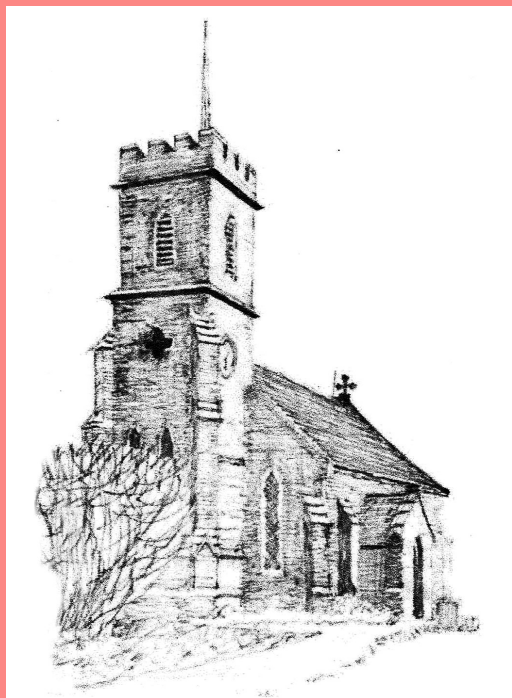


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June 2026

Facing Exam Season with Hope and Peace

As exam season arrives once again, many of our children, young people, and families find themselves stepping into a time filled with pressure, expectation, and uncertainty. Whether it's SATs, GCSEs, A-levels, university assessments, or vocational exams, this season can stir up a whole mix of emotions — determination, worry, hope, and sometimes fear.

As a church community, this is a moment for us to gather around our young people with prayer, encouragement, and practical support. Exams matter, of course, but they do not define a person's worth, identity, or future. Each young person is wonderfully made, gifted uniquely by God, and held in His love long before any grade is written on a results sheet.

The Bible reminds us, *“Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.”*

This is not a call to ignore the reality of stress, but an invitation to bring our whole selves — worries included — to the God who walks with us in every season. As our



young people revise, sit papers, and wait for results, we pray they will know God's peace guarding their hearts and minds.

Let's also remember the parents, carers, and teachers who support them. Their encouragement, patience, and presence make a profound difference. A kind word, a listening ear, or a simple prayer can be a lifeline in these busy weeks.

May this exam season be marked not only by hard work, but by hope, resilience, and the assurance that God journeys with each of us. And may every young person know that, whatever the outcome, they are valued, loved, and celebrated by their church family.

A prayer for Exam season:

Loving God, We lift before you all our children, young people, and adults preparing for exams. In moments of pressure, grant them calm hearts and clear minds. When they feel overwhelmed, remind them that their worth is not measured in grades, but held securely in your unfailing love.

Bless their revision, their concentration, and their confidence. Be close to those who are anxious, tired, or doubting themselves. Surround them with people who encourage, support, and believe in them.

We pray too for parents, carers, and teachers — give them patience, wisdom, and peace as they walk alongside those they love.

May every student know your presence beside them in the exam hall, your peace within them as they work, and your hope before them as they look to the future.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

*Louise Brown
Children & Youth Worker
CTG*



Services and Events in June

We're going to have one of those months where I don't really disrupt our regular pattern of worship, with alternating 8am communions (1st and 3rd Sundays in Groby, 2nd and 4th Sundays in Ratby) and then a 9.30am (in Groby) or 10am (in Ratby) service every week, alternating between communion and morning worship.

The only change will be that, with the Groby Sings concert on Sunday 28th June, we encourage everyone to come along to enjoy that and, to give tired musicians the chance to recover, there will be no Evensong that evening.

There will a variety of visiting clergy for the Communion services, including +Saju in both Groby and Ratby on 7th June. With +Saju here, he will be consecrating our new area of Churchyard after the 10am service in Ratby and the evening service in Groby will be the Deanery Confirmation service – do come along to support those across our Deanery being confirmed.

