

RUTLAND WATER BENEFICE
MAGAZINE COVER PAGE

Welcome

Rutland Water Benefice

Sharing the love of Christ with all

Comprising the parishes of Edith Weston, Empingham, Lyndon, Manton,
North Luffenham, Pilton, Preston, Ridlington, Whitwell & Wing

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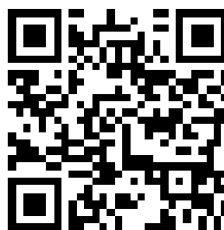
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Please refer to the service rota at the back of this magazine. Please
make yourselves known to the Churchwardens when you arrive. You
will be very welcome.

All enquiries about a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral, should be directed
to the Rev'd Dr Pippa Madgwick.

Home Communion can be arranged by appointment.

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Thoughts from the Rector

One of the pleasures of the winter months for me is looking at the shapes of trees silhouetted against the sky. I love the patterns of branches and the way each species grows differently, so a willow tree looks different from an oak or ash or lime. Of course those branches are there all year, but in the summer months, covered with leaves, they cannot be seen. Then the autumn comes, the leaves senesce, the wind blows and the underlying structures of the tree are revealed.

Our lives too have seasons of summer abundance and also times when we get back to the core of who we are. For many the Christmas season is busy and full, but inevitably it comes to an end. As a new year begins I've always hated getting back to work, as part of me would like days full of family and friends to go on and on. But it's never possible to freeze a moment in time, nor on reflection would we want that. Every moment has its pleasures and its limitations: who would want a small child never to grow into the adult they can become?

Yet that is what we are tempted to do with the experience of Christmas, when we remembered and celebrated the birth of a tiny baby long ago. In our thinking, do we let Jesus grow up? Do we pay attention to him as the adult teacher he became? Do we let the images from the Christmas stories – shepherds and wise men coming to worship him – provoke us to think about our response to him today? Do we ever ask for ourselves who **we** understand Jesus to be for us today?

When life is busy, it's easy not to have time for such questions. Sometimes it takes events like a bereavement, a change in relationships, a medical upset to make us stop and think: what is the underlying shape of our lives? Does anything need to change? Do our relationships with friends or family need more time? Where is our life heading? These can be difficult questions as answering them can help us see parts of our lives that need attention or pruning back, so that others can flourish.

Before very long the buds on trees will begin to swell, catkins will appear on the hazels and new leaves will soon mask the branches that support them as another year of lush growth will begin. Before this happens in the garden I'll need to do some pruning, sorting out the structures of overgrown shrubs and trees, so that when summer comes, they can grow to their potential.

Jesus said 'I have come that you might have life, life in all its fullness'. Is that our experience?

With best wishes for 2018 and all it brings.

Pippa Madgwick

January and February Benefice services

On January 28th we are all invited to join the Methodists in Empingham for their annual Covenant service. It's all about remembering God's commitment to people and our response, made alongside others. Kay from Preston, who has long experience of the Methodist tradition, has written for the magazine about why this service is so important to Methodists. Do come along and experience it for yourself, at 10am on Sunday 28th January at the Methodist Church in Empingham.

In February Bishop Donald will be coming to the Benefice to license Graham Madgwick as a Reader here. Graham trained as a Reader in St Albans diocese and was licensed there in 1991. After arriving in this diocese, Bishop Donald gave informal permission for Graham to take services here, until the Benefice requested he is licensed here. The Benefice Steering Group recently wrote to the Bishop and so Graham will be licensed on 25th February at Wing, to work alongside our existing Reader, Caroline Simmonds. For his day job Graham works in Peterborough, running the IT department for an insurance company; in church he enjoys teaching from the Bible and playing the guitar; you may have seen him cycling up and down the Rutland hills in almost any weather. He will be licensed in Wing at 10am on Sunday 25th February.

As the January and February Benefice services will be on the 4th Sunday-of-the-month, the normal 4th Sunday pattern will be on the third Sunday. Normal service patterns return in March.

The Benefice Covenant Service January 28th at the Methodist Chapel, Empingham.

What is the purpose of a Covenant Service?

Is it....

