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# 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

Rector: **Rev'd Peter Collins**

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Please refer to the service rota on page 39 of this magazine and do  
make yourselves known to the churchwardens when you arrive. You  
will be very welcome.

For all enquiries about funerals, baptisms or weddings, please contact  
Rev'd Peter Collins - details above.

Home communions may be arranged by appointment.

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## Thoughts from Rev'd Peter Collins

The prophet Isaiah living at a time of fear, uncertainty, and political unrest offers divine words of comfort and hope:

“ Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you ...”(41.10)

The prophet speaks into today's political climate of polarisation, civil unrest, social dislocation, austerity, and misinformation, all of which negatively impact our mental, physical, spiritual health, and quality of life.

We were not created to live in such an emotional rollercoaster of anxieties and fears but in faith, trusting in God rather than the surrounding culture of distorted narratives and false beliefs. We were not created to live at such a frantic pace controlled by technology, apps and algorithms, but as relational beings caring for one another, and as sabbath beings requiring time for rest and reflection.

Maybe our New Year resolutions should include more time for those whom we love and who love us, more time to 'stop and stare' at the beauty of our Rutland countryside, and more time to trust in God who strengthens, upholds, loves and cherishes each one of his children?

Tukaram, philosopher and poet offers this prayer of encouragement which seems so appropriate as we journey into a New Year:

Of what avail this restless, hurrying activity?  
This heavy weight of earthly duties?  
God's purposes stand firm,  
And thou, his little one,  
Needest one thing alone:  
Trust in his power, and he will meet thy need.  
Thy burden resteth safe on him,  
And thou, his little one,  
Mayst play securely at his side.  
This is the sum and substance of it all:  
God is,  
God loveth thee,  
God beareth all thy care.

With every blessing

*Peter*

Rector, Rutland Water Benefice



Rev'd Peter Collins at his installation as Rector of the Rutland Water Benefice held at St Peter's, Empingham on 10th December 2025

Left to Right

Mrs Debra Thatcher, Churchwarden Ridlington, Rural Dean Rev'd Canon Jane Baxter, Bishop of Peterborough, Rt Rev'd Debbie Sellin, Rev'd Peter Collins and Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Mrs Janette Warner

### **Vacancy: updating Rutland Water Benefice website**

The Rutland Water Benefice website has been maintained for the past 10 years by Angela. Due to relocation outside the Benefice nearly 2 years ago, Angela wishes to step down and believes it would be more beneficial to handover the task of maintaining the website to someone who resides within the Benefice.

Although there is potential to develop the website further, it currently takes about 1 hour per month to do the basics such as upload the Benefice Magazine and add the church services. Just basic keyboard skills and an interest is all that is required. Training will be available.

If you're interested in keeping the Benefice online information up-to-date and would like to have an informal chat without commitment, please email Angela:

[beeinthyme7@gmail.com](mailto:beeinthyme7@gmail.com)

# **EDITH WESTON**

## **Items for Edith Weston section of Benefice magazine**

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.

## **Welcome to Peter and Sally Collins!**

We are delighted that our new Rector, Rev'd Peter Collins and his wife Sally, and their dog Lady have moved into Edith Weston. We wish them every success and happiness and look forward to seeing them out and about!

## **NEWS FROM EDITH WESTON ACADEMY**

A wonderful festive season was had by all at Edith Weston Academy! We were able to celebrate together through lots of lovely events and activities. A particular favourite was our 'PJ Cinema Evening' which was a huge success, and we are already looking to plan our next one.

We have also hosted another stay and play session for children aged 2-4 and are going to continue these sessions during the Spring Term.

We love welcoming new families so please do book in if you would like to join us.

The themed sessions are led by a qualified nursery practitioner, and each activity is planned to support your child's development. The sessions are advertised on our school's Facebook page, as well as any other events we are hosting so, please do give our new page a follow.

The Reception 2026 application deadline is fast approaching so please contact school to book a personalised tour with our headteacher, Mrs Kapler.