Never forget all our other regular things will continue – our lovely Telephone Church, every Sunday at 11.15am (call 0333 0164 757; room number 10336316#; pin 1920#) and during the week we continue to have morning prayer every Monday at 9am in Ratby and 9.30am Wednesday Communion in Groby every week.

Our online Compline will be every Tuesday at 9pm (<https://www.facebook.com/StPandStJ>), but do be patient with those leading as they try to do it live via our Facebook page while I am away!

God bless you all. Prayers, as ever,
Rev'd Ed

SUNDAY TELEPHONE SERVICES - JUNE

| DATE | GROBY/RATBY |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| 7th | 11.15am Telephone Church (KW) |
| 14th | 11.15am Telephone Church (RS) |
| 21st | 11.15am Telephone Church (RD) |
| 28th | 11.15am Telephone Church (KW) |

ON-LINE SERVICES - JUNE

REGULAR WEEKDAY ONLINE SERVICES

At 9pm Tuesday - night prayer

NATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES ON-LINE

There are usually national church services being streamed on Sundays that can be accessed via:

<https://www.facebook.com/thechurchofengland>

and if that is not possible there is Sunday worship on Radio 4.

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES June 2026

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| GROBY | 3rd | 10th | 17th | 24th |
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Preachers deputising for Ed during his sabbatical:

- 3 June - Rev'd Dave Hover
- 10 June - Rev'd Liz Rawlings
- 17 June - Rev'd Amanda Digman
- 24 June - Rev'd Dave Hover

GROBY/RATBY *SUNDAY SERVICES - JUNE*

| DATE | GROBY | RATBY |
|---|---|--|
| 7th Trinity Sunday | 8.00am Holy Communion (+S) | |
| | 9.30pm All Age Service (Team) | 10.00am Holy Communion + consecration (+S) |
| | 6.00pm Holy Communion + confirmation (+S) | |
| 14th 2nd Sunday of Trinity | | 8.00am Holy Communion (CW) |
| | 9.30am Holy Communion (CW) | 10.00am Morning Worship (JH/AK) |
| | 6.00pm Evensong (RS) | |
| 21st 3rd Sunday of Trinity | 8.00am Holy Communion (ED) | |
| | 9.30am Morning Worship (RD) | 10.00am Holy Communion (ED) |
| 28th 4th Sunday of Trinity | | 8.00am Holy Communion (NMc) |
| | 9.30am Holy Communion (NMc) | 10.00am Morning Worship (RD) |
| | 6.00pm Evensong (RS) | |

Preachers deputising for Ed during his sabbatical:

7 June - Bishop Saju

14 June - Archdeacon Claire Wood

21 June - Rev Canon Emma Davies

28 June - Rev Nicky McGinty

Note: during the Bishop's visit, he will also preside over the confirmations at Groby (6pm), and the consecration of the new part of the churchyard at Ratby (10am).

June Diary

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| 1st | Mon | 9.00am 7.30pm | Morning Prayer at Ratby Julian Meeting: <i>Sharing Silence</i> at Groby Library |
| 2nd | Tues | 9.15 - 10.30am 3.15 - 4.30pm 9.00pm | Tots & Toddlers at Ratby Church Kids Konnect at Ratby Church Online Night Prayer |
| 3rd | Wed | 9.30am 10.30 - 12.30pm 12.00pm | Holy Communion at Groby Final Bereavement Journey at Ratby Church Groby Church men's meeting at Stamford Arms |
| 4th | Thurs | 10.30 - 12.00pm | CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall |
| 5th | Fri | 9.30 - 11.00am 7.30 - 9.00pm | CTG CatCh at Groby URC Rock Solid at URC Groby |
| 6th | Sat | 10.00 - 12.00pm | Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC) |
| 7th | Sun | 8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.15am 6.00pm | Holy Communion at Groby All Age Worship at Groby Holy Communion at Ratby + consecration Telephone Church Holy Communion at Groby + confirmations |
| 8th | Mon | 9.00am | Morning Prayer at Ratby |
| 9th | Tues | 9.15 - 10.30am 3.15 - 4.30pm 9.00pm | Tots & Toddlers at Ratby Church Kids Konnect at Ratby Church Online Night Prayer |
| 10th | Wed | 9.30am | Holy Communion at Groby |
| 11th | Thurs | 10.30 - 12.00pm 2,30pm | CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall Church Women's Guild meeting |
| 12th | Fri | 9.30 - 11.00am 2.00pm 7.30 - 9.00pm | CTG CatCh at Groby URC Over 60s Cinema at Ratby Church Rock Solid at URC Groby |
| 13th | Sat | 10.00 - 12.00pm | Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC |
| 14th | Sun | 8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 10.30am 11,15am 2.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm | Holy Communion at Ratby Holy Communion at Groby Morning Worship at Ratby Crossfire at Groby Village Hall Telephone Church Ukelele Cuppa & Cake at URC Evensong at Groby Taizé Service at Markfield Methodist Church |
| 15th | Mon | 9.00am | Morning Prayer at Ratby |

