

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 & Wing

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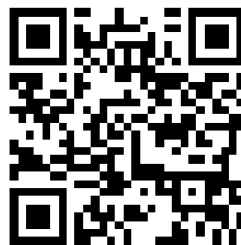
Please refer to the service rota at the back of this magazine. Please do make yourselves known to the Churchwardens when you arrive. You will be very welcome.

All enquiries about a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral, should be directed to the Rev'd Dr Pippa Madgwick.

Home Communion can be arranged by appointment.

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Thoughts from Rev'd. Jenni Duffy:

In his poem, 'Advent 1955', Betjeman skilfully describes the British experience of December days, the wind in the trees, dark mornings and evenings, days cloudy and damp.

Advent is a time of darkness and lengthening shadows, dull greyness where we wonder if the sun will ever shine again. We have just come through the season of Remembrance, encompassing All Souls Day and Remembrance Day, where we confront some of the darkest times in history and in our own personal lives, and we feel the bleakness even more acutely.

In the midst of this dark season, Betjeman calls us to prepare:

*"The Advent bells call out 'Prepare,
Your world is journeying to the birth
Of God made Man for us on earth.'"*

But how to prepare? The poem speaks of the pace of life beginning to move faster, perhaps to escape the cold outside, perhaps to accomplish all those seasonal things on our 'To Do' lists. The time of Advent can find us frenetically engaged with writing and sending Christmas cards, present buying, and searching for the perfect Christmas tree and turkey.

But the season of Advent invites us to pause, to prepare for something different, to look for the light in the darkness. Advent foretells of salvation, peace and hope; of light breaking into the shadows:

*'The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.'* (Is 9:2)

Isaiah is speaking of Jesus, God Incarnate, who was born on earth to save humankind from the depths of darkness, who is the light of the world.

It is for Jesus' birth that we prepare, slowing down to look for signs of light in the world, to set aside time to spend in silence, examining our spiritual lives, waiting on Jesus, and drawing nearer to God.

As we enter this season of Advent, let us think of one way we can intentionally prepare for Christ's birth, perhaps read an advent book (ask the ministry team what they are reading), set aside time to pray and reflect on what Jesus' birth means for us, or bring some light into someone else's life.

However we prepare, let us be ready with our lamps lit to embrace the light that is coming into our world.

With every blessing,

Jenni Duffy

(Assistant Curate in the Rutland Water Benefice)

Gifts and Skills session:

It was lovely to get together in September to think about our gifts and skills, to see what the bible says about them and to think about how we use them in service to our church and community.

Thank you to those who attended and added to the lively discussion. We identified some areas for further exploration, the first of which will be a session on leading **Prayers of Intercession**. This will be held early next year, so keep an eye out for details if you are interested.

Thank you, Jenni.

AFTER SCHOOL CHURCH

The Luffenhams Community Church will meet fortnightly on Mondays 3.30 - 4.45pm In the Community Centre, North Luffenham or South Luffenham Village Hall

Food, fun and growing faith together.

Everyone of all ages welcome!



Pop-Up Christmas Collection: As part of the Good & New Clothes Sale we are holding a sale at our sorting unit at 33 Pillings Road, Oakham on Friday 3rd December 4pm-8pm and Saturday 4th December 9am-1pm offering Men's and Ladies Winter Warmers and Sparkly Partywear ready for Christmas and the New Year. Free tickets can be reserved

by emailing info@fornrutland.org.uk as we are controlling numbers hourly. Friday night slots 4pm-5pm, 5pm-6pm are already full but please apply for other days and time slots and snap up a wonderful bargain to cheer you up or maybe buy a special Christmas present?

The **Rutland Santa Fun Run**, organized by The Rotary Club of Rutland, will be on Sunday 12th December, 11.00 am at Cutts Close, Oakham. Entrants can run as individuals or as a team. Sponsor forms are available for entrants to run for Rotary or for a charity of their own choice.
<http://rutlandrotarysantafunrun.co.uk/>



Rutland Shore Pilates - Katie Soudry

I'm a fully qualified Body Control Pilates instructor and have been teaching people of all ages and abilities for over 10 years now. I am currently running a Beginner/Improver class on Wednesday mornings at 9.30am in the Preston Village Hall. So whether you want very gentle exercise for mobility or challenge to improve your sports performance Pilates can help!