## **SPECIAL REQUEST**

EWA is aiming to improve its library book collection. We are working on a special project to create a 'local' area in our library.

We are looking for suggestions or connections to children's authors and illustrators from our area (Rutland, South Lincolnshire or anywhere close to Edith Weston) who might like their books included in our 'local' section.

Whether you are an author/illustrator, know one personally, or have a favourite local writer whose work would be perfect for young readers, we'd love to hear from you!

Please feel free to drop names and suggestions into an email to the school office. We would appreciate any support to help our Edith Weston children

discover stories created by members of our local community.

Contact: [Office@edithweston.rutland.sch.uk](mailto:Office@edithweston.rutland.sch.uk) 01780720025

### **Safari Supper – Saturday 28th February 2026**

A reminder to all villagers that our ever-popular Safari Supper will take place on Saturday 28th February 2026. It's a wonderful evening of food, friendship, and fun as we move from house to house for each course.

More details (and sign-up information) will follow soon – but please save the date!

### **EDITH WESTON HISTORICAL NOTE**



In October a friend sent me a link to an auction, I opened it expecting to see a book or similar, so I couldn't believe it when I saw my grandad's old cart looking back at me; I quite thought it would have been scrapped and probably cut up years ago.

Friends said 'you must buy it', which is all very well but then what? It is not something you can put on the mantelpiece and admire. The auction was at a farm near Wincanton, Somerset. When I looked at

the map, I realised Derek one of my old "Edithwestonians" lived nearby. So, I bought it and that was when the coincidences started.

Turned out that Derek lives half a mile away from the seller, 180 miles from here. What are the chances of that! Not only that but Derek decided pay a visit to Edith Weston, so he loaded it on to his car trailer and delivered it two days later.

It would have gone out of the same gate that it came back in, just few yards from where it lived all those years ago. I have spoken to the seller who said he bought it 15 years ago, so I am trying to find out where else it's been as it must have left here in perhaps the 1960s/1970s.

Going back in time my dad was born at 22 Well Cross, then the family moved back into the farm house. Next in at No 22 was Derek's grandad and the next baby born there was Derek's mother. The cart was made in 1921 and in that year Derek's grandad Charlie Thorpe was working for my grandad on the farm.

It would be good to find some info on the Healey's of Empingham, if

anyone reading this is related to them, or knows any of the history of Healey & Son, please get in touch.

Liz Tyler      [mail@oldew.co.uk](mailto:mail@oldew.co.uk)

### **Edith Weston Christmas Fayre**

A big thank you to all those who came to the Christmas Fayre, to all the stall holders, to the volunteers and especially to Kath Durrant for putting everything together for what was a fabulous event. It was wonderful to see so many turning out despite atrocious weather to enjoy some festive fun, make purchases from local artisan stalls and sample the delicious wares from the kitchen. Lots of children visited Santa's Grotto and were able to meet both Santa and his chief Elf.

The 3 village charities greatly appreciate everyone's hard work and will each receive a sum in the region of £1000.

Thank you again to everyone for your valuable contributions to this special village event.

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

Congratulations to the winners for January:

£30      Mrs P Hagen

£20      Mrs J Earnshaw

£10      Ms S Bishop

£10 gift voucher for the village shop kindly donated by Helen & Andy – N Whileman

The lucky winner of the £30 snowball prize is Mrs C Hemming-Taylor

## **EMPINGHAM**

### **News from St Peter's Church**

A paragraph of Appreciation

Magazine Distributors - Thank you all for your continued support with the distribution of 430 Parish Magazines around the village, every month. I know that this healthy activity is one that you regularly look forward to.

Village Coffee Morning Bakers - We have eaten some amazingly tasty cakes this year. Thank you all for your support - we look forward to next year's cookie creations with open mouths.

Bell Ringers - Despite often a very cold tower and stiff bell ropes, you ringers continue to chime for services and special occasions. Thank you all for providing a joyous sound to welcome worshippers.

