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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: **Rev'd Peter Collins**

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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 funerals, baptisms or weddings, please contact Rev'd Peter Collins - details above.

Home communions may be arranged by appointment.

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Thoughts from Rev'd Peter

After Lenten's pilgrimage, the rollercoaster ride of Holy Week, Easter resurrection and Ascension joys, and the outpouring of the Pentecost Spirit, June is the quieter month.

As the earth soaks in the warming sun, this month invites us into a slower and more reflective pace of life. Likewise, one verse from Psalm 23 'The Lord's my Shepherd' captures the calm and solace of basking in God's love:

“He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.”

As the sun thaws winters chill so June's gateway to summer encourages us to seek rest in the warmth of God's presence, allowing grace to refresh our spirits.

Resting in God's love is where we find renewed strength and resolve, the green pastures and still waters offering new life and vitality after dark and weary months.

Resting in God's love is opening ourselves to the joy that warms our hearts and feeds our souls, as we learn to let go of anxieties and burdens and instead trust in His goodness and faithfulness. A love that will not let us go because “nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8.39)

Resting in God, refreshed by His grace, the refreshment, strength, resolve, and joy we receive becomes the light that breaks through the dark and weary challenges of life, and we echo the cry of the Psalmist:

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me,
all the days of my life ...”

June is the quiet month offering renewal and growth.

Peter

Benefice Communion Sunday 14th June 11am at Preston

We are looking forward to welcoming the Bishop of Peterborough, Bishop Debbie Sellin, to the Benefice on this occasion. Bell ringers from Wing and Empingham will be welcoming her arrival and the Ridlington Singers will be singing during the service. Afterwards there will be Benefice lunch in the Village Hall with thanks to the Benefice churches for providing the food. We do hope you can join us on this special occasion.

Preston Ridlington and Wing Annual Flower and Produce Show

Will be held in Preston Village Hall on Saturday 1st August. It is time to start sowing, planting, growing and creating for this event. Entries welcomed from all villages. Schedules will be available from the end of June from Jeffy Wood jeffywood1@gmail.com

EDITH WESTON


Items for Edith Weston section of Benefice magazine

Please email miranda.cheneywood@gmail.com with any news or items of interest for residents of the Parish. Please email by **10th of the month** for inclusion of items in the following month's magazine.


Plant Sale

Join us on Saturday 6th June, 10am–1pm for the much-loved Edith Weston Plant Sale! Whether you're refreshing your garden or just love a browse, there will be plenty to discover.

 Quality bedding plants and

 Beautiful perennials from our trusted Lincolnshire wholesale nursery

 Vegetable plants.

 Garden accessories


 **NEW** this year: seeds at very low prices

How you can help:

- Donate any unused, in-date seed packets
- Donate plants if you have extras to share
- Come along and support the event!



Relax in our café with delicious drinks and sweet treats while you shop. All proceeds go towards supporting our three village charities – so every purchase makes a difference.

Bring your friends and come along for a lovely community morning! 

Kath Durrant 07909661649

Edith Weston Summer BBQ

The Edith Weston BBQ will take place on **Saturday 27th June 5pm**. Pop Fiction will be providing our live entertainment and there will be BBQ food, salads and licensed bar. The event kicks off at 5pm and ends at 10.30pm. Tickets £15 adults, £5 for children between 5 and 12 yrs which includes BBQ & Salad (with ice cream for children 5 to 12 yrs).

Upcoming...

Sound Baths & Breathwork...join our Whats App group for venues in Rutland & Stamford text 07967 701212. Hilary Kingston Gill

Edith Weston Village Hall 100 Club

Congratulations to the winners for June:

£30. Mr Higgins £20 Mr & Mrs Ashworth £10 Ms A Bragg
£10 gift voucher for the village shop kindly donated by Helen & Andy – Mr & Mrs Coe

There is no winner of the snowball this month.

Edith Weston Academy

We have had a very exciting start to the Summer Term at Edith Weston! Firstly, we are pleased to have welcomed new members to our school community, and we are proud of how our school is growing.

April is the Month of the Military Child, and we spent the month celebrating our service children. We participated in Purple Up day, which is a national day to show support for service children. The whole community wore purple. Our children even recorded their own version of 'The Dandelion' poem, which is the official poem of the military child. This poem was seen, shared and liked by some pretty big names: Rutland and Stamford Sound, Little Troopers, Never Such Innocence and Reading Force. Head over to our Facebook Page to watch their fantastic recital.

