

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 do 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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## The Gift of Simplicity

**This is all that I have learned: God made us plain and simple, but we have made ourselves very complicated.** [Ecclesiastes 7:29 Good News Translation]

The Swedish schoolgirl and climate activist, Greta Thunberg, was recently invited to speak to the French parliament. However a number of French MPs chose to boycott her speech and she has had some harsh and mocking criticism. She regularly receives anonymous insults and death threats on social media. In her speech to the parliament she addressed her critics:

**"Some people have chosen not to come here today; some have chosen not to listen to us. And that is fine. We are, after all, just children. You don't have to listen to us. But you do have to listen to the science ... and that is all we ask, to unite behind the science."**

She calls us simply to attend to the facts and to act in the light of those facts – a very straightforward message.

So why is it so difficult for us to hear and act on the simple truth in this and other situations we face in our lives? Well, we are complicated, anxious, insecure; we have vested interests; we are wedded to our consumer lifestyles and outward signs of success; we can't simply turn around and go in a different direction – we don't have that freedom!

How we need to learn again the spiritual discipline of simplicity, an inward freedom that shapes our outward actions. To learn that all we are and have is the gift of God. To learn that all is given to be shared for the common good. To learn the meaning of 'enough' and the freedom of letting go. To gain the needed perspective and detachment to steer the path between asceticism and consumerism. To live in freedom from fear and anxiety so we can live well and joyfully for the good of all and in harmony with our environment.

The song "Simple Gifts" was written by Elder Joseph Brackett in 1848 while he was at the Shaker community in Alfred, Maine, USA. It celebrates the joyful freedom of simplicity (look it up on YouTube!) :

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free  
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,  
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,  
To turn, turn will be our delight,  
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

This is a dancing song which contains instructions to the dancers for turning and when performed properly, each dancer ends up where he or she began, "come 'round right". But "turning" is also a key theme in Christian spirituality for the message of Jesus was a call to 'Turn around, for the Kingdom of God is here.' So the dance shows us the way to discover the gift of simplicity and 'come 'round right.' It is something we must learn for ourselves in community with others by going on a spiritual journey together – there are no short cuts.

The spiritual discipline of simplicity is key to our human thriving and the health of our planet's ecosystem, for the simple truth is that we are all interconnected, depending on the earth and one another.

Graham Madgwick

Can you help? Could you spend a few hours a month for the good of the local community?

The current Benefice treasurer is moving away and so we urgently need to find someone to take on the role. It's not a huge job, primarily collecting funds from the church parishes, paying clergy expenses and overseeing magazine funding. The treasurer does not need to be an accountant, rather someone able to use a spreadsheet.

Please contact Pippa the Rector for more details.

## **Programme announced for Rutland Health Conference on 4th September 2019 at Rutland County Museum**

This conference "A Health Plan for Rutland", will take place in the Rutland County Museum at 7pm on Wednesday 4th September. Sir Laurence Howard will chair a discussion with Rutland residents on future health services for Rutland.

Registrations to date indicate this will be one of the largest discussions of healthcare services held in Rutland in recent years. It is your opportunity to hear about plans for Rutland and to give your views.

The outline programme has now been released and will discuss :-

1. Acute Hospital Services: - includes where it is proposed we access emergency and planned care (Leicester, Peterborough or Kettering) in the context of the probable closure of Leicester General (including Maternity) and how it is proposed to reconfigure clinical services to meet the needs of our expanding and ageing population.
2. Services Outside Hospital: -The new emphasis is on moving as much care as possible locally. People would like to discuss what that will mean for local services in Rutland (eg GP; community; mental health; diagnostics; minor treatments; discharge from hospital; end of life care; transport; care homes; urgent care; the role of Rutland Memorial Hospital etc).

In January 2019 a new Long Term Plan for the NHS was published by the government. Health organisations are required to submit their local draft implementation plan including local people's views by the end of September 2019. Following the conference, we will put Rutland residents' views into a report for our local NHS organisations to use.

We invite you to register for this free event at 7pm on Wednesday 4th September 2019 at the Rutland County Museum one of three ways:-

1. Eventbrite direct booking (recommended) on <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ahealth-plan-for-rutland-tickets-62674990584>
2. Via email to:- [RHSCPC@icloud.com](mailto:RHSCPC@icloud.com)
3. By post to:- RH&SCPC, % 42 Lyndon Road, Manton, Oakham LE15 8SR.

We look forward to seeing you and hearing your views.

Kind regards

Jennifer Fenelon and Kathy Reynolds

on behalf of the Rutland Health and Social Care Policy Consortium

Footnote -

The Rutland Health and Social Care Policy Consortium is facilitating this event at the request of Rutland residents. It is a non-aligned group of local Rutland residents who are experienced in reviewing the application of national policy. For further details email [RHSCPC@icloud.com](mailto:RHSCPC@icloud.com)



VAR operates an extensive, affordable door-to-door transport service for frail, elderly, disabled or vulnerable people in Rutland who have difficulty travelling independently around the wide area covered by the scheme, including out-of-county. It currently has over 3,000 registered users.