Church Un-lockers - Thank you for carrying out this key role, un-locking and locking the church, ensuring that it is open every day for visitors and kept safe over night.

### **Activities at Empingham Methodist Church**

Minister: Rev Bekkie Wright 07355981564 [Revbekkiewright@gmail.com](mailto:Revbekkiewright@gmail.com)

#### **SERVICES DURING JANUARY 2026.**

##### **SUNDAY.**

4<sup>th</sup> 10.45am Morning Worship with Chris Pursehouse

11<sup>th</sup> **4pm TEA TIME CHURCH** – Rev Bekkie Wright- a service for children.

18<sup>th</sup> 10.45 am **Covenant Service with Holy Communion** – Rev Bekkie Wright.

25<sup>th</sup> 10.45 am CAFÉ CHURCH with Sarah Atwell King.

**MONDAY.** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in the month – LUNCH CLUB – 1pm. Other Mondays 2-4 pm – Refreshments – Tea/Coffee, Cold drinks & CAKE/ BISCUITS. Second-hand Books on sale. Photocopying and laminating available & BOARD GAMES or just chatting with others.

**THURSDAY. – TODDLER & BABY GROUP. – 10.30am till 12noon - £2 per session**

More details Eileen Ray 01780 460676

### **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**

Empingham Village (Audit) Hall Mini Ernie

There is no draw this month as subscriptions are now due for 2026.

Unfortunately, during the past year, a number of our subscribers have left the village and with the reduced numbers, we are only just meeting the Lottery Act requirements for the ratio of subscriptions to prizes. We decided that the best way forward was to increase the annual subscription by a small amount.

If you do not currently subscribe and would like to do so, please contact Alan Danbury at 15 Willoughby Drive, or complete the form on our website - <http://empingham.life/audithall/ernie.shtml>

The renewal fee for 2026 will be £15 per ticket. We plan to keep the level of prizes and number of draws the same, subject to meeting the necessary subscription/prizes ratio required by the Act.

Please send a cheque or cash for £15 per ticket payable to "Empingham Village Audit Hall" to 15 Willoughby Drive, Empingham, LE15 8PY or pay by direct credit to our Bank account using the details below:-

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| Bank:      | Barclays Bank                           | Branch:     | Stamford |
| Sort Code: | 20-81-20                                | Account No: | 13185206 |
| Name:      | Empingham Village Audit Hall Mini Ernie |             |          |

## **Empingham Garden Club**

The Empingham Garden Club has provided a lot of pleasure for its members over the last 20 years. It was relaunched by Alan Lambert in 2006, with strong support from villagers.

We are now looking for a new generation to take on the Committee roles for this valuable resource for Empingham.

The most important role is that of Programme Secretary which involves finding speakers for eight of the monthly meetings. This can be done by researching various web resources and local information. If two people take on this role it can help.

If you would be interested in this or helping in other ways, please contact Dave Hodson at [hodson001@gmail.com](mailto:hodson001@gmail.com)

Unfortunately, if we cannot fill this role, the club will have to close, which will be much missed.

## **Girls Night Out**

The Diary Meeting in the Cricket Club at 7.30 on January 27th please. There will be no entry charge.

Please bring ideas for Outings, Speakers, Evenings in the Cricket Club for members and Games/Crafts or film nights.

## **Allotment Association**

Our AGM will be on Tuesday 20th January 2026, 7.00 for 7.30 pm at the Cricket Club. We have vacant plots now available on our site, so please contact us on [Empingham.allotments@gmail.com](mailto:Empingham.allotments@gmail.com) or come along to the AGM if you would like to find out more.

## **Empingham Together**

Almost unbelievably, we are galloping towards 2026 and by the time you read this, we may well be there!

Empingham Together have a lineup of exciting events for the coming year after a very successful 2025.

