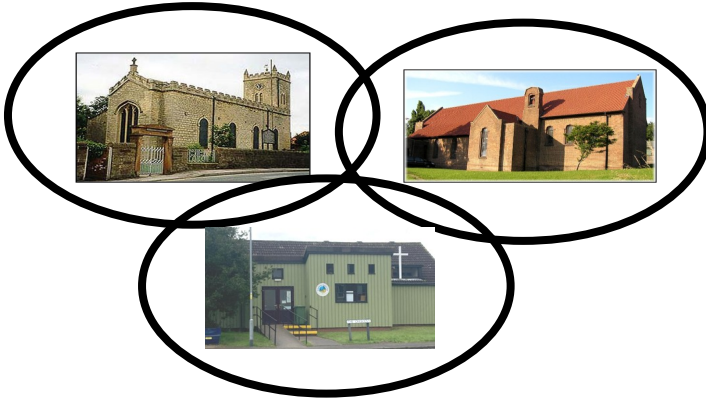


THE UNITED BENEFICE OF BLIDWORTH AND RAINWORTH



St Mary of the Purification Blidworth

St Simon and St Jude's Rainworth

St Andrew's Blidworth

PARISH LINK

MAY 2026



Ascension Day Thursday 14th May

Holy Communion at St Simon and St Jude's 7pm

Pentecost Sunday 24th May

9.00am St Mary's Blidworth, The Reflective Service
10.30am St Simon and St Jude, Rainworth - Pentecost Carols with Holy Communion, blended with Zoom



Trinity Sunday 31st May

10.30am
United Service at
St Simon and St Jude's
blended with Zoom





PRAYER SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS MONTH

- We pray for Rev Zoe, her family, and all who loved her father Brian. May God surround them with comfort, strength, and the peace that passes all understanding as they walk through this season of grief.
- We pray for our churchwardens and all members of our PCCs as they begin a new year of service. May God grant them wisdom, unity, and joy as they help guide the life and mission of our parish.
- As spring deepens into summer, we pray for fresh energy and joy in our worship, ministries, and community life. May God guide us as we grow in faith and fellowship.
- We lift before God all who are taking steps of faith or preparing for significant life events this month. May they know God's blessing and the support of our church family.
- We pray for households across our parishes, especially those facing loneliness, financial strain, or uncertainty. May God's love be known through acts of kindness and neighbourly care.
- As we pray for Peace in Our World, we remember places torn by conflict, injustice, or disaster. May leaders seek wisdom, reconciliation, and compassion, and may God bring healing where there is suffering.
- We pray for pupils, teachers, and families as exam season approaches. May young people find confidence, calm, and encouragement, and may staff be strengthened in their work.
- We give thanks for all who offer their time and gifts in unseen ways. May God bless their faithful service.
- We hold before God those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, and those who mourn. May they know God's nearness, comfort, and hope.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN EVERY STREET WITHIN THE PARISH BOUNDARIES ON AN ALPHABETICAL ROTA BASIS.

3rd May: The Meadows, The Quadrangle and Thorney Abbey Road in Blidworth and The Hollies, The Square, Third Avenue and Thoresby Road in Rainworth

10th May: Wheeldon's Yard and Will Scarlet Close in Blidworth and Top Street, Tudor Crescent, Vera Crescent, Warsop Lane and Webster Close in Rainworth

17th May: Care homes and Assisted Living Facilities: Hatzfeld House, Haywood Oaks, St Mary's, The Cedars and The Christie Development Centre in Blidworth and Ashlands, Nottingham Community Housing Assoc Bungalows, Helmsey Road Short Break Service and Sherwood House and Sherwood Lodge in Rainworth

24th May: Westbrook Drive, Willoughby Gardens, Woodlark Close R, and Woodpecker Drive in Rainworth and all shops, offices, factories and workplaces in our villages.

31st May: Abbey Road, Aberconway Street, Andrew Drive and Appleton Road in Blidworth and Allendale Road, Amber Close and Amethyst Close in Rainworth.

Prayer for Pentecost 2026



Loving Father and giver of all gifts,

This month we thank You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit which You promise to all who call on Your name, turn away from self-centred living and put their trust in Jesus.

Help us to do that, Lord.

Then, when events in the world and the circumstances of our own lives are difficult to understand, we have Your Holy Spirit who brings life and power.

He is faithful and constant. He will lead us into all truth and give us the words and thoughts we need to experience Your peace in the midst of turmoil.

At this time when we remember the birth of Your church, may we open our hearts to receive Your Spirit afresh and move into each new day confident that we are yours and that in You is our true security.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Daphne Kitching from Parish Pump

EASTER FLOWERS

A huge thank you to all those who gave donations, and to the team who arranged all the flowers in our churches for Easter Sunday. They looked wonderful.



**Following the
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS
For the whole Benefice of Blidworth and Rainworth
held on Sunday 12th April**

Here is a list of the Church Officers and PCC members in our parishes

YOUR NEW PCCS FOR THE 2026-2027

As the Incumbent, Rev Zoe Burton is Chair of both PCCs.