Volunteer drivers use their own cars to pick up clients and return them to their own homes. They will wait a reasonable time while the appointment or visit is taking place.

Clients using the scheme are required to contribute toward the cost of their journey according to a set tariff. Discounts are made for those with valid bus passes or Council travel tokens.

Services provided include hospital, doctor, dentist and optician appointments; social visiting; shopping; and more... .

VAR's booking staff normally require at least 7 working days' notice to allocate a driver, and drives are dependent on driver availability.

The enquiries and booking phone line is open from 09.00 to 12.00 Monday to Friday; an answer machine will take calls at other times.

Tel: 01572 724705

Email: [transport@varutland.org.uk](mailto:transport@varutland.org.uk)



# **EDITH WESTON**

## **Church Roof**

After the theft of lead last year, the PCC is hoping that the repairs will finally start in early October, subject to planning permission. Thank you to everyone who has contributed and raised funds for this work to preserve our beautiful building.

## **Rutland Ride and Stride**

Its nearly here! Polish your pedals and buff your boots! The bi-annual ride and stride event is on September 14th – cycle or walk to as many Rutland Churches as you wish , in aid of the Rutland Historic Churches Trust and our own St Mary’s Church. Register with Jo Bonser 722089 or visit [www.RutlandRideandStride.org.uk](http://www.RutlandRideandStride.org.uk) for suggested routes.

## **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

**To be held at Edith Weston Village Hall on Friday 27th September between 10.30am -12.30pm.**

The monthly “Afternoon Teas Crew” will be hosting a Coffee Morning to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support.

There will be Coffee/teas/Squashes and water to drink and a variety of cakes and biscuits on offer.

We invite you all to come along and support this wonderful charity.

## **Edith Weston Village Hall**

AFTERNOON TEAS – DO COME ALONG -ALL WELCOME

Tuesday 10th September between 2.30-4.30pm

FUTURE DATES:

TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER- NOW CANCELLED AS WE WILL BE HOSTING THE MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING ON 27th SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY 12th NOVEMBER

SHOULD YOU REQUIRE TRANSPORT FROM YOUR HOME IN EDITH WESTON TO THE VILLAGE HALL PLEASE PHONE ROS. GREEN ON 01780 721414

## **WHAT AN EVENING!**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make the Annual Village BBQ such a wonderful event.

The main aim of the evening was to have fun and we all certainly had lots of that.

Whilst everyone enjoyed themselves the event raised an amazing amount – in excess of £2500, this has been divided equally between the 3 charities namely Edith Weston Church, Tommy's Close and Edith Weston Village Hall. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes for which we are all very grateful and the success of the evening makes this all worthwhile.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to set up and dismantle gazebos, tables and chairs, the bar staff, the BBQ chefs, food organisers and those who willingly donated salads, meringues and cakes. The bottle tombola was once more very popular, thanks for the donations and to those who organized and ran it.

Amazing prizes meant that the raffle was extremely well supported – again thanks for everyone's very generous donations and to the organisers.

The children's' games yet again proved very popular and not just with the children, thanks to those who organised and ran them, also for the music to go with them.

The band, yet again, provided excellent music and much needed instruction to the many who enjoyed the dancing.

Lastly but by no means least a HUGE thanks to everyone for supporting the evening and for giving so generously.

Heads up on next year – the provisional date is **20th June 2020**, a celebration of midsummer.

### **The History of Edith Weston - Saturday 14th September 2019**

Rutland Local History & Record Society ([www.rutlandhistory.org](http://www.rutlandhistory.org)) regularly organises a visit to one of Rutland's historic villages for an afternoon of local history. This year, our visit is to Edith Weston on Saturday 14th September, commencing at 2.00pm, and the venue is the Village Hall.

The programme includes presentations on the history of the village, Anglo-Saxon cemeteries around Rutland Water and a digital exhibition of local photographs, a leaflet guided historical walk around the village, and a local history bookstall. Admission is £5 per person and it is essential that places are pre-booked. Light refreshments are included.

If you would like to attend, please send your name, address, telephone number and payment (£5 per person - cheques payable to RLHRS) by post to: Edith Weston Village Visit, RLHRS, Rutland County Museum, Catmose Street, OAKHAM, Rutland, LE15 6HW.

Alternatively, you can complete and return the reply slip which can be downloaded from the 'Events Programmes' page on the Society's website ([www.rutlandhistory.org](http://www.rutlandhistory.org)).

The closing date is Friday 6th September. Tickets will not be issued. If you need an acknowledgement, please enclose a stamped and addressed envelope.