Unmissable dates for your diary are:

27th January 2026 - Empingham Together AGM - 7.30pm in the Audit Hall. All Empingham residents welcome.

17th April 2026 - Fashion show in St Peter's Church, organised by SOS Charity Fashion Shows and Empingham Together. This promises to be a fantastic, fun evening, featuring clothes to order from many well-known high street brands, modelled by village residents and offering huge discounts of up to 70% off normal in-store prices.

There will be a raffle with superb prizes, a wine bar and refreshments to make the evening one to remember.

Tickets will be available from Barbara's Store in the early New Year and as the event will be open to all, please make sure to get your ticket early, as numbers will be limited.

19th June 2026 - Empingham Safari Gardens - Please save the date. Details to follow in future magazines.

We wish you all health and happiness for 2026.

Empingham Together (Keith, Jayne, Steve, Steven and Tarn).

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# **MANTON**

**MANTON VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB** Winning numbers for December 2025. **£20:** 55 Caroline Burnaby-Atkins **£10:** 93 Mike Nussey **£10:** 9 Fiona Brown **£5:** 61 Pip Prestwood **£5:** 155 Pat Johnson. This month's snowball **£60** was not won. Next month's Snowball £70 may 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.

## **Manton Village Hall Quiz Night – Thank you!**

What a fun evening! A big thank you again to David & Becky for more rounds of facts, entertainment & the now much anticipated 'mystery objects' round. Thank you too to all those who helped set up, prepare delicious ploughmans' platters and clear up at the end of the evening and to everyone who took part in our annual quiz. Your support of our village hall is hugely appreciated. Here's to doing it all again next year on Saturday 28th November – please pop the date in your 2026 calendar and make sure you book early!

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **COFFEE MORNING**

**Thursday 8 January - 10.30 am- 12.00pm**

At the home of Anne Cowan, 38 Lyndon Road

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

**FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received**

## **MINI FIRST AID - BABY & CHILD FIRST AID CLASSES - MANTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Wednesday 28 January 6.00-8.00pm**

Parents, Carers, Grandparents - would YOU know what to do in an emergency? The 2 hour class covers: CPR, Choking, Bumps, Bleeds, Breaks, Burns, Febrile Seizures, Sepsis & Meningitis Awareness. Book onto this small friendly class (babies under 1yr welcome) - £30.00 per person. To book please email - [rachel.smith@minifirstaid.co.uk](mailto:rachel.smith@minifirstaid.co.uk)

## **SAFARI SUPPER 2026**

**Saturday 31 January**

Bring your own drinks. Glasses provided. Tickets £20 to include a three course meal plus Coffee and chocolates....and a walk around the village! This is a really fun event in which you get to meet many of your fellow villagers in one evening! Come on your own or with a partner...we can accommodate

everyone including dietary requirements or mobility issues – so long as we are told in advance.

Contact Anne Cowan (01572737503) for more details if required..or just sign up!

## **LEANNAN FOLK DUO**

**Wednesday 11 February - 8pm**

**Manton Village Hall**

Romantic, intimate, eclectic, heartfelt, gentle, acoustic. Leannán is an accomplished acoustic duo, weaving intimate tales of enduring love, loss and life. Tickets £10 each from Anne Cowan.

Bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles.

## **COFFEE MORNING**

**Thursday 12 February - 10.30-12.00**

At the home of Rosemary Gooding, Cumberland House, St Marys Road

Any problems/lifts needed please contact Anne (01572737503)

FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received.

**In 2025 the Coffee Mornings raised £229 for Church Funds.**

**Well done everyone!**

**Anyone wishing to host a Coffee Morning in 2026 should make contact with Anne. They are always on the Second Thursday of each month 10.30-12.00**

## **NORTH LUFFENHAM**

### **CHURCH - St JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Our January services include.

- 18<sup>th</sup> January 09:30 Holy Communion (the Second Sunday after Epiphany and the start of the annual week of prayer for Christian unity)
- 25<sup>th</sup> January 'Breakfast Church' :The topic for the gathering will be "Isaiah's prophesy is fulfilled in Jesus" Meet in the Community Centre

Anyone from the village would be made most welcome at any of the services across the Benefice and for those who would like a lift to a service in another village, this is often possible with enough notice - please contact the Churchwarden, Patrick Woods, or the magazine correspondent.

