

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 the Rev'd Jes Salt

I am writing this in the aftermath of the appalling murder of Sir David Amess who, as you well know, was brutally stabbed while conducting a constituency surgery in Southend, where he had been an MP for more than 20 years.

I had the pleasure of meeting Sir David in 1997 at a community event in Southend. He struck me as open, friendly and enthusiastic, all attributes that have been included in the many tributes he has received since his death.

Sir David's death has rightly prompted a public debate on the increased need for MP's and other public figures to be kept safe as they go about their business. However, whilst this horrific crime clearly stands apart, the conversation has also widened to reflect on the abrasive tone that has crept into public debate in this country. This seems to give permission to publicly abuse and vilify anyone you disagree with. We see this in the 'woke' and 'cancel' movements, but also in so much of the comment and debate as reported in the media and apparently, and perhaps most seriously, taking place day by day online.

There are no doubt many reasons for this, but in reflecting on this worrying trend, more than one commentator has used the word 'kindness' and talked about the need for greater kindness in the way people in public life treat each other.

Pippa, Jenni and I recently had the privilege of taking part in the annual Justice Service for the County of Rutland which took place at All Saints in Oakham. This is a service of prayer and thanksgiving for those who administer the law and includes judges and lawyers as well as the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff and other local dignitaries.

In his sermon Rev. Canon Tim Alban Jones Chaplain to The Bishop of Peterborough reflected on some words from the Old Testament prophet Micah, in which the prophet asks how God requires us to live.

In response he says this:

‘This is what the Lord requires of you, to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God’.

These simple words seem to be ones that could helpfully be taken on board by all of us, not just those who are in the public eye. Listening to and applying these words would fundamentally change the tone of much of our what is said both in the media, online and in many of our day to day encounters .

This month, November, is the time when we commemorate those who gave their lives for the freedoms and privileges we enjoy. As we approach Remembrance this year, maybe all of us need to reflect more deeply on these privileges, which I suspect we often take for granted. And as we do so perhaps think about whether we too are following these simple guidelines;

that we are seeking to do justice

that we are seeking to love kindness

and that we are seeking to walk humbly with our God.

Blessings and best wishes,

Jes

Each weekend the Rector produces a newsletter to send around the Benefice, with information about church events + services, other events in the villages, photos from events that have happened and more. It is currently sent to about 80 households; if you would like to be added to the circulation list, please email Pippa rectorrwb@gmail.com and if you no longer wish to be on the circulation list, please inform Pippa.

Life in Rutland is becoming busy, so do glance at the news each week for information. And do keep sending pictures and items to be included to Pippa. Thank you.

Remembering those who have died

Many of us have faced the death of someone we love in the past two years, deaths attributed to many causes including covid. On Tuesday 2nd November, All Souls Day, there will be a service for remembering them with thankfulness and supporting one another.

St Peter's Empingham at 7.30pm

All will be welcome

Baby Memorial Service ~Remembering our children~

Families who have lost a child, of any age and at any time, are warmly invited to a special memorial service on Sunday 14th November 2021 at St. Martin of Tours church, Lyndon, at 6pm.

Our memories of our children lost in utero or after birth never fade – we continue to love them and think of them – this service provides an opportunity to say a prayer and remember them by name at the font, which signifies belonging to the family of God.

The service will last about 45 minutes. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Everyone is welcome.

Further details: Rev'd Jenni Duffy curate.rwb@gmail.com

Come walking!

Why not join a Benefice ramble on the following Monday mornings:

October 11th from Preston church towards Wing Burrows (steep climb) towards Wing

October 25th from Preston church to Ridlington

We will stop walking in November and might resume our Benefice walks in the spring

All are welcome! Further walks will be arranged and volunteers to lead later expeditions would be most welcome.

Any questions?

Please email: Liliane Coogan

liliane@btconnect.com



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 recently returned to Manton and have spent 12 of the past 18 years in France. I am currently running a Beginner/Improver class on Wednesday mornings at 9.30am in the Preston Village Hall. I keep my classes small in order to ensure quality teaching and individual attention. I'm really passionate about Pilates and Yoga as they've reaped such huge benefits for myself as well as my clients and can always be adapted to suit the person's ability. So whether you want very gentle exercise for mobility or challenge to improve your sports performance Pilates can help! I like to add in a short relaxation period at the end of each class to help us switch off from the stresses of our daily lives. 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!



