

RUTLAND WATER BENEFICE  
MAGAZINE COVER PAGE

# Welcome

## Rutland Water Benefice

Sharing the love of Christ with all

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

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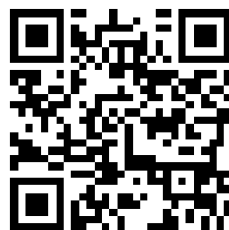
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Please refer to the service rota at the back of this magazine. Please do make yourselves known to the Churchwardens when you arrive. You will be very welcome.

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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## **Calm amidst the storms (of life): A Lenten Reflection**

As I write these words, ‘Storm Dennis’ (the Menace) is raging outside. The wind is howling all around and rain is lashing down. I’m very grateful to be indoors just now, in the relative ‘serenity’ of my living room! Our latest winter storm, following Ciara, last weekend, is a fearsome force (from nature) to be reckoned with. Clearly, it is good to find some kind of physical sanctuary when such weather hits us. The same though can also be true of the emotional or spiritual ‘storms’ that will, inevitably, assail us in life from time to time. At such moments, it can be very beneficial to find a ‘safe space’ to shelter in.

Over the centuries, many of our greatest spiritual writers have recorded their thoughts and experiences at such ‘tempestuous’ times in their lives – often demonstrating how their faith has been strengthened by praying to God in the midst of their adversity. The Jewish Scriptures and the Christian Bible both contain the wonderful psalms attributed to King David, in which a wide range of emotions and difficult circumstances are alluded to. They continue to offer hope to those that read them.

Another famous Christian writer - from the Middle Ages - is Julian of Norwich (1342 – after 1416). Her ‘Revelations of Divine Love’ were written following a very serious illness and are an account of a series of sixteen visions that she received during that time (in the year 1373). She lived during a time of great turbulence - including the Black Death and the Peasants’ Revolt. However, like the psalms, her writings have brought great comfort to many over the centuries.

Here are some examples of her thoughts:

**“It was at this time that the Lord gave me a spiritual understanding of the warm friendliness of his love. I saw that he is everything that is good and comfortable.**

**. . . God alone is true rest. He wants to be known and it makes him happy when we rest in him.**

**... For God's goodness endlessly overflows to all his creatures and all his works. He himself is eternity and he has made us for himself alone.** (from the 1<sup>st</sup> Revelation)

**"He did not say 'You will not have a rough time; you will not be burdened; you will not have to face difficulties,' he said, 'You will not be overcome.'** (from the 16<sup>th</sup> Revelation)

(extracts from 'Revelations of Divine Love', Hodder and Stoughton Christian Classics)

Wishing you a blessed and peaceful Lent,

Caroline Simmonds  
(Reader in the Rutland Water Benefice)

## **Benefice service 15th March 2020**

**11.00am at St Peter & St Paul in Preston**



Martin Gage has visited development projects funded by Christian Aid in the Middle East, Central America and India.

Hear about work made possible by donations from the UK.

## **Benefice service 29th March 2020**

**11.00am at St Mary & St Andrew Ridlington**

Jane Woolmer will be speaking about God's creation, Eco Church and how each of us can live in sustainably.



**Lent** began on Ash Wednesday, 26th February 2020.

Why not mark it by joining a 5 week study group, 'Making all things new' a course exploring transformations in challenging situations?

Monday evenings 7.30-9.00pm The Rectory, North Luffenham

Wednesday 11am-12.30 Methodist Church, Empingham

followed by lunch

Other groups are meeting in Preston and Manton.

For further details please contact Pippa the Rector

[rectorrwb@gmail.com](mailto:rectorrwb@gmail.com) or 01780 721286

The course uses stories of the lives of people in several countries in the Middle East. Please bring a notebook and come and join us.

#### DOVE COTTAGE DAY HOSPICE - RUTLAND

Like all charities we struggle to raise sufficient funds to maintain our services. As the only day hospice in Rutland, we provide an essential respite service for carers and an opportunity for our guests to socialise within a safe environment, cared for by a team of nurses who are experienced in palliative care. There is also an indispensable team of volunteers, some produce a tasty 3 course lunch, others offer a friendly ear and a range of expertise, including, massage, crafts, manicures, cooking, games, talks music, the list goes on! Volunteers also provide transport to the hospice situated on the edge of Ridlington set in beautiful countryside, literally in the heart of Rutland. If we could raise more funds it would enable us to increase our opening days . We have several events planned for 2020, Ideas always gratefully received!! Our popular bridge afternoon will make a welcome return in May. Check out website for details. It would be wonderful if you could support us!! On 27 MARCH at LANGHAM VILLAGE HALL we are holding a fun quiz. 7pm for 7.30pm. Tony the paella man is coming. A pudding and a glass of wine /soft drink is included in the £15 ticket. Tables of 4 or 6. Or let us allocate you to a table. Tickets can be obtained from Joanne 737286/ [beawingj@gmail.com](mailto:beawingj@gmail.com) or from the Ridlington hospice 722630. / [rutland@dovecottage.org](http://rutland@dovecottage.org)



## RUTLAND FOR RUTLAND EVENT DATES 2020

All the information on all our fundraising events can be found below or on our website [www.forrutland.org.uk](http://www.forrutland.org.uk) or please contact 01572 724400



All proceeds from our fundraising events are used to pay for the For Rutland Specialist Advisers based at Citizens Advice Rutland who provide free, confidential, non-medical advice and support to people of all ages living with long term health conditions such as cancer, dementia, strokes and mental illness in Rutland and the Surrounding Community.

