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Rutland Water Benefice

Sharing the love of Christ with all

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

Rector: **Rev'd Peter Collins**

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Please refer to the service rota 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 funerals, baptisms or weddings, please contact
Rev'd Peter Collins - details above.

Home communions may be arranged by appointment.

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Thoughts from Rev'd Peter Collins

The Parable of the Sower found in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, remains a cornerstone of Christian teaching,

The seed cast by the Sower is God's word, the 'Good News' of the kingdom. The four soil types in the parable reveal how we accept the seed into our hearts.

The soil of the pathway is compacted by travellers, like the hearts of those hardened to the word, so that the seed cannot penetrate.

Some seed falls into the rocky earth but lacking enough soil the seed cannot germinate, like shallow hearts who rejoice in God when life is going well but fall away in times of difficulty.

The thorny soil represents those whose hearts are choked by weeds of worries and thorns of possessions. In Luke 18 the rich young man when challenged to put discipleship before his possessions found this too much of an ask.

The fourth soil is the good soil, the one who hears the word of God, takes it into their heart, seeks to understand it, and allows the seed to germinate, root and flourish.

However, before we start worrying about what kind of soil we are and how we might become that richer earth there is a deeper truth in this parable.

Scripture calls this 'The Parable of the Sower,' who is neither concerned nor judgemental but broadcasts the seed with extravagant, outrageous generosity across all the soils. The Sower is our generous God, and it is this seed of generosity that Jesus' parable hopes to plant in us.

God's generosity is a central theme in Scripture, evident in His creation, provision, and redemptive acts. The Sower encourages us to be generous because our giving will also draw others to Him.

Generosity is not just a virtue but a way of life, rooted in the heart of our faith and in the life of the church. Generosity is an attitude of love that flows from our hearts into our actions through the giving of our resources, gifts, skills, time, forgiveness, and money.

Giving with a grateful heart deepens our personal relationship with God, demonstrating trust in His provision. It is an act of worship, often resulting in spiritual, emotional, or material blessings (Luke 6:38), transforming those who give generously and abundantly to become that rich, good soil which enables seed to grow and the Word to flourish.

One third of all Jesus parables relate to money, wealth, and possessions.

This parable challenges how we use the time, skills, money, and resources at our disposal to grow in charity and love, to give cheerfully and flourish in our humanity and spirituality.

The churches of our Rutland Water benefice are facing significant financial challenges in maintaining their buildings and supporting their communities.

Our ten village communities are deeply intertwined with each of their church buildings, because these sacred spaces are also narrative, rooted in and telling out the stories of their particular place.

We need your generosity to maintain these beautiful 'Sacraments in Stone,' preserving their heritage for future generations to learn, worship, and mark the milestones of life.

To protect and maintain our holy places we need to reflect the outrageous generosity of our God.

With every blessing

Peter

Preston Ridlington and Wing Annual Flower and Produce Show

Will be held in Preston Village Hall on Saturday 1st August.

Schedules now available from Jeffy Wood jeffywood1@gmail.com, Angela Brentnall in Preston and Jan Powley in Ridlington.

Entries to be made from 6pm to 8 pm on Friday 31st July or 8am to 10.30 on Show Day. If entering on Show Day please give yourself plenty of time to enter and stage your exhibits as the doors will close at 10.30am prompt for Judging.

Doors will reopen at 3pm. Admission £1 Children free. All Welcome. Teas and cake will be served and a raffle in aid of The Air Ambulance.

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 **10th of the month** for inclusion of items in the following month's magazine.



BELL BULLETIN

By Belle



We welcomed a returning member to the Edith Weston Bellringers, Vic Arnold. Vic was a bell ringer at St. Albans before moving to Edith Weston. He was a notable tenor ringer performing his first peal in 2004 with continuous ringing for 2 hours 47 minutes at North Luffenham, where he became Tower Captain.



Vic, in his eighties, is now coming along to the practices, climbing up the ladder into the bell chamber and ringing beautifully despite it being 8 years since he last rang.

Vic is a wildlife enthusiast with expertise in moths and bats, and for many years wrote the nature notes for the village newsletter. He identified the rare scarlet tiger moth in Edith Weston churchyard.

We are all delighted he has joined us, keeping us on our toes and has many words of wisdom to share.