If you would like to join please feel free to contact me at katieconnect1@gmail.com or via my Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/KatieSoudry> where you can also keep up to date with upcoming classes I will be offering. I also offer private lessons or if you have a group of friends, a venue and wish to have a class to fit around you then don't hesitate to contact me!

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EDITH WESTON

Church services

December services will be as follows and everybody will be most welcome:

9.30am Holy Communion

6pm **19th December** Carol Service

9.30am **Christmas Day** Holy Communion.

Christmas Cards

The PCC are always very grateful for the generous amount raised by our Christmas Card scheme - ie a donation to church funds and your greetings to village friends in a card to be displayed in the church porch. If you would like to participate this year, please leave your cards at 18 Church Lane by 18th December, or for any other information please call Jackie Rutherford on 720721.

Edith Weston Safari Supper is coming back in 2022. This year we will all enjoy desserts and continue the evening in the village hall. Please consider whether you are willing to host a starter or main course or make a dessert, we will be asking for hosts in the new year. Watch this space!

Toni Wilkin 07447 017100, Joanna Bonser 07493327886

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.

100 Club prize winners for December:

£30 Mr Belson

£25 Mr C Payne

£20 Mrs H Gregg

£15 Mr Atkinson-Hill

Village Store & Coffee Cabin gift voucher kindly donated by Helen & Andy Wood –

Mr A Barber

If you would like to join the Edith Weston 100 Club, please contact Karen Fletcher on 01780 720677

Table tennis

Table tennis is now up and running in Edith Weston Village Hall. 3pm Wednesdays. All welcome.

.Church garden

For many years the flowerbeds on either side of the path leading to the Church have been cared for by Jackie Rutherford and we owe a debt of gratitude to her for keeping the beds colourful and neat and tidy. Thank you Jackie. Now Jackie has decided to hang up her gardening gloves, in the churchyard anyway, so we are looking for volunteers to take over as part of a team to continue to keep the churchyard tidy and pretty. We will form a rota so it shouldn't be an onerous task at all if a few volunteers come forward. Please contact Miranda on 01780 721000.

Edith Weston Village Shop & Post Office

Church Lane

Edith Weston 01780 722164

Fresh fruit & veg, local produce, cards & gifts, newspapers, Post Office, Coffee Cabin and seating.

Christmas Opening Hours

Friday 24th December	8.30am - 12.30pm
Saturday 25th December	Closed
Sunday 26th December	9am - 11am
Monday 27th December	8.30am - 12.30pm
Tuesday 28th December	8.30am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 29th December	8.30am - 12.30pm
Thursday 30th December	8.30am - 12.30pm
Friday 31st December	8.30am - 12.30pm
Saturday 1st January	9am - 11am
Sunday 2nd January	8.30am - 12.30pm
Monday 3rd January	8.30am - 12.30pm

Last Posting Dates

2nd Class	18th December
1st Class	21st December

We would like to wish all our customers a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year and thank you for your continued support. EWVS

100 Years On 1921-2021

Edith Weston Village Hall Centenary Celebration

Wednesday 15 December 7-9.30pm

There will be a cheese and wine evening to celebrate 100 years since the

opening of the Hall in 1921.

Tickets are free but numbers limited, so please reserve yours at Edith Weston village shop.

Holy Dusters

The team will be getting together on Saturday, December 11th to clean the Church ready for Christmas.

Any new people who would like to join in please contact Jane on 722005. The more the merrier!

Edith Weston Film Club

The village is setting up a Film Club for the local area, showing popular films for children and adults. The intention will be to hold a children's matinee showing in the afternoon (1.30pm for a 2pm start) and an evening performance of a popular movie (6.30pm for a 7pm start). The inaugural film club will run on 4th December at Edith Weston Village Hall. Tickets will be available at Edith Weston Village Shop and on the door.

The club will operate on a not for profit basis with a minimum donation of £3 per child; or 2 children for £5 (All children must be accompanied during the performance by at least one adult who will see the film for free). For the evening shows a minimum donation will be £5. Light refreshments will be available to purchase at the events.

