

# Fifth Sunday of Lent, 17th March 2024

in the Rutland Water Benefice



## Worship this Sunday in church:

9.30am	Breakfast Church	North Luffenham
11.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Whitwell

The Church of England regular Sunday online worship is at  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/church-online>

## Our new Bishop of Peterborough

Bishop Debbie was installed as our Diocesan Bishop in Peterborough Cathedral on Sunday 3rd March 2024. It was a joyful occasion, attended by many parish representatives, clergy + people from other faiths, civic dignitaries and more — the processions went on and on!

6 children, including 2 from North Luffenham School, greeted the Bishop at the cathedral door & asked:  
Who are you and why do you request entry?

*I am Debbie, a servant of Jesus Christ, and I come as one seeking the grace of God, a pilgrim with you in faith and service.*

Why have you been sent to us?

*I am sent as your Diocesan Bishop to proclaim the love of Christ and with you to worship God with heart and soul, mind and strength.*

What gives you confidence to minister among us?

*I come knowing nothing except Jesus Christ and him crucified, trusting that his strength is made perfect in my weakness.*

And, to make you smile, on another occasion in the cathedral the granddaughter of one of our congregation aged 4 met a senior diocesan clergyman and asked him if he was Professor Dumbledore (from the Harry Potter novels)!



# Let us pray . . .

for Bishop Debbie newly installed as Bishop of Peterborough, for her to be equipped with all the gifts needed to lead our Diocese

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

for communities suffering in extreme weather, flooding, volcanic eruptions and earthquakes

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

for all who are sick , those who treat and care for them here and abroad, also praying for individuals in particular need, including John Haward, Jean Dawes and Philip Spence

for our schools—children, staff, volunteers— thanking God for opportunities for churches to work with them. Pray for the children being prepared for baptism and to receive communion in North Luffenham

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 people approaching their final days and all who care for them for the recently bereaved, including the family & friends mourning for Sheila Margerison & Colin Clark after their funerals + Margaret Thraves, whose funeral will take place soon





# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at 9.30am

An informal service for all

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Further detail about all these service from the Rector, Rev'd Pippa Madgwick [rectorwrwb@gmail.com](mailto:rectorwrwb@gmail.com) 01780 721286



