

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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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 Rev'd John Taylor

Perhaps for you as for me, the low point of the year is February. So often we have the worst weather of the year. It can be cold, wet, and windy, and of course we all look forward in anticipation of the light and colours that herald the arrival of Spring.

The month's name derives from the Latin 'februarius', which itself comes from 'februum', the rite of expiation and purification. So for the Romans, this month was a time for restitution or making amends. In other words, a time for a new beginning. It is as if throughout all ages we have felt a need to 'turn a new leaf' or 'set the record straight', a need to start afresh in our relationships with our family and neighbours, and with God.

This act of purification requires a willingness to look at things we have done, to recognise perhaps that our behaviour and attitudes have not been the best they could. And after that comes the personal challenge to admit it.

'Sorry seems to be the hardest word', sang Elton John in the 1976 International Song of the Year. Such a little word that means so much. How hard it can be to acknowledge that we are not perfect and that we do get things wrong. Often it is our pride that gets in the way and stops us admitting something that appears to put us in a bad light.

In church we use the word 'sins' to mean all that 'falling short'. We accept that this can be through 'negligence' or 'weakness' not necessarily through 'our own deliberate fault'. Hindsight is a wonderful thing and comes to condemn us even when we have offended others without the least intention. What a tangled web we weave!

Ash Wednesday falls this year on February 15th. It marks the beginning of the season of Lent, forty days before Easter Day. Ash Wednesday is the start of a journey of honest self-examination. This is an opportunity for us to admit our fallibility as human beings and to

acknowledge the truth of the fact that dust will return to dust. It allows us to embark on our equivalent of 'februum'. It is a heaven-sent opportunity to go beyond being 'sorry' and to make amends.

With best wishes for a blessed Lent.

John

February Benefice service

On the 25th 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.

Pippa Madgwick

Lent Groups

Like me, you must know some lovely people: people who are fun to be with, who lift our spirits with their kind words and actions, who don't need to promote themselves, who are content with their situation (even if objectively it is far from perfect), who encourage others, who say thank you. Such generous living is attractive and it's what we see in the life of Jesus Christ. The Lent Groups this year will be looking at this, so do join one.

Empingham Wednesdays 10.30am John Haward 01780 460502
North Luffenham Mondays 7.30pm Graham Madgwick 01780 721286
Manton Rosemary Durose 01572 737825

Or contact Pippa on 01780 721286. See you then!



Thank you to everyone in the local community who very kindly supported 'For Rutland' in 2017. We are still very keen to recruit new volunteers so please do email info@fornrutland.org.uk /01572 724400 if you are interested. We are always grateful for help with the Grand Tombola at the Rutland Show every

year on the 1st Sunday in June. Some villages are without collectors, so we would love some new helpers with this and the larger villagers need more collectors. Let's hope that in 2018 we have a record year of bottles and everyone will consider donating a bottle of any sort!

Every penny we raise stays in Rutland used to pay for 2 Full Time Specialist Advisers based at Citizens Advice Rutland who provide free, confidential, non-medical advice and support to people of all ages living with long term conditions such as cancer, dementia, strokes and mental illness in Rutland and the Surrounding Community. They can help with practical problems associated with long term conditions, such as access to NHS services, housing, debt, employment and relationship issues. they ensure that clients can get necessary funding through grants and benefits at a time when they most need it.

We are very pleased to announce that The Good and New Clothes Sale this year is very kindly sponsored by Hegarty Solicitors. Already we are busy collecting. If you are clearing out your wardrobes PLEASE donate any good quality clean clothes and accessories: - Designer, Men's, Women's or Children's clothes, handbags, belts, hats, shoes and accessories. Also, any of those "Bad Buys" "Clothes with the labels still on" or those "Once Worn items!" For clothes collection and general information **please contact Trish Ruddle 01572**

724400/07801319222/ info@fornrutland.org.uk or Elizabeth Mills 07710873811 Alternatively, please use one of our drop off points at Cavell or John Porter in Oakham.

There are some great bargains to be had for high quality new and nearly new clothes for all the Family.

