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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: Post vacant

Please refer to the service rota on page 4 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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Remember, Remember...

Remember, Remember... That is, of course, the beginning of the children's rhyme about the gunpowder plot of 1605.

But Remember is a very good summing up word for the month itself.

November brings us a season of remembering. All Saints followed by All Souls as we remember those who have gone before us. The Saints of old whose lives inspire us in our Christian journey and the local, maybe only known to us, souls who have walked with us in faith.

Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day call us to remember the horrors of war so that in remembering we might avoid such actions as lead to these tragedies.

November also marks the end of the Church year and as with every time of ending and beginning we remember what has been and we look to what will be. The church year ends with the Sunday before Advent when we remember what is important to us. We keep it as the feast of Christ the King remembering that it is in Jesus Christ that all things are held together; that it is Jesus who the saints follow and it is the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, laying down his life for us, that inspired those who lay down their life for peace.

That Sunday is also often known as 'Stir up Sunday' from the collect rather than from the Christmas pudding and cake stirring in the kitchen! The Book of Common prayer Collect leads us to pray "Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord."

So in this month of November I pray that we will remember...

Those who lived faithful Christian lives (and do so too), those who we love as see no longer (cherishing our loved ones now), those who sacrifice for peace (and commit ourselves to work for peace) and finally Jesus Christ, God who left the glory of heaven to be one of us.

In our remembering may we be inspired to action, to be stirred up, faithful Christian people known for the fruit of Good Works. Amen.

The Venerable Alison Booker
Archdeacon of Oakham

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:

beethym7@gmail.com

Open Your Heart. Change a Life. Foster with Rutland.

Every child deserves to feel safe, loved, and supported. But right now, some children in Rutland are waiting for someone like you — someone who can offer a stable, caring home when theirs isn't available.

Foster carers are urgently needed in our community. Whether it's for a few nights or a few years, your support could be life-changing. Rutland County Council offers several types of fostering to suit your lifestyle — from short-term and emergency care to long-term placements and respite support for children with additional needs.

You don't need to be a superhero — just someone with a spare room and a big heart. You'll receive full training, 24/7 support, and generous financial allowances. But the greatest reward? Knowing you've helped a child feel safe, valued, and hopeful again.

Fostering is more than just opening your home — it's opening your heart to a child who needs you.

If you think you could make a difference, even just by finding out more, please get in touch. Call 01572 720 942, email fostering@rutland.gov.uk, or visit rutland.gov.uk/fostering.

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.

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.

Email : edithwestonvillageshop@gmail.com 01780 722164

Edith Weston Village Hall 100 Club

Congratulations to the winners in November:

£30 Mr & Mrs Donaldson. £20. Mr A Lunn. £10. Mr & Mrs G Jones

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

No snowball prize winner this month

Harvest Supper

What a wonderful evening our Harvest Supper was on Thursday 2nd October. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed a delicious meal. We would like to thank Jo Bonsor very much for all her effort in making it such a successful evening. Thanks to Cook in Stamford for supplying the main course through their community discount scheme. Thanks to John from the Wheatsheaf Pub for the usual high standard of vegetables and for the custard to accompany Jo's pear and ginger pudding. The hall was dressed beautifully with flowers on the tables and our flower displays in the windows from the recent Harvest Service. These were auctioned off at the end of the evening, and along with the produce and raffle the evening made a fantastic £1,535.48. All of the proceeds will go to our village church and the PCC are very appreciative of everyone who came to the supper and particularly Jo for her organisation. Many thanks.

Christmas Card Fund Raising Appeal 2025

This year's Christmas Card Appeal will start on December 5th 2025.

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 inside the envelope (cheques made payable to Edith Weston PCC).

Your card will then go on display in the church porch from December 19th.

You can drop your card off to a designated Christmas Box in the village shop during opening hours (thank you to Helen & Andy).

This is a wonderful way to raise funds for our village church and is greatly appreciated by the PCC. Thank you.

Christmas Services in December

Carol Service 21st December 6pm - all ages welcome

Christmas Day 25th December 11am. Holy communion by extension. Everyone welcome

Both these services will be led by Canon Vyv Wainwright.

Diary date

28th FEBRUARY 2026

Edith Weston's Annual Safari Supper will take place on Saturday 28th February 2026.