Friday 6th/Saturday 7th March - The Good & New Clothes Sale - Barnsdale Lodge Hotel, Nr Oakham.

Weds 22nd April - Bridge For Rutland - The Pavilion, Rutland Show Ground

Saturday 2nd May - Run For Rutland - Oakham Rugby Club

Sunday in May 17th - Ride For Rutland-Exton Park

Sunday 31st May - Grand Bottle Tombola -The Rutland Show

**National Gardens Scheme RUTLAND 2020:** DISCOVER THE HIDDEN BEAUTIES OF OUR RUTLAND GARDENS AND LANDSCAPE! HELP CELEBRATE YEARS OF GARDEN OPENINGS FOR CHARITY Last year Rutland raised an amazing £27,651.50 for the NGS plus funds for local churches and charities - we had 4,739 visitors to our wonderful gardens! We do value your support and would love to increase this total still further in 2020!!

Visiting a Rutland garden reveals the breathtaking variety of our county and provides a great day or afternoon out in Rutland's glorious villages and countryside for all ages. Why not plan a **walk or cycle** to a garden and enjoy refreshments and hospitality in a beautiful garden or village setting?

Admission ranges from £4 to £5 with children free: your donation, as well as the tea you drink, the cake you eat and the plants you buy, will make a real difference to the life of someone who needs care and support and 80p in every pound goes straight to the charity!

### **Rutland Garden Opening Dates 2020**

SUNDAY 22 MARCH **GUNTHORPE HALL** 2 to 5.00pm

SUNDAY 10th MAY **BURROUGH HALL**

SUNDAY 17th MAY **THE OLD VICARAGE BURLEY** 11 TO 5PM

SUNDAY 24th MAY **THE OLD VICARAGE WHISSENDINE** 2 PM TO 5 PM

FRIDAY 5th JUNE **REDHILL LODGE, BARROWDEN** 6- 9PM (EVENING OPENING)

SUNDAY 7th JUNE **EXTON HALL** 11 TO 4 PM

SUNDAY 7th JUNE **UPPINGHAM GARDENS** 1-5 PM

SUNDAY 14th JUNE **WING GARDENS** 11 TO 5 PM

SUNDAY 21st JUNE **QUAINTREE HALL BRAUNSTON** 12.30 TO 5 PM

WEDNESDAY 24th JUNE **THE OLD VICARAGE BURLEY** 6-9PM (EVENING OPENING)

SUNDAY 28th JUNE **THE OLD VICARAGE, HARRINGWORTH** 11 To 5 PM

SUNDAY 5th JULY **THE OLD VICARAGE HARRINGWORTH** 11 - 5PM

SUNDAY 5th JULY **THE OLD HALL MARKET OVERTON** 2 -6PM

SUNDAY 12th JULY **EMPINGHAM GARDENS** 1-5.30PM

FOR FULL DETAILS OF LOCATIONS; INFORMATION ON THE GARDENS; MAPS; REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE; PLANT SALES; EASE OF ACCESS ETC PLEASE VISIT [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)



### 'Moments to Remember'

Chater Community Choir will be entertaining local audiences again with a concert of popular tunes from across the decades at Uppingham Parish Church on Saturday 16th May at 7:30pm in aid of Age UK and Alzheimer's Society.

The choir, now in it's ninth year, has raised over £20,000 for local and national charities and is hoping to carry on raising such wonderful amounts with the continued support of their audiences.

Tickets are £8 and are available from Tracy Steward on 01780 729006 or Jenny Clarke on 01572 821197

### **RUTLAND REMINDERS needs you!**

If you enjoy a good sing song, and can spare 2 hours nine times a year please come and help us! We provide therapy through singing for people living with dementia. We are a happy bunch, and do what we can to give pleasure and musical stimulation. We need a few more helpers, not necessarily singers, at our Oakham gatherings, which take place at the Rutland Care Village. This is not a big commitment – just a very helpful one – so please ring on the Rutland Reminders number – 07779 413889

## **EDITH WESTON**

### **Taize Service**

Following the success of similar services in North Luffenham and Manton, Pippa and Graham have kindly agreed to hold a Taize service in Edith Weston at 6pm on Sunday March 22nd.

**Taizé** is an ecumenical community in France whose influence has spread throughout the world, especially through its meditative style of music. A Taize service includes music based on simple chants to aid meditation and prayer. The style of prayer is highly meditative. Singing, candles and silence play a large part.

There will be rehearsals for singers and musicians on Sunday 1st March 17:30 at the Rectory, and Sunday 15th March 17:30 at 18 Weston Road, Edith Weston – all are welcome.

Please join us on March 22nd for a peaceful, meditative service.

### **EDITH WESTON VILLAGE HALL**

AFTERNOON TEAS – DO COME ALONG -ALL WELCOME

TUESDAY 10th MARCH BETWEEN 2.30PM – 4.00PM

FUTURE DATES: TUESDAY 14th APRIL TUESDAY 12th MAY

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



A date for your diaries.

