

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 and Wing

Rector: Post vacant

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

For all enquiries about a baptisms or weddings, please use the website enquiry forms in the first instance or speak to your churchwarden - contact details on the back page.

All funeral enquiries should be directed to the Rural Dean -  
Rev'd Jane Baxter 01572 822717

Home communions may be arranged by appointment.

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## Our Shared Calling

July is the season of ordinations – a time to celebrate those who have been called to special ministries in the life of the Church, as deacons and priests, but also an opportunity to reflect on what God is calling US to be and to do. For us at the Cathedral, the ordinations come hot on the heels of our patronal festival when we remember St Peter, that rather unlikely hero of the Christian faith, who so often seemed not to be the ‘rock’ that Jesus had nick-named him! Nevertheless, Peter managed to come to terms with his past failings, and respond to Christ’s forgiveness, and the call to “feed my sheep”.



It's surely true that none of our new priests and deacons are the finished article either. Like Peter, like all of us, they will have much to learn about themselves, their role and the communities they serve and every new experience and challenge offers all of us an opportunity to learn and grow, if we are humble enough to accept it in that way.

This year the ordination service has a particular resonance for me as I will have just celebrated 40 years as a priest. A lot has changed since the summer day in 1985 when I was ordained. Shops were still closed on Sundays; the ordination of women was still to happen; there was no ‘internet’ mobile phones or social media; it was still likely that people would apologise for not going to church – rather than express amazement that anyone still does!

But in the midst of that, I know I've changed and hope that I will continue to do so. Not in the strong sense of calling that I still feel, but in recognising that in a changing world, while the message of Christ's love remains constant, how that love is to be lived out and the good news of it shared has and will continue to change and develop. All of us are called by the one Spirit of God. May we seek to follow that call and live it out, wherever it leads us.

The Very Revd Chris Dalliston  
Dean of Peterborough

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'For Rutland' raises funds for Citizens Advice Rutland (Reg Charity No 1107907) to pay for Specialist Advisers who provide non-medical advice to people of all ages living with long-term health conditions in Rutland and the Surrounding Community.



'For Rutland' is a fundraising group of Citizens Advice Rutland

### **Beautiful garden and delicious tea all in a good cause**

The very talented team of For Rutland bakers will be once again serving up delicious teas at the National Open Garden Scheme event at Prebendal House on Sunday 27th July. The stunning garden is re-opening this year for visitors and the For Rutland volunteer team will provide homemade cakes, bakes and biscuits as well as serving teas and coffees to raise funds for Citizens Advice Rutland. It's expected that many visitors, eager to see the garden which has undergone a total redesign and transformation, will come along needing refreshment. The garden is open between 13:30 and 17:00 and tickets for the garden, which can be bought in advance from the NGS, cost £7.00 for adults and children are free.

For more details, see: <https://ngs.org.uk/gardens/prebendal-house-le15/> and [www.forrutland.org.uk](http://www.forrutland.org.uk)

### **THIS YEAR'S FOR RUTLAND GRAND BOTTLE TOMBOLA RAISES OVER £8100**

For Rutland, the organisers of the Grand Bottle Tombola which took place at The Rutland Show on the 1<sup>st</sup> June, are delighted to announce that it raised over £8,100! All of the money raised goes to Citizens Advice Rutland, to help pay for two special advisers who support Rutland residents living with the consequences of long-term health conditions.

Tickets at the tombola cost just £1 each, so the amount raised is phenomenal. There were over 1350 bottles which had all been donated by residents of Rutland and friends and supporters of the volunteer fundraising group, and that took a lot of effort right across the county of Rutland and beyond, involving teams of collectors and many drop off points. Very many thanks to everyone who contributed, whether by donating bottles, providing pick up points and of course, by buying tickets!

## **COUNCIL GETTING READY TO EXPAND ON-DEMAND BUS SERVICE**

Rutland County Council is preparing to complete the rollout of new on-demand bus services across Rutland from August 2025, with roadshow events taking place around the County to share information about the change.

The Council has an ambitious Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) that aims to increase access to local transport services and make them more sustainable. This includes the introduction of a new on-demand minibus service that is being phased in alongside fixed-route buses over the course of 2025.

The new on-demand service was launched on 31 March 2025, operating in a zone that covers the north west of the county between Oakham and Melton. More than 1,500 passengers have used the service in its first two months of operation.

