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GROUP SERVICES FOR MAY 2026

DATE	SWINDERBY	EAGLE	N. SCARLE	THORPE
May 3 rd			H.C. 9.30a.m.	M.P. 11.00a.m.
May 7 th		H.C. 10.00a.m.		
May 10 th	H.C. 9.30a.m.	M.P. 11.00a.m.		E.P. 6.30p.m.
May 17 th		E.P. 6.00p.m.	M.P. 11.00a.m.	H.C. 9.30a.m.
May 24 th	Family Service 4.00p.m.	H.C. 11.00a.m.		
May 31 st	Group Holy Communion Service at N. Scarle, 10.30a.m.			

Please read this Service Plan in conjunction with the calendar on the back page

H.C.	Holy Communion	M.P.	Morning Prayer
E.P.	Evening Prayer		Sundays

Additional notes and information:

The online service of Morning Prayer, Monday to Friday at 9.00am, will continue on the North Scarle Facebook page.

Faith in Poetry:

a new poetry appreciation group in Thorpe-on-the-Hill

The purpose of the group will be to read and fall in love with poetry. I have been reading poems out loud to small groups for 20 years. The best Poems capture the heart and soul of a human being, in words that are always alive, always abundant with meaning, and always finding new ways into your soul. The best Poems are about being human: alive with joy, alive with pain, alive with unanswered questions. We will meet fortnightly (or as agreed) at a convenient location.

If you are interested, get in touch, and we will work out a good time and date: Patrick Bond, 07425-011341. Email patrickgpbond@yahoo.co.uk.

Kirkside, 2 Main Street, Thorpe-on-the-Hill, Lincoln LN6 9BG

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Taize –

Pilgrimage for Young Adults 18-35 August 1st 2026

Participating in a pilgrimage to Taizé is time set aside to search for communion with God through community, prayer, song, silence, personal reflection and sharing. A stay in Taizé can help to step back from daily life, to meet a wide variety of people and consider our commitment in the Church and in society. During a visit, all participants join in the community life of Taizé and the daily programme.

If you know someone who might be interested, speak to Yola or Andrew.

Anna Chaplaincy News

The Diocese has Anna Chaplaincy training running during the year. Alongside the development of Anna Chaplains, another role has emerged organically: that of an Anna Friend. Such volunteers are proving invaluable as they work alongside the Anna Chaplains, often giving a few hours a week to suit their own circumstances and play to their strengths and gifts. In this way, whether as Anna Chaplains or Anna Friends, the Anna Chaplaincy movement is empowering more lay people to be part of supporting older people and meeting their spiritual needs.

Revd. Andrew writes:

Hello

Well the Vaughan household are still on a high after Lincoln City securing promotion to the Championship. As I write these notes the club's focus is on securing the title, not just getting promoted.

This will be the first time in over 60 years Lincoln have been in the second tier of English football, and for many fans something they would have never dreamt of.

One of my favourite theologians notes that wherever we experience any form of love there we experience God. So often we think of divine love as being something precious and so otherworldly. Whereas if we took the Christmas and Easter stories seriously then it is the ordinary where we experience love is of God.

This sense of being open to love is perhaps something our world needs right now, with wars and rumours of wars all around us; with our world facing massive environmental challenges. Just perhaps we need to be opened to love in the ordinary, that is for everyone, and there we will find the seeds of global change. Seeing the precious and beautiful as close by, leading to realisation that domination and superiority are not the real answers.

Hopefully, by the next time I write Lincoln will have gone up as champions.

As ever
Andrew



In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus doesn't teach a list of beliefs to be memorized and recited. Instead, he teaches a way of life that culminates in a call to revolutionary love. This revolutionary love goes far beyond conventional love, the love that distinguishes between us and them, brother and other, or friend and enemy (Matthew 5:43). Instead, we need to love as God loves, with non-discriminatory love that includes even the enemy....

From the Centre for Action and Contemplation

Views From The Pews

SWINDERBY

Coffee Stop – Coffee Stop in Swinderby Church continues on Monday mornings between 10.30am. and 12 noon.

Swinderby Village Lunch – Our next lunch will be on Wednesday 13th May at 12 noon in Swinderby Village Hall. Please let Maureen Fillingham know if you will be joining us, 01522 861711 or 07594 354613. A donation £3.00 will be very welcome.

