

NEWSLETTER

ALL SAINTS, SCRAPTOFT & NETHERHALL - July/August 2026

The Cornerstone Tool



I have mentioned before that a small group of us have started to explore the Cornerstone Tool. I thought it now the right time to tell you a bit more. To quote the website:

“Developed by the National Giving Team, Cornerstone is an online generosity tool available free of charge to all Church of England churches. It offers three separate functions: Insights, Pathways and a comprehensive Grants database....Cornerstone is designed to help churches develop the most detailed picture they’ve ever had of their financial situation – whether that’s a source of joy or concern. Using Parish Returns data, Cornerstone identifies different types of giving and shares comparisons with other churches, both in the same diocese and nationwide. Equipped with detailed information, churches can then pursue two different ways of changing or enhancing the picture – Pathways and Grants.”

There are more than 50 pathways for us to explore, but we don’t have to use them all: which we use is up to us given our own situation. Each Pathway takes a single topic and breaks it down into steps, none of which takes longer than half an hour.

From what I’ve seen so far, it’s a very accessible on-line tool which gives churches straightforward ways to look at their financial position and figure out appropriate ways to address it. Data is presented in various ways - figures as well as different types of graphs - and users can manipulate the data to see trends over a number of years.

On top of the insights and pathways, there is a large database of over 1000 Grants available. This is the biggest range of grants currently available to churches with each grant being described and a link to the grant-making body provided so you can read further and apply.

What we now need are a few people who might be interested in helping us look at the various pathways so we can discover what might help us in our particular situation at All Saints. If you’re interested in helping, please let me know and I can send you an invitation to the platform.

Otherwise, I hope you have a good summer and that you manage to stay safe and as cool as possible!

With every blessing

Fr Martin

July/August Diary

July

1st	St Oliver Plunker	
	12.00pm	Eucharist
	7.30pm	Rosary
4th	1.30pm	Summer Fete
5th	TRINITY 5	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
7th	10.00am	Coffee pop-in
8th	12.00pm	NO Eucharist
	7.30pm	Rosary
12th	TRINITY 6	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
14th	10.00am	Coffee pop-in
15th	St Bonaventure	
	12.00pm	Midday Prayer
	7.30pm	Rosary
16th	11.00am	Aaron Court Service
18th	12.00pm	Richborough Festival <i>St Mary, Wellingborough</i>
19th	TRINITY 7	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
21st	10.00am	Coffee pop-in
22nd	St Mary Magdalene	
	12.00pm	Midday Prayer
	7.30pm	Rosary
25th	10.00am	Coffee & Bingo <i>St Chad's</i>
26th	TRINITY 8	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
28th	10.00am	Coffee pop-in
29th	12.00pm	Midday Prayer
	7.30pm	Rosary

August

1st	10.00am	Coffee Morning
2nd	TRINITY 9	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
4th	10.00am	Coffee pop-in
5th	12.00pm	Eucharist
	7.30pm	Rosary
9th	TRINITY 10	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
11th	10.00am	Coffee pop-in
12th	12.00pm	Eucharist
	7.30pm	Rosary
16th	ASSUMPTION	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
18th	10.00am	Coffee pop-in
19th	12.00pm	Eucharist
	7.30pm	Rosary
23rd	TRINITY 12	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
24th	7.30pm	PCC
25th	10.00am	Eucharist
	7.30pm	Rosary
30th	TRINITY 13	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist

ORDINATION & FIRST MASS

Fr Michal will be ordained Priest by Bishop Luke in Leicester Cathedral on 3rd October at 7.00pm. His First Mass will be on Sunday 4th October at 3.00pm. We will not be having a morning Eucharist on that day.

This will be a great occasion both for All Saints and St Chad's as well as for Fr Michal. Please put the dates in your diary!