

**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 and Wing

### Ministry Team

Rector: **Rev'd Dr Pippa Madgwick** 01780 721286

Email: [rectorrwb@gmail.com](mailto:rectorrwb@gmail.com)

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 communions can be arranged by appointment.

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## Happy Easter!

The 39th Bishop of Peterborough is the Right Reverend Debbie Sellin. Bishop Debbie was installed at a service in Peterborough Cathedral on 3 March 2024.

Bishop Debbie was brought up in a rectory surrounded by church life, but a clear calling to ordained ministry came later in life, being drawn initially to work in a caring profession which resulted in a career in NHS Management.

It was whilst Bishop Debbie was caring for her own young family that she felt a definite call to ministry which deepened over time, leading her to begin her ordination training in 2004. Whilst serving in parish ministry she also took on the additional role of Area Dean, something that gave her a wider perspective and introduced her to the workings of the Diocese. From these roles, she was appointed Bishop of Southampton, something she describes as 'exciting and daunting at the same time,' but felt 'a deep sense that this was what God wanted for me that only grew stronger and stronger'.

One of Bishop Debbie's priorities is to encourage parishes to thrive. She is dedicated to helping parishes in all different contexts be the best they can be; guiding them through vacancies, celebrating those who are flourishing and coming alongside those who would welcome additional support. She is also dedicated to working with young people; her commitment to faith developing at a Crusaders youth group and leading to her starting full-time ministry as a Children and Families Worker.

Here is the message that Bishop Debbie is sending out to all parishes this Easter:

Dear Friends

**'Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son'.**

These words will sound out in many of our churches on Easter Sunday as we celebrate afresh the risen Christ. Having journeyed through Lent and the agonies of Holy Week, the sense of joy is palpable and the readings and hymns reflect that. The message of Easter cries out that Christ is alive and we can know that in our own lives. But sometimes it takes time for us to know this as a reality. On that first Easter Sunday, two companions were travelling home to Emmaus, having spent time in Jerusalem, when a stranger draws close to them. 'Why are you downcast?' he asks them and they respond with despair that the one they thought had come to save them had been killed. As they journey, the stranger opens up the Scriptures and reveals God's eternal plan.

Later, as they eat, the scales fall from their eyes and they realise that the stranger is in fact Jesus – he is alive and he has been walking with them. Our world needs to see afresh that Jesus is alive, and that he walks with us, showing us who he is and revealing God's plan. I pray that this Easter we will rejoice in this message, seek Jesus afresh in our own lives, and find ways to share this good news with those whom we walk with.

'Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.'

With best wishes

+ Debbie

**Needed urgently: help with the advertising in this Magazine**

The Benefice magazine goes to almost every household in the Benefice, acting as a link between our different village communities and their churches. The magazine is funded by advertising revenue and twice a year someone needs to contact advertisers and collect income to fund the magazine for the next six months.

Please contact Pippa if you would consider taking on this role.



**His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Rutland, Dr Sarah Furness,  
invites you and your family to**

The unveiling of the statue of Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>  
2pm at Oakham Library Gardens

*Corgis and well-behaved dogs also welcome!*

**12 noon - 4pm there will be food stalls and a mini funfair on Oakham Market Place.**

The Rutland statue of our late queen, HM Queen Elizabeth II, is the first to be commissioned since her death. It will be officially unveiled on what would have been her birthday as a fitting tribute to Britain's longest reigning and possibly greatest monarch.

It was created in response to the depth of loss felt in Rutland on the late Queen's death. Due to the incredible generous donations from local people (95% of the cost was raised by many individuals and some businesses), sufficient funds were available for our Lord Lieutenant Dr Sarah Furness to be able to commission a full-figure statue showing her in her prime.

Sculptor Hywel Pratley, a member of the Royal Society of Sculptors and Society of Portrait Sculptors, was selected as the sculptor and has done a magnificent job using a local foundry.

If you would like more information about the day please visit the Lord Lieutenants website at: [www.rutlandlordlieutenant.org](http://www.rutlandlordlieutenant.org)

# EDITH WESTON

Please email [miranda.cheneywood@gmail.com](mailto:miranda.cheneywood@gmail.com) with any news or items of interest for residents of the Parish. Please email by 12th of the month for inclusion of items in the following month's magazine.

