

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

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The Season Of Creation

As we enter the month of September, many churches will spend some time focusing on the wonders of creation, with Harvest Festivals or other types of service. For some time now, the Church of England has named the period between 1st September and 4th October as Creationtide, or the Season of Creation, where we can give thanks to God for his gift to us in creation. It was good to witness an uplifting in the recent meeting of General Synod, where further liturgical resources were discussed.

As well as giving thanks to God, this period of time provides us with an opportunity to recommit ourselves to care for all that God has made. As a Diocese, we share in the commitment of the Church of England to become net carbon zero by 2030, an ambitious target, but one that is very important, and reminds us of the fifth Mark of Mission, 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth'. Maybe this is a month when you might like to think afresh about you can do to help reach the target.

I am so encouraged to hear of churches that are engaging with Eco Church and delight that we now have some 'gold churches' amongst us. What an example they are!

Amongst the resources for Creationtide on the Church of England website, I came across this beautiful passage:

In every acorn
there is the potential for a forest;
In every apple pip
there is the potential for an orchard;
In every soul
there is the potential for your kingdom
to be established;
full of joy and peace and love.
Lord, may your kingdom come
in us and in all your creation.

May this be our prayer

+ Debbie

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‘For Rutland’ is a fundraising group of Citizens Advice Rutland

GOLF FOR RUTLAND

Enjoy your golf? Fancy playing and raising funds for a good cause at the same time? If the answer is yes, then sign up to play in the annual **Golf For Rutland** competition at the **Rutland Water Golf Course** on **Wednesday the 10th of September.**

The event is a team competition and is a great day – and evening – for players, partners and guests alike, as there is a two-course dinner afterwards with prize giving, a raffle and an auction. The main sponsor is Taylor & Baines of Oakham but there are plenty of other opportunities to support this great cause. Enter a team or sponsor a hole, or donate via the links below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/forrutland>
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/forrutland/>

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	<p>After being inspired by 'The Longest Yarn' a friend & I had the mad idea of doing our own version within the Rutland Water Benefice. Slight issue: my friend doesn't knit!</p> <p>If you can sew, crosstitch, knit, crochet, sculpt, paint, do amazing things with wood or metal or any other type of crafting; come and join us for a chat on Tuesday, 9th September at 7pm - 8pm in Nth Luffenham Church.</p> <p>The theme will be the Rutland Water Benefice and the 10 villages within it. On the evening we can decide on the overall plan and let it evolve with the aim to have a garden party to display our fantastic works late next year.</p> <p>Nobody is too old or too young. Everybody is welcome.</p>	
		
		
	<p>If you are interested, please call Caroline on 07977 242783 to find out more or just turn up on the evening. Lifts can be organised just let me know.</p>	

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SAVE THE DATE - Bridge Lunch - SAVE THE DATE

Wing Village Hall Social team are excited to host a Bridge Lunch on Tuesday 25th November 10am onwards at Wing Village Hall. Contact h.eskdale@hotmail.co.uk for more information

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.

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For more information

Email : edithwestonvillageshop@gmail.com 01780 722164

EDITH WESTON HARVEST SERVICE

Our Harvest Service is this month on **Sunday 28th September at 9.30am** led by Canon Vyv Wainwright. It will be Holy Communion by Extension.

Please bring along any fresh produce on the morning of **Saturday 27th** to enhance decorating the church for harvest. Thank you.

EDITH WESTON'S HARVEST SUPPER

Thursday **2nd October** 2025 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall

Limited tickets will be available from Edith Weston Village Store at £20 per person to include a Glass of Fizz on arrival and Supper. Tickets available to purchase from 1st September.

There will also be a Cash Wine Bar, a Raffle and local produce, plus cakes and preserves for sale. Donations needed, please bring to the hall during the afternoon if possible.

We will have a collection point for Rutland Foodbank, tins, packets and toiletries especially welcome.

Monies raised will be donated to St Marys Church.

We look forward to seeing you at this popular fundraising event.



BELL BULLETIN



On Saturday 10th August the bells were rung by an all Edith Weston Villagers band to celebrate the baptism of Christopher Malcolm Lane-Ley, who smiled all the way through the whole proceedings.