The Good and New Sale will kick off again with the Men's Sale on 23rd & 24th February (venue to be confirmed) followed by the Evening Sale

on Friday 2nd March and the Great Sale on 3rd March at Barnsdale Lodge Hotel, near Oakham.

Dates For Your Diary - 2018

Friday 23rd/Saturday 24th February: The Good & New Men's Clothes Sale-venue tbc.

Friday 2nd/Saturday 3rd March: The Good & New Clothes Sale - Barnsdale Lodge Hotel

Wednesday 25th April: 'Bridge For Rutland'-The Rutland Showground Pavilion

Saturday 28th April: 'Run For Rutland' -The Rutland Showground

Sunday 6th May: 'Ride For Rutland' - Exton Park

Sunday 3rd June: The Grand Bottle Tombola - The Rutland Showground

Friday 7th September: 'Golf For Rutland' - Rutland Water Golf Club

About Citizens Advice Rutland

The Citizens Advice service provides free, independent, confidential and impartial advice to everyone on their rights and responsibilities. It values diversity, promotes equality and challenges discrimination. The service aims to provide the advice people need for the problems they face and to improve the policies and practices that affect people's lives. Citizens Advice Rutland's offices are located in the centre of Oakham, Rutland, close to car parks, buses and the railway station, on the ground floor with disabled access. Address: Citizens Advice Rutland, 56 High Street, Oakham, Rutland LE15 6AL. For more information please call Tel.01572 723494 or visit www.rutlandcab.org.uk

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***For Rutland** pays for Specialist Advisers, based at Citizens Advice Rutland who support local people living with long term health conditions such as cancer, dementia, strokes and mental illness. The advice service assists clients by solving problems associated with long term conditions such as housing, employment, debt, relationships and maximising income. For more information, please call Trish Ruddle 01572 724400/07801 319222 / Elizabeth Mills 07710 873811 /Caroline Hammond 07879 620932 email info@forrutland.org.uk or visit www.forrutland.org.uk*



AN AUCTION OF PROMISES FRIDAY 23 MARCH WING VILLAGE HALL 7pm

DOVE -RUTLAND are planning an Auction of Promises. We will be offering a mix of things like a beautiful hand painted silk scarf, and promises. Would you like a trip in a

classic Bentley? Afternoon tea with fizz? Lunch or dinner for 6 ?

Book the date. Ploughmans supper, Licensed bar. Cost: £5 to include supper We would love more promises please.

Due to increasing use of our facility, more VOLUNTEERS are needed, to cook, entertain guests and transport guests to and from Dove in Ridlington. LE15 9HJ

If you can help by donating a PROMISE or want to learn more about becoming a VOLUNTEER, or buy TICKETS for the evening, Please email rutland@dovecottage.org or. tel. 01572 722630

EDITH WESTON

From the Registers

We welcome into the family of the church Miley Jane Smith who was baptised at St Mary the Virgin on 26th November.

New Arrivals

We welcome Andrew and Julie Gray who joined us from Surrey shortly before Christmas and also David and Toni Wilkin from Northants. We hope that they will be very happy in Edith Weston.

Carol Services

With three Carol Services in the space of four days, St Mary's truly echoed with the sounds of Christmas.

Once again we were delighted to welcome 2 Medical Regiment for their Carol Service on 14th December and Edith Weston Academy held their service the following day. Our traditional Parish Carol Service was then held on the evening of Sunday 17th, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. The church was full on all three occasions and collections totalling £385 were donated for The Children's Society.

Christmas Card Scheme

We thank Jackie Rutherford for organising our Christmas Card Scheme which raised a magnificent amount of over £1,400 (including Gift Aid) for church funds

Thanks and a Happy New Year

The Parochial Church Council thank everyone who has helped make our church such a welcoming place of worship during the last year, with special thanks to The Holy Dusters, Holy Weeders, Flower Arrangers and Bellringers.

We also thank all those who have organised, helped and supported the Safari Supper, Harvest Supper, the Christmas Card Scheme and other fund raising events during 2017.

We wish all our parishioners a very happy and healthy 2018.

EDITH WESTON SAFARI SUPPER - 10TH MARCH 2018

Our lovely Church is in need of urgent roof repairs so money raised at the event this year will go towards this worthwhile cause. Tickets cost £20 each for a 3 course meal including wine and coffee.