On-demand bus travel will be fully rolled out across the County from 4 August 2025, helping to connect villages with main bus routes, which then provide onward travel to larger destinations.

The new on-demand service is being delivered in partnership with Lincolnshire's Callconnect and uses existing bus stops as pick-up and drop-off points, with passengers able to book journeys on Callconnect's smartphone app or over the phone with as little as one hour's notice.

Roadshow events are being held in towns and villages that will be part of the final rollout, giving passengers a chance to learn more about how Callconnect works and how to book journeys. The offer of free travel on all on-demand buses is being extended until 31 March 2026. Information about the expanded on-demand service will also be added to the Council's new Rutland Buses website: [www.rutlandbuses.info](http://www.rutlandbuses.info)

Councillor Christine Wise, Cabinet Member for Transport, Environment and Communities at Rutland County Council, said: "Use of Rutland's new on-demand bus service has been fantastic in the north of the County and we're looking forward to completing the rollout in other areas this summer. With full on-demand coverage across Rutland, we're going to have villages and communities that will be able to access a bus service for the first time ever. This is what we mean when we talk about making public transport available to

more people, in a way that's more cost effective for the Council and greener for the environment."

Cllr Wise added: "Our upcoming roadshows are a great way to learn more about the new service. There's no need to book, just turn up where one of our team will be available to answer your questions and give you information on how to register, book and use the buses."

Dates, times and locations for the Council's information events are as follows:

### **Tuesday 17 June**

- Uppingham Library 9.30am – 11.30am
- Oakham Library 2.00pm – 4.00pm

### **Monday 23 June**

- Essendine (outside the community centre) 9.30am – 10.00am
- Little Casterton (by the phone box) 10.30am – 11.00am
- Great Casterton (outside the clinic) 11.30am – 12.00pm
- Tinwell Village Hall Car Park 12.30pm – 1.00pm

### **Wednesday 25 June**

- Ketton Library 2.00pm – 4.00pm

### **Thursday 26 June**

- Morcott Bus Shelter 9.30am – 10.00am
- Barrowden Bus Stop (by The Exeter Arms) 10.30am – 11.00am
- Tixover (outside the care home) 11.30am – 12.00pm
- South Luffenham Bus Shelter (Stamford Road) 12.30pm – 1.00pm
- North Luffenham Bus Stop (by the primary school) 1.30pm – 2.30pm

### **Monday 30 June**

- Hambleton Church 9.00am – 9.30am
- **Empingham (doctors surgery bus stop) 10.00am – 11.00am**
- Normanton 11.30am – 12.00pm
- **Edith Weston (outside The Wheatsheaf Pub) 12.30pm – 1.30pm**

### **Friday 11 July**

- Oakham Library 9.30am – 11.30am
- Uppingham Library 2.00pm – 4.00pm

## **Tuesday 15 July**

- Bisbrooke (junction of Glaston Rd and Church Lane) 10.00am – 10.30am
- Seaton (between the village hall and bus shelter) 11.00am – 11.30am
- Belton (outside The Sun Inn) 12.00pm – 12.30pm
- **Wing (layby outside Wing Church) 1.00pm – 1.30pm**
- **Ridlington (bus shelter at the top of Noel Lane) 2.00pm – 2.30pm**
- Braunston (bus Shelter outside The Blue Ball pub) 3.00pm – 3.30pm

## **EDITH WESTON**

### **Items for Edith Weston section of Benefice magazine**

Please email [miranda.cheneywood@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### **Edith Weston Village Shop & Post Office**

Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm	Shop and Post Office hours the same.
Saturday 8am - 3pm	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](mailto:edithwestonvillageshop@gmail.com). 01780 722164

### **Church service in July**

Please note that the Edith Weston Church service is 27th July at 9.30am. It will be a Holy Communion service by extension led by Vv Wainwright.

## **Edith Weston Village Hall 100 Club**

Congratulations to the winners for July:

£30 Mr Makey. £20. Mrs Pegg £10 Mrs E Griffin

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

There is no winner of the snowball prize this month.



### **Bell Bulletin**



If you have a significant event such as a special birthday or anniversary and would like the bells to ring please let Tracy Lawson know on the number below.

Come and join the fun and learn a new skill.

Bell ringing is not only a significant tradition but also a wonderful way to meet new people and engage both mentally and physically. If you're interested in trying your hand at ringing, please contact Tracey Lawson on 07761 310720.

## **EMPINGHAM**

### **News from St Peter's Church**

All Age Church continues on the first Sunday of every month at 10am.

