

Candlemas being celebrated on **4th February 2024** in the Rutland Water Benefice

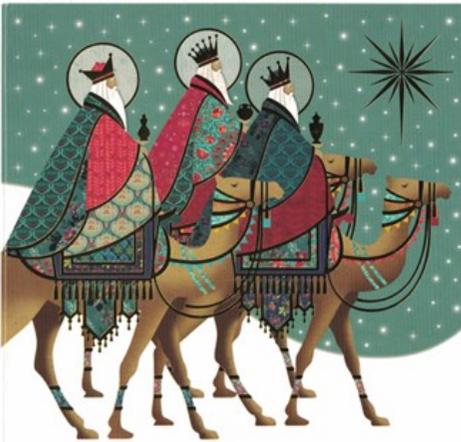


Worship this Sunday in church:

9.30am	Holy Communion	Edith Weston
9.30am	Holy Communion	North Luffenham
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Ridlington
10.30am	Candlemas Communion	Wing
11.00am	Holy Communion	Lyndon
11.00am	Holy Communion	Pilton
11.00am	Prayer and Praise	Preston

The Church of England regular
Sunday online worship is at

[https://
www.churchofengland.org/
news-and-media/church-online](https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/church-online)



Let us pray . . .

for peace and justice to come to areas of conflict in the world, for agency workers risking their lives as they bring humanitarian aid; for civilians caught up in conflicts

for communities suffering in extreme weather, volcanic eruptions and earthquakes

for politicians of different views to work together for the good of the wider community and country; for openness to other people whose views differ from our own

for Bishop Debbie as she prepares to be installed as Bishop of Peterborough

for all who are sick and those who treat and care for them here and abroad, remembering how Jesus brought healing and wholeness to those he met

for our schools—children, staff, volunteers— thanking God for opportunities for churches to work with them

give thanks for all who enable the life of our church communities: churchwardens, PCC treasurers and PCC secretaries plus Jo, Vyv, Caroline, Graham and all involved in leading services

for the recently bereaved, including the family and friends mourning for John Conant, patron of Lyndon church. Remember too the Whight family mourning for Helen



Everyone is welcome in the churches of the Rutland Water Benefice!

Children and young people, older people and everyone in between
Single people, couples of all sorts and families . . .



Breakfast Church

9.30am on 3rd Sunday of each month
at the Community Centre in North Luffenham



People of all ages are welcome
Come to enjoy a simple breakfast and learn about Christian faith
together.

In the summer months we often meet outside too . . .



Manton All Age Worship
9:30am on the 2nd Sunday of each month
Half hour interactive service led in parts by our
team of young leaders