## **St MARY and St JOHN CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

This term has been such a busy one. Our after school clubs have been really popular - our Science club have been investigating acids/alkalis, diffusion and bubbles. Our creative club have sculpted with clay and created some fabulous Christmas bookmarks.

The classes have been out on various school trips to Stamford Arts Centre to watch David Attenborough's 'Ocean', the Space Centre and Rutland Museum.

The last few weeks of term have the Christingle service, KSI play, Reception Nativity, Decorations morning, Carols around the tree, Christmas lunch, Christmas house parties and our final Carol service of the year.

I think we will all be ready for a rest!!! Have a wonderful Christmas one and all.

Mrs Roddy



## **GOOD COMPANIONS**

The Good Companions Club enjoyed a fabulous afternoon at The Fox pub in the village this week, to celebrate Christmas over a delicious lunch, accompanied by Jools, who provided the entertainment with a wonderful sing-a-long. There was lots of dancing and our usual raffle, with fantastic hampers going to good homes! A huge thank you to Jason and the Fox team for such a great afternoon. Thank you to all our members for joining in and for bringing along some great treats to go into the hampers. Also, thank you to Shaun from the Garden Club, who brought along some beautiful festive plants to add to the raffle. It really was a fun afternoon.

Looking ahead to 2026, our next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th January, 2pm - 4pm, at the community centre, where we will have the opportunity to watch the North Luffenham Pantomime, which was performed at The Fox on the 21 December. All welcome.

Our February meeting will be an outing to the ever popular Stamford College Gallery Kitchen on Wednesday 4th February at 12 Noon. Pre-booking is essential so please let us know at the January meeting if you want to come along. Alternatively, you can contact Jason or Alison if you can't make it to the club in January.

For more information about the club, please contact Jason Allen (07773 396153) or Alison Gibson (07769 322551). We meet on the first Wednesday of every month (excluding December & January) in the community centre. Join us in making our village a place where no one feels alone, and everyone has a companion.

## **NORTH LUFFENHAM GARDEN CLUB**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, North Luffenham Garden Club were very sorry that the long awaited Adam Frost talk in December had to be cancelled. We are delighted to confirm that a new date - **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026 @ 7pm** - has been secured and tickets for this are still available to buy. These can be purchased from The Fox in North Luffenham for only £27.50 (cash only please).

For any questions, please contact us via our email address at [northluffenhamgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:northluffenhamgardenclub@gmail.com).

## **SAVE THE DATE!!**

We're holding a **race night** in North Luffenham on Saturday 7th March. Come along and have an evening of fun and games with racing, tote-style betting, raffle and more!

All over 18's welcome from North Luffenham and beyond.

Ticket details will be announced in early January on the village website and around the village.

North Luffenham Fun Club

## **PRESTON**

### **CHURCH FLOWERS AND CLEANING**

We are very grateful to all the village residents who kindly ensure that the church looks lovely by providing and arranging flowers and keeping it so clean for us. Thank you so much!

# RIDLINGTON

A new year begins, and with it another chapter in the life of our village. The turning of the seasons reminds us how much we value the everyday connections that make this community what it is - familiar faces, shared events, and the quiet support we offer one another.

This magazine is one small way of keeping those connections alive: a place to share news, mark milestones, and reflect village life as it is lived. Whether you are closely involved in parish activities or simply enjoy knowing what is going on locally, we hope you will find something here that feels relevant and welcoming.

As the year unfolds, may it bring opportunities to gather, to look out for one another, and to strengthen the sense of belonging that makes Ridlington such a special place to call home.

