

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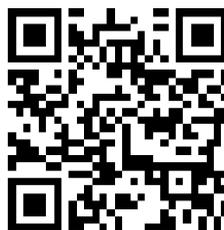
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Please refer to the service rota at the back of this magazine. Please  
make yourselves known to the Churchwardens when you arrive. You  
will be very welcome.

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

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## Thoughts from Rev'd John Taylor

I wonder if, like me, you are intrigued by the origins of things, particularly of words and expressions. I'm sure that we have all heard of the 'hokey-cokey', indeed we will probably all have joined in dancing it at a party. But why hokey-cokey, indeed hocus-pocus?

Well, it is said that this came from a parody of the early Catholic Mass, where, in Latin, the priest would say 'Hoc est corpus' – with ritual movements and gestures. So, .....that's what it's all about!

Similarly it appears that the phrase 'Jack-in-the-box' has been understood to be an image – a way for Protestants to mock Catholics. The box was a metal container, a pyx, hanging by a chain in the church, in which the consecrated bread could be kept following the Mass for distribution to the housebound. The Catholic belief that the bread and wine became the actual body and blood of Jesus gave rise to the picture of the 'man' popping out once the lid was removed.

But perhaps this Jesus is not to be boxed in or confined. He is not to be locked up in forms of liturgy, books or buildings. Too often such things are the focus of faith, as if they give meaning to faith, as if they have Jesus under control.

At Easter we hear how, following the crucifixion, Jesus appeared to the disciples, coming to them through locked doors. Later two disciples encountered him as they walked to Emmaus and shortly after he shared breakfast with them on a beach.

So, he is not restricted by places, people, situations. He is free, in the world, in every part of life. He can be met and known anywhere. There are no 'no-go' areas.

Those who try to bury him or confine him may well find that, in the words of the poem 'The Breadman' by Charles Causley.

'One Sunday morning he burst out, like a Jack-in-a-box.

*John*

## **The Bible - what's it all about?**

The Bible has helped shape our civilisation, culture and language but today it is less well known. Have you ever wondered how it came to have such an influence on our world or why the Bible as a text is central to the Christian faith?

Graham Madgwick will be leading four engaging and interactive presentations, which will put the bible within its context and help us to answer these questions.

Session 1 Sunday 5th May 6 - 8pm

' How did the bible come to us?'

Session 2 Sunday 19th May 6.30 - 8pm

' What happened when? - a bible timeline'

Session 3 Sunday 2nd June 6.30 - 8pm

' Why bother with the Old Testament?'

Session 4 Sunday 16th June 6.30 - 8pm

' How do I make sense of the New Testament?'

All sessions will be held in Preston Village Hall.

The first evening will begin with a provided meal and be followed by the study. The other three sessions will begin slightly later and have a break for light refreshments.

Everyone is most welcome.

If you intend to come to the first session please book a place with Kay Waterworth: email [waterworthkay@gmail.com](mailto:waterworthkay@gmail.com) or phone 01572 737339 in order that we have numbers for catering. Please also let us know if you have dietary requirements and/ or would like a vegetarian option.

## **Preston, Ridlington and Wing Annual Open Flower and Produce Show**

Open to all. To be held at Preston Village Hall on **Saturday 3rd August**.  
Now is the time to start planning your entries for this year's show.  
Spring has arrived so start sowing, growing and planting!!!

### **DOVE HOSPICE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**



We are very grateful for your support. Like many charities, we are totally reliant on your generosity to maintain our level of service to Rutland Residents. Any ideas or offers of support, or of sponsorship that will help to fund our activities are MOST GRATEFULLY received. Fancy becoming a volunteer? Give us a call to find out more.

6th MAY come and support us at BRAUNSTON FAYRE  
15th MAY. Play BRIDGE ? Why not bring a table of friends to our afternoon tea and Bridge in Manton  
6th JULY. Our popular STRAWBERRY TEA returns at the hospice in Ridlington.  
3 OCTOBER GOLF DAY at Rutland Golf club. Sponsorship and raffle prizes would be so welcome.  
7-13 OCTOBER HOSPICE CARE WEEK. We will be offering Tea at 3 once more.

For more information, please call 01572 722630  
[rutland@dovecottage.org](mailto:rutland@dovecottage.org)

### **RUTLAND NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME:**

Please do note our garden openings for 2019. You will be very welcome.  
Further details from [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)

Sunday 12th May- NEW for the NGS- EXTON Hall;  
Sunday 19th May: The Old Vicarage,WHISSENDINE;  
Sunday 26th May: The Old Vicarage, BURLEY on the Hill;  
Sunday 2nd June: MANTON Gardens;  
Sunday 16th June: MARKET OVERTON Gardens;  
Sunday 23rd June: EMPINGHAM Gardens;  
Sunday 30th June: Redhill Lodge, BARROWDEN.

