

St Anne's Parish, Wappenbury
with
Our Lady of the Angels', Princethorpe
Sunday 27 April 2025 Second Sunday after Easter Year C
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Pope Francis RIP (2013-2025)

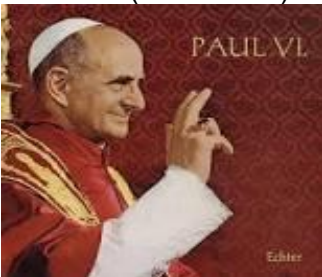


Many, of all faiths and none, will have been impressed by the beautiful Requiem Mass in St Peter's Square yesterday. Through the symbolism and the pageantry, there was a simplicity of faith - the Requiem Mass was the same as that offered for any deceased Catholic worldwide. Could one hope that, on this very solemn occasion, an unexpected picture will resonate and effect the mindset of world leaders? Could it be that Francis continues to work for peace from heaven and might this be his further gift to this planet which he worked so hard to protect?



We pray for repose of his soul as we begin praying for the College of Cardinals as they prepare to elect our next pope, that they will be guided to choose the successor to St Peter. Reflect, if you will for a moment, on those chosen to lead the Catholic Church over the past 60+ years.

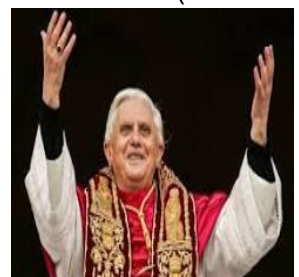
Paul VI (1963-1978)



John Paul I (1978)



John Paul II (1978-2005) Benedict XVI (2005-2013)



Whom do you remember?

Safeguarding Information From The Archdiocese of Birmingham Office

The Archdiocese of Birmingham has approved the appointment of Andy Rogers as the Parish Safeguarding Representative for St Anne's Parish, Wappenbury. Contact details for Andy are

sg.stanne.wappenbury@rcaob.org.uk

This email is for safeguarding matters only.

The St Anne's Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance, and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures always.

The Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Diary Dates for Week Beginning Sunday 20 April 2025

Sunday 27 April	8.30am 10.30am	Wappenbury Princethorpe	Second Sunday of Easter Year C (new Missal page 847) Refreshments after both Masses Stephen Parker RIP
Monday 28 April	No Mass		Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England
Tuesday 29 April	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	Feast of St Catherine of Siena. Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe
Wednesday 30 April	8.30am Mass 7.00pm	Wappenbury Wappenbury	Training for Eucharistic Ministry
Thursday 1 May	No Mass		
Friday 2 May	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Saturday 3 May	No Mass		Memorial of Ss Philip and James, Apostles
Sunday 4 May	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Wappenbury Princethorpe	Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C (new Missal page 851) Refreshments after both Masses

Sunday Collection – 20 April 2025

Date	Wappenbury Offertory	Second Collection	Princethorpe Offertory	Second Collection
20 April	Easter Offering for your Parish Priest – Thank You			

Donating By Contactless Payments



There is now the opportunity to donate to the Sunday Collection by Contactless Payment using Debit or Credit Card at St Anne's Parish Church, Wappenbury. Later, this will be available at Our Lady of the Angels', Princethorpe College as well.

Donating using the Collection Bags will continue as normal, alongside donating by Contactless Payments.

If you have any questions, please ask me after Mass today.

Forthcoming Diary Dates

Wednesday 7 May	7.00pm	Wappenbury	Training for Readers Ministry
Friday 9 May	11.30am	Wappenbury	Visit by Kevin Baugh, Archdiocese of Birmingham, Project Funding Officer
Saturday 10 May	7.00pm	St Peter's Church Hall, Leamington Spa	Bollywood Charity Night – for the BORAF (Barbara O'Rourke Arts Foundation)
Wednesday 14 May	7.00pm	Wappenbury	Training for Eucharistic Ministry
Tuesday 20 May	11.00am	Gable House, Offchurch, CV33 9AP	House Mass with Valerie Graham
	6.30pm	Wappenbury	Rugby Cluster Group Meeting

Jubilee Year – Outreach Programme - Co-Ordinator/s Needed, Please

As part of our St Anne's Jubilee Year Programme the Jubilee Team wishes to support, with your help, a food bank in the Warwickshire area. Part of this initiative will also include collection of clothing men's, woman's and children's.