EDITH WESTON CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday **29th November** 10.30am

The Fundraisers of Edith Weston are delighted to announce that the fabulous Christmas Fayre is back on Saturday 29th November from 10.30 am - 3.00pm.

Our fayre is a wonderful way for everyone to get into the Christmas spirit.

Many Rutland artisans, and crafters are joining us to bring early seasonal Christmas cheer, just under a month away from the big day.

Come and join us to find the perfect Christmas gifts, have a hot drink, mince pie or perhaps a mulled wine or two.

There will be beautiful arts and crafts, children's books and clothes, fresh produce, Christmas wreaths, a spectacular raffle and children's festive activities.

So much work is going on behind the scenes to make this a fabulous festive fayre for all the family to enjoy.

Save the date and come and join in the festive fun.

We can't wait to see you there! Edith Weston Fundraising Committee

All proceeds from the event go to our three village charities- St Mary's Church, the Village Hall and Tommy's Close Recreation Ground.

Haley Brothers Saturday 8th November

Live music from the Haley Brothers on November 8th in Edith Weston Village Hall.

Tickets are £20.00 and include a welcome drink and supper. Mark and Lawrie have played with the Kinks and The Monkees and still play with the Kast Off Kinks and the Rubettes. The set will include old favourites and some more contemporary but familiar tunes. Stuff to get you singing along and tapping your toes or even getting to your feet (optional!)

Tickets are available from Edith Weston Village stores or from Sarah Lunn at

lunnsarah57@gmail.com

Tommy's Talk- Roman Lifestyles in Rural Rutland: Further Excavations at the Ketton Villa

Thursday **13th November** 7.00pm Edith Weston Village Hall

Edith Weston Fundraising Committee are delighted to welcome back John Thomas MA MCifA, project manager of the Rutland Villa Project.

John Thomas is Deputy Director of ULAS and is returning to Edith Weston to provide updates about this most exciting and fascinating of projects.

Tickets: £10.00 with complimentary wine or soft drink available from Edith Weston Village Shop from Saturday 1st November.

You're Invited: Remembrance Day Commemoration

Honouring Our Past, Cherishing Our Present, Inspiring Our Future.

Join us this Remembrance Day as our village comes together to honour the courage, sacrifice, and enduring spirit of those who served — and to reflect on the stories that shaped our community.



Date: Tuesday, 11th November.



Time: 10:45 a.m.



Location: Lancaster memorial at the Church and afterwards at the Village Hall.

Our short ceremony will begin with the bells rung half muffled, followed by the act of remembrance and a moment of silence at 11:00 a.m. Afterwards, everyone is warmly invited to the Village Hall for coffee, cake, and companionship — a time to share stories and reconnect.

As part of the day's events, we are proud to unveil a special history exhibition, "Echoes of Our Village," showcasing the history of local families whose loved ones served in conflicts past collected by Liz Tyler. Discover the personal histories behind familiar names and learn how our small village played its part in the world's great events.

Come to remember. Come to reflect. Come to celebrate the spirit that unites us all. Lest We Forget.

EMPINGHAM

News from St Peter's Church

Along with every other parish, we are delighted with the news that the Rev Peter Collins is to be our new Rector. The licensing service, to be conducted by the Bishop of Peterborough, is to take place [on Wednesday, 10th December](#) and will be held at St. Peter's, Empingham [at 7 p.m.](#) Anyone who wishes to attend is very welcome and we hope Peter & his wife Sally will be very happy living in Rutland.

A wine tasting, hosted by Charlotte of Shekletons Wines in Stamford, took place at the Audit Hall on Friday 10th October. 50 villagers took part and there was definitely a party atmosphere as Charlotte showed us seven different wines with everyone able to taste each wine, accompanied by her notes and Charlotte's explanation of what to expect. This event, organised by Empingham Together, helped to raise money for the fabric fund of St. Peter's and we are grateful for their support.

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

Empingham Village (Audit) Hall

Draw no 10

1st	£20	51	Eileen Ray.	2nd	£15	163	Christine Cooper
3rd	£10	8	Tarn Dearden				

Empingham Garden Club

Our next meeting is on [Monday 24 November](#)

We meet at the Cricket Ground at 7-30

Our speaker is Janette Merilion all about “Tints of Autumn “

Do come along. New members very welcome.

