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Welcome

Rutland Water Benefice

Sharing the love of Christ with all

Comprising the parishes of Edith Weston, Empingham, Lyndon, Manton,
North Luffenham, Pilton, Preston, Ridlington, Whitwell and Wing

Rector: **Rev'd Peter Collins**

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revdpeter@msn.com. 07740 039048. (day off Friday)

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

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

Home communions may be arranged by appointment.

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Thoughts from Rev'd Peter

Jesus crucified, suspended between betrayal and redemption, breathes out his final words, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." (*Luke 23.46*)

After being abandoned by his followers and rejected by his community, Jesus's final cry ended all hope for those who witnessed his death.

But Jesus words were not of failure or abandonment but of victory, breathing out the words of the Psalmist (31.5) in a song of deliverance and fulfilment.

Jesus cry from the cross was not a curse against his executioners or a cry for vengeance against the scorn and injustice he suffered. It was a prayer of trust and surrender to his Father's will, an outrageous, sacrificial act of love and obedience. They stripped him of his dignity and final breath, but Jesus gave away what they could not take, his spirit entrusted to his Father.

The empty tomb is the declaration of his victory; his resurrection proclaims new beginnings.

Jesus final prayer from the Cross is for us. When we cry out "into your hands I commend my spirit" this is not about failing or giving up but also entrusting ourselves into the loving hands of our God who creates, sustains, and transforms each one of us.

Easter is about returning the gift of ourselves to God, and placing ourselves into the hands of our Father is a powerful act of victory, renewal, and freedom.

Awake, our souls! Away, our fears!
Let every trembling thought be gone!
Awake, and run the heavenly race,
and put a cheerful courage on.

(Charles Wesley)

Holy Week 2026

Palm Sunday 29 th March	Empingham St Peter 11am <i>(they were all together for Jesus entry into Jerusalem)</i>	Benefice Service Blessing of Palm Crosses Procession, outside-in, or around the church. Holy Communion
Monday 30 th March	Preston SS Peter & Paul 7pm	Reflection: Women of Holy Week
Tuesday 31 st March	Manton St Mary 7pm	Reflection: Women of Holy Week
Wednesday 1 st April	Empingham St Peter 7pm	Reflection: Women of Holy Week
Maundy Thursday	Edith Weston St Mary 7pm	Maundy Reflection The Mary and Judas in us
Good Friday	North Luffenham St John 10.30am	Hot Cross Bun Service
	Preston SS Peter & Paul 2pm	Final Hour
Easter Eve	Manton St Mary 10am-12 noon	Easter Eve Workshop
	Edith Weston St Mary 7pm	Service of light
Easter Day	Ridlington SS Mary & Andrew 6am	Dawn Service Holy Communion at sunrise Field
	Wing SS Peter & Paul 9.30am	Easter Holy Communion
	Empingham St Peter 10am	All Age Service
	Manton St Mary 11.00am	Easter Holy Communion
	Preston SS Peter & Paul 11.00am	Family Prayer Service

All are welcome at any of these services, please do come along.

EDITH WESTON

Edith Weston Safari Supper

Seventy-one villagers took part in this year's Safari Supper on Saturday 28th February, enjoying a wonderful evening of good food, friendship and community spirit. We were delighted to welcome our new Vicar, Peter and Sally Collins, and very pleased that John, landlord of the The Wheatsheaf, was able to join us, along with Sean, so that we could properly thank John for the generous support he consistently gives to our fundraising events throughout the year. Grateful thanks go to Helen and Andy at Edith Weston Village Stores for donating a lovely hamper, and to Rex and Gill Bretten for their generous gift of a magnum of champagne as raffle prizes. A very special and heartfelt thank you goes to Jane and Norman Milne for hosting the dessert course at The Limes for the final time. Their hospitality over the years has been hugely appreciated and has become a much-loved part of the evening. The event raised an excellent £1,375, which will be divided between the three village charities. Thank you to everyone who hosted, helped, provided desserts and took part in making the evening such a success.