Refreshments served afterwards

~ All are welcome ~



Crafts



Activities

All Age Church
St Peter's, Empingham

on the 4th Sunday of each month at 9.30am

An informal service for all

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Lent 2024

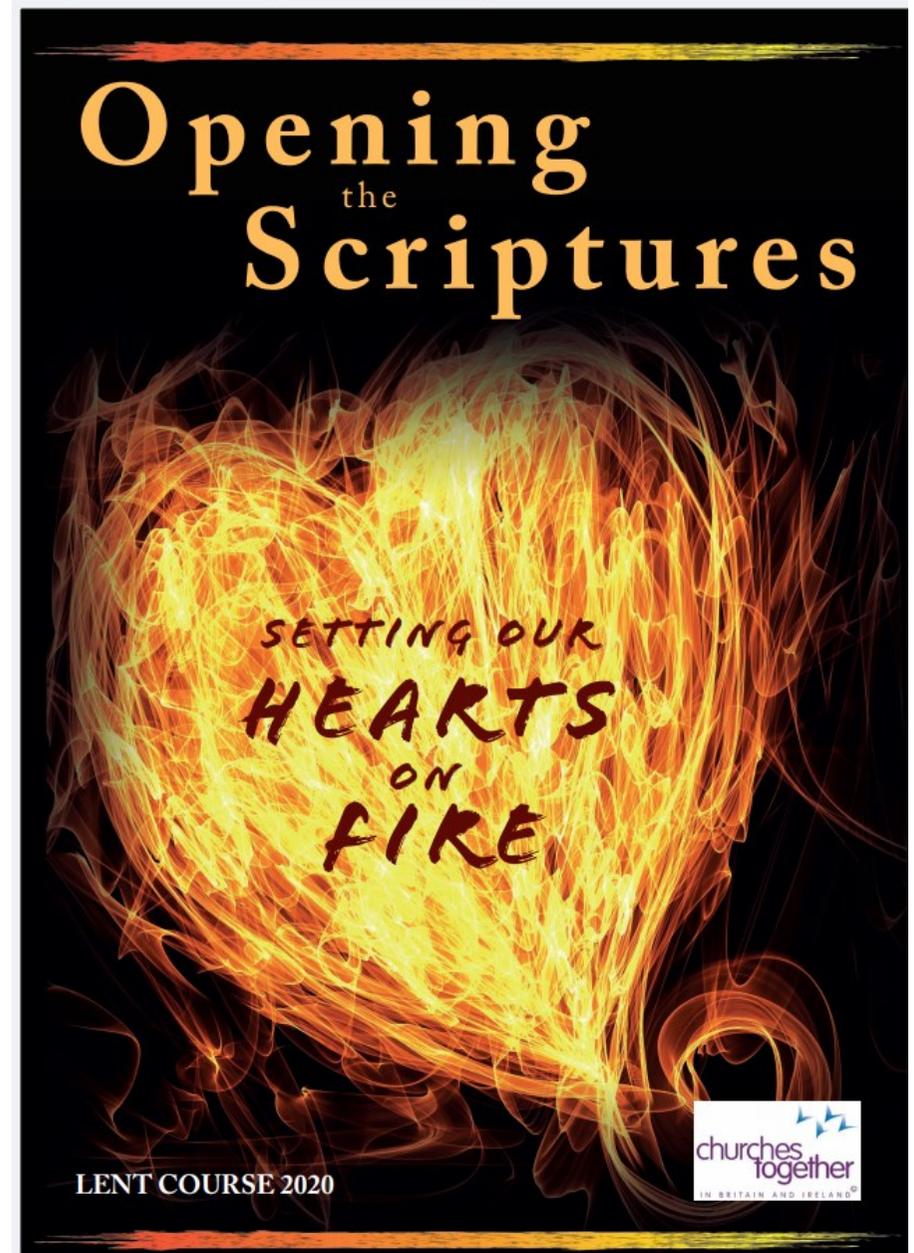
begins on 14th February

This course comes to us highly recommended. . . .
Each session includes a passage from the Bible, to
be explored with the help of music and art.

Come and find out more:

10.30am Tuesday in Empingham, at the Methodist
Church

7.30pm Monday evenings in North Luffenham, at
19 Digby Drive



And lunches in Lent . . .

Preston:

Saturday 9th March in the Village Hall

Manton:

Wednesdays in the Village Hall (awaiting confirmation)

Empingham for one week only:

Tuesday 5th March at the Methodist Church

All raising money for different charities —

more details if people send them to me!



COFFEE AND CAKES

St Peter's Church

Every Wednesday

10.30 am – 12.00 noon

All welcome!



St Mary's Church Manton

Bridge Tea

Director – Sue Moss

Friday 23 February 2024

1.30 for 2pm

At Manton Village Hall

Progressive

Tickets £15

Including tea and delicious home-made refreshments

Raffle

Book: Rosemary on
01572 737699 or 07821 149770

pandrgooding@yahoo.com
or Caroline on 07879 845096

raising much needed funds for the Church

A last minute notice

This afternoon I've been contacted about a meeting fro churchwardens and others, with our MP Alicia Kearns.

As I write, it has been arranged for Thursday 8th February 10.30-11.30 am in St Peter's Empingham, but details are only emerging slowly. I've asked the subject of the meeting and await a response. Unfortunately I already have two other meeting in my diary, so cannot be there.

Apparently a similar meeting was held for churches in the Melton area and this was found to be helpful . . .

When I hear more I will let you know.

What's On in February Oakham



- Thursday 1st** - Tai Chi 11:00-12:00
- Drop-In Session 13:00-15:00
- Monday 5th** - Drop-in Session 17:30-19:30
Tuesday 6th - Drop-in Session 10:30-12:30
- Gardening 12:30-14:30 (Bay Leaf Bags)
- Wednesday 7th** - Craft Café 15:00-17:00
Thursday 8th - Drop-In Session 13:00-15:00
- Mindfulness and Meditation 15:10-16:10
- Monday 12th** - Drop-in Session 17:30-19:30
Tuesday 13th - Drop-in Session 10:30-12:30
Wednesday 14th - Craft Café 15:00-17:00 (Slow Stitching Project)
Thursday 15th - Drop-In Session 13:00-15:00
- Monday 19th** - Drop-in Session 17:30-19:30
Tuesday 20th - Drop-in Session 10:30-12:30
- Gardening 12:30-14:30
- Wednesday 21st** - Craft Café 15:00-17:00 (Slow Stitching Project)
Thursday 22nd - Drop-In Session 13:00-15:00
- Mindfulness and Meditation 15:10-16:10
- Monday 26th** - Drop-in Session 17:30-19:30
Tuesday 27th - Drop-in Session 10:30-12:30
Wednesday 28th - Craft Café 15:00-17:00 (Slow Stitching Project)
Thursday 29th - Tai Chi 11:00-12:00
- Drop-In Session 13:00-15:00

Welcoming and friendly sessions open to all adults, free of charge.

