



All Saints'

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Vicar's Welcome Message

Welcome to the second bumper May and June edition of a freshly revamped church newsletter! It contains all of the up to date information and (when read online) internet links you're used to, plus we're also including some articles about events which have already happened, plus- from time to time- photos! I hope this will prove to be a blessing to you, and that it will help you engage in church life on Sundays and throughout the week. All Saints Herald will be available online and in print as usual. If you have any feedback on this new style, please let Gayle in the Parish Office know on 07907 022858 or allsaintshbshoffice@gmail.com

Vicar, Nicky Skipworth

Sunday Morning Worship in May and June

we'd love you to stay for refreshments after the service

10 am Sunday 5 th May	Parish Mass for the 6 th Sunday of Easter
10 am Sunday 12 th May	Parish Mass for Ascension Sunday
10 am Sunday 19 th May	Parish Mass for Pentecost (with baptism of Ben)
10 am Sunday 26 th May	Parish Mass for Trinity Sunday
10 am Sunday 2 nd June	Parish Mass for the 1 st Sunday after Trinity
10 am Sunday 9 th June	Parish Mass for the 2 nd Sunday after Trinity
10 am Sunday 16 th June	Parish Mass for the 3 rd Sunday after Trinity
10 am Sunday 23 rd June	Parish Mass for the 4 th Sunday after Trinity
10 am Sunday 30 th June	Parish Mass for the 5 th Sunday after Trinity

7pm Sundays - Evening Worship (online)

10am Thursdays - Midweek Worship (in-person) 9am Fridays - Aspirations Prayer Time (online)

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

Ensuring that children and young people as well as adults are kept safe whilst in our care is an integral part of our church life. If you have any concerns about safeguarding please contact: Sandra Miller, Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator 07903 756492 and/or the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor 01636 817200.
Out of Hours for Children & Adults: Nottinghamshire: 0300 4564546
Bawtry: 01302 796000

Midweek Worship

10am Thursdays- we are back in church (many thanks to the Pavilion for their hospitality through the winter period). If you would like to bring your furry or younger family members to worship – you are very welcome to do so. Everyone is welcome.

For church team
contact details, please
call the Parish Office
on 07907 022858.

Vicar 07734 233742

Next 'normal' PCC meeting

With the Annual
Meeting having taken
place the week
before, the first
meeting of the new
2024-2025 Parochial
Church Council
(PCC) will be 6.45pm
on Tuesday 21st May

'Simply...'

Our beautiful and
innovative service
takes place, hosted
by Gillian and Ron at
7pm on Wednesday
15th May and
Wednesday 19th June
in All Saints'.



*Please use
the QR
Code*

Church Welcomer Training - Part 2

Congratulations and
well done to the 20+
people from All Saints',
All Hallows Ordsall
and St Michael's West
Retford who took part
in the first half of the
course, 'Being a Good
Christian Ally to the
LGBTQIA Community'
led by the Rev'd Alex
Sheills! The training
(*'The Theology and
Practicalities of an
Excellent Welcome'*)
continues with a
further three sessions
at All Saints' from 7pm
on Tuesday 4th, 11th
and 18th June. 

Please click
QR code for
Link to leaflet

Baptism of Ben Disbrey on Sunday 19th May

Please pray for Ben who
Nicky is currently preparing
for his (adult) baptism over
four sessions. Do, please,
come to the ceremony
(during the 10am Parish
Mass) as Ben makes his own
promises of faith in Christ
and belonging to the Church.

First Wedding of the Year

Congratulations to Sean and
Anna on the occasion of their
wedding on Saturday 24th
May at 3pm, officiated by the
Vicar. As befits this public
occasion, all are welcome.

Sermon Review Month

As some of you may be aware, every year we hold a
'Sermon Review' for the entire month. This is so you
can give your feedback on the content, topic and
delivery of Sermons for the month. Therefore we are
happily requesting your input for sermons in May.
Please follow or click on the QR code below for the
form you want to use to give anonymous feedback:

Online version

or

Printable Version



Parish Office Closed

Please be aware that the Parish Office will be closed for a holiday (half term) from 2.30pm Friday 27th May until Monday 3rd June. At this time we recommend that you send your enquiries either via email to allsaintshbshoffice@gmail.com or contact Nicky on 07734 233742 (please note Nicky's holidays (27th May to 2nd June).