We hope that this will be a very successful event involving the whole village, with lots of socialising, eating and drinking! A great opportunity to meet a few more people.

How it works.

The houses for starters and main courses will all be within walking distance in the village and if you are with a partner you will always be with them but you will be with different people at different courses until we meet up at the end.

Starter - on the day of the supper you will be given an envelope telling you where to go for your starter at 7.15pm.

Main Course - after your starter you will be given an envelope telling you where to go for your main course.

Puddings and coffee - we all meet up for puddings and coffee at The Limes, Church Lane.

Hosting a course.

If you are hosting a course you will be offered a food allowance for each guest that you are catering for. The choice of the dish is up to you.

Wine is provided to each host for serving with their course. If you are not hosting a course, perhaps you would be kind enough to donate a pudding.

We need about 9 hosts for the starter and another 9 for the main courses.

As this is a fund-raising event we will be selling raffle tickets during the pudding course so please don't forget to bring some money!

To join in call Jane Milne (01780 722005) to book your place, offer to host a course or provide a pudding. **Closing date 17th February, 2018.**

OPEN GARDENS JUNE 10th 2018 – SAVE THE DATE

For the first time, we think, in 20 years, Edith Weston residents will be opening their beautiful gardens in aid of the church. There will be at least six varied gardens to see, and anyone else who would like to showcase their horticultural skills, support the upkeep of our historic church, or help on the day, please contact Gill Bretton. Contributions of Plants, Cuttings, etc. will be readily received by Gill Bretten, Sundial House. [Tel:01780 729282](tel:01780729282) email [g.bretten @btinternet.com](mailto:g.bretten@btinternet.com). More details later.

Village Hall Afternoon Teas

Regretfully the lunch planned for February is cancelled, however the afternoon tea will still go ahead as normal at 2.30 pm on February 6th, we look forward to seeing everyone. Please contact Diana on 01572 345237, or Daphne on 01780 722114, if you would like to join us. If you require a lift, please contact Gillian Pearson on 01780 720273. Happy New Year to you all, and we'll see you soon!

Holy Dusters

Calling all Holy Dusters - would you like to join us on Monday 26 March at 9.30am for the pre Easter clean? Anyone new in the village is very welcome for coffee and cake at 10.15, it's a chance to meet and have a chat. Everything's provided, but if you have a query ring Wendy 01780 729081. There are lots of comments in the Visitors' book showing how much your efforts are appreciated.

VILLAGE MEETING HELD ON 11th JANUARY

This was to discuss the format for the village street party to be held on 23rd June 2018. We had a good crowd turn up and there was a lively exchange of views. It was decided to return to the Barbecue format and to have a variety of music to hopefully suit all tastes. Also we want to concentrate on childrens activities early in the evening and to include the little ones.

It was reiterated that the purpose of this event is for the villagers to get together and have fun and if we can make some money for the 3 village charities that would be wonderful as well.

A committee has been formed to coordinate the proceedings. Anyone who would like to join us or help in anyway please contact Gill 01780 721400 gillboston21@gmail.com

SO SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY 23RD JUNE 2018

EMPINGHAM

ACTIVITIES AT EMPINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: REV LEO OSBORN 01572 720721

Sunday services during FEBRUARY

4th 10.45am Rev Sara Cliff

11th 10.45am CAFÉ CHURCH with Mrs Sarah Atwell King

18th **4pm** TEA TIME CHURCH - Mrs Sarah Lamb - Service for Young Families

28th **3pm** Afternoon Fellowship - Favourite Hymns Tea & Cake.

Mondays: Post Office 2 - 4pm - Refreshments available. Photocopying/
Laminating available.

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

14th Feb Ash Wednesday Holy Communion. 10.30am

21st, 28th Feb, and 7th, 14th, 21st March UNITED LENT GROUPS 10.30 - 12noon.

28th March Holy Week Holy Communion.10.30am.

All are invited to join us at any or all of the above, we look forward to welcoming you.

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

For further information - Eileen Ray 01780 460676

Empingham Village (Audit) Hall

Dates for diary.

