

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

### Ministry Team

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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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## **And Death Shall have no more Dominion**



November is, for many, a sombre month which provides the opportunity to pause and reflect on the immense sacrifice of countless brave men and women during times of war or conflict, both here and around the world. It can be, for some, a time of great personal sadness too, in which loved ones are mourned and especially remembered.

This time in late autumn can also contribute to this sense of bleakness, with the occasional gloom of rainy grey skies, the on-going daily reduction of daylight and bare silhouettes of trees beginning to emerge.

But amidst the inevitable 'darkness' of this time of year, I would like to share some lines from that great 20th Century Welsh poet, Dylan Thomas. Many years ago, as a secondary school pupil, I studied his well-known play, 'Under Milk Wood' but it is only very recently that I stumbled across his poem 'And Death Shall have no more Dominion.' I came across it via a YouTube clip of the poet's original sound recording and found his personal rendition both powerful and moving, in equal measure. And as I listened to it, its overwhelmingly positive message lifted my spirits, not least as an 'antidote' to recent acts of war on our national news. The first verse starts with:

**'And death shall have no dominion'**

And continues with:

**'They shall have stars at elbow and foot;  
Though they go mad they shall be sane,  
Though they sink through the sea they shall rise again;  
Though lovers be lost love shall not;  
And death shall have no dominion.'**

This extract is from one of Thomas' earliest poems, written after his friend Bert Trick, suggested that they should each try to write a poem on the subject of 'immortality.' When published, it first appeared in 'The New English Weekly' in 1933. It was later included in Dylan Thomas' second collection of poetry, 'Twenty-five Poems.'

You may well recognise the opening line (and title) of the poem however, which clearly has its origins in St Paul's letter to the Romans in the New Testament section of the Bible, in which we read:

**“But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.” (Romans Chapter 9, verses 8 – 9)**

For Saint Paul, a famous leader in the early Christian church, there was no doubt: death is not the end. Paul believed that Jesus' resurrection on the first Easter Day demonstrated to the world that God's power rules over everything that exists. And although humanity has continued to suffer through 'man's inhumanity to man' in wars and conflicts down the ages, Christians today continue to experience God's love and power in their own daily lives through the sacrifice and resurrection of Christ.



'The Risen Christ' by Piero della Francesca 1465

Wishing you every blessing during this season of Remembrance,

Caroline Simmonds  
(Reader in the Rutland Water Benefice)

## **A note from Rev'd Jenni Duffy:**

As I look towards the end of my curacy and my time here with you in the Rutland Water Benefice, I wanted to say a huge THANK YOU to all of you for making me so welcome, for caring for me and supporting me over the last 4 (and a bit!) years. Thank you to those whose wisdom and experience has helped me grow, those whose hospitality has nurtured me, those whose encouragement has enabled me to try new things. I have loved my time here with you and feel very blessed to have served my curacy in this benefice.

As most of you know, I am not going far away, I will be licensed to my new role in the Oakham Team on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 6:30pm in All Saints Church, Oakham, with light refreshments to follow. You are all invited to attend, RSVP [office@oakhamteam.org.uk](mailto:office@oakhamteam.org.uk)

Thank you, and God bless.

***Jenni***

## **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 100 Club Winners November 2023:**

£30 Mr & Mrs Ashworth

£25 Mrs Munro

£20 Mrs Barnes

£15 Mrs Bretten

£10 Gift voucher for the village shop kindly donated by Helen & Andy Wood – Mrs Wilkin

## **Ride and Stride**

An intrepid Edith Weston Ride and Stride team of 16 riders set off in blazing sunshine to visit as many churches as possible. Between us, 228 visits to 44 of the 64 churches were achieved, a distance of over 425 miles was covered and as a village we raised a fantastic £570. Thank you so much to all who participated by riding, baking, recording and sponsoring.



We have received special thanks from the local organisers for our whole team effort and our delicious array of welcome refreshments in the church.

Next ride and stride is September 2025.