Toni and Joanna

The three village charities are most grateful for Toni's and Joanna's hard work in organising and coordinating the Safari Supper which is such a popular and enjoyable event.

Edith Weston Village Hall 100 Club

Congratulations to the winners in April:

£30 Mrs S Glover

£20 Mrs J Gray

£10 Mrs J Milne

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

The winner of the £40 snowball prize is Mr & Mrs Healy.



BELL BULLETIN



The Edith Weston Bell Ringers were honoured to ring the church bells at the service celebrating the long life of Mary Makey, known to us all as Bunty. Bunty sadly passed away on 10th February, leaving her husband Richard after nearly seventy years of marriage. Our thoughts and condolences go to Richard, Julie and Steve, and to all the Makey family.

The service was conducted by our vicar, Peter, in an overflowing church, a reflection of the affection and high regard in which Bunty was held within the

village community. It was a privilege for the ringers to be part of such a special farewell.

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 call Tracey Lawson at 07761 310720.

By Belle

The **Annual Parish Church Meeting** will be held on Monday 20th April at 6pm in the church. All are very welcome to attend.

A meeting with the newly elected PCC will follow afterwards.

Thank you.

Souper Social

What a souper lunch that was! Thank you to Vanessa and Tracey for organising this event in aid of the church. The soup made by Toni and Jane were delicious as were the Welsh cakes (Vanessa) and ginger cake (Nicky). Peter was on hand to provide lifts as required. If you missed this lunch, be sure to look out for posters in the future!


Plant Sale

Join us on Saturday 6th June, 10am–1pm for the much-loved Edith Weston Plant Sale! Whether you're refreshing your garden or just love a browse, there will be plenty to discover.

 Quality bedding plants and

 Beautiful perennials from our trusted Lincolnshire wholesale nursery


 Vegetable plants

 Garden accessories


 **NEW** this year: seeds at very low prices

How you can help:

- Donate any unused, in-date seed packets
- Donate plants if you have extras to share
- Come along and support the event!

 Relax in our café with delicious drinks and sweet treats while you shop. All proceeds go towards supporting our three village charities – so every

purchase makes a difference.

Bring your friends and come along for a lovely community morning! 

Kath Durrant 07909661649

EMPINGHAM

News from St Peter's Church

Save the date: Saturday 16th of May 7:30pm. Rutland Concert Band at St Peter's Church. Suggested donation £10 on the door. Bar and soft drinks available. All proceeds to St Peter's Church Empingham. A concert of popular Classics and Film music by our superb local concert band.

Activities at Empingham Methodist Church

Minister: Rev Bekkie Wright 07355981564 RevBekkiewright@gmail.com

SERVICES DURING APRIL 2026

Sunday

5th APRIL 10.45am EASTER DAY SERVICE – Rev Bekkie Wright – including Holy Communion. Followed at 12.30 with an EASTER BBQ LUNCH

Please feel free to join us for the service at 10.45am or just for the BBQ lunch at 12.30. You are very welcome.

12th 10.45am REV NIGEL COKE-WOODS.

19th 10.45am CAFÉ CHURCH with PHIL JONES.

26th 10.45am REV ANDREW HOLLINS.

3rd MAY 10.45am. MR TONY LAW.

Mondays

First Monday in the month Lunch Club 1pm. Places need to be booked.

Please NOTE APRIL Lunch is held on Easter Sunday this month, because of the bank holiday – NO NEED TO BOOK as it's a BBQ. Look forward to seeing you all.

Other Mondays 2-4pm Refreshments – Tea/Coffee and Cake. Second-hand books, on Sale Photocopying and Laminating available. BOARD GAMES or just chatting together.

Thursdays

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

More details Eileen Ray 01780 460676.

Barbara's Store, Empingham

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.

Contact 01780 460348 barbaras.store@hotmail.co.uk

Empingham Parish Council

We are pleased to confirm that the Parish Council has now submitted its objection to the proposed quarry development. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all who took the time to comment on the application—your input is greatly appreciated.

