

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

Rector: Post vacant

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

For all enquiries about a baptisms or weddings, please use the website enquiry forms in the first instance or speak to your churchwarden - contact details on the back page.

All funeral enquiries should be directed to the Rural Dean -
Rev'd Jane Baxter 01572 822717

Home communions may be arranged by appointment.

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March...in like a lion and out like a lamb – so they say!

I am not sure how much truth is in that saying but I have always been fascinated about the connections between this and the way we talk about God.

'Lion' and 'Lamb' are both images we use for Jesus.

The Bible speaks of 'the Lion of Judah' which we see reflected in hymns and modern worship songs. CS Lewis gives us the story of Narnia where Aslan, the Lion, is killed on the stone table and then seen again. Death and Resurrection.



The 'Lamb of God' is used by John the Baptist about Jesus directly, the idea of sacrifice, the lamb given on behalf of others.

There is a gentleness about this image, hence with March it stands as the opposite to the roaring lion. This Lamb of God, this Jesus, is however not a helpless creature taken against his will, this is God who willingly gives himself as an offering for all.

The final Sunday this month takes us to Mothering Sunday, a good time to celebrate all who 'mother' others. A time also to celebrate the church family who 'mother' others and both of those a reflection of God's Love. God who is Lion and Lamb. God who willingly made the sacrifice necessary to 'mother' us, as Jesus shows us, God who longs to gather us to safety as a mother hen gathers her chicks, if only we are willing.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison Booker'.

The Venerable Alison Booker
Archdeacon of Oakham

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Update on the Benefice Vacancy:

This is to update you on the progress in recruiting our new Rector and Associate Priest.

The posts were advertised in the The Church Times in the 7, 14 and 28 February editions and the advert is also on Pathways and our website. The link for Pathways is below:

<https://www.cofepathways.org/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=8139>

The closing date for applications is 28th February – with shortlisting by 3rd March.

It is intended to hold interviews on 31st March.

We will keep you updated going forward. David Wood

A service of **Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday** 5th March will be held in Wing Church at 6.30pm. All are welcome.



Hold the date



Service to celebrate the County of Rutland
Peterborough Cathedral
Sunday 2nd March 2025 at 3.30pm



'For Rutland' is a Fundraising Group of Citizens Advice Rutland



Good & New

Clothes Sale

Rutland Hall Hotel, Near Oakham, Rutland, LE15 8AB

Friday 28th March 2025 5.00pm - 8.00pm

With a glass of champagne and canapés kindly
provided by Hambleton Hall

Tickets £25, apply to info@fornrutland.org.uk

Saturday 29th March 2025

8.30am - 1.00pm

Admission £5 on the door



 ForRutland  @goodandnewclothesale



'For Rutland' raises funds for Citizens Advice Rutland (Reg Charity No 1107907) to pay for Specialist Advisers who provide non-medical advice to people of all ages living with long-term health conditions in Rutland and the Surrounding Community.

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EDITH WESTON

Items for Edith Weston section of Benefice magazine

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

Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm	Shop and Post Office hours the same
Saturday 8am - 1pm	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 Safari Supper

The Edith Weston Safari Supper on Saturday, 8th February, was a fantastic success, bringing together friends and neighbours for a memorable evening of great food, laughter, and generosity.

A huge thank you to our wonderful hosts who opened their homes and served delicious courses with such warmth and hospitality. Special thanks also to those who provided the desserts and cheese – they were truly a highlight of the evening!

We are also very grateful to those who generously donated raffle prizes, adding extra excitement to the evening and helping us raise even more for our village charities.

Most importantly, our community came together to raise almost £400 for each of the three village charities – a brilliant achievement that reflects the kindness and generosity of everyone involved.

If you missed out this year, why not join us next time? It's a wonderful way to meet new people, enjoy delicious food, and support our village charities. Whether as a guest or a host, we'd love to have you take part

in this fantastic tradition!

We look forward to seeing even more of you at next year's event!

Toni and Joanna

Our warmest thanks to the organisers, Joanna and Toni, for all their hard work in putting together another successful and most enjoyable evening. Very much appreciated by all.