## **Christmas Fayre**

A reminder to all that Edith Weston's Christmas Fayre, will take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 10- 30am – 3pm at Edith Weston Village Hall, LE15 8HE. Many Rutland artisans are joining us to bring early Christmas cheer just a month before the big day! Come and explore beautiful arts and crafts, gifts, children's books, beers and spirits, cakes and bakes, Christmas wrap, bags, and tags – festive refreshments and plenty more! So much work has gone on behind the scenes to make this a fabulous festive fayre for all the family to enjoy. Save the date – and come to join in the fun. We can't wait to see you there. All proceeds to our village recreation ground at Tommy's Close.

## **Events coming up**

### **Cheese & Wine evening with a Quiz - Friday 8th December**

In Village Hall. Tickets will be on sale nearer the date.

### **Christmas Carol Service - Sunday 17th December**

In St Mary's Church, Edith Weston

### **Edith Weston Safari Supper - Saturday 10th February 2024**

One not to be missed!

## **Tommy's Talks**

Archaeologist John Thomas, BA MA MCiFA our **first Tommy's Talk** on

**Thursday January 11th 2024 at 7pm** at Edith Weston Village Hall LE15 8HE. The Rutland Roman Villa and Mosaics. In 2020 a Rutland landowners walk across fields during the pandemic lockdown led to the discovery of one of the most exciting Roman mosaics in over a century. John Thomas, Project Manager of the Rutland Villa project will share the fascinating story of the Villa and Mosaic discovery – and talk about the significance of this unique example of ancient art depicting scenes from the Trojan War. Save the date and plan for a stimulating evening. Refreshments will be available.

## **Dates for future Tommy's Talks**

### **Thursday 21st March 2024**

The **second talk** will be given by Joe Whitehead, Head Gardener at Burghley House

### **Date TBC**

The **third talk** will be given by Ed Jarron, Wing Commander, on the Cold War.

## **Plant Sale - Saturday 27th April 2024**

Plant sale on Rectory Lane. Growers very welcome indeed. Please talk to Anne Donaldson or Kath Durrant if you can help.

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

Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm

Saturday 8am - 3pm

Sunday 8.30am - 12.30am

Shop and Post Office hours the same

Cash withdrawals and deposits  
Cheque deposit into bank

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

## **Nativity, biblical and animal dressing up clothes and props needed.**

Rev'd Pippa Madgwick and Fiona Parsons are now running monthly interactive assemblies at Edith Weston Academy. We are using drama and involving the

children in acting out exciting Bible stories. We have had great fun retelling the story of Daniel and the Lions, The boy Samuel and Joseph and his amazing coat!

Drama helps children in expressing themselves and exploring different cultures and the world we all live in. All the plays are linked back to key values such as: Honesty, Trust, Self- Control, Resilience and Determination. These values help us all in life whatever our personal beliefs are.

The children very much enjoying dressing up and this helps them bring the characters to life. We have a very limited number of costumes. Has anyone got any old costumes they could donate from age 4- 12 years old and adults? Or have you got some dress making skills and would you be willing to convert pillowcases and sheets into simple costumes?

**Please contact Fiona or Richard Parsons at [parsonsrichard10@gmail.com](mailto:parsonsrichard10@gmail.com) Many thanks.**

### **Beginners yoga classes at Edith Weston Village Hall**

Join Caroline on Thursday mornings 10-11am for gentle beginners yoga.

£8 per session, class passes available.

Please ring 07799516179 to book or for more information

### **Harvest Supper**

Our annual Harvest supper was well attended on Thursday 12th October. We enjoyed fizz, food and wine, local produce and a raffle, raising a total of £1033. £1000 has been donated to the church and £33 used to purchase fruit juice for Rutland Foodbank which was delivered to them along with three boxes of packets, jars and tins collected on the night.

Many thanks to the Wheatsheaf at Edith Weston, John continuing the 20 year tradition of providing the vegetables for our supper. Thanks also to Helen and Andy, Edith Weston Village Store for raffle items and to COOK Stamford for allowing us to use their Community Discount Scheme again.