All Saints' Church Annual Meeting (APCM)

Our meeting to take stock of 2023 and look ahead to 2024 and beyond takes place in the church building from 7pm to approximately 8pm on Tuesday 14th May. An information pack will be distributed by email and in print beforehand providing reports representing the wide variety of activities undertaken by our congregation, lay ministers and Vicar. The annual meeting is rarely well attended, which is a great disappointment given that it is taking place for such important reasons. If this is truly your church, please come and support its work - listen and vote for various roles. You can attend in person, or via [the Zoom link](#) (you will also need the passcode from the Vicar). In preparation for the meeting you are invited to check your entry on the electoral roll. [Click here for the APCM information pack \(available from 1 May\).](#)

Small Saints

This is our twice-monthly 'chat and play' group for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers (plus younger home-schooled children)! All kinds of families are welcome.

Fridays: 10th May & 14th June 10 -11am

Thursdays: 23rd May & 27th June 11am - 12pm

On Thursdays, our midweek act of worship takes place at 10am and Small Saints folx are welcome to come early and join in with this, too.

Please scan or click the QR code for the poster.



PCC Vacancies

The APCM will be held on Tuesday 14th May in church starting at 6.30pm. There are three vacancies to serve on the Parochial Church Council. Nomination forms for election will be available in church. Nominees must be over 16 and have been on the Electoral Roll of the parish for at least six months. Nominees can serve for one to three years.

Pastoral visiting

Did you know we provide monthly visits to Meadow View (formerly Hesley Village) in Hesley, Brailsford House on Main Street and Rose Farm Care Home in Styrrup? We also offer one to one visits to people living in their own home, including follow up after a funeral. Just call/WhatsApp our Parish Office for more information on 07907 022858, or the Vicar on 07734 233742. No previous church connection is necessary to receive a visit and we are always delighted to be asked. Please pray for Beryl and Ann currently in training by Nicky for visiting care home settings.

Harworth and Bircotes Pride

Please pray for Pastor Sean Worsley of Harworth Methodist Church, and Deacon Emily Hoe-Crook as they meet Nicky the Vicar on 1st May to discuss arrangements for the shared church tent at H&B Pride. There will then be another meeting for those helping at the tent on the day. Plans for the event are coming along apace. It takes place from 12pm on Saturday 6 July, starting with the Pride Walk from Snipe Park to the Civic Square where there will be fabulous live-music compered by Ken Lambert, lots of stalls selling food and drink, Pride merchandise for sale and, of course, our own church tent. Let's be clear, Pride is not only for the LGBTQI+ Community, but for 'straight' allies to come out in public support. The Church teaches that we should love our God and our neighbour as ourselves, so let's do this!

Pride Poster:



Pride Facebook Group:



Vicar on holiday

As well as the Bank Holiday on Monday 6th May, Nicky will also be on holiday 27th May to 2nd June.

All Saints' Herald (ASH) Submission Deadline

Please ensure you send your submissions for July and August's new look All Saints' Herald to Gayle by 18th June. You can send them to the office email

on

allsaintshbshoffice@gmail.com or phone the office on

07907 022858

Easter Extravaganza egg-citing event!

Our wonderful Easter Event was a wonderful success. A huge thanks to the amazing Tickhill & District Lions Club that enabled us, with their generous funding, to postpone the event and change the venue – taking Easter out into the community on the green near Arundel Walk. We had egg rolling, snacks, face painting and other Easter related fun and it was an absolute joy to spend a few hours with the children, young people and their parents. Thank you to everyone that attended and made the day egg-citing, and well done to Gillian and Gayle who, with Nicky, led the event! All left over funds from the event will be going into our Christmas children's party unless we need to use them for an extra event in the meantime.



Photos: Of Nicky, Gillian & Children having fun rolling eggs at our Easter Extravaganza.



Preparing for Baptism

Please note that All Saints' is reverting to the original way of preparing families for baptism. Parent(s) is/are required to attend public worship any Sunday, fill in a form (which we ask both parents to sign) and return for a rehearsal in Church at a later date. It is essential that we treat all newcomers with the same grace we would treat our own family members approaching the Church for help to celebrate an important life event. Please pray for Stella, our wonderful Baptism Coordinator.