BELL BULLETIN

Commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of Lancaster Bomber Crash

Join us on Tuesday, 4th March 2025, as we remember the tragic event that took place at 4pm on 4th March 1945, when a Lancaster bomber crashed into a lime tree in Church Lane, resulting in the loss of all 8 crew members.

The Edith Weston bell ringers will ring in honour of those lost, with a roll of honour to be read by a relative of one of the crewmen. We invite you to gather with us at the church from 3:50pm to pay your respects and commemorate this solemn occasion.



Additionally, you can learn more about bell ringing, especially at Edith Weston, by reading an article in the Rutland Times, featuring a visit from journalist Suzanne on 17th January, where she experienced a peal and gained insight into the world of bell ringing.

Bell ringing is not only a significant tradition but also a wonderful way to meet new people and engage both mentally and physically. If you're interested in trying your hand at ringing, please contact Tracey Lawson: 07761 310720.

We hope to see you on 4th March as we honour the memory of those who served and lost their lives.

Edith Weston Village Hall 100 Club

Congratulations to the winners in March:

£30 Mrs Hooper £20 Miss Gray £10 Mr & Mrs Walling
£10 gift voucher for the village shop kindly donated by Helen & Andy – Mrs Moss

NWhileman is the lucky winner of the snowball prize of £40.

EMPINGHAM

News from St Peter's Church

Rutland Concert Band Spring Concert Saturday 22nd of March 7:30pm:
Empingham Church has the honour of hosting Rutland Concert Band's Spring Concert. The band has 50 performers playing popular classical and film score music. It will be a magnificent opportunity to listen to all of the woodwind instruments, clarinets, oboes, flutes, saxophones, as well as many Brass instruments, all alongside a full percussion ensemble. Something for all ages! Suggested donation £10 on the door. Cash bar, with soft drinks available. All proceeds to the maintenance and running cost of St Peter's Church Empingham.

Church Annual Meeting.

This will take place in the church on Tuesday 8th April at 7.00 pm for the election of Churchwardens and reports of the years activities.

From the Church Registers

We offer our condolences to the family of Josephine "Laureen" Wing, who died on 14th January 2025. A service to celebrate her life was held on 13th February 2025.

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

Empingham Garden Club

Our talk this month is about Hedgehogs in the garden by Ruth Williams. I'm sure we will find this fascinating and will encourage them into our gardens. We meet at The Cricket Club Monday 24th March at 7.30. Do come and join us.

Activities at Empingham Methodist Church

Minster: Rev Bekkie Wright, 01778422258 revbekkiewright@gmail.com

SERVICES DURING MARCH 2025

SUNDAY 2nd 10.45am Rev Bekkie Wright including Holy Communion

9th 10.45am CAFÉ CHURCH with Chris Pursehouse

16th 4pm TEA TIME CHURCH with Rev Bekkie Wright

23rd 10.45am Morning Worship with Mr Iain Cameron

30th 10.45am CAFÉ CHURCH Phil Jones

6th April 10.45am Rev William Booker

MONDAY. 2 - 4pm. POST OFFICE Refreshments and second-hand books on sale. Photocopying and laminating will be available.

THURSDAY. 10.30 – 12 noon. £1 per family TODDLER/BABY & PARENT GROUP during term time.

LENT GROUPS start on TUESDAY 4th March at 10.30am at Empingham Methodist Church over 5 weeks. 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March and 1st April. The study will be lead by the Rev Bekkie Wright and Mr Phil Jones. Everyone welcome.

SOUP LUNCH for Christian Aid on 8th APRIL from 12 noon at Empingham Methodist Church
Eileen Ray 01780 460676.

Empingham Village (Audit) Hall

Village Breakfast. We would like to welcome everyone to join us for Breakfast in the Audit Hall on Saturday, 15 March 2025 from 09.15am to 11.00am.

A time to meet with friends and connect with neighbours while enjoying a delicious, cooked breakfast!