## **Edith Weston Village Shop & Post Office**

Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm	Shop and Post Office hours the same.
Saturday 8am - 3pm	Cash withdrawals and deposits.
Sunday 8.30am - 12.30am	Cheque deposit into bank. Postage & Local Collect services.

Coffee Cabin and fresh sandwiches. Local meat & pies. Fresh fruit and veg delivered 5 days a week. Stockists of many artisan local independent produce.

For more information

Email : [edithwestonvillageshop@gmail.com](mailto:edithwestonvillageshop@gmail.com)

01780 722164

## **Edith Weston 100 Club Winners April 2024**

£30	Mr & Mrs Vickers	£20	Mr Stubbs
£25	T Underwood	£15	Mrs Belson

£10 gift voucher kindly donated by Helen & Andy Wood – Mrs Hagan

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting - ALL WELCOME!**

The APCM will take place on Monday 29th April 6-7pm in St Mary's Church, Edith Weston. Everyone is welcome, especially anyone who has a little spare time they could give in the role of a church warden or a committee member. There will be refreshments as well as a warm welcome. Edith Weston Neighbourhood Plan – where we are now

## **Edith Weston Neighbourhood Plan**

The Rutland County Council cabinet meeting of March 12 has recommended that our Draft Neighbourhood Plan goes forward to the next stage in the formal approval process.

If all goes well, the final step in this will be a village referendum on whether to activate the plan – it is important that you vote as the plan shapes the future of the village for many years to come. We do not expect to arrive at that stage before summer.

The key steps to come are these:

RCC will publish the draft plan and invite representations from the public and other consultative bodies. This consultation will last for six weeks, starting mid to late April.

- The draft plan, with any representations from the step above, are sent to an independent examiner. The examiner may call for further clarifications.
- The examiner reports back to the RCC on the suitability of the draft plan. This report is published.
- The next stage is for RCC to consider the examiner's report and decide whether to send the plan forwards for a public referendum.
- If so, a referendum is held. Residents can vote if they are on the electoral register and live in the referendum area (Edith Weston). A simple majority decides the result.
- In the case of a 'yes' vote, the plan is put into action within eight weeks, barring appeals.

### **Raise the Roof - part 2!**

Friday 3rd May 2024 at 6pm in Edith Weston Village Hall

An evening of Entertainment and Erudition with Christopher Payne and Lars Tharp in aid of St Mary's church, Edith Weston.

Join us for this illustrated talk by the two BBC Antiques Roadshow veterans, both local men, who will highlight some of the treasures of the church in the context of the wider world of antiques and collectables.

Tickets £20 to include a glass on arrival and nibbles. Cash bar available.

Tickets to be bought in advance, available at the Edith Weston Village Shop.

Please email [helen@rutlandbayhouse.com](mailto:helen@rutlandbayhouse.com) if you have any queries.

### **Diary date**

#### **Edith Weston Village Hog Roast**

The Village Hog Roast will take place on Saturday 29th June. Save the date in your diary for this popular event.

**Rutland Water Benefice Picnic. Sunday 14th April**  
**See page 28 for details**

# EMPINGHAM

## News from St Peter's Church

Coffee, cakes and chat. The Wednesday coffee mornings in the church are continuing each week. Do come in any time between 10.30 and 12 noon.

**All Age Church.** This service is on the fourth Sunday of every month, so the next one is on 28th April at 9.30am. It is a relaxed informal occasion and we enjoy welcoming a number of young families, as well as older generations.

**'A Night at the Opera'** – Saturday 11th May 2024 @ 7.30 p.m. in St Peter's Church.

There will be works from Mozart, Puccini, Verdi, Rossini, Dvorak & Bizet along with popular numbers from Show Boat, West Side Story, Les Miserables & Spamalot.

Tickets (£15) per person are available from Sara Buck on 07850 977139 or email at sarabuck55@gmail.com There will be a refreshments bar with donations that will be gratefully received to help with the ongoing maintenance of St Peter's Church.

## Barbara's Store

Monday - Friday 7am - 5pm

Saturday 8am - 12 noon

Sunday 9am - 12 noon

Stocking a full range of groceries, local produce, lottery, hot drinks, filled rolls and off-licence. Village home delivery for newspapers and groceries.

Evri drop off and pickup point.