On Tuesday 28th April, we were on Rutland and Stamford Sound! Mrs Kapler was interviewed alongside some of our military children about Purple Up day,

and about the life of service children. We were also featured on their local news throughout the day. We are really pleased, and proud, that we are raising awareness of our military children, and the experiences they face. We have such a wonderful community and absolutely incredible children. We really hope that our children and families feel seen, understood, and heard.

The school continues to feel productive and full of happy children who are fully immersed into their learning.

The Poetry By Heart finalists were released in April and we are hoping that our children are recognised and celebrated. Another huge well done to all of our children for taking part in this and for showing such enthusiasm and passion. Your performances were incredible and we could not be more proud of you!

The Summer Term is super busy and we have some great events planned such as, Chance to Share, SATS breakfasts, a Summer Fayre, a visit from Joe Roebuck, our Father's Day event and much more.

Please do come and visit us if you are considering Edith Weston Academy and you would like to see our wonderful school in action.

Ellie Kapler Headteacher Edith Weston Academy

Office@edithweston.rutland.sch.uk

BELL BULLETIN

By Belle

Another great achievement for the Edith Weston Bell Ringers: Tower Captain, Tracey Lawson, is now a member of The Association of Ringing Teachers (ART), having successfully completed Module 1: Teaching Bell Handling. Congratulations to Tracey — wonderful news for the Rutland Branch to have a qualified teacher.

Several village bell ringers have also been supported through various workshops, aimed at different ability levels, organised by the Rutland Branch at churches across the area.

Bells and the structures within the bell tower require constant maintenance and repair under the leadership of the Steward. Following the retirement of the current Steward, Gus Lawson has taken on the role, for which we — and many local towers — are extremely grateful.

With a couple of village weddings in June, along with continuing practices, we are looking forward to a busy and enjoyable month.

If you have a significant event, such as a special birthday or anniversary, and would like the bells to ring, please contact Tracy Lawson on 07761 310720.

EMPINGHAM

News from St Peter's Church

We commiserate with the family and friends of Tony Ruscillo, whose funeral was held in St. Peter's on Wednesday 13th May.

We welcome Rose Gibbs who was baptised in the church on Saturday 16th May.

All Age Church takes place on the first Sunday of the month in the church at 10.00 a.m. This is an informal café style service, with activities for children and adults alike, plus plenty of coffee and biscuits. Everyone is welcome.

Coffee & Cakes take place every Wednesday from 10.30 to 12.00 in the church. This is a community initiative, and you do not need to be a regular at St. Peter's to take part!

Many thanks to Jayne Roland with Empingham Together for organising the SOS charity fashion show in April. This was a very successful event raising over £1100 for the upkeep of St. Peter's.

A rather belated "thank you" to our wonderful flower arrangers, most recently at Easter, who willingly give their time and talent to make St. Peter's look beautiful throughout the year. We are very grateful to them all.

Empingham Village (Audit) Hall

Empingham Village (Audit) Hall Mini Ernie Draw

Draw No 5

1st	£20	15	Sue Parry-Wingfield
2nd	£15	101	Rodney Branagh
3rd	£10	173	Andrew Jennings

Draw No 6

1st	£20	102	Claude Burton
2nd	£15	1	Jonathan O'Shea
3rd	£10	185	Ian Norman

Unfortunately there will be no Village Breakfast in June.

Empingham Parish Council

The Parish Council is pleased to welcome Councillor Hayley Canham as our new Chair and wish her every success in the role. We also thank Jonathan

Corby for his dedication and leadership over the past three years as Chairman and are delighted he will continue to support the Council as Vice-chairman.

In our June meeting, PC Edd McKinnon, Neighbourhood Officer for South Rutland will be holding a beat surgery if anyone wants to come and discuss local concerns such as community safety, crime prevention advice etc. The meeting will be held in the usual place, The Audit Hall on 10th June 7 pm

Activities at Empingham Methodist Church

Minister: Rev Bekkie Wright 07355981564 RevBekkiewright@gmail.com

SERVICES DURING JUNE 2026

Sunday

7th 10.45am MORNING WORSHIP – Rev Bekkie Wright

14th 4pm TEA TIME CHURCH – Mr Phil Jones.