Please pop into the Village Shop for more information and look out for posters and Facebook posts showing the films that will be shown.

We plan to run this on a monthly basis and look forward to all your support.

Line Dance class for Absolute Beginners

Fridays 12:45-1:45 in Edith Weston Village Hall

New beginners starting in January; please contact Chloe Harley for more info or to book your place

07854 415814 or ChloeLHarley@gmail.com

EMPINGHAM

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

ACTIVITIES AT EMPINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH

SERVICES DURING DECEMBER

SUNDAY 5th 10.45am Morning Worship including Holy Communion
with Rev Bekkie Wright

12th 10.45am CAFÉ CHURCH with Chris Pursehouse

19th **3pm CAROL SERVICE** with Rev Bekkie Wright, Phil Jones &
the Stamford Methodist Church Orchestra. Refreshments. Collection
for Shelter.

25th 10.30am Christmas Day Service at Oakham Methodist Church

26th No Service.

MONDAY'S 2 -4pm. **POST OFFICE** – Refreshments and second-
hand books on Sale. **CHRISTMAS EVENT.** Carols played by David
Franklin & Harry Robinson at Empingham Methodist Church during
the **Post Office opening hours 2- 4pm Monday 13th December.** All
the usual Post Office services – Refreshments & Carols. Join in the
Christmas Joy. A celebration of 18years since our
Community Post Office opened.

**THURSDAY 10.30am till 12 noon. TODDLER GROUP – Activities –
Singing – Refreshments - £1. Per family. Meet up with friends and
make new ones.**

EMPINGHAM CRICKET & SOCIAL CLUB

The club is open, within any Covid related restrictions as follows:

- From 5.15 pm to 8.00 pm on Tuesdays
- From 4.30 pm on Friday evenings
- From 1.00 pm on Sunday lunchtimes.

Please visit the website for up-to-date details concerning opening times,

cricket matches and other events.

Events

Please note the winter opening hours above.

Please see the website for any upcoming events.

Club Contacts

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

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

New members are always welcome. Contact Bob Sloan on 07714 784117 or bobsloan79@yahoo.co.uk

Girls Night Out, dates for December and January.

December 2nd at 1030 am. Coffee and mince pies at The White Horse

December 9th at 7.45 pm. A visit to the Shoestring Theatre's production of A Christmas Carol at the Stamford Arts Centre. Please contact Angela on 01780460767 or angela@theduffins.org.uk

January 13th 7.30 pm at the Cricket Club. After Christmas swap shop. Too many bottles of bath crème for Christmas? Come and swap for something that you really need!

There is no formal membership of Girls Night Out, so do come along if you can, and do bring a friend or new neighbour.

Empingham Bowls Club

The Bowls Club is pleased to announce the resumption of its seasonal coffee mornings that are held at the Cricket & Social Club during the winter and early spring months.

The next event will be on Tuesday 14th December from 10:00am until Noon.

The entry fee of £2 will include: a choice of Coffee or Tea and a selection of cakes and other delicacies. There will also be a raffle with proceeds going to Bowls Club funds

Open to all, this is a great opportunity to get out, meet and socialise with fellow villagers and old friends.

Activities for Christmas in St Peter's

Monday, 13th December. **School Christingle Service** at 2.00pm. All welcome

Thursday, 16th December. **Village Carols**. A service of carols and readings at 6.30pm. Refreshments with mince pies afterwards.

Monday, 20th December. **Childrens Workshop** to make Christmas decorations. 2.00 pm.

Christmas Eve, 24th December. **A Living Nativity Crib Scene** at 6.00pm in St Peter's. Families are very welcome at this informal service.

Christmas Day. **Holy Communion** at 9.30am.

We commiserate with the family and friends of **David Alan Harris** who died on 26th August 2021. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life was held on 6th November 2021.

Audit Hall notices

Singers wanted, come and join us.

We intend to meet in Main Street on Tuesday December 21st at 6:30pm outside the Methodist Chapel and will proceed around the village for maybe 90 minutes and retire to the Audit (village) Hall for mulled wine and mince pies. Hopefully we will (as usual) have some instrumental accompaniment so any budding musicians would be most welcome.