June was a busy month for the team, and we were delighted to ring for two village weddings, with the church beautifully decorated with stunning floral displays for both occasions. We were also honoured to ring for the funeral of village resident Don Barnes.

We continue to practise on Monday evenings at 7.00 pm (on selected Mondays) and ring for our monthly church services. If you have ever wondered what bellringing is all about, or perhaps you rang years ago and fancy giving it another go, we would love to hear from you. New ringers are always welcome, whatever your age or experience. Please contact Tracey Lawson on 07761 310720 for more information.

Ian and Jo Milne

A big thank you to everyone involved in making Ian & Jo's wedding such a success.

Holy Dusters, the gardeners, the bell ringers, Peter the organist and of course Rev'd Peter Collins.

Not forgetting the inclusive stretch class and the loan of all the hats!

The church looked lovely and the weather was perfect. A very happy day.

The Milne Family

SAVE THE DATE

Edith Weston's Harvest Supper

We hope you will be able to come along for a delicious two course supper to celebrate the Annual Harvest Supper.

Thursday 1st October 2026 at 7pm in Edith Weston Village Hall.

More information to follow, so please make a note of the date in your diaries.

Everyone welcome.

Edith Weston Harvest Service

Our Harvest Service will be on Sunday 27th September at 9.30am led by the Rev Peter Collins. All ages very welcome.

If anyone would like to drop off any produce or flowers to decorate the church with, they will be gratefully received on Saturday 26th in the morning. Many thanks.

Terpsichore Concert at 5pm on Sunday 27th September at St Peter's Church Empingham. Ticket details to follow but also available on the door £10 to include a glass of wine. Performance of a musical quartet featuring local musicians Peter and Clare Hitchcox, including Spinet, Cello and recorders. Proceeds towards the maintenance of St Peter's and Edith Weston Churches

Edith Weston Village Hall 100 Club

Congratulations to the winners in August:

£30 Mr & Mrs Donaldson

£20 Mr & Mrs Wood

£10 Mr R Bretten

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

There is no winner of the snowball this month.

EMPINGHAM

News from St Peter's Church

Sixty people took part in the recent Gardens Safari, visiting a larger and a smaller garden in Empingham before everyone met up at Prebendal House for a hog roast courtesy of Matthew and Rebecca Eatough, plus a chance to see their magnificent garden. The weather was perfect and everyone agreed that enjoying gardens with a glass of wine on a beautiful June evening was unbeatable. The event was a resounding success and also raised over £1000 for the upkeep of the church. Many thanks to the 8 villagers who very kindly opened their gardens to visitors and many thanks to Matthew and Rebecca for their very generous hospitality. Finally, many thanks to the organisers from Empingham Together, especially Jayne Roland whose idea it was in the first place.

The Reverend Peter will be away on holiday in early August and changes to the service schedule can be found at the back of this magazine.

Logs for wood burners or open fires - Help yourself.

Following maintenance work in the churchyard at St Peter's there are several large bags of logs next to the building used for the Men's Shed Nativity at Christmas – access off Crocket Lane. If you would like some please help yourself. Anything left will be disposed of. The logs are free however donations are also welcome.

Community Open Day at the Church on September 12th .

The Church will be running a Bottle Tombola stall at this event. All proceeds of this Tombola will be used for the maintenance and improvement of the Church building .

Could we please request donations of any type of bottle to make this a successful venture?

Bottles can be delivered to Philip Robson at 44A Main Street or can be collected upon request by telephone or text on 07707006130 .

Save the date!

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ACTIVITIES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Bekkie Wright 07355981564

RevBekkiewright@gmail.com

SERVICES DURING AUGUST 2026

Sunday

2nd 10.45am MORNING WORSHIP – Olive Ruzvidzo

9th 10.45am CAFÉ CHURCH – Phil Jones

16th 10.45 am MORNING WORSHIP

23rd 10.45 am CAFÉ CHURCH – Rev Bekkie Wright – including Holy Communion

30th 10.45am MORNING SERVICE Mr Iain Cameron

Mondays.

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

Other Mondays 2-4pm Refreshments – Tea/Coffee and Cake. Second-hand books, on Sale Photocopying and Laminating available.

Thursdays,

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

Term Time only. The Toddler Group is Closed now till 3rd September

Empingham Parish Council

There will be no Parish Council Meeting in August and our next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th September 2026 at 7pm in the Audit Hall.

