

Worship & Events

IN THE NORTH BELTISLOE BENEFICE GROUP OF PARISHES

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



September to December 2026

If you wish to book a baptism, wedding or funeral,
please contact the Churchwarden of your church

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Ropsley Church has been sweltering in the heatwaves this summer, and it is now unusually warm inside the building. The warm, dry weather (whether you love it or not) has been an opportunity for building works to be carried out on the church. Following our 5 yearly quinquennial architect inspection in 2024, a list of repair works were identified. A specialist stonemason company has been employed to carry out the works which included extensive stonework to some of the windows, roof repairs, specialist window cleaning of the high windows to remove green mould, replacement of guttering and downpipes and restoration of the outer front door. These are all extremely important to maintain the grade 1 listed building and preserve it for years to come. We are fortunate to have been able to afford the works and are now mindful of the importance of building up our financial reserves again to be able to continue to maintain the church in excellent condition into the future. The process of appointing a new vicar, an oversight minister, to cover our Benefice, and also Colsterworth and the Withams, is continuing, and we hope to have the process completed within the next few months.

Services have continued on the first and third Sundays of the month, usually taken by Bishop Hall Speers, assisted by Ken Mann and Robert Holland. Our thanks goes to them for their hard work during the interregnum.

We have had well attended evening fundraising events with Pete Williamson giving a fascinating talk on the history of television in May, and Robert Holland's enjoyable and entertaining talk about his life and career, at the beginning of August. It is always good to have the church used by the community for events as well as for regular services.

Looking ahead to autumn, we will be holding a flower arranging workshop at 11am in the church on Friday 4th September, the day before the village produce show; a harvest supper on Saturday 3rd October; a cafe church harvest festival on Sunday 11th October and our Remembrance service in November. There will also be the wreath making workshop on Saturday 28th November at 11am in the church.

Please join us for any of our events or services, you will be most welcome, or simply visit the church for some quiet time and enjoy its beautiful peaceful atmosphere.

It's great when our community comes together as we did for the Plant sale on the 31st May. Thanks to donations we had a wide variety of plants to purchase, tea and cake on demand and even some games for the young or young at heart to enjoy. All in all, a successful and enjoyable afternoon for the many who attended.

The newly elected PCC met in June to discuss the year ahead and plan events to continue to build upon our community engagement.

The first of these is the Ride and Stride 2026 which takes place in Lincolnshire on 12th September where participating churches open their doors to welcome cyclists, walkers and visitors to raise funds for the Lincolnshire Churches trust and the National Churches Trust.

This year the Macmillan Nurses coffee morning will be held in the church on 23rd September 10am -12noon. We are looking for donations towards a raffle for this event which can be left in advance inside the church.

A community Harvest Supper is also planned for Saturday 26th September at 7.00pm for which tickets will be on sale shortly. A harvest festival service of thanksgiving will take place on the Sunday, 27th September.

As we have done in previous years, we will hold a short time for reflection at 9.45am on Remembrance Sunday, allowing attendees flexibility to go on to other events on the day.

This year we are also organising a Christmas tree festival followed by a Christingle service supported by Brownies and Rainbows on 6th December with donations split between the church and Rainbows Hospice. Our Christmas Eve carol service will be on December 24th at 5.00pm.

We would like to remind readers that Ingoldsby Church acts as a drop off point for donated produce which is taken to the local Food Bank.

Most importantly we would like to thank Bishop Hall Speers for his ongoing ministry to us across the benefice and for those who support our church on a regular basis through their selfless acts including helping with lay ministry, building maintenance, flowers and administration. St Bartholomew's Ingoldsby is designated a 'Community church' and we need village support to ensure it lives up to that name and develops shoots of new growth.

North Beltisloe Services September to December 2026

Date 2026	Time	Location	Event
Wed 2 nd Sep	10 am	Ropsley	Prayers for the sick
Sun 6 th Sep	9.30 am	Ropsley	Benefice Communion
Sat 12 th Sep	10 am	Ingoldsby	Messy Church
Sun 13 th Sep	11 am	Ingoldsby	Communion
Sun 20 th Sep	9.30 am	Old Somerby	Communion
	9.30 am	Sapperton	Morning Prayer
Sun 27 th Sep	10 am	Braceby	Harvest Festival
	11 am	Lenton	Communion
	11 am	Ingoldsby	Harvest Festival
Sun 4 th Oct	9.30 am	Sapperton	Morning Prayer
	3 pm	Lenton	Harvest Festival
Wed 7 th Oct	10 am	Ropsley	Prayers for the sick
Sat 10 th Oct	10 am	Ingoldsby	Messy Church
Sun 11 th Oct	10 am	Ropsley	Harvest Festival Cafe church
	11 am	Ingoldsby	Communion
Fri 16 th Oct	7 pm	Sapperton	Harvest Festival
Sun 18 th Oct	9.30 am	Ropsley	Communion
	6 pm	Old Somerby	Harvest Festival
Sun 25 th Oct	11 am	Boothby Pagnell	Morning Prayer
	11 am	Ingoldsby	Morning Prayer
Sun 1 st Nov	9.30 am	Ropsley	All Saints Day Communion
	11.00 am	Braceby	Remembrance
Mon 2 nd Nov	6.30 pm	Old Somerby	All Souls' Day
Wed 4 th Nov	10 am	Ropsley	Prayers for the sick
Sun 8 th Nov	9.45 am	Ingoldsby	Remembrance
	10 am	Ropsley	Remembrance