ACTIVITIES AT EMPINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH

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

SERVICES DURING NOVEMBER 2025

2nd 10.45 am Morning Worship with Cheryl Allen

9th 10.45am UNITED REMEMBRANCE SERVICE at ST. PETER’S – Rev Bekkie Wright.

16th 4pm Tea Time Church with Rev Bekkie Wright – A service for young families

23rd 10.45am CAFÉ CHURCH a different kind of church service.

30th 10.45am Morning Worship with Rev Barry Gent – Including Holy Communion.

1st MONDAY in the month – a LUNCH CLUB – 1 pm.

Other MONDAY’S - 2 -4pm - Refreshments- Tea, Coffee, Cold drinks & CAKE & BISCUITS and Second-hand books on sale. Photocopying and laminating available & BOARD GAMES or just Chatting with others.

MOBILE POST OFFICE SERVICE on a TUESDAY from 2.15pm till 3.45 pm. At the village pub The Twisted Trout. Please support your COMMUNITY POST OFFICE or LOSE IT.

THURSDAY’S. - TODDLERS/BABIES GROUP 10.30 – 12 noon. £1 per session.
More details Eileen Ray 01780 460676

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.

Cricket is now finished for the season

Special Events

Fireworks night on Tuesday 4th November starting at 5pm. For ticket prices see facebook page

Beer festival to coincide with autumn rugby internationals from 5th November to 9th November. There will be live music on the Friday night

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

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

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

Mens Shed

On Tuesday the 25th of November at 7:30 the Men's Shed will meet at the Cricket & Social club for an evening of fun and laughter. The topic for the evening is "Show and Tell". Members are asked to bring along an item that is important to them and talk about it to the fellow members for approximately 5 minutes. I will be contacting members mid November to remind you and to book a slot in the evenings program. The second item of the night will be a discussion on the presentation made by the Oakham shed at our September meeting and how we may cooperate with each other going forward.

The bar will be open and we invite Girls Night Out and anyone interested to join us. £5.00 for non members to cover costs. Any questions contact Pat Crowley on patvcrowley@gmail.com



The Village History Display, produced by the Men's Shed is now being displayed in the Rutland Museum in Oakham. It will be there until after Christmas. Please drop in and take a look.

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A little more from EMPINGHAM

Empingham Allotment Association

We have plots available now if anyone would like to get started in preparation for the 2026 growing season. Please do contact us on empingham.allotments@gmail.com or call [01780 460539](tel:01780460539) to find out more.

LYNDON

BORDER, BONFIRE & BANTER!

Saturday, 8th November 11.00 a.m.

Meet at The Church.

Village volunteers required please to weed and winter the old village hall border, litter pick the verges and footpaths around the village and church and take rubbish to bonfire.

Ploughman's lunch afterwards at Courtyard Cottage.

Please contact Ginny HB if you can help 07539729829. ginnyhball@gmail.com

MANTON

MANTON VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB Winning numbers for October 2025.

£20: 126 Lucy Howard

£10: 53 Sue Thompson **£10:** 157 Cutting Family **£5:** 82 Ali Crossley **£5:** 156 Adam

Wells. This month's snowball **£100** was won by 49 Tony Bews. 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.

RIDE and STRIDE

The bi-annual Ride and Stride event took place in early September and 4 people from Manton joined in...all cycling... and raised around £350 for Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust. Half of this money will come back to Manton Church.

Thank you to all who rode, sponsored and manned the door for this event.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

PUDDING COMPETITION

Sunday 9 November – 2.30pm-4.30pm

Manton Village Hall

A revival of the old event from many years back!

Make a pudding for the competition, then come along in the afternoon after your Sunday Lunch.....and try all the Puddings! As this is Remembrance Sunday..perhaps a poppy theme??

Coffee/Squash and After Eight mints will be served to help you wash down the samples.

Vote for your favourite pudding using your After Eight mint wrapper. One per person! £5 entry in the afternoon...including children as they eat a lot!! If you enter a

pudding, you do not have to pay! All monies raised for Church Funds. Small prize for the winner.

If enough children enter we could have a separate Childrens competition!