- A. An opportunity to extract more money from the congregation for the church?
- B. The opportunity for the people of God to rededicate their lives afresh to Him?

The word 'covenant' is used in the bible to describe a contract made between God and His people. In the Old Testament God makes promises and in return certain conduct is required from his people. This is explained in Genesis chapter 17. The New Covenant found in the New Testament is a spiritual covenant that God makes through Christ with His followers and which is centred on our personal relationship with God.

In the Methodist Church an annual Covenant Service is held in which the people celebrate all that God has done for them, and promise to offer their lives totally to Him. The following solemn prayer is recited by the congregation.

'I am no longer my own but yours.
Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will;
put me to doing, put me to suffering;
let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,
exalted for you, or brought low for you;
let me be full, let me be empty,
let me have all things, let me have nothing:
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours. So be it.
And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.'

In our culture we prize our ability to make decisions and choose our own path in life, whereas this prayer is about surrendering to God and allowing Him to take us along paths which may be against our human inclinations. It is not an easy prayer to make.

This special service provides an opportunity to dedicate ourselves anew to God and to all He has for us, as He promises us life in all its fullness. Do please plan to attend.

Kay Waterworth

Have you heard of GDPR?

In May 2018 there will be a change in the law about how organisations can hold and process personal data; the new law is called the General Data Protection Regulation or GDPR. This is going to mean that many organisations will have to contact you to obtain your specific consent to hold your details (e.g.name, address, phone number and email) either as paper records or electronically. Organisations will have to seek your consent to hold data, explain why they hold it and how they use it. You will have the right to see and correct data if necessary and to stop contact if that is what you want.

The default position will be that if you have not given specific consent, organisation cannot contact you, although Churches will be allowed to hold limited data to enable parish life and pastoral care, but cannot pass your details outside the church; the same applies to other religious groups.

Pippa Madgwick

Lent is coming soon . . .

In Lent there will be a series of sermons in church exploring aspects of God's abundant generosity, as seen in the life of Jesus. Lent groups will pick up on these themes and give space to talk about them together. Times and locations of groups will follow in the February magazine.

A message from Rev'd Jo Saunders

While in Oakham recently I met a member of one of the Rutland Water benefice churches, who commented that I hadn't appeared in her church recently. I had to explain that I haven't appeared in any of the churches recently because since September I have been back in my former group of parishes which is still in vacancy (or interregnum, as we used to call it.) My colleague Bob Mackrill, who had been covering since I retired, has been very unwell, and I agreed to cover there until the end of December. After that we will do two Sundays each at Great Casterton etc., and I hope to reappear in the Rutland Water benefice on the other two.

My reappearance may in fact be somewhat delayed because I am due to have surgery on my hand which will mean I won't be able to drive for 12 weeks, but as I don't have a date for that yet I can't make any firm arrangements.

With various existing vacancies and several clergy moves in Rutland coming up, a large number of parishes will be in vacancy from the end of January, so I think we retired clergy will all be stretched as we try to maintain worship!

Friday 5th January 7.30pm

for a return concert, by popular demand, with the
CHORAL SCHOLARS from CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

Carols by candlelight

*proceeds towards Brain Tumour Research by Cancer
Research UK & North Luffenham Church Restoration Fund*

**tickets: £10 (free for children) 01780-721216
rutlandwhittakers@gmail.com**

EDITH WESTON

January 2018 100 Club draw results

1st Prize	£30	ticket 138	Mr J Smith
2nd Prize	£25	ticket 144	Mr T Moore
3rd Prize	£20	ticket 125	Mr S Stephenson
4th Prize	£15	ticket 54	Mrs G Bretten

Lunch at the Wheatsheaf ticket 107 Mr Cousins

Edith Weston Academy

Village Hall

VILLAGE HALL MEETING

THURSDAY 11th JANUARY 2018 7. 30 PM

We will be discussing the fete to be held on Saturday 23rd June 2018

We invite everyone who has attended in the past to come and give us your ideas and opinions.

Shall we Hog Roast or BBQ? What sort of music do you want?

Newcomers to the village are especially welcome. Come and hear all about this annual fundraiser for the 3 village charities and give us your ideas.