21st 10.45am CAFÉ CHURCH – Mr Chris Pursehouse

28th 10.45am MORNING WORSHIP – Rev William Booker – including Holy Communion.

5th JULY 10.45am – MORNING WORSHIP – Mr Ernest Fytche.

Mondays.

First Monday in the month Lunch Club 1pm. Places need to be booked
Other Mondays 2-4pm Refreshments – Tea/Coffee and Cake. Second-hand books, on Sale Photocopying and Laminating available.

Thursdays,

TODDLER & BABY GROUP – 10.30am till 12 noon. £2 per session. Term Time only.

More details Eileen Ray 01780 460676.

Empingham Neighbourhood Plan

What is a neighbourhood plan?

A neighbourhood plan is a community led planning document that sets out how a local area should develop over time. It allows residents, businesses, and local stakeholders to shape decisions about housing, green spaces, infrastructure, and the character of their village, working within the wider planning framework set by our authority Rutland County Council.

Why create one?

For a village like Empingham, creating a neighbourhood plan provides an

opportunity to guide future growth in a way that reflects local priorities. It helps protect its rural character, support community facilities and ensure any new development is appropriate and sustainable. The plan gives the community a stronger voice in planning decisions and helps secure a balanced, well-managed future for the village.

What is happening?

We have already held an initial conversation with interested members of the community, focusing on key areas such as the character and design of the village, housing and growth and infrastructure and facilities.

These discussions are just the starting point and we will continue engaging with business owners and landowners to build a clearer picture of what the community would like to see included in the plan.

How can I help?

As this is a long-term process, there will be further opportunities to get involved. We will share details of upcoming meetings both here and around the village, as well as through social media.

You can keep up to date and contact us via our website at empinghamplan.co.uk (we recommend typing this directly into your internet browser rather than searching for it).

Many thanks, Kay, Abby and Phil - your co-chairs of the Empingham Neighbourhood plan steering committee

Empingham Primary School

As we welcome the lovely warmer weather of Term 5, it has been fantastic to see the children enjoying the field and having more space at break and lunch times.

Year 6 have finished their SATs tests. They have all worked so hard – we know they will have done brilliantly.

Our EYFS class recently visited Brooksby College Farm to see the newborn lambs. They had a lovely day and were very lucky with the weather too!!

Our Year 3/4s have started weekly swimming lessons - while EYFS joined other reception classes in the Trust for a fun morning of sport. Both Yr 3/4 and 5/6 have taken part in Netball Fixtures and the whole school enjoyed our annual Sports Day and picnic lunch.

We are looking forward to finishing the term with our annual Bubble Dash Fundraiser – raising lots of valuable funds for the local charity “Lifting Children’s Hopes” while having lots of messy fun!!

Barbara's Store

With the upcoming closure of Barbara's Store, we regret to inform you that the last trading day will be 14th June 2026.

Barbara, Wendy and Martyn would like to thank their friends and customers for their support and custom over the 58 years in Empingham and the surrounding area.

THE TWISTED TROUT, EMPINGHAM

What's on!

Our Lucky Roll Fundraiser launched on Tuesday 5th May which will run every Tuesday evening — all in support of Leicestershire & Rutland Blood Bikes. £1 a roll.

Friday 19th June 8:30pm - Live Music from the Millstone Grit Friday – Energetic folk/world music (mainly) all-male local A capella group.

Father's Day, Sunday 21st June - Book your table and enjoy a relaxed, hearty meal with the people who matter most.

Weekend breakfast served each Saturday and Sunday 9am - 12 Noon.

Thank you to everyone that has supported us through our 1st year, we love being part of the community and look forward to many other years to come.

Empingham Bowls Club Open Days

The Bowls Club will be having Open Days on Saturday 6th June (10.30am - 1pm) and on Sunday 28th June (2pm - 4pm) for people to try out bowling, and the club has bowls for them to use. Everyone, of all ages and abilities, would be most welcome. Members will be on hand to offer assistance to help get people started. The club would, of course, also welcome people who have bowled before and would like to take up bowling again.

For those interested, they could join us in playing friendly matches, between June and August. The club is next to the Cricket Club on Exton Road, Empingham, LE15 8QA, where car parking is available.

Empingham Garden Club

Empingham Garden Group has its next meeting on Monday 22 June at 7-30. We have a talk by gardening expert Mike Davey called "Vegetables for all Seasons". There's Plants for sale, do join us for a fun evening.