# **EDITH WESTON**

## **Church news**

### **From the Registers**

We welcome into the family of the church Amber Christina Mulholland who was baptised at St Mary the Virgin on Saturday 16th March.

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

The APCM took place during the service on April 7th 2019. Judy Needham was re-elected as Church Warden, and the Parochial Church Council members will be Gill Bretten, Vanessa Jones, Hilary Moore and Ann Sinclair. The next PCC meeting will be on May 1st.

David Forbes has decided to stand down after many years of loyal service to the Church; as Church Warden for several years and managing the fabric and finances for decades. We are all extremely grateful for his hard work in keeping the Church in good order and providing wise counsel to the PCC and to the benefice.

### **The Phantom Hedge Trimmer**

For many years the hedge on the north side of Weston Road Cemetery facing the road has been kept immaculately trimmed by a person, or persons, unknown, as they have never been “caught in the act”. They may not necessarily be from the village but it is believed that they may regularly visit a family grave here. If anyone knows their identity, we would be grateful if they would thank them and ask if they may pass their contact details to a member of the PCC in order that we may thank them formally. It is kind and voluntary acts such as this that help to give Edith Weston such an attractive and well cared for appearance and they are greatly appreciated.

### **Sound system**

The new sound system has arrived, which enables everyone to hear clearly the services and church events.

### **Village Hall**

#### **AFTERNOON TEAS**

All are welcome to afternoon tea at Edith Weston Village Hall – do come along.

**Tuesday 14th May 2019** between 2.30pm and 4pm.

Future dates

Tuesday 11th June 2019

Tuesday 9th July 2019

Should you require transport from your home in Edith Weston to the village hall, please phone Ros Green on 01780 721414.

### **EDITH WESTON TABLE TENNIS**

Table tennis on Wednesday afternoons is up and running and has proved a lot of fun, with a number of participants from Edith Weston and visitors from North Luffenham and Stamford. While the 3-5pm slot is popular with some folk, it is obviously not convenient for everyone, so if anyone feels they could come on an evening or weekend slot and is prepared to 'host' an additional session on a regular basis, please do let me know. This would involve simply being there to welcome and guide participants, a basic knowledge of the Hall (heating, etc) and a small amount of paperwork.

There has been some feedback suggesting that it be good to have more than one table. A second table would need to be as easily stored as the current one i.e. would dismantle such as to be compatible with limited storage space, and would need to be solid and in good condition to comply with safety specifications. So if anyone has such a table in their garage that they no longer require and that they would like to donate to the Hall, please let me know.

See you on Wednesday!

Miranda Palmer 01780 721000

### **EDITH WESTON ANNUAL SUMMER BBQ**

**Saturday 6th July 2019 5pm - 10pm.**

Tickets for this almost famous annual event will be available from the village shop from early June. This year's event will be a maximum of 200 tickets on a first come first served basis.

Adults £12 to include a delicious BBQ supper and pudding, Children under 11 are free.

A few tickets may be available on the night at £15.

A great bar with plenty of Pimms, wine & beer, a jolly good Raffle, Tombola, Cake Stall, children's games and a live band to dance the night away, Plenty of fun for everyone to enjoy themselves.

This event is not to be missed!!!! Pop the date in the diary and remember to

buy tickets early.

**Edith Weston Academy**  
**Summer Fete and Family Swim**  
Saturday 29th June 11am- 2pm

More details to follow next month

### **Rutland Ride and Stride**

Saturday September 14th 2019.

An early reminder of the date for the Rutland Ride and Stride – a fun day to spend cycling or walking between Rutland's glorious churches. Details to follow or at <https://www.rhcpt.co.uk/rutland-ride-and-stride.html>

### **Edith Weston 100 Club Winners – May 2019**

£30 Mr & Mrs Ashworth

£25 Mr N Appleby

£20 Mr & Mrs Bidwell

£15 Mrs Campbell

Sunday lunch for two at The Wheatsheaf Inn Mr Arnold & Mrs Debney

## **EMPINGHAM**

### **EMPINGHAM VILLAGE FETE 2019**

The date for your Diaries is **the afternoon of Saturday 6th July**. Hosted by the Primary School, proceeds will go towards St. Peter's Church and the School's Running Track. More details in the June edition.