Donations would also be welcome and this year we intend to support the Childrens' Air Ambulance Charity No 1098874 which operates 2 new helicopters out of East Midlands Airport and has a charity shop in Stamford. You will find this a fun evening ending up in our warm, friendly hall.

John Archer Chairman, Empingham Audit (Village) Hall

Village Breakfast

Just a reminder that our next village breakfast will be on Saturday 4 December. Doors open from 9:15 to 11:30. Come and meet up with friends and have a full English breakfast for only £6 (£3 for under 12's). At this breakfast you will also be able to renew your Mini Ernie subscription for 2022. Tickets remain at £12 p.a.

Mini Ernie Results

Draw No 12

1st	£20	57	Margaret Thraves
2nd	£15	124	Bill & Sheila Forster
3rd	£10	29	Ivan Bland

'Books and Beyond'

Wednesday 1st December 10.30am St Peter's Empingham

Come and join us for a friendly discussion about a thought-provoking book over refreshments! To start us off 'The Lion , the Witch and the Wardrobe'

LYNDON

Christmas Eve Carol Service.

We hope as many of you possible will be coming to our 6 o'clock service of 6 Lessons and Carols. (The number can fluctuate!) and stay for mulled wine afterwards.

Update on Harvest supper and auction.

The final figure was £1319.66 raised for our church.

Very many thanks to all the people who gave their time, talents and money to achieve this wonderful result. It will encourage us to start some repairs as soon as we can.

A letter from the Church Urban Fund thanking us for the collection is on the notice board.

MANTON

MANTON VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB Winning numbers for November 2021.

£20: 89 Marie-Ange Martin

£10 80 Val Carroll **£10:** 35 Johnny De Lisle **£5:** 68 Patrick Leahy **£5:** 131 John Stones. Snowball **£70** was not won. Next month's snowball, £80, may be won. If you would like to join the 150 Club, and help support the Village Hall, contact the promoter: Peter Gooding, Cumberland House, St Mary's Road. Tel 737699.

Manton Village HALLOWEEN EVENTS – 30th OCTOBER

The village hall committee would like to say thank you to all the residents, parents and Children who made a fantastic effort for the Halloween Pumpkin event on 30th October. It was incredible to see our village decorated, creating a real community feel and the 23 children enjoyed the pumpkin trail and the party at the village hall which included potion making, cupcake making, crafts, pizza and disco enormously. If you would like to see the pictures of the pumpkin trail, village hall decorations and enjoyment they can be seen on the private village hall Facebook group. Ask Clare, Kathy or Mo to join.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/129995904351521/>

There's lots more from MANTON on page 29

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Manton Garden Club

wednesday 8 December 8pm

Manton Village Hall

Now that the Garden Club is officially back there is a Christmas Special in the Large Hall. So, Drinks and Nibbles for all, a chance to catch up, chat about our gardens and gardening plans for next year. Everyone welcome - members, guests and anyone interested in joining our group. After that the next date will be January 12th for a talk about Ferns. Further information from Jane Bews on 737416.

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 9 December 10.30-12.00

At the home of Finola Hornby

The Croft, Lyndon Road

BRING and BUY Any problems/lifts needed, please contact Anne Cowan (01572 737503). FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received.

BIBLE/PRAYER GROUP

There is no meeting in December. Bible studies will resume in January on the third Thursday of each month. Looking forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

CHRISTMAS WINDOWS

Theme of “12 Days of Christmas” We invite you to create a window in your home focused on one of those days – the choice is yours! Just make it fun, Christmassy and with lots of lights!

Please display from **Monday December 20th – Friday December 24th**

4-8pm. Anyone in need of inspiration....get in touch!! Please let Anne Cowan(01572737503) know asap to book your window and we can then put together a route.

CAROLS in the CHURCHYARD

Thursday 23 December 5.00 – 6.00pm

This year, we propose a gathering in the Churchyard or by the Post Box if too damp, to sing carols together...seats, for those who need them, and song sheets will be provided. Everyone very welcome...you don't have to be able to sing, just want to join in!! Mulled Wine and Mince Pies in the church afterwards. Money will be collected in aid of CRISIS.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES in the CHURCH

Saturday 18 December 9-11am "Decorate the Church for Christmas". Come and help us decorate the church, decorate the Christmas tree, prepare flowers. Christmas activities for the children. Coffee, squash and mince pies served all morning. Come and join in!