HOPE TO SEE YOU IN JANUARY

EMPINGHAM

Empingham Village (Audit) Hall

The winners of the Empingham Village (Audit) Hall Mini Ernie for December were 1st 37 Sharon Waters £20, 2nd 61 David Parker £15, 3rd 58 Jim Thraves £10.

Annual Empingham Village (Audit) Hall Mini Ernie Sign Up/Renewal Breakfast -Saturday January 20th 9.15am – noon

To participate in the 2018 Mini Ernie draws, please join us in the hall at the Annual Mini Ernie sign up/renewal breakfast (Breakfast £6 per

person) or fill in the printable form that can be downloaded from the hall website and send it with your cheque for £12 (per ticket) payable to Empingham Audit Hall to the treasurer at the address on the form. If you would like more information about joining the Mini Ernie or renewing your subscription for 2018, please contact one of the hall committee members for details. More details and the printable renewal form can be found on the hall web site <https://sites.google.com/site/audithall/> or email [the committee at empinghamvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:the_committee_at_empinghamvillagehall@gmail.com)

ACTIVITIES AT EMPINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: REV LEO OSBORN 01572 720721

Sunday services during JANUARY

7th 10.45 am Rev Barry Gent including Holy Communion

14th 10.45 am CAFÉ CHURCH with Mrs Marion Roberts

21st **4 pm.** TEA TIME CHURCH - Rev Leo Osborn.

28th 10.45 am United Covenant Service - Rev Leo Osborn

Mondays: Post Office 2 - 4pm - Refreshments available.

Photocopying/ Laminating available.

Wednesday. 2nd Wed of the month Prayer & Bible Study Group.

3rd Wed of the month - Holy Communion 10.30 am.

Thursdays: Toddler Group 10.30 -12 noon. (During Term Time only)

Eileen Ray 01780 460676

Empingham Cricket & Social Club

Sunday 7th January Sunday Brunch

From 11.00 am. From £5 for selected brunch

Monday 8th Monday Quiz Night

Club opens 7.30, quiz starts 8.00. £10 per team of up to 6 people.

Money raised for Empingham organisations

Friday 26th 6.30 Pie Supper Night

£6 for main course and £7.50 including sweet. Contact Claire on 01780

746021, 07881 814857 or cjmaybew@aol.com

Girls Night Out

GNO January 2018. Come and join us as we put together a programme for the coming year on Tuesday evening, January 16th at 7.30pm at the Cricket Club. Please think how you and others can contribute to the new diary either on an evening or day date during the year. Can I please remind you that I will be stepping down from my role and we do need someone else to send messages via the GNO email list. This is not a heavy task, just a reminder service. Please consider this important role and let me know in January. *Judy Aitkens*

Coffee and Cakes

Monday 22nd January - 10:00 to 12:00 noon

Empingham Bowls Club will be holding its latest social event at the Cricket & Social Club where a delicious selection of cakes will be available with a choice of tea or coffee, all included in the entry fee of £2.00. All are welcome so why not come along and meet other villagers in a convivial atmosphere. There will be a raffle too. Contacts: *John Macpherson (01780 460929); Irene Reay (01572 812373)*

Empingham Men's Shed

Our thanks go to the White Horse for hosting our pre-Christmas meal, held in celebration of our successful first year.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 24th January (7.30), also at the White Horse, when John Haward will demonstrate the delights of automatons. All are welcome.

Contact: Bob Willars bobwillars@sky.com

Your New Year's Resolution?

Want to learn a new skill, get fit and do something to benefit the community? Empingham Parish Church welcomes new bellringers - any age from 10-90. Practice nights are Mondays (7pm - 8.30pm).

Contact: Bob Willars 01780 460358

Empingham Garden Club

The next meeting will be held on Monday 22nd January at 7.30pm at the Cricket Club. The AGM will be followed by Janette Merillion talking about Birds, Butterflies and Bees. Visitors are welcome at £2.00 each.

