

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

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

All enquiries about a baptism, wedding or funeral should be directed to the Rev'd Dr Pippa Madgwick.

Home communions can be arranged by appointment.

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Look After What You Value

The rule of law is a fundamental value of our British way of life. The establishment of this principle has been hard won through numerous struggles over the course of our history and it underpins our democracy, our legal system and our sense of fair play. Its origins date back to the Magna Carta of 1215 and it means that no-one is above the law and that the law applies equally to all, no matter how rich or powerful they may be.

To ensure this, there is a separation of powers so that the judiciary, legislature, and executive branches operate independently. Parliament, which is elected by the people, makes the laws, the legal profession applies those laws equally to all and the government has to work within that legal framework in what it does. This system provides accountability and prevents the rights of citizens being trampled on by those in power.

It is troubling therefore when we find those in power seeking to undermine the rule of law or attacking the independence of the judiciary. This is the road towards dictatorship as we see in the behaviour of Vladimir Putin who acts with impunity in poisoning, imprisoning or sidelining any potential rivals to power. It is worrying to see that in the USA, after more than 4 years since the Capitol riots, the US courts have still not called Donald Trump to account for his actions. His wealth and power seem to be influencing the behaviour of those who should be protecting the Constitution and the risk to US democracy is palpable. It is of concern to hear constant attacks on human rights legislation which is often the only protection left for the weak and vulnerable when they are scapegoated and blamed for the incompetence of others. When the human rights of one person are removed, the rights of all are gone.

John Stuart Mill, delivering the inaugural address at St Andrew's in 1867, said: "Bad men need nothing more to compass their ends, than that good men should look on and do nothing." It is a fact of life that the good things we so easily take for granted depend on the vigilance and active maintenance of everyone of good will. If we can't be bothered to uphold our key values, we could find one day that they are swept away and we will all be the poorer for it.

Those who wish to undermine the checks and balances on their activities usually do so in small steps, trying to dismantle respect for the law and the judiciary piece by piece until they can bring the whole edifice under their control. By using the gradual approach, they hope to evade scrutiny and to do

their damage under the covers without people noticing or taking any action. It is therefore all the more important to call out even these small attacks for what they are and to block them. Failure to do this in time could mean the loss of key protections and rights, which in turn opens the door to the most appalling evils. History is littered with examples of this happening, and the path back from this is long, hard and costly.

In the wisdom tradition of the Bible, we find these words in Proverbs chapter 24:

- ¹⁰ If you falter in a time of trouble,
how small is your strength!
- ¹¹ Rescue those being led away to death;
hold back those staggering toward slaughter.
- ¹² If you say, "But we knew nothing about this,"
does not he who weighs the heart perceive it?
Does not he who guards your life know it?
Will he not repay everyone according to what they have done?

Let's be vigilant and active in maintaining the values that matter to us so that we can all live without fear.

Graham Madgwick

Services in Holy Week around the benefice

Maundy Thursday (28th March)

Lyndon 6.30pm Holy Communion

Good Friday (29th March)

North Luffenham 9.30am A service suitable for children

Empingham 2pm A reflection on the events of Good Friday

Preston 2pm. A reflection on the events of Good Friday

For Services on **Easter Day** in your village please see page 35

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Good & New

CLOTHES SALE

The Rutland Showground, Showground Way,
Oakham LE15 7TW

Friday 22nd 2024 5.00pm - 8.00pm

A glass of Champagne and Canapés
kindly provided by Hambleton Hall

Tickets £25

Apply to: info@forrutland.org.uk

Saturday 23rd March 2024 - 8.30am - 1.00pm

Admission £5 on the door

EDITH WESTON

Please email 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

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| 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. 01780 722164

Edith Weston 100 Club Winners March 2024

£30 Mrs Dobbie

£25 Mrs Ingoldby £20 Mrs Forrow

£10 gift voucher for the village shop kindly donated by Helen & Andy Wood – Mr & Mrs Vickers

Edith Weston Safari Supper

A really enjoyable night in Edith Weston raised £1143 for our three charities; the Church, Village Hall and Playground. Thank you so much to the organisers, hosts, pudding providers and guests for making this such a successful evening. Please do consider taking part next year.