The bells are still undergoing regular maintenance. Over the past month the spider rope pulley has been cleaned to enable it to run more smoothly. The spider is a piece of wood shaped like a spider onto which the bell ropes hang to then be raised up to the ceiling for safety when the bells are not being used. Furthermore the slapboard for bell 2 has been secured and a new-rope guide fitted as well as the slapboard for bell 5 being secured.

All this hard work has been done voluntarily by Tower Captain Tracey and her husband Gus. Their ongoing maintenance of the bells to guarantee that they can be rung in Edith Weston is greatly appreciated..

We are also delighted to announce that on Saturday, November 29th as part of the Christmas Fayre, guests will be able to experience bell ringing firsthand under supervision. Do make a note in your diaries and come along to the Village Hall and the church.

If you have a significant event such as a special birthday or anniversary and would like the bells to ring please let Tracy Lawson know on the number below.

Bell ringing is not only a significant tradition but also a wonderful way to meet new people and engage both mentally and physically. Practices are held in the church on Monday evenings 7pm – 8.30pm. If you're interested in trying your hand at ringing, please call Tracey Lawson at 07761 310

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TOMMY'S CLOSE- EDITH WESTON RECREATION GROUND DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday **18th October** 2pm

Join us at Tommy's Close Official Opening.

We are delighted that Julia Bradbury will be at Tommy's Close on 18th October to officially open our playground and multi- surface.

We would like to thank all those that have contributed to the project and made it possible.

Hope to see you there.

Tommy's Close Trustees

Tommy's Talk- Roman Lifestyles in Rural Rutland: Further Excavations at the Ketton Villa

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY. Thursday **13th November** 7.00pm

Edith Weston Village Hall

Edith Weston Fundraising Committee are delighted to welcome back John Thomas MA MCifA, project manager of the Rutland Villa Project.

John Thomas is Deputy Director of ULAS and is returning to Edith Weston to provide updates about this most exciting and fascinating of projects.

Tickets: £10.00 with complimentary wine or soft drink available from Edith Weston Village Shop from Saturday 1st November.

EDITH WESTON CHRISTMAS FAYRE

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday **29th November** 10.30am

The Fundraisers of Edith Weston are delighted to announce that the fabulous Christmas Fayre is back on Saturday 29th November from 10.30 am - 3.00pm. Our fayre is a wonderful way for everyone to get into the Christmas spirit.

Many Rutland artisans, and crafters are joining us to bring early seasonal Christmas cheer, just under a month away from the big day.

Come and join us to find the perfect Christmas gifts, have a hot drink, mince pie or perhaps a mulled wine or two.

There will be beautiful arts and crafts, children's books and clothes, fresh produce, Christmas wreaths, a spectacular raffle and children's festive activities.

Our 2025 fayre is bigger than before with extra stalls at the village hall and in the church where we'll also host a bell-ringing experience. **MORE ON p21**

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EDITH WESTON continued

Christmas Fayre

So much work is going on behind the scenes to make this a fabulous festive fayre for all the family to enjoy.

Save the date and come and join in the festive fun. We can't wait to see you there! Edith Weston Fundraising Committee

All proceeds from the event go to our three village charities- St Mary's Church, the Village Hall and Tommy's Close Recreation Ground.

Rutland Ride and Stride

WE NEED YOU 🙌 Remember to sign up or to volunteer

Details and forms are available from **Sarah Lunn 07502 437700**

Edith Weston Village Hall 100 Club

Congratulations to the winners in September:

£30. Mrs P Duerden. £20. Mrs C Stafford £10. Mrs J Stuttard

£10 gift voucher for the village shop kindly donated by Helen & Andy – Mrs T
Page There is no snowball prize winner this month

EMPINGHAM

News from St Peter's Church

St Peter's is awaiting its Quinquennial review at the end of August and much has been sorted and updated in readiness for the visit.

Ride and Stride

Do please let me know if you are willing and/or able to participate in the Ride & Stride day on Saturday 13th September in aid of Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust. We need cyclists, electric cyclists, riders on horseback and walkers to participate! Also it would be marvellous if any of you have an hour or two in the day to welcome our visitors to St Peter's and record their visit.