### **Empingham Walking Group**

Meet **every Tuesday, 2.00pm at the White Horse** where the walks start from. Walks are usually about five miles (but can be extended for those wishing to walk further) and in general are suitable for all walkers. New walkers very welcome. Just turn up.

*Contacts: Vilma Nyss (01780 460153)*

*or Geraldine Durrance (01780 460975)*

### **Empingham Garden Club**

**Saturday 4th May – Plant Sale, with Coffee & Cake – 10.00am to 12.00pm at the Cricket & Social Club** An opportunity to buy some well-priced

plants, or come along for a natter. If you have any spare plants, donations welcomed.

**Monday 20th May – 7.30pm in the Cricket & Social Club** (Note – This is the third Monday of the month, not the usual fourth Monday.) A talk by Stephen Ashpole on “Why Organic Gardening.” Visitors welcome at £2. The Bar will be open.

*Contact: David Hodson on 01572 813902 (hodson001@gmail.com)*

### **BORDERING ON THE EDGE or PLEASE FILL IN THE GAPS....**

If you are throwing any unwanted low-growing plants on to the compost heap, please would you throw them my way. I will use them to replant the flower beds along the Church path, hopefully to keep the grass, weeds, and ivy at bay. It would be helpful if you could put names to the plants, as my plant identification skills are limited!

*Contact: Harry Robinson on 01780 460501*

### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Wednesday 15th May – 7.30pm in the Audit Hall** An opportunity to raise and discuss issues that matter to you and to your fellow Empingham residents. The session will be preceded by a short formal Annual Parish Council Meeting, starting at 7.00pm.

*Contact: clerk@empinghamcouncil.org*

### **VILLAGE LITTER PICK**

The next Spring Clean of the approach roads into Empingham will take place on **Wednesday 8th May at 2pm**. All equipment is provided. Just meet up at The Barn. Church Street.

*Contact: Kate Neal on 01780 460501*

### **Empingham Men’s Shed**

**Wednesday 29th May - 7.30pm at the White Horse.** At our meeting this month, Keith Townsend will explain the mysteries of our very own star, with his presentation ‘Here comes the Sun’. Everybody welcome.

*Contact: Bob Willars - bobwillars@sky.com*

### **Girls Night Out**

**Tuesday 21st May - A trip to Hambleton Bakery at Exton. Meet at 10.30am,** followed by a drink or lunch at Barnsdale Gardens. If you wish to go on this

visit, and haven't already done so, please contact either Joan or Sarah, as soon as possible.

*Contact: Sarah on 01780 461270 or Joan on 01780 460786*

**Tuesday 25th June – 10.30am – Coffee and Biscuits at Jen's house.**

*Contact: Jen Pheasant on 01780 460919*

## **EMPINGHAM VILLAGE (AUDIT) HALL**

### **Winners of 2019 Mini Ernie Draws**

The prize winners for the 1st draw were:

1st	Ticket 124	Bill & Sheila Forster
2nd	Ticket 136	Tanya Porter
3rd	Ticket 106	Sheila Margerison

The prize winners for the 2nd draw were:

1st	Ticket 78	Debbie Waddell
2nd	Ticket 8	Tarn Dearden
3rd	Ticket 41	Mary Taylor

1st	Ticket 2	Jan O'Shea
2nd	Ticket 28	Laureen Wing
3rd	Ticket 101	Rodney Branagh

The prize winners for the 4th draw were:

1st	Ticket 70	Ros Johnston
2nd	Ticket 41	Mary Taylor
3rd	Ticket 82	David Leach-Davies

## **COMMUNITY DEFIBRILATORS (or How To Save A Life)**

**Saturday 18th May – Awareness Training Session – 10.30am to 12:30pm at Empingham Methodist Church.**

Our two public-access defibrillators are now installed, and registered with the ambulance service as 'live' - one at the White Horse Pub and the other at the Methodist Church, both on Main Street. The project includes full certificated training by the Community Heartbeat Trust, in both CPR and use of the defibrillator. This is designed to inform and allay any fears, and it is in absolutely *everyone's* interest to take up the opportunity, whatever your age. This Awareness Training Session can take up to 50 participants, and pre-booking is strongly advised. A second session will be arranged later in the year, for those who cannot make this one.