Contact tel. 01780 460348

Email: [barbaras.store@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:barbaras.store@hotmail.co.uk)

## Empingham Village (Audit) Hall

Mini Ernie Draw No 1:

Mini Ernie Draw No 2:

1st	£20	159	Kate Bates
2nd	£15	8	Tarn Dearden
3rd	£10	64	David Painter

1st	£20	116	Harvey Pickering
2nd	£15	22	Mary Udale
3rd	£10	6	Sarah Pearce

## Cricket Club

The club is open as follows:

From 5.15 pm on Wednesdays – please check calendar on website for any further changes



From 4.30 pm on Friday evenings

From 1.00 pm on Sunday lunchtimes.

Please visit the website for up-to-date details concerning opening times, cricket matches and other events.

## **Special Events**

Quiz night is on second Monday evening and pie night is on last Friday of the month

Beer festival runs from Thursday 14th March to “mop up” Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. All the 6 nations rugby will be shown, and there will be food available on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>, provided by Kura Kura

## **Club Contacts**

To join as a member, or renew an exiting membership of Empingham Cricket and Social Club please visit [empinghamcsc.org](http://empinghamcsc.org)

All memberships now run to end March. The new membership year starts on 1<sup>st</sup> April. You can pay membership fees over the bar or online via PayPal, but please ensure you have completed the online membership form before you do so. The online membership form is at :

<https://membermojo.co.uk/empinghamcsc>

Membership enquiries can be sent to [bobsloan79@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bobsloan79@yahoo.co.uk)

Club secretary David Duffin, [david@theduffins.org.uk](mailto:david@theduffins.org.uk)

## **Empingham Bowls Club**

Empingham Bowls Club will be holding a Coffee Morning between 10am and 12 noon on Tuesday 23rd April 2024, at the Empingham Cricket Club.

Everyone is welcome. The charge is £2 per person for coffee and cake, with a raffle at £1 per strip of tickets.

Any donations of cakes or raffle prizes would also be most welcome. Any monies raised will help to keep the Empingham Bowls Club running, and the Club is always looking for new members.

Those wishing to renew their membership of the Bowls Club and those wanting to join the club for the first time, can do so at this Coffee Morning. Annual subscription is £40 for existing members and £20 for new members.

## **Empingham Together**

Wine Tasting Evening – Friday 26th April 2024 - 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. at the Village (Audit Hall), Empingham.

We hope you will join us for “Good Value Favourites from the Private Cellar range”. This promises to be an extremely entertaining evening with Alasdair Lawson-Dick of “Private Cellar Ltd” who will present several wines for us to taste and buy, which will be within a decent price range for everybody.

Tickets are limited to 50 (£15 each) and are selling out fast. If you would like to join us, please contact Jayne Roland (01780 460362)  
email: [jlroland@btinternet.com](mailto:jlroland@btinternet.com)

### **Centenary Celebration: Hog Roast with Live Music from Cosmic Rodney**

Date organised ✓

Band booked ✓

Hogs booked ✓

Marquees booked ✓

Band floor organised ✓

You can reserve your tickets from May 1st

What's it all about? 100 years ago on September 14th 1924, Lord Ancaster sold all his property (except the Audit Hall) to the people of Empingham. Look around you - Ancaster houses, the cottages, the farms - all were sold. Stephen St Clair-Thompson [stclairthompson@msn.com](mailto:stclairthompson@msn.com)

### **Empingham Garden Club**

Empingham Garden Group are having a talk by Ashley Franklin about how to get the best out of your Garden Photography on 22rd April at 7.30  
Empingham Cricket Club

### **Girls Night Out**

On Tuesday, April 16th, at 7.30 pm, Katie Wilkins from Honeykins Vintage will be giving a talk at the Cricket Club. She will be bringing a rack of clothes as well as describing her work and the clothes that she looks after and sells. There will be a £5 charge to cover costs and the bar will be open  
Girls Night Out has no formal membership and welcomes everyone who is interested.

### **Empingham Men's Shed**

On Tuesday 30th April the Men's Shed will host a talk by Alison Criado-Perez on 'Life as a Nurse with Medicines sans Frontiers'. Alison worked in the field with MSF for 13 years providing medical care in a range of emergency and conflict zones. I'm sure this will be a fascinating talk, not only for members of the Men's Shed, but for their guests and anyone else who would like to hear about her work.

So, all are welcome at the Cricket & Social Club, starting at 7.30pm. There will be a small charge for non-members of £3, as a contribution to the donation the Men's Shed will make to MSF.