To enter – contact Anne Cowan (01572737503) with your pudding title...just so that we don't get 20 Apple Crumbles!! *From the archives of 2007!*

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Tuesday 11 November 11.00am
Manton Churchyard

War Memorial in St Marys,

This is a short and simple Act of Remembrance, including the laying of a wreath from the village, followed by a walk to the Cemetery to lay poppies on the two War graves there before adjourning to the "Horse and Jockey" for a cup of Coffee/Tea.

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 13 November - 10.30 am-12.00pm

At the home of Della Stones Barn House, Stocks Hill (Under the arch, RHS going up)
Any problems/lifts needed, please contact Anne Cowan (01572737503)

FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received

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

Saturday 15 November 3.00-5.00pm

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

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 29 November – 7.00pm

Manton Village Hall

Please join us for another fun evening of quizzing at Manton Village Hall. Teams of four but don't hesitate to register your interest if you don't have a full team. Cost per person is £12.50 to include light refreshments in the form of a ploughman's platter supper. Please do remember to bring your own drinks & glasses. To register your team of four for the village hall quiz please email Helen on mantonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com Payment details will then be provided.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING + BRING and BUY

Thursday 11 December - 10.30-12.00

At the home of Finola Hornby

The Croft, Lyndon Road

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

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 will be taken by Canon Vyv Wainwright

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

SAFARI SUPPER 2026

Saturday 31 January 2026

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!!

For those who are new to the village or have not been before this is how it works. 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 65 people, so we need about 10 hosts to offer to do a starter, 10 to do a main course and 10 to do a pudding course. The idea of the evening is that on the day you will be given an envelope telling you where to go for your starter at 7.15pm. After your starter you will be given an envelope telling you where to go next...and so on. It will always be within walking distance and in the village and if you are with a partner you will always be with them, otherwise you will meet different people at different courses until coffee at the end at which time we all meet up in one big house!!

We can cope with simple dietary requirements – **so long as you tell us !!!** and we can cope with a range of disabilities or access problems, again if they are specified in advance. If you are prepared to be a host for one of the courses you will be given a “Food allowance” per guest – depending on the number of people you cater for – from 4 -

10 is possible! The choice of starters, main course and puddings will be up to the individual hosts to organise. The main course is usually a simple hot meal of the casserole variety served with vegetables. Drinks are not included in your ticket price so please bring all drinks with you.

Glasses will be provided by your hosts.

Tickets this year will be £20 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 are not able to host a course. You need to book early even if you are offering a course as this is a highly popular event. Please do this before Christmas so that Anne can start work on the logistics of the night!! Don't delay...book today!!! (01572737503 annecowan38@gmail.com)

NORTH LUFFENHAM

CHURCH SERVICES and news

++ Sunday 9th November - Remembrance Sunday Service 10:45am ++

Sunday 16th November - at 9.30am All-Age Service

Sunday 23rd November - at 9.30am Holy Communion

Thanks to Kathy Bradford and Liliane Coogan for arranging for the letterbox in Pinfold Close to be decorated with poppies.

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.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Rector, Rev Peter Collins, to North Luffenham in December.

The PCC would like to thank all those who took part in the Ride and Stride in September - especially those who helped great participants on the day at the church - there were 51 riders, 6 walkers (and one Fergie vintage tractor!) - all in aid of The Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust.

Forthcoming events for the diary :

Wednesday 10th December 7pm: Induction of our Rector Rev Peter Collins, (St Peter's Empingham)

Thursday 18th December : Carol Service and refreshments

FOOD BANK

Donations for the Food Bank are very welcome and can be left in the porch of the Church. The 'Wish List' has been updated now we are in the autumn season.

ST MARY and ST JOHN CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

What a busy term we have had here at SMSJ! We had a wonderful Harvest Festival on Monday 29th September which was attended by many in our school community. Each class led part of the service and it was joyful. We collected over 110kgs of donations which were gratefully received by the Rutland Foodbank.



Our sports teams have been back in action with our Boys' football team finishing 3rd and our Girls' football team finishing 2nd in the Pokémon Cup against other Rutland schools.

We have 3 key values at SMSJ - Compassion, Respect and Resilience - all of which can be demonstrated in these sporting events. None more so than during the incredible cross-country event on 26th September where we had over 25 children take part. They joined together and supported a struggling teammate, helping them finish their race - that compassion was very special to see, and we were very proud of them. Finally, we had the opportunity to 'Learn with the Lords' and had a

Teams call with Baroness Garden who is a member of the House of Lords - the children asked fantastic questions and got some very honest answers!