The Neighbourhood Plan continues to progress with excellent momentum. A dedicated core group of residents is actively involved, and three well-attended meetings have already taken place, showing strong engagement across the parish.

A gentle reminder to all dog owners: please remember to pick up after your dog. Your help in keeping our parish clean is valued by everyone.

Empingham Parish Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month (except August). Agendas are displayed on the noticeboard next to the Medical Centre and are available for all to view.

Empingham Village (Audit) Hall

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 21 May 2026 at 19:00 in the Audit Hall. All are welcome.

Mini Ernie Draws

Thank you to everybody who has renewed for 2026, and we also welcome new members.

Draw No 1			Draw No 2				
1st	£20	115	Dylan Prior	1st	£20	169	Sheila Forster
2nd	£15	134	Pat Harris	2nd	£15	95	Nick Meyrick
3rd	£10	36	Alan Lambert	3rd	£10	159	Kate Bates

Empingham Church of England Primary School

We have been busy this term with World Book Day, where the children came in dressed up as their favourite book character. The whole school came together for our "Reading Café" sharing books and stories while enjoying

afternoon refreshments. We welcomed some “Mystery Readers” into school – always a big surprise for the children!!

We have also launched our Scholastic online Book Club. This is instead of the in-school Book Fair. It will give parents a chance to purchase books for their children (using their World Book Day Token), whilst raising funds for the school to spend on new books.

We were once again delighted to welcome our Mummies, Grannies and Aunties in to join their children for Mother’s Day Lunch – a real highlight of the year!!

In the final week of term we enjoyed Yr 3/4's performance of “A Big Green Adventure”. They all practised really hard –they were amazing!!

THE TWISTED TROUT, EMPINGHAM

What’s on!

Easter at the Twisted Trout

- Good 'Fish' Friday kicking off the weekend with 3 tasty fish dishes
- Easter Sunday brings back our famous upgrade to the Giant Yorkshire pudding, perfectly accompanying our fantastic Sunday Roast.

Biker Nights are coming back in May. Join us on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month, now proudly supporting Leicestershire and Rutland Blood bikes. Bring your bike helmet to the bar and enjoy 25% off soft drinks and non-alcoholic options.

Food Service Times

Monday–Friday

• Lunch: 12:30pm – 2:30pm

• Dinner: 5:30pm – 8pm

Saturday

• 12:30pm – 8pm

Sunday

• 12:30pm – 5:30pm

Weekend breakfast each Saturday and Sunday 9am - 12 Noon.

Watch out for our new spring menu launching at the end of April.

Empingham Bowls Club

The Bowls Club will be holding a Coffee Morning between 10am and 12 noon on Tuesday 7th April 2026, 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.

Empingham Garden Club

Empingham Garden Group Groups next meeting is on 27 April at 7-30. A talk by Hugh from Wild Rutland. Please come along and join us. First meeting is free (We have nine talks and a year and a Christmas Party). To join is £10 a year, a Bargain!!

We are running our yearly Plant Sale on the 9 May 10 am with lots of lovely home grown plants for sale plus homemade cakes and coffee. Make a note in your diary.

Empingham Together

Last chance to secure tickets for you and your friends for a fun evening out, with a fabulous Fashion Show in St Peter's Church. 7.00 for 7.30 on Friday 17th April.

A professional compère will describe what's on offer, featuring your favourite high street brands as well as French & Italian designer wear, all at big discounts. Music, lights & mirrors will all add to the ambience, as you 'try before you buy' on the night, having seen them modelled by village residents in a show worthy of Paris or Milan! A range of accessories will also be on sale, to complement the clothes you buy.

Men are also welcome. There will be a raffle, at only £1 per ticket, with super prizes, a wine bar and soft drinks to make the evening one to remember. Proceeds will go towards Empingham Church restoration fund.

Fashion Show tickets are £5 per head and will be available from Barbara's Store. Barbara's Store will accept credit cards, debit cards or cash. Cheques cannot be accepted. Tickets are also available from Jayne Roland jlroland@btinternet.com Don't forget to bring your tickets!