**CHURCH SERVICES** - at 9:30am unless otherwise stated. Everyone welcome and each service is followed by light refreshments.

Sunday, 4th January - Morning Prayer

Tuesday, 6th January - 4:30pm Evening Prayer to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany to be led by the Rector

Sunday, 11th January - Holy Communion to be led by the Rector

Sunday, 25th January - Morning Prayer.

**THANKS** - to those involved in our Christmas celebrations, who planned services; cleaned and decorated the church; provided flowers and greenery; rang the bells; read, sang and played; provided refreshments; and joined in our worship. Thanks also to those who have volunteered to be on rotas in 2026 - we couldn't function without you!

**MONTHLY WALK** - Start the year as you mean to go on - get plenty of exercise! Join us on our monthly walk on New Year's Day, 1st January 2026. Meet in the church porch at 10:30am. Light refreshments available afterwards - please let Debra know if you intend to come.

**SOUPER SATURDAY** - back by popular demand! Join us in the village hall on Saturday, 10th January between 12 noon and 1:30pm for a choice of three soups (red, amber and green), bread and cheese scones. We ask for a minimum donation of £5 for church funds.

We hope to arrange a social event/fundraiser for the church on the second



Saturday of each month in the hope that the monies raised will cover the insurance premium for the year. Please do support these events.

**FOOD BANK COLLECTION** - huge thanks to everyone who donated so generously in 2025. Your kindness makes a difference to so many families. We'll continue to collect items in the church porch - collection dates and a list of most needed items will be displayed there and on the village notice board.

**ECO CHURCH** - going for Gold! Help us this year work towards attaining the Gold Award from A Rocha - first communal event is the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch over the weekend of 23rd to 25th January. Spare an hour to see what birds visit your garden and report your findings to the RSPB. Join us for an hour in the churchyard (weather permitting) at 3:00pm on Sunday, 25th January - hot drinks can be provided.

**BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!** More gentle fundraising for the church - donate your old books, borrow or buy those on offer. We regularly refresh the stock so worth popping into the church from time to time to see what is available especially as 2026 is the National Year of Reading.

A New Year's resolution, perhaps?

Recommended this month - Jon Savage's "Time Travel", a collection of articles from this key writer on pop music and culture from the period 1977 to 1996. It is interesting to be reminded not only of popular music trends but their impact on culture or is it the other way round?

Two detective novels this month - "A Fatal Crossing" from Tom Hindle set on board a liner in 1924 with a great twist at the end (will be looking out for more written by him)

and, as seen on TV, "The Marlow Murder Club" by Robert Thorogood, the creator of Death in Paradise.

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/>

# WHITWELL

**CHURCH SERVICE.** Holy Communion on Sunday 25 January at 3pm

**100 Club.** Congratulations to the winners of November draw. 1st Philip Sturley and 2nd Nick & Amanda Healey. The 100 Club is run for the benefit of the church, and costs £5 per month, or £60 per year.

## WING

**Flowers Jeffy Wood**

**Brass Helen Bateman**

**Thank you** to Naomi Griffiths and Andy Lawrence for kindly hosting the Autumn Coffee Morning which was a great success and raised £318 for Church funds

And a huge **thank you** to everyone who has contributed to the life of the church in the past year - whether decorating the church, reading lessons, ringing the bells, tidying the churchyard, playing the organ, cleaning and maintaining the building, cutting the grass, leading services, serving refreshments and helping with fund-raising events - there are a myriad of jobs and lots of people have played a part and every contribution is valued - thank you.

## WING BRIDGE LUNCH

For the first time for several years, Wing played host to a Bridge event. 60 enthusiastic players battled it out, only breaking for lunch, supplied by our wonderful village cooks. The players told us that they enjoyed their time at the event. The profit from the lunch was £1290.12 divided equally between Church and Village Hall. Thanks to all who contributed to making it a very successful event.