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| 16th | Tues | 9.15 - 10.30am 3.15 - 4.30pm 9.00pm | Tots & Toddlers at Ratby Church Kids Konnect at Ratby Online Night Prayer |
| 17th | Wed | 9.30am | Holy Communion at Groby |
| 18th | Thurs | 10.30 - 12.00pm | CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall |
| 19th | Fri | 9.30 - 11.00am 7.30 - 9.00pm | CTG CatCh at Groby URC Rock Solid at URC Groby |
| 20th | Sat | 10.00 - 12.00pm | Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC <i>magazine deadline</i> |
| 21st | Sun | 8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.15am | Holy Communion at Groby Morning Worship at Groby Holy Communion at Ratby Telephone Church |
| 22nd | Mon | 9.00am | Morning Prayer at Ratby |
| 23rd | Tues | 9.15 - 10.30am 3.15 - 4.30pm 9.00pm | Tots & Toddlers at Ratby Church Kids Konnect at Ratby Church Online Night Prayer |
| 24th | Wed | 9.30am | Holy Communion at Groby |
| 25th | Thurs | 10.30 - 12.00pm | CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall |
| 26th | Fri | 9.30 - 11.00am 7.30 - 9.00pm | CTG CatCh at Groby URC Rock Solid at URC Groby |
| 27th | Sat | 10.00 - 12.00pm | Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC |
| 28th | Sun | 8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 10.30am 11.15am 12.30pm 6.00pm | Holy Communion at Ratby Holy Communion at Groby Morning Worship at Ratby Crossfire at Groby Village Hall Telephone Church Ratby Lunch Club Evensong at Groby |
| 29th | Mon | 9.00am | Morning Prayer at Ratby |
| 30th | Tues | 9.15 - 10.30am 3.15 - 4.30pm 9.00pm | Tots & Toddlers at Ratby Church Kids Konnect at Ratby Church Online Night Prayer |

Rector's Ramblings

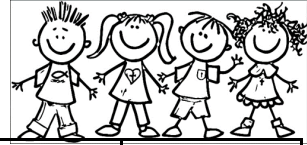
As some of you may know, I am very slightly hard of hearing, having had issues as a child. I particularly struggle in crowded noisy situations and I hope no-one feels uncomfortable at such time with me staring intently at them as I try to couple poor lip-reading skills with what I hear. This is the reason I have never been the biggest fan of the telephone and the advent of emails, text messages and then social media seemed like a God-send. And to an extent it is, allowing improvements in communication in many ways. But as always, I think the devil likes to corrupt us and our use of such things.....

It is so easy now to fire off a quick email or text or make some comment on a social media, before perhaps we have thought about it. And worse than this, we can say things these ways we would never dream of saying to someone in person – especially the social media 'keyboard warriors' who know they are unlikely to ever meet some of the people on whose posts they comment, or on whom they are commenting. Another problem with these forms of communication is that they lack the nuance and tone that a conversation can have and things can be (and often are) misinterpreted from the writer's intention. The best use of these media is for the quick transfer of information and to set up the face-to-face meetings we really need.

