

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 Jo Saunders

It's probably heretical to say this, but I have to admit that by the time we reach September, I've had enough of Trinity – those umpteen Sundays falling between Ascension Day and All Saints. We do manage to fit the odd Saint's Day in, of course, but from June to November we are firmly wedded to our green altar frontals, stoles, veil and burse.

As we say Morning and Evening Prayer on weekdays, we commemorate many who were not saints, but whose Christian lives and witness were significant, and September 17th is just such a day, because it commemorates the life of Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, who died in 1197.

Hildegard was a truly remarkable woman, far ahead of her time in learning and thought. Born the tenth child of a noble family in 1098, she became a Benedictine nun at the monastery of Saint Disibodenber in Germany when she was just eighteen. She, like many other women of her class and time, was to spend nearly 40 years enclosed within a convent.

By 1136, Hildegard was appointed prioress and it was then that she started writing music for the first time, for her nuns to sing as part of the Divine Office. It is for this that Hildegard is best remembered today, music which offered solace and peace in a violent, troubled world.

During her life, Hildegard saw a number of visions which caused her to see humans as "living sparks" of God's love, coming from God as daylight comes from the sun. *"Heaven was opened and a fiery light of exceeding brilliance came and permeated my whole brain and inflamed my whole heart and my whole breast."* she wrote.

Hildegard wrote many letters offering spiritual advice and about medicine and physiology. She commanded the respect of both Church and political leaders of the day and oversaw the building of two new monasteries to house her religious community.

But what relevance does Hildegard have for us today? She was, I suppose, a very early feminist theologian. Whereas masculine imagery of the creator tended to focus on God's transcendence, Hildegard's revelations of the Feminine Divine celebrate immanence, that is, God being present in all things. Like all mystics, she saw the harmony of God's creation and the place

of both women and men in that, an idea that was truly radical at the time. In an age of deep-seated misogyny, she championed the sacred worth of women, showing the world how visionary women could transform the most male-dominated faith traditions from within.

On 25th September the church commemorates Lancelot Andrewes, a C17th spiritual writer and Bishop of Winchester, who oversaw the translation of the King James Bible.

Andrewes wrote in the florid style of his day, peppering his work with Latin phrases, but through it shines an elegance and beauty which writers down the years have admired and imitated. You may be familiar with TS Eliot's poem 'The Coming of the Magi'; its opening words *A cold coming we had of it, just the worst time of the year For a journey, and such a long journey: The ways deep and the weather sharp, the very dead of winter* were lifted straight from Andrewes's pen.

Andrewes was not only a spiritual writer however; he was very much a political figure, becoming one of Elizabeth's "heavies," interrogating imprisoned Puritan separatists. His appointments as, firstly, Bishop of Chichester and subsequently of Winchester masked a certain political intrigue on Andrewes' part; he had previously refused the Sees of Salisbury and Ely because Elizabeth I had insisted that he cooperate with the crown in reducing the power of the church.

Yet Andrewes was a man of intense piety who spent five hours every morning in prayer. He kept a book of private devotions which became a classic Anglican guide to prayer and is still in print. He is said to have died with the book in his hands. How about this for an evening prayer?

*The day is gone,
and I give Thee thanks, O Lord.
Evening is at hand, make it bright unto us.
As day has its evening so also has life;
the even of life is age, age has overtaken me, make it bright unto us.
Cast me not away in the time of age;
forsake me not when my strength faileth me.
Even to my old age be Thou He,
and even to hoar hairs carry me ;
o Thou make, do Thou bear, do Thou carry and deliver me.*

So while I may find Trinity long, I am at least glad to be reminded of some of the giants of the Christian faith.

With every blessing

Jo

The Hospital of St John & St Anne

Open Day

8th September 2018

The Hospital of St John & St Anne is the oldest charity in Rutland, having been founded by the wool merchant William Dalby in 1399. In St John's Chapel the charity also has responsibility for one of the oldest properties in Oakham.

