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Welcome

Rutland Water Benefice

Sharing the love of Christ with all

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

Rector: From 10th December - **Rev'd Peter Collins**
The Starlings, 2 King Edward's Way, Edith Weston LE15 8EZ
revdpeter@msn.com. 07740 039048

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

For all enquiries about a baptisms or weddings, please use the website enquiry forms in the first instance or speak to Rev'd Peter Collins - details above.

Home communions may be arranged by appointment.

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From our new Rector Rev'd Peter Collins

We look forward to returning to rural ministry in the beautiful Rutland Water Benefice, and Advent, as the 'season of new beginnings,' feels very appropriate as we prepare to move from Lincoln to Rutland.

Prior to ordination Peter trained at the East Midlands Ministry Training course, Nottingham University, and then at Westcott House, Cambridge, with a focus on pastoral theology rooted in care, guidance and support, and the understanding that God is with us (which we often fail to notice).

Peter served his curacy in the South Lawres Group, Lincoln Diocese, then as Priest in Charge of the Parish of the Upper Wreake in Leicester Diocese, and for the last eleven years as Rector of the Hykeham Benefice in Lincoln.

"I look forward to serving you as Rector of the Rutland Water Benefice, and excited to be joining Peterborough Diocese."

"Sally and I enjoy being out and about with 'Lady' our dog, and soon with new walks to discover and places to explore. Please do come and say hello when you meet us."

We look forward to getting to know you,
with every blessing,

Peter and Sally

Rev'd Peter Collins will be installed as Rector of the Rutland Water Benefice on Wednesday 10th December at 7pm in St Peter's Church Empingham. All are welcome to attend. RSVP (to help with catering) to empinghampcc@gmail.com

We look forward to welcoming Peter and his wife Sally to the Rutland Water Benefice.

Vacancy: updating Rutland Water Benefice website

The Rutland Water Benefice website has been maintained for the past 10 years by Angela. Due to relocation outside the Benefice nearly 2 years ago, Angela wishes to step down and believes it would be more beneficial to handover the task of maintaining the website to someone who resides within the Benefice.

Although there is potential to develop the website further, it currently takes about 1 hour per month to do the basics such as upload the Benefice Magazine and add the church services. Just basic keyboard skills and an interest is all that is required. Training will be available.

If you're interested in keeping the Benefice online information up-to-date and would like to have an informal chat without commitment, please email Angela: beeinthyme7@gmail.com

EDITH WESTON

Items for Edith Weston section of Benefice magazine

Please email miranda.cheneywood@gmail.com with any news or items of interest for residents of the Parish. Please email by 12th of the month for inclusion of items in the following month's magazine.

Christmas Services in December

Carol Service 21st December 6pm. All ages welcome + refreshments and led by Canon Vyv Wainwright
Christmas Day 25th December 11am. Holy Communion .
NO service on Sunday 28th December

Christmas card Fundraising Appeal 2025

Reminder.

This appeal starts on December 5th. It is a great way to raise very much

needed funds for our beautiful village church.

If you would like to be involved please write a Christmas Card to the village, sign it and include your monetary donation to the church (cheques payable to Edith Weston PCC).

Your card will then be displayed in the church porch from December 19th.

You can drop your card off in the designated Christmas Box in the village shop during their opening hours (many thanks Helen and Andy).

Thank you - Edith Weston PCC

Edith Weston Village Shop & Post Office

Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm Shop and Post Office hours the same.

Saturday 8am - 1pm Cash withdrawals and deposits

Sunday 8.30am - 12.30am Cheque deposit into bank

Postage & Local Collect services

Coffee Cabin and fresh sandwiches. Local meat & pies. Fresh fruit and veg delivered 5 days a week. Stockists of many artisan local independent produce.

For more information

Email : edithwestonvillageshop@gmail.com 01780 722164

The Haley Brothers

Very many thanks to Sarah Lunn and her team for a magnificent evening on Saturday 8th November. The dance floor was full from the first number as everyone rocked to the Kist Off Kinks, the Monkees and the Rubettes. A sum in excess of £850 was raised for St Mary's Church, Tommy's Close and the Village Hall. Requests are already coming in thick and fast for a repeat of the same! Are you reading this Sarah?