Thank you to Jo and Richard and to Toni and David for once again organising a most enjoyable and successful event.

## **EMPINGHAM**

### **News from St Peter's Church - EMPINGHAM SAFARI SUPPER**

Those taking part in the Safari Supper on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September enjoyed a



conversation and laughter. Starters and main courses were hosted in homes around the village with everyone meeting up at the Audit Hall to work their way through a magnificent buffet of desserts and cheese. It was an excellent opportunity to catch up with friends and meet new people whilst also raising over £1000 for St Peter's. Many thanks to Sara Buck and her team for organising the event, particularly the inevitable admin required to match participants with hosts without forgetting anyone! Thanks also to all hosts and cooks without whom the event would not be possible. All in all, a very successful evening! Susan Painter



## Methodist Chapel

Minster: Rev Bekkie Wright, 01572 720721 [bekkie.wright@methodist.org.uk](mailto:bekkie.wright@methodist.org.uk)

### SERVICES DURING NOVEMBER 2023

SUNDAYS 5<sup>th</sup> 10.45am Rev Bekkie Wright– including Holy Communion  
12<sup>th</sup> 10.45am United Remembrance Service at St Peter's  
19<sup>th</sup> **4pm** Tea Time Church – Service for young Families  
26<sup>th</sup> 10.45am Café Church with Mrs Audrey Hensman

MONDAYS 2 - 4pm POST OFFICE – Refreshments and second-hand books on sale. Photocopying and laminating available.

TUESDAYS House Group meet at 2, Walnut Close at **2pm** (note the change of time) on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Exploring words of faith and a time of prayer. For more information contact [pdvjones@hotmail.com](mailto:pdvjones@hotmail.com)

THURSDAYS TODDLER/BABY & PARENT GROUP 10.30am – 12 noon.  
In EMPINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH HALL. £1 per family. During Term Time only.

Every blessing Eileen Ray 01780 460676.

## **Village (Audit) Hall**

Our next Breakfast will be held on Saturday 4 November. Doors open 09:15 - 11:30.

Come and meet your friends and get a full English breakfast for only £6. (Under 12's £3). All welcome.

Empingham Village (Audit) Hall Mini Ernie

1st	£20	160	Sue Waite
2nd	£15	121	Jen Pheasant
3rd	£10	36	Alan Lambert

## **Mobile Covid Boosters**

A mobile clinic will visit the White Horse car park on November 1<sup>st</sup> 1pm -2pm to provide covid boosters to those who are eligible.

## **Empingham C of E Primary School**

We have had such a busy start to the new school year; Year 3 and 4 football league, Year 5 and 6 residential visit, Parents' Evenings, visits to the museum and the theatre.

We were very pleased to welcome so many people to our recent Harvest Festival in Church. The local Foodbanks are so thankful for our donations. They have recently ran very low in stock and were overjoyed to see how much we had collected!!

We begin next term with more sporting events, our New Starter Open Mornings and our Chance to Share Day, when families are invited in to look through their child's work.

The term will finish in a flurry of Christmas activities, with Nativities from our younger pupils, Christmas themed workshops and our Christmas Disco, kindly organised and paid for by our fantastic PFA!!

## **EMPINGHAM SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November. For parents of children starting school in September 2024. Please book a slot with the school office. 01780 460246 or email [empinghamoffice@rltschools.com](mailto:empinghamoffice@rltschools.com).

"Pupils enjoy coming to this happy village school". Ofsted 2023.

## **Parish Magazine**

If, perhaps, you are out and about and need to check on a time or date - why not look at the Empingham Village website's calendar

<http://www.empingham.life/calendar/month.php>

I try and keep it updated with upcoming events.

Stephen St Clair-Thompson    Empingham Magazine Correspondent

## **Cricket and Social Club**

The club is open as follows:

From 5.15 pm on Wednesday s— please check calendar on website for any further changes

From 4.30 pm on Friday evenings

From 1.00 pm on Sunday lunchtimes.