Today it focusses on providing good quality accommodation for those over retirement age who are of limited means, and for this purpose it has 102 properties available on sites in Oakham and Uppingham. Applicants do have to have a link with Rutland or the surrounding areas, and the charity takes a pragmatic approach to what it considers to be 'a link'. As such a number of our beneficiaries have moved from elsewhere in the country so as to be nearer to their family.

*The Charity is hosting an Open Day at its South Street & St Anne's Close site in Oakham on Saturday 8th September 2018, from 11am. Anyone who might have an interest in such accommodation is welcome to come along, please make an appointment by telephoning the office on **01572 756950***

For more information about the charity and the accommodation we offer see our website

www.stjohnstanne.co.uk

AFTERthoughts

Death is often a taboo subject, yet we all have to face the death of others and our own mortality too. This group provides an opportunity over three weeks to discuss the issues surrounding death BEFORE the event.

In a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, we will explore the journey of loss and the practical choices and decisions that need to be made when a death occurs. Each session will include an experienced guest speaker and refreshments will be provided.

When? Wednesdays 24th October, 31st October & 7th November at 3-00pm

Where? The Methodist Church, Empingham.

(NB The course is for everyone, whether Christian, of another faith or no faith)

What topics will be covered?

- Session 1 How do we see death? – of others , our own?
 What is bereavement? How do we cope?
- Session 2 What needs to be done practically when a death occurs?
 What do I want? What might others have to do for me?
- What are the options for funerals/burials/cremations?
- Session 3 A) The legal dimension
 Making a will? What is a Power of Attorney? And an expression of wishes?
 B) How might I prepare?
 For my own death? Can I help my loved ones prepare?
 Communication with others.

Material (readings, poems, music etc) will be provided to allow personal preparation.

We hope that this course will dispel fear and empower us as we face the reality of life.

To aid our preparations, please let us know if you plan to join us (contact Rev'd John Taylor or Rev'd Pippa Madgwick – details inside magazine front page), but you will also be welcome to come along on the day.

Calling all reading groups and book lovers

Sue Jarron, The High Sheriff of Rutland invites you to

**A Talk on Literary Life Stories by
Eminent Biographer and former Booker Prize Chair of
Judges**

Professor Dame Hermione Lee

On Thursday 11 October 2018 at 6.00 for 6.30 pm

In Oakham Castle

Drinks & Canapes to follow.

Bookings to rutlandhighsheriff18@gmail.com

And payment of £25.00 per head by Bacs transfer to

Acc No 43442662 Sort Code 77 40 42

Or by post to

Mrs M S Jarron, High Sheriff of Rutland

Spinney House, 27 Weston Road, Edith Weston,

Rutland LE15 8HQ

With Cheque payment of £25.00 per head in favour of

M S Jarron, High Sheriff of Rutland

By Friday 5 October 2018

If you are considering donating items to Harvest
Festivals in the coming weeks the Rutland Foodbank
would greatly appreciate the following goods:

SPONGE PUDDINGS, PACKETS OF SMASH (POTATOES)

TINNED TOMATOES, TINNED POTATOES, LONG LIFE MILK

LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE, SMALL SUGAR (500 G), JAM, TINNED

CUSTARD, TOILET ROLLS, RAZORS, SHAVING FOAM/GEL

DEODORANT, SHAMPOO, WASHING POWDER / GEL, SHOWER GEL

DOG FOOD



EDITH WESTON

FROM THE REGISTERS

We congratulate Catherine Elizabeth Lee and Toby James Lees who were married at St Mary the Virgin on Saturday 28th July.

We commiserate with the family and friends of Alan Reginald Jury whose Memorial Service was held at St Mary the Virgin on Thursday 27th July.

2 MEDICAL REGIMENT DISBANDMENT

After two years based at St George's Barracks it is time to say farewell to 2 Medical Regiment who are not only leaving Rutland but are being disbanded. On 4th July the Regiment therefore held their Disbandment Service in our church to celebrate the achievements of those who had served the Regiment worldwide during its ten years of existence, both in peacetime and in conflict. The Roll of Honour of those who have died in service was read and the regimental standard was blessed and presented to the Church for safe-keeping.

The very moving service was led by Rev'd Gavin Smith, Senior Chaplin 102 Logistic Brigade and the Band of the Queen's Division was in attendance.