Edith Weston Village Hall 100 Club

Congratulations to the winners in December:

£30 Mrs Moss. £20 Mrs M Palmer £10 Mr A Gardiner

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

The lucky winner of the £50 snowball prize is Mr & Mrs Vickers

EDITH WESTON ACADEMY

We have had a busy and brilliant start to the half term! Thank you to those who voted for us in the Tesco Stronger Starts project; we are hoping to create our Sensory Garden in the near future.

We were honoured to have been invited to the official opening of Tommy's

Close Playground on October 18th. We are very lucky to have such wonderful facilities for the children to use in our village. It was an absolute delight to meet members of our local community and represent our wonderful school.

During the ceremony, we were also gifted waterproofs and wellies for our children to enjoy the outdoors. Thank you so much to The Outdoor Guide Project Foundation; the children will make great use of these and we are very grateful. On Monday 10th November, we held a Remembrance assembly and invited members of the armed forces and our local community. We had a great turn out and the children were excellent. Thank you to those who were able to attend this special event.

During week 2 of our term we also hosted our first stay and play session for children between 2 and 4 years of age. We were super excited to meet lots of new faces.

TOMMY'S CLOSE OFFICIAL OPENING

We were delighted to welcome Julia Bradbury and Dr Sarah Furness, the Lord Lieutenant of Rutland to the official opening of our village playground and Multi-use Play Area at Tommy's Close on Saturday 18th October.

We were so lucky that the weather was kind and a super crowd of villagers and friends were able to join us as Julia cut the red ribbon.

Children from Edith Weston Academy and St. Mary and St. John CEVA Primary School played whilst Julia spoke to the crowd and planted a commemorative tree.

Refreshments and ice cream were served afterwards and this lovely event came to a close.

We are looking forward to adding additional play equipment to the playground and continue to plan for the future of the whole recreation ground.

We would welcome new Trustees to join us at this exciting time.

Please contact Kath Durrant via email

KathDurrant@outlook.com if you have any questions about the role.

Tommy's Close Trustees



BELL BULLETIN



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

December 17th 2pm The church bells will be ringing out to celebrate the local school's Carol Service.

December 21st AM We will be ringing for the Christening of one of the children in the village. Later that day the bells will again be rung for the Village Carol Service at 6pm.

December 31st 11.45pm. After last years successful ring at midnight on New Years Eve we again invite you to listen to the bells followed by a glass of Fizz in the church to welcome in 2026.

The Edith Weston Village Bell Ringers rang on half-muffled bells before the short ceremony to commemorate Remembrance Day. Gus Lawson, in RAF uniform, introduced the proceedings, followed by a moving tribute and the reading of names by Gareth Jones honouring the villagers who sadly lost their lives in combat. After the Last Post and the Reveille, everyone gathered in the Village Hall for tea and delicious homemade cakes. £104 was raised through generous donations for The Royal British Legion.



In the Village Hall there was a magnificent display, put together by Liz Tyler, on the detailed history of each of the villagers who fell in the First World War, illustrating the story of their life in Edith Weston. A big thanks go to Liz and Hilary Moore for such an informative display.



Safari Supper – Saturday 28th February 2026

A reminder to all villagers that our ever-popular Safari Supper will take place on Saturday 28th February 2026. It's a wonderful evening of food, friendship, and fun as we move from house to house for each course.

More details (and sign-up information) will follow soon – but please save the date!

Edith Weston Village Hall. Tuesdays 7-8pm. SOUND BATH

Let the sounds of the Tibetan Bowls, Chimes, Gong and other instruments wash over you. Bathe in the sounds of the ocean and relax deeply ready for a good night's sleep.

Relax. Restore. Revitalise. Replenish

Text Hilary Kingston 07967 701212 for information and dates for upcoming events and classes.

EMPINGHAM

News from St Peter's Church

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT ST PETER'S CHURCH

Sunday 7th December at 10 am	All Age Service
Wednesday 10th December at 7pm	Licensing of Revd Peter Collins as the new Rector of Rutland Water Benefice
Sunday 14th December at 4pm	Carol Service
Tuesday 16th December at 2.30 pm	Empingham School Christingle Service
Wednesday 17th December at 6pm	Village Carol Singing – meet at Nativity scene.
Sunday 21st December at 11 am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 23rd December at 10am	Crib Service Rehearsal
Christmas Eve	Crib Service*

And Coffee and Cakes every Wednesday 10.30 – 12.00 in the church.