We might be recovering from the effects of storms Ciara and Dennis but there is sunshine ahead.

The Edith Weston Midsummer Barbecue will be held on 20th June 2020. Live music, dancing, tombola and delicious BBQ - so please put the date firmly in your calendars.



**Holy Dusters** will be meeting on Saturday, April 4th from 9am until 11am to give the Church a clean before Easter.

If you would care to volunteer an hour or two of your time please come along. All materials will be supplied.

Any queries please phone Jane on 722005

### **Edith Weston Village Hall 100 Club Winners**

£30 Mrs R Green

£25 Mr & Mrs Simpson

£20 Mrs G Griffin

£15 Mrs N Boddington

Sunday Lunch kindly donated by The Wheatsheaf - Mr & Mrs George

## **EMPINGHAM**

### **ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING**

**Sunday 22nd March – St Peter’s Church** The meeting to elect churchwardens and the Annual Church Meeting will take place, following the Communion Service.

If you wish to read the reports before the meeting please contact the Secretary, *John Haward*, on [john.haward@empingham.org.uk](mailto:john.haward@empingham.org.uk)

### **LENT LUNCHESES**

You are welcome to come and have a simple lunch of bread and soup **on**

**Wednesdays, from 12.30pm** on:

- **4th March** in the Chapel
- **11th March** in the Chapel
- **18th March** in the Church
- **25th March** in the Hall
- **1st April** in the Church

Donations welcome for Christian Aid.

*Contact - John Haward, on 01780 460502.*

### **GIRLS NIGHT OUT**

**Wednesday 4th March – 7.30pm at the Cricket & Social Club**

Andrew Harwood is giving a talk entitled “Stamford on Sea?” Husbands and partners welcome.

We have been asked if GNO would be interested in making a group booking

for the Rutland Musical Theatre's forthcoming production of **Fiddler on the Roof?** The show is on at the Uppingham Theatre from Wednesday 1st - Saturday 4th April, with a matinee on the Saturday at 2.30pm. Tickets are normally £16 (£14 concessions) but for groups of 10 or more we are offering a discounted price of £12 and for 20 or more a discounted price of £10. If you are interested please call Judy Aitkens 460113

**Tuesday 7th April – 7.30pm at the Cricket & Social Club**

A talk and demonstration by Jodie, Oakham florist, entitled "Easter Trees.". The cost will be £3, to include tea or coffee.

Last year GNO had an excellent visit to Tolethorpe. This year Angela Duffin has booked 20 seats for The Importance of Being Earnest **on Tuesday 11th August**. The cost will be £12.50 **payable by Friday 1st May**. Would members please let Angela know if they want tickets, on 01780 460767.

**EMPINGHAM GARDEN CLUB**

**Monday 30th March – 7.30pm at the Cricket & Social Club**

This month's talk will be entitled "Cambridge Botanic Garden" and will be given by Andrew Sankey.

The Garden Club welcomes new members and one off visitors. It meets in the convivial atmosphere of the cricket club bar. The Club is incredibly good value, cost only £6 per year and holds talks once a month over the non-summer months. *Contact: David Hodson, on 01572 813902*

**EMPINGHAM BOWLS CLUB**

**Monday 9th March – 10.00am to 12.00, at the Cricket & Social Club** Our next **Coffee & Cake Morning**, where a fine selection of cakes and pastries can be consumed with the usual hot beverages. £2 entry, plus a raffle. All proceeds to go towards club funds.

With the new season rapidly approaching, we welcome prospective new members, no commitment, just come along for a chat. We look forward to seeing you. *Contact: Richard & Marianne on 01780 461250*

Fancy a cup of tea and the chance to meet the team at the **Empingham Medical Centre** for an informal chat? Meet at Empingham Methodist Church, 1.30 - 2.30pm Friday 13th March. The opportunity is open to anyone registered to a Rutland GP surgery, young or old.

*Rutland Health Primary Care Network*

## ACTIVITIES AT EMPINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH

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

### **Sunday services during MARCH**

1st – 10.45am – MORNING WORSHIP – Rev. Fred Day, including Holy Communion

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

**6.00pm** – CIRCUIT PRAISE, at Bourne Methodist Church

15th – **4.00pm** – TEA TIME CHURCH – Rev. Leo Osborn – Service for Young Families

22nd – 10.45am – CAFÉ CHURCH – Mr. Chris Ballard – Church, but different - with Coffee, Tea, Cake and discussion

29th – 10.45am – MORNING WORSHIP – Mr. Iain Cameron

**6.00pm** – CIRCUIT SERVICE, at Oakham Methodist Church

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

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

**Wednesdays: UNITED LENT GROUP** starts 4th March, then each week for five weeks, from 11.00am to 12.30 at Empingham Methodist Church. Lent Lunches follow this group, various venues.

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

*Eileen Ray 01780 460676*

## **CRICKET & SOCIAL CLUB**

**Club Contacts:** The Club website can be found at [empinghamcsc.org](http://empinghamcsc.org). Here you will find useful details about the Club together with an up to date calendar of events. The Club Facebook page can be found as **Empingham Cricket and Social Club**, or directly from the website. Useful details about the Club and events can be found here too.