For more information, please email [secretary@rutlandhistory.org](mailto:secretary@rutlandhistory.org) or telephone 01780 720623 (9am to 6pm).

## EMPINGHAM

### ACTIVITIES AT EMPINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH

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

#### **Sunday services during SEPTEMBER**

1st – 10.45am – MORNING WORSHIP – Rev. Barry Gent – Including Holy Communion

8th – 10.45am – CAFÉ CHURCH – Mr. Phil Jones – Church, but different, with Coffee, Tea, Cake and discussion

15th – **4.00pm** – TEA TIME Church – Rev. Leo Osborn – Service for Young Families, including Activities, Singing and Fun. Bring & Share Tea.

22nd – 10.45am – CAFÉ CHURCH – Rev. Andy Fyall – Church, but different, with Coffee, Tea, Cake and discussion

29th – **6.00pm** – CIRCUIT PRAISE – Informal workshop, music group, modern songs and testimony.

**A warm welcome to share in one or all of the Services**

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

#### **Wednesdays:**

3rd Wednesday – 10.30am – Holy Communion Service

**Thursdays:** Toddler Group - 10.30 to 12 noon. £1.00 per family. (During Term Time only – Starts again on 5th September)

*Eileen Ray 01780 460676*

## **EMPINGHAM BOWLS CLUB**

### **Saturday 14th September - 2.00pm, on the Exton Road Bowling Green**

A special invitation match to dedicate the new weather vane erected on the Bowls Club Pavilion, to the memory of the club's late President, Jim Thraves. Club President, Margaret Thraves, will field a side composed of family and bowling friends of her and Jim, while Chairman Richard Gibbs will field a team of current members and friends of the club. Tea and cakes will be available, and all are welcome to join in the fun.

A sumptuous Chinese meal will also be available afterwards at £10.00 a head for those wanting to stay on and make an evening of it. Numbers for this are limited, so if you wish to join in on this please contact Rick Simmons at least by Tuesday 10th September.

Margaret looks forward to seeing you there.

*Contact: Rick Simmons - fayrick@hotmail.co.uk (01572 813325)*

### **'STRICTLY EMPINGHAM' Ballroom and Latin Dance Classes**

Come along and join us on **Monday and Friday evenings in the Audit Hall.**

Our classes on Monday are at 7.00pm and 8.00pm. Our times for Private Lessons on Friday evenings are flexible. Classes are suitable for beginners or improvers, or those wishing to dust off their dancing shoes. Learn to Slow Waltz, Quickstep, Tango, Jive, Cha-Cha-Cha, Rumba, Samba and Salsa your way around the dance floor. If you don't have a partner, bring a friend or neighbour.

*For information contact Annette Yates, on 07539 888183 (mobile)  
or 01572 812077 (landline)*

## **MEN'S SHED**

### **Wednesday 25th September – 7.30pm at the White Horse.**

This month, Phil Ecclestone will give a presentation on his time working in China. Come for a pint or a coffee, and a good old natter.

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

## **Defibrillator Awareness Day (2)**

**Tuesday 10th September at 7pm, at the Methodist Church** – The first awareness day exceeded everyone's expectations, including seasoned first aiders. If you missed it, you really can't afford to miss this final one. Applicable to all ages and everyone welcome.

*Contact: Sue Ward on 07855 488058*

## **Cricket & Social Club**

The club website is at [empinghamcsc.org](http://empinghamcsc.org) where you will find useful details together with an up-to-date calendar of events. The Club also has a Facebook page – at **Empingham Cricket and Social Club**. New members are always welcome.

**Opening Hours** – The club is open to members at the following times:

Friday evening from 5.30 pm

Saturday evening from 7.00 pm

Sunday lunchtime from 1.00 pm till 3.00 pm

**Junior Cricket Coaching – Sunday 1st and Sunday 8th September – 10.30am to 12.30pm.** Free, and open to all boys and girls age 5 to 11. The sessions are taken by a fully qualified coach.

**Brunch – Sunday 22nd September – 11.00am.** Get your Sunday off to a good start with a selected brunch, for just £5. *Add your name to the list in the Club, or call 01780 460643.*

**Pie Supper Night – Friday 27th September – 6.30pm.** If you've been to one of these before, you know just how great they are. If not, well, you know what to do. £6 for just a main course, or £7.50 including a sweet. *Contact Claire on 07881 814857 or [cjmaybew@aol.com](mailto:cjmaybew@aol.com), or add your name to the list in the club.*

**Cricket News** The ground has been well used this season. In June, we won our match against the Wembley Downsiders by 7 wickets, and came a close second to Ropsley by just 14 runs. The pitch has also been used for visiting armed forces matches, one a win for St George's Barracks against a team of army Gurkhas, and another that saw RAF Wittering beaten by RAF Waddington.