Musical Evening April 28th - featuring Pennyles Folk Band (Details in next month's magazine)

Social Breakfast -Saturday 19th May 2018 (Breakfast £6 per person)

If you have not already renewed your subscription to the Village Hall Mini Ernie or you would like to join please print out the form by going to the Google browser page and enter "Printable Hire Form and 2016 Mini Ernie Form – Audit Hall" in the search box. Send completed forms and payment (£12 per ticket) to the treasurer Alan Danbury or contact a committee member to request a form.

Soup Lunches – another social occasion in the village!

You are welcome to come and have a simple lunch of bread, soup and fruit on Wednesdays in Lent from 12.30pm. These are organised jointly by St Peter's Church and the Methodist Church. Donations would be welcome for Christian Aid and on 21st February Martin Gage, Regional Coordinator, will be here.

He can answer questions on Christian Aid, as they work to help refugees and those suffering from famine.

21st February in the Audit Hall 28th February in the Methodist Chapel
7th March in St Peter's Church 14th March in the Methodist Chapel
21st March in St Peter's Church.

Empingham Garden Club

On Monday **19 February** the third Monday in the month, rather than the fourth, at 7.30pm at the Cricket Club, Sharron White will talk about 'Snowdrops'. Visitors are welcome at £2.00 each.

Liz Willars 01780 460358

Empingham Cricket & Social Club -February

Saturday 3rd RBS RUGBY 6 NATIONS

Wales v Scotland 2.15 p.m. & France v Ireland 4.45pm.

Sunday 4th RBS RUGBY 6 NATIONS Italy v England 3.00pm

Saturday 10th RBS RUGBY 6 NATIONS

Ireland v Italy at 2.15pm. & England v Wales 4.45pm.

Sunday 11th 11.00 Sunday Brunch

From 11am. From £5 for selected Brunch

Sunday 11th RBS RUGBY 6 NATIONS Scotland V France 3.00pm.

Monday 12th 7.30 Monday Quiz Night

Cricket Club's Monthly Quiz Nights Proceeds to Charity

Friday 23rd 6.30 PIE SUPPER NIGHT £6 for main course and £7.50 including sweet. Contact Claire on 01780 764021 07881 814857 or cjmaybew@aol.com

Friday 23rd RBS RUGBY 6 NATIONS France v Italy 8.00pm.

Saturday 24th RBS RUGBY 6 NATIONS

Ireland v Wales at 2.15pm & Scotland v England 4.45pm.

Empingham Men's Shed

Our 2018 programme kicked off in January with an introduction to the world of 'Automatons', by John Haward. Thanks, John.

In February we will be meeting on Wednesday 28th to hear Nick Meyrick remind us that 'Things Ain't What They Used To Be'. Let's hope we are not turning into the grumpy old men's society!

Everybody welcome - we meet in the White Horse at 7.30pm

Contact: Bob Willars bobwillars@sky.com

Adverts

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Empingham Medical Centre Patient Participation and Reference Group.

The NEXT MEETING will be on **Tuesday 20th February at 2pm** in the Methodist Hall, Main Street, Empingham. Jacky McBlain from LOROS will talk about Bereavement Services offered. All patients of Empingham Surgery are welcome.

The minutes of previous meetings can be viewed on the practice website on the "Get involved" link. empinghammedicalcentre@gp-c82044.nhs.

To obtain more information via email please contact the surgery and ask to be added to the "Virtual Group".

IF YOU KNOW of anyone who does not have access to the Internet, CAN YOU help them to keep up to date with Surgery and other Health care News.

Jane Willis, secretary PPRG.

Grow it * Cook it* Make it

Who said things have to be perfect (or sensible) for people to share their talents? Your beans may not be the straightest, or your onions the largest, but show us anyway...it's the taking part that matters.

If you can knit a vegetable, decorate a 'show stopper' cake, make a vase of paper flowers, or produce a sweet-smelling bag of compost - then we'd love you to show us what you can do. Wacky is good too.

Don't forget the date - Saturday 14th July

Collections at Christmas Services

The collection at the United Carol Service at the Methodist Chapel amounted to £210 and was sent to Water Aid, the government doubling this donation.

