

Worship & Events

IN THE NORTH BELTISLOE BENEFICE GROUP OF PARISHES

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



May to August 2026

If you wish to book a baptism, wedding or funeral, please contact
·The Churchwarden of your church - see contact numbers in the centre spread
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Ropsley

Spring is now here and we have celebrated Easter in Ropsley with our Easter Sunday service with Bishop Hall Speers. Three beautiful arrangements of Easter Lillies were placed in church, and our grateful thanks go to Kath Johnson again for organising this. We also had our traditional Good Friday Hour at the Cross service and elsewhere in the Benefice, we had the Maundy Thursday meal at Ingoldsby, and the Easter Fire Service on Easter Eve at Somerby, so a very busy time for the church community.

We have now started the process of appointing a new priest to cover Ropsley and the North Beltisloe Benefice. A 'Parish Profile' is being developed at the moment, which will have details of our churches and the people on the church committees who look after the buildings and the services. We are hoping to attract the right person to work with us to build our church communities here in Ropsley and the whole Benefice.

Looking forward to the next quarter, we are continuing with our regular service pattern of the first and third Sundays. Following most services, refreshments are provided, an opportunity to enjoy fellowship and get to meet each other over a cup of coffee and a cake. Our Patronal service for St Peter's Day will be on Sunday 28th June. There is a wedding booked for May and it is lovely to see the church being used by the community. On Tuesday 19 May at 7.30 pm, Peter Williamson will be giving a talk in church on the history of television.

Please do join us for any of our events, you will be most welcome, and the church remains open every day for visitors.

We are always in need of support and help with fundraising, so if you would like to get involved and help in any way please contact us.

Helen Sloss and Karen Steptoe on behalf of Ropsley PCC

Ingoldsby

During the first part of the year, we have held regular holy communion services including Benefice communions which have been well supported by those travelling from Churches within North Beltisloe. It is encouraging to see us coming together as a greater Church family to share worship and fellowship.

During early March we played host to a combined social and working event for representatives of the 16 churches in North Beltisloe, Colsterworth and South Witham parishes as we make progress in preparing a Parish profile to be used in the recruitment of a new oversight minister for the proposed combined benefice.

During the meeting we explored the opportunities and challenges that we face going forward as a community of rural churches.

A very successful well attended Quiz night with a sausage and mash supper was held in support of the Church at the village social club.



Our Palm Sunday service is a favourite in the village, and we joined a procession behind Pepper the pony as we paraded our palms in joyful song.

Our Holy week time of remembrance and celebrations continued with a benefice Passover meal held in the Church with bible readings and thoughts



from Bishop Speers, followed by our Easter Sunday service led by Diana Burrows.

We look forward to our fund-raising Plant sale in May and further opportunities to share the Easter message in our community.

We are also looking for new people to join our PCC and the Churchwardens would welcome an approach from anyone who may be interested.

North Beltisloe Services May to August 2026

Date 2026	Time	Location	Event
Sun 3 rd May	9.30	Ropsley	Morning Prayer
Wed 6 th May	10.00	Ropsley	Prayers for the sick
Sat 9 th May	10.00	Ingoldsby	Messy Church
Sun 10 th May Rogation Sunday	11.00 3.00	Ingoldsby Lenton	Holy Communion Rogation Walk Service
Sun 17 th May	9.30 9.30	Sapperton Ropsley	Morning Prayer Holy Communion
Sun 24 th May Pentecost	9.30 11.00	Old Somerby Ingoldsby	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
Sun 31 st May	11.00	Braceby	Holy Communion
Wed 3 rd Jun	10.00	Ropsley	Prayers for the sick
Sun 7 th Jun	9.30 11.00	Ropsley Ingoldsby	Benefice Holy Communion Morning Prayer
Sat 13 th June	10.00	Ingoldsby	Messy Church
Sun 14 th Jun	9.30 11.00	Sapperton Ingoldsby	Morning Prayer Holy Communion
Sun 21 st Jun	9.30	Old Somerby	Holy Communion
Sun 28 th Jun St Peter	9.30 11.00	Ropsley Lenton	Patronal Holy Communion Patronal Holy Communion
Wed 1 st Jul	10.00	Ropsley	Prayers for the sick
Sun 5 th Jul	9.30 11.00	Ropsley Boothby Pagnell	Benefice Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sat 11 th Jul	10.00	Ingoldsby	Messy Church
Sun 12 th Jul	9.30 11.00	Sapperton Ingoldsby	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sun 19 th Jul St Mary Magdalene	9.30 9.30	Ropsley Old Somerby	Morning Prayer Patronal Holy Communion
Sun 26 th Jul	11.00	Lenton	Holy Communion
Sun 2 nd Aug	9.30	Ropsley	Benefice Holy Communion
Wed 5 th Aug	10.00	Ropsley	Prayers for the sick

Sun 9 th Aug	9.30 11.00	Old Somerby Ingoldsby	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sun 16 th Aug	9.30 9.30 10.30	Ropsley Sapperton Lenton	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Morning Prayer
Sun 23 rd Aug	11.00	Ingoldsby	Morning Prayer
Sun 30 th Aug	11.00	Boothby Pagnell	Morning Prayer

For details of Morning Prayer in Ingoldsby pl contact diana_burrows@hotmail.co.uk

For details of Evening Prayer in Lenton pl contact tony@tonyclayton.org.uk

Messy Church

Messy Church which is held monthly on Saturdays at Ingoldsby for children and adults has continued to be well supported and we are looking forward to more fun, creativity and celebration over the coming months. NB we take a break in August.