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/>

EDITH WESTON

Harvest supper

Edith Weston harvest supper on Thursday 7th October was a resounding success raising over £1200 for the church of St Mary the Virgin, Edith Weston. Many thanks go to those who donated the many raffle prizes and local produce. Special thanks to John from the Wheatsheaf for continuing to provide the vegetables for our meal. Next year we hope we can welcome even more villagers to celebrate Harvest.

Heartfelt thanks to Jo and Richard Bonser and to Toni and David Wilkin for organising a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Message from Ed Jarron, Treasurer of PCC Committee:

Following our church quinquennial inspection, it has been established that there is urgent need for refurbishment work costing up to £13,000. The first part of this will be £1000 for treatment of woodworm in the belfry, so we're delighted that proceeds from the Harvest Thanksgiving Supper will cover that essential cost.

100 Years On - Edith Weston Village Hall

It is 100 years since the Village Hall at Edith Weston was officially opened on 15th December 1921. We are very fortunate to have been donated an original poster declaring the opening of the Hall. This is now framed and displayed in the Hall.

Edith Weston Village Hall was built as a memorial to those who served in the Great War and a celebration of its centenary is planned for the same date in 2021, **15th December**. So please mark the date in your diary. There will be a cheese and wine reception in the Hall and everyone will be welcome. Tickets to give an idea of numbers will be available at the village shop. Anyone who is interested in helping to organise the centenary please contact Richard Moore **01780 720113**

Holy Dusters

Firstly, thank you very much to all the Holy Dusters team for their continued enthusiasm when it comes to cleaning the Church.

If any one else in the village would like to join this friendly bunch please get in touch with Jane on **01780 722005** and I can add your name to our What's App Group. We clean the Church four times a year and many hands really do

make light work! I ask for an hour of your time on a Saturday morning and it is lovely to see this wonderful building looking its best and smelling sweet! All materials supplied.

An opportunity to get to know more villagers and join in with our community.

Jane Milne

Edith Weston Academy

Our open day this year is on Tuesday 9th November 2021 for prospective parents to visit the school through out the day from 9am- 6pm.

This is the perfect opportunity for you to see the school, meet the staff and see how the children engage in their studies.

No booking required, however you are invited to make an appointment with one of our senior team should you so wish to do.

Please phone **01780 720025** or email office@edithweston.rutland.sch.uk

Table tennis

Table tennis is to resume at Edith Weston Village Hall on **10th November** at 3pm. Everyone is welcome, all levels of ability. Equipment is provided, so all you need is appropriate footwear. Phone Miranda on **01780 721000** or 07713 715250 for further info.

Items for magazine

Please contact Miranda Palmer with any news for the magazine by 12th of the month. miranda.cheneywood@gmail.com

Thank you.

EMPINGHAM

St Peter's Empingham

Everyone is welcome to join us each Wednesday morning between 9.30 am and 12.00 pm for our regular weekly activities :

Coffee and Chat – come and enjoy delicious refreshments and a friendly chat

Stay and Play – Pre-school children welcome *with their parents/carers* for a variety of crafts, games and refreshments. Other activities for primary school children will be run during school holidays.

Book Exchange – Bring an unwanted but recommended book and exchange for another in our book exchange

We also have some other activities coming up:

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop – Wednesday 24th November 10.30 am

Come and create a beautiful festive wreath for your home. £5 to include all materials. Any proceeds will go to church funds. If possible, please let us know you are coming in advance.

Book Club – First meeting: Wednesday 1st December 10.30 am

Come and join us in a quiet corner of church to discuss a variety of thought provoking books. Our December book is “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe”. Is it just a children’s fantasy adventure? Please (re)read the book in advance and bring a copy if you can!

Organ Recital by Ivan Linford.

On Saturday, 20th November at 7.00pm in St Peter’s Church. Come and enjoy an evening of seasonal music, exploring the versatility of the refurbished organ. Ivan is well known, having formerly taught many students to play the organ at Oakham School. Entry free. Drinks at the interval.

From the Registers

We welcome into the family of the church Siena Grace Rose who was baptized on 10th October 2021.

Service for David Harris

A Memorial Service and Thanksgiving for David’s life will be held on Saturday 6th November at 11.30am. A display of his photographs will be in the North Transept.