For any further information, please contact: bobwillars@sky.com

### **Peter Dearden**

A huge thank you to all the wonderfully kind people who sent messages of condolence on Peter's very sudden death. My family & I are extremely grateful for so many messages of support at such a sad time in our lives.

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## **ACTIVITIES AT EMPINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH**

**Minster: Rev Bekkie Wright, 01572 720721**

**bekkie.wright@methodist.org.uk**

### **SERVICES DURING APRIL 2024**

**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> 10.45am Morning Worship – Mr David Cappitt**

**14<sup>th</sup> 10.45am Café Church – Rev Bekkie Wright including Holy Communion.**

**21<sup>st</sup> 4pm Tea Time Church a service for Young Families – Mrs Julia Husbands**

**28<sup>th</sup> 3pm Afternoon Fellowship – Favourite Hymns, Prayers, Readings and TEA**

**MONDAY 2 -4pm. POST OFFICE – Refreshments and second-hand books on Sale. Photocopying and laminating available.**

**THURSDAYS. - TODDLER/BABY & PARENT GROUP -10.30am – 12 noon in EMPINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH HALL. £1 per family. Term Time Only**

**FUND RAISING – EMPINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH - SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> April.**

**GIFT DAY – COFFEE & CAKE MORNING – 10am – 12.30**

**FUNDS FOR URGENT REPAIRS**

**We look forward to your support. Thank you.**

## LYNDON

We would really appreciate a few more helpers on the church opening rota. If you think you could help, even if just for holiday cover, please speak to Jill (01572737594).

## MANTON

**MANTON VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB** Winning numbers for March 2024. **£20:** 86 Rose Reid

**£10** 36 Peter Harrison **£10:** 30 Mary Stens **£5:** 111 Rosemary Gooding **£5:** 31 Vicci Self.

This month's snowball **£90** was not won. Next month's snowball, **£100**, must be won. If you would like to join the 150 Club and help support the Village Hall contact the Promoter, John Stones Tel: 01572-827944.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### COFFEE MORNING

**Thursday 11 April 2024 10.30am-12.00 noon**

**At the home of Barbara Camp, The Hollies, Priory Road**

Any problems/lifts needed, please contact Anne Cowan (01572737503)

FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully

### BIBLE / PRAYER GROUP

**Thursday 18 April 2024 - Charnwood House, 34 Lyndon Road**

As usual we meet at 1.50pm for 2pm, continuing Paul's missionary journeys in The Acts of the Apostles, followed by a short time of prayer. Everyone is welcome to our friendly group, either regularly or occasionally.

### MANTON VILLAGE HALL – Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday 8 May 2024 - 6.30 pm**

Manton Village Hall Committee would love to welcome new volunteers to join the team to help organise events and activities at the hall. If you enjoy organising events, fundraising, gardening, baking cakes or getting involved with general DIY and painting, then your skills can help ensure our hall remains an important facility for the village and for the wider community. We are a registered charity and rely on fundraising events and bookings at the hall to

cover the running and maintenance costs each year. We meet just four times a year and whatever time you can give to support the village hall would be really appreciated and it's also a great way to become more involved in village life. If you are interested, please come along to the AGM or give Katie Crowe a call on 01572 737194 for a chat, to find out more.

### **COFFEE MORNING**

**Thursday 9 May 2024 10.30am-12.00 noon**

At the home of Jane Bews, "Shapinsay", Lyndon Road,

Any problems/lifts needed, please contact Anne Cowan (01572737503)

FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received

### **MANTON TOLETHORPE TRIP**

**Thursday 20 June - Picnic 6.00pm Performance 7.45pm**

This year I have booked tickets for "Midsummer Nights Dream" as near as possible to Midsummers Night! Bring and Share Picnic in the grounds.

Details of picnic and lift sharing will come out nearer the date. If you would like to book a ticket, please let me know. £16.50 per person. Contact Anne (01572737503)

### **Manton Village Hall celebrates 75 years in existence!**

**Saturday 29 JUNE 8.00pm onwards - SAVE THE DATE!**

Live music from "Ciaran" who entertained us last year and will be performing songs from the last 75 years...requests can be made before the date!

Bring your own snacks and drinks. Come and join the celebration and dance the night away!