## **FROM THE REGISTERS**

We commiserate with the family and friends of Joyce Elizabeth Green whose funeral was held on 10th July 2019.

We welcome into the family of the church Charles Antony Sharpe who was baptized on 4th August 2019.

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

### **Winners of the 'Mini Ernie 2019' Draw No 9**

1st (£20)	51	Eileen Ray
2nd (£15)	67	John Monk
3rd (£10)	22	Mary Udale

There's more from Empingham Village Hall on page 28

## Dates for your diaries

**Saturday 5th October – Frumenty Folk Concert** – Tickets £8 in advance, £10 on the door. Drinks will be on sale during the evening.

**Saturday 12th October – Fashion Show** – Tickets £7 in advance, £8 on the door. Free drink and nibbles during the interval.

Both events are 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. All profits will go towards the continued Restoration of the Hall. The committee would also appreciate any raffle prize donations.

*To purchase tickets contact Ann Archer (01780 460106), Alan Danbury (01780 360031) or Heather Clark (01780 460675)*

## Empingham Garden Club

The Garden Club enjoyed a very successful coach trip to Brightwater Gardens and Norwell Nurseries in June, meticulously planned to miss the rain showers! Much enjoyed by all.

Our next talk, on **Monday 23rd September (7.30pm at the Cricket & Social Club)**, will be by John Burrows, Head Gardener at Burghley House, entitled "A Year at Burghley in the Gardens."

Also, one for the diary - **Our Christmas Party will be on Monday, 9th December**. We have booked the same caterer as last year, who produced a delicious light supper. The entertainment will feature two singers who come highly recommended. They sing songs of which many of us will have very happy memories and are noted for "taking people along with them hand clapping and foot tapping".

Visitors and new members are welcome at any of our meetings and for the unbelievably low price of £3 for the remainder of the year.

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

## GIRLS NIGHT OUT

**Wednesday 18th September, 7.30pm at the Cricket & Social Club** Katie, an image and Design Consultant from *Colour By Katie*, will give us a talk to help us use the clothes we already have to better effect, and to look again at the items cluttering up our wardrobes that might come in useful but never quite do. As we head into autumn, a chance to plan for the coming seasons. The evening will cost £5, to include a glass of wine and nibbles.

*Any queries to Hilary Wallace on 01780 460389*

**Monday 21st October, 7.30pm to 9.00pm at the Cricket & Social Club** Local astronomer Keith Townsend BSc, FRSA will give an illustrated talk "The Third Rock" looking at where our planet fits in the solar system, followed by star watching. £3.50 per person. Friends, family and Men's Shed members

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welcome. *Please let either Marion on 07791 090933 or Liz on 0753416664 know by 14 October if you are interested.*

### **THE MISSING POST BOX...**

Savvy villagers have long appreciated the Post Box located at the crossroads, along Grantham Lane. Albeit not ideally mounted for use by anyone over 4 feet tall, that spot is in the Peterborough postal area, and the collection times differ from those at the two boxes in the village. Or, rather, they did until the box disappeared at the end of March. Apparently, it had become seriously corroded.

At the time, the Parish Council was assured that a replacement box would be provided, although probably not on the wooden post that has been in use thus far. Whatever – and to cut a potentially very long story short – it is now reported that an order *has* been issued for the work, and normal service *should* be resumed before too much longer.

### **EMPINGHAM ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION**

**Flatbread Making Demonstration and Workshop – Saturday 5th October – 9.30am to 12.00noon, at the Cricket & Social Club.** A fun session making ‘Fabulous Flatbreads’ from around the world. We will provide all the materials and rolling pins. All you have to do is roll up your sleeves and have a lot of fun making naan, tortillas and one other bread. Expect lots of laughter, goodies to take home, refreshments and a free competition. And stick around afterwards for a mezze lunch of flavours from around the world. £10 for the workshop only, or £15 for both the workshop and the lunch. Workshop places are limited, so please book now.

**Magnificent Mezze Lunch – Saturday 5th October – 12.30pm to 2.00pm, at the Cricket & Social Club.** Following on from the morning workshop, join us for a lunch including handmade flatbreads and tortillas chips, allotment inspired dips, salsa and salads, empanadas, bhajis, falafel and lamb kofte, plus sweet treats including orange blossom drizzle cake, rose lemonade, tea and coffee. There will be a raffle, and the bar will be open. £8 pre-booked, or £10 on the day. £5 for children under 12. This could be very popular, so please book early to be sure of a place.

*Contact for information and booking: Sue on 07986 681959  
or 01780 460337 ([stclairthompson@msn.com](mailto:stclairthompson@msn.com))*

Please would all dog owners remember to clean up after their dogs in a responsible manner and dispose of the mess in an appropriate way.