Friday 24 December - Christmas Eve 4pm Carols and Crib Service followed by Tea/Squash and Mince Pies/Biscuits. A short service of half an hour designed around the very young...and the not so young but young at heart! Everyone very welcome.

Saturday 25 December - Christmas Day 9.30am Holy Communion Everyone welcome.

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 13 January 10.30-12.00

At the home of Anne Cowan

38 Lyndon Road

Any problems/lifts needed, please contact Anne Cowan (01572 737503)

FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received.

THE CHURCHFITTERS

Friday January 21st 8pm

Manton Village Hall

The Churchfitters is a Folk Band like no other. Bass guitars made out of frying pans and hub caps. Heart wrenching vocals accompanied by a musical saw. Foot stompingly fast fiddle mixed with infectious funk-rock banjo, and traditional melodies reinvented with mesmerising rock rhythms.

No Bar so bring your own drinks. Socially distanced tables. Tickets £12 from Anne Cowan (01572737503 annecowan38@gmail.com)

SAFARI SUPPER 2022

Saturday 29 January 2022 7.15pm (There are still some places left so please sign up asap!)

This year the Safari Supper will take a slightly different format. Guests will go to three different houses for Starters, Mains and Pudding. At each house you will meet a different group of people with a maximum of 8 at each table. You will not find out where you are going until the night...and even then you will only find out where you are going for your Starter...you find out the rest as you travel around the village!

If you are new to the village, you will not be expected to host a course.

Everyone else is asked to volunteer to host a course if possible. There are small financial subsidies to help with this. Wine will be provided with the meal and if you are hosting, the wine will be delivered to your house a couple of days beforehand.

This year, sadly, there will be no Coffee course and no gathering at the end of the evening. Coffee/Tea will be served at the end of the Pudding course by your hosts.

Tickets are £20 from Anne Cowan (01572 737503). All profits will go to Church Funds.

NORTH LUFFENHAM

North Luffenham Bonfire Night

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make the event such a great success - it is fair to say that the evening went off with a bang! People were very generous with donations, which meant that all costs were covered. Again, thanks to all involved!

Covid Lateral Test Kits

The church has been given supplies of testing kits from Rutland County Council. Anyone is welcome to collect a box of kits from just inside the church. Do make use of these, to help us all keep covid cases down. If supplies run low please contact Pippa Madgwick so that they can be replenished.

Chater Community Choir Festive Performances

Saturday 18th December 6pm Carols on the Green, South Luffenham

Wednesday 22nd December 6.30pm Exeter Arms, Barrowden

Friday 24th December 6.30pm The Fox, North Luffenham

All performances involve approximately 40 minutes of singing, as well as lots of festive fun - song sheets will be provided!

The choir rehearse every Tuesday at Edith Weston Academy from 7.30pm till 9pm and newcomers are very welcome!

Carols on the Oval

Carols on the Oval are being planned for the week before Christmas, probably Tuesday 21st December at 6pm (TBC)

Christmas Day Service

A service will be held in the church on Christmas Day at 9.30am and all are welcome.

Christmas at The Fox

Christmas Quiz

Monday 20th December at 8pm

Christmas Eve Carols

Friday 24th December at 6pm

Jason and the team at The Fox would like to wish all of their customers and residents of the parishes a very merry festive period! The Fox will be open on Christmas Day for drinks only, between 11.30am and 2pm. Christmas opening times and the December festive menu are available to view online www.thefoxrutland.co.uk

Digby Farm Christmas Trees

This wonderful family run Christmas tree farm will be open from 26th November to 24th December

Mon - Sat 10am till 5.30pm and Sunday 10am till 4pm

Late night opening on Wednesday 1st, 8th & 15th December 10am till 7.30pm As well as premium, freshly cut trees, there is also a Christmas shop to stock up on decorations, festive accessories & stocking fillers!

North & South Luffenham Bench Project

The benches have now been delivered and it is hoped that they will be positioned and fitted by the end of the month. Many thanks to everyone who has donated to this project.