Contact details from Tarn Dearden – tarndearden@gmail.com or 07802 695510

Village Coffee Morning

Why not interrupt your morning routine and come along to the Village Coffee Morning which is held every Wednesday between 10.30am - 12 noon in St Peter's Church.

You will be made very welcome and it's the perfect opportunity to enjoy delicious cake and socialise with new and old friends.

ACTIVITIES AT EMPINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Minster: Rev Bekkie Wright, 07355981564

Revbekkiewright@gmail.com

SERVICES DURING SEPTEMBER 2025

7th 10.45 am Morning Worship with Richard Bailey

14th 4pm Tea Time Church with Rev Bekkie Wright – A service for young families

21st 10.45am HARVEST THANKSGIVING – Phil Jones – HARVEST LUNCH follows the service. Non-Perishable Gifts for Oakham Food Bank and Monetary Offering for UNICEF Emergency Appeal for GAZA CHILDREN will be gratefully received

28th 10.45am CAFÉ CHURCH with Rev Paul Cockburn – including Holy Communion

1st MONDAY in the month – a LUNCH CLUB – 1 pm.

Other MONDAY'S - 2 -4pm - Refreshments- Tea, Coffee, Cold drinks & CAKE & BISCUITS and Second-hand books on sale. Photocopying and laminating available & BOARD GAMES or just Chatting with others.

MOBILE POST OFFICE SERVICE on a TUESDAY from 2.15pm till 3.45 pm. At the village pub The Twisted Trout. Please support your COMMUNITY POST OFFICE or LOSE IT.

THURSDAY'S. - TODDLER GROUP STARTS SEPTEMBER 4th 2025 10.30 – 12 noon.

More details Eileen Ray 01780 460676

Empingham Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan

Are you interested in the neighbourhood plan?

A meeting has been arranged on the 24th September 2025 at The Audit Hall starting at 7pm prompt.

We hope to have in attendance our ward councillors one of which has been through the process himself.

Please do come along if you can and you would like to help us progress this forward! Hayley Canham Vice Chair - EPC

Barbara's Store

Monday - Friday 7am - 5pm Saturday 8am - 12 noon

Sunday 9am - 12 noon

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Email: barbaras.store@hotmail.co.uk

Empingham Village (Audit) Hall

You're invited to "Breakfast in the Audit Hall" – returning by popular demand!

Saturday, 20 September - 9:15am – 11:00am

We're delighted to be hosting another breakfast in the Audit Hall so please come and enjoy a delicious, cooked breakfast while catching up with friends and neighbours.

Tickets: Adults: £6.00 Under 12's: £3.00

Vegetarian and gluten-free options available. We look forward to welcoming you – don't miss it!

Mini Ernie Draw No 9

1st	£20	173	Andrew Jennings	2nd	£15	95	Nick Meyrick
3rd	£10	49	Ian Ray				

Empingham Together

An autumn fund-raiser for St. Peter's Church will be a wine tasting evening in the Audit Hall on Friday, 10th October, presented by Shekletons Wine Company of Stamford. Further information and tickets are now available from Jayne Roland at jlroland@btinternet.com

Empingham Garden Club

Empingham Garden Group's next meeting is Monday September 22nd at the Cricket Club at 7pm.

Talk by Joe Whitehead, Head Gardener for Burghley House

“All about the improvements made in the Gardens”

Mens Shed

On Tuesday the 30th September the Men's Shed will meet at the Cricket & Social club for a talk by Ruth Gibbsmith.

Ruth from the UK Men's Shed Association (UKMSA) will be joining us to talk about the benefits of Men's Sheds, the history of the movement, and what is happening across the UK in Sheds at the moment. She'll also answer questions about Men's Sheds, and about the UKMSA.

The 'Men's Shed' meet monthly in the Cricket & Social Club, for informal talks, discussions and to plan visits – over a pint (or a coffee).

'The Shed' is open to all - regardless of age, background or ability, although it is primarily aimed at men who have retired or are winding down their careers. It provides us with an opportunity to share our knowledge, interests and stories with others, to apply these to the benefit of the village community, and in doing so to develop new friendships.

In essence, the Men's Shed helps keep its members physically, mentally and socially active, and to make Empingham a special community.