Collections at the Crib Service and Midnight Service at St Peter's Church came to £308 and was sent to Mediciens Sans Frontieres. Many thanks to all who contributed.

The White Horse would like to thank all those people from the village who came along and supported them in their Christmas Quiz on 28th December. I think everyone would agree that it was a fun evening. The quiz raised £158 for Peterborough Soup Kitchen and the pub rounded up the donation to £200. We look forward to being able to hold further events throughout the year, providing we can find ourselves an accomplished Quizmaster. *Any volunteers?*

Celebrate Jazz Singer Ella Fitzgerald's Centenary Year

with 78 RP Big Band and singing sensation Joanna Eden in an evocative evening of anecdote, insight and classic songs in concert at St Peter's Empingham at 7.00pm on 18th March 2018.

This Cambridge-based popular band first played in St Peter's Church in the Autumn of 2014 and then gave a return concert to a delighted audience in November 2015. This time 78 RPM with singing sensation Joanna Eden will come together and remember in concert the legendary American jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald. After their highly praised concert in Dereham Memorial Hall, don't miss this is rare treat to hear the band and Joanna perform songs from different stages of the career of Ella, who was often referred to as the First Lady of Song. Selections will range from the early work that brought Ella Fitzgerald to fame in the 1940s with the Chick Webb Orchestra, to later classics such as Cole Porter's Every Time We Say Goodbye and George Gershwin's Someone to Watch Over Me. With her entertaining style and deep affection for the music, Joanna will front the fabulous Cambridge-based 78 RPM Big Band, and together they will delve into the rich legacy of Ella's unrivalled output. The programme will include compositions by Gershwin, Rodgers, Porter, Arlen, Ellington, Van Heusen and other writers of the Golden Age.

Tickets will be on sale from early February - £11.00 each in advance with cash or cheque (to "Empingham PCC") and £12.00 at the door. Make your bookings in good time to avoid disappointment with

Nick Meyrick - nicholas@meyrick.org 01780 40354 or

John Haward - John.haward@empingham.org.uk 01780 460502

See you there.

MANTON

MANTON VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB Winning numbers for January 2018.

£20: 144 Grahame North **£10:** 6 Vicky Quemby **£10** 106 David Senior **£5** 140 Tricia Matthews **£5** 24 Kay Jackson. Snowball **£90** was not won. Next month's snowball, **£100**, will 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.

THANK YOU

To everyone who helped to raise lots of money for charity over Christmas.

At the Carol Service we raised £120 for the church and £120 for Save the Children -Ryhunga. At the Carol Singing we raised about £180 for Alzheimers Society.

Manton Good Neighbour Scheme

Run by, and for, Manton people of all ages MGNS is run by volunteers who provide help for anyone in our village who needs assistance with any of the following:

transport, household tasks, form filling, practical support following illness, companionship, mattress turning etc...

Call 07767 420219 and we will get back to you as soon as possible

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MANTON and WING CREATIVE SOCIAL AFTERNOONS

Please come along and carry on with what you may be working on, try something new or just pop in for tea, cake and a chat. Would you like to have a go at calligraphy or folk art, see dates below for details.

Feb 8th, Wing Village Hall - Computer and tablet help, please bring your own laptop, computer or tablet.

Feb 22nd, Manton Village Hall - Folk Art demo and have a go, equipment provided. Folk art are the beautiful paintings you see on canal boats.

March 8th, Wing Village Hall - Calligraphy demo and have a go, pens and calligraphy paper will be provided.

March 22nd, Manton Village Hall - Scrabble and other board games

Each session runs from 2.30 - 4.30. Cost £3 to include tea and cake

ALL WELCOME, we have people from all villages, Oakham and Uppingham too.

Contact: Wing, Joanne 737286, beawingj@gmail.com.

Manton, Helen 737157, hcmaidland@gmail.com.

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.

GARDENING CLUB

Wednesday February 14th 7.30pm

Manton Village Hall

We are delighted to welcome Caroline Ashton to the February meeting which

will be held on, guess when, Valentines day, 14th February! Caroline, a local lady, is a nationally acclaimed speaker and broadcaster, and no doubt will be highly entertaining. Her subject will be on the lines of "Innuendoes in the Garden".