Banns of Marriage

We are entering wedding season! Just like families seeking baptism, please give a warm welcome to couples attending worship to hear their Banns called. They don't have to attend worship, which makes their presence even more special.

New Online Host

Well done to Karen Gair who, following a period of training, is on duty for the first time on 5 May. Thank you to OHs Ron, Martin and Gayle for supporting Karen's training.

Aspirations "Outward Bound" church visits

As you know we are working on our five year strategy (Aspirations) so in order to get an idea of how, and increase awareness, church and ministry are done elsewhere in our deanery we will be holding a number of "outward bound" visits to other churches. Small groups of our team (two or more) will be visiting churches on Sundays the 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th June and 7th July. Rest assured that our usual 10am service will continue, lead by Nicky. We are hoping to include:

- All Saints', Babworth
- All Saints', Rampton
- All Saints' Church, Cottenham
- St Nicholas' Church, Bawtry
- St Giles' Church, Elkesley
- St Swithun's Church, Retford,
- St John's Church, Carlton-In-Lindrick
- St Mark's Church, Worksop
- All Saints' (South Leverton), Retford



Please follow the QR Code link above for confirmation on the dates for each visit, all current worshippers from All Saints' are welcome to attend to give us as wide a perspective as possible. If you would like to join one of the visits, please see Ann Wilson in church, or contact the office on allsaintshbshoffice@gmail.com or 07907 022858. Transport will be available for Outward Bounders.

Meet the Team

*Every edition of the **All Saints' Herald** we'll be taking a look at our team here at All Saints' church. We will be introducing who we are, what we do within the church – so you can put names and faces together and our roles within Church.*

In the spotlight in this edition, is our very own church itself, the building that is so much more than bricks and mortar, **All Saints' Church**.

“Dear Humans and Doggy Worshipers,

**May I introduce myself? I'm the bricks and mortar of All Saints Church!
Hello! Yes, these walls CAN speak!**

Imagine my shock and delight when Nicky spoke to me quietly on Sunday morning and suggested I write to tell you about myself! I don't think anyone has ever thought to do this before, and yet I've been welcoming you, and maybe generations of your families, for hundreds of years! I'm part of the Team, too, aren't I - helping you the church family to pass on your faith to the current generation.

I've changed an awful lot in this time, you know, although people still say - even though they like electricity - they don't like change at all in a place of worship like me! As Nicky the Vicar often says, everyone loves the change they can't do without. I love the new blue carpet, by the way, and thankfully incense and people running late for the service never bothers me. Mind you, Nicky's sermons can test my patience at times, especially on a chilly day.

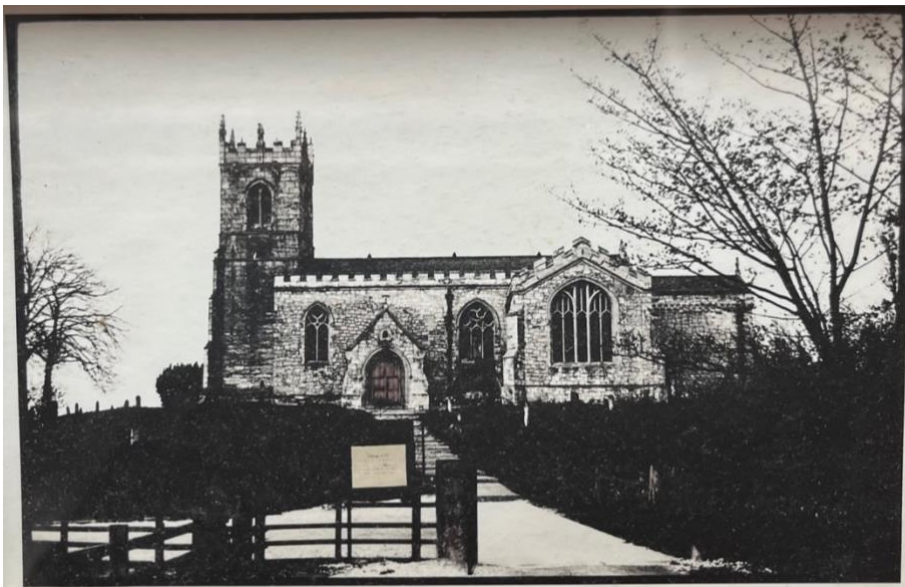


Photo: All Saints' Church back in 1986. Photographer unknown. (Photo provided by J Wilson.)