The intention is to have four boxes in the porch at St Anne's – one for men's clothing; one for ladies; one for children's and one for lady's toiletries. We will be asking for good quality items neatly folded ready to take to a charity. There will also be a box for food items; cans/boxes/long life milk etc.

Contact Loretta if you are willing to co-ordinate this initiative. Thank you

Bereavement Support

There has been interest from several of you in supporting those in their bereavement in several ways.

If you wish to pursue an initial meeting with me about this, please let me know by **Friday 9 May**. Once I have gauged the ongoing interest, I will arrange the meeting with you all.

Many thanks.



St Anne's Parish - Jubilee Week of Hope – Sunday 8 June 2025 – Sunday 15 June 2025			
Sunday 8 June 2025	Various start times	<p>The Pilgrimage Walks will take place from St Peter's, Leamington Spa; Sacred Heart Church, Bilton, Rugby; Hunningham; and the Citrus Hotel, A45. Further details of the start times from each location will be announced shortly together with the length of each walk. Approximate timings back to St Anne's will be 4.30pm with Mass at 5.00pm.</p> <p>Please note: There will only be one Mass at 8.30am that day. There will not be a 10.30am Mass at Princethorpe.</p> <p>Thank you to all of those who have expressed an interest in either walking, lifts backwards and forwards or marshalling. If anyone else would like to participate in any way, please contact:</p> <p>Sean (O'Rourke) and David (McLoughlin) – the coordinators can be contacted on</p> <p>sean_orourke@hotmail.com and david.mcloughlin@talktalk.net</p>	
Monday 9 June 2025	3.00pm – 5.00pm	Wappenbury	Invitation to Faith Leaders of all denominations for Afternoon Tea
Tuesday 10 June 2025	7.30pm	Wappenbury	Presentation of the History of St Anne's by Paul Waddoups
Wednesday 11 June 2025	7.30pm	Our Lady of the Angels' Chapel, Princethorpe College	The Gospel Choir of St Martin's Church, Finham, Coventry. All welcome – no charge – donations welcome at the end of the event,
Thursday 12 June 2025	2.00pm – 8.00pm	Wappenbury	A Reflective opportunity to take some time in the church or in the grounds of St Anne's
Friday 13 June 2025	6.00pm – 10.00pm	Wappenbury	Young Adults, 18 - 30, BBQ and Quiz – offered to all in the area – no charge
Saturday 14 June 2025	3.00pm – 6.00pm (later if you wish)	Wappenbury	Family Fun Afternoon – games for the children, bring your own picnic This replaces the usual July Summer Gathering.
Sunday 15 June 2025	10.00am Mass	Our Lady of the Angels' Princethorpe College	The Celebration of Mass by His Grace, the Archbishop of Birmingham, Bernard Longley. Followed by light refreshments in the College Sixth Form Centre.
<p>As you can see there has been a tremendous amount of work going on behind the scenes for our Jubilee Year. Please make a note in your diaries of all the events that are happening especially during this week.</p> <p>The House Masses have been a wonderful experience for all those involved and were able to attend. We will have dates moving forward into June and the end of the year shortly. If you would like a Mass in your own home, please contact Fr Teddy MSC.</p>			

Chris Harris Is Offering An On-Line Bible Study Course

Several parishioners have expressed an interest in a Bible Study course. Chris Harris, a parishioner who comes to Princethorpe on a Sunday, is a very experienced provider of Catholic Home Study courses.

What follows immediately below provides some initial information about this course. If you wish to require further information about this course, please contact me, and contact Chris direct on charrislifelight@btinternet.com



LifeLight
HOME STUDY COURSES

A WARM WELCOME to the St Anne's course of study on the Church.

This course is one of several activities to mark this Jubilee year 2025. It offers a short period of reflection on matters which relate to us as members of a Catholic parish. It is open to all, may be followed with different levels of participation and does not involve much commitment in terms of time.

It is also free of charge!

How does it work?

The course is divided into six units. Each unit has been designed to provide enough to think about for a week's reflection – although you can take as long as you like! Each course-participant will receive one unit per week by email attachment. You are free to print out this course-material or just read through it from your screen.

This module on The Church was the first Life Light module to be written and has been found useful by thousands of past course-participants. The latest 2025 edition incorporates the current Roman Synod of Bishops on Synodality. You will be fully up to date by the end of your course!