We are looking forward to a busy next term after a well-earned half term break

GOOD COMPANIONS

The Good Companions Club is all about bringing people together. Open to anyone in the village and surrounding area, regardless of age, the club offers a warm and welcoming space to enjoy good company and conversation. Our aim is simple: to create opportunities for connection and friendship.

This month, members gathered for coffee, cake and a relaxed chat - a lovely way to spend time with neighbours and friends, both old and new. It is always a pleasure to see familiar faces and to welcome newcomers who become part of the group.

Looking ahead to the 5th November, we are delighted to be joined by Richard Adams, a regular visitor to the club. Richard will be sharing stories and photographs under the theme "Rutland and more", promising an entertaining and insightful session.

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 GARDEN CLUB

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).

THE WOMENS' INSTITUTE (WI)

Liliane Coogan, current President of the WI in Barrowden, can give you details. Her email contact is <mailto:liliane@btconnect.com>

Wakerley & Barrowden Women's Institute
(No Jam or Jerusalem)

Ladies....Please come and join our friendly and active WI group. We meet every month to socialise through a variety of interesting talks, visits, and craft events.

- Opportunity to meet friends... And to make new ones
- Bar open and tea/biscuits. Come as a guest to try it out ...
- Meetings held at Barrowden Community Hub, 7:30pm
- Contact Sue Edwards (sue.se.edwards@talk21.com)

EVENTS PLANNED FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS :

4 November Qigong Demonstration and 'Have a Go' with Duncan Passmore

2 December Needle Felting Workshop – Make your own Xmas decoration with Eve Marshall

VOLUNTARY ACTION RUTLAND

Needing help to get to an appointment or to visit friends and relations locally?

Register with Voluntary Action Rutland (VAR) They are a highly professional organisation, registered with the Charity Commission, and serve over 2300 'Clients' locally in Rutland. What they offer is broader than that which the former North Luffenham Good Neighbour Scheme was able to offer. If you are in possession of a valid bus pass, you will also receive a 50% reduction in the cost of any trip using VAR. Even if you are not actually in need of support at this moment, it is good to register with VAR as a potential user so that should you require their support in the future you are already registered on their books.

VAR can be contacted on 01572 724705 and their office hours are Monday to Friday 0900 to 1200 (* answer machine in operation out of hours.)

VAR is currently running a Customer Survey (closing date 30/11/25) If you would like to take part in the survey, follow this link : <https://www.varutland.org.uk/transportsurvey>.

THE FOX

Our popular quiz night is back, every Monday 8.30pm. All welcome max 6 in a team.

Dates for the diary - Celebrate this Christmas period at The Fox with a festive feast, our December menu is now available on our website www.thefoxrutland.co.uk

10th December - Madonna tribute act and dinner show

17th December - Kylie tribute act and dinner show

21st December 6pm - North Luffenham Christmas Pantomime

24th December 6pm - Christmas carols around the tree

31st December - New Years Eve dinner and party 'Dress from your favourite decade'

Please call 01780 720991 for any queries or to make a reservation.

PILTON

We will be holding our annual **St Nicholas' Service** on Sunday 7th December at 6pm. Please join us for this special service.

PRESTON

'Remembering in Preston' Remembrance Sunday November 9th 10.50am

Our Act of Remembrance will begin in the churchyard around our war memorial as usual with the playing of the Last Post and the 2 minute silence before the naming of those who died in Preston and the wreath laying.

This will be followed in church by an informal time of remembering open to all of faith or none. Jane will share with us something about those in our village who died, where they lived and their occupations and also share with us some recollections from others who served in the Great War but returned home. Our short time together will also include some contemporary poems, readings and hymns before prayers for peace throughout our world in this time of great international disturbance, concluding with the National Anthem. We welcome you.

POPPIES, Poppies,, poppies....

We say a big thank you to a lot of lovely knitting ladies in our village, headed up by Wendy Saville, for providing us with something very special and beautiful for Remembrance Sunday.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED what all the fuss over this man Jesus is all about? Well, this is what we are trying to discover through the study of the Gospel of Mark. What did he do? What did he say?