Empingham Village (Audit) Hall

Social Breakfast - Saturday 4 December

We will be holding a Social Breakfast on Saturday 4 December. Doors open 09:15 - 11:30.

A chance to meet up with friends and enjoy a full English cooked breakfast. Adults £6, under 12’s £3.

At the breakfast you will also have an opportunity to renew your membership

of the Mini Ernie for 2022. Tickets remain at £12 each for the year, and any profits go towards the upkeep of the hall. There are normally 12 draws each year, with prizes of £20, £15 and £10, although this is subject to legal limits depending on the number of tickets sold.

Empingham Mini Ernie

Draw No 11

1st £20 43 Graham Mills
2nd £15 49 Ian Ray
3rd £10 79 Steve St Clair Thompson

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

ACTIVITIES AT EMPINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH

SERVICES DURING NOVEMBER

SUNDAY 7th 10.45am MORNING WORSHIP with Rev Andy Fyall

14th 10.45am United Remembrance Service at St.Peter's - Rev Bekkie Wright.

21st at **4pm TEA TIME CHURCH** – A service for young families with various activities followed by Tea together.

28th at 10.45am CAFÉ CHURCH with Phil Jones

MONDAY 2-4pm. POST OFFICE – Refreshments and second-hand books on Sale. Photocopying and Laminating also available

THURSDAY 10.30am till 12 noon. TODDLER GROUP is open . £1 per family

Light refreshments - Activities - Singing. We look forward to welcoming you and your children

The online services and daily prayer times will continue, they have been a great blessing to all who have joined in, especially the house bound.
<https://tamfordmethodistchurch.online.church/>

EMPINGHAM MEN'S SHED Wednesday 24th November

The Men's Shed will meet again at 7.30pm in THE WHITE HORSE.

We are an informal gathering of people with skills, knowledge and experiences to share over a pint or a coffee. The Men's Shed meets on the last Wednesday of the month, and would welcome all newcomers to the group. Last month we enjoyed a talk by Micky Venn on his experiences as a flying doctor.

For further information, contact Bob Willars bobwillars@sky.com

EMPINGHAM CRICKET & SOCIAL CLUB – November 2021

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

- From 5.15 pm to 8.00 pm on Tuesdays
- From 4.00 pm on Friday evenings
- From 12.00 pm on Sunday lunchtimes.

Please visit the website for up-to-date details concerning opening times, cricket matches and other events.

Events

The annual fireworks display will be held on Friday 5 November, starting at 7.00pm. Please see the website for further details.

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

EMPINGHAM GARDEN CLUB

The November meeting of the Club will take place on Monday, 22nd November 2021 at the Empingham Cricket & Social Club at 7:30pm.

The speaker will be Joe Whitehead and the subject: A Year at Burghley.

Doors open at 7:00pm.

Donations for the raffle will be much appreciated.

LYNDON

Various unexpected problems attended the arrangements for our Harvest celebrations this year, not least, the proposed venue being unusable, resulting in last minute modifications to our plans. However, despite the setbacks and with with the kind assistance of John Holland, we were able to enjoy meeting some of our new residents over a hot supper after all.

The service was ably taken by our Rector in our beautifully decorated church, and, although our singing may have been a bit rusty after all this time, the collection raised £140 to send to the Church Urban Fund to help those living in difficult conditions.

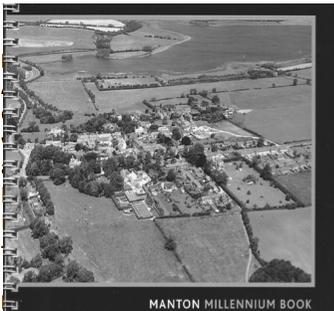
After supper, the auction, entertainingly conducted by Robert, is expected to have raised £739.50, which must be a record, to help with our repairs. The final figures for the meal are not available just yet. Very many thanks to all those who worked so hard to make the evening such a success.