From Gill

EAGLE

A.P.C.M. – Tuesday, 5th May at 7.00p.m. in the Vestry.

Coffee Stop – Coffee Stop in Eagle Church continues on Tuesday mornings between 10.00am. and 12 noon.

Fellowship Lunch – We look forward to seeing you again on Friday, 29th May, at 12 noon in Eagle Village Hall, price £4.00. Please contact Sue Stiles to book on 869296.

Date for the Diary – Bassingham Choir concert, Friday 24th July at 7.30p.m.

From Jean

NORTH SCARLE

Coffee Morning – The Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 13th May, 10.30 – 12 noon. Everyone welcome.

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Coming and going

Your child has started growing up when he stops asking you where he came from and starts refusing to tell you where he's going.

THORPE

Morning and Evening Prayer

The church is open on weekdays 9.30 - 5pm

Morning prayer 9am broadcast on the NorthScarle FB page
<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=north%20scarle%20church>

Evening Prayer 5pm when the church is locked. All welcome.

Time of Reflection and Stillness

Last Friday of the month – 29th May at 5.30p.m.

Parent and Toddler Group – every Monday in term time 9.30- 11am.

Mini St. Michael's – meets every Monday 9.30 – 11.00a.m. during term time.

Knit and Natter – Second Tuesday of the month 12th May at 1.30 – 3.30p.m. in the church.

Candle Lit Yoga – Every Thursday at 7.30pm. in church.

Afternoon Tea – Third Wednesday 20th May, 2.30 – 4.00p.m.

Games Night – Fourth Wednesday 27th May 7 – 9pm. Come and have a digital detox with traditional board games, dominoes and cards. Cake, snacks and hot drinks provided.



Plant Sale

Saturday 2nd May 10am – 1pm



Come and get your plants

Enjoy refreshments

Buy raffle tickets

Catch up with friends old and new.

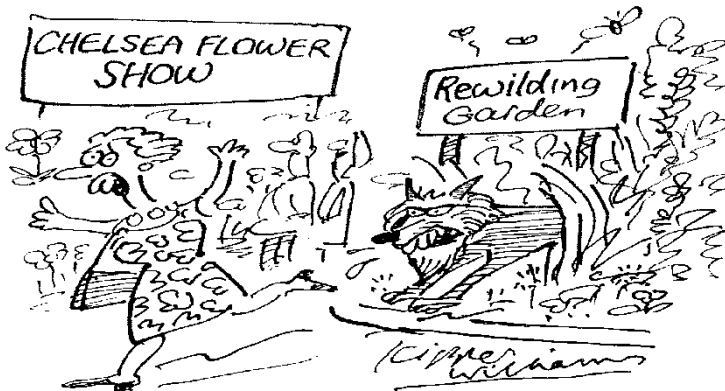


From Barbara

The Venerable Bede

Remembered on 25th May, Bede was born in Northumbria around the year 670. When he was seven years old, his family gave him to the monastery of St Peter and St Paul at Wearmouth. He then moved to Jarrow, where he lived as a monk for the rest of his life. Although it seems he never travelled further than York, his monastery - first under Abbott Benet Biscop and then Abbott Ceolfrith - was a centre of learning, and Bede studied extensively. He used all the resources available to write the most complete history of Christian England up to the year 729, as well as commentaries on books of the Bible. He was renowned for his monastic fidelity and his love of teaching, and was fondly remembered by his pupils, including his biographer. He died peacefully in 735.

The Chelsea Flower Show will take place from Tuesday 19th May - Saturday 23rd May 2026 at the Royal Hospital Chelsea, London.



Church Calendar for May 2026

May 1 st	Philip and James, Apostles.
May 3 rd	Easter 5.
May 10 th	Easter 6.
May 14 th	Ascension Day.
May 15 th	Matthias, Apostle. Transferred from 14 th May.
May 17 th	Easter 7. Sunday after Ascension Day.
May 24 th	Pentecost. Whit Sunday.
May 31 st	Trinity Sunday.



Prayer for Ascension Day

Thank you God that because Jesus died, rose and ascended into heaven, You were able to send Your Holy Spirit to empower Your disciples then and today. Equipped by that same Spirit we can confidently work for Your kingdom to come on earth, as in heaven. In these strange topsy-turvy days, where earth rulers terrify, destroy and disappoint, we rejoice that You are the Sovereign Lord of all things, all times and all places.



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Articles for June magazine to reach me by 10th May please.