Jesus met with people face to face. Alright, he didn't have these other forms of communication, but I suspect our incarnational God would have still done so in this day and age. Jesus recognised the importance of direct communication with all the nuance of tone and body language that we subconsciously rely on. So, I wonder if next time we have something important to discuss, whether we eschew the email or text and arrange to meet up so we can properly talk through all that we need to. In the end it can also be more efficient than waiting on replies to misunderstood texts and emails and better for us a human beings who need to be in company and build up relationships. More than this, don't forget to have those open and honest conversations with God too and include God in our discussions – that's what prayer is all about!

God bless you all.
Rev'd Ed

Activities for children and families in our Benefice in June



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| Tues 2nd | 9.15am | Tots & Toddlers | Ratby Church | under 5s |
| Tues 2nd | 3.15pm | Kids Konnect | Ratby Church | Primary |
| Fri 5th | 9.30am | Catch | URC Groby | under 5s |
| Fri 5th | 7.30pm | Rock Solid | URC Groby | Age 10 to 15 |
| Sun 7th | 7.30pm | All Age Worship | Groby Church | Families |
| Tues 9th | 9.15am | Tots & Toddlers | Ratby Church | under 5s |
| Tues 9th | 3.15pm | Kids Konnect | Ratby Church | Primary |
| Fri 12th | 9.30am | Catch | URC Groby | under 5s |
| Fri 12th | 7.30pm | Rock Solid | URC Groby | Age 10 to 15 |
| Sun 14th | 10.30am | Crossfire | Groby Village Hall | Secondary |
| Tues 16th | 9.15am | Tots & Toddlers | Ratby Church | under 5s |
| Tues 16th | 3.15pm | Kids Konnect | Ratby Church | Primary |
| Fri 19th | 9.30am | Catch | URC Groby | under 5s |
| Fri 19th | 7.30pm | Rock Solid | URC Groby | Age 10 to 15 |
| Tues 23rd | 9.15am | Tots & Toddlers | Ratby Church | under 5s |
| Tues 23rd | 3.15pm | Kids Konnect | Ratby Church | Primary |
| Fri 26th | 9.30am | Catch | URC Groby | under 5s |
| Fri 26th | 7.30pm | Rock Solid | URC Groby | Age 10 to 15 |
| Sun 28th | 10.30am | Crossfire | Groby Village Hall | Secondary |
| Tues 30th | 9.15am | Tots & Toddlers | Ratby Church | under 5s |
| Tues 30th | 3.15pm | Kids Konnect | Ratby Church | Primary |

Get Ready for Holiday Club Fun!

Summer is on the horizon, and that can only mean one thing — Holiday Club is nearly here! Ratby church will soon be bursting with colour, creativity, and the kind of joyful chaos that only a room full of excited children can create.

This year's programme is packed with all the favourites: big energy games, imaginative drama, brilliant crafts, and stories that spark curiosity and wonder. Whether children love getting messy with glue and glitter, stepping into the spotlight, or simply laughing with friends, there'll be something for everyone.

Our team is already buzzing with ideas, and we can't wait to welcome families back for more adventures. Expect surprises, silliness, and plenty of moments that make memories.

Holiday Club runs on Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th August.

Adults are also welcome, we can't do it without our volunteers – come and join the chaos!!!

Why Children's Ministry Matters More Than Ever

Children have an incredible openness to God. They ask honest questions, notice beauty in the everyday, and remind us that faith is meant to be lived with wonder. In a world that feels fast and pressured, children's ministry isn't an optional extra — it's one of the most important things a church can offer.

Children are forming their understanding of God right now.

Most people who come to faith do so when they're young. These early years shape identity, belonging, and a sense of being loved by God. When we create safe, joyful spaces for children to explore faith, we help them build foundations that last.

Children strengthen the whole church. Their energy, honesty, and enthusiasm bring life to our worship. They help adults see God with fresh eyes and remind us that the Kingdom belongs to the childlike as much as the wise.

