

# Worship & Events

IN THE NORTH BELTISLOE BENEFICE GROUP OF PARISHES

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



## January to April 2026

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

Looking back to autumn, the church was full to capacity on Remembrance Sunday, and following a moving service led by Ken Mann and assisted by Robert Holland, the community gathered around the war memorial for the minute's silence, with bagpipes played by Bill James. Our grateful thanks to Alwyn Sentance who continues to take a lead role in planning and organising this service. A collection was raised for the Royal British Legion of £296.82

A Christmas wreath making workshop was held on 22 November, which was hugely popular; 42 people attended, and some wonderful wreaths were made. Mulled wine and soup was served and enjoyed, thanks going to Karen Steptoe for working incredibly hard to make this event a great success, and also to Elaine and Michael for providing the mulled wine.

Advent begins on 30 November this year, and we have our winter concert on Saturday 6th December at 7.30pm with the Chapel Hill Duo.

The Carol service will be on Sunday 14 December at 6 pm, please do come along to get into the Christmas spirit and sing some of your favourite carols. There will be a Christmas raffle to win a well stocked seasonal hamper.

We have a service on Sunday 21 December at 9.30 am, the fourth Sunday of Advent. The crib service is at 3 pm on Christmas Eve, a lovely start to Christmas for the little ones and anyone young at heart! At 6.30 pm on Christmas Eve we have our Christmas celebration service with Nicholas Chamberlain, Bishop of Grantham, please do try and join us for this special event.

The church is looking seasonal now with greenery, stars and a Christmas tree, so please do drop in and take a look. Thanks go to Ishbel Sloss for making our Advent wreath, it is beautiful. The children's corner (thanks to Elaine Ward) has plenty of activities based around the Christmas story, which will keep the little ones busy for a while.

In the new year, 2026, we are aiming to have a more consistent service pattern, having services on the first and third Sunday of each month, at 9.30 am. Hopefully this will be easier for people to keep track of.

Ropsley PCC wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas season, and look forward to welcoming you to St Peter's for any or all of our events.

## Old Somerby

Our Harvest Festival was celebrated on Sunday, October 12th, followed by refreshments. A collection of £98.00 was donated to the Rural Support Network. As usual, there had also been a generous response to the request for food and other essentials for Grantham Passage and the Foodbank.

We have now completed our profile of works for the forthcoming repairs to the roof of the nave. We hope shortly to engage an architect to progress the work.

In early October we received the sad news of the death of David Gray.

David was always a great supporter of all our church events, and a really lovely man. We continue to hold Sheila and her family in our thoughts and prayers.

The season of remembrance began with an afternoon service at three o' clock on All Souls' Day, November 2nd, presided over by Bishop Hall Speers. This annual service provided an opportunity to pause and reflect, and remember all those loved ones who have shaped our lives. On November 9th, Remembrance Sunday, at Somerby we incorporated an Act of Remembrance into our afternoon Holy Communion service. We honour the fourteen servicemen from this parish, commemorated on our two memorial tablets and also a fifteenth serviceman, Arthur Bryan, who died of his wounds in 1919.

Our traditional Carol Service will be held this year on Sunday, December 21st, at 6.00pm, supported by our talented musicians. Gifts for children in need, which will be distributed through the Foodbank, will be received at this service. We have been asked not to wrap them again this year. Jo and George Brewis have once again very kindly invited us to enjoy seasonal refreshments after the service at Glenrise, Church Lane. On Christmas Day at 9.30am there will be a short Family Service, with carols. There will be a service of Holy Communion on Sunday, December 28, also at 9.30, with coffee afterwards.

And looking much further ahead, next year's Easter service will be on Easter Eve, Saturday April 4th, at 7.30pm when we will be lighting the Easter candle and celebrating the first Communion of Easter.

We offer our thanks to all those who have helped in the life of the church this year and we wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Len Watson Churchwarden 01476 568439

## Services in North Beltisloe Benefice January to April 2026

Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan <i>Epiphany</i>	9.30 am	Ropsley	Benefice Communion
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00 am	Ropsley	Prayers for the Sick
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00 am	Ingoldsby	Messy Church
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.00 am	Ingoldsby	Holy Communion
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30 am 9.30 am	Sapperton Ropsley	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30 am	Old Somerby	Holy Communion
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	9.30 am	Ropsley	Benefice Communion
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00 am	Ropsley	Prayers for the Sick
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30 am	Sapperton	Morning Prayer
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00 am	Ingoldsby	Messy Church
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11.00 am	Ingoldsby	Holy Communion
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00 am	Ropsley	Ash Wednesday
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	9.30 am 11.00 am	Old Somerby Lenton	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	9.30 am	Ropsley	Benefice Communion
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00 am	Ropsley	Prayers for the Sick
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	11.00 am	Ingoldsby	Holy Communion
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00 am	Ingoldsby	Messy Church
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	9.30 am 9.30 am 10.00 am	Sapperton Ropsley Boothby Pagnell	Holy Communion Café Church Family Service