Empingham Together

Anyone living in Empingham is invited to Safari Gardens on Friday 19th June 2026.

Several kind villagers are opening their gardens for the evening to support St Peter's Church Maintenance Fund.

Your evening will start by visiting the first of your allocated gardens, before going to the second allocated garden. They will be within walking distance of each other.

Then you will make your way to a Hog Roast, courtesy of Rebecca and Matthew Eatough at Prebendal House, who will also have their garden open to you.

Superb value at only £25 per head, including wine at each garden and the hog roast.

Apply to Jayne Roland at jlroland@btinternet.com after the 15th May. Numbers strictly limited. First come first served.

Girls Night Out

On June 25th, a cruise has been booked on the Rutland Belle, leaving Whitwell at 2.30 pm. Meeting up at Whitwell car park beforehand.

The cost is £12 for the cruise round Rutland Water, and £21 if you would like to enjoy a cream tea as well.

Please contact Judy on 01780 460113 (answer phone) or text 07712 354 803.

What is likely to happen when Barbara's Store closes?

At the time of writing, mid-May, not much has been finalised. But, as far as I understand, the delivery of newspapers will continue from Sunday 14th June. Everyone who now has a delivery will be contacted about this before the 14th June.

As I understand it, the new potential owners hope that when the building work is complete, they will take occupancy 'in the Autumn'. The business will be run as a village shop.

I hope to post updates on empingham.life, probably on the Empingham

Together page. Steve St Clair- Thompson 07963973991

Empingham Men's Shed

There will be a talk for the Men's Shed on Tuesday 30th June (7.30 pm) at the Cricket & Social Club, by Hugh Were Nicoll, CEO of Wild Rutland - a proposed 1000 acre British safari-style conservation project located on the Burley estate. The project aims to restore heritage landscapes, boost biodiversity and reintroduce native species like wolves and lynx. Although Hugh has recently given a talk to the Garden Club, on this occasion he will

focus on “Landscape and Woodland Management processes, and the production of food and timber to support the local economy. The talk is open to all (£5 entry for non-members). If you have any questions, please contact bobwillars@sky.com

Empingham Allotment Association

Want to grow your own fruit and vegetables? PLOTS AVAILABLE NOW!
Join our friendly growing community. Contact Kate - empingham.allotments@gmail.com to arrange a tour.

LYNDON

£5 ENTRANCE FEE. UNDER 12'S FREE

The Lyndon Summer Fete

Sunday 2nd August 12 noon - 4pm
to be opened by
CRAIG REVEL HORWOOD
TV personality and entertaining
"STRICTLY COME DANCING JUDGE"

Out-rage-ous Outfits Competition
Be Glam-Be Glitz-Be Gooooorgeous-Be Judged

BBQ - BAR - TEAS

Corby Silver Band • Rutland Morris Dancers •
Richard Negus well known countryman and author.
Our special Preloved Lyndon Stall and
Bespoke Stalls by invitation.
Madam Waffle • Village stocks • Fun dog classes •
Games & Races • Face Painting • Lucky Dip •
Wheelbarrow raffle and Treasure Hunt

All proceeds and donations to
The Leicestershire & Rutland Branch of the MND Association, Charity No. 294354 &
St Martins Church, Lyndon

Contact Ginny HB ginnymball@gmail.com M: 07539 729829

MANTON

MANTON VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB Winning numbers for March 2026. **£20:** 27 Morag Topham **£10:** 51 Annie Pitts **£10:** 72 Anne Butler **£5:** 38 Jane Reeve **£5:** 7 Helen Liggins. This month's snowball **£70** was not won. Next month's Snowball **£80** 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.

MANTON CHURCH ORGAN APPEAL

Did you know our organ is well over 100 years old? It is close to its original state, so it is an instrument of real historic value. What other real value does our organ have? Most importantly it is at the heart of our regular church services and takes a lead in our special celebrations; just think of Christmas carols, Easter hymns and Harvest festivals. The organ also plays a big part in our personal family milestones, such as baptisms and weddings.

Manton PCC is seeking funding to the tune of £15000 for these works. Applications are being made for grants from charities and at the same time there is the opportunity for all of us to make donations towards the cost. Please would you consider donating to our special organ fund, using one of the following methods?