Liz Willars 01780 460358

Grow It*Cook It*Make It

A new-look talent show for the whole village
Make a note of the date - Saturday 14th July
All will be revealed over the coming months

Collection of Shoe Boxes

'On behalf of the Trussell Trust, I would like to thank the many generous people from around the Diocese, the Empingham Methodist Chapel and the Empingham Primary School who donated the 38 beautifully decorated shoe boxes. They were collected by a volunteer from Nottingham on Tuesday 20th November and I am quite sure the deprived children and adults will be extremely grateful for your kindness'. *Thank you again. Ann*

Empingham Post Office

Those who use the Post Office regularly will be aware of the disruption to the service recently. We would like to make clear that the fault has been with the new equipment that was supplied to Adele, the postmistress, only weeks before the busiest time of the year. Over the last 14 years since the satellite Post Office was set up Adele has always gone out of her way to give an excellent service as you will know, so the bad timing on the Post Offices part and the very poor equipment supplied has caused much stress for Adele.

We thought we would like to make it clear where the fault has been and hopefully in the New Year (when you will be reading this) your local Post Office will be back to the normal good service.

Eileen & Ian Ray.

LYNDON

LYNDON POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to all who generously donated to the recent Poppy Appeal. A total of £134.50 was collected.

Adverts

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MANTON

Apologies to Manton residents for the absence of news in the Magazine last month. It was entirely my fault. Alice

MANTON VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB Winning numbers for December 2017.

£20: 49 Tony Bews **£10:** 19 Kate Brookes **£10** 106 David Senior **£5** 16 Kathy Yallop **£5** 76 Roger Hornby. Snowball **£80** was not won. Next month's snowball, **£90**, could be won. If you would like to join the 150 Club, and help support the Village Hall, contact the promoter: Peter Gooding, Cumberland House, St Mary's Road. Tel 737699.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MANTON and WING CREATIVE SOCIAL AFTERNOONS

WING: 11 January

MANTON: 25 January

WING: 8 February

MANTON: 22 February

WING: 8 March

MANTON: 22 March

Please see Wing section for more details.

Each session runs from 2:30 - 4:30 pm. Cost £3:00 to include tea and cake.

ALL WELCOME! We have people from many villages, Oakham and Uppingham too.

Contact : WING : Joanne 737286. beawingj@gmail.com,
 MANTON : Helen 737157 hcmaitland@gmail.com

GARDENING CLUB

Wednesday January 10th 7.30pm

Manton Village Hall

Stuart Dixon will be talking about Best Borders - Perennials for Herbaceous Borders. Perhaps it will help us look forward to Spring! The Annual Subscription of £6 is due this month as well as the usual Member fee of £3 and guest fee of £5 for the evening For further details contact Jane Bews on 737416.

CHURCH COFFEE MORNING - Everybody welcome

Thursday January 11th 10.30 – 12 at the home of Rosemary Gooding

Cumberland House, St Mary's Road FREE but contributions to church funds welcome.

BIBLE/PRAYER MEETING (Note starting time)

Thursday January 18th 1.45 – 2.45pm The Coach House, Stocks Hill

Esther chapters 5 – 10: A queen in the right place at the right time.
Everybody welcome.

CHURCH COFFEE MORNING - Everybody welcome

Thursday February 8th 10.30 – 12 noon at the home of Anne Taylor

Manton Grange, Lyndon Road Free but contributions to church funds welcome.

FINDING NANA

Wednesday March 7th 8pm

Manton Village Hall

A play by New Perspectives Theatre Company. Tea and Coffee will be served in the Interval. Tickets - £10 from Barbara Camp (01572 737729)

MANTON SAFARI SUPPER

Saturday March 10th 2018

There are still some places available for some courses. Please let Anne Cowan - annecowan38@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Many of you will remember **Rev'd BRIAN NICHOLLS**, sometime vicar of Manton, Pilton, Lyndon, North Luffenham, Pilton and Edith Weston, who died in November. Here are a few reminiscences from Manton residents.