# Lent 2024

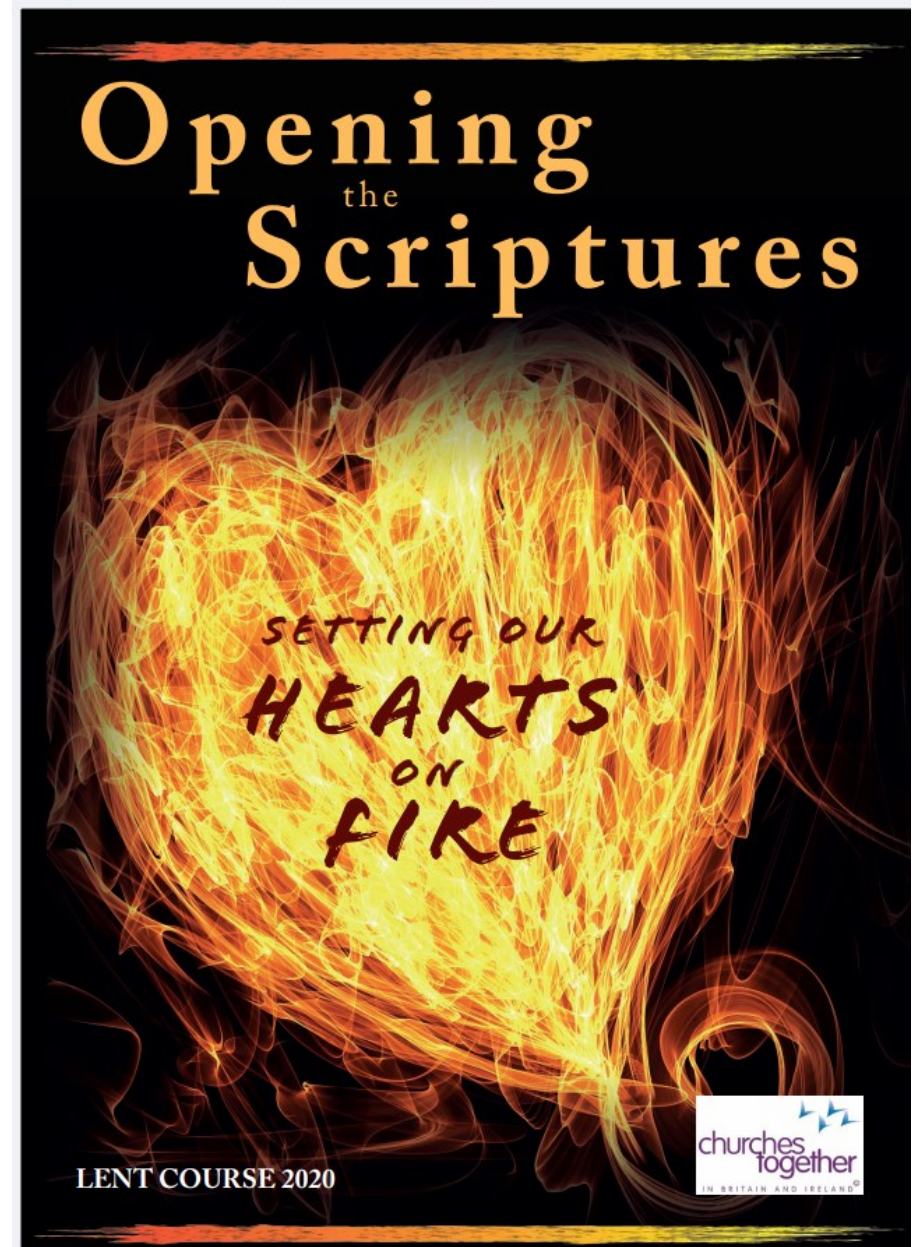
began on 14th February — last sessions this coming week

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; do join us!







Look at what the Ridlington Litter Pickers collected last weekend!

A fantastic haul, although it saddens me that this amount of rubbish has been discarded around any village. 12 litter pickers were rewarded with a jacket potato lunch together.

## **Collecting used printer ink cartridges**

to support EMMAUS, a charity that supports homeless people and which works in Rutland and beyond.

A box for donations has been put in the North Luffenham church porch.

The used cartridges will be recycled and money collected will go to support EMMAUS - a Rutland and Leicestershire charity supporting homeless people. When the box is full , it will be sent off and another returned for use.

Many thanks in anticipation of your donations.





# **COFFEE AND CAKES**

**St Peter's Church**

**Every Wednesday**

**10.30 am – 12.00 noon**

**All welcome!**



## **And lunches in Lent . . .**

Wednesdays, every Wednesday in Lent, in  
Manton Village Hall, 12.30pm — 2.30pm

bread, homemade soup, fruit, tea/coffee

£6 per head for Save the Children,  
currently working in all the war torn areas of the world

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES



## Palm Sunday - 24th March

8am – BCP Communion.  
10.30am – Sung Cathedral Eucharist with Blessing and Procession of Palms.  
3.30pm – Evensong with Cathedral Choir.  
6.30pm – Musical reflection for Passiontide with members of the Cathedral Choir and Youth Choir.

## Monday 25th - 27th March (each day)

5.30pm – Vespers with the Cathedral Choir.  
8pm – Sung Compline with address.

## Maundy Thursday - 28th March

10.30am – Chrism Mass with renewal of Ministerial Vows. President: The Bishop of Peterborough, Preacher: The Bishop of Brixworth.  
7pm – Vigil Eucharist with stripping of the altars.

## Good Friday - 29th March

12-2pm – Meditation on the Passion. A mixture of addresses, silence, prayers and hymns.  
2-3pm – Liturgy of the Passion with music from the Cathedral Choir.

## Holy Saturday - 30th March

8pm – Easter Vigil with Confirmation. President and Preacher: The Bishop of Peterborough.

## Easter Sunday - 31st March

8am – BCP Communion.  
9.15am – Choral Matins.  
10.30am – Cathedral Eucharist. President and Preacher: The Bishop of Peterborough.  
3.30pm – Festal Evensong with Procession.