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

## **Special Events**

Most of the world cup rugby matches will be shown, and there will be a beer festival to coincide with semi final games

Fireworks Night Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November – watch for further details

Cricket Presentation Evening 11<sup>th</sup> November

Quiz night Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Live music Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec with “Dirty Rumours”

## **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 starts 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)

## **Garden Club**

Rutland vineyard, in Ketton is a popular place to visit. Guests may walk around the vineyard with useful explanatory signs, and afterwards enjoy wine tasting and light refreshments.

At our meeting on Monday November 27<sup>th</sup>. at the normal time of 7:30 pm a representative will tell us all about the establishment and operation of the vineyard. The usual raffle and welcoming bar will be available to make an enjoyable evening.

## **Girls Night Out**

On Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, Tom Johnson from Dormans the Funeral Director in Uppingham is coming to give his talk about funerals and his experiences. This is the talk that was postponed last year.

Tom Johnson is well known locally as an actor as well as a funeral director, and is a fascinating and sympathetic speaker.

The talk is at the Cricket Club at 7.30 pm. There will be a £3 fee to cover costs.

## **Men's Shed**

The Men's Shed will meet on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm, in the Cricket & Social Club. Andy Hunting will entertain us with a talk on 'The Vikings', and the bar will be open as always. All are welcome.

For further details, contact [bobwillars@sky.com](mailto:bobwillars@sky.com)



CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30 - 12.00 noon  
St Peter's, Empingham

£10, to include wreath base and refreshments

Please bring your own greenery, decorations, pliers and secateurs

We hope that completed wreaths will be displayed in the church until after the  
Empingham Carol Service 4pm on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

For further information or to book your wreath please contact Kate Neal  
01780 460501 [katenearl@btinternet.com](mailto:katenearl@btinternet.com)

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# LYNDON

## Lyndon Harvest Festival

We held our Harvest Festival on September 30<sup>th</sup> and were lucky to have our Rector to take the service and John Hill, back from holiday only the day before to play the organ for us. Our thanks also go to the ladies who decorated the church so beautifully. The collection was for the Church Urban Fund and enabled us to send them a cheque for £108 for their initiatives in needy parts of our country.

The service was followed by a lovely cold supper in the mezzanine area of Pick's Barn. We are very grateful to John and Gill for not only providing this but also doing all the washing up afterwards! Robert conducted the auction of produce with his customary flair, and Pauline and Blake carried out the essential task of collecting the proceeds, which amounted to the staggering amount of £455.50. We are very grateful to all of them too. Added to a small donation and profit from the ticket money, the evening generated £835.50. This will be helping us when we carry out necessary repair work on the church fabric in the near future.

# MANTON

**MANTON VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB** Winning numbers for October 2023. **£20:** 36 Peter Harrison **£10** 53 Sue Thompson **£10:** 89 Marie-Ange Martin **£5:** 80 Val Carroll **£5:** 17 Anne Butler. This month's snowball **£100** was won by 17 John Reeve. Next month's snowball, **£50**, 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.

## BIBLE / PRAYER GROUP

**2 November, - Anne's, 38 Lyndon Road**

**16 November - Caroline's, Manton Lodge Cottage, Lodge Lane**

As usual this month we meet at 1.50 for 2.00 pm on the first and third Thursdays

We are reading of the development of the early church in The Acts of the Apostles, followed by a short time of prayer. Everyone is welcome to our friendly group, either regularly or occasionally.

## **COFFEE MORNING**

**Thursday 9 November 2023 10.30-12.00**

**At the home of Rosemary Gooding - Cumberland House, St. Mary's Road**

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

FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received

## **ACT of REMEMBRANCE**

There will be a short Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Manton Churchyard on Saturday 11 November at 11am. This will last about 10 mins and everyone is most welcome to join in.