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

Tuesday evening - 6.00pm to 9.00pm (if no private party booked)

Friday evening - 5.30 pm to 11.00pm

Saturday evening - 7.00pm to 11.00pm (If no private party booked)

Sunday lunchtime from 1.00pm to 3.00pm

New members are always welcome.

*For details, contact Nigel on 07912 215099 or at [redsandtrout@btinternet.com](mailto:redsandtrout@btinternet.com)*

## **Rugby 6 Nations**

Saturday 7th – Ireland v Italy & England v Wales – from 2.00pm

Sunday 8th – Scotland v France – Club opens at 1.00pm

Saturday 14th – Part of the Annual Beer Festival, this is *Super Saturday* and includes all three matches. From 11.30am.

## **MARCH Events at the Cricket & Social Club:**

- **Club AGM – Sunday 1st, at 12.00.** All members welcome.
- **Quiz Night – Monday 9th – Club opens at 7.00pm for a 7.30 start.** Teams of up to 6 people @ £2 per person. Money raised for Empingham organisations.
  - **Cribbage Match – Wednesday 11th, at 7.30pm.** Come and support the team.
  - **Sports Quiz – Thursday 12th – Club opens at 6.00pm for a 7.00 start.** Part of the Annual Beer Festival. Teams of up to 6 people @ £2 per person.
  - **Music Night, in aid of Motor Neurone Disease – Friday 13th – Event starts 7.00pm, with Club open from 5.30pm.** Part of the Annual Beer Festival, the music will be from Rita & The Good Times.
  - **Cribbage Match – Wednesday 18th, at 7.30pm.** Come and support the team.
  - **Pie Supper Night – Friday 27th – Club opens at 6.30pm.** £6 for main course or £7.50 including sweet. *Contact Claire on 07881 814857 or add your name to the list in the club.*

## ***'STRICTLY EMPINGHAM' – BALLROOM AND LATIN DANCE CLASSES***

Come along and join us on Monday evenings in the Audit Hall. Our classes are suitable for beginners or improvers or those wishing to dust off their dancing shoes. Learn to Waltz, Tango and Cha-Cha-Cha 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)*

## **EMPINGHAM SAFARI SUPPER 2020**

Following the success of previous village Safari Suppers we will once again be holding this event on **Saturday 2nd May.**

For further details of the Safari Supper please see page 27

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## **More from Empingham**

### **EMPINGHAM SAFARI SUPPER 2020**

Following the success of previous village Safari Suppers we will once again be holding this event on **Saturday 2nd May**.

For those of you new to the idea, the format is that starters and main courses are hosted in separate houses with puddings and coffee kindly provided, on this occasion, by Matthew and Rebecca Eatough at Prebendal House in Crocket Lane.

The maximum number of places is 70, so we would encourage you to book your place as soon as possible. Around 12 hosts are required to provide either a starter or main course for 6 (including the hosts) - but could be 4 or 8 if more convenient. We would welcome offers to help.

The fun evening begins at the location for your starter which is advised to you on the day, after which you move on to the next location for your main course. Starters will be available at 6.45pm and main courses at 8.00pm. Guests should then meet at Prebendal House for pudding at 9.30pm.

The cost will be £20 each which includes wine and coffee. If you are hosting a course, you will be given a food allowance of £1 per head for starters and £2 per head for a main course. Hosts are at liberty to choose a suitable course!

Transport may be available for anyone with mobility problems. Anyone requiring disabled access please contact us

We hope that you will be stimulated to join this village event which provides a great opportunity to meet old and new friends in relaxed environments. If you would like to support us, as a host or a guest, please contact us by 31st March.

*Contact: Kate Neal (01780 460501) or Jane Thwaites (01780 460102)*

### **FROM THE REGISTERS**

We commiserate with the family and friends of Jan Lodge, whose funeral was held on 30th January.

## **LYNDON**

Many thanks to our Rector for taking our Carol Service on Christmas Eve and to the congregation for giving £296 in the collection for the Children's Society.

# MANTON

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### LENT LUNCHESES

**Every Thursday in March and on until 9th April**

Lent Lunches in Manton Village Hall will run for the duration of Lent. Any offers of soup gratefully received! All money raised will go to Save the Children. Contact Anne Cowan – annecowan38@gmail.com

### MANTON GARDENING CLUB

**Wednesday March 11th 7.30pm**

**Manton Village Hall**

Stuart Dixon will be giving a talk " Jersey Royal, Gardens in Jersey".

So we assume NOT about potatoes! We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Everyone is welcome; Members £3 and Guests £5. *Jane Bews*

### CHURCH COFFEE MORNING - Everybody welcome

**Thursday March 12th 10.30 – 12noon At the home of Judith Leahy**

“Stable Cottage”, Dairy Lane - FREE but contributions to church funds welcome.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION - Sunday 22nd March,

**3 – 4.30 pm @ Manton Village Hall**

Performance by Jessica Hutton School of Irish Dance

Traditional Irish Singing

**Tickets are £5 adults** (under 12s FREE) available now from Hui-yen

Bloodworth bloodworthan@gmail.com 01572-737162

Please join us for cakes & refreshments, all free, as part of the celebration organised by the parents of the dancers.