By bank transfer Account name: Manton Parochial Church Council Sort code: 40-45-03 (HSBC) Account number: 21256173 **Please put "Organ Fund" as a reference.**

Cheques, payable to "Manton Parochial Church Council" **writing "Organ Fund" on the back** or cash to: Treasurer Manton PCC, Richard Horner, Manton Cottage, 11 Stocks Hill LE15 8SY

Your donations will be confidential. Thank you so much for your support.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

RUTLAND FOLK DANCE CLUB

Friday 8-10pm

Manton Village Hall

Fri 5 Jun 2026 - Callers Choice John Green,

Fri 12 Jun 2026 - Callers Choice Peter Meacock,

Fri 19 Jun 2026 - Callers Choice Susan Parkin

Fri 26 Jun 2026 - Party Night Liam Binley & Margaret Theaker

For further information contact Hilary Wallace 01780 460389 or go to rutlandfolkdanceclub.org.uk

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 11 June - 10.30-12.00

At the home of Mary Stenson "Garden Cottage", St Marys Road

Any problems/lifts needed please contact Anne (01572737503)

FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received.

RISE & RESET - WELLNESS EVENT

Saturday 13th June, 9:00am

St Mary's Church

A calming morning of meditation, journaling, gentle movement and community time at St Mary's Church, Manton. All proceeds go towards supporting the church. Full details on the Events Page at the back of the magazine.

HORSE and JOCKEY, Manton

What's on in June and July

Manton Village Supper Club First Thursday of the month. June 4th, July 2nd, two courses for £15. All welcome. Booking only.

Pub Quiz Night Third Thursday of every month at 7.30pm. June 19th, July 16th. £2 per person entry. Teams a maximum of 4 people. Please book in advance.

Fish and Chips Takeaway Supper Get you takeaway from the pub every Tuesday, £12. Advance telephone orders are preferable.

New Dishes on the Menu Come and taste our new dishes including Cider Braised Pork Belly, Pulled Lamb Shoulder Shepherd's Pie and Home-made Burgers. 01572 737335

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 9 July – 10.30 - 12.00

At the home of Jane Bews "Shapinsay", Lyndon Road

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

FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received

CHURCH GARDEN PARTY

At the home of Lille and Rob Braddock, Manton House, Church Lane

6-8pm in July. Exact details to follow.

Drinks and Canapes in the garden £6 per head. Children FREE

There's more from Manton after the advertisements

adverts June 2026

MANTON continued

VOLUNTEER AT RUTLAND'S WORLD LEADING WILDLIFE EVENT

Global Birdfair (GBF) Friday 10 July to Sunday 12 July

At Rutland Water, it is more than just a popular event on our doorstep - it's one of the world's leading wildlife fundraisers. Each year, it raises **£100,000+** for international conservation projects, helping protect endangered birds and habitats. Of course the event also brings a welcome boost to local businesses. However without the time and effort put in locally by volunteers it's very real, global impact would be lost. Joining our friendly team of volunteers is a great way to be part of it.

Things get going about two weeks before the fair with volunteers busy preparing the site for set up, preparing the marquees while ensuring that a safe and welcoming venue is ready for our visitors over the 3 days of the fair. It's hands-on work and can be physical, but you'll be working alongside a friendly, welcoming team and that's a big part of the fun.

During the fair, volunteers help visitors, support talks, keep the site tidy and keep things running smoothly. You'll meet all sorts of people and feel properly involved, not just on the sidelines.

Afterwards, there are four or five days of taking everything down and

restoring the site. It's a bit quieter, but very satisfying to see it all through. It's hard work at times - but it's enjoyable, social and a really rewarding way to get involved.

If you would like to get involved or get more information contact Kathy Reynolds 01572 737449, email volunteers@globalbirdfair.org or visit the website [Volunteers | Global BirdFair](#) to find out more and complete the volunteer registration form.

OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 6 September 2.00-6.00pm

Anyone wishing to open their garden, help with Teas and / or make cakes etc.. please contact Susie Horner. Teas in the Village Hall. In aid of Church Funds.

RUTLAND HISTORY SOCIETY VILLAGE VISIT

Sunday 13 September 2.00pm

Manton Village Hall

Rutland History Society visits a different village every year, usually in September. This year our annual visit is coming to Manton on Sunday 13 September 2026. There will be a presentation, an exhibition on aspects of the village history, a local history book stall, a self-guided walk round the village and light refreshments. The event is open to residents and society members and more details about the event and how to book will be given in this magazine, on social media and on the Society's website (www.rutland.history.org) in July.