Men's Shed

On Tuesday 28th April at 7.30 pm there will be a talk at the Cricket & Social Club by PC Edward McKinnon, Neighbourhood Officer for South Rutland.

Following the recent spate of break-ins and burglaries in the local area, we have asked PC McKinnon to speak to us about crime prevention measures we should take and how we should respond to any intruder.

There's more from Empingham on page 27

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The talk is open to all (£5 entry for non-members). If you have any questions, please contact bobwillars@sky.com

Empingham Allotment

Ever wanted to grow your own fruit and vegetables? PLOTS AVAILABLE NOW! Contact Sue - empingham.allotments@gmail.com and join our friendly growing community.

LYNDON

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

THE BIG WALK Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May 11 a.m

In aid of THE CINNAMON TRUST the National Charity for older people, the terminally ill and their pets.

Meet at Pick's Barn at 11 a.m. (please park in the bottom car park) for a choice of walks in the beautiful countryside around Lyndon with your canine companions and meet up with friends for coffee/lunch at Pick's Barn Café.

Maps will be available on site, longer walks will be accompanied.

Sponsorship forms and details please contact either

ginnyhball@gmail.com 07539729829

hello@cinnamon.org.uk 01736758706

THE LYNDON SUMMER FETE.

Sunday, 2nd August 12 noon to 4 p.m.

We are delighted that once again Craig Revel Horwood is opening our Fete and judging a "Competition" (to be revealed nearer the time!) The Corby Silver Band, Morris Dancers, Stalls, Teas, BBQ, Pimms and Beer Bar, Madam Waffle, Wheelbarrow raffle, Fun dog classes and much more. A great day out for the whole family.

Please contact one of us to help or Stall enquiries:-

Ginny 07539729829 Jonathan 07966436270 Tessa 07977830565

MANTON

MANTON VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB Winning numbers for March 2026. **£20:** 67 Oliver Bochenek **£10:** 35 Gary Walker t **£10:** 105 Shirley Smith **£5:** 12 David Carr **£5:** 46 Debbie Rock. This month's snowball **£50** was not won. Next month's Snowball **£60** 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 FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Leannan Folk Concert in February - We raised £260 for Church Funds and had a really entertaining evening.

Bridge Tea - To everyone who supported this event in every way.

Organising the Bridge and setting up the Halls. Baking cakes and helping to serve the Teas. Selling the tickets and buying the tickets -playing Bridge.

Collecting for the Raffle and selling the tickets on the day! We made in excess of £1,300 for Church Funds.

HORSE and JOCKEY, Manton

What's on in April and May!

Manton Village Supper Club First Thursday of the month. First two dates as follows: April 2nd, May

7th, Two courses for £15. All welcome. Booking only.

Pub Quiz Night Third Thursday of every month. First two dates as follows: 17th April, May 21st. £2 per

person entry. Teams a maximum of 4 people. 7.30pm. Please book in advance.

Fish and Chips Takeaway Supper Get your takeaway from the pub every Tuesday, £12. Advance

telephone orders are preferable.

Telephone 01572 737618

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

RUTLAND FOLK DANCE CLUB

Friday 8-10pm

Manton Village Hall

Fri 3 Apr 2026 - No Meeting This Week, Fri 10 Apr 2026 - No Meeting This Week,

Fri 17 Apr 2026 - Callers choice Margaret Theaker & Ken Judd,

Fri 24 Apr 2026 - Shakespeare's Birthday – Dances from the 16th Century

For further information contact Hilary Wallace 01780 460389 or go to rutlandfolkdanceclub.org.uk

EASTER WORKSHOP

Saturday 4 April – 10.00-12.00

St Mary's Church

Prepare the Easter Garden, Easter Story, Flower arranging, Childrens activities, Easter Egg Hunt

Everyone very welcome! Coffee/Squash/Hot Cross Buns FREE

EASTER DAY HOLY COMMUNION

Easter Day 5 April - 11.00am

St Mary's Church

Coffee and Easter eggs/biscuits provided afterwards.