Adults £6.00, children £3.00. – and we will cater for gluten free and vegetarians. We do hope to see you all.

Mini Ernie. The breakfast mentioned above will also be the last chance to subscribe for this year's Mini Ernie.

We need new members to join to keep this running and comply with the Lottery Regulations. Details and an application form are on the website at the link <http://audithall.empingham.life/ernie.shtml>

Payments can be made direct to our bank account, or by cash or cheque to me at 15 Willoughby Drive or at the breakfast. Only £12 a year to support the Village Hall and have a chance of winning cash prizes.

Empingham Cricket and Social 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 Sunday lunchtimes.

Please see Facebook for up-to-date details concerning opening times and other events.

Cricket is now finished for the season

Special Events

A live music night will be held on Saturday 1st March.

The annual beer festival to coincide with the final weekend of the 6 nations rugby will be held from 12th to 16th March. A sports quiz will be held on Thursday 13th and there will be live music on Friday 14th. On super Saturday Kura Kura will be at the club offering take away. Sunday will be “mop up” day and finals of pool tournament

The AGM will be held on Sunday 13th April at 12.00

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 exiting membership of Empingham Cricket and Social Club please visit the link [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

Bowls Club

Empingham Bowls Club will be holding a Coffee Morning between 10am and 12 noon on Tuesday 15th April 2025, 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 Garden Club

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Girls Night Out

Thursday, March 20th at 3.30 pm. By this stage in March, spring should be showing and it might be warmer. We might even have primroses.

Come and enjoy a spring tea, with a selection of teas and cake. If you have any unusual tea to share, or interesting teacups, pots or caddies, do bring them along. Crocket Cottage, Empingham

Mens Shed

On Tuesday 25th March the Men's Shed will host a performance at the Cricket & Social Club by our local all-male A cappella group, Millstone Grit. They will perform a selection of their folk/world music, and all are welcome. For non-members there is an entry charge of £5 which will be donated to Millstone Grit.

Following their performance, and a chance to refill glasses at the bar, the Men's Shed will hold their AGM. This will include a review of the year's activities and achievements, and the election of officers for the year 2025/26.

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The Men's Shed has been meeting for 7 years. In that time we have had presentations on a wide range of topics. Recently these have included the work of Medicines sans Frontiers, of a local magistrate, the state of farming in Empingham and what it was like to row across the Atlantic. We have heard the life histories of our members, made visits to RAF Wittering and the Bedford Observatory, and we have sub-groups working on local projects such as the village history display.

If you are interested in joining us, please come to the AGM or to one of our monthly meetings, or contact bobwillars@sky.com

Allotment Association

Now is exactly the right time to begin with a new allotment plot. If you are keen to find out more, please contact us on empingham.allotments@gmail.com or phone 01780 460539

Empingham Together

Don't forget! If your Parish Magazine is not with you, you can always check out local activities at the website empingham.life and look at 'What's on When'.

LYNDON

SPRING CLEAN!

Saturday, 8th March 10.30am -12.30pm Willing workers wanted please with own rakes and binbags to help tidy up Lyndon Churchyard, and pathways. A light lunch after at Courtyard Cottage please let Ginny HB know if you can help.

ginnynhball@gmail.com

07539729829

MANTON

MANTON VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB Winning numbers for February 2025. **£20:** 27 Morag Topham **£10:** 116 Margaret Kennedy **£10:** 95 Dave Bowden **£5:** 47 Anne Cowan **£5:** 20 David Ellis. 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.

DOUBLE THANK YOU - BRIDGE TEA and SAFARI SUPPER 2025

Thank you to all who helped, baked and played in the Bridge Tea on Feb 5th this year. It was a huge success and raised £1,400. Thank you also to all those who supported the Safari Supper on Feb 8th. We raised £1,000. Both amounts will go towards the cleaning and refurbishment of the organ.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

LENT LUNCHESES

Wednesday 5 March 12.30-2pm for 7 weeks to Wednesday 16 April - Manton Village Hall

£6 for Homemade Soup, Bread , Fruit, Tea/Coffee. All profits will go to Save the Children to support children all over the world caught up in wars, natural disasters and famine.