Tickets just £5 each - contact Helen - [mantonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:mantonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com) or 07706 582362

### **AUCTION OF PROMISES**

**Saturday 13 July 2024 7.00 pm**

**Manton Village Hall**

Auctioneer – Mr David Malpas Tickets - £10 to include a light supper of Quiche, Salad, Jacket Potato etc. Bring your own Drinks. All money raised for Manton Church Funds.

What you have to do - Please offer a PROMISE – however big or small! The promise slips are below – please fill in and return to Anne Cowan 38, Lyndon Rd. If you can, come to the event and be prepared to get some BARGAINS!! IDEAS to OFFER –

Make a cake, 1hr of Gardening, Car wash, 5 hrs of Babysitting, Clean your oven! Lift to an airport – there and back! Week in your holiday home! Walk your dog every day for a week, Bottle of wine, Sunday lunch for 8 (bid per person), Afternoon Tea for 8 (bid per person), Tennis Court for 2 hours, Veg basket every week for a month, 1hr Squash Lesson, Bunch of sweet peas, 6 eggs, Day out at Belvoir Castle for 4 (bid per person) Anything goes – you are only limited by your imagination.....

Please include as many details as you can on the Promise slip eg – time of year/time of day/details of the offer

I promise to-----

Name and Address:

Signed

Date

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## **RUTLAND FOLK DANCE CLUB - AT MANTON VILLAGE HALL**

Fridays April 5th; April 12th; April 19th; April 26th 8-10pm

Join us on a Friday evening to enjoy English folk dancing at its best!  
Newcomers welcome as well as enthusiastic experts.

For more information: <http://www.rutlandfolkdanceclub.wordpress.com>

## **NORTH LUFFENHAM**

The March meeting of the **Good Companions Club** welcomed Connie Taylor ceramics from Victoria Hall in Oakham. Connie came along to talk to us about how she uses her talent and skill to create wonderful pieces of pottery. She brought along with her a mobile pottery wheel and provided a fascinating demonstration of her methods and techniques. We were even able to have a go ourselves. It was super fun. Continued .....

**There's more from North Luffenham on page 28**

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## **North Luffenham continued**

### **Good Companions Club**

Next month we welcome Rob Persani and David Lewis from Rutland and Stamford Sound, who are going to give a presentation on community radio and all the exciting things happening in their world. They will be with us on Wednesday 3rd April.

The club meet on the first Wednesday of each month at North Luffenham Community Centre, 2pm to 4pm. All welcome. For further details please contact Alison Gibson on 07769 322551 or Jason Allen on 07773 396153.

### **Rutland Water Benefice Picnic**

**14th April at 12.30 onwards at Sykes Lane**

Come and join us for a picnic at Rutland Water. Bring your own seating, a picnic, and good weather! We go to a few churches in the benefice but never get to speak to people for long enough to get to know them. Now the warmer weather is coming we thought this is the ideal time to start social events for just that. Something for people of all ages. I'm 13 and my Mum is helping arrange this.

Do join us, everyone is welcome.

Sam



# SAFARI SUPPER

Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> 2024

*Join us for  
North Luffenham's  
'Come Dine With Me'*

Each House\* hosts 1 course for 4 surprise guests

5.45pm - starters

7.00pm - mains

8.30pm - dessert

10.00 - meet up at The Fox

**Cost is £10 per House\* All proceeds to  
North Luffenham Good Companions**  
*To book email Simon: [sbrowning@eye1.co.uk](mailto:sbrowning@eye1.co.uk)*

**Numbers are limited due to logistics**

**Places will be offered on 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served basis**

***Booking Deadline April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024***

**\*House = 2 adult hosts**

**Any questions call Jason 07773396153**

**Or Judy 07505623406**

# **PRESTON**

## **PRESTON CHURCH APCM**

The Preston Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in the church. Church reports including the Treasurer's reports will be presented. There are currently two vacancies for churchwarden. These are parish positions and all residents of the parish are entitled to vote for them. The PCC would also be glad to hear of anyone who would like to join them. Current members are Mel Grimley, Anne Nicholls, Mark Edmondson Jones, Rachel Burkitt, Kay Waterworth and Paul Waterworth.

Please contact any member of the PCC and please make a note of the date and plan to attend this very important date in the church's calendar.