NORTH LUFFENHAM

CHURCH - St JOHN THE BAPTIST

Please refer to the detailed table of Services printed in the magazine to see the dates, and times, of services at St John the Baptist, and across the Benefice.

We look forward to welcoming you to our upcoming services this month in North Luffenham. If you wish to share lift to other services in the Benefice, please get in touch.

Margaret Jones - re: Funeral Service : Friday 5th June at St John the Baptist, North Luffenham

The Service will start at 1:30pm followed by interment in the Churchyard for those who wish to attend.

The Wake will be from approx 2:45pm in the Fox pub. Everyone is most

welcome but the family would appreciate knowing numbers especially if you wish to attend the Wake afterwards.

Please contact Judy Cade who is coordinating numbers on 07505 623406 or email judy.cade51@gmail.com

St MARY and St JOHN CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had a busy term here at SMSJ. Our Little Saints Preschool is thriving, and our wonderful outdoor space is being used to its full potential with dens, artwork, gardening and lots of outdoor learning. We have been on several different trips - Year 2 and Reception visited Wing farm and had a wonderful day with the animals, they even had the chance to feed lambs. Year 5 are heading to Burghley House this week to support their learning about the Tudors and Year 6 are off on residential next week - a well-deserved reward after completing their SATs! Our after school clubs are very popular still with new ones such as Running and Photography club proving popular alongside rounders, athletics, creative, woodland fun and lighthouse clubs. Our Nurture council have cleared out our woodland cabin (pictured) and are running lunchtime clubs for the younger children which were proving very popular.



Our PFA have been busy planning some summer term events so please look out on Facebook/notice boards for the 'Music Bingo' event that everyone will be welcome to attend. We have also set up an Amazon wish list for those who would like to donate specific items to support our learning next year. I have attached the QR code.. Thanks as always for your support.

Mrs Roddy



GOOD COMPANIONS

At our May meeting, members of the Good Companions Club were delighted to welcome Julie Abell, who came along to talk to us on behalf of Canine Partners, accompanied by her colleague Alison and Luca, the assistance dog currently in training. Julie and Alison gave a very informative and engaging talk about the wonderful work carried out by the charity in training dogs to support people living with physical disabilities and to help them lead more independent lives. Members thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and especially appreciated the opportunity to meet Luca and interact with him after the talk. It was a fascinating insight into the dedication, skill and care involved in training these remarkable dogs. You can find more information about the organisation online at <https://caninepartners.org.uk>

As part of our monthly meeting on the 3rd June, we will be collaborating with the Chater Bowls Club based in North Luffenham, for a fun afternoon of bowls and afternoon tea, with cake, of course! We are looking forward to spending some time at the club, who probably have the best view in the village, getting to know all about what they do and learning about the sport of lawn bowls. Hopefully, there will be one or two of us that might even give it a try. Not least, it will provide a really good insight into a club that really knows how to enjoy themselves - they are a super friendly bunch and we are delighted that they are happy to host us this year.

For more information about the club, please contact Jason Allen (07773 396153) or Alison Gibson (07769 322551). We meet on the first Wednesday of every month (excluding December & January) in the community centre. Join us in making our village a place where no one feels alone, and everyone has a companion.

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. Our home fixture list for 2026 is:

- 19th May v Syston
- 9th June v Egerton
- 30th June v Great Dalby
- 21st July v Barkby
- 4th August v Tilton & Lowesby

CHATER BOWLS CLUB

ChaterBowlsClub@outlook.com

Jane Potter, Secretary: 01780 591 460

The club is situated on Pinfold Lane, North Luffenham. It has been there since 1972, and previously on a lawn at the Hall. It is a self-funding organisation comprising membership from the village and adjacent villages which do not have bowling facilities. The club's aim is to make membership as inclusive as possible, while enjoying fresh air, exercise and companionship. Members pay an annual subscription plus roll-up fees. Roll-ups take place Tuesdays and Thursday afternoons, 2.00–4.00 (providing there are no matches).

Fund-raising is also undertaken. Unlike many of the other surrounding clubs in the district, the club does not enter any of the leagues. The club, does however play friendly matches with those and other clubs in the area. These are done on

a home and away basis with some dozen clubs in a radius of about 20 miles. Latterly matches have also been arranged with the village Fox pub at the beginning and end of the season – very competitive and a huge amount of fun.