Tommy's Talks

The 2nd of the Tommy's Talks series will take place on Thursday 21st March 2024 and will be given by Joe Whitehead, Head Gardener at Burghley House. Tickets available at Edith Weston village shop.

Raising the Roof

Christopher Payne and Lars Tharp of the Antiques Roadshow will be returning to Edith Weston for 'Raising the Roof Part Two', an evening of entertainment and erudition on Friday 3rd May 2024 in the church. More details next month.

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 10.30am and 12 noon.

All Age Church. This service is on the fourth Sunday of every month, so the next one is on 24th March at 9.30am. It is a relaxed informal occasion and we enjoy welcoming a number of young families, as well as older generations.

Annual Church Meeting. This will take place on Tuesday 19th March at 7.00pm in the church. There will be reports on the year's activities and elections for Churchwardens and Church Council members.

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

There will be a concert of opera and musical theatre favourites performed by a wonderful quartet of professional singers - Robert-John Edwards (Bass Baritone), Caroline Sharpe (Soprano), Rosemary Braddy (Mezzo-Soprano) & Colin Reed (Tenor) who will be featured, ably accompanied by their professional pianist, Jingle Gawley. 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. Robert-John Edwards

Empingham Christian Aid Lunch

There will be a simple village lunch in the Audit Hall on Thursday 7th March at 12.30pm to support the work of Christian Aid. This is a great opportunity to catch up with other people from the village over a delicious bowl of homemade soup and support a good cause at the same time. Bread and fruit will be provided to accompany the soup plus tea or coffee after the meal. If you are free that day, why not come and join us. Everyone is welcome. Donations to Christian Aid.

Methodist Chapel

Minster: Rev Bekkie Wright, 01572 720721 bebbie.wright@methodist.org.uk

SERVICES DURING MARCH 2024

SUNDAYS 3rd 10.45am Morning Worship - Including Holy Communion.
 10th 10.45am Café Church
 17th 4pm Tea Time Church. A service for young families
 Rev Bekkie Wright
 24th 3pm Easter Service including Holy Communion
 with Rev Bekkie Wright. Service followed by Tea.

MONDAYS 2pm - 4pm **POST OFFICE** – Refreshments and second-hand books on sale. Photocopying and laminating are available.

TUESDAYS **ECUMENICAL LENT GROUP** at Empingham Methodist Church continues during March at 10.30am - 12.00 noon. During Lent - Coffee and discussion - come and join us.

THURSDAYS **TODDLER/BABY & PARENT GROUP** 10.30am – 12 noon. In Empingham Methodist Church Hall. £1 per family. During Term Time only.

Eileen Ray 01780 460676.

Empingham Village (Audit) Hall

Prize draws for the Mini Ernie will start again next month.

If anyone has yet to renew their subscription for 2024 please send your payment direct to our bank:-

Bank: Barclays Sort Code: 20-81-20 Acct No: 13185206

Name: Empingham Village Audit Hall Mini Ernie

or pay by cash or cheque (payable to "Empingham Village Audit Hall") and drop it in at 15 Willoughby Drive.

Any new members can download an application form from our web site <http://www.empingham.life/audithall/Ernie.pdf>

Please use one of the payment methods described above.

Cricket Club

The club is open as follows:

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

From 4.30pm on Friday evenings.

From 1.00pm 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 17th. All the 6 nations rugby will be shown, and there will be food available on Saturday 16th, provided by Kura Kura.

Club Contacts

The club website can be found at empinghamcsc.org, where you will find useful details about the club and the calendar.

The club Facebook page can be found as Empingham Cricket and Social Club, or directly from the website. Useful details about the club and events can be found here too.

To join as a member, or renew an existing membership of Empingham Cricket and Social Club please visit the website Empingham Cricket and Social Club.

All memberships now run to end March. The new membership year starts on 1st 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

Club secretary David Duffin, david@theduffins.org.uk

Empingham Together

Wine Tasting Evening – Friday 26th April 2024 - 7pm for 7.30 pm at the Audit Hall, Empingham.