If you can offer to make a large pan of soup that would be most gratefully received.

Contact to let me know what you can make and which date suits you best. Also, if you are able to help serve on the day or run the Lunch for a week, that would also be very much appreciated. Anne (737503)

PRAYER and BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Thursday 6 March 2025 1.50pm for 2.00pm

We meet on the first Thursday of the month. Venues vary. Currently we are looking at the Psalms.

Anyone who wishes to join the group should contact Anne Cowan (01572737503)

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 13 March 2025 10.30am-12.00 noon

At the home of Sue Shepherd 14a, Priory Rd, Manton.

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

FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 10 April 2025 – 10.30am-12.00 noon

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

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

FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received.

EASTER in MANTON

Saturday 19 April 10am-12pm.....Decorate the church for Easter.

Come and help to create the Easter Garden, arrange flowers, hear the Easter story, join in Easter crafts and take part in an Easter Egg Hunt. Everyone of all ages very welcome. **FREE** – Coffee, squash and Hot Cross Buns

Sunday 20 April EASTER DAYHoly Communion at 11am with Rev James Muggleton

NORTH LUFFENHAM

This month the **Good Companions Club** enjoyed a very informative talk by local resident, Simon Browning, on all things eyes. As an optometrist, Simon is passionate about the importance of eye health and he was able to give the group some very interesting facts and information on how important eye tests are and keeping them healthy.

For March, we are very excited to be hosting Alison and Ruth from Stamford Sights and Secrets Tours, who will be giving us a Guide's view of Burghley House and William Cecil. There will be lots of interesting facts to learn about this wonderful house and its history.

If you would like to join us we meet at North Luffenham Community Centre on the first Wednesday of each month, between 2pm and 4pm. We'd love to see you there.

For further information, please speak to Jason Allen (07773 396153) or Alison Gibson (07769 322551).

North Luffenham Monthly Parish Magazine delivery

For many years every house in the village has received a monthly copy of the Parish Magazine thanks to a small army of volunteer distributors who deliver to a set 25 or so properties.

Individual circumstances have led to a number of the distributors having to step down from this monthly commitment and there are now 4 or 5 gaps that urgently need filling. If you can set aside half an hour a month to deliver approx. 25 magazines, please get in touch with the new distribution co-ordinator Nic Merrett on **07801 983530**. He would be very pleased to hear from you. Thank you!

North Luffenham Good Neighbour Scheme (NLGNS) What is it all about?

The North Luffenham Good Neighbour Scheme (NLGLS) uses volunteers from the village of North Luffenham to provide help for anyone in our Parish who needs assistance.

What kind of help?

Occasional Transport to one-off appointments at the various local hospitals, doctors, opticians or dentists. (there is a mileage cost based on return journeys eg : Stamford £7, Oakham £7.50p Empingham Surgery £4 Peterborough £16.)

Collection of prescription. We can provide regular prescription collection days throughout the month, so give us a call to arrange your collection.

Help with pets. In the event of an emergency or illness, we can provide short term help with your pets. If you are ill or if the weather is too bad for you to venture out, give us a call.

One-off tidy of your garden. If you have been ill and your garden has got on top of you, we can help with a one-off tidy to get it back under control.

Form filling. We can provide help with writing letters or reading to people with visual impairment or the use of email and the internet

Practical support following injury/surgery. If you need any kind of help whilst recuperating from illness, give us a call and we will try and help.

Who can use the North Luffenham Good Neighbour Scheme?

Everyone in the village or the Parish of North Luffenham. The service is open to anyone who doesn't have someone around to help in times of need or who doesn't have access to a car.

How much does it cost? The only cost is for petrol, parking and materials. All other services are **free**. Donation envelopes are available should anyone wish to contribute to the running costs of the Scheme

Is it safe? All our volunteers have been checked by the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) and are fully insured. A volunteer will carry photographic ID that will be produced and the name of the individual will be given to you during the phone call with the volunteer coordinator.