Jessica Hutton School of Irish Dance is a local community dance school that operates from Manton Village Hall. Classes run every Thursday from 4pm onwards for children and adults. New members are welcome to have a taster session. Please contact Jessica Hutton at rutlandirishdance@hotmail.com for more information.

### BIBLE/PRAYER MEETING - Everybody welcome

**Thursday March 19th 2.00-3.00 pm**

**The Coach House, Stocks Hill**

Meeting God: God is Love.

## **JEEVES and WOOSTER in “PERFECT NONSENSE”**

**Friday April 3rd 8.00pm**

**Manton Village Hall**

In a joyous and anarchic re-imagining of the classic P.G.Wodehouse characters, three actors hurl themselves from character to character as they race to tell the story of Bertie’s own farcical adventures. Ideal for lovers of classic comedy, literary adaptations, farce and high paced comic theatre. Tickets £10 from Barbara Camp (01572737729) and Anne Cowan (01572737503).

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

**Thursday April 9th - 10.30 – 12.00**

**at the home of Margaret Kennedy**

Garden Cottage, Stocks Hill

FREE but contributions to church funds

welcome.

## **BACH WALK**

**Saturday May 16th 4.00pm onwards**

In 1705 J.S.Bach walked 250 miles from Arnstadt to Lubeck, Germany, in search of musical inspiration. We are organizing a similar walk but not of such length or time!

Do join us for a walk(or drive if you prefer) from Manton to Wing, a concert of Bach music in Wing Church, a return walk back to Manton, a picnic (bring your own) in a beautiful Manton garden and a second concert of Bach music in Manton Church.

Music will be provided by pupils of Uppingham and Oakham Schools. Each concert will last about 40 mins. More details and tickets - £10 from Anne Cowan 01572 737503 and Alice Hill 01572 737516. Proceeds will be divided between Manton and Wing Churches.

## **NORTH LUFFENHAM**

### **GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME**

The North Luffenham Good Neighbour Scheme (NLGNS) has been in operation for a number of years and over that time has been able to help villagers who have requested help.

The majority of requests have been for lifts for G.P. and Outpatient appointments but the scheme has also been able to help with one off tidying up of gardens and dog walking. The good news is that family and immediate neighbours often help but sometimes they are not available and that is when a scheme such as NLGNS can assist. NLGNS would like to remind the villagers

of North Luffenham that it is there to help young and old, should the need arise.

The scheme would also like to hear from anybody who is interested in becoming a volunteer; this is not onerous as requests for help are on average at the rate of one per week and volunteers usually have no trouble in fitting it in to their daily routine.

To contact NLGNS for help or to volunteer, phone : 07825 697841.

### **Chater Bowls Club – more players needed from May!**

Are you interested in playing outdoor bowls? Why not come along and have a go, see if you like it (we've got plenty of bowls – no need to bring any). The Club holds a practice roll up on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. We usually start the first week in May (weather permitting). We are a friendly club, and play in a friendly league. We always have a cuppa about 3 o'clock, and put the world to rights as well! Look forward to seeing you! (The Club is on Pinfold Lane, just up from The Fox pub, and next to the allotments.)

### **North Luffenham Garden Club**

\*\*\*\*\* *Next meeting: Thursday 12th March* \*\*\*\*\*

The Club has a full, interesting and varied programme of speakers arranged for our monthly meetings through to May 2020. At meetings we have a guest speaker, refreshments and a raffle, and sometimes plants for sale. Future talks include:

Mar 12th - Jeff Bates: *Propagation*

April 9th - Stephen Ashpole: *'Am I barking up the wrong tree?'*

May 14th - Neil Timm: *'World of Ferns'*

Annual membership is £15 per person, payable at the meeting or £3 per guest per meeting. Everyone is most welcome to come along to any meeting – feel free to attend just one that is of particular interest (though hopefully you'll want to attend more!)

OUTING: Empingham Garden Club are arranging a joint summer day outing to Cambridge Botanical Gardens on Wednesday 3rd June. The cost is £22 per person to cover coach and entry fee. Places need to be booked and paid for by the end of March – please contact Katy Ellis on 01780 722173.

QUIZ: the Garden Club will be sending a team to Stamford Hort. Soc's annual inter-society quiz on Thursday 5th March – supporters are most welcome. It is held at Christchurch Hall, Green Lane, Stamford, starting at 7.30pm.

### **North Luffenham Indoor Carpet Bowls Club**

The club holds a practice night, every Monday evening in the school hall from 7pm- 9.00pm - £1 adults, 50p children. Tea/coffee & biscuits are provided for a small donation. All are welcome to come along and have a go.

(For further information, please contact Jason Ellis on 01780 722173.)

### **North Luffenham Village Trip.**

This year the village trip will be going to Skegness on July 1st. Leaving North Luffenham at 9am and returning from Skegness at 4.30pm. This is a free trip courtesy of North Luffenham Village Trust. All ages welcome.