Although our discussions and talks are our primary activities, more recently members of the Men's Shed have created project teams working on practical projects. We have created a life-size nativity tableau, which has become a regular feature in the village throughout December. Our wood-working group make and sell a range of useful objects, while another group created a visual display of the history of Empingham, currently on display in the church.

New members are always welcome. Just come along to our next meeting – normally held at 7.30 on the last Tuesday of the month. Our meetings are advertised in the Parish Magazine.

Contact Bob Willars (bobwillars@sky.com) for further details.

LYNDON

THE LYNDON FETE on 3rd August.

A big thank you to all the wonderful people who helped at our Fete, lending their tents, manning the stalls, serving the delicious burgers & hot dogs, teas, the Beer & Pimm's bar, the games, races and dog show. Madame Waffle waffled for 4 hours nonstop with her fortune telling, thank you. Special thanks to Andy and Julie who ran the very popular Bar, and Don and Olwen who strictly manned the Entrance and all threw themselves into the spirit of the day.

The Corby Silver Band, the bell ringers and the Morris Dancers gave their time so generously and ensured a traditional and jolly atmosphere.

A truly memorable, fun day and a huge community effort.

Our star guest Craig Revel Horwood cut quite the dash opening the Fete and judging the large entry of Fab-u-lous hats in his gold sequinned sparkly jacket. Mixing and mingling all afternoon Craig was so generous with his time and the endless photos and selfies both adults and children requested.

The amount raised for Lyndon church from the Fete will be £2300 including donations.

All those who attended will agree it was a massive 10 for Lyndon.

Thank you from Ginny, Jonathan and Tessa.

And a very big **thank you from Lyndon PCC** to Ginny Heathcote Ball for her wonderful idea of a village fete to raise money for the church and, together with Tessa and Jonathan, in organising the event. An amazing amount of money was raised for the Church Fabric Fund, which will be a huge help in dealing with the ongoing problems of looking after our 14th century building.

MANTON

MANTON VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB Winning numbers for August 2025. **£20:** 40 Kathy Reynolds

£10: 57 Anne Valiente **£10:** 67 Oliver Bochenek **£5:** 31 Hugh & Emma Burnaby-Atkins **£5:** 80 Val Carroll. 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 for supporting the Summer Concerts in the church. We raised approximately £500 in total for Church Funds.

MANTON PARISH COUNCIL

We currently have vacancies for 3 Parish Councillors and are keen to speak to anybody who may be interested in participating in the smooth running of the village. The Parish Website (mantonparish.org.uk) has a link to the Co-option pack which gives some information on the role and co-option process. Please speak to me or any of the Councillors for a general discussion of the opportunity. *Roger Hornby* (roger.hornby@mantonparish.org.uk)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE - MANTON VILLAGE HALL QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 29 November

The Manton Village Hall Quiz Night is back by popular demand so please make a note in your diary. Further details to follow in October magazine.

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 11 September - 10.30 am- 12.00pm

At the home of Susan Shepherd 14A, Priory Road

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

FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 9 October - 10.30 am- 12.00pm

At the home of Judy Sharpe Oakham Grange Residential Home, Wheatfield Way, Oakham LE157UD

Any problems/lifts needed, please contact Anne Cowan (01572737503). We will need to share cars as parking is restricted.

FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received

RIDE and STRIDE

Saturday 13 September 10.00am - 6.00pm

Cycle/walk/horse ride/mobility scooter round as many churches as you want in Rutland between 10am and 6pm Sponsor Forms will be available from Anne Cowan (annecowan38@gmail.com). Would any **really keen cyclist** like to organise a team from the village to try and get round all 64 churches? A challenge, but it could be done! A prize for the quirkiest mode of transport. Certificates if you ride round 35+ churches or walk round 15+.

We will also need volunteers to man the church and sign the sponsor forms..please volunteer!!

NORTH LUFFENHAM

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 21st September at 9.30am All-Age Service

Sunday 28th September at 9.30am Holy Communion (by Extension))

Anyone 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 if often possible - please contact the magazine correspondent.

The Church is open daily - All are welcome to visit for private prayer.

Other news from the Benefice is included in this edition of the magazine.