## **RIDE AND STRIDE**

### **Saturday 15th September**

Put the date in your diary and start working out your route! Half the money raised will go to the Rutland Historic Churches Trust and the other half to St Peter's. Sponsor forms are available from Pat Taylor 460735

## **MANTON**

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

£20: 41 **Sue Hickey** £10: 12 **David Carr** £10: 133 **Lucy Howard** £5: 52 **Steve Pitts** £5: 48 **Jane Bews**. Snowball £70 was not won. Next month's snowball, £80, 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 Village BBQ - Sunday, 21st July**

A huge thank you from the village hall committee to everyone who came along and joined the Manton Village BBQ on Sunday, 21st July. A great atmosphere and lovely to see so many villagers gathered together for an afternoon of great food and company in the sunshine. Thank you also to everyone on the committee and villagers who helped prepare and serve food, plus a huge thank you to Jane Hollingsworth cooking all the wonderful meat - a feast of pork, beef and turkey. Lovely to see everyone and let's do it again next year!

### **MANTON GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME**

The Management Group of the Scheme has regrettably dissolved the MGNS due to its under use compared to the high cost of the annual insurance, despite this decision it is hoped that the good neighbourly spirit of help will be continued on an informal basis in the village. The purpose of the Scheme was to provide short term help to the residents of Manton Parish for a number of different areas of assistance. Records, over the five years that the Scheme has been running, show that the majority of call outs have been for transport. Transport needs can be catered for by calling Voluntary Action Rutland on 01572 724705 (between the hours of 9 am and 12 pm). We would like to thank all who were involved in the scheme over the years for their support and time.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **CHURCH COFFEE MORNING - Everybody welcome**

**Thursday September 12th 10.30- 12.00** at the home of Sue Shepherd

14a, Priory Road FREE but contributions to church funds welcome.

### **RIDE and STRIDE**

#### **Saturday September 14th all day**

Put the date in your diaries, start pedaling and working out your route! Sponsor forms will be available shortly. Half of the money raised will go to the Rutland Historic Churches Trust and the other half to St Marys Church, Manton. So, please sign up to either cycle or sponsor a cyclist! We still need volunteers to man the church....this involves signing forms and offering drinks and biscuits that will be provided. An hour or two of your time is all that is required!! Contact Anne (737503) for further information or to volunteer!

### **BIBLE/PRAYER MEETING - Everybody welcome**

**Thursday September 19th 2.00-3.00 pm** The Coach House, Stocks Hill  
Continuing our studies and discussions.

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

**Sunday September 22nd 11am**

**St Mary's Church**

Any donations of non-perishable goods would be gratefully received and will be donated to the Rutland Food Bank.

### **CHURCH COFFEE MORNING - Everybody welcome**

**Thursday October 10th - 10.30 – 12.00** at the home of Anne Butler

PearTree Cottage, Wing Road - FREE but contributions to church funds welcome.

### **FUN QUIZ – EARLY WARNING**

**Saturday November 2nd 7.30pm (prompt)**

**Manton Village Hall**

Mike Lee will be organising another of his popular quizzes. £10 per person to include supper. Max 4 per team). Licensed Bar. Book with Mike Lee on 01572 737306 or at leem7546@gmail.com. Proceeds to Manton Village Hall.

## **NORTH LUFFENHAM**

### **Garden Club Annual Autumn Show**

***Sunday 1st September - open to the public at 2pm*** (prize giving 3.45pm).

Raffle and refreshments. Admission £1 per adult (members/children free) - @ the Community Centre, Church Street, North Luffenham.

### **Sam's Tea Party – Sunday 8th September 1.30-3.30pm**

All are welcome to this charity fundraising afternoon being held in the school hall (St Mary & St John's CEVA Primary School, Church St). There will be refreshments, fun games and a bring buy stall.

Money is being raised for The Sunshine Campaign, started by the Ferry family in Ketton following the tragic death of their son, to fund a new rescue boat in York.

### **Indoor Carpet Bowls**

The club continues to hold a practice night every Monday evening in the school hall from 7pm- 9.30pm. - £1 adults, 50p children. Refreshments available at small charge. All welcome – come and have a go, no experience necessary. (For further information please contact Jason Ellis on 01780 722173.)

### **NORTH LUFFENHAM BONFIRE NIGHT Tuesday 5 November 2019 - VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

North Luffenham Parish Council will be running a Bonfire Night and Fireworks Evening on Tuesday 5th November. Full details will be published in the October and November edition of the Parish Magazine.

We are now looking to firm up the management of the event and need Volunteers to assist with: Stewarding, Bucket Collections, Catering and the serving of drinks.

If you would like to help to ensure the success of this community event please contact Charles Cade (01780 720467).

### **North Luffenham Garden Club**

The Club has a full, interesting and varied programme of speakers arranged for our monthly meetings from October 2019 through to May 2020. 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 10th at 7.30pm in the Community Centre with guest speaker, Adrian Stockdale on Drought Tolerant Plants.