*Contact by Phone or Text: Sue Ward on 07855 488058*

## **ACTIVITIES AT EMPINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH**

**Minister: REV. LEO OSBORN 01572 720721**

### **Sunday services during MAY**

5th – 10.45am – Morning Worship – Rev. Brian Lewis

12th – 10.45am – Café Church – Mr. Philip Jones

19th – **4.00pm** – TEA TIME CHURCH – Sarah Lamb

26th – **3.00pm** – AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP – Favourite Hymns, with  
Tea and Coffee

**Mondays:** Post Office - 2.00 to 4.00pm – Refreshments,  
Second-hand books, Photocopying & Laminating available.

### **Wednesdays:**

2nd Wednesday – 10.30am – Prayer & Bible Study Group

3rd Wednesday – 10.30am – Holy Communion Service

**Thursdays:** Toddler Group - 10.30 to 12 noon. £1.00 per family.  
(During Term Time only)

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**BARN WEEKEND – 11th and 12th May – at Normanton Farm LE15  
8RW**

**Saturday 11th – 7.00pm to 10.00pm - Barn Dance** – with pay-as-you-  
eat BBQ plus puddings.

**Sunday 12th – 5.00pm – Barn Service** – with speaker Rev. Ashley  
Cooper (Principal of Cliff College)

**Welcome to All**

*Eileen Ray 01780 460676*

## **Empingham Cricket & Social Club**

The Club website provides useful details about the Club, together with an up to date calendar of events. Refreshed and redesigned, it can now be found at [empinghamcsc.org](http://empinghamcsc.org)

### **Home Fixtures**

The Cricket Team has three home matches in May:

**Friday 10th – Empingham v RAF Wittering**

**Friday 17th – Empingham v Langham**

**Friday 31st – Empingham v British Sugar**

All matches start at 6.00pm. Come along and support our team.

## **Social Events**

### **Monday 13th May – Quiz Night – Doors open at 7.00pm**

Quiz starts 7.30pm. Teams of up to 6 people - £2.00 per person. Money raised for Empingham organisations.

### **Saturday 18th May – Casino Night – 8.00pm**

Tickets £10 per person, which includes light buffet and initial betting chips.

*Contact Jon (01780 460101) or Nigel (01780 460643) with any questions.*

### **Friday 31st May – Pie Supper Night**

£6 for a main course and £7.50 including sweet. *Contact Claire on 07881 814857 or add your name to the list in the club.*

## **OBITUARY**

**BROOKS Marie Eleanor** Much loved mother of Lois King, Grandmother of 3, Great Grandmother of 7 and beloved wife of the late John Brooks passed away peacefully on 19th March 2019 aged 94.

## **LENT LUNCHES 2019**

Many thanks to those who provided the soup and bread lunches during Lent, and donated £315 to Christian Aid, £215 of which will be gift aided.

*Contact: John Haward (john.haward@empingham.org.uk)*

## **MANTON**

**MANTON VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB** Winning numbers for April 2019.

£20: 26 **Helen Maitland** £10: 131 **Jason Allen** £10 43 **Anne Taylor** £5 142

**Catherine Drakard** £5 53 **Sue Thomson**. Snowball £90 was won not. Next month's snowball, £100, must 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.

## **LENT LUNCHES - THANK YOU**

To everyone who supported the 6 Lent Lunches in the Village Hall. To those who made the soup, helped to serve and wash up as well as set up the Hall and pack it up afterwards.....and of course, all those who came and ate together to make these occasions so jolly! We raised around £400 for Save the Children – Yemen. Thank you all so much.

More news from Manton on page 28

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## More from MANTON

### 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](tel:07767420219) and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

### O'Hooley and Tidow

**Friday May 3rd 8.00pm**

**St Mary's Church**

"The songwriting, voice and piano partnership of Belinda O'Hooley (formerly of The Unthanks) and Heidi Tidow (pronounced Tee-doe) is justly regarded as one of British folk music's mightiest combinations." *Mojo Magazine*

"Boundless songwriting and exquisite harmonies that truly shine." *The Guardian*. See "The Froe" for ticket details. NO BAR...so bring your own drinks and glasses.

### The Froe

**Friday May 17th 8.00pm**

**St Mary's Church**

A string quartet exploring folk traditions, they have mesmerised audiences from folk clubs to festivals since January 2014. Combining folk-roots and classical influences to intimate effect, Ruth Angell's sweet vocals soar over weaving melodies and rich textures, often contrasted with sparse harmonies and magically inventive soundscapes.

**TICKETS for "O'Hooley and Tidow" and "The Froe"** will be £10 each from Anne Cowan (01572737503). If you buy tickets for both shows together you will get a free glass of wine on each night. NO BAR...so bring your own drinks and glasses.

### CHURCH COFFEE MORNING - Everybody welcome

**Thursday May 9th 10.30 – 12 at the home of Jane Bews**

Shapinsay, Lyndon Road FREE but contributions to church funds welcome.