BLIDWORTH:

Church Warden: Angela Penny

Vice Chair: Angela Penny

Deanery Synod Representatives: Vacant

Elected Members: Andy Pilborough, Jackie Cove, Susan Payne, Stephen Fox, Mary Pettifor, Re-elected: Sylvia Stubbs (*for 1 year*),

Treasurer: Stephen Fox

PCC Secretary: Mary Pettifor

RAINWORTH

Church Wardens: Nick Prescott, Lynn Holland

Vice Chair: Nick Prescott

Deanery Synod Reps: Maureen Garner, Robin Skilton

Elected Members: Kellie Prescott, Debbie Skeiton, Anne Bakewell and Stuart Brown. Newly elected are: Marilyn Brown (*for 2 years*), Susan Daunt, Lynden Lowe, Katherine Adams, (*for 3 years*)

Treasurer: Susan Daunt

Secretary: Lynn Holland

Thank you to everyone who completed a nomination form and offered themselves for election. As there were more candidates for vacancies for both churchwardens and elected PCC members for Rainworth, elections needed to be held. Thank you to everyone who collected nomination forms from Revd Zoe and chatted to her about their intentions to offer themselves for roles on PCC, as well as completed their nomination forms and brief statements, in good time, by the deadline set (one week before the annual meetings). This was so helpful in enabling Revd Zoe to prepare as well as she could administratively to ensure a smooth process for the elections at the Annual meetings.

Thank you to those who have served their term of office on the PCC, those newly elected and those continuing on PCC for this coming year.



April has been a particularly challenging month for Revd Zoe and Nigel – a month in which they marked their Silver wedding anniversary and shortly afterwards Revd Zoe's dad died, having been very poorly since Holy Monday.

Thanks and gratitude for all the prayers, cards, flowers, messages of love, care and support they have received - there has been overwhelming kindness from so many of you.

Please do continue to remember Zoe and her family in your prayers.

May God surround them with comfort, strength, and the peace that passes all understanding as they walk through this season of grief.



**From the Parish Registers for
April 2026**

Funeral Pat Toplass

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**THE CONTACTS PAGE AT THE BACK OF THE PARISH LINK HAS
BEEN UPDATED**

**Key Officers in our churches have now been allocated bespoke
emails for use in our Benefice.**

**PLEASE USE ONLY THESE ADDRESSES FOR CHURCH BUSINESS, AND NOT THE
RECIPIENTS PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESSES.**

 **1st Blidworth Rainbows** 



WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO SHARE THAT
WE HAVE A BRAND NEW UNIT - For Girls
aged 4-7

St Andrews Mission Hall, The Crescent,
Blidworth NG21 0SE

Tuesdays 5pm - 6pm (Starts 12 May 2026)
Register interest now as places are limited

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/informat.../register-a-child/>

TALK & TEA
St Andrew's
Mission Hall,
The Crescent,
Blidworth



Come and join us for a chat and a cuppa.

Donations of about £3 towards refreshments and the use of the Hall welcomed.

For more information contact:
Rev Zoe Burton 01623 793758
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Maureen Garner 01623 793232



Sunday Lunches
at St Andrew's
Holy Communion Service
and lunch

on the 3rd Sunday of every month.
The next is Sunday
20th April

Do not forget to book your lunch with
Rev Zoe



Every Tuesday
2.00pm St Andrew's.
Bingo with Stephen

ALL WELCOME CASH PRIZES

Coffee Shop and Drop-In

at St Simon and St Jude's Church

Come and meet up with old friends and
make new ones

Every Saturday and on 2nd and 4th Fridays
of each month from 10.00am to 12noon

1st Saturday offers
bacon and sausage cobs.

We have enjoyed
Soup Saturday
through the winter.

We will start again
in the Autumn,



WINNING NUMBERS

200 CLUB MARCH

1st-271, 2nd-486, 3rd-136, 4th-256

50/50 CLUB April

1st-133, 2nd-67, 3rd-88, 4th- 208



Fridays
9.00-10.30am in
term-time
at St Andrew's
Except last Friday in
month



COOKED
BREAKFASTS

THE
MISSION HALL
BLIDWORTH

SAT 30TH MAY
10AM- 12 NOON

Coffee
morning

STALLS

2nd Thursday of the month at
The Mission Hall Blidworth
4th Thursday of the
month at
The Social Action Hub
Rainworth
6-7.30pm



Fancy a cuppa and a chat?
Drop in to
St Andrew's Mission Hall
Thursday mornings 9-11am term
time only



Let Kellie know if you are coming

You Are Invited To

ROSIE'S & JAN'S 75TH

Friday | May 22 | 2026 | At 7pm

Rainworth village hall
NG210JY

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

St Mary's and St Andrew's are joining with the Bird in Hand Pub in Blidworth to raise money for a defibrillator at that end of the village.

Any help you can give to this will be much appreciated.



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Follow the page: and follow this one too - Rev Zoe Burton

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St Andrew's Mission in Blidworth

missionhallbookings@gmail.com

Foyer or Upper Room in Rainworth.

Please contact churchwardens

Weddings Baptisms etc:

Please contact the Vicar.

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