****CRIB SERVICE**** Please contact Caroline Simmonds carol1767sim@icloud.com if your child would like a part or to be a narrator.

LICENSING SERVICE OF REVEREND PETER COLLINS AS RECTOR

St Peter's, Empingham

Wednesday 10th December 7PM

Mulled wine and mince pies to follow.

Please join us to welcome Peter and his wife Sally to the Benefice.

RSVP (to help with catering) to empinghampcc@gmail.com

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

We look forward to welcoming you to St Peter's

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS, COFFEE, CAKE AND CHAT

Learn how to make angels from an old book and Christmas trees from wrapping paper, against a background of seasonal music.

Come along to St Peter's Church on Wednesday 10th December at 10.30 am to learn new skills, chat and make new friends.

Just bring along an old paperback book and a sheet of good quality wrapping paper and be amazed at the results.

Any queries, please contact Kate. 01780460501

Activities at Empingham Methodist Church.

Minister: Rev Bekkie Wright 07355981564 Revbekkiwright@gmail.com

SERVICES DURING DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY.

7th 10.45am Morning Worship – Cheryll Allen

14th 10.45am CAFÉ CHURCH – Rev Bekkie Wright including Holy Communion.

21st 3pm CAROL SERVICE with Phil Jones – Stamford Circuit Music Group – Refreshments follow the service – Offering for SHELTER.

25th 10.30am Christmas Day Service at Oakham Methodist Church.

28th 10.45am Morning Worship.

MONDAY. 1st Monday in the month – LUNCH CLUB – 1pm. Other Mondays 2-4 pm – Refreshments – Tea/Coffee, Cold drinks & CAKE/BISCUITS. Second-hand Books on sale. Photocopying and laminating available & BOARD GAMES or just chatting with others.

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

More details Eileen Ray 01780 460676

Empingham C of E Primary School

As always, our Christmas term is flying by in a haze of glitter and sparkle.

We started the term with our 'Chance to Share' day – a super opportunity for Mum, Dad, Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles or friends to have a look through their child's learning so far this year. It was lovely to see so many families come in!!

Our older children enjoyed taking part in the RLT Football Tournament. They have also been learning about online safety and how to be "Cyberwise".

Our EYFS children visited Tallington Christmas Tree Farm and chose a beautiful

beautiful Christmas Tree for the school hall. They also visited Rutland Museum to learn how Christmas was celebrated in years gone by. The end of term will see our children busy with a Christingle Service, a delicious Christmas Lunch and finally the Disco, arranged by our fantastic School Community.

We would like to wish our whole school community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year xx

Empingham Village (Audit) Hall

Empingham Village (Audit) Hall Mini Ernie Prize Draw No 12

1st	£20	60	Carol Williamson	2nd	£15	128	Muriel Hall
3rd	£10	92	Jonathan Roland				

Barbara's Store

Christmas opening hours

23rd December 7am - 5pm

24th December 7am - 2pm

25th/ 26th December closed

27th December 8am - 12 noon

28th December 9am - 12 noon

29th /30th/ 31st December 8am - 12 noon

1st January closed

2nd January 7am - 5pm

Barbara's Store would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a happy Christmas and prosperous New year.

Contact tel. 01780 460348

Email: barbaras.store@hotmail.co.uk

Empingham Bowls Club

Empingham Bowls Club will be holding a Coffee Morning between 10am and 12 noon on Tuesday 9th December 2025, at the Empingham Cricket Club.

Everyone is welcome. The charge is £2 per person for coffee, mulled wine, mince pies and cake, with a raffle at £1 per strip of tickets.

Any donations of cakes or raffle prizes would also be most welcome. Any monies raised will help to keep the Empingham Bowls Club running, and the Club is always looking for new members.

Empingham Garden Club

Our next meeting is the Christmas Party 15th December at 7-30.

Bring a plate of Party Food.

We have booked a Male Vocalist to perform and we will have the usual Fun Quizzes on the table plus our Extra Special Raffle.'s

There's more from Empingham on page 26

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MORE from EMPINGHAM

EMPINGHAM CRICKET & SOCIAL 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.

Cricket is now finished for the season

Special Events

There will be live music on Friday 6th December with Clique playing

A Christmas Eve event will be organised

Club Contacts

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

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.