### Manton Garden Club

**Date in May to be arranged**

It is hoped that a visit to a garden or nursery will be arranged. Details to follow. See website or contact Jane Bews.

**BIBLE/PRAYER MEETING (note change of time) - Everybody welcome**  
**Thursday May 16th 2.00-3.00**                      **The Coach House, Stocks Hill**  
The Beatitudes: Sayings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount  
Matthew Chapter 5.

**CHURCH COFFEE MORNING - Everybody welcome**  
**Thursday June 13th 10.30 – 12**    **at the home of Anne Cowan**  
38 Lyndon Road      FREE but contributions to church funds welcome.

**The Andy Lawrenson Trio**  
**Friday July 5th 8.00pm**    **St Mary's Church**  
Hot club, Romani & Celtic sounds, vintage songs delivered with a sense of  
warmth and fun! More information nearer the time!! Watch this space!

**TOLETHORPE - Twelfth Night**  
**Thursday August 1st 7.45pm**  
Join other Manton villagers. We will all bring food to share for a picnic in  
the grounds at 6pm. Transport will be shared. More information nearer the  
time but please book and pay for your tickets soon as this is a popular  
village event and the tickets that are currently reserved will go fast! £12  
from Anne Cowan (737503).

## **NORTH LUFFENHAM**

For more info/news , please see [www.northluffenham.com](http://www.northluffenham.com)

### **North Luffenham Garden Club**

The next meeting is on **Thursday May 16th**(please note a week later than  
normal) when member Stephen Ashpole speaks to us on 'There's more to  
that flower than you see'. This will be our last speaker before our summer  
break and Autumn Show in September 1st.

Each meeting features a speaker as well as refreshments, raffle and  
sometimes plants for sale. Please bring along spare plants or seeds

Everyone welcome - no gardening experience necessary. £3 for guests/non-  
members.

### **Garden Club Summer outing – Wednesday 12th June**

This year's day trip out will be on Wednesday 12th June with a visit to 2  
gardens near Newark/Lincoln – ***Brightwater Gardens, Saxby and Norwell***

**Nurseries.** Places are £30 per person which includes coach travel, entry to both gardens, a guided tour of Norwell Nurseries by owner, Andrew Ward plus tea/coffee and homemade cake.

Itinerary: Bus pick up North Luffenham (Church Street) 9.30am/Empingham (bus stop on Main Street) 9.45am; 11am arrive Brightwater; 1.15pm depart Brightwater for Norwell; 4.30pm depart Norwell

Please note you will have to provide your own picnic lunch, which can be eaten in the Gardens

To book please contact trip organiser : Katy Ellis – phone 01780 722173/ mobile 07845 987281.

### **Evening outing – Wednesday 6th July, Tresilian House, Melton Mowbray**

Tresilian House, Melton Mowbray are opening their garden for the NGS on the evening of 6th July (6.30pm – 9pm) with light refreshments and live jazz band. The Club is intending to visit as a group and travel by car share. Please give your name to Katy Ellis on 722173 or at the next meeting if you would like to come.

### **Autumn Show**

The Garden Club will be holding its show on Sunday 1st September with all the usual categories to give everyone an opportunity to show off their talents!

As part of the Garden Club's Autumn Show this September, there will be a photography section. This year's categories are:

- *Flowers and plants*
- *Gardens*
- *Living creatures*
- *Water*
- *'Red'*
- *Linked – 3+ photos displayed together*
- *Open category (anything that doesn't fit in the rest!)*

Get snapping over the summer!

### **Plea for empty jam jars**

Margaret needs your empty jam jars please – any size – for her homemade preserves which are sold in aid of NL Church Repair Fund. Either leave in the Church Porch, outside 6a Glebe Road, NL or call Margaret Jones on 720723 to collect.

## **North Luffenham Village Trip.**

The village trip this year is going to Cromer on Wednesday July 3rd. We will be leaving North Luffenham at at 9am and leaving Cromer at 4,30. This trip is open to all ages in North Luffenham, There is no charge for this trip courtesy of North Luffenham village trust. Please ring Evelyn 720528.

## **PRESTON**

### **ADVANCE NOTICE for your Diary**

#### **Annual Village Meeting – 13 June at 7 pm**

Please note that the Annual Village Meeting will be held in Preston Village Hall on Thursday 13 June, starting at 7 pm. This is an important meeting for all Preston residents to come together and discuss plans for the village. In particular, we'll be covering plans for the playing field, and the current project to renovate the pond.