Please put the date in your diary, more details later. Book a place with Evelyn 720528

### **Do you enjoy singing and would like to join an informal fun choir?**

Melodia is a brand new ladies choir where the emphasis is on having fun and meeting new friends. No audition is required and you don't need to be able to read music. We sing a wide variety of music with input from the members on music choice.

Interested? We meet on Monday's from 7pm to 8.30pm at North Luffenham Primary School ( St Mary's & St John's) Church Street, North Luffenham, LE15 8JR during term time. £5 subs per week, with the first 'taster' session being free.

## **PRESTON**

### **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) – 7.30 pm on Thursday 12 March**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday 12 March. It will be preceded by the Annual Vestry meeting (at which all parishioners are entitled to vote) when the churchwardens for the coming year are elected.

### **Vacancies**

A position on the PPC becomes vacant at this meeting. We shall also be looking to appoint a Parish treasurer and a minute secretary to the PPC. We hold PCC meetings four times a year. We are a friendly bunch,

We hold PCC meetings four times a year. We are a friendly bunch, committed to the work of the church to support the people of Preston. If you are able to spare some time to come and join us and would like further information about these roles, please contact the vice chairman of the PCC, Paul Waterworth, on 07702 221938 or email [paul.waterworth@mcsprojectsLtd.co.uk](mailto:paul.waterworth@mcsprojectsLtd.co.uk)

### **BELL APPEAL**

All has been going well with this Appeal and we are scheduled to get the work done sometime after 20 April.

In the meantime, we are arranging for a **Visit to Taylor's Bell Foundry and Museum** in Loughborough on Tuesday 12 May. The cost will be £10 per person. If anybody is interested, please contact Jane on 737219 for further details.

Taylor's is the only surviving bell foundry in the country and makes and repairs bells both in this country and all over the world. At present they are busy with a peal of ten bells for Singapore Cathedral! It should be a really interesting visit.

### **CHURCH WALL**

We are hugely indebted to Anne Nicholls' cousin, David, who with his partner Alison, has yet again very kindly done a wonderful repair to part of the Church wall. Thank you both so much, and thank you to Anne for organising this.

### **MOTHERING DAY LUNCH – Saturday 21 March, 12 noon-1.30pm in the Village Hall**

There will be a choice of delicious homemade soups, bread/cheese and fruit. Adults £3 and children free. The event is being held in aid of the Mango Tree Trust which supports orphans in Africa.

**All are welcome. This is not just a lunch for mothers!** But all our lady visitors will receive a little gift in celebration of the weekend! Do come for a tasty lunch and a time to chat with neighbours. Tickets are available from Kay Waterworth (737339) or Sylvia Howard (07765 686149) or at the door.

### **RHAPSODY IN BLUE – talk by Air Vice Marshal Graham Williams at 7 pm on 2 April**

A talk by Air Vice Marshal Graham Williams, who flew a Harrier in the 1969 Transatlantic Air Race, will be given on Thursday 2 April in Preston Village Hall with a pre-talk supper at 7 pm.

**Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Tickets are £10 per head (to**



include the supper) available from Sheila Ervin on 01572 737263 or Anne Nicholls on 737178. Cheques should be made payable to Preston PCC. **Pre-booking is essential. Please let us know in advance if you have any dietary requirements or food allergies.** Proceeds to be divided between Preston Church and the Preston Pond Fund.

### **CHURCH CLEANING MORNING – Friday 3 April from 10 am-12 noon**

This is another opportunity to grab our cleaning materials and make the church look especially wonderful in preparation for our Easter Services. Do please join us to do some polishing or dusting in a convivial atmosphere. Coffee and cake will be served.

### **COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH**

Twenty-eight brave individuals turned out on a cold February evening to attend a village meeting to discuss speeding traffic. There was general consensus on the dangers of traffic speeds, both within the village and on the A6003, and unanimous support for a Community Speed Watch initiative. Even more impressive were the 19 individuals who offered to take part the speed watch campaign. If anyone else would like to join the scheme, please contact Phil Grimley.

### **CAR PARKING**

Like most Rutland villages, Preston has a long and fascinating history, most of which occurred well before the arrival of the motor car. As a result, the layout of the village struggles to cope with the pressures of modern life and the need for households to have multiple cars with space to park them.

Most of the time everything works fine but, in the last few weeks, there have been at least two occasions when emergency vehicles were unable to gain rapid access to the village due to badly parked vehicles.

There doesn't appear to be an immediate solution to the problem, other than to ask everyone to park considerately in the village, ensuring that they don't block private driveways, and leaving enough spaces for ambulances, etc, to pass in an emergency.

### **VILLAGE SOCIAL EVENING – held on 24 January**

About forty villagers attended an enjoyable social evening at the Village Hall. Over a meal of cottage pie followed by trifle, there was a quiz to identify features of the village which had been altered on 'doctored' photographs. The quiz winners were Anne and Patrick Nicholls and Sue Trewhella. Short talks on village perspectives were given by Raja Bose, Philip Spence and Chris Sworn.

## **PRESTON GREEN SPACES – March Update**

The mowing for 2020 has been agreed with our great mowing man and, due to the long grass around the trees being so lovely last year, we're extending this a little (to the kink in the hedge). So, longer meandering paths to enjoy and more opportunities for children to hide.

The balance of the HRGS money is in and the gates have been ordered so we'll have much improved access to the playing field.