How does it work ?

Just call: **07825 697841**

A coordinator will arrange for one of our registered volunteers to help. The coordinator will then phone you back to confirm who will be calling and at what time. The coordinator will be taking calls between 8am and 8pm each day. Be prepared to leave a message...

Can you volunteer?

The North Luffenham Good Neighbour Scheme is always very happy to receive enquiries about additional volunteers - please use the scheme number 07825 697841 to register your interest in joining as a volunteer driver / scheme phone holder / and more..

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Annual General Meeting of the NLGNS will take place on **FRIDAY 7th March at 7.00pm** in the Den in the FOX pub. All existing volunteers are warmly encouraged to attend if possible, and of course any new potential volunteers wishing to find out more are most welcome.

PRESTON

PRESTON PCC VACANCY

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join Preston's PCC (Parochial Church Council). We meet four times a year to discuss how we can maintain our beautiful church and to grow our church community. Last year we held three very successful events in the village to raise funds for the church and to engage with the wider village community. We have ideas for this year too and would welcome anyone who shares our vision. There are two vacancies so if you would like to find out more please contact Mel Grimley, Anne Nicholls, Mark Edmondson Jones, Rachel Burkitt or Angela Edmondson-Jones.

BENEFICE MAGAZINE

Is there anyone out there who would like to help collect the news for the Benefice Magazine? A vacancy has occurred as Angela Edmondson-Jones has taken on the responsibility of treasurer co-ordinator for the PCC. The role involves receiving village news once a month by email and sending it to Alice Hill who puts the magazine together. The magazine plays a vital role in keeping us all informed of the exciting events going on in the village and the wider benefice! For more information contact Angela on

angela.ej@btinternet.com/07983_045596

The future of the Benefice Magazine is currently being considered and we'd be interested to hear your views. Do you read the magazine? Would you read it online? Do you have ideas for how it could be improved? Please contact Angela Edmondson-Jones with any ideas: angela.ej@btinternet.com Thank you

CRAFT GROUP

The craft group meets in the Church on the 3rd Friday of each month (2.30 pm), except for December and this year April (Good Friday). Everyone welcome (whether 'crafty' or not). It's a fun afternoon.

If you'd like to know more, please get in touch: Sylvia 07765 696149

COFFEE MORNING

The March monthly coffee morning is on **Saturday 1st March** 10 till 12 in the Village Hall.

Everyone welcome.

Angela Edmondson-Jones is running in the London Marathon and donations will go to her charity, Children with Cancer UK. Angela can also be sponsored through JustGiving: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/angela-edmondson-jones-1727865594988> Thank you!

CHURCH UPDATE

Our church starts the new year in a stronger position than last year thanks to the support we have received following the event at Preston Hall in October last year to launch the Parish Giving Scheme.

We are extremely grateful for the generous offers of help to clean the church and mow the churchyard which will result in considerable savings. Adding to that, the generous donations we received have swelled the coffers which is an answer to prayer!

Grateful thanks are also given to regular givers. If possible, it would be helpful if you could pay monthly donations through the Parish Giving Scheme as this will help the church to meet rising costs and manage and forecast income. It also makes it easier for us to process and collect Gift Aid. We would also welcome any new regular givers!

For more information on the Parish giving scheme and to sign up visit: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/preston-st-peter-and-st-paul-preston/> or scan the QR code. (Paper forms are also available from church.)

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The Church Representation Rules require that every 6 years a completely new electoral roll is prepared for each parish.

Being on the Church Electoral Roll is a way of demonstrating your willingness to help shape the future of the Church, not just locally, but nationally and even internationally. It also enables you to participate and vote in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Look out for the notice in the front porch. Paper applications are available in the church or electronic copies can be used. Please contact Mel Grimley (mel.grimley@live.co.uk) for further information.

PRESTON CHURCH APCM

The Preston Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Tuesday 1st April at 7pm in the village hall. 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. (These are in addition to the two PCC vacancies noted above.) All residents of Preston are welcome.