Further meeting dates will be decided at the September meeting.



Coffee Morning

The Village Coffee morning gatherings continue to enjoy a variety of diverse activities to complement the regular conversation.

Last month musical entertainment was provided by Kate, Julie and Harry.

The coffee mornings continue to run throughout the year on a Wednesday 10.30 to

12 midday and it is a great way to socialise and make new friends.

We look forward to seeing you. Come and enjoy the coolness of the Church during these frequent heat waves.

THE TWISTED TROUT, EMPINGHAM

What's on!

As we have hit the summer period it is lovely to see the pub buzzing with life, football, darts, great food, and drink and wonderful people.

Drag Show – Friday 23rd October tickets are on sale (ask at the bar for details)

If you have a special occasion you want to celebrate; we can help you plan a memorable event. Talk to

our events team and let us help you plan something bespoke to you!

Pizza Night on a Wednesday – Takeaway or Eat In

Our **Lucky Roll Fundraiser** continues to run every Tuesday evening — all in support of

Leicestershire & Rutland Blood Bikes. £1 a roll.

Bed & Breakfast - Check out our rooms to book available from £100 (additional charge for dogs) Call 01572 827948 or pop in.

Weekend breakfast served each Saturday and Sunday 9am – 11am; from Full English to a sausage bap.

Keep an eye on Facebook, Instagram or check out our posts in the pub for more details.

Empingham Village (Audit) Hall

Live at the Audit Hall 2026: Acoustic Vibes

Come and enjoy an evening of music and food to support local charities including the Stamford Food Bank

Three cheese and ham ploughman's . Bar with wine, beer and mineral water and orange juice.

Doors open at 7.30 pm. First set at 8.15pm. Saturday 12th September

Tickets £25.

See Acoustic Vibes at <https://youtu.be/HqQIWHvoxHw>

You are all invited to another '**Empingham Breakfast in the Audit Hall**' on Saturday 19th 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 whilst catching up with friends and neighbours.

Tickets: Adults: £8.00 Children: £4.00

Vegetarian and gluten-free options available. We look forward to seeing you!

Empingham Village (Audit) Hall Mini Ernie

Draw no 8

1st	£20	93	Ron Sutton.	2nd	£15	64	David Painter
3rd	£10	170	Linda Hunter				

Empingham Cricket 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 on Sunday lunchtimes.

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

As usual there will be cricket every Saturday and on Friday evenings

Special Events

Sunday 30th August (bank holiday weekend) we are planning to hold a music festival from 12.30 to 8.00pm. Tickets will be £5, children under 14 free.

Empingham Together - 12th September

Save the date!

Everyone is invited to the **Community Open Day at the Church.**

Loads of local societies and clubs will be there to share their experiences with you!

Empingham Garden Club will be having a sale of plants. Men's Shed will be there with a display of the things they make, Methodist Chapel, Allotment Association, Music, Games, Quiz... Would your Group like to promote itself? Entry is free! Also there is no charge for Societies to take part, though a donation would come in handy.

It is on Saturday September 12th from 10.00am - 6.00pm

Empingham Allotment Association

Want to try growing your own?

Our special Summer offer!

Only £10 to rent a quarter plot from now until February 2027!

Join our friendly growing community

Contact Kate at empingham.allotments@gmail.com

Empingham Arts & Crafts Collective



The Great Barn
Prebendal House
Crocket Lane
Empingham
LE15 8PW

SUMMER EXHIBITION 2026

Sunday 30th & Monday 31st

August

10am - 4pm

Free Admission

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Girls Night Out

At 7.30 pm on September 10th, the author Judith Allnatt will be giving a talk about her books, in particular 'The Poets Wife' the book that is inspired by the letters written by the poet John Clare from the Northampton General Lunatic Asylum.

Judith has published four books and been shortlisted for the East Midlands book award. She has also taught creative writing for many years. Don't miss this opportunity to meet Judith and to be able to hear about her writing and to ask her questions.

Her books are "affecting and beautifully written" The Times

The talk will be at the Cricket Club at 7.30 pm with £7 towards costs for the evening.

Empingham Men's Shed

There will be a talk on Tuesday 25th August by Joe Nelson, co-owner of the local stonemasons, Oakham Stone, on the art of stone masonry.