Remembrance Sunday	10.45 am	Lenton	Remembrance
	3 pm	Old Somerby	Communion
Sat 14 th Nov	10 am	Ingoldsby	Messy Church
Sun 15 th Nov	9.30 am	Sapperton	Communion
Sun 22 nd Nov	9.30 am	Old Somerby	Communion
Sun 29 th Nov Advent Sunday	10 am	Boothby Pagnell	Patronal Festival Benefice Communion
Wed 2 nd Dec	10 am	Ropsley	Prayers for the sick
Sun 6 th Dec	9.30 am	Sapperton	Patronal Festival Communion
	4 pm	Ingoldsby	Christingle
Sat 12 th Dec	10 am	Ingoldsby	Messy Church
Sun 13 th Dec	11 am	Lenton	Benefice Communion
Sun 20 th Dec	9.30 am	Ropsley	Communion
	3 pm	Braceby	Carol Service
	3 pm	Lenton	Carol Service
	6 pm	Old Somerby	Carol Service
Mon 21 st Dec	6.30 pm	Boothby Pagnell	Carol Service
Tue 22 nd Dec	6.30 pm	Ropsley	Carol Service
	7 pm	Sapperton	Carol Service
Thu 24 th Dec Christmas Eve	3 pm	Ropsley	Crib Service
	5 pm	Ingoldsby	Carol Service
	6 pm	Ropsley	Communion
Fri 25 th Dec Christmas Day	9.30 am	Old Somerby	Communion

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

Wanted: Singers to join the Group Choir. No experience necessary just to enjoy singing. We are a small friendly group meeting each week and normally attend 2 services a month in the Group. For more info contact Janet Vince on 01476 585431.

Braceby

Many thanks to Bishop Speers who, at the end of May led St Margaret's church in Holy Communion. A sizeable congregation, boosted by very welcome visitors from elsewhere in the Benefice were then treated to hospitality after the Service provided across the road by Jenny Leslie.

Having just completed work to secure loose stones in the chancel arch, the extended dry weather has caused problems. Movement in the building has resulted in further internal and external cracking, again in the chancel. This is being carefully monitored and the church remains open.

Interestingly, past Quinquennial Reports show that several of the same cracks opened (and were then closed) during the heat wave of 1976. The only positive of the dry spell is that we have a reduced grass cutting bill. Every cloud!!!

We remain very much part of the effort to recruit a new vicar in what does seem to be an increasingly protracted process. We all very much look forward to the post being filled.

Services at St Margaret's are published until the end of the year with our next event being a Harvest Festival at 10am on Sunday 27 September.

Old Somerby

Fundraising this year began well, with the cake stall at The Orchards Brocante realising £995.00p in sales and donations. Many thanks to Tom and Chloe for involving the church again in this enjoyable event.

There was also a wonderful response to a midsummer coffee morning held at the Manor House, where £555.10 was raised, a record amount for a Coffee Morning. Grateful thanks to Veronica, Peter, and all those who contributed, not forgetting our talented musicians, Steve, Pam and Jenny. This was the last church event Steve would take part in, as he and Maggie have now moved to York. We wish them well, but we shall miss them, and the church community will most certainly miss Steve's violin.

This good start was particularly welcome, as we get closer to beginning the repairs to our church roof. We have now appointed an architect. He is preparing detailed

plans of the work required and will be inviting tenders. PCC members also had a few zoom meetings with staff at the Church Buildings Office in Lincoln, who will help us through the lengthy process of applying for grants. We welcome any innovative ideas for fundraising.

We are very grateful to Bishop Hall Speers, who will be taking our Holy Communion services this Autumn and who continues to support us generously with his time and experience. We also continue to hold the very short and informal service of Evening Prayer introduced by Revd Anna, on Wednesdays at 4.00pm. Looking ahead, our Harvest Festival will take place at 6.00pm on Sunday, October 18th. The church will be decorated as usual, displaying harvest produce alongside tinned and long-life goods which will be sent on to Grantham Passage. Please leave your gifts in the porch if the church is not open, or phone us to collect them. The church will be open for decorating on Saturday, October 17th. New decorators are always most welcome. Please contact Len on 01476 568439 or Judy Ayto, on 01476 579241.

November brings the season of Remembrance, beginning with our service for All Souls' Day on Monday, November 2nd at 6.30pm, when our loved ones are remembered. Please do contact the churchwardens if you would like someone's name included. In the same week, Remembrance Sunday this year falls on November 8th. As usual, we will have a service of Holy Communion which includes the reading of the names on our two war memorial tablets. Bishop Speers will be taking this service at the earlier time of 3.00pm.

And finally, arrangements for Christmas; the Carol Service will be on Sunday, December 21st at 6.00pm. We shall follow the long-established custom of bringing gifts for children in need, to place under the Christmas tree. For some years past, Steve has assembled his musician friends to accompany the carols, and we hope this tradition will also continue. If you would like to join them, we should be delighted to hear from you.

On Christmas Day, our service of Holy Communion will be at 9.30.

As always, our grateful thanks to all our volunteers who, in many different ways, support the life of our church.

Whatever your gift happens to be, we can use it.

Messy Church

Messy Church has continued through the summer with numbers remaining constant. The children have learnt about 'The house built on rock and the house built on sand, great fun was had with this story. Then we had covered the story of 'The Paralyse man being lower through the roof' and to finish out term we learnt about 'The Creation'.

Although Messy Church is held in Ingoldsby we welcome families from all our villages, there is no need to book, just pop along and see what goes on. We meet the second Saturday in the month (except August) 10.00- 12.00. The morning starts with at least 4 craft activities then the children have a story and sing followed by a light lunch.

I am very grateful to all our volunteers who come and help with the crafts, providing lunch and generally helping, without them this club would not run. If you think you might like to be involved, either by helping or bringing your families along, we would be delighted to welcome you.

Just turn up at a meeting or email diana_burrows@hotmail.co.uk

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