Brian....a larger than life character, always with a smile on his face and a laugh bubbling up from his boots! I remember the Manton Crib Services...choc a block with children, all excited about Christmas. The service would take the form of the Nativity with children placing the characters in the crib. All was calm but fun and entertaining....and

then the end came! Brian loved a Grande finale....and here it was a ..Birthday Party for the baby Jesus. Out of his bag he produced balloons, streamers, funny string, sweets, bubbles...you name it and Brian had it in his bag! The children loved it and all went home as high as kites. We were left to clear up the church ready for Christmas Day...it took us ages! Happy days!! *Anne Cowan*

A note to say that Brian was a friend for many years and was particularly helpful as my Chaplin in my year as high sheriff. We will all miss him greatly. *Mark Taylor*

It was at Lyndon harvest festival and Liz and I were taking the mickey out of his beard and I stupidly said "you shave it off and I'll go to church 4 weeks in a row" ...- and the little devil did! Luv that man. We had such a horrible Vicar at our wedding and he was really nasty to the then photographer Brian. On our 25th wedding anniversary Mark phoned him up and said "How about a re-enactment but this time with a decent vicar?" He remembered and jumped at the chance; what a lovely day you made it. Special, thank you Father Brian. *Jane Hollingsworth*

NORTH LUFFENHAM

For more info/news , please see www.northluffenham.com

Many thanks to everyone who took part in the North Luffenham **Christmas Sheep Trail** by making, displaying sheep or searching for sheep around the village. There were over 27 sheep to find and bring to the carol service. Photos of some sheep will be put on the Benefice website. If you have any ideas for another event like this, do let Pippa the Rector know.

North Luffenham Garden Club

The club kick starts the New Year on 11th January with speaker Michael Brown on "*Death in the garden - poisonous plants, myths, magic & passion*".

Michael designed and set out the Medieval Garden at Prebendal

Manor, Nassington and has an MA in Garden History...and he likes to present talks in period costume!

Our club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. Each meeting features a speaker as well as refreshments, raffle and the occasional plant sale. No gardening experience necessary. Membership only £10 per person for the year or £2 guests.

Programme for 2018

11th Jan Michael Brown

Former Head Gardener, lecturer/historian and Conservation Officer
"Death in the garden - poisonous plants, myths, magic & passion"

8th Feb Steve Lovell

Horticultural consultant & former
Chairman of the Hardy Plant Society
"Bark, Berry and Leaf - an alternative view; forget flowers and look what else nature provides in the plant kingdom"

8th March Trevor Rogers

Former Head Teacher, now devoted to Fruit Growing, including RHS tutor at Harlow Carr
"Fruit Growing Clinic - An overview of growing fruit"

12th April Neil Tyers

Secretary of the National Auricula Society
(Midlands) and keen show grower
"Auriculas"

10th May Geoff Hodge

Freelance horticultural author, editor and broadcaster
"Scented plants and the Scented Garden"

Outings in June & July – details to be announced.



On the first Wednesday of the month, Good Companions come together for a cuppa and a chat at the Community Centre at 2pm. In November they made snowmen. A very enjoyable afternoon.

PRESTON

We are very pleased to announce that **heating** has now been restored to Preston Church.

THERE WILL BE A **PCC MEETING** in Preston Village Hall on Thursday, 25th January at 7.30 p.m.

Preston took part in the **Poppy Appeal** in November and £180 was raised for the Royal British Legion through a door to door collection. Many thanks to everyone who contributed and especially to Lizzie Wells for organising it.

RIDLINGTON

A Message from the PCC:

As we come to the end of 2017, we would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone for your continued generosity, for your willingness, time, energy and support. We also wish to thank you all for your donations towards the Church, including the Church Roof Fund, and for doing what is best for our community. We pray that everyone has a blessed Christmas with Faith and Love, and a New Year filled with Health and Happiness!

Flowers:

We have a rota for church flowers each year and would like to thank everyone who displays the beautiful flowers on the altar each week:

January – Maggie Mortell

Village Hall:

The renovation in the Village Hall will be completed in the New Year and we look forward to seeing it back in use thereafter. Thank you to everyone for your patience whilst this work has been undertaken and to all of you who have helped and supported so willingly.

Ridlington Singers:

The Ridlington Singers strolled around the village singing carols on Tuesday 19th December. Money collected was donated to the Church. If you are interested in joining in the New Year, please let Martin Wall know (max.wall1@hotmail.com) or 821397.