He will illustrate his talk with examples from some of the projects he has undertaken.

The talk will take place at the Cricket & Social Club, starting at 7.30pm, and all are welcome. The charge on the door for non-members will be £5. We look forward to seeing you.

If you have any questions, please contact bobwillars@sky.com

LYNDON



'SEPTEMBER SERENADE'

Friday 4th September - 6.00 - 7.30pm
Lyndon

St Martins Church,

An informal social evening with a glass of wine and canapés while enjoying some organ and piano music of all styles.

If anyone wishes to make their own musical contribution to the evening, please contact Jonathan.

Tickets £10.00 to include a glass of wine. Please contact Jonathan (thurstanh@icloud.com) or via text / WhatsApp on 07966 436270

MANTON

MANTON VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB Winning numbers for June 2026. **£20:** 162 Nigel & Simon **£10:** 62 Dermot Kelly **£10:** 45 Derek Rock **£5:** 40 Kathy Reynolds **£5:** 32 Micheal Lee. This month's snowball **£90** was not won. Next month's Snowball **£100** must 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.

REMEMBER THE CHURCH – ST MARYS, MANTON

Our village church has stood at the heart of the community for generations, marking life's joys and sorrows, celebrations and farewells. By remembering the church in your will, you can help ensure that this treasured place continues to serve future generations. After providing for your loved ones, even a small gift can make a lasting difference to the care and ministry of our church. Thank you for considering this thoughtful way of supporting its future.

Manton Organ Appeal Success.

The appeal for donations towards the refurbishment of the Manton church organ has reached an amazing £2615. Thank you to everyone for your real generosity. This has successfully launched the project, showing the support from the village and beyond.

In addition we are very fortunate that a grant of up to £5000 is to come from the Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust.

This means we are over half way towards the total cost, with two further grant applications in progress.

The work on the organ is planned to go ahead in January 2027.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MUSICAL SOIREE

Saturday 8 August 8 – 6.00 – 8.30pm

St Mary's, Manton

An evening of music – different instruments, voices and genres. Tickets - £12 to include a glass of Wine and Canapes in the interval. Book with Anne (annecowan38@gmail.com)

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 13 August - 10.30-12.00

Sam Arnold, The Orchard, 9 St. Marys Road (**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE**)

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

OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 6 September 2.00-6.00pm

More than 6 gardens open to the public. Teas in the Village Hall. In aid of Church Funds.

Anyone wishing to open their garden, help with Teas and / or make cakes etc.. please contact Susie Horner (07970830335).

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 10 September – 10.30 - 12.00

At the home of Della Stones, Barn House, Stocks Hill

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

FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received

RUTLAND HISTORY SOCIETY VILLAGE VISIT

Sunday 13 September 2.00pm

Manton Village Hall

Rutland History Society visits a different village every year, usually in September. This year our annual visit is coming to Manton on Sunday 13 September 2026. There will be a presentation, an exhibition on aspects of the village history, a local history book stall, a self-guided walk round the village and light refreshments. The event is open to residents and society members and more details about the event and how to book will be given on social media and on the Society's website (www.rutland.history.org) this month. If you would like to book a place please contact Anne Cowan.

HORSE and JOCKEY, Manton

What's on in August and September!

Manton Village Supper Club Second Thursday of the month. 13th August and 10th September. Two courses for £15. All welcome. Booking only.

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

New Dishes on the Menu

Greek themed specials: Lamb Moussaka, Spicy Chicken Skewer, Lamb Kofta and Greek Salad

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NORTH LUFFENHAM

CHURCH - St JOHN THE BAPTIST

We look forward to welcoming you to our services this month in North Luffenham (see elsewhere in this magazine) If you wish to share lift to other services in the Benefice, please get in touch.

We often hear, and read, comments about the Church of England and its vast wealth. The CofE's central endowment fund stands at a little in excess of £11.6 billion, and that fund generates around £1 billion annually. It costs around that amount to run the Church of England with its network of 43 cathedrals, and over 13,000 parishes. But of that £1 billion cost annually, only approximately 15% -20% comes from the endowment fund itself. The much greater proportion, around 75%, comes from Parish Giving - money raised by individual congregations, collections, and one-off fundraising events. It is called the 'Parish Share', and it is the monies passed from local parishes to their dioceses to fund clergy, church schools, lay ministry, safeguarding, and associated costs.