Annual membership is £15 per person, payable from the October meeting or £3 per guest per meeting – **all** are most welcome so bring along a friend!.

## **PRESTON**

### **Ride and Stride – Saturday 14 September**

This is to remind you that this year's *Ride and Stride* is on Saturday 14 September. Please sign up to cycle, walk or run and visit as many churches in Rutland as you can manage (there are 64 in total) between 10 am and 6 pm. Half of the sponsorship money raised will go to the Rutland Historic Churches Trust and the other half to Preston Church (if nominated by the participant).

For sponsorship forms, please contact Jenny Scott on 737124. For further information about the event, please visit [www.RutlandRideAndStride.org.uk](http://www.RutlandRideAndStride.org.uk) Do please sign up for a fun family day and raise some money to help maintain these wonderful historic buildings.

### **MacMillan Coffee Morning – Friday 27 September – 10 am until 12 noon**

Everyone is warmly invited to a Coffee Morning in aid of MacMillan at Apple Cottage, 6 Main Street, Preston. Our event last year was so successful, provides such a lovely opportunity to get together and in such a worthy cause, that we want to do one again! There will be a cake stall to supplement funds so if you are able to help by providing a cake do please contact Trish Dickinson on 737882 or Kay Waterworth on 737339. Please come and bring your friends.

### **Follow-on Study Sessions to *The Bible: What's it all about?***

After the four extremely informative sessions held during June and July that were so appreciated by all those who attended, Graham Madgwick has kindly agreed to do some follow-up sessions. These will focus more specifically on different parts of the Bible. They will start in September, again on Sunday evenings, but dates and subjects are yet to be confirmed. When known, details will be circulated to all those who attended previously and included on the pew sheets. However, if you would like to be added to the contact list, do please send your email address to [waterworthkay@gmail.com](mailto:waterworthkay@gmail.com) or phone Kay on 737339.

### **Test your local knowledge!**

Can you name two objects that have remained in their original positions in Preston since approximately 1400?

The answer is that two of our wonderful bells have actually been in Preston Church ever since they were first installed around 700 years ago! We also have a bell dated 1584 and dedicated to the first Queen Elizabeth, plus five others. Sadly, our bells are in urgent need of repair and restoration, and we hope that work on this will begin in the near future. We will be launching a special appeal to help with the cost of this specialist work, and there will certainly be more details in the next magazine. In the meantime, if anybody wishes to know more, please ring Jane on 737219.

### **The Wedding of Anna MacCormack and Martin Keyworth**

We are delighted that Anna and Martin chose to be married in Preston Church on Saturday 10 August. It was wonderful to see the church looking so beautiful and so full of people sharing their joy and happiness. We send them our love and congratulations and wish them God's richest blessings as they journey through life together.

### **Preston Green Spaces – September update**

Funny old weather ... One minute we're trekking over to the playing field with buckets of water to refresh thirsty trees, the next we're holed up wondering when the rain will stop and the dogs will get walked. Anyway, the field is **still looking lovely and is being enjoyed by families**, friends and canines. The contractor who does the mowing is impressed by how clean the field is (meaning free of dog poo) and of this we're very proud – let's keep it that way!

Unfortunately, we had to postpone our ***Playing in the Field*** event due to holidays, sudden work commitments and, most impactfully, a broken little fingernail for the guitarist (!). We'll be rearranging and will send out details when we've corralled everyone together.

Everyone who has been up to the field has commented on how lovely the **new benches** (and picnic bench) are. Amanda chose them very carefully and they are beautiful. The one at the top left catches the last of the evening sun and it is a truly simple pleasure to while away a few moments up there.

And **thank you** to all of you who've taken the time to let us know how much you're enjoying the space.

## **Evening Services in Preston**

These continue into the Autumn at 5 pm on the fourth Sunday of the month. In September we look forward to welcoming Anthony Morse, who used to be a Preston resident, to lead our service for us.

## **Village Hall Committee Minutes**

A copy of the minutes of the recent meeting is available to read on the Village Noticeboard.

## **Two forward notices:**

### **Church Cleaning Morning – Monday 7 October 10 am – 12 noon**

We meet again to make the church spick and span and sparkling in preparation for our Harvest Festival. There are various jobs to be done including sitting-down tasks with brass to clean, as well as polishing and de-cluttering. The finished result is always very satisfying and we are very proud that visitors to our church always remark on how lovely it looks! Please put the date in your diary and plan to join us, even if you can only come for part of the time. Coffee and cake will be served at about 11 am.

### **Harvest Festival – Sunday 13 October – 11 am**

Our Holy Communion Service in October will include our Celebration for Harvest. It will be followed by drinks and light refreshments. We should be delighted to see you for the service but, if you are unable to come until 12 noon, please plan to join us then for lunch and take the opportunity to admire the wonderful floral decorations that will decorate our church. You will be most welcome.