**The Christmas (Double) draw for the 100 Club** took place at Coffee Morning Christmas Lunch in the Wheatsheaf on the 11/12/2025 and brought out the following winners.

1<sup>st</sup> 81 Helen Eskdale

2<sup>nd</sup> 83 Mary Tulloch

3<sup>rd</sup> 01 Sharon Milner

**WI** No meeting in January.

For information about Wing 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)

**WING CRAFT GROUP** will resume it's weekly gatherings on Wednesday mornings from 7th January at 10am in the Village Hall.

**Save the Date** for a concert by the **Stamford Concert Singers** on Friday 20 March 2026 at 7.30pm. They will be performing a new programme entitled "With a Song in my Heart". Please contact Carolyn Comben [ccomben2@gmail.com](mailto:ccomben2@gmail.com) if you would like to reserve tickets.

**Foodbank collection boxes** remain in the church porch and the contents are regularly taken to the Foodbank depot in Oakham. Thank you for all your support for this cause.

**Village Hall January / February events** - all profits donated to the upkeep of the Village Hall

### **Bingo Bonanza Afternoon!!!**

Sunday 18th Jan 2:30 - 5pm

£5 each for entry fee including first 2 cards.

Bar open and Pizza to purchase

Prizes too!!

Eyes down for some full house fun with a Bingo afternoon in the village hall!

Join Siobhan and Dave for a bit of post Christmas silliness.

Fresh pizza to order and the bar will be open.

If you've never played before - it's easy, fun and rather enjoyable once you've learnt how to wield those pens....

Booking preferred so we can sort out enough pens!

Contact [h.eskdale@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:h.eskdale@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Sunday breakfasts**

The very popular Wing Sunday Breakfasts are back for the colder months.

Date/Time: Sunday January 11th 9 - 11am.

Join us for a full Winglish breakfast with optional sides of black pudding, hash browns or baked beans, or a bacon/sausage butty, and tea/coffee.

Veggie options available too.

Cards and Cash taken. See you there!

The VH Breakfast Team

### **Wing Friday Social "Pop-Up Pub"**

The January Wing Friday Social "Pop-Up Pub"

Friday January 23rd from 6-8pm.

We will have the popular guest beer from Langton Brewery; Inclined Plane, plus the usual selection of a draft beer from Grainstore, Tanqueray Gin/ Fevertree Tonic plus red/white/rose wine. There will be lots of low alcohol and zero alcohol options including zero Guinness, zero Gin and low alcohol lagers/beer.

As always come along and catch up, and see who will be behind the bar this month!



Wing Village Hall Presents



# *Valentine's Night Dinner Dance*

Saturday 14th February 2026

*Delicious 3-course dinner by **Sara Mcallister***

*Live music from **Covered Up***

Please contact **Tracy Moores** to book a ticket or a table by 14th January

WhatsApp 07850 138156

***Whether you're celebrating love, friendship or  
just fancy a great night out, this is for everyone!***

*All proceeds go to the upkeep of Wing Village Hall*



Thank you to everyone who has supported the Rutland Foodbank in the past year. Your donations are very much appreciated

Between 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025 the Rutland Foodbank received 616 referrals. They delivered toiletries packs and provided ingredients for nearly 30 000 meals to Rutland residents. 1 in 5 of the UK population live below the poverty line. Nobody should have to face going hungry, so the Foodbank provides seven days' worth of nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. They are part of a nationwide network of Foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

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## Rutland Foodbank Wish-List Autumn / Harvest 2025

Not Needed at the  
Moment



Small jars of coffee  
Tinned meats & pies  
Tinned tomatoes & veggies  
Noodles, pot noodles, microwaveable rice  
Tins of custard and fruit  
Items for lunch pack-ups  
Porridge, preferably sachets  
Snacks, crackers, crispbreads and cereal bars  
Women's deodorants, men's shaving gel



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



Rutland  
**Foodbank**  
Together with Trussell

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's Pizzas)

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

### What's in a food parcel?

Our foodbank provides a pack of food and toiletries, including some fresh items. We contact clients to check if they have food allergies or intolerances and then adjust our packages to suit their situation.