MANTON

MANTON VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB Winning numbers for October 2021. **£20:** 155 David Brooks
£10 120 Geoff Bloodworth **£10:** 5 Michael Walsgrove **£5:** 22 Johnny De Lisle
£5: 93 Mike Nussey. Snowball **£60** was not won. Next month's snowball, £70, 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 Hog Roast – 4th September

A huge thank you to everyone who joined the village hog roast. It was good to see so many villagers together enjoying the good weather and wonderful food – a long awaited event at the hall after months apart and a great way to welcome so many new families to the village. Laughter and chatter could be heard around the village for the afternoon. Also, a huge thank you to everyone who helped set up and take down the marquee and gazebos. Please keep a look out for further events at the village hall and church over the coming months which will be included in the Parish Magazine, Parish Website, posters in the village notice boards, or join the Manton Village Hall Facebook page to find out more. Thank you to everyone once again for making the hog roast such a great event!



Are you new to the village or did you miss out on the first edition? This beautifully presented booklet

contains a fairly comprehensive history of the village of Manton and its institutions dating from the Domesday Book. It includes a large collection of photographs both in colour and in black and white, of the village of Manton, its public buildings and some houses and residents from past times to the year 2000. Second edition copies are now available for £5 from Barbara Camp on 737729.

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LOTS MORE FROM **MANTON**

VISIT TO LYNDON NATURE RESERVE

On the sunny afternoon of October 10th about 30 Manton residents were royally entertained at Lyndon Nature Reserve by a very welcoming team of volunteers - Libby, Laura and Ken. The invitation had been on our notice boards for a couple of weeks; many residents walked or drove to the centre to enjoy tea, coffee and delicious cakes (kindly baked by Jane Reeve). They heard about the osprey project and the general accessibility to walks, bird watching and other information. **Manton residents are able to get a free access permit to the Lyndon Reserve**, which provides a marvellous facility for all to enjoy throughout the year. It will be open daily during the winter months for the first time this year. To obtain a free permit, all you need to do is go along with proof of identity and Manton residential confirmation. I know you will be made very welcome. All residents are asked to carry their permits with them whenever they enter the reserve to avoid embarrassment when meeting staff, who are of course changing regularly and will not know all of us. Special events are also organised throughout the year such as a bird-ringing demonstration for all the family on 26th October.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 11 November 10.30-12.00

At the home of Margaret Kennedy

Garden Cottage, Stocks Hill

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

FREE – but any donations to Church Funds gratefully received.

Village Quiz Night

Saturday 13 November 7.00pm

Manton Village Hall

If you haven't already, please book now for the Village Hall fun quiz night on 13 November, 7pm for a start at 7.15. Becky and David Malpas will run the quiz, and there will be a fish and chips supper in the interval. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Cost is £10 per person. Please preferably join with friends to form teams of four, but we can make couples or singles up into fours. The number of tables will be slightly limited for Covid separation, so early booking will secure your place. Book with Peter or Rosemary Gooding on 01572 737699.

BIBLE/PRAYER GROUP

18 November 2.00 pm

The Coach House, Stocks

Hill

Continuing our studies in the book of Revelation, led by Jes Salt.

Everyone is always welcome to our friendly group, either regularly or occasionally.

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 (01572737503).

FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received.

CHRISTMAS WINDOWS

Last year we created a Christmas Carol Window Trail around the village. It has been suggested that we do this again but with the Theme of “12 Days of Christmas” So, 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 20 December – Friday 24 December 4.00 – 8.00pm.

Please let Anne Cowan(01572737503) know if you would like to join in and we can then put together a route.

CAROLS in the CHURCHYARD

Thursday 23 December 5.00 – 6.00pm

Last year we were unable to do any Carol Singing around the village. This year, we propose a gathering in the Churchyard to sing carols together...seats, for those who need them, and song sheets will be provided.

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies in the church afterwards. Money will be collected in aid of CRISIS.

SAFARI SUPPER 2022

Saturday 29 January 2022 from 7.15pm

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 (01572737503). All profits will go to Church Funds.

NORTH LUFFENHAM

North Luffenham Remembrance Service - Sunday 14th November at 10.45am

Please note that our Remembrance Service will be conducted outside in a similar way to last year's format bearing in mind some people's reluctance still to gather indoors in large groups.

It will be a short service but please come suitably dressed and booted for a grassed slope which may be rainy but is often very windy!

Village Web Site – “The Corner Shop”

Just a reminder that there is a special area of the North Luffenham village website where local businesses can advertise their services – “The Corner Shop”.

You can access via the village website www.northluffenham.com so if you have a local business or event you would like to advertise, use the form to submit details of your services and the web editing team will add an entry for you.