Storm Ciara had a bit of an impact: one poor tree at the far end of the field split from top to bottom but, rather cleverly and considerately, fell parallel to (and missed) the fence. Plenty more branches for serious den building will be available when it's all cut up.

We've put together a varied schedule of events for the year – some fundraising, some purely social – and hope that this early notification will give people a chance to put dates in the diary. Further details closer to the events.

- **Vegan cooking for meat eaters** – Saturday, 15 May. Cookery demo and lunch for both vegans and meat eaters who want to cook something delicious, and plant based.
- **Fields in Trust *Have a field day*** – Saturday afternoon, 4 July. Bring friends, family, children, dogs, rugs, picnics, bats and balls.
- **Preston & Wing Produce Show** – early August. We'll be sponsoring a class or two again but think, this year, that our baked item will be everyone's favourite, the sausage roll. Hoping that we'll get a few of the men to get their rolling pins dusted off. And a class for the children, subject to be decided.
- **Apple pressing** – Saturday, 17 October
- **Spooky cake decorating** – Saturday, 31 October. We'll provide the cupcakes and icing, you provide the children. Stickiness guaranteed.
- **Autumn pie night & quiz**, and **Christmas cookery demo** – tba.

To get in touch, e-mail us at [prestongreenspaces@gmail.com](mailto:prestongreenspaces@gmail.com) or call Lucy on 737256.

## **BOOK CLUB IN PRESTON**

Calling all readers! We are pleased to set out our calendar of meetings for the year ahead, and the books that we plan to discuss:

### **Books for the next few months are:**

19 March – *The Seal Woman's Gift* by Sally Magnusson

23 April – *Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes

If you would like know the full list or to find out more, please contact Kathy Horner on 07789 225903.

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

Thanks are due to Jane Willis (February) and Izzy Newbold (March).

## **RIDLINGTON**

### **CHURCH FLOWERS:**

The colourful flower arrangements on the altar have been a particularly welcome sight on the grey days we have been having this winter. As always, thank you to the flower rota team for their hard work.

The season of Lent covers the whole of March so there will be no flowers in church during this time.

Margie Wall

### **LITTER PICK: reminder**

Weather permitting, the annual village litter pick will take place on **Sunday, 8th March** at 11:00. Please let Richard Thatcher (richardthatcher@hotmail.co.uk) know if you are able to join the band of volunteers. Refreshments will be provided at 12 noon.

### **COMMUNITY ORCHARD UPDATE:**

The eight apple trees on the church lawn have had their winter prune and have been weeded and re-mulched. This will be another year when we will not allow the trees to crop to ensure that a healthy root system develops – with luck, there will be apples in 2021.

### **VE DAY:**

Following a village meeting held on Wednesday 19th March, details will be circulated shortly outlining the arrangements and events for our VE Day celebration to be held on **Sunday 10th May 2020**.

### **CHURCH COFFEE MORNING:**

Following the success of this month's church coffee morning, these will now be held on the **THIRD (3rd) THURSDAY** of every month – apart from April, June, September and December. Therefore the next 'no-calorie' tea and cake!!! will be served at Chimney Cottage on **Thursday 19th March** 10.30-12noon.

### **VILLAGE HALL EVENTS:**

- Village Hall Coffee Mornings for the year are as follows: **Friday 17th April; Friday 12th June; Friday 11th September; Friday 11th December** 10.30 – 12noon;
- Safari Supper - **Saturday 20th June** - details to follow but please contact Pat Roome (821416 ) if you wish to attend;
  - Team Quiz – this will follow the usual format and take place on **Friday 30th October** at 7.30pm.

### **PETERBOROUGH HOMELESS APPEAL:**

I am pleased to say that donations to help the homeless of Peterborough are continuing to come in . Thank you so much to those of you who have already contributed. We are about to make our 4th trip to Castor Church with a car full. If you would like to donate items please bring them to 8, East Lane, Ridlington. Items required: warm clothing, waterproof clothing, boots, shoes, hats, gloves, rucksacks, sleeping bags, blankets and yoga mats.  
Many thanks, Margie & Martin Wall Tel: 01572 821397

### **RIDLINGTON PLAYING FIELD ANNUAL QUIZ:**

Our Annual Quiz in aid of the Ridlington Playing Field and organised by the trustees is going to take place at Preston Village Hall on **Friday March 20th** 2020 at 7 for 7.30pm.

To make sure you don't miss out on this very popular event, make sure you book early by contacting Ruth Lees on 01572 821440 (email: ruthlees123@aol.com) A donation of £10.00 per person ( in teams of 4 ) would be appreciated.

Ruth Lees            Playing Field Trustee

PS: any donations for the raffle welcome!

### **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:**

This will continue throughout the coming weeks. Meanwhile, we thank you all for your ongoing involvement with and support for the church and look forward to our continued working together...

### **WALKING GROUP:**

Our next monthly walk will take place on **Wednesday 4th March** starting at 2pm outside the Village Hall. Do come along 😊 Dogs welcome and refreshments provided afterwards.