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Braceby

The annual Carol Service was held in a beautifully decorated and well attended church. Having no electricity, the Service is timed to begin in daylight and ends to great effect in darkness when candles and battery lighting takes over. As is now the custom, following the Service the congregation then gathers to enjoy seasonal food and drink, and thanks go to all in the village who contribute to this occasion. We can also look back on a session of Prayer and Reflection in February and a Morning Service led by Robert Holland in March.

Our Chancel remains out of bounds thanks to a loose arch stone. Remedial action is in hand and the repair is expected to take place imminently. Externally, the churchyard has been cleared of a winter's worth of twigs and debris and the first grass cut of the year has taken place. The never ending maintenance of this wonderful building continues

As the effort to recruit a vicar begins, the production of a Parish Profile of Braceby is completed. Our contribution will form part of an overall information package about the new Benefice for potential applicants to review. A timescale is unclear, but it's heartening to know that the process is under way.

The next stop in St Margaret's is a Holy Communion at 1100 on Sunday 31 May led by Bishop Speers.

Old Somerby

At the time of writing, our Annual Church Meetings are due to be held on April 14th. Our long-serving Treasurer, Mike Charity, has at last managed to retire from his post, although he will still be taking an active interest in the repair programme. We owe Mike a huge debt of gratitude for his many years of service. Fundraising this year begins again with our stall at the forthcoming Brocante, to be held on Saturday, May 16th, at the Orchards, the home of Tom and Chloe Jonason. All contributions of home baked bread, cakes, biscuits or homemade preserves will be most welcome. I am very happy to collect any donations if required.

Fundraising is always important, but particularly so, now that we have begun planning to have our leaking church roof replaced. We have been persuaded that we must give priority to making the church watertight, and avoiding further damage to the ancient roof timbers, so this is being designated Phase 1 of the project. Further down the line Phase 2 will provide the provision of water and drainage to the church, so that a toilet and modest kitchen facilities can be added. New fundraising ideas are always most welcome and we hope the whole village will want to become involved in this undertaking.

Newcomers to the village may not know that the church operates a planned giving scheme. Any amount pledged on a monthly or annual basis, (which can also be Gift Aided) helps us to cover running costs, so that fundraising efforts can be diverted to the repair programme.

Our well-attended Easter service this year was held on Easter Eve, Saturday April 4th, when we lit the New Fire outside the church in spite of Storm Dave and lit the Easter candles for Somerby, Lenton and Ingoldsby. Grateful thanks to our musicians, Steve and Denise, and to all who helped to decorate the church or contributed to the refreshments afterwards.

We are delighted that our churchyard maintenance volunteer has not, so far, firmly decided to retire. We are so grateful for his meticulous work, which had the churchyard looking at its best for Easter. Further volunteers are always most welcome to assist with strimming.

Highlights of the church calendar this summer begin with our benefice service of Holy Communion for Pentecost on Sunday, May 24th at 9.30 am, with Bishop Speers, for whose continued devoted care of us we are so grateful. We shall celebrate the feast of St Mary Magdalene on Sunday, July 19th, also at 9.30am.
Len Watson, Churchwarden, 01476 568439

Lenton

At last we welcome the spring weather, the snowdrops in the churchyard were lovely to see. After flowering, we have been busy dividing them and replanting in a new location.

We had a busy Easter weekend, our Stations of the Cross service was held on Good Friday. The late Roger Heaton's drawings still bring home the sacred story.

As it was the first Saturday in the month, we had our regular community coffee morning which raised over £100 for charity, and we will continue over the year with this event, ending with a Sunday service.

We will be continuing with our programme of church maintenance. We have tackled the bell tower room cleaning and installing new shelving. Our next major task is to clean the sticks out of the bell chamber that the rooks have dropped in. Guttering is next on the list. Owen has given the churchyard grass its first cut and Ian has been busy strimming round the graves, our thanks go to them. There are still more jobs to do and if there are any volunteers willing to give us a hand, please let the churchwardens know.

We look forward to our Rogation service at 3pm on May 10th, when we have a gentle walk round the village, stopping off at various locations and singing a hymn, blessing the crops and animals. All are welcome to join us.

Boothby Pagnell

St Andrew's had a lovely Mothering Sunday service, where all the ladies were given a beautiful daffodil posy - thanks to all who supported this service. Up next is Holy Communion on 5th July and Morning Prayer on 30th August, both at 1100. The PCC team has been busy with building upkeep jobs, such as PAT testing and basic roof repairs and there are plans for surrounding wall restoration. We look forward to seeing you at St Andrew's Church soon.

Views from North Beltisloe