To join as a member, or renew an exiting membership of Empingham Cricket and Social Club please visit [Empingham Cricket and Social Club](#)

All memberships now run to end March. The new membership year starts on 1st April. You can pay membership fees over the bar or online via PayPal, but please ensure you have completed the online membership form before you do so. The online membership form is at :
<https://membermojo.co.uk/empinghamcsc>

Membership enquiries can be sent to bobsloan79@yahoo.co.uk

Club secretary David Duffin, david@theduffins.org.uk

Girls Night Out

GNO 🎅 Christmas Coffee Morning with mince pies. 🥧
Come and join us on Tuesday 16th December at 10.30 in the Whitwell Cafe.



Empingham Together

We look forward to you joining us for Joyful Carol Singing round the village. Meet at the Nativity Tableau outside the Church at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 17th December. Please wear highly visible outer clothing.

Did anyone leave behind a pair of glasses at the recent Wine Tasting in the Audit Hall? If so, please contact Stephen St Clair-Thompson on 07963 973991.

LYNDON

BORDER, BONFIRE & BANTER

Saturday, 6th December 11am

Meet at The Church.

Willing volunteers please for a winter clean up around the village and Church, please bring your own tools and rubbish bags

Followed by a "FESTIVE LIGHT LUNCH at Courtyard Cottage

Please contact Ginny H.B. if you can help. ginnyhball@gmail.com

Tel:-07539729829

Wine, Canapés and Carols Come and sing your favourite carols and other Christmas songs in an informal atmosphere in **St Martin's Church, Lyndon at 6pm. on Friday 19th December** This is a fun Christmas sing song accompanied by wine, canapés and mince pies. This is a chance to warm up your voices, meet friends and get into the Christmas spirit! £5.00 donation to include Wine, Canapés and carol requests! In order to get the catering right and avoid disappointment, please RSVP by 12th December if possible by text or WhatsApp to Jonathan 07966 436270 or thurstanh@icloud.com. Christmas accessories optional!

Christmas Eve:

'Carols by Candlelight'

Candlelit carol service **at 6pm** taken by Canon Vyv Wainwright. Come and join in this atmospheric celebration of Christmas in St Martin's, Lyndon. Mulled wine to follow.

MANTON

PUDDING COMPETITION - Sunday 9 November

John Matthews won the Pudding Competition with his exceptional - Poppy Banoffee Pie. Many congratulations, John.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING + BRING and BUY

Thursday 11 December - 10.30-12.00

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At the home of Finola Hornby
Lyndon Road

The Croft,

There will be a table for all the items for the Bring and Buy run by our usual enthusiastic ladies!

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

FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received

Anyone wishing to host a Coffee Morning in 2026 should make contact with Anne. They are always on the Second Thursday of each month 10.30-12.00

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP – Manton Village Hall

Sunday 14 December - 11.00am - 1.00pm (followed by light refreshments)

Come and have fun learning how to make your very own door wreath. All materials & tools are provided but feel free to bring any decorations or ribbon of your own to add in. Light refreshments will be provided following the workshop. The cost per person is £47.00 & numbers will be limited so please book early to avoid disappointment by emailing Helen -

mantonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com

MINI FIRST AID - BABY & CHILD FIRST AID CLASSES - MANTON VILLAGE HALL

Monday 15 December 10.00am-12 noon

Wednesday 28 January 6.00-8.00pm

Parents, Carers, Grandparents - would YOU know what to do in an emergency? The 2 hour class covers: CPR, Choking, Bumps, Bleeds, Breaks, Burns, Febrile Seizures, Sepsis & Meningitis Awareness. Book onto this small friendly class (babies under 1yr welcome) - £30.00 per person. To book please email - rachel.smith@minifirstaid.co.uk

CHRISTMAS in MANTON - Dates for your diaries

Saturday 20 December - 10 - 12am Decorate the church for Christmas. Come along and help decorate the Tree, put up the Nativity Scenes, arrange flowers, childrens activities, Christmas story. Mince Pies and Coffee and Squash. FREE

Monday 22 December - 6pm Carol Singing in the Church including Mulled wine and Mince Pies afterwards. Come along and sing together and enjoy the spirit of Christmas. We ask that everyone makes a donation to

CRISIS . Everyone welcome especially children!

Wednesday 24 December - 4pm CRIB SERVICE For the young, very young and young at heart! A half hour service telling the Christmas story followed by Tea and Mince pies etc... The service may be taken by our new Rector – Rev Peter Collins.