If you would like to discuss the course-material, raise any difficulties or share any insights, I will be available after the 10.30 Mass at Princethorpe on each Sunday for the duration of the course.

More about Life Light

Heather and I developed these home-study courses over the past 50 years. During that time, we have enrolled well over 14,000 course-participants – mostly teachers but also interested parish-members. If you would like to know more, Posting the Word is on sale in the Prayer Room. Or direct from www.sacristy.co.uk. Also, from Amazon.

How do I enrol?

Send your name and email address to charrislifelight@btinternet.com

Chris Harris

THE CHURCH

Preliminary Information

THE SHAPE of the pre-Vatican II Catholic Church was often described as a pyramid. At the apex was the Pope. Beneath him were the Cardinals, the Bishops, the Priests - in descending order. Finally, there were the layfolk. At each level one was subject directly or indirectly to those above. Nothing was normally done without their approval, or at least their knowledge.

The Vatican II Constitution on the Church redefined the Church and changed its pyramid shape. This change was to have repercussions affecting the relationships not only between the hierarchy and the laity, but between the Church and other Christian groups, and between the Church and the World. These changes passed into the 1983 Code of Canon Law and became the official law of the Catholic Church.

However, for many years these changes made little difference to the life of the Church. In particular, many Vatican officials found it difficult to leave behind the mind-set that belonged to the age of the pyramid. Pope Francis set out to implement Vatican II, notably through the 16th Roman Synod of Bishops on Synodality (2021-2024). This module will lay before you relevant material from the Bible, church history, canon law, sociology and especially the Synod on Synodality. This should help you discern the main features of the Church of tomorrow. By the end of this module, you should be in a better position to understand on-going changes to church structures and to live and work with confidence within the Church.

ARRANGEMENT OF THIS MODULE

Unit: Topic:

1. The Churches of the Bible
2. The Church of our grandparents
3. Vatican II: Re-introducing the People of God
4. Law and Authority. The new role of the Laity
5. The Parish Community and its Ministers
6. The Church and the World. Revision.

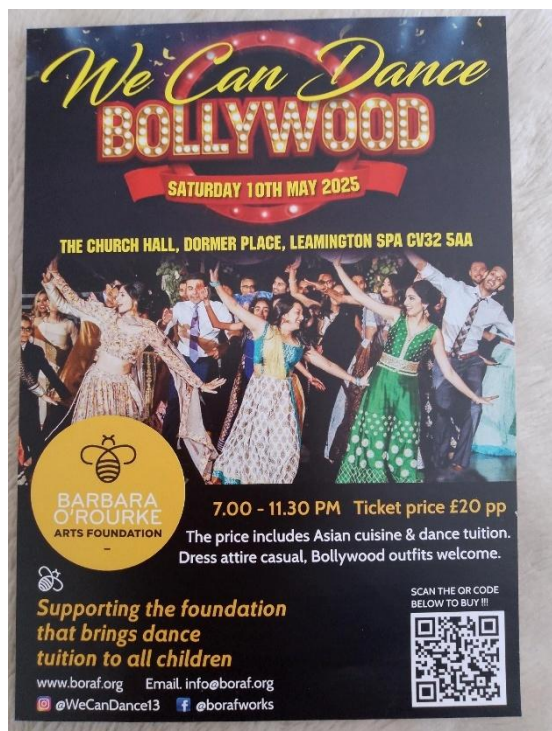
WeBelieve - Friday 25 July To Monday 28 July 2025

A festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind.

Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Chester Road, Oscott, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5AA. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more.

Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at [here](#)

Bollywood Comes To Leamington Spa! Saturday 10 May 2025



On Saturday evening 10 May you will have the chance to enjoy a fun-filled night out and all for charity.

Sean O'Rourke and his friends are organising another great event. The foundation (BORAT) was set up to support dance tuition for all children.

Please make a note in your diary – wear Bollywood outfits if you wish! The more colour the better! Asian cuisine and dance tuition included.

Tickets available by using the QR code or from Sean and Loretta.

Thank You To the Small Army of Helpers

Thank you to everyone who came out today, Saturday 26 April afternoon, to set up, serve and clear up after our first Afternoon Tea of our Jubilee Year. The stunning variety of cakes was much appreciated by all who came along.