Families need community. Parenting today can feel overwhelming. A welcoming church — whether through toddler groups, youth groups, or simply a warm hello on a Sunday — offers support, friendship, and hope.

Children's ministry is mission. Many families first encounter church through children's activities. These moments build trust and plant seeds of faith that may grow years later.

Above all, **Jesus welcomed children** and placed them at the centre of his teaching. When we invest in children, we follow his example — choosing hope, hospitality, and a future filled with possibility. Children’s ministry matters because children matter. And every craft table, story, prayer, and biscuit shared is a small act of planting seeds that God can grow.



Churches together in Groby

DEEP SEA DIVERS HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th August

Ratby Church & Church Rooms
9.45am to 2.30pm
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Under The Sea Holiday Club Crafts

Please can you collect the following items for the holiday club in August. It would be helpful if you could keep them at your home until the beginning of July when there will be a collection box in church.

Interesting coloured egg boxes - not the usual brown ones. Green and yellow are available for example.

Large sheets of brown paper, the bigger the better.

Large pieces of blue fabric such as old sheets and duvet covers and saris (which can be returned to you if you wish.)

Unwanted undersea creature and fish soft toys. (Or please speak to me if you are willing to crochet one or two from the patterns I have.)

Interesting moulded card inserts from delivery boxes.

Plastic drinks bottles of any size that are curved on the top like scuba diver's air bottles.

Thank you,
Jane

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Ratby



Christian Aid Week ~ 10-16 May 2026

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in Christian Aid Week 2026.

Every prayer, gift and action makes a difference – God bless you all.

Here are some images of our litter picking team getting ready for action.

A fuller report will be in next month's Contact along with details of the sum raised this year.



Thank You,
Chris, Mary and Trevor.



Rector's Recipes – Cheese Scones

I love cheese scones (and if you don't, just omit the cheese, mustard and cayenne from this recipe for plain ones!) – a lovely simple treat for tea! This recipe is my old one, slightly adjusted by me, from the first cookery book my Mum gave me, 'The Radiation New World Cookery Book' – don't let the title scare you, it is full of classic recipes!

Ingredients:

- 8 oz/225g self-raising flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- Pinch of salt
- Pinch of cayenne pepper
- Pinch or two of dried mustard
- 2oz/55g cold butter, cubed
- 4oz/120g grated cheddar cheese (I use mature and for really cheesy add extra cheese to taste!) + extra for sprinkling.
- 3-4 fl oz/90-100 ml milk + extra for glazing



Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 210°C/190°C fan/Gas mark 7.
2. Sift the flour, baking powder and salt together into a bowl and add in the cayenne and mustard.
3. Rub in the butter to make a breadcrumb texture.
4. Make a well in the centre of mixture and slowly add the milk, mixing to give a soft dough – don't add all the milk at once, just enough to make sure you get the right consistency.
5. Lightly flour a surface and roll out the dough to about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch/2cm thick and cut into rounds with a 3 inch/8cm cutter.
6. Place the round onto a baking tray/sheet, brush with a little milk and sprinkle some grated cheese on top.
7. Bake for 10-15 minutes or until golden brown and cooked through.
Serve warm and lovely halved with just some butter spread on to melt in!

Rev'd Ed

CHURCH WOMEN'S GUILD - JUNE REPORT

Hello Everyone. .

I think summer is still trying to get here and stay.

11 Guild members enjoyed a lovely lunch at the BULLS HEAD PUB. on TUESDAY 5th MAY.

Our next meeting will be held on THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2026 at the home of MARY PAGE, 33 FIELDCOURT ROAD, GROBY at 2,30pm to enjoy A CREAM TEA, so bring your purses!

WE DO NOT MEET IN JULY HAVE A GOOD SUMMER.

(Further information contact Annette fowler 2873169)



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May Book Sale

We would like to say thank you to everyone who called in to the Second Hand Book Sale on 3/4/5th of May. Saturday was the busiest day, but Sunday and Monday visitors were frequent enough to have made it worth opening.