CLEANING PRESTON CHURCH

We are very grateful to Caroline and Heather who have kindly offered to clean our lovely church each month to keep it looking wonderful for congregation and visitors alike.

It means it's time to say a big thank you to all those ladies in the village who have been cleaning and, in recent years, keeping a monthly eye on things to support our regular cleaner.

We shall still be needing offers of help to do 'specials' e.g. cleaning the brass or for a 'deep clean' morning. Please do let Kay Waterworth know 01572 737339 or waterworthkay@gmail.com if you are happy to be added to this list.

FILM NIGHT

Film night at the village hall: Thursday 13th March - film starts at 7.30 pm.

This is a free event, but please bring your own refreshments.

Film choice will be posted on WhatsApp nearer the time.

PRESTON VILLAGE HALL – CASSEROLE BY CANDLELIGHT

This year's Casserole by Candlelight evening will be held on Saturday March 22nd at 7pm

Choice of delicious homemade casseroles and puddings.

Tickets £20 (includes entry into our prize draw raffle)

Please bring your own drinks as this is not a licensed event. If you would like attend as a group, we will reserve space at the tables for you.

All proceeds to go towards the running costs of the village hall.

PRESTON LENT LUNCH

This will be held on Saturday 5th April between 11.30am and 1.30pm in the Village Hall, replacing our monthly coffee morning.

We shall be serving a selection of homemade soups, cheese, fruit, chutneys, bread, coffee and tea and would ask for a minimum donation of £5 pp as all the proceeds will go to a national charity. All are welcome. Do bring your friends. Any offers of help gratefully received by Kay Waterworth 01572 737339.

CHURCH FLOWERS

We are grateful to all those who help by providing and arranging flowers in our church so faithfully over the year but especially to those who give their time and talents at busy times of year, including Pilar Garzon Tellez and Jane Micklethwait at Christmas.

We thank Jane Willis, and Emma Brown, our flowers coordinator, for looking after the weeks leading up to Lent during which there will be no flowers until Easter is celebrated.

RIDLINGTON

FOOD BANK COLLECTION - Wednesday, 5th March

Please continue to give generously - UHT milk and juice, washing up liquid, pump hand soap requested.

WORLD BOOK DAY - Thursday, 6th March

Choose a book to borrow or buy from the wide selection of books available in the church:

New this month - a biography of Queen Anne by David Green - thoroughly researched but quite heavy going. Ditto for the novel "News from Nowhere" by William Morris - now known for his designs - his view of an ideal society where all work should be creative and pleasurable. Also available, "Fatality in Fleet Street", another of the Sprigg novels about crime reporter Charles Venables - well plotted and with plenty of clues as befits a 1930's crime novel.

ELECTORAL ROLL RENEWAL - contact Debra Thatcher for more information

LITTER PICK - Saturday, 15th March

Meet at 3 Main Street at 10:30. Please let Debra Thatcher know if you are able to help as part of The Great British Spring Clean - as Keep Britain Tidy says eliminate litter, end waste and improve places. Light lunch provided.

THE LONGEST YARN - Sunday, 16th March

A trip to Peterborough to view the 80 knitted and crocheted panels depicting the D-Day Landings. Car share may be possible. Lunch available in Peterborough. Please let Debra Thatcher know if you wish to attend.

GLOBAL RECYCLING DAY - Tuesday, 18th March

A reminder that recycling protects natural resources, saves energy and combats climate change. Even better - don't buy it in the first place

TALKING GARDENS – TALKING LAWNS - 8th March

Looking out your window on these dreary winter days and wondering how best to deal with your lawn as Spring is just around the corner? Or better yet

create a small lawn feature in your garden?

Well ponder no further; we have been fortunate to find an expert on lawns who would like to share his knowledge on how to improve and maintain a great lawn. Better still how to deal with those niggling problems we all face... moss, thatch, dry patches. How and when to feed, seed and control those weeds. How to refresh, scarify, and aerate.

If you want to find out more, then why not come and join us for what will be a very informative but informal hour. Come charged with your questions, so we can have a lively exchange of the issues we all undoubtedly come up against. So where is it and when?