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 9 April - 10.30-12.00

At the home of Hui yen Bloodworth, The Little Orchard, Lyndon Road

Any problems/lifts needed please contact Anne (01572737503)
FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received.

CHURCH AGM

**Sunday 12 April 10.15am after the All Age Worship Service
St Mary's Church**

Come along and see what we are doing in the church, share ideas, Coffee etc provided

No pressure at all!! Just turn up.

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 14 May - 10.30 am- 12.00pm

At the home of Caroline Burnaby-Atkins, "Manton Lodge Cottage", Lodge Lane

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

FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received

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MANTON VILLAGE TOLETHORPE TRIP

"Twelfth Night" at Tolethorpe Open Air Theatre

Thursday 2 July (nearly 12th night!)

Picnic in the grounds at 5.45pm, play starts at 7.30pm. Tickets - £22 each

I will coordinate the picnic by asking everyone nearer the time to bring

Savoury, Salad or Sweet to share with everyone. Potentially there could be

20+. Let me know if you would like to be included asap – Anne 01572737503

NORTH LUFFENHAM

CHURCH - St JOHN THE BAPTIST

Please refer to the detailed table of Services printed in the magazine to see the dates and times of services at St John the Baptist and across the Benefice

We look forward to welcoming you to our upcoming services this month.

3rd April at 10:30am Good Friday service led by Caroline Symonds

19th April 9:30am Holy Communion

26th April 9:30am Breakfast Church in the Community Centre

St MARY and St JOHN CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had a great start to the Spring term here at SMSJ. Our sports clubs are back on the field in increasing sunny weather and our new Forest school area is starting to develop too. We were very lucky to be awarded funding by the Windmill Trust to support the development of this area in our school so watch this space to see the progress we make! Our Little Saints pre-school continues to flourish (there are still a few spaces left for the Summer term!) and we have welcomed lots of prospective parents in advance of application deadlines for September '26 starters. If anyone would like to come and visit please contact office@northluffenham.rutland.sch.uk and I would be delighted to show you round. We are looking forward to Easter and are preparing our service (and Easter Egg hunt!) for the end of term. Mrs Roddy

GOOD COMPANIONS

Our March meeting was a real pleasure as we welcomed Reverend Peter Collins to the group. Peter joined us to share his plans for the benefice and spoke warmly about how much he is enjoying supporting our local community. It made for a delightful afternoon, full of friendly conversation, thoughtful questions, and a chance for everyone to get to know him a little better.

Looking ahead to April, we are delighted to welcome Sue Ball from Springboard Arts back to the group. Sue will be leading another of her popular creative workshops, so prepare to get arty and enjoy an afternoon of creativity and good company. Do come along and join us on Wednesday 1 April, from 14:00 to 16:00 at North Luffenham Community Centre. New faces are always very welcome.

If you would like to know more about the club, please contact Jason Allen on 07773 396153 or Alison Gibson on 07769 322551. We meet on the first Wednesday of every month, excluding December and January, at the Community Centre.

Our aim is simple: to help make our village a place where no one feels alone and everyone can find companionship.

PRESTON

COFFEE MORNING

Come along to meet up with friends and neighbours at Preston Village Hall to enjoy coffee and cake, tea and hot cross buns.

Our chosen charity for this month is “Men & Women in Sheds”.

All welcome **Saturday 4th April 10 – 12 noon**

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

We are looking forward to our Easter services.

During Holy Week there will be a service on **Monday 30th March at 7pm**: the first of Rev Peter's reflections on the women of Holy Week

Good Friday 3rd April 2-3pm A reflection during Jesus' last hour of earthly life

Easter Sunday 5th April 11am Family Easter Praise. This joyful service will include an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

All are very welcome

Also in April

12th April 11am Holy Communion

19th April 11am The Meeting Place

Evening Prayer in April tbc

THE BISHOP IS COMING TO PRESTON!

A forward notice! Bishop Debbie will be preaching here on **Sunday 14th June at 11am**. This will be a Benefice service and followed by a bring-and-share lunch in the Village Hall. Do reserve the date in your diary.