We hope you will join us for “Good Value Favourites from the Private Cellar range” in April. 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 will be available from Monday 11th March from Jayne Roland (01780 460362) email: jlroland@btinternet.com

Centenary Celebration Hog Roast with Live Music from a local band Empingham Together at Empingham Cricket & Social Club

Save the Date - Saturday 14th September 2024.

Keep an eye on the Empingham Village Facebook Page and other local social media for news and updates.

Stephen St Clair-Thompson stclairthompson@msn.com

Empingham Allotment

Anyone in Empingham or surrounding villages interested in taking on a plot? If so, contact us and you may be lucky and be able to start straight away growing your own fruit, vegetables or flowers.

Email Empingham.allotments@gmail.com or phone 01780 460539.

Empingham Garden Club

The next meeting for Empingham Garden Group is an interesting talk about 'Growing Vegetables'. They taste much better and are so fresh and can take up a small space.

Girls Night Out

On **Tuesday March 19th**, there will be an afternoon of listening to favourite poems and short readings in the Cricket Club from 2pm until 4.00pm.

Take the afternoon off and come and enjoy good company, tea or coffee and cake. We have been promised a cake or two from our kind bakers! We would welcome volunteers who would like to read something of their own choosing.

Let Joyce Lambert (01780 460400 jmlambert942@googlemail.com) know if you are coming. Entry £5 to cover the hire of the venue.

Empingham Men's Shed

On **Tuesday 26th March**, the Men's Shed will hold their annual review and AGM - 7.30pm at the Cricket & Social Club. Please come along to renew your membership, or to join us for the 2024/5 season. We will look back over our activities during the last year, and make plans for the year ahead - including the election of officers, and agreeing a new

constitution.

All are welcome - there will be no charge for non-members.

For further details, please contact bobwillars@sky.com

Alan and Lesley and their family would like to say thank you to all those who sent messages of condolence following the sudden and unexpected death of their dear son-in-law.

MANTON

MANTON VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB Winning numbers for February 2024. **£20:** 51 Annie Pitts **£10** 102 Claire Webster **£10:** 15 Sue Ward **£5:** 158 Keith Webster **£5:** 19 Rob Braddock. This month's snowball **£80** was not won. Next month's snowball, **£90**, 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.

THANK YOU

To everyone who generously supported the Manton Safari Supper at the end of January. We all had a great time and raised £1,000 for Church Funds.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

BIBLE / PRAYER GROUP

7 March 2024 - Charnwood House, 34 Lyndon Road

21 March 2024 - The Little Orchard, Lyndon Road

We continue to meet on the first and third Thursday afternoons each month. This month we will meet at 4.30pm. Everyone is welcome to our friendly group, either regularly or occasionally.

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 14 March 2024 10.30am-12.00 noon

At the home of Margaret Kennedy, Garden Cottage, Stocks Hill

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

FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received

LENT LUNCHES

Every Wednesday until Easter 12.30pm- 2.30pm

Manton Village Hall

Home made Soup, Bread, Fruit, Tea/Coffee for £6. All money raised will go to

SAVE the CHILDREN – who are currently operating in many of the war torn countries of the world. Any offers of soup gratefully received...also any help on the day. Do come and join us – lively conversation and chat with your fellow villagers.

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

PREPARE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

Saturday 30 March 10am-12 noon.

Do join us in the church to create the Easter Garden, hear the Easter story and help to decorate the church for Easter. Hot x buns, coffee ,squash available all morning.

EASTER DAY

Sunday 31 March 11am

All Age Holy Communion suitable for everyone, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard for the children. Coffee etc. Everyone most welcome.

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)

NORTH LUFFENHAM

The North Luffenham Good Companions club welcomed Mike Wyatt & Deb King in February, who came to talk to the club about bee keeping. There were lots of fascinating facts shared, and some very interesting practical demonstrations of the tasks they have to carry out in order to look after these very precious creatures. It was certainly enlightening as to just how

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North Luffenham Good Companions Club continued

how important they are to the ecology of the planet, as well as how Deb makes her own face creams and make up from the wax. It was a fascinating afternoon.