We are pleased to report that book sales totalled £102.00, and the donations for tea & cakes totalled £25.00 which will be passed on to the Church in the near future.

Again many thanks for your support.
Gill & Alan Tyler



FAIR CUPPA



| FAIR CUPPA ROTA—JUNE | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 4th | Gillian & Ruth |
| 11th | Sandra & Hilary |
| 18th | Pat & Janet |
| 25th | Peter & Enid |

Thursdays at
Groby Village Hall
10.30 to 12.00 noon

Please come along for a chat and a cuppa!

For further information contact Elizabeth Jarvis 0116 431 9990

Safeguarding Audit and Survey

Our Diocese is being audited in connection with Safeguarding this year. INEQE has been appointed by the Archbishops' Council to take an independent look at safeguarding across Church of England dioceses and cathedrals, as well as the National Safeguarding Team.

They want to check how things are working day to day and help us make sure our churches and worshipping communities are places where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

This audit is a chance to celebrate what we do well, be honest about what we could do better and learn and improve together.

It's an important part of the Church's ongoing commitment to safeguarding and being open, accountable and willing to learn.

As part of this in early June a survey will open – please, please fill it in, as this gives a full view of our Safeguarding here and across the diocese, which is all wrapped up in our love and care of one another. The details are in the leaflet below, copies of which will be in church – note there is a QR code which will take you straight to the survey (but only try later in June, as it doesn't open until then).

I know Joan Hawkins in Ratby and Fiona Brooks in Groby as our wonderful Safeguarding Coordinators will be encouraging you to do this too! So show our commitment to Safeguarding and fill in the survey!

Bless you all. *Rev'd Ed*

Safeguarding Survey 2026



Take the survey:



What's working well?

What could we do better?

Share your views on safeguarding and help us be a safer church for everyone.

leicester.anglican.org/safeguarding/audit

Our New Curate – Cameron Lewis

We are to be blessed by a curate coming to train in our Benefice once again. Cameron Lewis (Cam) will join us in September (when I am back from my Sabbatical) and I, along with all of us I am sure, will be looking forward to his arrival. He has written a short article below to introduce himself. But remember what I said before when Riffat joined us. A curate is not an extra pair of hands to take on all the things I, or others, do not have the time to do (although they do offer much to us of course!) A curate is someone who has come to learn from me about being a deacon and priest and all that entails (or as much as my experience can help to impart). But he comes not just to learn from me, but from all of us as we share our experiences of church, of God, of community and of life in all its richness. It is said it takes a village to raise a child and so similarly it takes the whole people God in a Benefice to train a curate! But may we all be open to learn from him as well. I pray that this will be a mutually enriching experience for us all – and all this to the glory of God and the building up of his Kingdom.

Oh, and a date for the diary – Cam will be ordained deacon at Michaelmas, the new pattern in our diocese, on Sunday 4th October and those who would like to are very welcome to come to the service.

Prayers and blessings,
Rev'd Ed

Hello, my name is Cameron, and I look forward to joining you at Groby and Ratby for my curacy and working with Rev Ed. I am excited to get to know you and learn about your gifts and passions.

For the past 11 years, I have been living in Shepshed. Before entering the discernment process, I worked in social work, specifically in the private sector of fostering, where I provided support to foster carers and the children in their care. I have a deep passion for working with children and young people, and I actively support the work of the Amos Trust, Christian Aid, and Veterans' charities.

Throughout my curacy, there may be occasions when you will meet my daughters, Francesca and Edith. In initial meetings, they can be quite shy and sometimes become overwhelmed when meeting many new people at once. However, they enjoy attending Greenbelt, participating in children's church activities, and singing the beloved song "Little Donkey" at the Christmas services. I believe it's important for them to choose when they would like to be involved, so you may not see them every week.