Families with small children are particularly welcome.

### **Barbara's Store**

Monday - Friday 7am - 5pm. Saturday 8am - 12 noon

Sunday 9am - 12 noon

Stocking a full range of groceries, local produce, lottery, hot drinks, filled rolls and off-licence.

Village home delivery for newspapers and groceries.

Evri drop off and pickup point.

Contact tel. 01780 460348

Email: [barbaras.store@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:barbaras.store@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Empingham Village (Audit) Hall**

#### **Empingham Audit Hall Mini Ernie**

Draw no 7

1st £20 49 Ian Ray

2nd £15 102 Claude Burton

3rd £10 139 Tony and Mary Ruscillo

The next Village Breakfast will be on Saturday 20th September. Details to follow in September magazine.

## Activities at Empingham Methodist Church

Minster: Rev Bekkie Wright, 07355981564    revbekkiewright@gmail.com

### SUNDAYS

6th 10.45 am      Morning Worship with Audrey Hensmen

13<sup>th</sup> 4pm      TEA TIME CHURCH with Rev Bekkie Wright. Tea Time

Church is a Service for Young Families including Tea together. Please bring something to share for tea.

20<sup>th</sup> 10.45am      Morning Worship with Rev Barry Gent

27<sup>th</sup> 10.45am      CAFÉ CHURCH with Carl Love. Church but different.

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PLEASE NOTE: - MONDAYS will be different from JULY.

1<sup>st</sup> MONDAY in the month – a LUNCH CLUB 1 pm.

Other MONDAYS - 2 - 4pm Refreshment s- Tea, Coffee, Cold drinks & CAKE & BISCUITS and Second-hand books on sale. Photocopying and laminating available & BOARD GAMES or just chatting with others.

THURSDAYS 10.30 – 12 noon. £1 per family TODDLER/BABY & PARENT GROUP during term time.

More details Eileen Ray 01780 460676

## **NO POST OFFICE SERVICES on a Monday at the Methodist Church.**

There will be a **MOBILE POST OFFICE SERVICE** on a **TUESDAY** from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025. 2.15pm till 3.45pm. At the village pub The Twisted Trout (formally the White Horse) . Please support your COMMUNITY POST OFFICE or LOSE IT.

Adele is retiring after 21 year of wonderful service, we have made a case for continuing the community Post Office in our village and we hope both YOU and the newly opened village pub will benefit.

There's more news from Empingham on page 21

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## **Empingham Together**

### **Empingham's Answer to Bargain Hunt**

Sunday, May 18th saw Empingham residents host a hugely successful Sale Trail around the village.

The day was organised by Empingham Together. All the visitors received a map, so knew where to hunt for bargains. The event raised a total of £243 for the Trussell Trust Stamford and Oakham food banks and seemed very popular with all who took part. Lesley Danbury and her team of helpers served tea and delicious cakes in the Methodist Chapel, to a steady stream of happy hunters throughout the afternoon, raising funds for local food banks, the Chapel and the Allotment Association. Overall, the weather was lovely and the day was an acclaimed success all round.

### **Empingham Cricket and 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.

### **Club Contacts**

The club website can be found at [empinghamcsc.org](http://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 started on 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:bobsloan79@yahoo.co.uk)  
Club secretary David Duffin, [david@theduffins.org.uk](mailto:david@theduffins.org.uk)

## **Girls Night Out**

On Thursday, July 31st at 7.30pm, Jonathan Roland will be giving a talk at the Cricket Club about his scuba diving in the Caribbean and the Maldives. A wonderful way to travel without leaving Empingham!

There will be a £5 charge to cover costs and the bar will be open so do come and listen and bring anyone who you think will be interested.

## **Mens Shed**

Location: Proposed visit to the National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas, Staffordshire DE13 7AR

Website: [www.thenma.org.uk](http://www.thenma.org.uk)

Date & Time: Tuesday 29th July departing at 10am. Travel time 90 minutes

Q1: are you interested in taking part?

Q2: Are you in a position to drive and if so how many additional people can you accommodate. I suggest using private cars in preference to a mini bus because if the weather forecast is not suitable on the day we could delay by a day or two. It is a very exposed site of 150 acres but there is a road train that goes around the site if you have a mobility problem.


All are welcome. For non-members of Men's Shed there will be a charge of £5. Entry to the National Memorial Arboretum is free.