What was the response from those living at the time?

None of us have all the answers so come and help us find out at

THE MEETING PLACE

Study and informal discussion over coffee and cake, on the first Sunday of every month at Preston Church 11am.

IT MIGHT JUST CHANGE YOUR LIFE!

For more information talk to Paul and Kay Waterworth 737339- or just come!!

Evening Prayer PLEASE NOTE.

Our services change with the clocks and are held at 4pm during the Winter months. In November we welcome Yvonne Wainwright: November 23rd at 4pm.

Magazine Distributors needed - no qualifications required!

Once a month these lovely magazines need distributing to every house in our village. Could you help by doing a short distance of delivery near where you live?

Sue Trehwella would love to hear from you Her number is 07973 257468

PRESTON CHRISTMAS MARKET

A reminder to everyone to keep **Saturday 22 November** free for Preston's annual Christmas Market. The Christmas Market committee would like to give a huge thank you to our raffle sponsors including Ellique Beauty, Local Living magazine, Excellence Physio, Baines Bakery and Thomas Hairdressing. Stalls include jewellery, basketwork, art by Tina Firkins and Heather Harrison, Honest Sourdough, jams, pottery, Christmas gifts, wreaths and lots more.

PRESTON VILLAGE FILM NIGHT

Film night returns to the village hall:

Thursday, November 13th at 7pm

After the summer recess, and a break in October due to multiple events, the film night returns to the hall. Films to be published nearer the time. Free to all. Bring drinks and snacks. Also, if you have one, a comfortable chair!

NB Start time is slightly earlier – 7pm. Hope to see you there!

PRESTON VILLAGE QUIZ

A huge thank you to all who attended and contributed to Preston's Village Quiz on 10th October. A wonderful night was enjoyed by all and after costs we raised a huge total of £769! This will all go towards the play equipment for the village park.

DAVID BERNARD AUDCENT

David, who passed away in July, will be sadly missed as he embraced village life to the full and contributed so much to Preston.

David and his wife Christine moved to Preston nearly 10 years ago to be nearer to his family of which he had 3 sons, one daughter and numerous grandchildren who he adored. Many of you may have sat on the wooden seat at the side of the field which David had erected in Christine's memory 3 years ago when she passed away.

He was a man of strong faith and regularly attended and participated in services in Preston Church as a reader. He was keen to be involved in all aspects of village life, attending village hall coffee mornings, being on committees and providing photographs for the church bell fund publications. He particularly enjoyed socialising and enjoyed his regular Friday coffee mornings at the Falcon Hotel with a group of ladies from the village!

David had so many skills and interests ranging from Photography, Model Railways (of which he had a large one in his dining room) and computer games! He was a regular receiver of parcels from Amazon containing some new gadget! His photography skills were put to use when he produced photographs for the Preston Village publication comprising of pictures of the 33 listed buildings of historical and/or architectural interest. A copy of this publication can be found at the rear of Preston Church.

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 Kay and Lucy on the flower rota.

RIDLINGTON

CHURCH SERVICES - at 9:30 unless otherwise stated. Everyone welcome.

Sunday, 2nd November - Morning Prayer

Sunday, 9th November - Remembrance Service at 10:30

Sunday, 16th November - Holy Communion with Rev Lakshmi Jeffreys

Sunday, 23rd November - Morning Prayer

THANKS due to everyone who

- decorated the church so beautifully for the Harvest Festival

- donated to the Food Bank - please keep giving, next collection **Wednesday 12th November**

- donated to the Smalls for All collection

- donated to the RNIB used stamp appeal which is on-going

CURRY EVENING

A warm thanks to all who attended and to Jan Powley aided by Jo Hudson for all the delicious food. Also, to those who helped set up and clear up.

A total of £545 was raised for the Village Hall funds which included a kind donation.

The next Village Hall event is the Xmas Social evening on **Friday December 19th** with complimentary nibbles and a pay bar.

A MESSAGE FROM SUE AND STEVE

"We have loved living in Ridlington for the last 20 years, and are only moving to Cottingham for a smaller house, and very small garden!

If anyone would like to visit we would love to see them, just ring 07446384184, after Christmas, and we could arrange something!