Whether a gardener or not, I'm sure you will enjoy her talk. See you there, Manton Village Hall 7.30pm. £3 members and £5 for guests. *Jane Bews*

BIBLE/PRAYER MEETING (Note back to the original time)

Thursday February 15th 2.00-3.00pm The Coach House, Stocks Hill

AMOS Shepherd – Prophet Everybody welcome

LENT LUNCHEAS IN MANTON VILLAGE HALL

Mondays 12.00 - 2.00pm February 19, 26 March 5, 12, 19, 26

Includes soup bread fruit for £5. All profits will be going to a crisis charity. We hope that this will be well supported and anyone who would be prepared to make and donate some soup on any of these dates would be much appreciated. Please pass the word around lets have a good turn-out and a jolly lunch with friends in the cold weather. Please let Hui Yen know what you could make and when, so that she can coordinate soups. (737162 - bloodworthan@gmail.com). Very many thanks *Anne and Hui Yen*

FINDING NANA

Wednesday March 7th 8pm

Manton Village Hall

A play by New Perspectives Theatre Company. A play by New Perspectives Theatre Company. This is a magical autobiographical one-woman show from award-winning writer, Jane Upton, charts halcyon childhood summers in a seaside hotel, the unconditional love between a granddaughter and her Nana and the desperate need to capture memories before they are lost. Tea and Coffee will be served in the Interval.

Tickets - £10 from Barbara Camp (01572 737729) barbarajcamp@yahoo.co.uk

CHURCH COFFEE MORNING - Everybody welcome

Thursday March 8th 10.30 – 12 at the home of Barbara Camp

Priory Road FREE but contributions to church funds welcome.

MANTON SAFARI SUPPER

Saturday March 10th 2018

There could still be places available even if you cannot provide a course.

Please contact Anne Cowan - annecowan38@gmail.com as soon as possible for information

NORTH LUFFENHAM

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

North Luffenham Garden Club

The club welcomes our next speaker on 8th February with Steve Lovell, a horticultural consultant & former Chairman of the Hardy Plant Society on *"Bark, Berry and Leaf - an alternative view; forget flowers and look what else nature provides in the plant kingdom"*

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.

North Luffenham Ichthus Group

Life in All its Fulness



Spring/Lent Programme 2018

7:30pm at The Rectory, 19 Digby Drive

- 5th February – The Joy of Living Generously**
- 19th February – The Joy of Generous Speech**
- 5th March – The Joy of Open Hearts**
- 12th March – The Joy of Generous Faith**
- 19th March – The Joy of Forgiveness**

A Musical Dream - an hour long recital of songs for voice and lute is to be held in North Luffenham Church on Wednesday 7th February at 7.30pm. Alison Hill - Soprano and Yair Avidor - Lute and Theorbo

PILTON

Despite the deep snow making Pilton inaccessible on the Sunday of the Ring a Ring O' Posies event in December, £20 was raised for St. Nicholas Church fund.

It is hoped that another event can be held in the summer months.

PRESTON

Preston's **Carol Service** was held at 5.30 p.m. on Friday 15th December and our beautifully decorated Church was part lit by glittering candles and lanterns. This was much appreciated by the large congregation and the Rev. Pippa Madgwick, who welcomed everyone and led the Service, which consisted of Prayers, Bible readings and three poems. John Linford played the organ. Sadly John feels this may be the last time he plays for us. We would like to thank him for the many times he has played for us, and hope that he and Anne will still come to enjoy our celebrations.

The collection from this Service raised £235 and this sum will be divided between the Children's Society and Save the children, Syrian Refugee Fund.

Most of the congregation stayed on after the Service to enjoy the Mulled Wine and Mince pies in our church.

Book stall

Many thanks to Chris and David Audcent for their reorganisation of the book stall - any books you wish to pass on for the stall please leave in the church.

Church cleaning rota

We are again making a plea for the fit and able members of the village to help out with a once a month check of the church in between the visits from the cleaner. Wendy Clayton has been busy keeping an eye and donning her apron when required but some extra bodies would be very warmly received. Please contact Kay Waterworth on 737339.

Christmas quiz

All entries are now in for the quiz. Ann Nicholls will be announcing the winner very soon. If you would like a copy of the answers sheet please contact Ann.