For car parking there is a £5 pre-booked fee.

Please let me know whether you intend to come as soon as possible, but certainly before the 10th of July.

For more information contact [patvcrowley@gmail.com](mailto:patvcrowley@gmail.com)

# LYNDON



## **The Lyndon Summer Fete**


**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 12 -4 pm**

**To be opened by**


### **Craig Revel Horwood**

**TV personality and entertaining**

**“Strictly Come Dancing Judge”**



### **“Fab-u-lous” Hat Competition**



**Corby Silver Brass Band, Morris Dancers,**

**Madam Waffle Fortune Teller**

**Village Stocks, Fun Dog Classes**


**Children’s Games & Races,**

**Face & Glitter Painting, Lucky Dip**

**Village Cakes, Plants, Home Produce**

**Bespoke Stalls by invitation**

**Tombola, BBQ & Bar**





**For more details contact**

**Ginny 07539729829**

**Entry £5 adults/under 12yrs free**

**Cash only**

**All proceeds towards St Martin of Tours Church**



# MANTON

**MANTON VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB** Winning numbers for May 2025. **£20:** 104 Natalia Senior

**£10:** 75 Barbara Camp **£10:** 42 Andy Liggins **£5:** 64 Lucy Carr **£5:** 15 Georgie Pitts. This month's 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, John Stones Tel: 01572 827944.

## ALLOTMENTS

Two full allotments are available for immediate use either as full, half or maybe quarter plots. Please contact Cllr Ruth Blinch ([ruth.blinch@mantonparish.org.uk](mailto:ruth.blinch@mantonparish.org.uk)) or Parish Clerk Lawrence Webster ([clerk@mantonparish.org.uk](mailto:clerk@mantonparish.org.uk))

## MANTON PARISH COUNCIL

We currently have vacancies for 3 Parish Councillors and are keen to speak to anybody who may be interested in participating in the smooth running of the village. The Parish Website ([mantonparish.org.uk](http://mantonparish.org.uk)) has a link to the Co-option pack which gives some information on the role and co-option process. Please speak to me or any of the Councillors for a general discussion of the opportunity. *Roger Hornby* ([roger.hornby@mantonparish.org.uk](mailto:roger.hornby@mantonparish.org.uk))

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### COFFEE MORNING

**Thursday 10 July - 10.30 am- 12.00pm**

At the home of Susie Horner Manton Cottage, Stocks Hill

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

**FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received**

### CHURCH GARDEN PARTY

**Friday 25 July 6.00 – 8.00pm**

**In the gardens of Rob and Lille Braddock, Manton House, Church Lane**

The Garden Party is open to everyone from the village.....particularly those who contribute to the life of the church by gardening, cleaning, flower arranging, locking and unlocking the building, playing the organ, reading in the services etc... Your support is very much appreciated.

Everyone very welcome to join in...including children who will be FREE!  
Wine, soft drinks and canapes. £6 per head. Pay on entry....cash or card.

## **NORTH LUFFENHAM**

### **MAGAZINE CORRESPONDENT**

Items for North Luffenham section of Benefice magazine: Please email Nic Merrett ([merrettnic@gmail.com](mailto:merrettnic@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

### **NEWS FROM St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**

The Church is open daily - All are welcome to visit for private prayer.  
'Breakfast Church' will be on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am - families with small children are particularly welcome; and Holy Communion will take on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am.

Residents of this parish 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 magazine correspondent.

### **RIDE and STRIDE 2025 - it's time to register!**

The Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust will hold the event on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. Cycle or walk in beautiful surroundings with the aim of visiting as many of the 64 churches in Rutland as you can. Open to all ages and whether you aim to visit 6 or all 64 churches, 50% of the funds you raise from your sponsors will go to your local parish church. For more details contact the North Luffenham co-ordinator Liliane Coogan via email ([liliane@btconnect.com](mailto:liliane@btconnect.com)) In addition the website provides further background to this great event. <https://rhcpt.co.uk/ride-and-stride/information-for-participants/>

### **FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS**

Your continued support for the village Food Bank collections is gratefully received. Donations can be made in the Church which is open daily (current shortages : UHT Milk Blue and Green Cartons / UHT Juice Cartons / Noodles / Sugar (preferably small 500g bags) / Pump Hand Soap / Washing up liquid..)