For more general village notices and events, please send your announcement to editors@northluffenham.com.

To join 1,329 other subscribers & receive an email alert each time a new post is added to northluffenham.com, please click on the relevant button on the home page of the village website.

North Luffenham Bonfire Night – Friday 5th November 2021

The annual Bonfire & Fireworks event hosted by the North Luffenham Parish Council will go ahead on The Oval on Friday 5th November.

Doors Open 5.30pm; Bonfire lit 6.15pm; Fireworks 6.30pm

BBQ, Hot & cold refreshments with home-made seasonal cake, plus Mulled Wine will be on sale from 5.30pm.

There will be a bucket collection to offset the costs so please be generous to enable this event to continue.

More volunteers are needed on the night to assist with ensuring a safe and enjoyable evening. If you can help, please contact Charles Cade on 01780 720467.

New NL Magazine Correspondent

After many years of loyal editorial for the village, Katy has passed the baton over to Liz Ritchie.

We thank Katy for all her hard work in the past and look forward to seeing Liz's creative flair in print!

Any submissions for the December magazine to be submitted to Liz by 15th November please.

Contact details: 01780 720210 Liz.ritchie23@me.com

PRESTON

Charity Fund Raising in Preston

The Coffee morning held at the end of September raised £330 for MacMillan Cancer Support and the Village Harvest Supper on 8th October raised £260 to be divided between Air Ambulance and the church. Many thanks to all who came to make both events so successful and to those who helped and to those who contributed cakes, salads and sweets. Everyone is agreed that Preston people know 'how to do food' !!

Village Coffee Mornings

Following the wonderful success of the Macmillan Coffee Morning more dates are planned so please put the following in your diary:

Saturday November 6th This will have a smoky Bonfire theme

Saturday December 4th with a Christmassy theme [Heavens! Already?]

All are to raise money for charity and take place between 10am -1pm in the Village Hall

Harvest Thanksgiving in Preston

This uplifting service was enjoyed by all who attended. The church looked amazing thanks to Emma Brown and her band of creative helpers and it was wonderful, with David Hill's help, to be able to lift songs of Harvest Praise to

the rafters! Refreshment were enjoyed afterwards over plenty of conversation. A collection was taken and £50 is to be sent to the Mango Tree Trust.

Memorial Service for Sheila Ervin 6th October 2021

Many people attended this great tribute to a wonderful lady who, whilst having plenty of her own interests, had given so much to both the church and the village during her many years at Preston House. We are grateful to her daughters, Kate and Alex, for providing this opportunity to remember Sheila and give thanks for her and also for donating a bench from Preston House to the churchyard in memory of Sheila and her husband, John. It is to be found in the north west corner of the church where a wonderful view across the field can be enjoyed.

PRESTON VILLAGE LIFE ON SATURDAY 9TH OCTOBER

Two Preston activities took place simultaneously on Saturday 9th October. Inside our beautiful church, Alan Ellis was teaching pairs of locals how to ring bells. To avoid our amateur efforts being inflicted on the whole village, the bells were muffled for the practice. Recently, the bells were restored partly through Lottery Funding. Since then, we have had ten Preston people aged between ten and late sixties, come together to learn how to ring them at regular weekly sessions. This means that over 5% of the village's population are involved! To hear church bells rung is such a glorious sound of England, and we are hoping that Preston might be able to form its own team for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year.

Outside the church, another ten local people were involved preparing the north side of the graveyard for re-wilding. The long grass was cut and the surface loosened for seeding with wild seed such as yellow rattle. The aim is to produce conditions which will encourage the return of native insects and small creatures such as those which were once found in meadows. It is so encouraging to find people coming together to promote local biodiversity.

What is the common theme? Local people with a love of our village coming together to improve it and to maintain local traditions?

The Food Bank

Change is afoot! The Food Bank box is located in the Church porch and our grateful thanks to June and John Spence who are kindly ensuring that it is emptied at regular intervals. Do please remember to contribute to this very worthy cause and to leave contributions as you are visiting or passing the church. Its needs will continue to be posted on the village whats app.

A Church thank you

The PCC continues to be grateful to all those who serve our church in so many different ways and particularly those on the cleaning and flower rotas. The care bestowed upon our church is constantly being commented on by the many visitors who find us. New help is always appreciated . Please contact Kay Waterworth, the churchwarden, if we could add your name to one of our lists!