The chat and fun and camaraderie was just wonderful.

Thank you all again!



Especially In Your Prayers This Week – For The Living

Kevin Gibson, Clare's husband, who is quite ill in UHCW at the present time. Kevin has had serious surgery which has gone well to date. Please join your prayers with those of Clare, her family and friends in thanking God for beginning Kevin's healing process. Include in your prayers the wonderful NHS staff for their skills, dedication and attention to detail.

Georgina Holmes who suffered a fall last week. Georgina is home now.

Patrick who has had a serious setback in his illness.

Tim Malin, who has had an operation last week in the Meriden Hospital, Coventry. The operation went well. Maria's daughter, Michelle, who has also had an operation. Please pray for Tim, Maria and all the family.

Nick Mottram who is quite ill at present in a care home in Ballsall Common. Nick is son of Tony and Pam Mottram, parishioners at St Anne's for much of their lives.

Parishioner who has been declared in remission last week.

Tania and Phil, Jamie's parents, as they come to terms with Jamie's untimely death. Hold all Jamie's family and friends in your prayers. This is an extremely difficult time for them all. Jamie's funeral was held recently in London.

Mary and Kathy Watkins, whose mother, Caroline (70), died unexpected recently. Pray for Caroline's husband, for Mary, Kathy and her brother.

Maura, sister-in-law of Marie Kerrigan, who is receiving chemotherapy for lung cancer.

Sue Kimberley. We give thanks to God this week for Sue's on-going strength. Sue has now started on further treatment. Continue to hold her in your prayers.

The Cotterill Family (Kenilworth and USA) on the death of their father, Tony, on 30 December 2024.

Lisa McGowan, sister-in-law of Helen, Lisa is out of hospital and recuperating at home with plenty of physio.

David McLoughlin as he mourns the death of his cousin, Tommy.

Fr Michael White, Parish Priest in Tamworth, who is continuing to work as Parish Priest in Tamworth as he receives treatment for his cancer.

Mac, who is unwell at the present time and waiting for a major operation.

Benedict who is experiencing personal difficulties currently. He really asks for your prayers.

Martha, Karen Walls mother-in-law. Martha is extremely ill in Antrim hospital. Hold them in your prayer during these difficult days.

Meabh Barratt (3) lives with her family in Ireland. Please continue to pray for this young child and her family.

Francesca who begins ongoing chemotherapy. Pray for her husband and family.

Rachel who is quite ill at present.

Sonia and Alice who are struggling at present.

John, brother-in-law of Veronica, recently diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Johnny Stott (20s), younger brother to Melody Kerrigan. Continue to hold the Stott and Kerrigan families in your prayers.

The O'Keeffe family as they grieve for Dermot's mother, Maureen.

Patrick's son (40) who suffered a stroke recently. Hold his wife and family in your prayers.

Mary Owen whose mother, Gaby, died recently in Rugeley, Staffs. Hold Mary and family in your prayers.

Paula Loveitt whose sister, Denise Harris (50), died recently. Pray for Paula's three sisters, her mum, and her wider family.

David Scannell's cousin, whose funeral was held recently.

Paul and Sandra Waddoups ask for your prayers.

Josh's family who are experiencing family difficulties currently. You may recall Josh died recently in a car accident.

Sonia is awaiting further news on her health issues.

Roy Pendleton who is currently residing in Galanos House, Southam.

Peter Power who is recovering at home from recent medical treatment.

Ed Hester's father who is ill at home.

Samantha and Peter Swann Please continue to hold Samantha and Peter in your prayers.

John and Caroline John (major surgery for a tumour, Caroline's friend). **Noah aged 4**, in Birmingham Children's Hospital with a rare brain tumour.

Carl, son in law to Elizabeth Wilson, diagnosed with a lifelong, exceedingly rare condition. Please pray for Carl and all the family.

Tianna, who has had a grade 3 brain tumour removed and has begun Proton treatment. Please pray for Tianna's family

Con (Marie Malin's father) who is now at home with carers.

Ian Milligan, and Ian's wife Julie, Basil's sister, still fragile and unwell. Thank you for your continuing prayers.

John (18yrs) who has been diagnosed with life changing cancer. Please hold John, his family and friends, and the medical profession dealing with this and similar situations, in your prayers.