Over the last two years, I have had the privilege of studying at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, just outside of Oxford. During this time, I engaged in a lengthy discernment process regarding my gender identity. With the support of family and friends, I reached a place where I changed my name and pronouns from the former name by which some of you may have known me. Alongside my theological studies, my placement churches have been St. Luke's, Stocking Farms, and Christ the King in Beaumont Leys. My sending church was All Saints with Holy Trinity in Loughborough. These churches have been a blessing in my faith and ordination training, providing a variety of worship styles, including Anglo-Catholic, choral tradition, and charismatic worship. I particularly enjoy the diversity found in worship at On Fire Mission conference.

My hope is that God's Spirit will guide us as we seek to listen, learn, and thrive together. Hopefully, with some coffee along the way as we serve one another and glorify God's holy name.

Many Blessings, Cameron

NEWS FROM...



“*Food, Glorious Food*” Hope you’re working up an appetite for **Groby Sings goes a la Carte**, our summer concert. This season it will take place at:

Brockington College, Enderby, LE19 4AQ on **Saturday 27th June, 7.00pm** and **Sunday 28th June, 3.00pm**. This is a very welcoming, comfortable and accessible venue which we have used before. There is plenty of parking.

We’re maintaining our low-cost ticket price, which this season will be just **£5**. Tickets will be available from **The Groby Club** during their normal opening hours as well as at **Wednesday afternoon and evening rehearsals**. Also, choir members will be pleased to purchase tickets for family, friends and neighbours at rehearsals. Please note that tickets for the Sunday performance are always extremely popular and sell out quickly so don’t delay if you would like tickets for that one.

Remember too that we’re still welcoming singers of all abilities (or none!) with no requirement to sing in the concerts. Come along on Wednesdays at a time to suit you and enjoy making music and eating cake – after all we are singing *a la Carte*!

Adult singers: 1.30-3.00pm **and/or** 7.30-9.00pm, **Youth & Children’s Choir** (7 years and over): 3.40-4.40pm. Pre-school children are welcome in the afternoon in the care of their adult with a crèche area available.

Enquiries via our [website www.grobysings.org](http://www.grobysings.org) and check out our Facebook page too.

Groby Sings is a Registered Charity no. 1180490

As I write, the town of Worcester is recovering from severe storms, leaving the Town without electricity due to wind damage felling trees and damaging cables. The water pipe from reservoir was washed away and most of the town is without water. Water tankers have been deployed.

Our house & garden has only minor nuisance damage. The big tree outside blew down, pulling the cables. But it didn't touch house/car and lays as if gently placed parallel to our garden wall. It did however block us in, unable to use gate and driveway. For two days, our whole area was cut off through the falling of trees and cables

So we couldn't get to the guys in Town. Totally unsafe to walk

However, tree has been cut and gateway cleared. In fact, the tree laying over our drive actually protected it! Usually heavy rain washes away the gravel etc and Steve has to carry it all back from end of the road. That didn't happen this time. And the debris and sawdust from tree cutting/shredding filled in any other holes. We could drive out easily.

Without electricity and water we have only managed a simple breakfast for the past two days. Candles to light our preparations. Two little gas rings for the coffee.

Driving round 6am to find the guys with hot coffee and bread, with sandwiches, meals and snacks made from the rapidly defrosting freezer! 87 people seen Thursday, our usual Breakfast day; 70 today, Friday. Toiletries given. And a lot listening.

There's much more to say but we should save our phones. (Recharged at Macdonalds one morning!) A friend has given us a power pack for today & tomorrow. I will try to update Instagram. That will have more details.

Steve and I are fine, very tired. We are very aware of the Lord's protection and are trying to receive His peace, if you know what I mean. So much to think and plan, adjust, adapt and not feel guilty! The Lord is Faithful and very very present.

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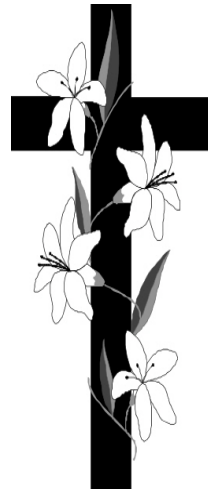


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