[www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk](http://www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk)

# CATHEDRAL EASTER EGG HUNT!



Join us for the Big Cathedral Easter Egg Hunt! Explore Easter around the world as you find the clues in the Cathedral and grounds to claim an egg-tra special surprise!



MONDAY 1ST APRIL



10.30 AM - 3.15 PM



## Spring Flowers Photography Workshop

A practical session capturing amazing images of a variety of Spring flowers.

Tickets are £35pp

[Book now](#)



16th March, 7 - 9pm

## Music for a Spring Evening

A Spring choral celebration featuring the Cathedral Choir, Youth Choir & Festival Chorus, performed at All Saints Church, Park Road, Peterborough.

Tickets are £15pp (concessions available)

[Book now](#)





**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](mailto:nmc@peppersasafeplace.co.uk)



Neighbourhood  
Mental Health  
Cafés



## What's On in March Oakham



**Monday 4th**  
**Tuesday 5th**

- Drop-in Session 17:30-19:30
- Drop-in Session 10:30-12:30
- Gardening 12:30-14:30 (Yoga with Tash)

**Wednesday 6th**  
**Thursday 7th**

- Craft Café 15:00-17:00 (Oak Gall Ink)
- Drop-In Session 13:00-15:00
- Mindfulness and Meditation 15:10-16:10

**Monday 11th**  
**Tuesday 12th**  
**Wednesday 13th**  
**Thursday 14th**

- Drop-in Session 17:30-19:30
- Drop-in Session 10:30-12:30
- Craft Café 15:00-17:00 (Easter Crafts)
- Tai Chi 11:00-12:00
- Drop-In Session 13:00-15:00

**Monday 18th**  
**Tuesday 19th**

- Drop-in Session 17:30-19:30
- Drop-in Session 10:30-12:30
- Gardening 12:30-14:30 (Willow Weaving)

**Wednesday 20th**  
**Thursday 21st**

- Craft Café 15:00-17:00 (Easter Crafts)
- Drop-In Session 13:00-15:00
- Mindfulness and Meditation 15:10-16:10

**Monday 25th**  
**Tuesday 26th**  
**Wednesday 27th**  
**Thursday 28th**

- Drop-in Session 17:30-19:30
- Drop-in Session 10:30-12:30
- Craft Café 15:00-17:00 (Easter Crafts)
- 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](http://www.peppersasafeplace.co.uk)





## 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](mailto: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!

# March 2024

	<b>3rd March Lent 3</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> March Lent 4 Mothering Sun- day</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> March Lent 5</b>	<b>24th March Palm Sunday</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> March Easter Sunday</b>
<b>Edith Weston</b>	9.30am Holy Communion				9.30am Holy Communion <i>by extension</i>
<b>Empingham</b>		9.30am Holy Communion		9.30am All Age Church	9.30am Holy Communion
<b>Lyndon</b>	11.00am Holy Communion	<i>9.30am Morning Prayer</i>			
<b>Manton</b>		9.30am All Age Church <b>B</b>		11.00am Holy Communion <b>B</b>	11.00am All Age Holy Com- munion <i>by extension</i>
<b>North Luffenham</b>	9.30 am Holy Communion		9.30am Breakfast Church		11.00am Holy Communion <i>by extension</i>
<b>Pilton</b>	11.00am Holy Communion				
<b>Preston</b>	11.00am Prayer & Praise	11.00am Holy Communion		<i>4.00pm Evening Prayer</i>	11.00am Holy Communion
<b>Ridlington</b>	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion		<i>9.30am Morning Prayer</i>	9.30am Holy Communion
<b>Whitwell</b>			11.00 am Benefice Holy Communion		
<b>Wing</b>	<i>9.30am Morning Prayer</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer		9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion <i>by extension</i>

## 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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Or join the Rutland Water Benefice Facebook Group

The most recent **magazine** can be found online via the Benefice website.

## You are welcome to call or email:

Rev'd Pippa Madgwick    01780 721286    [rectorrwb@gmail.com](mailto: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