The Trussell Trust has worked with nutritionists to ensure food parcels contains sufficient nutrition for at least 3 days worth of healthy, balanced meals for individuals and families.

A typical food parcel includes

Breakfast cereals, soup, pasta, rice, tinned beans, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, tea or coffee, sugar, biscuits.

|                            | <b>4th January<br/>Christmas 2</b>                           | <b>11th January<br/>The Baptism of<br/>Christ</b>  | <b>18th January<br/>Epiphany 2</b> | <b>25th January<br/>Conversion of St<br/>Paul</b> |
|----------------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Edith Weston</b>        |  |  |                                    | 9.30am<br>Holy Communion                          |
| <b>Empingham</b>           | 10am All Age Service   |  | 9.30am<br>Holy Communion           |   |
| <b>Lyndon</b>              | 11.00am<br>Holy Communion                                    | 9.30am<br>Morning Prayer   |                                    |   |
| <b>Manton</b>              |  | 9.30am<br>All Age Service  |                                    | 11am<br>Holy Communion                            |
| <b>North<br/>Luffenham</b> |  |  | 11am Holy<br>Communion             | 9.30am<br>Breakfast Church                        |
| <b>Pilton</b>              |  | 4.30pm Holy<br>Communion   |                                    |   |
| <b>Preston</b>             | 11.00am<br>The Meeting Place<br><br>4.30pm<br>Evening Prayer | 11am Holy<br>Communion   |                                    | 4.00pm<br>Evening Prayer                          |
| <b>Ridlington</b>          | 9.30am<br>Morning Prayer                                     | <b>Tuesday 6th January</b><br><b>4.30pm</b><br><b>Evening Prayer for</b><br><b>the Feast of Epiphany</b><br><br>9.30am Holy<br>Communion |                                    | 9.30am<br>Morning Prayer                          |
| <b>Whitwell</b>            |  |  |                                    | 3.00pm<br>Holy Communion                          |
| <b>Wing</b>                | 9.30am<br>Holy Communion                                     | 9.30am<br>Morning Prayer   |                                    | 9.30am<br>Morning Prayer                          |

## The Rutland Water Benefice

### Churchwardens

|                   |                   |              |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Edith Weston..... | (Judith Needham)  | 01780 720609 |
| Empingham.....    | position vacant   |              |
| Lyndon.....       | Lady Conant       | 01572 737275 |
| Manton.....       | Anne Cowan        | 01572 737503 |
| North Luffenham.. | Patrick Woods     | 01780 721872 |
| Pilton.....       | Jayne Williams    | 07711 623362 |
| Preston .....     | Jane Micklethwait | 01572 737219 |
| Ridlington.....   | Debra Thatcher    | 01572 823910 |
| Whitwell.....     | Mary Bell         | 01780 460205 |
|                   | Tony Godwin       | 07906 134316 |
| Wing.....         | David Wood        | 01572 737465 |
|                   | Alice Hill        | 01572 737516 |

### Magazine Correspondents

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| Manton          | Roger Hornby                   | 01572 737367   |
| Lyndon:         | Susan Day                      | 01572 737403   |
| North Luffenham | Nic Merrett                    | 07801 983530   |
| Pilton          | post vacant - volunteer needed |  |
| Preston         | Angela Edmundson Jones         | <a href="mailto:angela.ej@btinternet.com">angela.ej@btinternet.com</a> |
| Ridlington      | Anne Harvey                    | 01572 820273   |
| Whitwell        | Marlen Godwin                  | <a href="mailto:marlen@fcdcom.co.uk">marlen@fcdcom.co.uk</a>           |
| Wing            | Jeffy Wood                     | <a href="mailto:jeffywood1@gmail.com">jeffywood1@gmail.com</a>         |