Yve and Sean Butterfield, friends of Marie Kerrigan. Please pray for all the family at this very difficult time.

Sophie (22)

Heather, who experienced her treatment recently. She is recovering at home at present.

Frances, friend of Marie Kerrigan who has received good news that her sight has been saved. Prayers greatly appreciated.

Sally who welcomes your prayers.

Jenny who is having treatment for cancer.

Irene with her continuing health difficulties. Hold Liam and Irene's parents in your prayers.

Elizabeth who is waiting for a serious operation.

Anthony Platt, friend of Kathy Bond

Paul, a paramedic friend of Kathy Bond, Stretton on Dunsmore.

John, Pray for Clare and family.

Veronica and Paul, please continue your prayers for them.

John (75) diagnosed with bladder cancer.

Frank

Carolyn, who is ill with breast cancer.

For Those Who Have Died and For Their Families In Our Prayers This Week

Sister Brieger RIP, passed away on 17 April. She was a Presentation sister who had worked in Pakistan and then Enniskillen. She is originally from Granard, Co. Longford and was the sister of a dear friend Basil and his sister, Julia and Sister Rose Reynolds (Basil and Julia's mum's goddaughter). Her Requiem Mass will be held on Wednesday 24th April at St Mary's Church, Granard, Co. Longford.

Stephen Parker RIP who died on 22 April 2025

Dan Garvey RIP who died a couple of weeks ago.

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Jamie (19) who died unexpectedly and tragically recently. Hold Jamie's family and friends in your prayers

Maurice Griffin RIP (7th. Anniversary)

Brother Donal Hallissey MSC who died in Cork recently. Remember Donal, his family and the MSC community in Cork.

Tony Cotterill RIP (Kenilworth) who died recently.

Eve McCarthy (21) who died in a tragic climbing accident in Malaga on 10 January. Eve is grandniece to Fr Gerry Daly MSC in Cork.

Caroline RIP (70), mother to Mary and Kathy Watkins, who died recently.

Tommy McLoughlin RIP (50s) who died recently. Tommy is cousin to David McLoughlin

Michael Goodman RIP, 77 (parish groundsman), who died recently.

Isobel O'Hara (nee Kealey) RIP

Jonathan Downes RIP, who died at home last year.

Emma RIP, a friend of Mary Owen. Hold Emma, her family and friends in your prayers.

Allan Stewart RIP, a friend of Pam Hopwood, whose wife, Moira and family, who do a lot for the shoe-box team.

Raymond Heald RIP, friend of Patsy Monahan.

Maureen O'Keeffe RIP who died recently. Hold the O'Keeffe family in your prayers.

Denise Harris (50) RIP, who died recently. Hold Alexandra and Denise' sisters and family in your prayers.

Tommy (69) RIP, first cousin of Florence Thomas.

David Scannell RIP, cousin of Sean Kerrigan. Prayers please for his wife, Monica and all David's family.

John O'Brien RIP, brother-in-law of Liz Bates. Please pray for Maria and all the family.

David Maceluch RIP, please pray for Sonia, Alice, James and Lily.

Celia Dupre RIP, friend of Jane and Tony Phayer.

Bridget Mernagh RIP, aunt to Peter Power. Please pray for Bridget's family.

Cissie Power RIP, Peter's mother

Bernard Gallagher RIP, brother to Fr Frank Gallagher MSC (retired)

Stacy Busby RIP, Bill's niece

Paul Gandy's sister who died earlier this year.

Ellie Taylor RIP, please pray for Ellie's family.

Judith Roberts RIP (70s)

Mary McKeown RIP

Paul Spencer RIP

Margaret Huett RIP

Bill and Yvonne Busby RIP

Jean RIP, aunt to Tim Malin. Pray for Tim and Maria and all the family.

John RIP Remember Clare in your prayers.

John Dobie RIP

Myrtle Forster (64) RIP Remember Marie in your prayers.

Mont RIP Remember Roy in your prayers.

Vacancy at the Princethorpe Foundation

After School Manager – Crescent School - Required to start in May, we seek to recruit a part-time After School Manager to join and lead our friendly and professional After Care team.

The After School Manager will ensure a high standard of physical, emotional, social and intellectual care for the children placed in the After School Club, including those with special needs, is provided at all times.