Heating

Many thanks to Jane Micklethwaite for arranging the replacement of the boiler and rescuing us from the chill. The new boiler is working well and was fitted just in time for the Christmas day service.

Altar Flowers

FEBRUARY JANE MICKLETHWAIT 4 and 11 February
FEBRUARY 14 Ash Wednesday: NO flowers during Lent.

Katherine Green would like to thank all the people who helped in any way following her accident before Christmas. Firstly, Julie and Richard Peters, who drove me to the Uppingham Surgery, despite their own busy schedule, and regardless of the fact that I was covered in mud. Secondly, the Surgery, particularly Dr. Mystery, who had a chair waiting for me at the door. Also, the Library who made sure that my books were waiting for me at home; and finally, all those who sent me cards, flowers and telephone messages. I am very grateful to you all.

Ruth Chamberlin

Preston has been preparing to say goodbye to one of its most illustrious and certainly most loved residents. Peter and Ruth Chamberlin arrived in Preston forty-seven years ago with their two small children, Timothy and Anna. Peter had become Headmaster of the Church of England Primary School in Uppingham, and having lived in Uppingham for four years they decided to move to the Old Orchard in Church Lane, Preston. Following Peter's death in 2015, Ruth remained in the house, but has now decided to move to Staffordshire to be near her son and his family.

After she left school, Ruth went to the Croydon School of Art and Fashion where her artistic potential shone, and on graduating she got a much coveted job with the immensely prestigious couturier, Worth. The House of Worth was by this time owned by Paquin of Paris, and was the leading fashion house of the time, Ruth remembers being transfixed by the wonderful materials and by the amazing detail and skill involved in this very high class dressmaking. However, she quite suddenly decided that the world of fashion was not for her, and she left Worth in Mayfair and enrolled in the School of Embroidery in the East End of London. Here she first encountered the world of gold embroidery, and was involved in making a magnificent cope and mitre for the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Fisher.

This was the beginning of an amazing career, designing, making and teaching embroidery, culminating with the publication of a little book, "Gold Threads", which has become an international best seller and the acknowledged authority on gold embroidery. She has made and designed countless altar frontals, bishop's copes and mitres, and taught hundreds of people to enjoy embroidery.

Canon Michael Wilson encouraged Ruth to become the Sacristan of Preston Church, a post she has held for very many years. She designed and organised teams of volunteers to make a new altar frontal, and to transfer and repair the embroidery on two beautiful but badly damaged old frontals. She also

organised the embroidered kneelers. Peter always supported her in her work, which was very time consuming, and she says she was lucky that he was such a good cook! He was a talented musician and amateur artist and they had many, many friends with similar interests all over Rutland. We will miss Ruth very much indeed, but we are glad that she is going to be near Timothy, Jacqueline and their family, and we wish her every happiness in her new home.

Village Hall

The Village Hall continues to host a wide range of classes throughout the week. Regular classes include Yoga, Tai Chi, Dancing and Art, and a new group meeting on Monday evenings explores Mindfulness. Details of all classes are posted on the village notice board.

RIDLINGTON

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:
February – Liz Simpson

Village Hall: The re-decoration of the hall including the floor being sanded and treated will be completed by the end of January. The new lightweight foldable chairs together with new lighting will also be done by the end of the month.

During February or March, a Sunday lunchtime social will be organised so villagers can come along and see the revitalised hall. A big thanks to everyone who have been involved in all the work!

Inter-Village Quiz: Ridlington inter-village Quiz open to all villages in Rutland. Join us in the newly refurbished Ridlington Village Hall on **Friday 23rd March**. Doors open at 7pm for start prompt at 7.30pm. Donations requested on the door of £10 per person.

Hot main course served at 8.30pm (vegetarian option if requested in advance) followed by dessert. Bring your own drinks. Raffle and prizes for winners and runners-up. Teams of four although we will try to match up anyone who wants to come along. You must book in advance so please contact Maggie on 01572 717564 or Mike on 01572 821137. All proceeds go towards the maintenance of Ridlington Playing Field and the Quiz is organised by the Trustees.

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.