## **CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING + BRING & BUY**

**Thursday 14 December 10.30-12.00**

**At the home of Finola Hornby - The Croft, Lyndon Road**

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

FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received

**Anyone wishing to offer their homes for a Coffee Morning in 2024, always on the second Thursday of the month, please contact Anne Cowan.**

## **MANTON VILLAGE HALL QUIZ NIGHT**

**Friday 8 December 7.00pm – Manton Village Hall**

The much acclaimed Manton Quiz Night is nigh. Everyone welcome! Teams of 4 people maximum and if you can't make up a 4, we will create teams for you on the night. Cheese & Meat platter food will be provided and it's bring your own drinks and glasses. Tickets are £10.00 per person. To reserve a table for your team please email Anne Cowan [annecowan38@gmail.com](mailto:annecowan38@gmail.com) telephone 01572 737503. Booking early is advised as this is a very popular event!

## **MANTON CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Saturday 16 December 4.00-7.00pm – Manton Village Hall**

Join us for the Manton Christmas Party. Christmas games and food for the children. Drinks and festive fun for the adults! In aid of St Mary's Church, Manton. Ticket sales opening on 1 November. Please reserve your place so we can keep track of numbers. All are welcome! See URL:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/manton-christmas-party-tickets-737068811657>

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES IN MANTON CHURCH**

**Saturday 16 Dec – 10.00-12noon.** Decorate the Church for Christmas. Come and help decorate the Christmas Tree, put up the Nativity Scenes, children's crafts and Christmas story. Coffee/juice and Mince Pies/biscuits available all morning.

**Thursday 21 Dec 5.00pm** Carols in the Churchyard. Come and sing Carols outside ,weather permitting, followed by Mulled wine/juice and mince pies and biscuits in the church. All money raised for CRISIS

**Saturday 24 Dec 4.00pm** Crib Service for the young and young at heart. Half an hour telling the Christmas story with songs followed by Tea/Juice and more Mince Pies and biscuits!

**Sunday 25 Dec 9.30am** Christmas Day Holy Communion service

## **SAFARI SUPPER**

**Saturday 27 January 2024**

Every year Manton hosts a Safari Supper in order to raise money for Church Funds. This is a hugely successful event which involves the whole of the village and a lot of eating, drinking and socialising!!

**Villagers who would like to take part are asked to contact Anne Cowan (737503) in order to book their place** and also, if possible, to offer to host a course. We are likely to be catering for around 80 people, so we need about 12 hosts to offer to do a starter, 12 to do a main course and 12 to do a pudding course.

Tickets this year will be £18 each which includes a three course meal plus coffee and a wonderful opportunity to mix with lots of village people.

There are a very few tickets available (about 15) to people who do not want to do a course. You do need to book early even if you are offering a course as this is a highly popular event, so please do this before Christmas so that Anne can start work on the logistics of the night!! So don't delay...book today!!!

## **NORTH LUFFENHAM**

**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](http://www.northluffenham.com) so if you

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](mailto:editors@northluffenham.com).

To join over a 1000 other subscribers & receive an email alert each time a new post is added to [northluffenham.com](http://northluffenham.com), please click on the relevant button on the home page of the village website.

## **North Luffenham Bonfire Night – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

The annual Bonfire & Fireworks event hosted by the North Luffenham Parish Council will go ahead on The Oval on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023. All are welcome.

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

There will be a bucket collection to offset the costs so please be generous to enable this event to continue (suggested donation of £10 per family); cash or card for the following:-

- Cricket Club BBQ
- Mulled wine
- Tea, Coffee, Cake & Sweets inside the Pavilion
- Sparklers & Glow sticks

More volunteers are needed on the night to assist with Stewarding & Bucket Collections. If you can help, please email Tim Smith using [timsmith@northluffenham.org.co](mailto:timsmith@northluffenham.org.co)

## **GREETINGS TO FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS - CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Last year the Parish Church was given a wonderful large wooden Christmas tree made by “the Rutland Men (& Women) in Sheds” which we decorated with lights & placed in the porch.

This year we would like to start a Community North Luffenham Christmas Card Scheme to raise money for Church funds (remember we still have no heating) and to make our parishioners lives simpler.