In March we welcome the very talented Connie Taylor, who will be showing us how she uses her creative mind to produce her amazing pottery products. I am sure many will know her from the studio she runs in Victoria Hall in Oakham. We are delighted that she will be coming along on Wednesday 6th March at 2pm at the community centre, to give us some insight into the wonderful world of pottery.

We look forward to welcoming all, both old and new members, to our next get together on the 6th March at the community centre in North Luffenham. If you would like more information on what Good Companions do, please do get in touch with either Jason Allen (07773 396153) or Alison Gibson (07769 322551).

North Luffenham Garden Club

Open Meeting Wednesday 13th March 2024 @ 7.30pm

Lovers of 'Gardeners World' in particular will know **Nick Bailey** and we are delighted he is joining us to talk about **'365 Days of Colour in Your Garden'** at our meeting on

Wednesday March 13th, starting at 7.30pm

You may also know him from his books, as editor for Garden Answers and Garden News, freelance writer for BBC Gardeners' World Magazine, RHS The Garden, The Mail, The Times and The Telegraph ... and much more.

Whilst the Club is at capacity we are opening this meeting to non-members as it's going to be a really special event and hopefully now firmly in your diary. Entrance is free to members of NLGC & £5 to non-members, payable on the door.

We are anticipating a lot of interest so please reserve your seat(s) by contacting us via: northluffenhamgardenclub@gmail.com



PRESTON

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, 2nd March, 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 Izzy Newbold on the cleaning rota.

SUNDAY STROLL

There will be another walk taking place on **Sunday, 17th March 2024 at 10am** from Wing. Please park on the wide grass verge on the left hand side of road as you are leaving the village towards Morcott. There is a footpath sign just before the spinney on the same side.

I have also organised a table up to 12 at Picks Barn, Lyndon from 12.30pm onwards where they do great coffee, soup and delicious hot snacks, plus cakes. A must if you haven't been yet.

The walk will be between 3.75/4.00 miles. If you would like to join the walk, please contact Trish on 07986490590. Happy walking.

PRESTON CHURCH APCM

The Preston Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on **Wednesday April 3rd 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 has been very well attended since the launch in November 2023. The feedback has been very positive, and residents have enjoyed the opportunity to socialise with neighbours in our newly refurbished village hall. Please note, the date in May previously advertised has been changed because

the Village Hall is required as a polling station on 2nd May. The new May date is below.

2024 FILM Night Dates

• **Thursday 7th March.** • **Thursday 4th April** • **Thursday 9th May**

The film in March is **Lady Bird**. Please see the village WhatsApp and the Village Hall noticeboard for further details on future films.

- **Doors open:** 7pm for a 7.30pm start
 - **Tickets:** £3.50 for Film Club members and £5 for non-members. Please pay at the door (cash only please) on a first come first served basis if maximum capacity is reached.
 - **Drinks and snacks:** Please bring your own. We are currently reviewing the snack provision so please let us know if you have any ideas.
- Preston film night is organised and run by volunteers. Please contact Giles, Trish or Ceri if you would like to regularly volunteer or help occasionally. Any support to make this event sustainable will be very welcome.

DAFFODILS

By the time you read this article, the village should be enveloped in a mass of yellow daffodils. A big thank you to all those who braved the wet November weather to plant these bulbs. While we tried to plan where the bulbs should go, we will inevitably have left a few gaps. Therefore, while the bulbs are in flower, if you spot any obvious gaps that need filling this November, please let Phil Grimley know, preferably with a photo to help identify the spot later this year.

RIDLINGTON

ANNUAL VILLAGE LITTER PICK - Saturday, 9th March at 10:30am
Please let Debra know if you are able to help and would like a jacket potato lunch.

BIG PLASTIC COUNT - 11th to 17th March -as part of our Eco Church accreditation join in the national count of every piece of plastic you throw away or re-cycle. Please let Debra know if you want to participate.

MONTHLY WALK - Saturday, 16th March. Meet at the church porch at 10:30am, followed by light refreshments. Let Debra know if you can attend.

EASTER LILIES - please pass donations for lilies to Louise Fox.

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

Three books I enjoyed and would recommend - Gill Paul's "The Affair". Set in 1961 in Italy during the filming of "Cleopatra". An excellent plot with well drawn characters, a story of love and betrayal with the glamour of Taylor and Burton.