Take a break and look after your mental health this month at

Pepper's- A Safe Place.

Based at 2A High Street, Oakham, LE15 6AL.

www.peppersasafeplace.co.uk



NHS
Leicester, Leicestershire
and Rutland

Rutland Neighbourhood Mental Health Café

Drop in support for when you're struggling
to cope

Thursdays, 5.30pm - 8.30pm
Sundays, 4pm - 7pm

Pepper's - A Safe Place
2A High Street
Oakham, LE15 6AL

Free transport is available

Email: nmc@peppersasafeplace.co.uk



Neighbourhood
Mental Health
Cafés

For times when you're struggling to cope



Rutland Foodbank Wish-List Spring 2024



Pot noodles
Tinned carrots
Jars of jam & spread (not marmalade)
Porridge
Washing-up liquid
Deodorants for women & men
Pump handsoap
Non-bio washing pods/tablets

Not Needed at the Moment



We are well stocked with soups, tinned peas, tinned fish, cereals and squash so please do not donate these at the moment

Please note we cannot accept alcohol, fresh, homemade, open or out of date foods



Registered Charity in England & Wales Number 1158460

07582 783363 or email us info@rutland.foodbank.org.uk

36 Melton Road, Oakham, LE15 6AY (next to Domino Pizza)

We are open to receive donations Mon-Fri 10.00 – 12.00

Ali, chair of the Food Bank wrote:

‘This year we have received 617 referrals (as at 31-12-23), a 15% increase compared to the same period last year.

We are supporting 257 households across Rutland, (220 last year). Just over 33% are new households who have never needed a foodbank before.

So far this financial year we’ve provided ingredients for 32,000 meals.

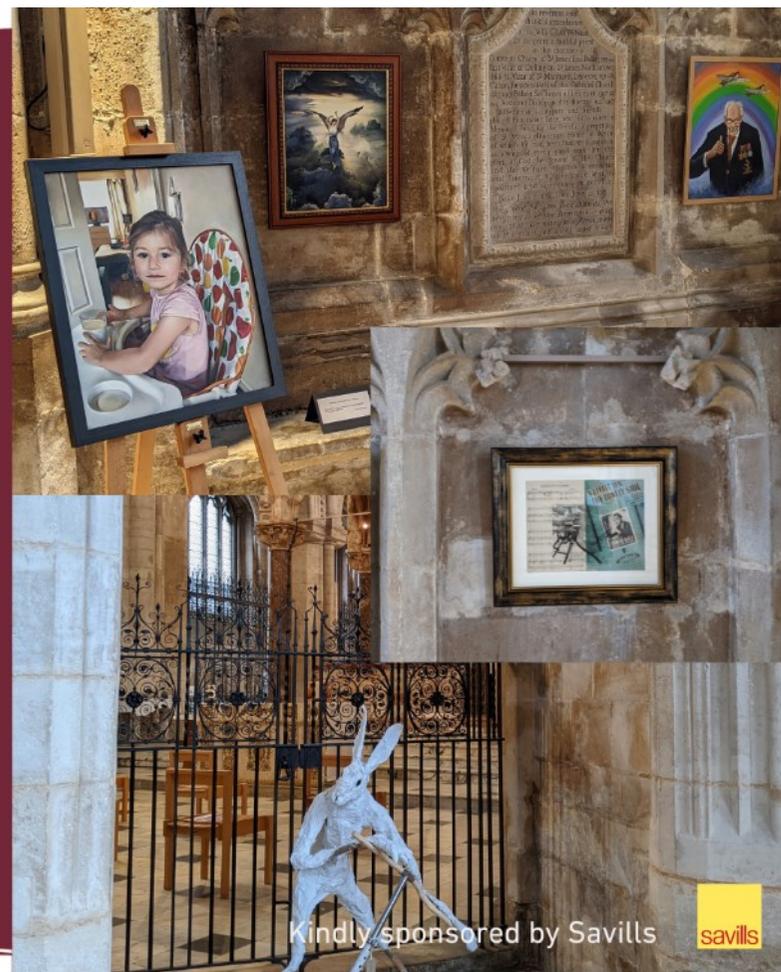
Thank you!