Benefice Magazine Coordinator desperately needed for Preston

This position remains vacant and does mean that in future months there may not be news in this magazine from Preston. It is not onerous and only involves a village reminder and the collating of articles for our editor once a month. No qualifications are needed, only the use of email, a skill which everyone of any age has these days. It can be done from the comfort of your own armchair and you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are 'keeping Preston people connected' ! Kay Waterworth can provide more details waterworthkay@gmail.com

RIDLINGTON

CHURCH NEWS:

Church cleaning rota: thank you, this month, to: Mary Aldridge; Karen Baines; Suzanne Baines; Louise Fox; Anne Harvey; Ruth Lees;

Church flowers: thank you, this month, to: Anne Harvey; Pat Roome; Front of House Rota (new): Anne/David Harvey; Margie/Martin Wall; Ruth Lees;

Vacancies: there is still a vacancy for a Church Warden and also for new members to join the PCC. A heartfelt thank you to Bart Hellyer who has retired after many years dedicated service to the church (and much appreciation for being the perfect host at meetings!) If you are interested, please contact Pippa Madgwick or Jes Salt.

REMEMBRANCE:

Our Remembrance Service will be held on **Sunday 14th November at 9.30am**, led by Revd Jes Salt. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS IN RIDLINGTON:

All being well, we are planning to hold the following services and events:

Baines Bake Off Chocolate Log competition – details to follow...

Carol Concert on **Sunday 19th December** - time to be confirmed

Christmas Day service on **Saturday 25th December** 9.30am

DEATH AT THE DEANERY:

A resounding success, I am sure you would agree! Everyone enjoyed a fantastic performance by the Ridlington Players of Miss Marbles 'Death at the Deanery'. This was a first for the village and the cast enjoyed performing to a full-house at Manton Village Hall. I am sure there will be a new category for Oscar nominations next year! Well done everyone and thank you for entertaining us with your spectacular performance.

FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS:

Following a very successful collection of items for the Food Bank at our Harvest Festival may I remind everyone of the importance of continuing to donate as we head into the winter months especially with the impact of the end of the universal credit uplift and furlough coupled with rising energy costs. Items requested include tinned goods - potatoes, carrots, fruit and meat pies. The collection dates for November are 10th and 24th.

Thank you for your continued support. Debra Thatcher

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

Please feel free to borrow any of the books at the back of the church. If you would like to buy one, please make a donation. Debra Thatcher

TEA COFFEE CAKES

in aid of the **POPPY APPEAL**

You may have noticed that Ridlington has been without a poppy appeal collection since the retirement of the last regional volunteer coordinator. Over many years the residents of Ridlington have been hugely supportive of this appeal.

This year afternoon tea, coffee and cakes will be served at
Ridlington Village Hall

Saturday 13th November 2021 2 - 4pm

Your support would be greatly appreciated so please come along and help make this an enjoyable event whilst supporting the invaluable work of the Royal British Legion.

If you would like to pledge a cake please contact
Shelagh 07592590541 or *Jo* 07885513755

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS:

November

Following lockdown the Village Hall will hold a Team Quiz on **Friday 19th November at 7.30 pm**. Usual mix of written questions and played music. Supper of Lasagne and a Dessert but please bring your own drinks. Teams of 4 at £12 per person, if you can't make a team up don't worry as we will make teams up. For comfort we are limited to 8 tables.

Entries ASAP or no later than 11th November.

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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.

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WALKING GROUP:

Our Walking Group will have a break over the winter months and resume officially in April 2022. If the weather is pleasant and conditions good underfoot and you do fancy a walk over the winter, please contact any of the 'regulars' to arrange a trip out.

WHITWELL

St Michael and All Angels, Whitwell

Nave roof repairs

We have successfully completed the repairs to the north side of the Nave roof including replacing the bottom course of rosemary clay tiles and inserting an eaves support tray where the existing membrane had disintegrated. We also used the opportunity to replace sections of cast iron gutter with "spare parts" salvaged from the south aisle after damage following lead theft in 2018. All cast iron goods and rafter ends have also been redecorated.

Fund Raising

This year and despite the ongoing challenges of Covid 19, the Village Church Fund Raising team headed by Linda Page ably supported by Beverley Jackson and Julie Healey organised a summer garden part on the 15th of August raising a whopping £1,805.