In a letter of appreciation to the PCC and parishioners, the Commanding Office, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Worthington, says "we have all come to look upon St Mary the Virgin as 'our church' and it has provided us and our families with a spiritual home and respite at a time when the Regiment has never been busier". He continues, "I for one will always cherish the memory of leaving the church to the sound of the church bells pealing as we marched away for the last time".

We wish all members of 2 Medical Regiment and their families every success in their new postings.

Laying-Up of Regimental Colours

It is military tradition that, when a regiment is disbanded, its Regimental Colours are never destroyed, but laid to rest in a place of

of worship, a prominent public building or some other place of significance to the Regiment. It is therefore a great honour that 2 Medical Regiment has chosen to “lay-up” its colours in St Mary the Virgin. The Regimental Colours will be placed on permanent display in our church very shortly.

EDITH WESTON VILLAGE HALL

AFTERNOON TEAS – ALL WELCOME

TUESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER BETWEEN 2.30PM – 4.00PM

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Diana Sutton and Daphne Stanley for doing a splendid job of organising the afternoon teas for the last 2 years.

By popular demand, we are resuming the afternoon teas on September 11th, and every second Tuesday of the month thereafter, so do come along, all are welcome.

Any queries please phone Ros. Green on 01780 721414 .

Jumble Sale Edith Weston Village Hall Saturday 20th October 11am - 3pm

There will be a jumble sale in Edith Weston Village Hall on Saturday 20th October in aid of the Church roof repairs. Please bring all your unwanted gifts and good quality jumble to the Hall on Friday afternoon 19th October from 4pm, labelled if possible with a suggested price. All proceeds will go towards the Church roof repairs. This is your opportunity to have a clear-out and put all those beautiful but surplus goodies to really good use. And a great opportunity to grab some wonderful bargains on Saturday - don't miss it!

Any enquiries to Lee Odell 07564 346696

or Miranda Palmer 07713 715250

Edith Weston Village Hall 100 Club

1st prize	£30	Miss K Moore
2nd prize	£25	Mr & Mrs A Barber
3rd prize	£20	Mr W Pickering
4th prize	£15	Mr K Cowzer

Sunday lunch at The Wheatsheaf Inn – Mrs M Binks

SAVE THE DATE: Next years village BBQ will be on **Saturday 6th July 2019.**

For those planning next year's summer holidays, I'm sure you will not want to miss the village social event of the year. Please put this date in your diary so you won't miss out on a wonderful village occasion.

PARISH COUNCIL

Public consultation on specific aspects of Rutland's latest Draft Local Plan gets underway from Monday 13 August 2018 for a period of six weeks.

As you know, Rutland's existing Local Plan is currently being reviewed because it is due to expire in 2026. The new plan, once complete and adopted, will cover the period up to 2036.

As part of the process of reviewing Rutland's Local Plan, Rutland County Council is consulting on two documents:

- focussed changes to the Local Plan resulting from the development potential of St George's Barracks
- additional Sites put forward for development since the Consultation Draft Local Plan 2017

Comments on these documents are being invited as part of a six-week consultation starting on Monday 13th August 2018 and ending at 4.45pm on Monday 24 September 2018.

Feedback can be submitted online at: www.rutland.gov.uk/localplanreview from Monday 13 August 2018, by

emailing: localplan@rutland.gov.uk or by writing to: The Planning Policy Manager, Rutland County Council, Council Offices, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland LE15 6HP.

Printed copies of both consultation documents will also be available for inspection at local libraries and at the Council Offices.

Once the consultation is complete, all comments received will be reviewed and considered before preparing the next Submission Draft version of Rutland's Local Plan for public consultation.

This is expected to be published for further consultation at the end of 2018, prior to it being submitted to the government for independent examination in 2019.

For enquiries, please email: localplan@rutland.gov.uk or call: 01572 722 577.

Village news

If you have any items of news for the Edith Weston section of the October parish magazine, please email ewparishnews@gmail.com.

EMPINGHAM

From the Registers of St Peter's Church

We commiserate with the family and friends of Jim William Thraves, whose funeral was held on 16th July 2018.