Events at South Luffenham Village Hall

Church Mulled Wine & Mince Pies Event on Sunday 5th December from 11.30am - 1pm

Free entry but donations will be gratefully received

Christmas Quiz on Friday 10th December at 7pm. Tickets £10 and include supper. Contact Carole 720756 or Tracy 729006

Fika Saturday on 11th December from 10.30am - 12.30pm

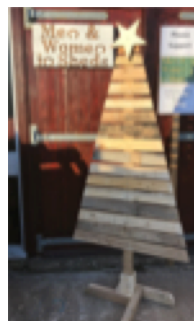
Men & Women in Sheds - Festive Goodies for Sale

Saturday 4th December 10am – 4pm at Tesco, Oakham

This merry band of elves are busy in the workshop, making wooden festive goodies to sell, in order to raise funds for AgeUK

The 'Shed' is a fully equipped workshop, located at Oakham Enterprise Park, Ashwell and is available to the over 50's who would like to use and share practical skills, tools and projects. Recent projects include planters for the Oakham Fire Station Community Garden with Peppers and Christmas trees in re-purposed wood, made to order.

New members and commissions welcome, please contact Brian Lee 01572 720319 07540 413805 Brian.Lee@ageukleics.org.uk



Foodbank Donations

As we head into the Winter months, it is important that we continue to support our local foodbank through donations. The impact of energy costs & benefit changes are affecting some Rutland residents badly at the moment. Two boxes are located in the church porch and are available to fill 9am to 5pm every day. The foodbank team will collect the boxes fortnightly and return empty boxes in their place. Please do continue to support this local charity. **Last collection before Christmas is December 15th.**
Many thanks on behalf of Rutland Foodbank.

Calling All Knitters!

Would you be able to help us make knitted teddy bears, to offer as a gift to children being baptised in our benefice? If you are able to help, please contact Jane Salt for a simple pattern: jmt14@btinternet.com

PILTON

St Nicholas Service 6pm 5th December

Everyone is invited to join the Pilton congregation at this service to celebrate St Nicholas. Please bring torches – it is dark!

PRESTON

Christmas Services at St Peter and St Paul, Preston

3pm Sunday 19th December A service of Readings and Carols
10.30am Christmas Day 25th December Holy Communion

Preston village is currently without a magazine correspondent. If you would like to volunteer for this small, but vital, role please contact Kay Waterworth 737339 or Alice Hill 737516. Help would be much appreciated.

RIDLINGTON

CHURCH NEWS:

Church cleaning rota: thank you, this month, to: Suzanne Baines; Ruth Lees; Church flowers: Christmas – Louise Fox; Liz Simpson; Jane Moubray; Jan Powley; Sue Hatcher; Karen Baines; Debra Thatcher; Pat Roome (there are no flowers in church throughout Advent))

Front of House Rota (new): Anne/David Harvey; Louise/Steve Fox; Richard/Debra Thatcher; Margie/Martin Wall;

Vacancies: there is still a vacancy for a Church Warden and for new members to join the PCC. If you are interested, please contact Pippa Madgwick or Jes Salt.

CHRISTMAS IN RIDLINGTON:

All being well, we are planning to hold the following services and events: Carol Concert on **Sunday 19th December 6pm** followed by refreshments Christmas Day service on **Saturday 25th December 9.30am**

BAINES BAKE OFF CHOCOLATE LOG COMPETITION:

ROLL UP AGAIN EVERYONE!!

Having had a practice run in the summer, we thought you may enjoy taking your skill a step further but this time making a CHOCOLATE YULE LOG! This will keep for use during the festive period, or you could pop it in the freezer for use at a later date. Please contact Karen Baines or Louise Fox for a copy of the recipe.

Cake Entries & Judging Date: **Saturday, December 18th**, to be brought to the Church **by 3:00 pm**

Where: St Mary Magdalene and St. Andrew Church, Ridlington

Entry Fee: £5.00

Winners to be announced at the end of the Carol Service on Sunday, 19th December

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION'S POPPY APPEAL:

The Autumn weather was kind to us and the event was a great success. People were most generous, giving both their time and donations to this very worthy cause.

£393.00 was raised for the Royal British Legion. A huge "Thank you" goes to everyone who contributed. Shelagh Page, Jo Hudson, Jacqueline Ike.

FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS:

The collection dates for December are 8th and 22nd. Details of the items requested for Christmas goody bags will be displayed in the church porch, the village notice board and on the village website.

Your generosity throughout 2021 has been amazing - my thanks to everyone.

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

Books are available to borrow from the back of the church. If you would like to buy any, please make a donation to church funds.

Debra Thatcher.

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS:

December

There will be a Christmas Coffee Morning held in the Village Hall on **Friday 3rd December**;

After a few years gap the Village Hall on **Friday 17th December** will host a Social Night, a chance to come along for as long as you want, meet with friends and make new ones. Children very welcome. The bar will be open from 7.00 pm to 11.00 pm. Good selection of drinks all reasonably priced. Children's soft drinks free, plus complimentary nibbles. The event is licensed. No need to buy a ticket but it would be nice to know if you may be coming. For more information please contact us. David & Pat Roome - 01572 821416 / davr333@btinternet.com

HELP FOR HEROES FUNDRAISER EVENT:

The Help For Heroes fundraiser held on October 29th raised a total of £350. Capt. Gary Rutherford of the 1st Military Working Dog Regiment from St George's Barracks gave a very interesting talk about the important role working dogs play in the military and his own experiences of 20 years service including tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

A very big thanks to all who attended and made donations. The finger food afterwards was tasty and plentiful. A most informative and eye-opening evening. Dave Roome.

PETERBOROUGH HOMELESS COLLECTION:

Life returns slowly to a sort of normal which means that the streets are once again home for many people. Lockdown de-cluttering helped to build up store of clothing and camping items, but these are now being depleted once more. My Peterborough contact has been in touch with a list of the present requirements, and she has also stressed how grateful the organisation is for the donations they receive from Ridlington.

There are many calls on us for help from many different directions I know, but if you can spare any of the listed items, they will be gratefully received and put to very good use.

Thank you for your continued support.

SLEEPING BAGS

2-PERSON TENTS (not pop-up as these are not weatherproof and they blow away)

YOGA/CAMPING MATS TRAINERS WITH GOOD SOLES SIZES 8 – 10

TORCHES STOVES ANYTHING CAMPING RELATED

Men's jeans 30" – 32" waist M/L joggers or similar

Winter/waterproof coats M/L New/unused boxers medium

New/ unused socks Neither duvets nor pillows can be accepted I'm afraid

NEW STYLE COVID 19 TESTING KITS available for everyone to use. They have been placed on the bench at the back of the Church St. Mary Magdalene and St. Andrew, please feel free to take one.

If you have any items for inclusion in the parish magazine, please email Anne Harvey acharvey@hotmail.co.uk by 12th of the month, at the latest.

For information about Ridlington Village and St Mary Magdalene & St Andrew, Ridlington,

please visit the websites below:

<http://www.rutlandwaterbenefice.info/ridlington>

<http://www.ridlingtonparishcouncil.org/>

WING

St Peter and St Paul Church

Services at Christmas

Sunday 19th December 6pm Service of Readings and Carols

Friday 24th December 11pm Holy Communion for Christmas

We will be assembling a choir to sing at our services over Christmas. If you are interested in joining please contact Carolyn Comben 737373, ccomben2@gmail.com or Alice Hill 737516. No experience necessary – just a love of singing! Rehearsals will begin on 12th December.

Christmas Carols and Canapés - 23rd December The Old Hall, Wing

Start Christmas by joining us all for carols, drinks and canapés from 6pm - 10.00pm. Father Christmas and his reindeer will be in his grotto from 6-7pm to greet any children wishing to make their last minute requests.

The event is free of charge but donations would be welcome in aid of Wing Parish Church.

Please email or call in advance to assist with catering on mrssallycox@hotmail.com / 0797 693 6509.

There will be carol singing around the village prior to gathering at The Old Hall. Further details from Carolyn Comben ccomben2@gmail.com. Everyone welcome.

Litter Pick

Another successful litter pick took place within the parish boundary in October. The surrounds of the Village Hall car park was tackled by 4 residents and how lovely it now looks – Thank You.

WING WI

The October meeting was most enjoyable. The guest was Uppingham County Councillor and Deputy leader of Rutland County Council, Lucy Stephenson. Lucy told the meeting all about her busy but very interesting life. She is a born and bred Rutlander who returned to Rutland following University and time on a farm in New Zealand.