## **WING**

### **ST PETER AND ST PAUL CHURCH**

**Flowers:** No Flowers     **Brass:**Jane Peach

### **"QUIZ AND CHIPS"**

**Village Hall, Saturday 14th March, Doors open at 6.45pm for a 7.15pm quiz start.**

Join us on for a quiz evening with chip shop delivery at the interval. Teams of 4 to test their general knowledge against our evening quiz masters, Lyn and Ken Walsh. Bar and raffle as usual.

Please contact Helen or Lyn

on [h.eskdale@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:h.eskdale@hotmail.co.uk) or [Lyn225@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Lyn225@hotmail.co.uk) to book either in teams or individuals to make up a team. Tickets £5 per person which includes a fresh bag of chips plus ketchup/mayonnaise/curry sauce. Booking essential to confirm chip shop delivery! Raffle donations gratefully received!

### **"THATS ENTERTAINMENT"**

**Performing at Wing Village Hall 7.30 pm on Saturday 21st March 2020,**

Presented by Stamford Concert Singers, a lively compilation of tuneful well known songs from stage and screen expertly compiled by Musical Director, Rod Dawkins.

Licensed bar with nibbles. Tickets £10, available from Helen Bateman 737499 or Alice Hill 737516. Proceeds shared between Wing Church and the Singers.

## **WI**

**The next meeting of Wing WI is March 12th at 7.30pm in Wing Village Hall.**

Our speaker is Sam Dobson and his topic is "Sir Malcolm Sargent.

Sam has been with the Leicester Symphony Orchestra since the 80s. His researching on the history of the orchestra led him to investigating the life of its inspiration and founder Sir Malcolm Sargent

The WI welcomes visitors (small charge of £3) and new members. If you are new to the village or area the WI is a great way to meet the locals and make new friends! Please contact Judith on 01572737761 ([quilt9@gmail.com](mailto:quilt9@gmail.com)) or Jane on 01572 737324 ([tkgdjgwing@btinternet.com](mailto:tkgdjgwing@btinternet.com)) for information.

## **BOOK CLUB**

They just want to meet and discuss books.

How about joining us? Contact Judith 01572 737199 or Joanne 01572 737286

**Wing Church Spring Coffee Morning: Saturday 25th April 10.30 - 12 noon**  
at the home of Robin and Helen Cullen, Inglewood, Reeves Lane, Wing.  
Bring and Buy Stall, Raffle and refreshments. Everyone welcome, do  
please come.

**PIE AND A PINT LUNCH Village Hall, Sunday 3rd May at 12 pm.**

Tickets £10 (to include pie, veg and a drink) available from Helen C and Lynne  
K (lyn225@hotmail.co.uk and cullens135@gmail.com). Please put the date in  
your diary. Raffle prizes gratefully received.

**Bach Walk Sunday 16th May - please see the entry in the Manton section  
of the magazine**

**Bring and Buy Plant Sale Sunday 17 May**

Gardeners and allotment holders - could you plant a few extra seeds please?  
We are holding a bring-and-buy plant sale in the village hall - more details to  
follow ...Carolyn Sayers 01572 737631

**Summer Evening Event Saturday 11th July**

We are planning to hold a summer evening event in Wing Village Hall on so  
please reserve this date in your diary. Further details will be published over  
coming months, but this will be an event not to be missed!

The next **Wing Safari Supper** will be held on Saturday 17th October. Put the  
date in your diary!

**Keep Our Village Clean** Please pick up after your dog.

The Seagull by Anton Chekhov in a new version by David  
Hare

Set in late 19th century Russia, where people are  
experiencing change and  
facing an uncertain future, Chekhov's great comedy is  
very relevant today.

David Hare's new version was premiered at Chichester in 2015 and  
transferred to the National Theatre in 2016 to great acclaim.

The next Shoestring Theatre production is at  
Stamford Arts Centre at 7.45pm from Tuesday 3rd to Saturday 7th  
March.



DATE	1 <sup>st</sup> March Lent 1	8 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 2	15 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 3	22 <sup>nd</sup> March Lent 3 <b>Mothering Sunday</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 4
Empingham		9.30 am Morning Prayer		9.30 am Holy Communion  followed by APCM	
Edith Weston	9.30 am Holy Communion			6.00pm <del>Taize</del> -style service	
Whitwell		3.00 pm Holy Communion			
North <del>Luffenham</del>	4.00 pm Holy Communion		9.30 am Café Church in Community Centre		
Pilton		11.00 am Holy Communion			(APCM To be fixed: 30-3 or 6-4)
Lyndon	11.00 am Holy Communion			9.30 am Morning Prayer	
Manton	9.30 am All Age			11.00 am Holy Communion	
Preston	11.00 am Prayer & Praise	11.00 am Holy Communion	11.00 am Benefice Holy Communion	5.00 pm Evening Prayer	(APCM 7.30pm Tues 12th Mar)
<del>Bidlington</del>	9.30 am Morning Prayer	9.30 am Holy Communion		9.30 am Morning Prayer	11.00 am Benefice Holy Communion
Wing	9.30 am Morning Prayer	9.30 am Morning Prayer		9.30 am Holy Communion	

Benefice service preachers: 15<sup>th</sup> March Martin Gage from Christian Aid  
29<sup>th</sup> March Jane Woolmer from the environmental charity A Rocha

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