#### **Preston Pond**

On 3 and 4 April, we had an environmental audit carried out by Dave Nicholls of Nature Spot (you might have seen the Nature Spot blue disc collecting box outside Tesco last month). His findings are summarised on [https://www.naturespot.org.uk/preston\\_pond](https://www.naturespot.org.uk/preston_pond) - sadly he did not find any great crested newts!

#### **Preston Green Spaces Update**

The grass is being mowed regularly at present, which makes it all look so much smarter. The buds on the trees are just beginning to open too. It seems that spring is really here – all very uplifting!

We have a rough diary of events:

- Something on 6 July (as part of Fields in Trust's *Have a Field Day*) which will be a BBQ/picnic themed for everyone, their children and their dogs;
- Something in August with our own very lovely Audrey Riley;
- Another August Children's Sports Day for anyone who fancies themselves as a bit of a whizz with an egg and spoon;
- Apple pressing in September, when we'll crack open last year's vintage (plus, there will be cake – obviously);
- And, finally, there will be a seasonal cookery demonstration on

a Thursday evening in October.

Please let us know if there are any particularly unpopular dates, or if you'd like to help or get involved with any of the events.

Finally, we have put in a bid for some *Healthy Rutland* monies. By the date of the next *Benefice Magazine*, we should know whether this has been successful (fingers crossed), but if anyone would like more information, please get in touch [prestongreenspaces@gmail.com](mailto:prestongreenspaces@gmail.com) or Lucy on 737256. Comments and suggestions are welcome too, as always.

### **Evening Service in May**

Our Evening Service will take place on Sunday 26 May at 5pm.

### **Thank you to Jane Micklethwait and to Katherine and William Green**

At our Annual PCC Meeting, chaired by Pippa Madgwick, Jane Micklethwait told the meeting that she needed to retire from our PCC, but that she would remain supervising our church's fabric for one more year.

We will miss Jane on our Committee and in so many other ways. She has always been tireless in her support and an inspiration in raising funds to maintain our beautiful and historic church so that it can continue to be used for prayer, praise and enjoyment, just as it has been over so many centuries. After giving Jane her own personal thanks, Kay Waterworth presented Jane with a garden voucher as an appreciation from us all.

Kay also presented Katherine and William Green with token gifts (a bouquet and a bottle respectively), and thanked them for their unstinting support of our Church over the years, and in particular for so diligently carrying out the daily opening and locking responsibilities.

### **Village Social Event held on 29 March**

We held our first village social event on 29 March, giving village folk an opportunity to meet new people and to socialise in a relaxed and informal environment. We never imagined that the evening would have proved so successful with - at the busiest time - 70 of us chatting, eating and dancing together. It was wonderful to meet so many new people and we are sure that new friendships have been made.

Thank you to everyone who came and helped to make this a very enjoyable event. We have been asked numerous times already 'When will the next social event be held?' Watch this space!

*Lizzie, Caroline and Trish.*

### **Talk on *The Caught Moment* by Philip Spence on 5 April**

The recent entertaining and thought-provoking talk by Philip Spence was, as always, exceptionally well received by a full house. Demonstrating how art has depicted various dramatic incidents throughout the years, he held the audience spellbound. So popular was the evening that we are delighted to report that it raised just over £1,000 for church funds. We are most grateful to Philip and Monica Spence for all their hard work in producing such a superb talk, and to all of those who helped to make the night such a success.

### **Appeal for (quiet) toys**

We are planning to put together a box of young children's toys to keep in our church for visiting little ones [under 5s]. If anyone has anything in good condition which they no longer need and that they could donate, please contact Kay Waterworth on 01572 737339 for collection or leave in the wood store by the back door of 3 Main Street. Non noisy toys only please!

### **Village Lent Lunch held on Saturday 13 April**

All of those who attended the Village Lent Lunch enjoyed a most convivial time with their delicious home made soup. Our thanks to everyone who helped and who supported this happy village event. After expenses we raised £117.40 in aid of Tearfund's East Africa Crisis Appeal.

## **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:

April – Lent; Maggie Mortell

Easter: **WINDOWS:** Liz Simpson; Jan Powley; Sue Hatcher; Karen Baines; Pat Roome

**FONT:** Jane Moubray

**PORCH:** Debra Thatcher

**LILIES:** Louise Fox

### **Welcome**

We would like to extend a warm welcome Hayley & Nathan McAlindon and their children Louie and George who have moved into Beckendale Farm. We look forward to meeting you at some of our village events.

## **BOOKS!BOOKS!BOOKS!**

New for May – for those who love fast-paced spy thrillers, there are: ‘Triple’ and ‘Lie Down With liars’, both by Ken Follett. The first set in the late 1960’s covers the most successful espionage coup and best kept secret of that century; the second set in the early 1980’s covers the Afghans’ fight against the Russians.