We commiserate with the family and friends of Michael John Sharman whose funeral was held on 6th August 2018.

We congratulate Dawn Helen Carter and Lewis John Mitchell, who were married on 21st July 2018.

Empingham Cricket & Social Club

Saturday September 1st - Cricket Match - 1.00pm
Empingham v Langham.

Monday September 10th - Quiz Night - 7.30pm
Teams of up to 6 people, entry £2.00 per person. Money raised for Empingham organisations. Club opens at 7.00pm, for a 7.30pm start.

Sunday September 16th - Sunday Brunch - 11.00am
From £5.00 for selected brunch. Add your name to the list in the club, or ring 01780 460643.

Friday September 28th - Pie Supper Night - 6.30pm
£6.00 for main course, or £7.50 including sweet. Add your name to the list in the club, or contact Claire - 07881 814857 or cjmaybew@aol.com.

Empingham Men's Shed

Wednesday September 26th - Men's Shed will meet at 7.30pm at the White Horse, where Jonathan Rowland will give a talk on 'Diabetes'. Everyone welcome.

Contact: Bob Willars - bobwillars@sky.com

ACTIVITIES AT EMPINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: REV LEO OSBORN 01572 720721

Sunday services during SEPTEMBER

2nd 10.45am At Oakham Methodist Church

9th 10.45am Morning Worship Rev Maureen Jones, including Holy Communion

16th 10.45am CAFÉ CHURCH with Mr John Haden

23rd **4pm** Tea Time Church with Mrs Sarah Lamb

30th **3pm** United Harvest Service and Tea with Rev Leo Osborn. Gifts of Tins & Dried Produce for Rutland Food Bank.

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

Photocopying / Laminating available.

Wednesday. Prayer & Bible Study 10.30am on the 2nd Wednesday of the month

Holy Communion. 10.30am on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Thursdays: Toddler Group 10.30 -12 noon. (During Term Time only - Starts again 5th September)

Eileen Ray 01780 460676

Empingham Audit Hall

The winners in the 9th draw of the Mini Ernie were:

First prize	Number 50	Ruth Egboma
Second Prize	Number 118	c/o Robin Prior
Third Prize	Number 31	Hayley Bell

A date for your diaries is Saturday 6th October, when the traditional music group "Frumenty" will be in concert.

The next Community Breakfast will be on Saturday 10th November.

More news from Empingham will be found on page 28

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Empingham Allotment Association

The honour of the 2018 'Best Allotment' has been awarded to Denis Trevor. Congratulations from all his fellow allotmentees.

Girls Night Out

September 11th - The Stamford Shoestring Theatre are presenting 'Jeeves and Wooster in Perfect Nonsense' at Stamford Arts Centre. Tickets are £10 (£8 for concessions or Artsscene members) and performances start at 7.45pm. *If you are interested in going, please contact Angela Duffin, on 01780 460767 or angela@theduffins.org.uk*

October 3rd - Camilla Saunders is going to give a walking history tour round the village. Camilla's knowledge of the village is unrivalled and she will give us an insight into how our village has changed and grown into the one we know today. Meet at the White Horse at 10am. *For more information, please contact Camilla, on 01780 460534*

Poppies - We need handmade poppies for a village remembrance this November. They can be made in any suitable way - knitted, crocheted, made from recycled plastic bottles etc.. *For more information and patterns, contact Caroline Meyrick (460354) or Judy Aitkens (460113)*

Thank You

The family of the late Jim W Thraves thank the many people who attended his funeral, and the Reverend John Taylor for conducting the service. Also thanks to Chris Manby for the thoughtful eulogy and to Laura Spears for her brave reading.

We would also like to thank you for all of your kind words, messages of sympathy, cards and donations to the Derbyshire, Leicestershire & Rutland Air Ambulance, which to date has raised the grand sum of £1,600. Jim would have been overwhelmed by your kindness.

Bee Keeping Opportunity

As some of you may know, I have a number of bee hives in the village, and sell my honey through Barbara's Store. However, due to other commitments I am looking to finish bee keeping at the end of next season.