Saturday, March 8th 2025 - 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Village Hall, Main Street, Ridlington

Light refreshments will be available

£5.00 pp - payment to be received by March 1st (we will come around to collect)

As spaces are limited, please could you confirm back, as soon as possible, if you would like to attend by emailing - talking.gardens@btinternet.com
We do hope to see you there.

MONTHLY WALK -Friday, 21st March

To celebrate the International Day of Forests, an excursion to Prior's Coppice. Meet at the church at 10:00. Please let Debra know if you will attend.

VILLAGE HALL:

COFFEE MORNINGS all 10.30 – 12noon:

Friday 23rd May, Friday 18th July, Friday 26th September

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

We had a good Parish Council meeting on Wednesday. The next one in May is also the Parish AGM. It would be lovely to see as many people as possible. The village website has been updated, including news about working with Andrew Johnson and Giles Clifton, our ward councillors, to get information from the County which is relevant to the village and which can be passed onto everyone, as appropriate. Adam Petit – Chair

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.

WING

Flowers until Lent: Jeffy Wood. Brass: Wendy Dalton

The **WI Meeting** on Thursday 13th March will be a Pancakes and Plonk evening starting at 7pm in Wing Village Hall.

Visitors are most welcome. For other information about Wing WI please contact Judith [01572 737761](tel:01572737761) quilt9@gmail.com or Jane [01572 737324](tel:01572737324) janegilmore7@gmail.com.

The **100 Club Draw** took place at coffee morning on 6 February 2025 where the following winners numbers were drawn.

1st 81 Helen Eskdale. 2nd 3 Jonathon Beaver. 3rd 30 Adrian Cox

WING CRAFT GROUP

The group meets on Wednesday mornings 10 am -12 pm, in Wing Village Hall. Each attendee is asked to pay £1.50 and this is paid to the Village Hall. We take some craft with us or just have a chit-chat! A few of the group are very talented so if you have an item you need help to finish, one of the members will be happy to help. If you are interested, do pop in and join the fun!



ADVANCE NOTICE
CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO TV COMMITMENTS

Wing Village Hall in conjunction with
Live & Local and Hambledon Productions present

Just Like That! The Tommy Cooper Show

Saturday April 26, 2025 @ 7.30pm
Tickets £12.50 from 01572 737394

The Wing Village Fat Tuesday Committee invites you to our first

MARDI GRAS PARTY*

Wing Village Hall, Friday March 7th at 7pm

Welcome cocktail and canapés

New Orleans-themed 3 course dinner

by Sara Mcallister

Live music and dancing from 10pm

Selection of Wines, Beer and Fizz available to pre-order

Text or WhatsApp 07850 138156 to book
tickets £40 per person

***DRESS FOR A PARTY, MASK OPTIONAL!**



Save the date **Monday Bank Holiday May 26th** - a Wing Village Happening - more details to follow! Look out for more information on the village email and join everyone for this joint Village Hall and Church event.

	2nd March Sunday next before Lent	9th March First Sunday of Lent	16th March Second Sunday of Lent	23rd March Third Sunday of Lent	30th March Mothering Sunday
Edith Weston				9.30am Please see church noticeboard or contact churchwarden	
Empingham	10.00am All Age Service		11.00am Holy Communion		
Lyndon	11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer			
Manton		9.30am All Age Church		11.00am Holy Communion by Extension with Christobel Price	
North Luffenham			9.30am Breakfast Church	9.30am Holy Communion if possible, see churchwardens or church notice board	
Pilton					
Preston	11.00am The Meeting Place	11am Holy Communion to be confirmed Please see noticeboard.		4.00pm Evening Prayer	
Ridlington	9.30am Morning Prayer			4.00pm Quiet Contemplative Service	
Whitwell			11.00am Morning Prayer		
Wing	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Morning Prayer		9.30am Morning Prayer Led Michael Ellard	9.30am Holy Communion led by Archdeacon Alison Booker

Ash Wednesday 5th March Holy Communion in Wing Church at 6.30pm

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