## **Church Flowers**

We have a rota for church flowers and would like to thank everyone who contributes. This month we thank:

Rita Sparks                      1 and 8 September, and  
Susan Scott                      15, 22 and 29 September.

## **Church Cleaning**

We also have a rota for additional church cleaning and this month we thank Izzy Newbold.

## **RIDLINGTON**

### **FLOWERS:**

Each week we enjoy colourful displays of flowers in our church and on special

special occasions wonderfully creative arrangements are to be found throughout the church, from the porch to the altar.

For church goers, visitors and all of the village folk the flowers provide a feeling of peace and welcome.

Many thanks to the church flower team for their dedication and hard work!

September: Victoria Bullimore, Debra Thatcher and Georgina Van Smirren

Harvest Festival: **WINDOWS:** Liz Simpson; Jan Powley; Sue Hatcher; Karen

Baines; Anne Harvey; **FONT:** Jane Moubray; **PORCH:** Debra Thatcher

Thank you, Margie Wall

### **RIDLINGTON SINGERS: 'A Night on the Tiles'**

A date for your diary: Ridlington Singers will be performing again on

**SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER at 7,30PM in the CHURCH.** This promises to be a very entertaining evening with a medley of music from Mamma Mia to....ssshhhh, that'll spoil the fun!

Refreshments will be provided free of charge. Please bring your own drink.

Donations will be shared between the Church Roof Fund and Dove Cottage.

For further details, please contact Martin Wall at [max.wall1@hotmail.com](mailto:max.wall1@hotmail.com)

### **NEW EVENTS:**

A variety of new village events in Ridlington have now successfully begun!

**NEW WALKING GROUP!** Our first monthly walk took place on Wednesday 7th August at 2pm, followed by tea and cake in the Village Hall. 18 walkers took part (some with dogs) and it proved a really enjoyable afternoon. It has been agreed that this group should take place on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF RIDLINGTON EVERY MONTH, starting at 2PM outside the Village Hall.** So do come along on **WEDNESDAY 4th**

**SEPTEMBER** 😊 • All welcome – the more the merrier!

**NEW TASTER CLUB!** 'An Audience with Buntie and Daffers' - **Friday 6th September at 7pm.** Add this date to your diary to listen to funny stories from a serving ambulance crew. FREE! If you would like to attend, please contact Anne Harvey, Shelagh Paige, Pat Roome or Margie Wall.

**NEW RUNNING CLUB!** This has now commenced, and we have had 2 successful sessions so far. All abilities welcome; we are all supporting one another from complete beginner to those with recent 10k/ marathon experience – please contact Shelagh Paige for details, if you

are interested, or just join us at the **Playing Field on SATURDAY MORNING 9AM**. Well done folks!

**CHURCH ROOF!** The long-awaited major maintenance work to the church roof is underway at last! The collyweston contractors have now repaired the south nave roof! A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the fundraising which has enabled us to go ahead with this much needed repair work.

Further work is still to be undertaken, including further roof repair and the installation of kitchenette and hatchery. The next fundraising events will include the Ridlington Singers in September and a Wine Safari in October (date TBC)

If you have other suggestions for any village activities and/or events, please contact Anne Harvey 01572 820273 [acharvey@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:acharvey@hotmail.co.uk) or Margie Wall [margie.wall@hotmail.com](mailto:margie.wall@hotmail.com)

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

Although written in the 1980's "Mortal Fear" by Robin Cook remains a fast-paced thriller – the story of an eminent biomolecular geneticist's discovery that leads to a trail of murders. From its first line: "The sudden appearance of the foreign proteins was the molecular equivalent of the Black Plague" the reader is hooked. Despite the body count a good holiday read.

### **FOODBANK – ITEMS REQUESTED**

We were thanked for our latest delivery to the foodbank in Oakham and advised that the following items are requested:

UHT milk; Longlife orange juice; Tinned tuna; and Microwaveable sponge puddings.

By way of reminder, the collection box is at the rear of the church – items gratefully received. For further information, please see: <https://rutland.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Thank you, Debra Thatcher

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.

### **RUTLAND RIDE AND STRIDE:**

The church will be open for business for the Ride and Stride on 14 September. However, we do have a Baptism that day, plus the interment of

of ashes. So the plan is to have folk sitting in the church most of the day, but just in the porch for the hour or so that the church is 'in use'. If you are able to help out for an hour or so, to sign forms and/or provide refreshments, please contact Anne acharvey@hotmail.co.uk or David Harvey david\_j\_harvey@yahoo.co.uk or tel: 01572 820273

## **WING**

### **ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S CHURCH**

Flowers: Jeffy Wood and Rose Dejardin Brass: Christine Howarth

#### **Harvest Lunch Sunday 13th October**

By kind invitation of David and Jeffy Wood you are invited to a Harvest Lunch in the barns at Townsend House at 12.30pm on Sunday 13th October. There will be a raffle, donations of raffle prizes will be welcomed. Tickets £10 to include a 2 course lunch and a glass of wine, available from Jane Peach 737220, Jeffy Wood 737465 or Alice Hill 737516.