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PETERBOROUGH

AN EXHIBITION AT PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL

7 FEBRUARY – 29 FEBRUARY 2024



Kindly sponsored by Savills

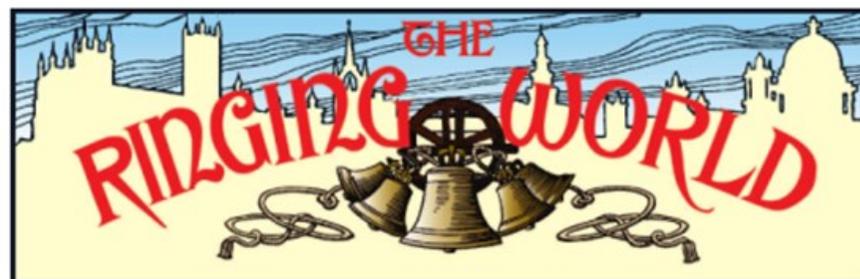


Calling all artists, painters, poets, sculptors, digital artists, wood, glass, textile and metal workers, printers, designers, jewellery makers, photographers...if you make beautiful things we want to hear from you!

We invite you to submit a piece of work to be displayed at our Made in Peterborough Art Exhibition this February. Attracting up to 10,000 visitors across the exhibition, it's a fantastic way to get your work seen. Pieces do not have to be created in Peterborough but must have a link to the city somehow.

Bellringers in Ridlington

who rang a new piece and have booked to come back again — having 4 bells is fine!



Lincoln Diocesan Guild

On Tuesday, 23 January 2024 in 46m

Ridlington, Rutland

St Mary Magdalene and St Andrew

Tenor: 7-1-24 in B \flat

1296 Ridlington Treble Place Minimus

18x72

- 1 Robert Simpson
- 2 Brian E Plummer
- 3 Luke Tobin (C)
- 4 Anthony D Walker

First quarter in new method

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Many thanks to the Churchwarden and Tower Captain for the delicious refreshments after the quarter (We shall be back)



North Luffenham Garden Club

Open meeting: Wednesday 13th March @ 7.30pm
At North Luffenham School Hall

Our Special Guest Speaker is...

Nick Bailey on '365 days of Colour in Your Garden'

BBC Gardeners' World Presenter,
Garden Maker & Best-selling Author



Plus... Garden Club Lottery with fabulous prizes

Wine, tea, coffee & treats will be available

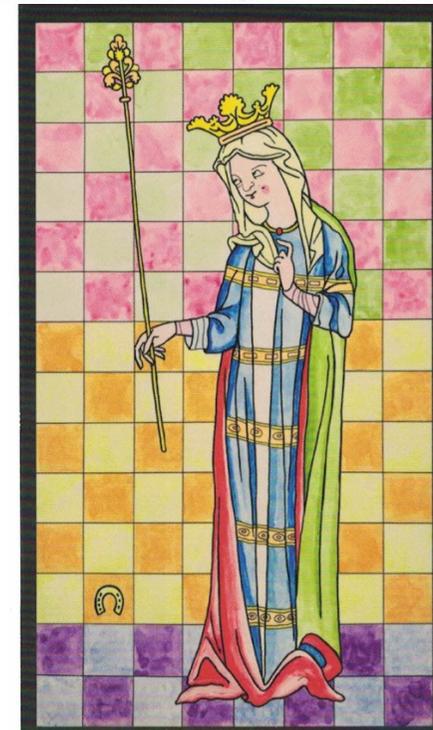
Entrance **free** to members, £5 to non-members (payable on the door)

Please email northluffenhamgardenclub@gmail.com to reserve your seat(s)!



You are cordially invited to the launch of Royal Rutland - the story of Queen Edith, at All Saints Oakham on Saturday 9 March 2024 9.30am-1pm. The exhibition and activity day will be opened by HM Lord Lieutenant of Rutland, Dr Sarah Furness, at 10.30am.

There will be a service to commemorate the 1000th anniversary of Queen Edith's birth at 6pm on Sunday 10 March at All Saints Oakham, followed by refreshments and an opportunity to view the exhibition. You are warmly welcome to attend both events. Revd Stephen Griffiths, Vicar of Oakham.