## **NORTH LUFFENHAM CRICKET CLUB**

We play in the 20 over-a-side Burrough League (competitive but social) against other local teams on a Tuesday evening 6-6.30 start. Our home ground is The Oval in North Luffenham, and our nearest pub is a stone's throw away at The Fox. We are always looking for new players, so please **contact Dave Brew on 07548 919617** if interested in this year (and/or following years...) Supporters are very welcome. We have three home games left:

- 24<sup>th</sup> June v Frisby, Hoby & Rotherby
- 15<sup>th</sup> July v Upper Broughton
- 5<sup>th</sup> August v Barkby United

## **NORTH LUFFENHAM GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME (NLGNS)**

### **Who can use the North Luffenham Good Neighbour Scheme?**

Everyone in the Parish of North Luffenham. The service is open to anyone who doesn't have someone around to help in times of need or who doesn't have access to a car.

### **How much does it cost?**

The only cost is for petrol, parking and materials. All other services are free. Donation envelopes are available should anyone wish to contribute to the running costs of the Scheme.

### **Is it safe?**

All our volunteers have been checked by the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) and are fully insured. A volunteer will carry photographic ID that will be produced and the name of the individual will be given to you during the phone call with the volunteer co-ordinator.

### **How does it work ?**

Just call: **07825 697841** A coordinator will arrange for one of our registered volunteers to help. The coordinator will then phone you back to confirm who will be calling and at what time. The coordinator will be taking calls between 8am and 8pm each day. Be prepared to leave a message...

### **Can you volunteer?**

The North Luffenham Good Neighbour Scheme is always very happy to receive enquiries about additional volunteers - please use the scheme number **07825 697841** to register your interest in joining as a volunteer driver / scheme phone holder / and more..

## **GOOD COMPANIONS**

For our June meeting, a trip was arranged to visit Barnsdale Gardens in Exton. We were treated to a talk by Nick Hamilton and heard all about their plans

at the nursery, along with some great hints and tips. The gardens were looking beautiful and we enjoyed such a lovely day, walking around the various different spaces at leisure. We enjoyed coffee and cake, and the scones with jam and cream were absolutely delicious!

For July we have the annual village trip on Wednesday 2 July and we are heading to Stratford-upon-Avon. It's a popular destination and we have a full coach. However, if you are interested, and want to be added to the reserve list, then please let Jason know.

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

## **NORTH LUFFENHAM VILLAGE TRUST**

### **2025 FORMS FOR GRANTS**

Applications are invited, from or on behalf of, individuals resident in North Luffenham who are in need of financial assistance for education or other needs.

Groups that benefit North Luffenham residents may also apply.

All applications will be dealt with confidentially & are to be received by the  
Clerk no later than 1st September 2025

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

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

## **PRESTON**

### **VERY BIG THANKYOU!**

About a month ago, I appealed for help tidying up our Churchyard. (In fact, two kind gentlemen had already been up there, and an amazing lady had been on her knees tidying up round the cremation stones, without ever being asked, which was a wonderful start.) But then, to my amazement, another

twelve volunteers appeared and proceeded to mow, trim, cut back the ivy on the stone walls, tidy the edges to the path and remove the hideous brambles and elderbushes growing right through our lovely old Irish yews. (This latter job was definitely a hazardous occupation which professionals had managed to avoid for years!) The beautiful lime tree at the entrance to the “New” Church yard was also tidied up and trimmed, so now one can see the trunk and the wonderful shape of the tree itself which had been completely obscured by suckers, elder bushes, brambles and nettles, etc.

On behalf of the PCC, I would like to say a huge thank you to you all! It really was a wonderful effort and we are extremely grateful, particularly as we have had a Baptism, a Wedding and a Burial in the Church recently bringing outsiders to the village.

I hardly dare to mention it but there is still always more work to be done! So if anybody ever has some spare time which they would like to spend in the open air doing something really worthwhile please do not hesitate to contact me!

Jane (01572 737219 or email [jem@micklethwait.net](mailto:jem@micklethwait.net))

There will be a **benefice service and baptism on Sunday 29 June** led by the Rev'd Steve Benoy. All welcome. Coffee will be served after the service.