If you would like to send greetings to your friends and neighbours please drop in a Christmas card to Dove Cottage, 4 Church Street together with a donation to the church before the **22<sup>nd</sup> December** (*the date of our Carol Service*). We will display the various cards on our unique wooden Christmas tree in the porch which will be specially lit for the occasion.

For any more information please contact Janet Whittaker on tel. 721216 or email:- [rutlandwhittakers@outlook.com](mailto:rutlandwhittakers@outlook.com)

**A short Remembrance Service will be in North Luffenham churchyard at 11.45am on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November – there will be an opportunity to donate to the Royal British Legion and obtain poppies.**

We wanted to update you on what the **Good Companions Club** in North Luffenham have been doing over the remaining summer months, as well as what is coming up until Christmas for our members:

September saw an extraordinary and informative discussion and presentation by Joe Davis from Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust on the Rutland Sea Dragon fossil found at Rutland Water. I think it goes without saying how much everyone enjoyed it and learned so much more about this fascinating find.

Due to an unexpected change in our programme, October's meeting welcomed Sandy from Silver Moon crafts, who provided a fascinating demonstration on how she makes jewellery from recycled silver. The group enjoyed watching the methods she uses to create her lovely pieces and there were lots on offer to buy. It was a great start to Christmas shopping!

Coming up in November expect to see Rutland Nursery house plant specialist, preparing us for the winter months and how we can still use this time to enjoy gardening and plants indoors. I'm sure she will tell us the latest news from the nursery too.

Also, on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November there is a chance to enjoy Springfield's Shopping Centre again, to get cracking on your Christmas shopping. Please let one of the committee know if you want to put your name down on the attendee list. Numbers are limited due to the size of the minibus but we do still have a few spare places.

Finally, Christmas time in North Luffenham is always a special place and our Chair, Jason Allen, will again host the club for Christmas lunch at The Fox on Wednesday 13 December at 12 Noon.

As always, we meet on the first Wednesday of every month, 2pm to 4pm at the Community Centre. We really do enjoy helping the local community remain connected to their neighbours in the village, making sure everyone, no matter where they are from, has some time to socialise and feel part of our wonderful village. If you are interested in knowing more or would like to come along/join, please let Alison know on 07769 322551.



## **PILTON**

We will be holding our St Nicholas candle light Christingle service in Pilton on Sunday 3rd December at 5.00pm.

Please come and join us - sing some carols and start the countdown to Christmas. Refreshments will be served after the service.

## **PRESTON**

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Many thanks to all who helped to make the Macmillan Coffee Morning which was held at the Dower House such a success..

We had some marvellous raffle prizes and some very generous donations, the sun shone and we could be in the garden throughout the morning. We raised over £600 which was wonderful: thank you all again so much.

Jane Micklethwait

The next monthly COFFEE MORNING is on Saturday 4 November, 10-12.30, in the Village Hall. All welcome! If anyone in the village would like to bake us a cake it would be greatly appreciated.

### **Harvest Thanksgiving in Preston**

A good congregation enjoyed our Harvest Communion service this year which was beautifully led by Jenni Duffy and we raised the traditional Harvest hymns to the rafters, led by our regular organist Ivan Linford. The church looked wonderful thanks to Emma and her team and cake and coffee were enjoyed following the service.

We were pleased to send a very large contribution of foodstuffs and produce to the Foodbank following the service. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.

We now have everything set up for our very first **film night** on Thursday 16th November when we will be screening 'A Fish called Wanda' (15). We very much look forward to welcoming you from 7pm, with a start time of 7.30pm. Please bring the correct money, if you can: Preston Film Club members £3.50/ Preston non-members £5.00. If anyone has any difficulty in getting to/from the hall for the event, or you have any other queries, please get in touch. Wendy (07962218171)

# **RIDLINGTON**

## **CONDOLENCES**

We offer our condolences to the families of Andrea Batten who died on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023, and Ailie Isle who died on 24th September 2023.