Well that is the big picture, but what of St John the Baptist Church, North Luffenham? The Grade I listed jewel of the village with its 11th Century Norman foundation, imposing west tower, long chancel notable for its wide high arch dating from 1300-1325, and its 14 century octagonal font. It has a deep history, and a strong connection with the RAF and military - 31 Commonwealth War Graves and a modern stained glass window commemorating the Royal Air Force, the Canadian Air Force, and Allied personnel who served at the nearby RAF base (now St George's Barracks) The core income is made up from donations and collections, (averaging £375 a month) a restricted grant from the Village Trust (averaging £850 a month) Commonwealth War Graves (approx. £75 a month) and highly variable fees for baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

A total monthly income of around £1,300

The core expenditure is made up of insurance costs (£325) electricity (£35) churchyard maintenance (£300-£400) and the Parish Share (£1425) So an average monthly cost of around £2,135. And these are core running costs and do not take in to account any vital upkeep such as roof repairs, organ maintenance, fabric costs and so on. Over the coming months, as custodians of this jewel, the PCC will be looking closely how to address this alarming shortfall. Many churches in similar situations have created a large community area within the church for the benefit of the whole community. Could this be

the way forward for St John the Baptist to the benefit of all the residents in North Luffenham? We will be seeking views from all residents of the village - whether or not they are church goers, or of any faith or none. St John the Baptist Church is a village asset.

St MARY and St JOHN CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been a wonderful end to the academic year here at SMSJ. We have been on residential in Year 6, visited Bulwick farm, Warning Zone and even had a planetarium visit our school hall. We are looking forward to welcoming our new cohort of Reception children in September (we still have a couple of spaces available) and are saying a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6 class who finished the year in style with an incredible performance of 'The Wind in the Willows'. We wish them well in their transitions to their new schools - they will be greatly missed by us all. Have a lovely Summer!



GOOD COMPANIONS

In July, the Good Companions Club had an outing to Rutland Water, where a trip around the reserve aboard the Rutland Belle was thoroughly enjoyed, followed by the opportunity to have tea and cake afterwards in the Harbour Café. Blessed with sunshine, some members of the group enjoyed reminiscing about trips on the Belle during its first few weeks in operation 40 years ago, sharing memories from its earliest days. It was a lovely way to create more memories to share in the future.

For our August meeting, we are delighted that Shaun Ryan, our local "Plant Man" will be coming along to talk about drought tolerant plants. Never could such a talk be so timely with all the dry and hot weather we have been having.

Let's hope we can get some good hints and tips from Shaun on how to make our gardens look better under difficult conditions.

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

NORTH LUFFENHAM VILLAGE TRUST

2026 FORMS FOR GRANTS

Applications are invited, from or on behalf of, individuals resident in North Luffenham who are in need of financial assistance for education or other needs. Groups that benefit North Luffenham residents may also apply.

All applications will be dealt with confidentially & are to be received by the Clerk no later than 1st September 2026

The Application Forms will be enclosed in the August addition of the Parish Magazine and further copies are available from:-

The Clerk to the Trustees, North Luffenham Village Trust
Mrs K Dexter, 13 Digby Drive, North Luffenham,
Tel: 01780-721033.

CHATER BOWLS CLUB

Pinfold Lane, North Luffenham, Rutland

As summer continues Chater Bowls Club has been enjoying some very good playing weather, and also some very hot weather that caused a few cancellations to our programme but we meet up and have a social instead.

Our club is very friendly and we have recently welcomed four new members, and we would be delighted to have more, so if you are interested please make contact and come along for a free try out.

We roll-up on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-4 pm, from April through to September. We have two tiers of membership: £45 as a player and £25 as a social member. The green fees are £4.00 per play and £2.00 for social which covers a cup of tea and biscuits.

We have a very active social calendar which includes a BBQ, Fun Bingo, Quiz and Afternoon Tea and at the end of the year our annual awards dinner. We also play a fun social match with The Fox pub and encourage local social groups to come along and have a taster session with us. We also play friendly matches with other local villages.

If you are interested to find out more, either as a beginner or seasoned player, please contact our secretary, Jane Potter.