The monthly **coffee morning** will be held on the first Saturday in July, 6th July. All welcome

## **PRESTON WHATSAPP GROUPS**

Preston has two village WhatsApp groups open to all adult residents

### **1. Preston Information WhatsApp**

#### **Purpose**

To share important / essential information so everyone is up to date and can make informed decisions such as:

- Forthcoming events
- Requests for help at these events
- Developments in the village (planning applications / power cuts etc)
- Developments in the area close to Preston (e.g. A47 road closure)
- Developments in the county affecting residents

### **2. Preston Social WhatsApp**

#### **Purpose**

To post messages/ conversations and provide more informal information and connection such as:-

- Things to give away free or for sale
- Photos of the village/ pets etc
- Looking for lost pets
- To discuss or ask questions about information posted on the information WhatsApp with a longer thread / discussion

It is hoped every household in the village will at least join the **Village Information Whatsapp** so that communications can be more effective. Individual posts should only be made to *one* of the two groups - there is no need for any post to go to *both* groups, but please don't worry if you are not sure which one to put your message on. We want everyone to enjoy using the service and inevitably, there will be some duplication.

In replying to posts on the WhatsApp groups, residents are asked to consider if their response needs to go to the whole village, or just the sender of the message. Replying '*privately*' to the sender will reduce the overall number of messages received by everyone.

Residents have also expressed concern that WhatsApp messages are 'intrusive' when they 'ping' on their phones. There is a local setting on any phone and can easily be turned off.

If you would like to join, please send a WhatsApp message to **Caroline on 0756 377 3851**

## **CHURCH FLOWERS AND CLEANING**

We are very grateful to all the village residents who kindly ensure that the church looks lovely by providing and arranging flowers and keeping it so clean for us. This month we thank Kirsty, Trish and Sue on the flower rota.

## **Preston, Ridlington and Wing Annual Flower and Produce Show**

Will be held in Preston Village Hall on Saturday 2nd August. It is the time to start sowing, planting, growing and creating.

Schedules will be available from Jeffy Wood email [jeffywood1@gmail.com](mailto:jeffywood1@gmail.com) or Tel Mob 07736 668023

# **RIDLINGTON**

**CHURCH SERVICES** - all at 9:30 unless otherwise stated

6th July - Morning Prayer

13th July - Holy Communion

20th July - Pet Service at 16:00 please bring your pet or a photograph of them

27th July - Morning Prayer

## **FOOD BANK COLLECTION**

The next collection date is 23rd July. A particular plea has been made for colouring books, pencils and blowing bubbles to provide activities for the school holiday period. Your continued support of this worthwhile project is gratefully received.

## **BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT - CITIZEN SCIENCE**

Can you spare 15 minutes to sit in the sunshine to count butterflies between 17th July and 10th August? Please participate in the UK wide survey - the Big Butterfly Count where data will be used to assess the health of the environment. More information can be found on

[www.bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org](http://www.bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org) and an identification chart is available in the church.

**MONTHLY WALK** - Saturday, 26th July. Something a little different - an excursion to see the ospreys. Meet at the church at 10:00 before driving to the Rutland Water Nature Reserve. There will be a charge of £6 per person. For details please contact Jacky Morrell or Debra Thatcher.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - annual strim and rake of the churchyard followed by a ploughman's lunch. Date yet to be fixed but if you think you might be able to spare an hour or a couple of hours to help please let Debra Thatcher know.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** - Saturday, 13th September "Ride and Stride" in support of the Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust. Volunteers needed to ride/stride and to welcome visitors to the church. Please let Debra Thatcher know if you are able to assist.

**BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!** Starting this month with “What the Dog Saw” a compilation of articles by Malcolm Gladwell first published in The New Yorker; well crafted, entertaining and informative. Two novels written by “insiders” also available - “Post Mortem” a debutcrime novel by Kate London, a detective in the Met and “Beyond Forgiveness” by former solicitor Caro Fraser where a family’s complacency is shattered by a bequest in a will. Lastly, “The Church Bizarre” another selection of light verse with cartoon illustrations.

### **Preston, Ridlington and Wing Annual Flower and Produce Show**

Will be held in Preston Village Hall on Saturday 2nd August. It is the time to start sowing, planting, growing and creating.

Schedules will be available from Jeffy Wood email [jeffywood1@gmail.com](mailto:jeffywood1@gmail.com) or Tel Mob 07736 668023

### **ANYTHING GOES!**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm

Ridlington Church

The Ridlington Singers present an informal concert of ‘Songs from the Shows’ – music from Cole Porter to Elton John... Glasses will be provided if you wish to bring your own refreshment.

Donations in aid of LOROS and church funds.