## **SOME THANKS**

Our annual donation to the Smalls for All charity has been made and grateful thanks are extended to all the kind donors.

Our church was beautifully decorated for the harvest festivals and thanks are due to all the talented arrangers as well as to those who donated extra items for the Food Bank collection. The next collection is on 1st November.

Details of the Christmas wish list will be circulated once available.

## **MONTHLY WALK**

Stir Up Sunday, 26th November. Meet at 11:30am at the church porch with light refreshments afterwards. If interested, please let Debra know.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Carol Service to be held on Sunday, 17th December. More details to follow...

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

As we approach the end of the year, thoughts turn to 2024 rotas. If you would like to assist with magazine distribution, unlocking/locking the church, flower arranging, cleaning, setting up for or reading at services, providing refreshments after services, mowing the churchyard please let Debra know.

## **VILLAGE HALL**

### **RIDLINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Saturday 11th November 2023 2pm - 4pm**

**Tea, coffee, cakes and more**

**Fundraising for the**

**BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2023**

**Pledges of edibles and help would be gratefully  
received**

Jackie, Jo & Shelagh 07592590541

Forthcoming events:

- Coffee Mornings - 10.30am to 12.00noon, **Friday 1st December**
- Team Quiz - **3rd November**
- Royal British Legion Fundraising Appeal – **11<sup>th</sup> November 2-4pm**
- Social Night - **15th December**

Everyone welcome!

## **FUNDRAISING FOR THE BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2023**

In addition to the special tea/coffee/cake afternoon advertised above, the Knit and Natter group are hand knitting and selling poppies to help raise funds for the Royal British Legion. If you would like to see or purchase one for yourself or for a friend, please contact Janet, Ruth or Annie.

Prices:

Small: £2, Medium: £3, Large: £5



## **BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!**

Starting this month with a romantic comedy “Me and Mr Darcy” by Alexandra Potter. A must for all Jane Austen fans and fun to read. A further instalment of naval life, “Lieutenant Hornblower”, but, on this occasion, the story told by Bush rather than Hornblower himself which proves to be a useful tool in filling out Hornblower’s character.

More also from two established crime writers - Rebecca Tope’s “A Death to Record”, a West Country mystery where my home town gets a number of mentions and M.C. Beaton with R.W. Green’s “Hot to Trot”, another cosy Agatha Raisin novel.

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

please visit the websites below:

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

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

# WING

**Flowers** Carole Morris

**Brass** Helen Bateman

**Harvest Flowers in Church.** Thank you to all the flower team for their wonderful arrangements, our Church looked so beautiful for the Harvest weekend.

**Harvest Lunch.** This was such a happy occasion, with so many of you coming to enjoy a delicious lunch together, how lucky we were to have marvellous weather too.

Thank you to everyone who came and also for being so generous in buying so many raffle tickets. All the money from the raffle and from the Harvest Evensong collection will be sent to the Mtunthama Orphanage in Malawi. We raised the amazing amount of £494

Thank you all of you who helped to cook, serve and clear up, enabling this to be such a special day.

The **Christmas Coffee Morning** is to be held at the home of Gerald and Rosemary Clifton 12, Middle Street, Wing on Saturday 25th November 10.30am to 12.30pm Raffle, Bring and Buy Stall and Christmas card stall in aid of Dove Cottage. Everyone is welcome.

The Act of Remembrance will be held, as usual, at 9.30am on Sunday 12th November when we will gather outside the church.

## WING WI

The WI November 9th meeting will be in the Village Hall at 7pm. The AGM will be held followed by a Christmas Craft 'Dabble' session. If non-members would like to attend there will be a small charge of £3 and would you please let Judith know - 01572 737761 [quilt9@gmail.com](mailto:quilt9@gmail.com)

## WING CRAFT GROUP

Now winter is here, what better way to spend a couple of hours on Wednesday mornings (10am-12noon) at Wing Village Hall doing a craft and putting the world to rights? It is a very sociable group so please pop along.