Thursday 25 December - 11am HOLY COMMUNION by EXTENSION taken by Canon Vyv Wainwright. There will be no refreshments served after this service.

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 8 January - 10.30 am-12.00pm

At the home of Anne Cowan

38 Lyndon Road

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

FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received

SAFARI SUPPER 2026

Saturday 31 January

Bring your own drinks. Glasses provided. Tickets £20 to include a three course meal plus Coffee and chocolates....and a walk around the village! This is a really fun event in which you get to meet many of your fellow villagers in one evening! Come on your own or with a partner...we can accommodate everyone including dietary requirements or mobility issues – so long as we are told in advance.

Contact Anne Cowan (01572737503) for more details if required..or just sign up!

NORTH LUFFENHAM

CHURCH SERVICES and news

St John the Baptist North Luffenham wishes everyone a joyful Advent, and a Very Merry Christmas!

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Rector, Rev Peter Collins, to North Luffenham during this month.

Our December services include.

Candlelit carol service with the Organ, Friday 19th December at 7:30pm in Church.

Breakfast Church looking at the lead up to Christmas from Joseph's point of view, Sunday 21st December 9:30am in the Community Centre.

Short all age service on Christmas Day in Church at 9:30am to start the day, bring your favourite present or dress up for the occasion.

Anyone would be made most welcome at any of the services across the Benefice and for those who would like a lift to a service in another village, this if often possible - please contact the Churchwarden, Patrick Woods, or the magazine correspondent.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had a fantastic term so far here at SMSJ. We have our enrichment clubs up and running (you can see more of these each week on our Instagram @smsj_north_luffenham) - we have been creating clay poppies and decorated our Remembrance cross in creative club for our service which we help on 11th November by the war graves in our churchyard. It was a special service and the children showed great respect throughout. Some of our classes have been on trips - Year 4/5 and 6 went to Stamford Arts Centre to watch the David Attenborough film Oceans and Year 5 are off to the Space Centre this week.

We are looking forward to the festive season and the exciting events we have planned!

GOOD COMPANIONS

The club this month enjoyed an excellent talk by Richard Adams, who has become a regular visitor each year. We enjoyed a show of wonderful photography based on Autumn in Rutland, as well as Richard's safari trip, which were all stunning.

The Good Companions also enjoyed a trip to Springfields outlet and leisure centre in Spalding, for a shopping treat. Transport was provided by Voluntary Action Rutland. A good day was had by all. Thank you to all of those that supported the day by coming along.

As we move forward into the festive season, we are all excited about our annual Christmas lunch at The Fox on Wednesday 10 December at 12 Noon, where we will enjoy a delicious meal and some festive fun.

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) in the community centre. Join us in making our village a place where no one feels alone, and everyone has a companion

THE FOX

Jason and the team at The Fox would like to thank all of our customers for their loyal support over the past 12 months and wish them a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

As always there are lots of exciting events taking place at The Fox over the festive season, for a full breakdown of events, our festive menu and extended opening please visit www.thefoxrutland.co.uk

A couple of dates not to miss....

Monday 8th December 8.30pm - Christmas Quiz, All welcome maximum 6 on a team
Sunday 21st December 6pm - Wrap up warm for the annual North Luffenham Christmas Pantomime

Wednesday 24th December 6pm - Come and join us for a glass of mulled wine and our traditional Christmas carols around the tree

Wednesday 31st December - New Years Eve Party

North Luffenham Garden Club

We are hosting an open meeting on 10th December with a special guest speaker - BBC Gardeners' World presenter Adam Frost. We are extremely excited to welcome him to our Club and are very much looking forward to his talk, 'How I Garden'.

The event will take place in North Luffenham School Hall and doors open promptly at 7pm.

Please do join us for an inspirational talk, mulled wine, mince pies & raffle to make it a really festive event.

A limited number of tickets are now available to buy from The Fox, North Luffenham for just £27.50 per person (cash only please).

PRESTON

CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS – SUNDAY DECEMBER 21st AT 3PM

We hope you can all join us again so we have the usual full congregation enjoying the church in all its Christmas splendour, as we sing the traditional carols and hear those special readings which tell the story of Jesus' birth.

The children made a very special contribution last year through their lovely singing and this year we plan to distribute Christingles around the village the week before which the children can make at home and bring with them to provide those special lights which give magic to the service as we remember that Jesus comes as the Light of the World.