Bonus Book – Good Housekeeping’s ‘Complete Book of Pasta’.

### **APCM:**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on Sunday 7th April. Progress towards the repair of the church roof was reported on, as well as the future installation of toilet and kitchenette. Work on the roof should commence in the early summer. Thank you to everyone who has fundraised or donated to the roof fund.

Life in the church continues to be busy: a wedding and a baptism are booked for later this year, and a further wedding for the following year is to be confirmed. Social events are now being planned for the summer and autumn, including a music concert and wine safari. Look out for confirmation of dates and further details shortly.

If you have any items for inclusion in the parish magazine, please email Anne Harvey [acharvey@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:acharvey@hotmail.co.uk) by 12th of the month, at the latest. Thank you.

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/>

### **Dates**

#### **Village Hall Coffee Mornings :**

Friday June 14th - 10.30 - 12.00

Friday September 13th - 10.30 - 12.00

Friday December 13th - 10.30 - 12.00

#### **Village Hall Quiz :**

Friday October 25th - 7.00 for 7.30 pm.

## WING

### ST PETER AND ST PAUL CHURCH

Flowers: Alison Loader Brass: Debbie Whight

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

#### WING CHURCH SPRING COFFEE MORNING:

**Saturday 11th May 10.30 to 12 noon**

Kindly being held at the home of David and Carole Morris, Churchfield, 1 Top Street, Wing Bring and Buy, raffle and plant stall ( donations to the bring and buy and plant stall gratefully received ) and delicious refreshments. Everyone is most welcome.

**Friday 7th June at 7pm. An Entertaining Evening of Poetry with Bob Rollett and musical interludes in Church.** Wine and nibbles in the interval. Tickets £12 from Alice Hill (737516), Jane Peach (737220), Jeffy Wood (737465). All proceeds to Wing Church.

### RUTLAND OPEN STUDIOS

**Mary Rodgers and Angela Harding** will be opening their studios on **June 8th– 9th, and 15th – 16th from 10am – 5pm.**

For more information go to [www.maryrodgers.co.uk](http://www.maryrodgers.co.uk) or [www.angelaharding.co.uk](http://www.angelaharding.co.uk). We look forward to welcoming you. Brochures will also be available from libraries, shops and pubs.

### WING WI

**Thursday 9 May, 7.30 pm Wing Village Hall**

**Speaker: Julie Ede 'Wonderful; Wicked; Wallis'**

Edward VIII thought Wallis Simpson the most wonderful woman in the world, but obviously not everyone agreed. What was her magic?

If you would like more information about this meeting or about Wing WI please get in touch with President Judith Oakley at [quilt9@gmail.com](mailto:quilt9@gmail.com) or Secretary Jane Gilmore on 01572 737324 or [tkgdjgwing@btinternet.com](mailto:tkgdjgwing@btinternet.com). Visitors are always welcome.

### VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

The cost of running the village hall rises annually so we do ask support from everyone in the village to come to the events that are organised. The village is so lucky to have such a community centre which was developed by lots of effort over 20 years ago. The committee would be happy to see more villagers

using the facility.



## WELCOME TO WING MULTI-GARAGE SALES

**Sunday June 16th.**

We are hoping many of you will collect all your unwanted items to sell at your home. The village hall will request 10% of your sales please. Refreshments will be served at the village hall. More details to follow but if you wish to take part the sooner you let one of us know the better as we need to draw up a location map.

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## BARN DANCE Saturday 6th July

at Glenbervie Farm Barn by kind permission of Richard and Mary Tulloch.

Doors open 7pm

**Bring your own feast**

Invite your friends and family to join for a fun-packed evening

**Music and dancing to the Higgledy Piggledy Band**

Paying Bar and Raffle

**Tickets Adult £15 / Children 16 or less £8 per person in advance**

**from [cullens135@gmail.com](mailto:cullens135@gmail.com)**

Prize for the best dressed banquet table

Tables can seat 4-14 people

Each table is asked to decorate their table in a colour of choice.

## WING 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**

**THANKS: LUNCH – March 30th**

The lunch that was held on March 30th was very successful and £405 was raised. The money is sponsorship for Siobhan who is running the London Marathon in aid of the Woodland Trust.

I thank all the WI members who cooked, helped and provided all the products for the massive hamper that was 1st prize in the raffle and that was won by Pam Cox. The lady whose ticket was the first drawn graciously declined as she 'couldn't possibly use all the contents'.