Sun 22nd Mar	9.30 am 11.00 am	Old Somerby Braceby	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar <i>Palm Sunday</i>	11.00 am	Ingoldsby	Procession of Palms
Wed 1st Apr	10.00 am	Ropsley	Prayers for the Sick
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7.00 pm	Ingoldsby	Passover Meal
Fri 3rd April <i>Good Friday</i>	2.00 pm 7.00 pm	Ropsley Lenton	An Hour at the Cross Stations at the Cross
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr <i>Easter Eve</i>	7.30 pm	Old Somerby	New Fire
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9.30 pm 10.30 pm	Ropsley Lenton	Benefice Communion Morning Prayer
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00 pm	Ingoldsby	Messy Church
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr	11.00 am	Ingoldsby	Holy Communion
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9.30 am	Ropsley	Holy Communion
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9.30 am 10.00 am	Sapperton Old Somerby	Holy Communion Morning Prayer

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## Messy Church

Messy Church has enjoyed three wonderful sessions since the last newsletter. The themes most enjoyed have been 'Daniel in the Lions Den' and the 'Fiery Furnace'. The children thoroughly enjoyed both these stories. We are now preparing for Christmas. Numbers attending have remained good and we look forward to building on this in the New Year.



Messy Church involves many volunteers who work hard to source craft to complement the stories, I would like to thank them all for their commitment, without their help, Messy Church would cease.

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## Ingoldsby

We are nearly at the end of another year at Ingoldsby Church. We have tried to hold events and services to suit all in our village. We had a visit from the U3A Church history group which was enjoyed by all and we were again indebted to Francis Gilbert who supported us.



The Ingoldsby Quiz was once again a wonderful evening raising money for our historic church.

Thanks to all who supported us by attending, donating raffle prizes and helping with the catering.

We now look forward to our Christmas celebrations which start with a Christingle service on December 7th at 10.00a.m. This service will be supported by the Brownies and Rainbows who will take an active part. This will be a family service and collection will be given to the Rainbow Hospice.

December 14th a service of Holy Communion will take place at 11.00am.

The annual carol service will be on 24th December at 5.00pm mulled wine and mince pies on arrival. Come and join us for this popular service and sing some well known carols.

We would like to thank most sincerely Bishop Hall Speers for his continued support, it is greatly appreciated. We hope that in the New Year we can move forward to appointing a permanent Priest. On behalf of the PCC we would like to thank you all for your support this year in so many different ways, as we try to make our lovely church relevant to the community.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. Diana and Chris

## Braceby

In a relatively busy time at St Margaret's, Services have continued to be held throughout the period led by Robert Holland and Bishop Speers. Our thanks go to them as the lengthy efforts to secure a priest continue for what looks like a much enlarged Benefice.

A well attended Holy Communion Service in August was followed by our Harvest Festival. Following the Service harvest goods were sold and the assortment that was taken to the Food Bank in Grantham was received with grateful thanks.

In what is fast becoming a fixture in the St Margaret's calendar, a Service of Remembrance was held in early November. The Service was an opportunity to recognise and remember, amongst others, members of the local Cheavins family who suffered loss in both World Wars. In a church that was beautifully decorated, many members of the current Cheavins family were made welcome for what was a particularly poignant Service. As ever on this occasion, the bonfire next to the church was lit after the Service, the congregation enjoyed food and a mixture of soft and impressively strong drinks! Many thanks to the villagers who provided them. Please note that cards continue to be on sale at the back of the church. Don't miss the chance to buy Christmas themed cards over the festive period.

NOTICE: Please be aware that ground movement has resulted in a section of masonry becoming loose in an arch above the chancel. Remedial action is in hand and the church remains open. In the meantime, all should note that the chancel is out of bounds and is clearly marked as such.

Next stop - our Carol Service on Sunday 21 st December at 15.00.

## Boothby Pagnell

At time of writing, it is the eve of the St Andrew's Patronal Service, where the skirl of the bagpipes and the swish of tartan will be heard and seen in our beautiful church. But what else has been, and will be, going on in Boothby Pagnell? It has been an abundant few months with a number of successful events - our Heritage Day and Harvest Festival are the most recent. During the former, Dr James Wright from Triskele Heritage gave a hugely entertaining talk on historic building myth busting in Lincolnshire and there were examples of traditional craftsmanship by local stone mason, Martin Ebb. Not only that, but there was a grotesque trail around

the inside and outside of the building to identify the unique features around St Andrew's. Our very own Sue Hodson also created a beautiful interactive floral display. All in all, our Heritage Day was a fun and engaging day, enjoyed by all who came.

Following the joyous occasion of a village wedding, St Andrew's was beautifully decorated for our Harvest Festival in late October. After a traditional service, soup and bread was followed by orchard bakes, and generous giving resulted in a trip to the Grantham Food Bank to make our offerings to those in need. So what's next? Apart from our Patronal Day service, the traditional candlelight Carol Service celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ will doubtless be a 'full house' as before, and will be followed by enjoying a time of fellowship together as we share in some festive fayre. And what of 2026? The search for a new vicar continues. In the meantime why not contact the PCC to share your ideas on how to use our beautiful worship space? Dates for your diary; Sunday 15th March 2026 at 11am - Mothering Sunday service. We look forward to welcoming you.

Blessings, peace and joy to you as we put our hope in Jesus, Boothby Pagnell PCC.

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