#### **RIDE AND STRIDE Saturday 14th September 2019.**

Have a fun day and help support the Churches of Rutland.

Walk, run, ride, bike, roller blade or use a mobility scooter around as many Rutland churches as you can.

Sponsorship forms are available from Patrick and Judith 01572737199.

#### **WING WI MEETING: Thursday 12 September 7.30pm Wing Village Hall.**

##### **"BLOOD BIKES"**

Speaker: Oliver Cufflin. Not a chapter of Hells Angels but the motor bikes used to transport blood and other vital items from one hospital to another in the NHS. The volunteers who ride the bikes provide a life-saving service which we might all need at some time. Visitors are welcome at all our meetings. If you would like more information about the meetings or about the WI please contact President Judith Oakley at quilt9@gmail.com or Secretary Jane Gilmore 01572 737324 or tkgdjgwing@btinternet.com

#### **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!!

## **VILLAGE HALL EVENTS.**

### **OPERA DUDES ON SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER**

This show is SOLD OUT but there may be RETURNS ONLY available. My contact number is 01572 737394 John Hackett

### **SUPPER QUIZ NIGHT**

**with cold tapas platter (vegetarian on request).**

**Saturday, 26th October, 7pm – 11pm**

By special request, your last opportunity this year to pit your wits against Bamber's Boys Paul Kitson and Robin Cullen.

Lynne and Helen will produce the food with a flourish as always.

These evenings are becoming quite the "thing" for the autumn evening so do book early to avoid disappointment.

Tables of 4 – you can make up a table or join a table on the night at £10 per person.

There will be a paying bar and raffle. Reserve your tickets by contacting Lynne ([lyn225@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lyn225@hotmail.co.uk)) or Helen ([cullens135@gmail.com](mailto:cullens135@gmail.com))

For your diaries

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE Saturday, 31st Dec, 9pm – 1am**

We are planning a Village Hall disco evening to see in the New Year.

Why not come and join village friends and acquaintances and bring friends if you'd like to. We're looking for volunteer DJ's - please see the village website for more details.

### **NEW YEAR'S DAY Sunday, 1st Jan, 11am**

We are planning a gentle 2-5 mile walk which will be led by Paul Kitson which will start from the Village Hall at about 11am. Contact Helen Cullen ([cullens135@gmail.com](mailto:cullens135@gmail.com)) or Lynne Kitson ([lyn225@hotmail.com](mailto:lyn225@hotmail.com)) for more details. There will be an alternative inclement weather plan

**WING COFFEE MORNING** In the Village Hall every THURSDAY from 10.30. Please do call in!

**WING POST OFFICE** Every TUESDAY from 2- 4pm

DATE	1 <sup>st</sup> September Trinity 11	8th September Trinity 12	15th September Trinity 13	22nd September Trinity 14	29th September St Michael
Empingham		9.30 am Morning Prayer	B	9.30 am Holy Communion	
Edith Weston	9.30 am Holy Communion		E		
Whitwell		4.30 pm Holy Communion	N		11.00 am St Michael Benefice Service
North <del>Luffenham</del>	11.00 am Holy Communion & Baptism Arthur Honey		E 9.30 am HARVEST All Age Worship		
Pilton		6.30pm HARVEST Evening Prayer	F		
Lyndon	11.00 am Holy Communion		I (Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> 6pm HARVEST)	9.30 am Morning Prayer	
Manton	9.30 am All Age		C	11.00 am HARVEST Holy Communion JT	
Preston	11.00 am Prayer & Praise	11.00 am Holy Communion	E	5.00 pm Evening prayer	
<del>Bidlington</del>	9.30 am Morning Prayer	9.30 am Holy Communion  2.30 pm Baptism <del>Eilidh Meakin</del>	(Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> 10.45 am Ashes burial Margaret Howard Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> 11.30 am Baptism Nigel Allen)	9.30 am Morning Prayer	
Wing	9.30 am Morning Prayer	9.30 am Morning Prayer	11.00 am Benefice Holy Communion	9.30 am Holy Communion	

**Afterthoughts** - the course which ran very successfully last autumn is being repeated this year on Wednesday afternoons in Wing, starting on 23rd October at 2pm in the Village Hall. There will be four sessions looking at the almost taboo subjects of dying, death and funerals, for people of any faith or none. Speakers will include a local GP, a funeral director and a solicitor. Everyone is welcome.

## The Rutland Water Benefice

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