SUNDAY STROLL

Sunday 19th April at 10 am for 10.30 am followed by lunch at The Sun Inn, Great Easton at 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm.

Please contact Trish Dickenson for further details.

CHURCH FLOWERS AND CLEANING

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

RIDLINGTON

CHURCH FUNDS - Just to keep our Parish Church open we need to raise nearly £33 each and every day. We are looking at a number of fundraising ideas - would you be willing to join others in sponsoring a day - your birthday perhaps or wedding anniversary? All donations, offers of regular giving or fundraising ideas to Debra, please.

CHURCH SERVICES - Everyone welcome.

Easter Sunday (5th April) - 6am Sunrise Holy Communion service at Rowells Lodge

12th April - 9:30 am Holy Communion

26th April - 9:30am Morning Prayer

3rd May - 9:30am Morning Prayer

THANKS TO ALL WHO

- donated, attended and helped at Souper Saturdays in January, February and March: monies raised have gone towards the church insurance premium
- participated in The Big Plastic Count
- helped at the annual litter pick
- helped at the church and churchyard spring clean.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION - as we go to press we await the collection date and wish list for April and the following months. As soon as this information is to hand it will be displayed in the church porch and on the village notice board. Please continue to support this very worthwhile local charity.

SOCIAL SATURDAY - Spring is here so we are moving on from soup lunches- please join us at the village hall between 12 noon and 1:30pm on Saturday, 11th April for jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings. We ask for a minimum donation of £5 towards the insurance premium for the church.

AND LOTS MORE SOCIAL EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

- Friday 1st May, 10.30am till 12pm Coffee Morning
- Friday 17th July, 10.30am till 12pm Coffee Morning
- Friday 25th September, 10.30am to 12pm, Coffee Morning
- Saturday 3rd October, 7pm to 10.30pm Curry Evening
- Friday 18th December, 7.00pm to 10.30pm Social Night

ADVANCE NOTICE! The Ridlington Singers will be presenting an informal concert in the church at 7.30pm on Saturday 16 May. Further details in the May magazine.

ECO CHURCH - help us to track biodiversity in the churchyard. Spring is a perfect time to spot nesting birds, insects and flowering plants. Please jot down what you see on the Biodiversity List in the church porch.

MONTHLY WALK - more nature spotting - join us for a walk to Leigh Lodge on Earth Day, Wednesday, 22nd April. Meet in the church porch at 10:00am. Light refreshments available afterwards - please let Debra know if you intend to come.

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS! - who do you think you are? When an unsigned postcard bearing the four first names of family who died in Auschwitz is received an investigation ensues not only into the identity of the sender but of the lives and deaths of those recorded on the postcard - a compelling read. I heartedly recommend Anne Berest's "The Postcard" to you.

The premise was promising - a whodunnit novel based on characters of the famous 1930's Detection Club - Kelly Oliver's "The Case of the Christie Conspiracy"- but it didn't work for me, language and syntax all wrong! A further volume of the "Down to Earth" series by Faith Addis, "Green Behind the Ears" is also available - a light, amusing read as the Addis family continue to run their Devon small holding and provide countryside holidays for young school age guests.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED - later in the spring we will be looking for volunteers to take on the roles of church warden, treasurer and secretary to the Parochial Church Council -for details please contact Debra.

WING

**Flowers Joanne Beaver
Bateman**

Brass Jeffy Wood and Helen

Easter Weekend Wing Flower Team

Remembrance Lilies for Easter Sunday If you would like someone remembered in the Sunday Easter Service please enter name/ names on the list which will be in Wing Church.

Easter Sunday 5th April 9.30am Holy Communion and a celebration of Easter. Everyone is very welcome.

The **Annual Parish Church Meeting** will be held on Saturday 11th April at 10.30am in church. All are welcome to attend. This will be followed by a meeting of the newly elected PCC.