This could provide someone with an ideal opportunity to get involved in this fascinating hobby, and to take over my hives at the end of next year. There will be beginners' courses run by the Leicestershire & Rutland Beekeeping Association in the autumn/winter, and I would be happy to provide mentoring throughout 2019.

If you are at all interested, please contact me for further information.
Bob Willars, on 01780 460358 or bobwillars@sky.com.

Empingham Surgery

The next meeting of the Patient Participation and Reference Group will take place on **Tuesday 25th September, 7pm** at the surgery.
The speaker will be Yvonne Rawlings from AGE UK.

Following the Presentation there will be the AGM, usually very short, and a normal group meeting. The purpose of the group is to promote an exchange of information and ideas between the practice and their patients. Attendance at every meeting, 4 a year at the moment, is not mandatory and they are fairly informal.

We would like to vary the topics of the presentations and would appreciate input with ideas from more of the patient population. There is currently poor representation for the "UNDER 60's" on the group.

We would like to know what YOU think of the present and of future Healthcare Provision in Rutland.

What matters to you?

What works well and what could be done better?

Are there any Healthcare topics you would like to know more about?

You can also communicate by becoming a member of the virtual group where your thoughts and ideas can be put forward at the meetings.
All patients and staff of EMC are welcome as members.

Look on the GET INVOLVED page of the website for more information.
empinghammedicalcentre@gp-c82044.nhs.uk

Brian Kenworthy, Chair. kenwopb@talktalk.net

Harvest Thanksgiving at St Peter's

Please put in your diaries - Sunday 14th October Harvest Celebration - 11.00am service followed by a shared lunch in the church.

The Greenwood West Gallery Quire, at St Peter's Empingham on Sunday 21st October 2018 at 7pm.

Why did a "Choir" become a "Quire"? What happened in the mid 1600's which forced local communities to change their tune? This diverse group of about 25 costumed singers and instrumentalists will entertain us as they tell their story in music and the spoken word. It will surely be something a bit different.

Tickets in advance are £9.00 each, or on the door £10.00. Free for children under 15 years. (Cash or cheques to "Empingham PCC")

All proceeds to St Peter's Church funds. Please help restore the damaged roof.

*Contacts: Nick Meyrick (01780 460354 - nicholas@meyrick.org)
or John Haward (01780 460502 - john.haward@empingham.org.uk)*

LYNDON

Lyndon Harvest Festival and Supper will be held on Saturday, 6th October with a Harvest Service at 6pm in the Church followed by Supper at Lyndon Hall, by kind permission of Justine and Edward Conant. Tickets are available from Jill Mayhew, so please apply in good time to avoid disappointment. Harvest produce or gifts can be brought to the church or to Lyndon Hall to be auctioned after supper to raise money for St Martin's. We look forward to seeing you there!

For any queries please contact Jill Mayhew 01572 737275

MANTON

MANTON VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB Winning numbers for August 2018.
£20: 144 Grahame North **£10:** 2 Sam O'Malley **£10** 115 Hui Yen
Bloodworth **£5** 47 Anne Cowan **£5** 104 Natalia Senior. Snowball **£100**
was won by 81 David Triggel. Next month's snowball, **£50**, may 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.

Manton Good Neighbour Scheme

For Manton people of all ages MGNS is run by volunteers who provide help for anyone in our village who needs assistance with a variety of tasks. Also transport: occasional lifts to local towns & hospitals. Call 07767 420219 and we will get back to you as soon as possible. For **hospital appointments** and visits further afield we advise that if you are **over sixty or disabled** you should use **VAR (Voluntary Action Rutland) transport, tel: 01572 724705, Mon-Fri 9am-12pm**. Their charges are less than ours if you have a bus pass as they are supported by Rutland County Council. They generally like you to give at least 5 days notice when booking.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CHURCH COFFEE MORNING - Everybody welcome

**Thursday September 13th 10.30 – 12 at the home of Caroline
Burnaby-Atkins**

Manton Lodge Farm, Lodge Lane FREE but contributions to church funds welcome.