## **PRESTON FILM NIGHT**

Preston film night Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April showing: Victoria & Abdul

- Doors open: 7pm for a 7.30pm start
- Tickets: buy at the door as usual (cash only), £3.50 for Film Club members and £5 for non-members
- Drinks and snacks: Please bring your own. Popcorn available to buy

## **VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING**

Saturday, 6th April, 10am – 12 noon, in the Village Hall. All welcome!

## **CHURCH CLEANING ROTA**

We are very grateful to all the village residents who kindly ensure that the church looks lovely by providing and arranging flowers and keeping an eye on it, so it is always clean and tidy.

This month we thank Jane Newbold on the cleaning rota.

## **PRESTON VILLAGE LENT LUNCH**

A good number of people filled 3 Main Street on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March for the Lent lunch. We all enjoyed a choice of homemade soups, cheese, bread and fruit and then swapped our empty soup mugs for a tea or coffee. What was most enjoyed, however, were the conversations. It was an extremely happy convivial occasion.

In addition, £70 was raised for church funds and £45 for Christian Aid.

With many thanks to those who attended, those who helped on the day and the soup makers. Make sure you note the date in your diary next year and come along.

# RIDLINGTON

## **THANKS to:**

The Wombles of Ridlington for the litter pick - 17 bags of rubbish;  
The households participating in The Big Plastic Count as one of our silver Eco Church award projects;  
The church spring cleaners and bulb planters; and  
The Easter flower arrangers.

**NATURE NOTES** - please pass details of sightings (flora and fauna) in the churchyard to Jacky Morrell for her monthly nature notes displayed in the church.

**FOOD BANK** - next collection is on Wednesday, 24th April. Your continued generosity is much appreciated.

**APCM** - the annual meeting including elections and reports will be held at the church on Sunday, 12th May at 10.45am. Vacancies - church warden x2, secretary, PCC members.

**MONTHLY WALK** - Earlier start of 9.30am from the church porch on Saturday, 20th April. Light refreshments afterwards. Let Debra know if you are to attend.

**TALKING GARDENS** We will be holding a “Ridlington Talking Gardens” event on Saturday, April 27th at 7.00pm with guest speaker Nick Hamilton of Barnsdale Gardens. His presentation - "The Right Genes" with questions and answers afterwards, will take place at Ridlington Village Hall, Main Street, Ridlington.

There will be an entrance fee of £10.00 per person. Places are limited so if you would like to attend, please contact Jackie Ike on email - [jci@btinternet.com](mailto:jci@btinternet.com).  
Many thanks, Jo, Shelagh, Jackie

**BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!** - A mixed bag this month. I read a number of Victoria Holt/Jean Plaidy books as a teenager so “The Queen’s Confession” was a blast from the past. It’s the fictional autobiography of Marie Antoinette - a good read. I recommend also the updated Northanger Abbey by Val McDermid - very witty and well written. Finally, and to make up the numbers “An Heiress’s Guide to Deception and Desire” by Manda Collins, set in Victorian times but with modern language.

**FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES USING RIDLINGTON VILLAGE HALL** - if you wish to organize any personal, fundraising or community events using the Ridlington Village Hall (Hall hire £10.00), please contact Pat Roome on either 01572 821 416 or [pat.roome@btinternet.com](mailto:pat.roome@btinternet.com)

**‘Remembrance, Recognition & Reconciliation’  
World War 2 Bomber Command and the International Bomber Command Centre**

Thursday 18th April 7.00 pm at Ridlington Village Hall  
25 Main Street, Ridlington, LE15 9AU

A one hour illustrated talk by Retired Air Vice Marshall Paul Robinson. Paul flew Harriers in Germany in the Cold War and served in a number of senior appointments at home and abroad including RAF Wittering before settling in Lincolnshire. He volunteered at the Lincolnshire Bomber Command Memorial Trust centre in 2012 of which he is a trustee.

58,000 young men and women of Bomber Command - 60% of total RAF losses were killed taking the war to Nazi Germany. Their sacrifice is now remembered at Lincoln's International Bomber Command Centre.

Paul will outline Bombers Command's history and discuss its impact during the Second World War, highlighting the skill, achievements and heroism of its air and ground crews. And how important it is for the nation to have a fitting memorial to commemorate their sacrifice, and recognise the suffering experienced by both sides of the conflict. He will then describe the Trusts project and answer any questions.