All our best wishes to all in the village,
Sue and Steve"

I am sure everyone will want to thank both Sue and Steve for their amazing contributions to village life throughout the years, send their love and best wishes as they move into their new home, and tell them to listen out for those phone calls in the new year!

SOUPER SATURDAY RETURNS

8th November and 6th December

12 noon to 13:30 in the Village Hall

Choice of three soups and bread. Donations in aid of the church.

Offers of assistance to Karen or Debra

QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION

Tuesday, 11th November - to include a drone survey

MONTHLY WALK - Saturday, 22nd November

Meet at the church porch to walk to Preston to visit the Christmas Market

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2026 to ensure the church remains welcoming

- opening and closing
- cleaning
- arranging flowers
- setting up for services

Please let Debra know by 30th November if you can play your part

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

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/>

WHITWELL

How Whitwell Peleton got on in Ride and Stride 2025, write-up by Tony Godwin Churchwarden

Watching the weather from 2 weeks out the forecast was not good - breezy with rain - but as the day approached it steadily improved to being cool and sunny with some rain. We only suffered one cloud burst, including hail, early afternoon coming into Edith Weston but were soon sheltering in the village church.

The four of us, Ben, Charlie, Peter and Tony, set off round the water to arrive at the planned start point of St Mary's South Luffenham at 10.00am. After 18 churches south of Rutland Water we returned via Normanton church, St Peters and the Methodist Chapel in Empingham, to Whitwell and a welcome lunch break 45 mins later than the estimated time of 2.30pm. As is customary each church had recorders to sign our record sheets and welcomed us with a variety of refreshments; biscuits, home baked cakes, even sandwiches and flapjacks. Not all necessarily recommended intake for a 'Tour' but enjoyed nonetheless. Whitwell's St Michael and All Angels church received 49 visitors - giving some idea of the numbers participating.

We left Whitwell at about 3.30pm and made the descent into Oakham via St Peter's Exton and Burley on the Hill recording Oakham Congregational Church, our last visit, at 5.43pm. A great day enjoyed by all. Peter, whose family come from this area, especially appreciated the route on small lanes with little or no traffic only briefly touching the major roads and seeing the landscape and villages in far more detail than ever before.

So 31 churches (see record attached) in a total 'Moving time' just under **5 hrs**

covering 45 miles - Ben's Garmin watch has captured all the stats (see below)!

Notably '**Total Ascent 859m**' - we knew about it! Though none had to dismount even on the hard climbs into (65m) and out (57m) of Seaton. The Stamina graph! - tell me something I don't know! Frankly, from my perspective a blessing to still be able to

achieve this aged 71!

Ben's Garmin stats;

https://connect.garmin.com/modern/activity/20375300679?share_unique_id=2

The final figure is yet to be audited but between you all and the Whitwell Peloton Riders the figure including Gift Aid (25% uplift) is **just over £2000.00** which is really excellent and doubled what was raised last time.

Whitwell Village Annual pop up afternoon tea and sale in St Michael and All Angels churchyard

The annual pop up afternoon tea and sale took place on Sunday 21st with a team of many helping hands, directed by Whitwell Village event organiser, Linda Page. From 2:30 to 4:30 folks enjoyed afternoon tea (or coffee) in proper China cups, with delicious Hambleton scones as well as home made scones with jam and clotted cream, sitting outside in the churchyard (we were blessed with sunshine). The sizeable tombola and enticing raffle drew plenty of attention as did the cakes, pies, jams, chutneys, plants, produce and more! The star prizes in the Raffle: a £50 voucher for Empingham's **Twisted Trout** plus a bottle of **Multum Gin Parvo**, donated by Rutland Water Nursery! **Total funds raised: £1,180.**

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.749110691458407&type=3>

WING

Flowers Carole Morris **Brass** Wendy Dalton and Jeffy Wood

Thank you to the Wing Church Flower arranging team for the beautiful arrangements that you all so kindly did for the Harvest Weekend our Church looked so special.

Another huge **thank you to everyone who** helped, cooked, served and came to the **Harvest lunch** which, though rather chilly, was held in Townsend Barn. A great time was had. Nearly £900 was raised for Church funds plus the raffle in aid of Medic Malawi raised £300 and the Church collection for the Foodbank raised £283 and a wonderful array of dry goods which so many people kindly donated for the Foodbank.