Tony Godwin entered for the first time, the 'Ride & Stride', riding in the tail wind of Graham Madgwick. They visited 20 churches and Tony raised £515.

Tree planting for QGC to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022

For the Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 suggests planting trees from October 2021 through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022. On Monday, 01 November 2021 (All Saints Day), Whitwell Church will be planting an olive tree, the first of two trees to replace the horse chestnut trees that used to be on either side of the church gates. Our guest of honour will be Dr Sarah Furness, the Lord-Lieutenant of Rutland. The tree planting ceremony will commence at 11:00 am. All welcome to join in this event and there will be refreshments in the church.

WING

ST PETER AND ST PAUL CHURCH

Flowers: Carole Morris **Brass:** Helen Bateman

A **Service of Remembrance** will be held in church at 9.30am on Sunday 14th November.

A **Coffee Morning**, in aid of church funds will be held on Saturday 27th November – 10.30am – 12 noon at 9 The Jetty. Raffle, Dove Cottage Charity cards, coffee, bring and buy stall. Entrance £1

Rutland Foodbank

The collection in November is on Wednesday 3rd November.

The Foodbank are needing the following:

UHT Milk (Blue or Green). Tinned potatoes & carrots. Tinned meat pies.

Tinned Fruit. Noodles. Crackers, cheese biscuits & crisp breads. Cereal bars.

Long-life sponge puddings & custard. Porridge.

Thank you everyone for your much needed support.

Wing Women's Institute

The WI were pleased to meet on Oct 14th for its first meeting since March 2020. Our speaker was Lucy Stephenson who gave us an insight into her busy life from being a mother of young children, bookshop owner, farm hand to

being deputy leader of Rutland County Council. It was nice to see our 2 'future' members. The WI congratulated Siobhan Reilly on taking part in the London Marathon, it was 3rd time lucky although she did do the Virtual one in 2020. Well Done and here's to the next time!

For various reasons many members were unable to attend on 14th and hopefully, everyone will be able to come to our November 11th meeting. It is the AGM and social evening. Please don't be put off because it is the AGM as the business part will not take very long and then it will be 'social' time which will be a good time to have a chat with everyone!

If any recent residents in the area would like to find out a bit more please do not hesitate to contact Jane 01572 737324 or Judith 01572 737761. Whether you are interested in making friends, campaigning on local and national issues, or learning new skills., the WI is here to inspire you.

Stamford Shoestring Theatre presents
Charles Dickens' **A Christmas Carol**, adapted by John Mortimer.
8 -11 and 16-18 December. Tickets and further details available from
Stamfordartscentre.com or 01780 762 203

Hear My Prayer: Choral Music for Remembrance

A concert sung by a group of young professional singers conducted by David Hill. Saturday 20th November at 7,30pm in Uppingham School Chapel.

English Song Recital by Andrew Kennedy (tenor) and David Hill (piano)

Sunday 21st November at 3pm in All Saint's Church, Oakham. For further details and tickets www.artsfortheheartofengland.co.uk

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.

	7th November 3rd before Advent	14th November 2nd before Advent Remembrance	21st November Christ the King	28th November Advent Sunday
Edith Weston	9.30am Holy Communion			
Empingham	(7.30pm Tuesday 2 nd All Souls Service, remembering those who have died)	10.30am Remembrance + Methodists		9.30am Holy Communion
Lyndon	11.00am Holy Communion	6pm Baby Memorial Service		9.30am <i>Morning Prayer</i>
Manton		9.30am All Age + Baptism Eve Tait		11.00am Holy Communion
North Luffenham	9.30am Holy Communion	10.45am Remembrance	9.30am Breakfast Church	
Pilton	11.00am Holy Communion			
Preston	11.00am Prayer & Praise	11.00am Remembrance Holy Communion		5.00pm <i>Evening Prayer</i>
Ridlington	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Remembrance Morning Prayer	11.00am Benefice Communion	9.30am <i>Morning Prayer</i>
Whitwell				11.00am Holy Communion JD
Wing	9.30am <i>Morning Prayer</i>	9.30am Remembrance Morning Prayer		9.30am Holy Communion

An online service available on the first Sunday of the month on YouTube and Facebook.

Please see the Benefice website for further details:

<https://www.rutlandwaterbenefice.info/>

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