Wing WI's speaker for Thursday 9 April is talking about The Life of Laura Ashley. The meeting starts at 7.00pm at Wing Village Hall. New members welcome. If you have any questions about the WI please contact Judith [01572 737761](tel:01572737761) quilt9@gmail.com or Jane [01572 737324](tel:01572737324), janegilmore7@gmail.com

100 Club for March

The March draw made at Coffee Morning on March 5 produced the following winners.

1st 112 Mary Rodgers. 2nd 76 Joanne Beaver. 3rd 105 Tim Brant.

WING CRAFT GROUP meets in the Village Hall on Wednesday mornings at 10am. All are welcome

Wing Village Hall

Pub Night Friday 24th April 6pm to 8pm .All welcome.

Village Hall AGM Monday 27th April 7pm. All are welcome.

We are planning a **plant stall** on a date to be decided. If you are dividing perennials or have spare seedlings please let us know and we will use them to raise funds for Wing Village Hall / Church. Many thanks Wendy Dalton

Wing Open Gardens to raise funds for Wing Church and Village Hall will be on Sunday 21st June 11am to 5pm . Please save the date. More details to follow.

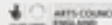
Preston Ridlington and Wing Annual Flower and Produce Show

Will be held in Preston Village Hall on Saturday 1st August. It is time to start sowing, planting, growing and creating for this event.



WING VILLAGE HALL (LE15 8SA)
Saturday 25 April, 7:30pm

£15.00 (Standard)
 BOOK NOW 01572 737394 (John Hackett)
 Including nibbles, Licensed bar & Cash Raffle
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LIVE LOCAL



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Neighbourhood Mental Health Café



Neighbourhood Mental Health Cafés offer local support for people who need immediate help with their mental health. The cafés are drop-in centres for anyone to come and talk about their mental health - no appointment needed.

The café offers one-to-one listening and helps clients develop future support plans. For anyone struggling with their mental health and needing immediate support, please come along.

Opening Hours

Pepper's- A Safe Place, 2A High Street, Oakham, LE15 6AL
Every Thursday 5:30-8:30pm

and

Uppingham Town Hall
Every Friday 1-4pm

How to access our service

The Neighbourhood Café is open to all adults, no referral needed.

To access our service you can:

- Drop-in during our opening hours (no appointment needed)
- Call, text or email during our opening hours
- Book an appointment on zoom
- Pre-book a face to face appointment

To book an appointment, please send us an email.

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Dead Easy: A Practical Guide to the Inevitable

A free, friendly event to help you understand wills, funerals, with discussions around decisions and practical planning.

Time: 2pm - 4pm

Date: 6th May 2026

Location: Rutland Showground (LE15 7TW)

To register, scan the QR code or visit:

www.dyingmattersleicestershireandrutland.com



Part of Dying Matters Week 2026

Rutland Foodbank Wish-List Spring 2026

Not Needed at the Moment



Long-life milk (blue & green)
Tinned meats (mince & onion, spag bol)
Tinned pies
Pasta sauces
Sugar
Jams & spreads
Washing-up liquid
Hand soap
Men's deodorants



Please note we cannot accept over the counter medication, alcohol, fresh, homemade, open or out of date foods



Registered Charity in England & Wales Number 1158460

07582 783363 or email us info@rutland.foodbank.org.uk

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Edith Weston	7pm Maundy Thurs Reflection	Easter Eve 4 th Service of Light 7pm				9.30am Holy Communion
Empingham	Wed 1 st 7pm Reflection		10.00am All Age Service		11.00am Holy Communion	
Lyndon				9.30 Morning Prayer		
Manton		Easter Eve Workshop 4 th 10-12am	11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am All Age Service		11.00am Holy Communion
North Luffenham		Hot Cross Bun Service 10.30am			9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Breakfast Church
Pilton				4.30pm Holy Communion		
Preston		2.00pm Final Hour	11.00am Family Prayer	11.00am Holy Communion		4.00pm Evening Prayer
Ridlington			6am Sunrise Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion		9.30 Morning Prayer
Whitwell						4.30pm Holy Communion
Wing			9.30am Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer		9.30 Morning Prayer

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