THE RIDLINGTON CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD.

It is 10 years since the Church Council started this initiative as a fund raiser for the 3 main community facilities in the village: The Church (Roof Fund), The Village Hall and The Playing Field.

For information about Ridlington Village and St Mary Magdalene & St Andrew, Ridlington,

please visit the websites below:

<http://www.rutlandwaterbenefice.info/ridlington>

<http://www.ridlingtonparishcouncil.org/>

WING

www.wingrutland.uk

SS Peter and St Paul

Flowers: Sylvia Mackay Brass: Helen Bateman

Wing WI : As usual in January, instead of the meeting in the hall the WI members will be going out for a meal on SUNDAY 14th January. All members should have received details of time and venue.

Please contact Jane Gilmore for information on the WI- 737324 or tkgdjgwing@btinternet.com

WING VILLAGE HALL

IMPORTANT VILLAGE MEETING re Wing Village Hall.

WEDNESDAY 17th JANUARY AT 7.30pm.

The Parish Council, as Trustees of the Hall, is seeking to change the trust document to enable it to use monies raised by the Village Hall Management Committee on items other than the Village Hall. Money spent would be on items judged by the Parish Council to benefit Wing residents. At present, the trust document restricts how monies raised can be spent.

Please come along to hear how the proposed changes could work and **HAVE YOUR SAY!** It is important that residents are fully informed about the impact these changes could have. Bryan Spooner(Chairman Wing Parish Council) and Sally Cox(Chair Village Hall Management Committee) will lead the discussion. Please do make an effort to attend!

Wing Village Christmas Lunch- despite the inclement weather- snow!- many Wing residents thoroughly enjoyed a warm welcome and excellent food and company. So many thanks to Mary Rodgers and Paul Brewer for their organisation; Anne Thomson for the raffle and of course Sara McAllister for her wonderful catering. Her efficient team of Wing waiters and waitresses added to the festivities. Robina Curley was the lucky winner of the Wing 100 Club Christmas draw of £100 with Mick Rodgers pocketing £75 and Ros King £50. Celebrations all round!!

SATURDAY 24th MARCH- **The Andy Lawrence Trio** present The Gypsy Jazz Celebration. Licensed bar from 7.15pm and the show starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 each available from John Hackett 01572 737394 johnahackett@btinternet.com

This is a stylish, humorous and very entertaining portrayal of a style of music originally pioneered by Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli in 1930s Paris- performed by three talented musicians on acoustic guitar, violin and double bass. Numbers include 'It had to be you', 'Fascinating Rhythm', 'Lady be Good', 'Sweet Georgia Brown' and many others! Please book early to secure your ticket for what will be another popular show.

WING AND MANTON SOCIAL CREATIVE AFTERNOONS- THURSDAY
11th JANUARY 2.30 - 4.30pm in WING.

We rounded off the year with Christmas Wreaths and new attendee Joyce will be showing us Folk Art in January; she was painting beautiful images you can see in canal boats! Liz will help budding calligraphers and Paul will help develop computer skills. Please can we have firm offers of interest from those interested in the above, then sessions will be arranged. A request from some attendees has resulted in the Thursday Wing session changing to the SECOND Thursday in Wing and FOURTH Thursday in Manton.

So in the new year we have calligraphy and simple computer skills planned: please let us know if you are interested. Cost £3 per session from 2.30 to 4.30pm includes tea and cake! All welcome: people from other villages and Oakham and Uppingham attend! Come and join us!
2018 Dates:

Wing - 11th January/ 8th February/ 8th March in WING VILLAGE HALL.
Manton - 25th January/ 22nd February/ 22nd March in MANTON VILLAGE HALL.

Wing contact - Joanne on 737286 or beawingj@gmail.com

Manton contact - Helen on 737157 hcmaitland@gmail.com.

Allotments 2018 Available in Wing: contact Mick Rodgers (737475) if you are interested. Full plots £10 and half £5 annually. Open to everyone!