St MARY & St JOHN CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL



North Luffenham extends the warmest of welcomes to Mrs Hannah Roddy as she takes up the exciting role as Headteacher of our primary school. Hannah writes :

I am delighted to be appointed the new Headteacher at St Mary and St John CEVA primary school. I have been in education for over 22 years, the last 5 1/2 years as a Headteacher and Executive Headteacher of

schools in Leicestershire. I started my teaching career in Rutland so it is very exciting to return!

I am looking forward to meeting and working within the North Luffenham community and can't wait to get started.

We are passionate about delivering a nurturing, well - rounded and enriching education for all of our children, in a beautiful setting. We will be running open days in the coming term but if you would like to come and see what we have to offer then please do contact the office

at office@northluffenham.rutland.sch.uk and I can arrange to show you round. We currently have space in all year groups.

I am hoping to share some of our news in each of these parish magazines going forward so watch this space...!

NORTH LUFFENHAM GARDEN CLUB

For North Luffenham Garden Club members the autumn programme starts again on Wednesday 10th September at 7pm. Russell Attwood, a crop science and soil expert will be speaking on 'Soil, more than dirt.'

Want to become involved with the Club? Email

northluffenhamgardenclub@gmail.com with your name, email and telephone contact details, plus where you live. You will then be added to the membership waiting list. Whilst on the list, we would be pleased to invite you to our events held in the larger premises, such as this September's meeting.

GOOD COMPANIONS

The Good Companions enjoy Sunshine, Tea, and Local History

This month, our village group, The Good Companions, gathered for a very special afternoon on The Oval. With warm sunshine beaming down, members enjoyed a delightful afternoon tea together, complete with homemade cakes, fresh sandwiches, and, of course, plenty of friendly conversation.

The Good Companions meet on the first Wednesday of every month to enjoy each other's company and share activities. Our events are always filled with laughter, friendship, and a welcoming spirit for anyone who wishes to join.

This month, we were treated to a fascinating talk from Catherine Bull, who spoke about her recently published book chronicling the history of The Fox – our much-loved village pub. Catherine shared wonderful stories from days gone by, bringing to life the characters, events, and changes that have shaped the pub over the years, dating back to 1806.

Copies of Catherine's book are available to purchase at The Fox for just £5, with all proceeds generously being donated to support The Good Companions. A huge thank you goes to Catherine for her generosity, not only for a wonderful book, but for giving her time and enthusiasm to a special place in our village.

We would like to thank Catherine for her engaging talk, as well as everyone who joined us for such a lovely afternoon. If you're looking for friendship, conversation, and a warm welcome, why not come along to our next gathering? You'll always find a seat at our table.

Next month we have Andy Ashwin giving a talk on dahlias, which will be very timely, as they are blooming beautifully now. It will be a great afternoon.

The FOX and its 10th ANNIVERSARY

Sunday 7th September - Uppingham Jazz and Soul Band from 2pm
Back by popular request, Uppingham Jazz and Soul Band as part of the Fox's 10th birthday celebrations. Relax in the sunshine (fingers crossed) and enjoy soulful grooves and upbeat numbers to get your toes tapping or even dancing shoes on. Great music, great company and great vibes. Feel free to bring along a chair, grab yourself a drink from the bar and pitch up on our patio. Normal Sunday lunch service for food also available, booking advisable by call us on 01780 720991.

A brief history of The Fox and the community it serves - Compiled by Catherine Bull, North Luffenham

Kindly compiled by Catherine of Glebe Road to mark 10 years of the pubs current stewardship, this booklet is a tribute to the social and family stories that give The Fox its enduring character. Catherine delved back into the past to uncover its quirks, drama's and charm as far back as 1808 and explored the role the pub played in village life over the past two centuries.

Booklets available for sale at The Fox £5 each - All proceeds to North Luffenham Good Companions.

RIDE and STRIDE - final call!

It is not too late to sign up!

The Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust will hold the event on Saturday 13th September. Cycle or walk in beautiful surroundings with the aim of visiting as many of the 64 churches in Rutland as you can. Open to all ages and whether you aim to visit 6 or all 64 churches, 50% of the funds you raise from your sponsors will go to your local parish church.