The November meeting was the AGM. After dealing with the business a social time was enjoyed mainly with a Tasting and Rating of various commercial products from custard creams to mince pies, cheese, cheese biscuit and chocolate, there were some surprising results! A nursery Rhyme quiz was also tackled.

The WI was delighted to welcome 3 new members and possibly a 4th so, we must be doing something right!

The December 15th meeting will be held at The Old Hall by the kind invitation of the owners, Sally and Adrian. Our special guest is the world renowned musician David Hill who will give us an evening of Christmas Music. This will a very special evening and each member is able to invite a guest (even a male!)

Please feel free, if interested in joining the WI, to contact either Jane (01572 737324) or Judith (01572 737761)

From the Parish Council:

Villagers are reminded that there is a vacancy on the Parish Council that has been unfilled now for some months. If you are interested in serving the community in this way please speak to any Councillor about what is involved and how to get yourself nominated. Please also remember that any Wing

resident can attend Parish Council meetings as an observer, and there is a “democratic 10 minutes” near the top of the agenda where villagers may speak. If there is an issue you wish to bring before the Council please have a word with any Councillor who may add it to the agenda. The PC meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month, bi-monthly, at 7.30pm. There will be a report on the November meeting in the next issue of the Parish magazine, after which the next meeting will be on January 26th 2022 in the Village Hall.

Further information? Please contact the clerk – wingclerk@gmail.com

Christmas 2021 Villages



UHT milk (blue & green)
Tinned ham or chicken
Crackers, cheese biscuits & crispbreads
Pringles & savoury snacks
Small chocolate treats
UHT juice & bottles of squash
Longlife sponge puddings
Christmas biscuits
Toiletries, especially small gift sets



Not Needed at the Moment

A lot of our clients do not like mince pies or Christmas puddings so please **do not** donate

We are well stocked at present with the following: Baked beans, pasta, soup, cereal, tea & coffee

Please note we cannot accept 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
36 Melton Road, Oakham, LE15 6AY (next to Domino Pizza)
We are open to receive donations Mon-Fri 10.00 – 12.00

Pepper's- A Safe Place - on Oakham Hight Street

Have you been struggling with your mental health? Have you been feeling isolated, lonely or in need of a listening ear?

Pop in for a cup of tea or coffee on one of our 4 adult drop-in sessions, these take place weekly on Tuesdays (10:30-12:30), Thursdays (13:00-15:00), Sundays (14:00-16:00) and in Melton on Wednesdays (14:00-16:00).

For anyone nervous about attending our sessions you are welcome to message us on 07714 503 556 or email info@peppersrutland.co.uk, we can answer any questions or set you up with a volunteer 1:1 to help you feel more confident before attending one of our drop in sessions.

December 2021

	5 th December Advent 2	12 th December Advent 3	19 th December Advent 4 CAROLS	24 th December Christmas Eve FRIDAY	25 th December Christmas SATURDAY	26 th December St Stephen SUNDAY
Edith Weston	9.30am Holy Communion		6pm Carols		9.30am Communion by extension	
Empingham		9.30am Morning Prayer CS Thurs 16 th 6.30pm Carols		6pm Crib Service	9.30am Holy Communion	
Lyndon	11.00am Holy Communion			6pm Carols		
Manton		9.30am All Age	9.30am Holy Communion + baptism Jasper Jones	4pm Carols + Crib Service	9.30am Communion by extension	
North Luffenham	9.30am Breakfast Church		Tues 21 st 6pm Carols on the Oval		9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Benefice Holy Communion
Pilton	6.00pm St Nicholas Service					
Preston		11.00am Holy Communion	12 noon Baptism River Watts PM 3pm Carols		10.30am Holy Communion	
Ridlington		9.30am Holy Communion	6pm Carols		9.30am Communion by extension	
Whitwell				6pm Carols		
Wing		9.30am Morning Prayer	6pm Service of Lessons and Carols	11.00pm Holy Communion		

Our last online service for now will be available for 6th December on YouTube and Facebook.
Please see the Benefice website for further details: <https://www.rutlandwaterbenefice.info/>

The Rutland Water Benefice

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