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

CHRISTMAS DAY 9.30am Holy Communion with Rev'd Peter Collins

CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE

This will take place close to Christmas, date to be arranged. More details will be on the village WhatsApp nearer the time.

PRESTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

This has become an annual tradition and the Preston Lights cup and winning prize has been won by a number of different people in the village. However, I think that this year it is going to prove quite difficult to prise the cup out of the hands of the residents of Bay House! So do start planning now and ensure your house is ready for judging by Monday December 22nd.

Any further details, please contact Paul Waterworth 737339

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9th

This was a solemn and special occasion attended by so many in our village. It was made particularly poignant by the poppies adorning the war memorial and then in church by Jane bringing to life the men who went from our village by telling us where they lived and something about their lives.

Thank you to all who took part and those of you who came to share in remembering.

CHURCH FLOWERS AND CLEANING

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

Thank you for all your help over the past year!

RIDLINGTON

CHURCH SERVICES - at 4pm unless otherwise stated. Everyone welcome.

Sunday, 7th December - a short, quiet, contemplative, candlelit service

Sunday, 21st December - Carol Service followed by light refreshments

Christmas Day (Thursday, 25th December) - 9:30am Holy Communion by extension with Canon Vyv Wainwright.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT - the countdown to Christmas. On display in the church "A Calendar of Carols" a different Carol for each day with a reflection and prayer; a traditional cardboard advent calendar with a window to open each day and a Lift the Flap Nativity book telling the Christmas story with 40 flaps to lift.

SOUPER SATURDAY - Saturday, 6th December between 12 noon and 1:30pm in the village hall. A choice of three soups, bread and cheese scones. Donations in aid of the church. Offers of assistance to Karen and Debra.

MONTHLY WALK - Tuesday, 9th December - meet at 10am at the church to car share to the Hambleton peninsula; and

- Thursday, 1st January 2026 - start the New Year with a bracing walk. Meet in the church porch at 10:30am.

Light refreshments available after each walk - please let Debra know if you intend to come.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION - collection of Christmas goodies from the church porch - see the reverse advent calendar for suggestions - early on Wednesday, 10th December.

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS! It is traditional at Christmas to have a ghost story (or two) - this is one with a difference - "The Christmas Guest" by Peter Swanson is well written with a good plot. Our second book, more a reminder of summer holidays, a detective novel set in the Norfolk Broads - "Broadland" by David Blake, the first in a series of DI Tanner novels, is a recommended read. Our third offering, another in the series of the elderly detectives Bryant and May and the Peculiar Crimes Unit "The Memory of Blood" combines a whodunnit with the history of the London theatre and the origins of Punch and Judy.

Village Hall Social Night Friday 19th December 7.30pm - 10.30pm

Christmas Cards - we will once again run the village Christmas card scheme, so you need only to write one card for everyone in the village to be displayed at the church. Donations to be shared between the Church, Playing Field and the Village Hall.

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

WING

No Flowers in Advent - Jeffy Advent Wreath **Brass** Helen Bateman

Huge thanks to Jeffy Wood and her team for organising the very successful Auction of Promises, and particular thanks to Jeff Dale for encouraging us all to part with our money. Thanks also to Andy Lawrence and Naomi Griffiths for hosting the Church coffee morning.

Carols around the Village Thursday 18th December at 6pm, meet at the Village Hall well wrapped up and with a torch! Join fellow villagers carol singing around the village ending up at the Old Hall (thanks to Sally and Adrian Cox) for a festive drink and refreshment from 7pm

21st December 5pm Carol Service a telling of the Christmas story through readings and carols.

24th December 11pm Holy Communion for Christmas with our new Rector Rev'd Peter Collins and Canon Vyv Wainwright.

If anyone is interested in singing in the choir for the carol service and the 'Midnight' service then please contact Carolyn Comben
ccomben2@gmail.com.

WI The Wing WI Meeting on Thursday 11th December will be the Members Xmas Evening at 7pm, Wing Village Hall. All visitors are most welcome. For other information about Wing WI please contact Judith [01572 737761 quilt9@gmail.com](mailto:01572737761@quilt9@gmail.com) or Jane [01572 737324 janegilmore7@gmail.com](mailto:01572737324@janegilmore7@gmail.com)

WING CRAFT GROUP meets on Wednesday mornings 10am - 12 noon.