Mobile: 07986 149162 Email: chaterbowlsclub@outlook.com

North Luffenham Village Trip 2026



Wednesday 16th Sept

**Coach leaves The Fox at 9am prompt and
return's from **CROMER NORFOLK** at 5.30pm**

This years village trip is to Cromer with thanks to the village trust who are again are funding the coach. Stroll the famous Cromer Victorian pier and maybe take in the matinee summer show. Spend time relaxing on the wide sandy blue flag beach or wander the town centres winding streets and explore the independent shops, cafes and church.

Grab a fresh Cromer crab sandwich from local hotspots or pick up Fish and Chips from venues with sea views.

Places free to village residents - Subject to availability

To reserve your place please email jasonrutland@hotmail.com or call 07773396153 and leave your name and contact number.

The Fox North Luffenham Tel 01780 720991

www.thefoxrutland.co.uk

Summer has arrived, and with it comes our brand new summer menu. A warm welcome

always awaits you whether you're a regular, visitor or calling in for the first time.

Summer Opening hours extended from July. Monday and Tuesday 5pm - 11pm, Wednesday to

Sunday from 12noon, **open all day**. By popular request, we will now start serving **food on a**

Sunday from 12-6pm. Giving you the perfect opportunity to enjoy a relaxing day in your garden

or enjoyable day out before returning to The Fox and settling down for a delicious Sunday lunch.

PRESTON

CHURCH FLOWERS AND CLEANING

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

Remember the **Preston Ridlington and Wing Annual Flower and Produce Show** takes place on 1st August. Please see the notice on page 3.

RIDLINGTON

CHURCH SERVICES - Everyone welcome to attend and to enjoy the refreshments afterwards -

2nd August - 9:30 Morning Prayer

22nd August - 17:00 Pet Service led by the Rector

23rd August - 9:30 Morning Prayer.

THANKS TO -

- the many folk who kindly donated in July to the Food Bank collection; it is so important that we continue to support this vital service;
- all those who helped set up, made, baked, served, and washed up at the Afternoon Tea on 12th July - funds raised to be shared between the church,

- playing field and village hall; and
- Jacky for organising the Osprey walk at Lyndon Nature Reserve on 18th July.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION - Please continue to support this very worthwhile local charity - if every household donated one item a month the boxes would be full by each of the collection days - the next one is on 19th August.

ECO CHURCH - can you spare 15 minutes to count butterflies? We'll participate in the Big Butterfly Count again this year - meet at the churchyard at 14:00 on **Sunday, 9th August** and we'll then move onto the playing field. Citizen science at its best - who doesn't smile when they see a butterfly?

- the yearly mow of the churchyard is nearly upon us! Meet at 11:00 on **Saturday, 5th September** at the churchyard - please bring your own trimmers and rakes. If you think you'll be able to help trim, rake or bag please let Debra know. As has become our custom there will be a ploughman's lunch at 3 Main Street after the mow.

PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING is a film, compiled by climate and nature experts, intended to provide a catalyst for a public conversation about the growing climate emergency. After the recent heatwaves, it seems like the ideal moment to have that conversation! With the Rector's agreement, Lisa Klein and Sarah Tyerman are hoping to organize a screening in our Eco church. Exact date to be fixed very soon.

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS! - first, and with thanks to Margie for this one, "The Summerhouse Trilogy" by Alice Thomas Ellis. Took me a while to get into it but it is worth persevering - the same events seen from three different perspectives: the bride to be, the groom's mother and a school friend of the bride's mother - amusing and well written. Having recommended Simon McCleave's police procedurals in previous months I think this one is the best yet - "The Dee Valley Killings" - rather unsettling though: be warned! Finally, a comic crime caper "Herring on the Nile" by L C Tyler - light reading, a good one for a holiday even if you are not on a cruise.

WHITWELL

St Michael and All Angels Church

Open Thursday to Sunday 10.00am - 5.00pm

16th August 4.00pm. Holy Communion Service.

Pop-up Tea Room. Sunday 27th September 2.30-4.30 pm. Back by popular demand **Michaelmas Afternoon Tea** in the Churchyard with cakes 'n bakes and plants on sale and a tombola. Proceeds for Church fabric.

Saturday 8th August 5.30-6.30pm. 100 Club draw and Meeting to complete RHCPT's 'Survey of Rutland Churches' questionnaire; at the church.