Thank you for your greetings and donations – a magnificent £154 was raised!

Terry Raybould: We were all saddened to hear of the death of Terry Raybould, a popular figure in the village, who lived on Hannah's Field. Since moving to Ridlington, Terry soon became a familiar face and quickly joined in many social events. As well as his kind and affable nature, he will be remembered for his artistic talent. Terry loved art and painting and his work was exhibited locally, including the Rutland Open Art Exhibition, where his piece 'Ridlington Gardens' (Oil) was highly commended.

A funeral service was held on January 19th at the parish church of St Mary Magdalene & St Andrew, Ridlington. Members of the village would like to express their condolences to Terry's family.

Please visit the websites below:

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

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

WING

www.wingrutland.uk

SS Peter and St Paul

Flowers: Joanne Beaver Brass: Phillipa Gallimore

A Service of Thanksgiving, to celebrate the life of **Muriel Clark**, will be held on Saturday 17th February 2018 at 12.30 p.m. in the church of SS Peter and Paul, Wing. Any donations will be given to RNLI -the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Charity No. 209603.

A very successful coffee morning, raising funds for the Church, was held at the home of Matthew and Nicky Lytton before Christmas. Many thanks to the Lytton's for their generous hospitality.

Wing WI : Thursday 8th February 7.30pm in Wing Village Hall

'The Master Craftsmen of Kashmir and the search for the Real Pashmina' speaker Helen Phillips. This is an open meeting and everyone including gentlemen is invited! Visiting WI members £1, £3.50 non members. Helen will be bringing items for sale (credit cards accepted) and if you would like to come do please contact Judith Oakley, the President, quilt9@gmail.com or Jane Gilmore, the Secretary, 737324 or tkgdjgwing@btinternet.com
Wing WI has a full programme for 2018 so please contact Judith or Jane if you would like to join.

WING VILLAGE HALL

The Christmas draw results of **Wing 100 Club**

No 44 Robina Curley (£100)

No 6 Mick Rogers (£75)

No 37 Ros King. (£50)

Thanks to everyone who supports this draw and we look forward to new members joining this April.

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 VILLAGE CAKES AND COOKBOOK is SOLD OUT!! Well done everyone involved!!

WING VILLAGE GREETINGS CARDS- a set of cards showing drawings of the village are still on sale in the Village Hall

WING AND MANTON SOCIAL CREATIVE AFTERNOONS- THURSDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2.30 - 4.30pm in WING.

Joyce will be showing us Folk Art in January; 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.

Cost £3 per session from 2.30 to 4.30pm includes tea and cake! All welcome:
2018 Dates:

Wing - 8th February, 8th March in WING VILLAGE HALL.

Manton - 22nd February, 22nd March in MANTON VILLAGE HALL.

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

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

Allotments 2018 Available in Wing: contact Mick Rodgers (737475) if you are interested. Full plots £10 and half £5 annually- rents now due so you should have received your reminder.

WING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

24th/ 25th FEBRUARY INFORMATION WEEKEND

SATURDAY 2 - 5pm SUNDAY 11 -3pm

Enjoy a cuppa and cake whilst talking to members of the committee who are there to answer questions and get your ideas about what is important to you.

The committee meets monthly and key areas such as environment, housing and historical context have been divided between dedicated sub groups.

Nicky Lyttleton 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 that is why we are planning this information weekend on 24th/25th February. Please do 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: 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!

DATE	4 th February	11 th February Last before Lent	14 th February Ash Wednesday	18 th February Lent 1	25 th February Lent 2
Empingham		9.30am Morning Prayer	(10.30am Holy Communion at the Methodist Church)	9.30am Holy Communion	
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	N
Pilton		11.00am Holy Communion			E
Lyndon	11.00am Holy Communion			<i>9.30am Morning Prayer</i>	F
Manton	9.30am All Age Worship			11.00am Holy Communion	I
Preston	11.00am Prayer & Praise	11.00am Holy Communion	7.30pm Holy Communion		C
Ridlington	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion		9.30am Morning Prayer	E
Wing	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Morning Prayer		9.30am Holy Communion	10.00am Benefice Licensing Graham Madgwick as Reader by Bishop Donald

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