The family of David Morris would like to thank everyone who kindly sent messages and cards of condolence on their loss of David, which were greatly appreciated.

Wing Church Children's Library

Children's books of all genres to read and enjoy in church or at home!

We will be holding an official launch of the children's library in Wing church on Sunday 2nd November at 2.30pm and hope that children and families will join us for story telling, reading activities and the opportunity to choose some books to enjoy. The church is open daily so do pop in, have a look and select a book! There are lots to choose from.

Wing WI will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 13th November 2025 at Wing Village Hall, starting at 7.00pm. Come along and find out more about our friendly local WI group. Refreshments will be served. Raffle £1.
For other information about Wing WI please contact Judith [01572 737761](tel:01572737761) quilt9@gmail.com or Jane [01572 737324](tel:01572737324) janegilmore7@gmail.com .

Auction of Promises - Saturday 15th November - see poster on page 37
- please remember to sign up to book your place in the Village Hall

Autumn Coffee Morning in aid of Church funds will be held at the home of Naomi Griffiths and Andy Lawrence 12 Church Street on **Saturday 22nd November 10.30 am – 12 noon**. All welcome. Raffle and bring and buy table.

The October draw for the **100 club** took place at Coffee Morning 2/10/25 and brought out the following winners.

1st 31 PWithers, 2nd 39 M. Coleman, 3rd 22 D&A Hill.

November Sunday breakfasts

NOTE: November Wing Sunday Breakfast date is a week earlier this month.

Date/Time: Sunday November 9th 9 - 11 am.

Join us for a full Winglish breakfast with optional sides of black pudding or hash browns, or a bacon/sausage butty, and tea/coffee. Veggie options available too.

Cards and Cash taken. See you there!

The VH Breakfast Team

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 

Time To Book Your Place For The Wing

AUCTION *of* PROMISES



Auctioneer: Jeff Dale of Oakham Auction Centre

Saturday 15th November 2025 at 7pm
Wing Village Hall

**FREE
WELCOME
DRINK**

**BAR &
SNACKS**

Please Book Your Place now:

email jeffywood1@gmail.com

or WhatsApp Helen 07747 501201

Catalogue in the November Parish Magazine

Proceeds go to the upkeep of Wing Church

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



Registered Charity in England & Wales Number 1158460

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

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

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

Rutland Festival of Remembrance

Friday 7th November 2025

Drinks and Canapes 6.30pm. Concert 7.30pm

The Pavilion, Rutland Hall Hotel, Nr Oakham,

Rutland LE15 8AB

Hosted by the Lord Lieutenant

An evening of music and reflection, as Rutland celebrates all who have served or are serving in HM Forces. The concert will feature a wide variety of musical and other performances from pupils at Rutland's secondary schools as well as:

The Cottesmore Military Wives Choir,

The LNR ACF Corps of Drums

Uppingham School Pipe Band



Ticket £25

For tickets, please scan the QR code
or visit www.rutlandlordlieutenant.org



BRIDGE LUNCH

WING VILLAGE HALL

TUESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER

10 AM TEA/COFFEE/BISCUITS
FOR 10:30 AM START

**COST £20 INCLUDING
2 COURSE LUNCH**

BOOKING VIA EMAIL:
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	2nd November All Saints	9th November Remembrance	16th November 2nd before Advent	23rd November Christ the King	30th November Advent
Edith Weston				9.30am Holy Communion By extension	
Empingham	10.00am All Age Service With Caroline Simmonds	10.45am Remembrance Service with Rev'd Bekkie Wright	11.00am Holy Communion Rev'd Michael Matthews		
Lyndon	11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer			
Manton		9.30am All Age Church Remembrance Service Tuesday 11th Nov 11am Act of Remembrance		11.00am Holy Communion Led by Rev'd James Muggleton	
North Luffenham		10.45am Remembrance Service	9.30am All Age service	9.30am Holy Communion	
Pilton					
Preston	11.00am The Meeting Place	10.50am Act of Remembrance Followed by Remembering Preston in church		4.00pm Evening Prayer Canon Vyv Wainwright	
Ridlington	9.30am Morning Prayer	10.30am Remembrance Service	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer	
Whitwell					
Wing	9.30am Holy Communion by extension Canon Vyv Wainwright	9.30am Remembrance Service		9.30am Morning Prayer	

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