For more details contact the North Luffenham co-ordinator Liliane Coogan via email (liliane@btconnect.com)

PRESTON

Church Services in September September 7th I am The Meeting Place

We continue our study within St Mark, getting to know Jesus, who he was, what he did and what he said through someone who was with him through his ministry. It's never too late to join us. Each study is complete within itself, and we are pleased to welcome everyone. Good company with coffee and cake.

September 14th NO SERVICE

September 21st I am Harvest Festival

Join us to celebrate and give thanks for this very special time of year.

September 28th 5pm Evening Prayer

To be led by Rev Stephen Gamble from Barrowden.

A quiet reflective and contemplative service which we share in the Chancel, following the service from the prayer book

We look forward to seeing you.

FOODBANK COLLECTIONS

We still have our village box in the church porch which is regularly emptied by June and John Spence to whom we are very grateful. Donations are still badly needed for this very important cause so do please leave your contributions there, checking that they are well in date. The box is emptied every month. We try to post monthly needs on the Village WhatsApp groups.

CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS

The PCC would like to extend their thanks to the Leicester & Rutland Freemasons Charity who have awarded Preston Church the sum of £500 to go towards creating cupboards at the back of the church. This award will be added to a £1,000 legacy from our much-loved past resident Jean Dawes. As someone who loved a tidy cupboard, I'm sure Jean would approve. For more information on the charity visit www.leicestershire-rutlandfreemasons.org.uk

STRIDING OUT FOR PRESTON CHURCH

Intrepid walkers Trish Dickenson and Rachel Burkitt are taking up the challenge to take part in this year's Ride & Stride to raise money for Preston Church and the Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust. They are hoping to visit as many churches as they can on Saturday 13 September and will be posting out sponsorship forms soon. All donations, and fellow walkers welcome. For more information on Ride and Stride visit www.rhcpt.co.uk/ride-and-stride/

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.

This month we thank Angela and Rita on the flower rota.

RIDLINGTON

CHURCH SERVICES - all at 9:30am

Sunday, 7th - Morning Prayer

Sunday, 21st - Holy Communion

Sunday, 28th - Morning Prayer

All welcome to the services and refreshments afterwards.

THANKS due to everyone who contributed to the great success of the four afternoon teas in August whether that was setting up, making, baking, serving, washing up and clearing up. Great fun was had by all - volunteers and attendees and monies raised for the village charities.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION - at the time of going to press we have not yet been advised of the collection date for September but please continue to support generously this local charity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the annual strim and rake of the churchyard - Sunday, 7th September at 11:00, followed by ploughman's lunch. Please let Debra Thatcher know if you can join the work party on that day or are able to undertake some work in the churchyard at an earlier date - would be good to tackle this project in a more piecemeal fashion because none of us is getting any younger!

MONTHLY WALK - Friday, 12th September at 5pm, meet at the church porch. A short stroll to start the weekend followed by tea and cake. Please let Debra Thatcher know if you will attend.

RIDE AND STRIDE - Saturday, 13th September. Please remember to sponsor Tim Brindley and Karen Baines as they cycle together to support the Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust. Volunteers and cake needed to meet and greet at the church - please contact Debra Thatcher for details.

SECONDHAND SEPTEMBER - with the changing of the seasons use the opportunity to clear out and freshen up your wardrobe by donating and buying pre-loved items with local charity shops e.g. LOROS (other charities are available).

VILLAGE HALL:

- **Friday 26th September** Coffee Morning 10.30 – 12noon:

- Social Night - **Friday 19th December** 7.30 pm till 10.30 pm

PETANQUE

Congratulations to Team Ridlington who won a famous victory in their annual Pétanque challenge, beating Langham at the Horse and Jockey in Manton. The well-earned trophy is seen received here by Peter Richards.

Team members included Peter; David Harvey; Jamie Madell; John Morrell and Martin Wall. No pressure next year gentlemen!

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>

WHITWELL

'TOUR DES ÉGLISES' Sponsored Ride and Stride. **Saturday 13th September 10am - 6pm**

A peloton of riders from Whitwell, with friends and family, aims to visit 30 Churches to raise funds for Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust www.rhcpt.co.uk and St Michael and All Angels Church, Whitwell.

Organiser: Tony Godwin

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Pop Up Afternoon Tea in the Churchyard.