WING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

The committee meets monthly and key areas such as environment, housing and historical context have been divided between dedicated sub groups. Nicky Littleton is Chairman and Angela Harding (harding11@btinternet.com) is the Secretary. We now have a better grasp of what can be included in the plan and, with the assistance of a member of RCC, we are planning an information weekend on 24th/25th February. Please do book the date and drop in. If the plan is to have relevance for our community, your input into the process is really needed. What is important to you? What do you love about Wing? What would you like to see change? We plan to have old maps and photographs so you can see changes that have already occurred. Lots of information, including minutes of meetings, is available on the website: wingrutland.co.uk

THE BIRCH GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME: we have volunteers who love calling in for a chat and a cup of tea. Do you know anyone stuck at home; following a stay in hospital; or has difficulty leaving the house to meet people? Why not give us a call ? We have volunteers! Do you need items taking to the tip or to be recycled after a clear out? Give us a call! Dripping tap driving you mad? We may have someone to help! Car off the road and need shopping? For a contribution to petrol we may be able to help! Contact : 07539 707623

BOOKING SECRETARY: Sarah O'Boyle : contact her on 737128. Online booking available via the website wingrutland.uk

COFFEE MORNING in the Village Hall every THURSDAY from 10.30. Second hand books available too as well as a friendly chat. Please do call in!

WING POST OFFICE- every TUESDAY from 2pm to 4pm- again please use or we lose!

SIGN UP TO Nextdoor Wing to get regular e mail updates on what is happening in your village. We are nearly up to 100 members! Please speak to John Oakley for more details (737761) .

WING DEFIBRILLATOR

The process for accessing the defibrillator is as follows:

Ring 999. Do not delay

The operator will then give you the code for getting the defibrillator from the phone box near the Kings Arms on Top Street. Take it to the patient.

Open the case and it will then begin to give you instructions.

Do not worry about using it incorrectly as it is fully automatic and will only work in appropriate circumstances.

Anyone with any items for the parish magazine please e mail janealexanderorr@hotmail.com by 12th of the month at the very latest!!

DOVE COTTAGE DAY HOSPICE - RUTLAND

A Carol concert led by The Chater Community Choir rounded off Dove - Rutland 's first year of operation. Visitors enjoyed singing their favourite carols, while enjoying mulled wine and mince pies.

What a successful first year, almost £30,000 has been raised through the generosity of Rutlanders. A Huge Thanks to you all. There are events already planned for 2018 including an Auction of Promises in March. We Hope that we can count on your support to offer an Auction lot for what will be a fun evening. If you can offer an Auction lot, please call Dove - RUTLAND on 01572 722630 or email rutland@dovecottage.org
May we wish you all a Happy and Peacefull New Year



Katharine of Aragon Festival at Peterborough Cathedral

25-28th January 2018

For full details visit www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk

The Katharine of Aragon Festival commemorates 29th January 1536, when Henry VIII's first wife was buried at Peterborough Cathedral after her death in exile at Kimbolton Castle. She still lies here in the Cathedral today and the occasion is marked by a programme of lectures, concerts, guided walks and special services on a Tudor theme.

Friday 19 January, 7:30pm Memorial Hall, Uppingham School

Uppingham School Symphony Orchestra

Fauré Masques et Bergamasques Suite
Bruch Violin Concerto No. 1 in G minor, Op. 26 Mendelssohn
Symphony No. 4, in A major, Op. 90; 'Italian'

Anson Poon Violin

Free admission, no ticket required

DATE	January 7th Epiphany 1	January 14th Epiphany 2	January 21st Epiphany 3	January 28th Epiphany 4
Empingham		9.30am Morning Prayer		10.45am Benefice Covenant and Communion Service at Methodist Chapel
Edith Weston	9.30am Holy Communion			B
Whitwell		3:00pm Holy Communion		E
North Luffenham	4.00pm Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am All Age Worship Team	N
Pilton		11.00am Holy Communion		E
Lyndon	11.00am Holy Communion		<i>9.30am Morning Prayer</i>	F
Manton	<i>9.30am All Age Worship Team</i>		11.00am Holy Communion	I
Preston	11.00am Prayer & Praise	11.00am Holy Communion		C
Ridlington	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion	<i>9.30am Morning Prayer</i>	E
Wing	9.30am Morning Prayer		9.30am Holy Communion	

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