on the 3rd , followed by a very busy VE Day lunch two days later. On the 8th the local Running Club held their annual race, and finally the annual Rogation Service. The weather held up well and the congregation had a pleasant stroll round the block, stopping at various points for a reading, prayer and hymn to bless the lake, sheep, crops and orchard. We were grateful for the musical accompaniment provided by Vernon with a portable keyboard.

In June we had our Patronal Communion service taken by Bishop Hall, a rare visit here at Lenton. The village coffee mornings held on the first Saturday of each month have proved popular and raised over £100 each for AgeUK, the local Air Ambulance and Grantham Passage.

Finally, every Friday we have held Evening Prayer in the church at 4.30 and were delighted on one occasion to have visitors from Ropsley as well. This will continue until the clocks change, thereafter the service is held in a private house where it is warmer!

All our other services are listed in centre of this newsletter.

*Tony Clayton, Churchwarden Lenton*

## Braceby

The Easter Sunday Service in St Margaret's was a lively and unusually well attended occasion – we benefited from a cancellation in a neighbouring parish! In May we held the first PCC Meeting in the absence of Rev Anna. Church appointments were made, finances reviewed and the way forward agreed for another year in the very long life of St Margaret's church. As ever, those who contribute in so many ways were thanked.

The maintenance of the church building and churchyard has continued throughout the summer. In June a branch from a tree detached itself, hitting the Notice Board at the front gate on the way down. Many thanks to Martin Crush who painstakingly restored it to health and the working party from the village who reinstalled it.

Cards showing the church at its best are now on sale within the building and the venture is already proving to be successful. Many thanks to those involved.

Preparations are in place for our next service on 31 August and an extra service has been included on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will be a Remembrance Service run along the same lines as last year. After the event led by Robert Holland, a bonfire will be lit next to the church and refreshments provided.

*Tony Smith, Churchwarden*

## Old Somerby

Fundraising this year has begun well, with the cake stall at The Orchards Brocante realising £871.65p in sales and donations. Many thanks to Tom and Chloe for involving the church in this enjoyable event.

Veronica and Peter held a mid-August Coffee Morning at the Manor House. There was a wonderful response, with a plethora of homemade cakes. £478.50 was raised, a record amount for a Coffee Morning. Many thanks to Veronica, Peter, their helpers and all who contributed, not forgetting our talented musicians, Steve and Jenny.

This good start was particularly welcome, because earlier in the year we had had our quinquennial survey of the church and churchyard. It has identified some serious problems with the roof of the building. The architect has recommended that we begin the process of replacing the roof of the nave, tower and organ chamber as soon as possible. After the long dry spell, we had the heaviest rain of the summer on Saturday, July 19th, as we were preparing for our Patronal Festival the next day. On that afternoon we utilised every bowl, bucket and vase we could lay hands on to place under the fourteen leaks we had located. The architect had also pointed out to us that some of the worst leaks had already caused damage to the roof timbers, which will require further investigation. We have had our first (zoom) meeting about this work with the Church Buildings Office in Lincoln. They will help us through the lengthy process of applying for grants, as they have a wealth of experience in this area. Of course, there will also be an increased need for fundraising. We welcome any innovative ideas, and if you would like to serve on a special fundraising committee, we should be pleased to hear from you.

Bishop Hall Speers is back from Madagascar and will be taking our Holy Communion services this Autumn. Anna introduced a very short and informal service of Evening Prayer in our church at 4.00pm every Wednesday, and we will continue to hold that service. We can also take the opportunity of visiting the other beautiful local churches in our benefice and I will post all forthcoming services on the village noticeboards.

Our much-loved Harvest Festival service will be on Sunday, October 12th, at 6.00pm. The church will be decorated as usual, displaying harvest produce alongside tinned and longlife goods which will be sent on to Grantham Passage. Please leave your gifts in the porch if the church is not open, hand them to members of the PCC or phone us to collect them. The church will be open for decorating on Saturday, October 11th. New decorators are always most welcome. Please contact Len on 01476 568439 or Judy Ayto, on 01476 579241. Looking further ahead, on All Souls Day, Sunday, November 2nd, we shall have the opportunity to commemorate all those dear friends and family members we have lost. Bishop Speers will be taking that service at 3.00pm.

Remembrance Sunday this year falls on November 9th. There will be a group service at Ropsley at 10.00am. The names on our two War Memorials will also be read during the service in our church at 3.00pm. The Carol Service will be on Sunday, December 21st at 6.00pm.

As always, our grateful thanks to all our volunteers who, in many different ways, support the life of our church. As we enter upon the next challenging stage, all your help, ideas and support are highly valued.

*Len Watson, Churchwarden*

## Business As Usual

If you wish to book a baptism, wedding or funeral, please contact

- The Churchwarden of your church - see contact numbers below.
- The Rural Dean, Revd Stephen Buckman

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