Tickets £10 pp includes a glass of wine & nibbles; all money goes to the Trust. To book a place or for any other information please contact David Roome 01572 821416 / [davr333@btinternet.com](mailto:davr333@btinternet.com)

The next **Coffee Morning** will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May;

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

For information about Ridlington Village and St Mary Magdalene & St Andrew, Ridlington, please visit the websites below:

<http://www.rutlandwaterbenefice.info/ridlington>  
<http://www.ridlingtonparishcouncil.org/>



# WING

**Flowers** Jeffy Wood      **Brass** Susannah Fish

## Wing WI

On Thursday 11th April at 7pm, the Wing WI is looking forward to welcoming For Rutland, a group of volunteers attached to Citizen's Advice who provide non-medical advice to people of all ages living with long-term health conditions in Rutland. We always welcome visitors (£3 - which includes tea and cake) to the meeting which is held in Wing Village Hall.

If you have any questions about the WI please contact Judith [01572 737761](tel:01572737761) [quilt9@gmail.com](mailto:quilt9@gmail.com) or Jane [01572 737324](tel:01572737324), [janegilmore7@gmail.com](mailto:janegilmore7@gmail.com)

**Spring Coffee Morning** will be held at the home of Wendy Dalton ,The Stables, 3a Reeves Lane on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am -12 noon. Raffle and Bring and Buy stall. All are welcome. All proceeds in aid of church funds.

## Wing Craft Group

This friendly group continues to meet in Wing Village Hall (LE15 8SA) on Wednesday mornings, 10.30am-12noon. Everyone is welcome to craft and chat (£1.50).

Need more info? Please contact Judith 01572 737761 [quilt9@gmail.com](mailto:quilt9@gmail.com)

## Pie & Pint evening

Thank you to everyone who contributed all the tasty pies and puds for our super successful evening.

It was a great village effort and great fun for all who came along.      Village Hall Events Team

## Wing Curry Night

A 'Wing Village Curry Night' will be held on Saturday May 18th, in support of the Village Hall Fund. There will be various curries (including vegetarian) available, and the cost (excluding drinks) will be £15 per head. Further details will be given at a later date but, for now **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE.**

**Village Hall events - if you an idea for an event you'd like to have in the VH & would like help please do contact us.**

The March draw for the **100 Club** took place at the Coffee Morning and brought out the following lucky winners.

1<sup>st</sup> 28, Mrs Rose Dejardin,

2<sup>nd</sup> 45, Mrs Christine Howarth,

3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs Claire Fox.

100 CI renewals are needed this month so please try to get your forms filled in and sent to Paul Brewer.

email [ticktock58@gmail.com](mailto:ticktock58@gmail.com) with your details or any questions.

# **FREE** Therapeutic Gardening Course



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*Connect*



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*Give*

***Join us at Growers Row Shared Garden on the outskirts of Oakham for a pleasant and relaxing, free gardening course.***

*Growers Row offers a range of horticultural opportunities with raised beds, key-hole gardens, fruit trees, wildflower meadow, and polytunnel. There are also peaceful places to sit, chat, and enjoy refreshments which are provided.*

*This 6 week course covers how to prepare the soil, sow seeds, identify weeds and carry out garden maintenance.*

*1pm - 3pm Wednesdays, running throughout the year.*

*Open to adults of all ages and abilities. Transport can be arranged.*

**Contact us to book a space, [info@rootandbranchout.co.uk](mailto:info@rootandbranchout.co.uk) or telephone Alex 07929 989 432**



## April 2024

	<b>7<sup>th</sup> April Easter 2</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> April Easter 3</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> April Easter 4</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> April Easter 5</b>
<b>Edith Weston</b>				
<b>Empingham</b>		9.30am Holy Communion <b>B x2</b>		9.30am All Age Church <b>B x2</b>
<b>Lyndon</b>		<i>9.30am Morning Prayer</i>		
<b>Manton</b>		9.30am All Age Church		11.00am Holy Communion
<b>North Luffenham</b>			9.30am Breakfast Church*	
<b>Pilton</b>			11.00 am Benefice Holy Communion	
<b>Preston</b>	(Sat 13-4 burial of ashes Ella Johannsson, noon)	11.00am Holy Communion		<i>5.00pm Evening Prayer</i>
<b>Ridlington</b>		9.30am Holy Communion		<i>9.30am Morning Prayer</i>
<b>Whitwell</b>		11.00am Holy Communion		
<b>Wing</b>	11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer		9.30am Holy Communion

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