### **Village Hall**

- **Safari Supper** - we have decided on Saturday 30th August! Thank you to those of you who have offered to do a course or come along. There are still plenty of places left, so come along for good company and delicious food. Finer details later .  
Please contact Pat Roome  
on 01572 821416 / [pat.roome@btinternet.com](mailto:pat.roome@btinternet.com) if you wish to attend.
- **Coffee Mornings** all 10.30 – 12noon:  
Friday 18th July

Please send all contributions for the parish magazine to Annie Harvey  
[acharvey@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:acharvey@hotmail.co.uk) by the 12th of the month,

# WING

Flowers: Janet Berridge

Brass: Maureen Beaver

Auction of Promises to raise funds for Wing Church

If anyone has a promises they would like to donate for this auction which will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 15th November please contact Jeffy Wood on either her email [jeffywood1@gmail.com](mailto:jeffywood1@gmail.com) or mob 07736 668023 All promises will be gratefully received.

## WI

The Wing WI Meeting on 10th July will see the return of an excellent speaker Richard Warren, this time talking about Foxton Locks. The meeting starts at 7pm, Wing Village Hall. All visitors are most welcome

For other information about Wing WI please contact Judith 01572

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## WING CRAFT GROUP

The group meets on Wednesday mornings 10 am -12 pm, in Wing Village Hall. Each attendee is asked to pay £1.50 and this is paid to the Village Hall. We take some craft with us or just have a chit-chat! A few of the group are very talented so if you have an item you need help to finish, one of the members will be happy to help. If you are interested, do pop in and join the fun

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## VILLAGE HALL TEAS

Served from 3pm to 5pm on Sunday 20th July, 17th August and 21st September. Please do come along and join us for a slice of delicious homemade cake, a cup of tea or coffee and a chat!

**Thank you** to everyone in the village who kindly left donations in Townsend House barn of bottles for The Grand Tombola, raising funds 'For Rutland' which was held at the Rutland County Show. They raised just over £8,000 which is a fabulous result.

**RIDE AND STRIDE** will be held this year on Saturday 13th September, please save this date and take part in this great fundraising event for Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust. There will be more information in next month's parish magazine but any enquires to David Wood email [rdavidwood1@gmail.com](mailto:rdavidwood1@gmail.com) or Mob 07711 018373

The May draw for the **100 Club** took place at Coffee Morning 5/6/25 and brought out the following winners.

1st Richard Bateman 96

2nd Helen Eskdale 81

3rd A Hayden 10

## **HARVEST LUNCH**

Please save the date for this year's Harvest lunch which will be held on Sunday 12th October. More details to follow in next month's Parish magazine.

Are there any **volunteers** who would be willing to trim and clear up areas of the churchyard? Please contact either Jeffy Wood 07736 668023 or Alice Hill -01572 737516. We are planning to have a clearing up session in the near future. Does anyone have a scythe and the expertise to use it?

As ever, a big thank you to those who contribute to the **Foodbank** collection in the church porch. Donations are always welcome, particularly of the following items.

UHT Milk, blue and green cartons, UHT juice 1 litre cartons and small cartons  
Noodles, crackers and crispbreads, cereal bars, porridge sachets, sugar, liquid hand soap, washing up liquid, non bio washing pods or tablets.

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# Wing Harvest Scarecrow Trail

## Out of this World!



Back by popular demand for a fourth year, children and adults are invited to take part in this free, fun Harvest event. This year's theme is 'Out of this World'! Contact Carolyn Comben if you would like to take part on 07966193634 or ccomben2@gmail.com.

	<b>6th July</b>	<b>13th July</b>	<b>20th July</b>	<b>27th July</b>	
Edith Weston				9.30am Holy Communion by extension led by Canon Vyv Wainwright	
Empingham	10.00am All Age Service		11.00am Holy Communion led by Rev'd James Muggleton		
Lyndon	11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer			
Manton		9.30am All Age Church		11.00am Holy Communion Led by Rev'd James Muggleton	
North Luffenham			9.30am Breakfast Church	9.30am Holy Communion by extension led by Caroline Simmonds	
Pilton					
Preston	11.00am The Meeting Place		11am Holy Communion	5pm Evening Service	
Ridlington	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion	4pm Pet service led by Rev'd Jes Salt	9.30am Morning Prayer	
Whitwell					
Wing	9.30am Holy Communion by extension led by Canon Vyv Wainwright	9.30am Morning Prayer		9.30am <i>Morning Prayer</i>	

## The Rutland Water Benefice

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