The club also organises some social events for members and friends in the summer. These comprise such things as quizzes, afternoon tea, barbecues, bingo plus an annual dinner and prize giving in the village pub. The social events include games, food and drink (alcoholic or otherwise) which members bring. The season, weather dependant, is April to September. Many members play indoors during the winter months at Uppingham, Stamford, or Ketton for example. It is a long-standing village facility and continues to welcome new members and underline the fact that no experience is necessary.

The club is currently undergoing a lengthy exercise to extend its lease. It is important for the club to secure its future and help in raising funds by grants for facilities beyond the scope of members' contributions.

(Maurice Debbage, Match Secretary)

Tuesdays and Thursdays (providing no friendly matches being played). Chater Bowls Club, Pinfold Lane, North Luffenham. Roll-ups 2.00–4.00 including tea and biscuits. Club has spare woods to start you off. Fun, fresh air, exercise and companionship. No experience necessary.

The FOX

Summer starts at The Fox. There's never been a better time to head down to The Fox, where a warm welcome always awaits you.

With four real ales on tap at all times and a new summer menu along with extended summer opening hours, The Fox is the perfect place to meet friends, relax in the sunshine on our planted patio and enjoy everything a proper village pub should be.

And there's even more good news for food lovers. From June we will be serving food on a Sunday from 12-6pm, making the Fox the ideal spot for a lazy Sunday lunch or early evening bite after a day out or spent in your garden.

Quiz Night - Sunday 28th June 7.30pm

As our Autumn/Winter Monday night quiz has taken a summer break we have been asked to do a monthly Quiz. The first of which will take place on the 28th June. £1 entry, maximum 6 in a team. A great fun night.

Wakerley and Barrowden WI are holding a meeting open to both ladies and gentlemen on 7th June at 7:30pm. Tickets £8, are available from preston. sarah.sp@gmail.com or okeefep@hotmail.co.uk or Barrowden Community shop.

Running Burghley House, a jewel in the local crown. A fascinating talk by Miranda Rock, House director and 16th generation descendant of the first Lord Burghley. Miranda looks after the House and Collections on behalf of the Burghley House Preservation Trust.
Proceeds donated to the Birch Tree Cafe

PRESTON

Benefice Communion Sunday 14th June 11am at Preston

See the notice at the front of the magazine. Everyone is welcome.

Organ Recital Friday July 3rd at 7.30pm

Ivan Linford is very kindly doing an organ recital for us in aid of church funds. Ivan will be including well known pieces and others which show what our organ can do. Refreshments will be served. Please reserve the date and bring your friends. It will be a lovely occasion.
More details from Jane Micklethwait 737219

COFFEE MORNING

Start your weekend off at Preston Village Hall with friends and neighbours over coffee, cake and plenty of chat.

This month we are raising money for Bumps and Beyond which is a registered charity that supports parents and care-givers – during and after pregnancy – by equipping them and their children with a full range of donated clothing items, equipment and essential healthcare items. They operate in Stamford and the surrounding areas.

All welcome **Saturday 6th June 10 – 12 noon**

PRESTON VILLAGE MEETING

Wednesday 24th June 7.00pm in the village hall. This is our annual meeting for the village and everyone is invited to attend. It is your chance to make your input on village matters and meet your neighbours. If there is something you particularly want on the agenda, do please let Phil Grimley know in advance (Tel 01572 737717).

We will be providing an update on the plans for the Village Playing Field and the proposed Prestonbury 2027 music event next year. We will also discuss what village events should take place to appeal to everyone in the village. Your input on what you would like to see in the village is really welcome. Do please come along.

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 Eileen, Kirsty and Trish for the flowers. Thank you so much!

RIDLINGTON

CHURCH SERVICES - Everyone welcome to attend.

7th June – 5.00pm. Quiet Contemplative Service

14th June - 11.00am Benefice Holy Communion at Preston followed by a bring and share lunch.

21st June 6.00pm Evening Worship using the Iona liturgy

28th June - 9.30am Morning Prayer

THANKS TO -

- Jacky for undertaking the moth count;
- Margie for refreshing the library - please feel free to borrow or buy the books;
- Dave and Shelagh for bringing the ewe and two lambs to the Rogation Service;
- all those who donated, attended and helped at the monthly Social Saturdays - £685.42 raised so far this year towards the insurance premium of the church ; and
- all those who donated so generously to the For Rutland Bottle Tombola at The Rutland Show.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION - the next collection date is Wednesday, 24th June. Please continue to support this very worthwhile local charity - if every household donated one item a month the boxes would soon be full.