Sunday 21st September 2.30 - 4.30pm with cream tea, cakes and plants on sale.

St Michael & All Angels 100 Club.

Winners of the August draw were 1st Gareth Gaskell and 2nd Kevin Goddard

Please contact Mary Bell on marybell53@btinternet.com to join the club. Membership is £5 a month (£15 per quarter or £60 a year)

WING

Flowers Rose Dejardin and Jeffy Wood Brass Chris Howarth and Wendy Newsham

Ride and Stride on Saturday 13th September

If you are interested in participating please contact your village organiser Jeffy Wood : jeffywood1@gmail.com. Please sign up - it's a fun day raising money for our local churches.

The next **tea and cake** afternoon will be on 21st September 3-5pm in the Village Hall. Do drop by once you've been to have a look at the scarecrows around the village!! Proceeds in aid of church funds.

This year's **Harvest Lunch** which will be held on Sunday 12th October. Tickets £15 each to include gammon, baked potato, salad plus a pudding of apple crumble and custard and a glass of wine. The **Harvest Service** in church will follow the lunch later in the afternoon. Ali Wainwright from Oakham Foodbank will give a talk on the work of the Foodbank. Donations of dry good and tins will be welcomed.

Offers of promises for the **Auction of Promises** being held in November to raise funds for Wing church will be gratefully received by Jeffy Wood

The August draw for the **100 Club** took place at Coffee Morning on 7/8/25 and brought out the following winners.

1st 11, Ryan and Jessica Johnson 2nd 44, Robina Curley
3rd 96, Richard Bateman

The **Wing WI** talk on 11th September at 7pm, Wing Village Hall, will be by Canine Partners, who are a registered charity that trains and provides assistance dogs. All visitors are most welcome.

For other information about Wing WI please contact Judith 01572 737761 quilt9@gmail.com or Jane 01572 737324 janegilmore7@gmail.com

Preston Ridlington and Wing Flower and Produce Show

Thank you to everyone who helped, exhibited, visited the show and for the delicious home made teas. There was a great atmosphere and a huge success and £ 176 was raised on the raffle for the air ambulance.

SALE of FABRIC September 20th -21st

Where? 6 Top Street, Wing, LE15 8SE

Time? 10.30am – 12.30pm 2-4pm Saturday 10.30am 12pm Sunday

There is quite a lot of cotton fabric (suitable for quilters) , many quilting books and sewing 'odds and ends'. All the fabric is of good quality and is mainly priced at £3 a yard, pro rata. I am sorry, but **CASH ONLY** (or a cheque). There will be a Brand New Sizzix cutting machine with some die and also a Brand New John Lewis Sewing Machine – both machines have never been out of their boxes for sale

This belonged to a friend who has moved to a Care Home and all proceeds will go to The Alzheimer's Society.

Please contact Judith quilt9@gmail.com for further information

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Wing Harvest Scarecrow Trail

Out of this World!

Back by popular demand for a fourth year, children and adults are invited to take part in this free, fun Harvest event. This year's theme is 'Out of this World!' Contact Carolyn Comben if you would like to take part on 07966193634 or ccomben2@gmail.com.

	7th September Trinity 12	14th September Trinity 13	21st September St Matthew	28th September St Michael and All Angels	
Edith Weston				9.30am Holy Communion By extension with Canon Yyv Wainwright	
Empingham	10.00am All Age Service With Caroline Simmonds		11.00am Holy Communion Rev'd Michael Matthews		
Lyndon	11.00am Holy Communion led by Rev'd James Muggleton	9.30am Morning Prayer			
Manton		9.30am All Age Church		11.00am Holy Communion Led by Canon Rowan Williams	
North Luffenham			9.30am All Age service	9.30am Holy Communion by extension	
Pilton					
Preston	11.00am The Meeting Place		11.00am Harvest Festival	5pm Evening Prayer led by Rev'd Stephen Gamble	
Ridlington	9.30am Morning Prayer		9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer	
Whitwell					
Wing	9.30am Holy Communion led by Canon Yyv Wainwright	9.30am Morning Prayer Led by Michael Ellard		9.30am Holy Communion led by Canon Rowan Williams	

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