Thank you all who came, I think you all went home happy having eaten the Chicken and Ham Pie and the marvellous Pavlovas!

**Judith Oakley**

**NEXTDOOR:**

Use Nextdoor Wing on the internet for communicating with your neighbours. If you need anything and are not users of Nextdoor Wing just call any neighbour; the chances are they are on the service, most households in Wing are, and they can put a message on Nextdoor Wing for you. Membership of Nextdoor is by invitation only and is free. Any member can invite any resident of the Wing neighbourhood. <https://nextdoor.co.uk>

**ITEMS FOR THE WING SECTION OF THE MAGAZINE**

Anyone with any items for the Wing section of the parish magazine please email [john@wingonline.com](mailto:john@wingonline.com) by 12th of the month at the very latest!!

**Sat 18 May; 7:30pm**  
**St Andrews, Lyddington**  
**Chloë Hanslip violin**  
**Danny Driver piano**



Tickets in advance  
Adults £17 under 25's in full  
time education £5  
WeGotTickets.com/  
MusicInLyddington or  
01572 335133 or  
mil-tickets@outlook.com

**JANÁČEK:** Sonata for Violin and Piano  
**BEETHOVEN:** Sonata No.6 in A major, Op.30 No.1  
**SUK:** Four pieces  
**SCHULHOFF:** Sonata No. 2 for Violin and Piano

BACH: as you've never heard it! Trio Sonatas and Concerto in C Major played on two harpsichords by David Hill and David Ponsford  
Friday 17th May 7.30pm in All Saints Oakham. Tickets £10 available from [www.oakhamconcerts.info](http://www.oakhamconcerts.info)

**Stamford Shoestring Theatre  
presents**



**Stamford Arts Centre, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7.45pm  
and outdoors at Browne's Hospital, Stamford at 2pm on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

A cast of 40 actors and musicians tell this remarkable true story of a 17<sup>th</sup> Century Derbyshire village stricken with plague through the arrival of an infected box of clothing from London. The villagers make a heroic decision, persuaded by the present and former Rectors, to prevent its spread by remaining within the village at the certain risk of their own lives.

**Tickets from the Box Office, Stamford Arts Centre, 01780 480846 and  
[www.stamfordartscentre.com](http://www.stamfordartscentre.com)**

**Coming in June ..... Festival Weekend - 21st - 23rd June 2019**

**Friday 21st June "Blow the Trumpet': Music for Trumpet and Organ**

Crispian Steele-Perkins (trumpet), David Hill (organ)

7.30pm St Peter and St Paul's Uppingham. Tickets £15

**Saturday 22nd June Lunchtime Recital: Bach Organ Works**

Alexander Hamilton (Organ) Organ scholar at Westminster Abbey

1.10pm St Peter and St Paul's Preston. Tickets £8

**Saturday 22nd June Choral Concert: Music for the Soul**

Choral Scholars from Cambridge and friends, directed by David Hill

7.30pm St Peter and St Paul's Exton Tickets £15

**Sunday 23rd June Festal Choral Evensong 4pm**

Sung by Choral Scholars from Cambridge and friends.

Preacher: Rev'd John Taylor. St John the Baptist, North Luffenham

For more information visit [artsfortheheartofengland.co.uk](http://artsfortheheartofengland.co.uk)

DATE	5th May Easter 3	12th May Easter 4	19th May Easter 5	26th May Easter 6	2 <sup>nd</sup> June Easter 7
Empingham		9.30 am Morning Prayer	B	9.30 am Holy Communion	
Edith Weston	9.30 am Holy Communion		E		9.30 am Holy Communion
Whitwell		4.30 pm Holy Communion	N		
North Luffenham	6.00 pm Holy Communion	9.30 am Morning Prayer	9.30 am All Age Worship		6.00 pm Holy Communion
Pilton		11.00 am Holy Communion	E		
Lyndon	11.00 am Holy Communion		11.00 am Benefice Holy Communion	9.30 am Morning Prayer	11.00 am Holy Communion
Manton	9.30 am All Age		F	11.00 am Holy Communion	9.30 am All Age
Preston	11.00 am Prayer & Praise	11.00 am Holy Communion	I	5.00 pm Evening Prayer Preacher	11.00 am Prayer & Praise
Ridlington	9.30 am Morning Prayer	9.30 am Holy Communion	C	9.30 am Morning Prayer	9.30 am Morning Prayer
Wing	9.30 am Morning Prayer	9.30 am Morning Prayer	E	9.30 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Morning Prayer

Ascension Day, Thursday 30th May: 6.30pm Holy Communion, Empingham

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