The November draw for the **100 Club** took place at Coffee Morning on 6/11/25 and brought out the following winners.

1st 88 Sara & Jules, 2nd 91 Leopold Cox, 3rd 51 Rosemary Clifton.

Dinner Dance with a meal cooked by by Sara Mcallister in the Village Hall on Friday 12th December 7pm until 11pm

Your ticket includes a welcome drink, a sumptuous three course Italian themed dinner with a cheese taster, and a professional disco to get you dancing the night away!

Tickets are £40/person. Please order your starter and main course options before 28th November. Places are limited so please book early by emailing Info@saramcallister.co.uk.

Wing Christmas Tree Lights

Come and celebrate the start of Christmas in our lovely village community.

Join us for the grand 'switch-on' on

Monday, 1st December 2025 at

3 Top Street

Mulled wine and mince pies served from **6 p.m. with the 'switch-on' at 6.30 p.m.**

Soft drinks also available.

All donations to the Church.

Everyone welcome!

Wing Children's Christmas Party

As the festive season approaches and diaries begin to fill, we are pleased to announce the return of the very popular Children's Christmas party for Wing youngster's and their families. This includes Wing grandchildren!

Date: **Sunday 7th December, 2pm - 4:30pm** at the Village Hall for craft activities, party games, a light tea and the arrival of a very special visitor (Ho, Ho, Ho).

Children **MUST** be accompanied by a responsible adult. Adults will be able to enjoy a festive tippie and mince pies and/or join in with the fun 😊

Volunteers for craft activities, baking or children's entertainment would be most welcome!

Pre-booking is Essential - £5 per child
Please email h.eskdale@hotmail.co.uk for further details and to book your place

We look forward to everyone joining us for a fun-filled festive afternoon 🎄

Helen E and Sharon

Rutland Foodbank Wish-List Autumn / Harvest 2025

Not Needed at the
Moment



Small jars of coffee
Tinned meats & pies
Tinned tomatoes & veggies
Noodles, pot noodles, microwaveable rice
Tins of custard and fruit
Items for lunch pack-ups
Porridge, preferably sachets
Snacks, crackers, crispbreads and cereal bars
Women's deodorants, men's shaving gel



Please note we cannot
accept alcohol, fresh,
homemade, open or
out of date foods



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

36 Melton Road, Oakham, LE15 6AY (next to Domino's Pizza)

We are open to receive donations Mon-Fri 10.00 – 12.00



A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: FESTIVE CAROLS AND READINGS



7.00PM ON FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER

All Saints' Church, Oakham

IKON (professional choir)

Anne Bolt (piano)

Rutland Youth Choirs

David Hill (conductor)

Join us for an evening of beautiful carols by Howells, Rutter
and Warlock performed by the UK's finest professional singers.

Tickets (adult £15/£20, under 18s free) are available from
Oakham Wines <https://tinyurl.com/OakhamCarols2025>
or by ringing Susie on 07809 229292.

Donations from the proceeds will support Rutland Foodbank.

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	7th December	14th December	21 December	24/25 December	28 December
Edith Weston		17th Dec 2pm Edith Weston School service	12.30 baptism 6pm Carol Service	25 Dec 11am Holy Communion	
Empingham	10am All Age Worship	4pm Carol Service 16th Dec 2.30pm School Christingle	11am Holy Communion		
Lyndon	11am Holy Communion Rev'd James Muggleton	9.30am Morning Prayer		24th Dec 6pm Carol Service	
Manton			Monday 22nd Dec 6pm Carol Singing for Crisis	24th Dec 4pm Crib Service 25th Dec 11am Holy Communion	
North Luffenham		16th Dec 9.20am School Nativity 17th Dec 1pm school Christmas Service	19th December Carol Service 21 Dec 9.30am Breakfast Church	9.30am All Age Service	9.30am Holy Communion
Pilton	6pm St Nicholas Service				
Preston	11am Meeting Place	11am Holy Communion Rev Chris Armstrong	3pm Carol Service	9.30am Holy Communion	
Ridlington	4.00pm Contemplative service		4pm Carol Service	9.30am Holy Communion	
Whitwell				24th Dec 6pm Carol Service	
Wing	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	17th December 10am Playgroup Nativity 21 Dec 5pm Carol Service	24th December 11pm Holy Communion	

The Rutland Water Benefice

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