## WING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next PC meeting is on November 29th at 7.30pm in Wing Village Hall. The meeting is open to all Wing Residents. There is Democratic 10mins when residents can bring up any village concerns they have but you are requested to mention it to one of the councillors before the meeting. A list of the

councillors can be found on the Wing Parish Council Website or in the PC noticeboard by the bus shelter on TopStreet along with the minutes of the previous PC meeting.

There was a draw for the **100 Club** taken at Wing Village Hall on Thursday 5 October.

First prize went to Paul Kitson (56), Second to John Hackett (82) and Third was Richard Tulloch (116).

**Following the massive success of the film**  
**STAMFORD SHOESTRING THEATRE COMPANY**  
**proudly presents**



**At Stamford Arts Centre Theatre from 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

*A struggling young playwright, William Shakespeare, is tormented by writer's block until he meets the beautiful Viola de Lesseps, daughter of a wealthy merchant, who secretly longs to be an actor.*

*Will and Viola's passionate love affair becomes the basis of the very play he is writing – Romeo and Juliet. Will it all work out in the end or are the two star-crossed lovers destined for tragedy?*

**Tickets are £12 (Concessions£10) or book for a group and you get one extra free ticket for every 10 you've paid for. Just call in at the Arts Centre or ring 01780 763203.**



## Growers Row

SHARED GARDEN • OAKHAM RUTLAND

### Winter Gardening Course

*Join us at Growers Row Shared Garden for a FREE 6-week course on Winter Gardening.*

*Growers Row offers a range of horticultural opportunities with raised beds, key-hole gardens, fruit trees, and two polytunnels. The course will cover seasonal planting and harvesting, garden maintenance and safe use of tools.*

**1pm - 3pm Wednesdays, 4th October - 8th November 2023**  
*Open to all ages and abilities. Transport can be arranged.*

To book email [info@rootandbranchout.co.uk](mailto:info@rootandbranchout.co.uk)  
 or telephone Alex 07929 989 432



### Literary Lectures Autumn Season 2023

Stamford Arts Centre Ballroom

Mondays, 10-11am. £8 entry.

6 Nov. John Keats: Seduction in **'The Eve of St Agnes'**.

13 Nov. Wit and Wisdom: Becket's **'Waiting for Godot'** and Tom Stoppard's **'Arcadia'**.

20 Nov. Destructive Passion in Emily Brontë's **'Wuthering Heights'**.

## November 2023

	<b>5th November</b> <b>4th Sunday before</b> <b>Advent</b>	<b>12th November</b> <b>Remembrance</b> <b>on 3rd Sunday</b> <b>before Advent</b>	<b>19th November</b> <b>2nd Sunday</b> <b>before Advent</b>	<b>26th November</b> <b>Christ the King</b> <b>Sunday next</b> <b>before Advent</b>
<b>Edith Weston</b>	9.30am Morning Prayer			12.30pm Baptism tbc Freddie & Finley Thorpe
<b>Empingham</b>		10.30am Remembrance *		9.30am All Age Church
<b>Lyndon</b>	9.30 am Holy Communion	9.30am <i>Morning Prayer</i>		
<b>Manton</b>		9.30am All Age Church		11.00am Holy Communion
<b>North Luffenham</b>		10.45am Remembrance	9.30am Breakfast Church	
<b>Pilton</b>	11.00 am Holy Communion			
<b>Preston</b>	11.00am Prayer & Praise	11.00 am <i>Morning Prayer</i>	11.00 am Benefice Holy Communion	
<b>Ridlington</b>	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.15am Holy Communion		9.30am <i>Morning Prayer</i>
<b>Whitwell</b>		<i>joining Empingham's</i> <i>Remembrance service</i>		
<b>Wing</b>	9.30am <i>Morning Prayer</i>	9.30am <i>Morning Prayer</i>		9.30am Holy Communion

\*Remembrance will also be marked on Saturday 11-11-23:

11am **Empingham** at the War Memorial in the Cemetery  
 11am **Manton** churchyard

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Pilton	post vacant - volunteer needed	
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