BIBLE/PRAYER MEETING

**Thursday September 20th 2.15-3.15pm The Coach House, Stocks
Hill**

Philippians: Lessons from a Joyful Jailbird.

Everybody welcome

CHURCH COFFEE MORNING - Everybody welcome

Thursday October 11th 10.30 – 12 noon at **Manton Hall Residential Home** Lyndon Road Free but contributions to church funds welcome.

HARVEST FESTIVAL and BRUNCH and CONCERT!!

Sunday October 7th 9.30am

Manton Church

This will be a half hour All Age Worship Service followed by Brunch in the church for £5. Children free. Come and join in the Harvest celebrations. Everyone very welcome.

CONCERT by FOLK BAND – WHALEBONE

Sunday October 7th 6-8pm

Manton Church

Celebrate the end of the Harvest Festival Day with a grand Folk Band....check out their rendition of Rolling Stones “ Paint it Black” on Youtube!!

Tickets £10 from Anne Cowan (737503) No Bar but please bring your own drinks to have in the Pews!!

BRIDGE and AFTERNOON TEA

Wednesday November 19th 1.45 for 2pm prompt Manton Village Hall

Progressive and non-progressive available - please specify which you are applying for.

Tickets - £12 from Caroline Burnaby-Atkins (01572 737269). Send request and stamped addressed envelope to Manor Lodge Farm, Manton LE15 8SS. Cheques to Manton PCC. cba@mantonlodge.co.uk
All money in aid of St Marys Church Funds.

NORTH LUFFENHAM

Indoor Carpet Bowls Club

The club continues to hold a practice night throughout the summer, every Monday evening in the school hall from 7pm- 9.30pm - £1 adults, 50p children. Refreshments available at small charge. All welcome. (For further information please contact Jason Ellis on 01780 722173.)

NORTH LUFFENHAM VILLAGE TRUST

2018 FORMS FOR GRANTS

Applications are invited, from or on behalf of, individuals resident in North Luffenham who are in need of financial assistance for education *or* other needs. Groups that benefit North Luffenham residents may also apply.

All applications will be dealt with confidentially & are to be received by the Clerk no later than 30th September 2018.

The Application Forms are available from:-

**The Clerk to the Trustees, North Luffenham Village Trust,
Mrs K Dexter, 13 Digby Drive, North Luffenham, Tel:
01780-721033.**

Garden Club Autumn Show

The committee regret that, due to current circumstances, the Autumn Show due to be held on Sunday 9th September has been cancelled for this year.

The Show's success relies on the efforts of the organisers, volunteers and helpers, and we need more of you! The Club is currently looking for someone to take on the role of secretary, and for more people to join the committee in general. Please contact Katy Ellis if you feel you would like to step forward on 01780 722173 or ktellis1606@gmail.com.

The Club holds its next meeting on Thursday October 11th– please see details below.

North Luffenham Garden Club

The Club has a full, interesting and varied programme of speakers arranged for our monthly meetings from October 2018 through to May 2019. At

meetings we have a guest speaker, refreshments and a raffle, and sometimes plants for sale.

Our first meeting of our Autumn season will be on Thursday October 11th at 7.30pm in the Community Centre with guest speaker,

Jo Bennison, a specialist peony nursery grower from Market Rasen in Lincolnshire with her talk,

'Peonies – covering species peonies and how breeders have improved on older varieties.' (<http://www.bennisonpeonies.co.uk>).

The following meeting will be on Thursday 8th November with Joe Sharman from Monksilver Nursery on ***'Snowdrops'***.

Annual membership is £10 per person, payable from the October meeting or £2 per guest per meeting – **all** are most welcome so bring along a friend!.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The annual North Luffenham bonfire night event is scheduled to be held on Monday 5th November 2018. Whilst I appreciate that it is somewhat unseasonal to consider it now, we need to start finding volunteers to assist with Stewarding and Bucket Collecting for the event. The event is self-supporting and we need a strong team to ensure its safety and success. Can you help?? If so - please contact Paul Cummings - Tel: 720124.