To also provide high quality and varied activities in line with the School Ethos, within a safe and caring environment and to manage other After School staff as required and deal with parents in a professional and customer friendly manner.

The after-school provision runs from 3.30pm to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday, term-time only (36 weeks of the year). The manager is expected to work approximately 10 to 12 hours each week and will be discussed further at interview.

The salary grade is E2 to E6 of the Princethorpe Foundation support staff pay scales, £29,250 to £30,752 per annum full time equivalent. Salary is by negotiation, depending on relevant experience.

Closing date: The closing date for applications is Thursday 1 May, at 9.00am with interviews likely to be held week commencing 5 May 2025 at Crescent School. Please note, we reserve the right to bring forward the closing date, so early applications are advised. **Further information**

<https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/page/?title=Join+Us&pid=1185&vacancyid=2270>

Teacher – KS2 (part time) – Crescent School, Rugby - Required to start in September, we are looking for an outstanding part time Key Stage 2 teacher to join the team here at Crescent School.

An enthusiasm to become involved with the extra-curricular life of the school is essential. Candidates should be able to demonstrate success in the classroom, be effective team players with a genuine love of teaching.

This is a part time teaching role, equivalent to 0.5 of a full-time role, and is based at Crescent School.

The ideal working pattern would be five mornings a week, 8.30am to either 11.20am or 12.20pm each day. We also welcome applications from candidates who can offer the required number of hours across four days of the week. Salary is by negotiation, depending on relevant experience.

Closing date: The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 6 May 2025, at 9.00am**, however, candidates may be called for interview before this date and the closing date brought forward. Candidates are encouraged to apply at their earliest opportunity. Interviews will be held at Crescent School. Further information [here](#)

Teacher – Lower KS2 – Crescent School, Rugby - Required to start in September, we are looking for an outstanding lower Key Stage 2 teacher to join the team here at Crescent School.

An enthusiasm to become involved with the extra-curricular life of the school is essential. Candidates should be able to demonstrate success in the classroom, be effective team players with a genuine love of teaching.

The timetable for children in lower Key Stage 2 at Crescent involves a number of specialist-taught lessons, in addition to English, maths and PSHE which are delivered by the form teacher.

This is a full-time teaching role and is based at Crescent School. Salary is by negotiation, depending on relevant experience. **Closing date:** The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 6 May 2025, at 9.00am**, however, candidates may be called for interview before this date and the closing date brought

forward. Candidates are encouraged to apply at their earliest opportunity. Interviews will be held at Crescent School. Further information [here](#)

Teacher – KS1 – Crescent School, Rugby - Required to start in September, we are looking for an outstanding Key Stage 1 teacher to join the team here at Crescent School.

An enthusiasm to become involved with the extra-curricular life of the school is essential. Candidates should be able to demonstrate success in the classroom, be effective team players with a genuine love of teaching. This is a full-time role based at Crescent School. Salary is by negotiation, depending on relevant experience.

Closing date: The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 6 May 2025, at 9.00am**, however, candidates may be called for interview before this date and the closing date brought forward. Candidates are encouraged to apply at their earliest opportunity. Interviews will be held at Crescent School. Further information [here](#)

Graduate Sports Coach – Princethorpe College - We are looking for a Graduate Sports Coach to join our thriving Sports Department for an academic year, from September 2025 to July 2026. We are looking for candidates who are passionate about sport and wish to share that passion with enthusiastic and energetic young people. This would be an ideal opportunity for anyone with an interest in a future career in teaching, looking to gain ground level experience within a school.

The Graduate Sports Coach will be responsible for the teaching and coaching of several sports under the direction and guidance of the Foundation's Director of Sport and will also work closely with the Head of Girls' and Boys' Games and other sports staff. They must ensure that all teaching, coaching, administrative and pastoral tasks are completed efficiently and to a high standard, enabling the continued success, enjoyment and enthusiasm for sport at Princethorpe. It is hoped that they will add to the profile of the school and inject energy and enthusiasm into our pupils.

The role will also support other teaching staff in selected lessons and assist support staff across a range of duties including the student hub and administration and assist in whole school Open Events.

The closing date for applications is Friday 9 May 2025 at 9.00am. Interviews are likely to be held week commencing 12 May 2025 at Princethorpe College. Further information

<https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/page/?title=Join+Us&pid=1285&vacancyid=2265>