Leigh Russell's "Rachel's Story" - a dystopian future following world war, pandemic and food shortages. Makes us contemplate our own world and demonstrates the resilience of the human spirit.

Finally, a Lindsay Gordon mystery by V.L. McDermid "Booked for Murder" - set in London's publishing world an award winning author is executed in the same manner as her latest (unpublished) novel...

VILLAGE HALL:

'Remembrance, Recognition & Reconciliation'

World War 2 Bomber Command and the International Bomber Command Centre

Thursday 18th April 7.00pm 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 and became 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

Coffee Mornings will be held on:
Friday 24th May; 26th July; 27th September
And a Social Night will take place on:
Friday 13th December
Put these dates in your diary – all welcome!

If you have any items for inclusion in the parish magazine, please email Annie Harvey acharvey@hotmail.co.uk by 12th 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 No flowers in Lent **Brass** Wendy Dalton
Easter Flowers The Wing Flower Team

Candlemas Lunch. Thank you to everyone who supported this happy occasion, just over £600 was raised for Church funds.

St Peter and St Paul, Wing, Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Church on Saturday 23rd March at 10.00am. All are welcome

Friday 22nd March 7.30pm Stamford Concert Singers present ‘And then there was music’ An all new programme of lively well-known songs from stage and screen compiled by Musical Director Rod Dawkins at Wing Village Hall. Bar and nibbles.
Tickets £12.50 from Helen 01572 737499, Jeffy 01572 737465 or Alice 01572 737516

Spring Coffee Morning will be held at the home of Wendy Dalton, the Stables, 3a Reeves Lane on Saturday 20th April 10.30am - noon. All are welcome for coffee and chat.

Pie and Pint Night

The Village Hall Events Committee is delighted to announce its next fundraiser. A Pie and Pint night will be held at the Village Hall at 7pm on Friday 15th March. Tickets £15 to include a variety of delicious home made pies served with peas, and a pud. There will be a pay bar serving beer, wine and soft drinks. Tickets from Tracy on WhatsApp 07850138156.

WING WI

On March 11th the WI is looking forward to hearing about photography from a blind photographer. If you are as curious as the WI members, why not come as a visitor (£3), to Wing Village Hall at 7pm to hear from Brian Negus how he does it? Please do come along to meet a friendly group.

If you have any questions please contact Judith 01572 737761

quilt9@gmail.com or Jane 01572 737324

janegilmore7@gmail.com

WING CRAFT GROUP

This friendly group continues to meet in the Village Hall (LE15 8SA) on Wednesdays, 10.30am – 12noon. Everyone is welcome to craft or chat (£1-50).

Need more info? Please contact Judith 01573 737761 quilt9@gmail.com

The February **100 Club draw** took place at the Coffee morning and brought out the following lucky names.

1st 18, Roger McKay,

2nd 22, David & Alice Hill,

3rd 33, Ian & Sue Cairns

Stamford Shoestring Theatre Presents

TUESDAY 12TH - SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 7.45PM

Visitors by Barney Norris

A powerful tribute to love, family and gratitude for a life well-lived, this tender and uplifting play received the Critics' Circle Award 2014.

When Kate, a young blue-haired carer, comes into Arthur and Edie's home, the three of them develop a surprising friendship. What follows is an intimate portrait of the love between an elderly couple, the confusion of youth and how one family, made strong by their shared memories of the past, navigates an uncertain present.

Tickets from stamfordartscentre.com and [01780 763203](tel:01780763203)



Therapeutic Gardening Course



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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
or telephone Alex 07929 989 432**



March 2024

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

The Rutland Water Benefice

Churchwardens

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| Empingham..... | John Archer | 07501085451. |
| | John Haward | 01780 460502 |
| Lyndon..... | Jill Mayhew | 01572 737594 |
| | Lady Conant | 01572 737275 |
| Manton..... | Anne Cowan | 01572 737503 |
| North Luffenham.. | Janet Whittaker | 01780 721216 |
| | Patrick Woods | 01780 721872 |
| Pilton..... | Libby Gilman | 01780 720758 |
| | Caroline McAlpine | 01780 722007 |
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