PRESTON

Flowers: 2nd 9th and 16th September Rita Sparks
23rd and 30th Sept Susan Scott

Cleaning: Izzy Newbold

Evening Services at Preston

The PCC are delighted that we have been able to re establish this service at Preston. It takes place on the fourth Sunday evening each month. The services are quiet and reflective, following the liturgy in the Book of Common Prayer, following in the footsteps of so many who have devotedly worshipped in our church down the centuries and are now remembered through memorial stones in our church and churchyard.

To date we have held three services which have been well attended and appreciated by all those present. The next services are planned for Sunday August 26th and Sunday September 23rd at 6pm.

Please do join us. You will be most welcome.

Church Cleaning Morning

We shall be repeating this biannual event on Friday 28th September. Do please plan to join us. We have several special events coming up in our church during October, including our Harvest Festival which is planned for the 14th, and this is an opportunity to prepare our church to look its best, whilst enjoying each other's company and, of course, cake and coffee!

Please bring your favourite cleaning implements and come for as long as you can between 10am and 1pm.

Further details from Kay Waterworth [737339]

The next meeting of the **Preston PCC** will be held on Thursday September 13th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Preston Playing Field – September update.

For those of you who have wandered up Ridlington Road recently (and even for those who haven't) there has been significant progress with the Village Playing Field. Regular mowing (even in this weather!) and general tidying have made the field more accessible. The pedestrian access has been widened, so no more fighting with the big gate, and the towering nettles have been strimmed. Thank you to all those kind folk who have given their valuable time, but more volunteers are always most welcome! Despite the soaring temperatures, the summer has seen kite flying, picnics, football games and a tremendous water fight. The little sports day was also great fun. But there is still loads more to do and for this we need funds. We have been successful in our application to the Tesco 'Bags of Help' grant scheme so, if you shop in Tesco, please make sure you get a token and drop it in our section in the Oakham store during September and October. We'll be letting you know what's happening - look out for our next update - but if you want more information, or would like to volunteer, please contact us at prestongreenspaces@gmail.com or drop a note in at 1, 4 or 12 Main Street. We look forward to hearing from you.
The Preston Green Spaces Committee.

RIDLINGTON

Flowers:

We have a rota for church flowers each year and would like to thank everyone

everyone who displays the beautiful flowers on the altar each week:
September – Victoria Bullimore; Debra Thatcher

Cleaning Rota:

September – Margie Wall; Anne Harvey; Julie Hault; Louise Fox

Community Orchard Coming to Ridlington:

Following a successful application to lottery funded Stamford Community Orchard Group, a community orchard of 10 trees will be planted in the New Year on the church lawn fronting Church Lane. As the Chairman Adam Cade said, “This will bring lots of people together in a practical and productive way. It will also improve public open spaces for people and wildlife, introduce people to new skills and interests, and create more opportunities for making local healthy food and drink.”

More details about how you can be involved in the planting of the trees, to follow...

Ridlington Singers:

Following this year’s success, Ridlington Singers are now ready to recruit additional members to join their village choir. Auditions are not required – all you need is to be willing to come along and sing once a week, enjoy a range of music, and have a good sense of humour!

Our restart date is Wednesday 12th September at 8pm; if you are interested, please contact our resident choirmaster, Martin Wall email: max.wall1@hotmail.com or Tel: 821397

Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust:

The Ridlington church community event on Armistice Day this year, will see the use of 8 silhouettes – one for each of the young men from the village who went to war and didn’t return. This is possible because the church has been successful in its application for purpose made commemorative silhouettes awarded by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust. These silhouettes will be kept by the village for use each year for commemoration of the fallen during the World War. We look forward to welcoming parishioners and neighbouring parishes to our service at 9.30am on Sunday November 11th 2018.

The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise by the nation ensuring that those who serve or who have served in the armed forces, and their families, are treated fairly.

For more information on the Armed Forces Covenant please visit <https://www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk/>

WING

www.wingrutland.uk

St Peter and St Paul

Flowers: Rose Dejardin & Jeffy Wood Brass: Christine Howarth

The Wing **SAFARI SUPPER** will be on Saturday 13th October. The date is fast approaching - buy your tickets (£20 per person) from Helen Bateman 737499 - batemanhelen@aol.com. If you are willing to host a course or make a pudding please contact Carolyn Comben 737373 or wingsafarisupper@gmail.com The evening will conclude at The Old Hall (thanks to Sally and Adrian Cox). Do you have neighbours who are new to the village? Please do ask them to join in; everyone is most welcome. It is a great way to meet new people and have fun with old friends.