Churches can now apply for grants from their parish and town councils

Clarification of legislation confirms that churches can now apply for grants from their parish and town councils. The Levelling-Up and Regeneration Bill, which received Royal Assent on 26 October 2023, has been amended to make clear that parish and town councils can provide financial support to churches for repairs and improvements. There have been calls for some time for amendments to be made to the law due to the original language being ambiguous and preventing churches from making applications. The amendment was introduced after The Right Reverend Vivienne Faull, Bishop of Bristol, highlighted the need for clarification of the law during the Bill's committee stage in the House of Lords.

Revd Stephen Trott of Pitsford with Boughton has long been lobbying, along with others, for changes to the bill and said of the recent announcement, 'It is extraordinary good news for churches which stand in the area of a parish council, since this will remove any doubt that they are able to seek parish council funding like any other community organisation within the parish, both for buildings and for their activities as an organisation embracing residents of the parish.'

Following the policy of achieving Net Zero by 2030, this amendment is very timely as many churches are looking into ways that they can make changes to use less energy and emit less carbon and this may provide an opportunity to seek funding to achieve this.



New Parish Treasurer Support Service

If you're struggling to find a Parish Treasurer, the Diocese can now offer a book keeping service to ensure that parishes can still fulfil their statutory obligations by producing annual accounts and regular reports for PCC meetings. As part of this, we can also work with the parish to provide Gift Aid Claims and applications for VAT reclaims through the listed places of worship grant scheme. We can also help parishes work out a budget.

There will be a small charge for this service but please email paul.adams@peterborough-diocese.org.uk to find out more.

Bishop of Peterborough

Bishop Debbie was confirmed as the 39th Bishop of Peterborough in a special service at Lambeth Palace on Wednesday 13 December. The service, which is steeped in history and tradition, took place in the presence of the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Court of the Vicar General.

Whilst this means that Bishop Debbie is now legally the Bishop of Peterborough, her duties will be delegated to Bishop John until her installation at Peterborough Cathedral on 3rd March when her public ministry will begin.



During the service Archbishop Justin gave a charge to Bishop Debbie, calling on her to remember 'above all the one who has commissioned you' saying 'the most important thing is not who you are but whose you are', and asking her to challenge as well as being challenged, to uphold the unity of the Church, to explore opportunities for effective ministry and mission and to encourage clergy and laity alike in their discernment and strengths.

	4th February 2nd Sunday before Lent <i>Candlemas</i>	11th February Last Sunday before Lent	18th February Lent 1	25th February Lent 2
Edith Weston	9.30am Holy Communion			
Empingham		9.30am Holy Communion		9.30am All Age Church
Lyndon	11.00am Holy Communion	<i>9.30am</i> <i>Morning Prayer</i>		
Manton		9.30am All Age Church	11.00 am Benefice Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion
North Luffenham	9.30 am Holy Communion	12.30pm Baptism Lucas Barker	9.30am Breakfast Church	
Pilton	11.00am Holy Communion			
Preston	11.00am Prayer & Praise	11.00am Holy Communion		<i>4.00pm</i> <i>Evening Prayer</i>
Ridlington	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion		<i>9.30am</i> <i>Morning Prayer</i>
Whitwell		11.00am Holy Communion		
Wing	10.30am Candlemas Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer	(Weds 14 th 6.30pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion) 12.30pm Baptism Jasper Goddard	9.30am Holy Communion

February 2024

Churchwardens and others: your local source of information:

Edith Weston	(Judy Needham	01780 720609)
Empingham	John Haward	01780 460502
	John Archer	01780 460106
Lyndon	Jill Mayhew	01572 737594
	Lady Conant	01572 737275
Manton	Anne Cowan	01572 737503
N Luffenham	Janet Whittaker	01780 721216
	Patrick Woods	01780 721872
Pilton	Libby Gilman	01780 720758
	Caroline McAlpine	01780 722007
Preston	(Kay Waterworth	01572 737339)
Ridlington	Debra Thatcher	01572 823910
Whitwell	Mary Bell	01780 450205
	Tony Godwin	07906 134316
Wing	Alice Hill	01572 737516
	David Wood	01572 737465

Keeping in touch

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You are welcome to call or email:

Rev'd Pippa Madgwick 01780 721286 rectorrwb@gmail.com

Lay Readers: Caroline Simmonds Graham Madgwick

While we seek a new Associate Priest, the Benefice is most grateful for regular help from

Rev'd Jo Saunders retired priest living locally

Vyv Wainwright Lay Canon of Peterborough Cathedral

+ other retired priests helping occasionally