WING

Flowers Chris Hackett and Sue Bastable **Brass** Jane Alexander Orr

Wing Garden Opening A huge **THANK YOU** to all those who so kindly opened their gardens, created the map, erected gazebos, moved furniture, made cakes and served refreshments, sold plants and ice creams, welcomed visitors at the Church, and to everyone who came and supported this great event. It was such a wonderful day made possible by so many of the village giving a great deal of their time. We raised £4,044 which is a fantastic amount and will be shared between the Church and Village Hall.

Please note that the tea afternoon previously advertised for **Sunday 9th August will not now take place.**

However tea and delicious homemade cake will be served from 3pm - 5pm on **Sunday 13th September.** Do come and join your friends and neighbours for a chat and cup of tea.. All proceeds to Wing Church.

The **Safari Supper** will be held on Saturday 3rd October in aid of church funds and the team are looking for hosts to welcome guests into their homes for either a starter or main course. It is a great evening.

If you are prepared to host a course please contact Carolyn Comben. (ccomben2@gmail.com or 01572 737373), Alice Hill (01572 737516) or Helen Bateman (01572 737499)



The **Wingding on Sunday 30 August** (midday to 5pm) is shaping up nicely, with games, face painting, tug of war, barbecue, bar, prizes and possibly even welly wanging(!).

We would really appreciate a rough idea of numbers for catering, so please use the QR code to let us know whether you are likely to come (this is just an indicator, not a serious commitment). You can also bring your own picnic, and there is an option for that on the form. Offers of help still welcome - contact Cat Varley.



The **Wednesday craft group** meets at 10am in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome.

The July 100 Club draw made at Coffee Morning on July 2nd produced the following winners.

1st 97 Jane Wood

2nd 21 Helen Bateman

3rd 77 Gerald Clifton

And finally, remember the **Preston Ridlington and Wing Annual Flower and Produce Show** takes place on 1st August. Please see the notice on page 3.



The poster is for 'FOR RUTLAND GOLF DAY' and features a green background with a large white golf ball on a tee. In the top left corner is a logo for 'For Rutland' with the tagline 'Improving Lives in our Community'. The main text reads 'FOR RUTLAND GOLF DAY' in large white letters. Below this, it says '19th August 2026 at Rutland Water Golf Course'. The entry fee is listed as '£80 per person, £60 for RWGC members'. It also mentions 'Includes coffee and bacon buns during registration, green fee and a two-course dinner.' The main sponsor is 'TAYLOR & BAINES'. At the bottom, there is a call to action: 'For more information, visit forrutland.org.uk/golf-for-rutland'. A small footer at the very bottom explains that 'For Rutland' raises funds for Citizens Advice Rutland (Reg Charity No 1157907) 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. There is also a small 'Citizens Advice Rutland' logo in the bottom right corner.

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 Citizens Advice Rutland

What's on



Services during August in the Rutland Water Benefice

	2 nd August Trinity 9	9 th August Trinity 10	16 th August Trinity 11	23 rd August Trinity 12
St Mary Edith Weston				9.30am Holy Communion (Peter)
St Peter Empingham	10am All Age Service (Caroline)		11.00am Holy Communion (Peter)	
St Martin of Tours Lyndon		9.30am Morning Prayer (Clare)		
St Mary Manton		9.30 All Age Service (Anne)		11.00am Holy Communion (Peter)
St John the Baptist North Luffenham			9.30am Holy Communion (Peter)	9.30am Breakfast Church (Patrick / Caroline)
St Nicholas Pilton				
SS Peter and Paul Preston	11.00am Meeting Place (Paul)	11.00am Holy Communion (Keith Denison)		5.00pm Evening Prayer (Vyv)
SS Mary and Andrew Ridlington	9.30am Morning Prayer (Debra)		Saturday 22 nd 5pm Pet Service (Peter)	9.30am Morning Prayer (Debra)
St Michael and All Angels Whitwell			4.00pm Holy Communion (Peter)	
SS Peter and Paul Wing	11.00am Holy Communion (Keith Denison)	9.30am Morning Prayer (David)		9.30am Morning Prayer (David / Alice)

The Rutland Water Benefice

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Manton	Anne Cowan 01572 737503	Roger Hornby 01572 737367
North Luffenham	Patrick Woods 01780 721872	Nic Merrett 07801 983530
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