Wing WI : Thursday 13th September 7.30pm: **FARMHOUSE COOKERY** with Brenda Featherstone and her daughter. Come and see what ideas Brenda has to offer! Visitors always welcome.

If you would like to join us 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 so please contact Judith or Jane if you would like to join or visit. Participation in Regional and National events is possible too.

YOGA and BETTER MOVEMENT classes start again on Tuesday 4th September. Please contact Stewart Hamblin for details stewarthamblin@tiscali.co.uk or visit the website.

WING VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 27th OCTOBER: Wing Quiz with supper and raffle in the Village Hall. All proceeds to the Village Hall fund: the well known quiz masters Bamber's Bean Counters officiating; teams of 4; wear your silliest hat; prizes for winning team and winning hat; pay bar; chilli con carne with jacket potato; vegetarian option. Bar opens 6.45pm with quiz starting at 7.15pm. Tickets £10 from Lynne Bywater lyn225@hotmail.co.uk or Helen Cullen cullens135@gmail.com Raffle tickets can be purchased on the evening. If you are able to donate raffle prizes please deliver to Lynne or Helen at Inglewood, Reeves Lane before the event. All donations gratefully received!

TABLE TOP SALES days are planned for Sunday September 9th; October 14th; November 18th: cost per table is £10 payable on the day. To book a table please contact Sarah banjocrafts@gmail.com, kazb195@gmail.com or Judith quilt9@gmail.com

The doors will open at 9am and close at 12noon. Stall holders can set up from 8.15am. To add to the enjoyment bacon/ sausage butties will be available at £2 each with tea/ coffee at £1.

Save the date: we are fortunate to be hosting the talented group of musicians **Fordante** (for the third time!) on FRIDAY 9th NOVEMBER at 7.30pm. ' From Romance to the Movies' and tickets are £10 available from johnahackett@btinternet.com or 01572 737394. There will be a licensed bar. The previous two visits have been sold out so do please order your tickets early.

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

WING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: Lots of information is on the web site wingrutland.uk

THE BIRCH GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME: if you need help in any way!
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

SIGN UP TO Nextdoor Wing to get regular e mail updates on what is happening in your village. We are nearly up to 150 members! Please speak to John Oakley for more details (737761) .

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

DATE	2 nd September Trinity 14	9 th September Trinity 15	16 th September Trinity 16	23 rd September Trinity 17	30 th September Trinity 18
Empingham		9.30 am Morning Prayer		9.30 am Holy Communion	(Sat 29 th 11.30am Baptism)
Edith Weston	9.30 am Holy Communion		B		
Whitwell		4.30 pm Holy Communion	E		11.00 am Benefice Holy Communion
North Luffenham	6.00 pm Holy Communion	9.30 am Morning Prayer	9.30 am All Age Worship 11.00 am Benefice Holy Communion	12.30 pm Baptism	E
Pilton		11.00 am Holy Communion	N		N
Lyndon	11.00 am Holy Communion		E	9.30 am <i>Morning Prayer</i>	E
Manton	9.30 am All Age Worship AC/CS		F	11.00 am Holy Communion	F
Preston	11.00 am Prayer & Praise	11.00 am Holy Communion	I	<i>Evensong</i>	I
Ridlington	9.30 am <i>Morning Prayer</i>	9.30 am Holy Communion	C	9.30 am Morning Prayer	C
Wing	9.30 am <i>Morning Prayer</i>	9.30 am Morning Prayer	E	9.30 am Holy Communion	E

A Message from Simon Aley

Thank you so much for coming to Preston to see me off and for your lovely cards and good wishes and LOVE. Miraculously all your generous donations equate almost to the penny to my new cassock which I will soon be using and will continue to use once ordained. God Bless you all and see you soon I'm sure. Simon

The Rutland Water Benefice

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