My walls are so old (and very crumbly in places!). I can hardly remember how old I am; could my oldest part be the belltower? I needed to be seen for miles around from day one, you see...that was until the pit head was built, of course, then I learnt some humility! I'm also filled with all sorts of treasures, but the best treasures of all have a heart-beat - that's you, by the way...in case you're wondering. The other great treasure is kept in the little safe in the sanctuary next to the main altar. You'll know it's there because there's a little miner's lamp shining. I cannot tell you how special it is to host the very presence of God! Actually, with me being on a little hill, and by a source of water, it's likely I'm not the first place of worship to be here.

At my last estimation, I reckon that since my doors were opened I've personally welcomed... Ohhhh... about 3,769,091 people, give or take a few hundred? Then there's all those precious ones buried, or sometimes even living, in the Churchyard. I watch so many humans and doggies (not to mention wild animals and birds of prey) enjoying my Churchyard. What a privilege to be here for you all. I love how I'm dedicated to All Saints - let no one be shut out from holiness! I welcome all sinners, too.

It's great being a place where God is worshipped. Oh, the stories I could tell you!!! But the only actual mouth I have (apart from my bells, which Nicky is trying to get rung more often!) is, well, yours, actually. I have neither ears nor feet. But let's remember that I'm here for a purpose: to be a place of worship for the parish, a place for celebration, for sadness, for laughter, for learning and sharing and for...just being together as part of the local church family. As I keep hearing lots of you saying when you're inside me, the church is more than a building; I have a mission, too. I wonder what you think my mission is nowadays, and how much longer do we have together to complete it? Anyway, I'm sure I will - as people often say - always be here.

Me and the angel of All Saints' Church send our love,
All Saints xx”



*Photo: All Saints
Church in all their glory
and splendour today.
Photo credit: Ben
Elliott - Hill*

A HUGE “Thank you!”

All Saints' would like to extend a HUGE “Thank you!” to everyone who donates to our church. Whether it's your time, expertise, items, cash, gifts – we are incredibly appreciative and grateful that you enable to continue what we do here at All Saints'. In April we have been exceptionally fortunate to not only have the fabulous donation of tea lights from so many sources, but also find funding as a donated gift to keep our website www.allsaintshbsh.co.uk going for another 3 years - donations of tealights are always invited. Thank you so much to each and every one who has donated! (Most have done so anonymously but many thanks to Hathaway's Funeral Directors for their donation too). Donations covered the whole cost exc. VAT (£431)

All Saints' Herald Ideas

Is there something you would like to see in future edition of The All Saints' Herald? If so, please send these ideas to us. Equally if you would like to advertise your event in future editions of the ASH – please contact the Parish office.

Are you dyslexic? Do you avoid gluten or alcohol?

Please speak to a Churchwarden or the Vicar (07734 233742) for further assistance as there are changes that can be made discretely to support your time in Church.

If only the church could run on goodwill alone!

You may have picked up that the Vicar has been officially notified (and been told to tell you) that if All Saints' - by whatever means possible - cannot raise its full annual Parish Share by the time Nicky leaves (probably 2029), it will be at least a further 10 years until the Diocese allows the vacancy to be filled. Lack of real-world giving plus noticeable changes to numbers attending worship is causing serious shortfalls when paying for utilities, Vicar and volunteer expenses, repairs and consumables for worship as well. So this situation has now become very real, but we still have time to turn things around. This matter will be raised at our next annual meeting (APCM) on the 14th May.

Online Links & Information

[April – May Rota](#) [June – July Rota](#) (work in progress)

Service Booklets: [Easter Season](#) [Saints & Special Days](#) [Sundays after Trinity](#)

[Upcoming Facebook live-streams](#) [Past Facebook live-streamed events](#)

[Parish Prayer List](#)

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