ECO CHURCH - help us to track biodiversity in the churchyard. Spring/early summer is a perfect time to spot nesting birds, insects and flowering

plants. Please continue to jot down what you see on the Biodiversity List in the church porch.

As you would have seen we have followed the recommendation of “No Mow May” in the churchyard to ensure that by the time of our Churches Count on Nature bio blitz on Saturday, 6th June at 10:00 we have long and medium length grass which will increase biodiversity. Please let Debra know if you are able to attend - light refreshments will be provided.

MONTHLY WALK - more nature spotting - join us for a walk on the evening of World Environment Day, Friday, 5th June. Meet at the church porch at 6:30pm. Please let Debra know if you will attend.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEAS -these popular events are coming again! Please join us on Sunday 14 June and Sunday 12 July from 3.00-5.00pm at the Village Hall. Delicious homemade sandwiches, scones, cakes, tea, coffee, squash. All proceeds will be divided between the Village Playing Field, the Village Hall and the Church. Any offer of help on the afternoon or donations of cake will be most welcome. Please contact Karen Baines 07813 377070.

COFFEE MORNINGS -the first coffee morning this year on a lovely sunny day raised a total of £131 for Village Hall funds. Warm thanks to all who attended, helped and baked delicious cakes. The next one is on Friday 17 July at 1030-1200pm – please join us!

WHITWELL

St Michael and All Angels Church

Open Thursday to Sunday 10.00am - 5.00pm

100 CLUB

The last draw of the 2025-26 year was held last month. 1st prize £157.50; Sue Goddard (who has used her winnings to join the new club year and kindly donated the balance to the church fabric fund). 2nd Prize £52.50; Jeremy Page. The amount raised in the year is £862.50, giving an amazing £4,316 raised for the Church fabric fund over the past 6 years.

Membership is open to all for £5 per month, or £60 per year. To join please contact Simon

Jackson, simon@sajackson.uk and Mary

Bell, marybell53@btinternet.com.



MARATHON

Many congratulations to Alison Cato who ran the London Marathon in 3 hours 51 minutes and 37 seconds and under her target time of 4 hours. Aside from two very bruised toes and two days of aching legs she fared well and is already booked in for next year!

WING

Flowers: Helen Bateman and Jeffy Wood Brass :Wendy Newsham and Chris Howarth

Wing Open Gardens raising funds for Wing Village Hall and the Church will be held on Sunday 21st June 11am - 5pm. 15 gardens will be open and there will be various stalls including a plant stall, open art studio and willow work.

Homemade teas and other refreshments will be served in the Village Hall. Start at the Church where tickets can be purchased and where maps will be available. Adults £6.50, children under 12 free

Drop into the Village Hall on 12th July, 9th August and 13th September for **tea and delicious homemade cakes** 3-5pm. All proceeds in aid of Church funds

Save the date - come and join your friends and neighbours at a barbecue on - **August Bank Holiday Sunday 30th August**, at the playing field with fun games for all ages, 1 - 6pm. £12.50 to include burger/sausage in a bun, salads and a pudding. Offers of help for this event will be gratefully received - contact Cat Varley catherine@catshallconsulting@gmail.com

And another save the date for the **Wing Safari Supper** on Saturday 3rd October. If you would be prepared to host a course please get in touch with either Carolyn Comben ccomben2@gmail.com or Alice Hill 01572 737516 or Helen Bateman 01572 737499

Wing WI's speaker for Thursday June 11th is Adrian Walker on the Rutland Round in aid of LOROS. The meeting starts at 7.00pm at Wing Village Hall. New members welcome. If you have any questions about the WI please contact Judith [01572 737761](tel:01572737761) or Jane [01572 737324](tel:01572737324), janegilmore7@gmail.com

The April **100 Club** draw made at Coffee Morning on May 7th produced the following winners.

1st 2 Maggie Fenner. 2nd 99 Carol Morris 3rd 138 Richard Hogarth

What's on

	7th June Trinity 1	14th June Trinity 2	21st June Trinity 3	28th June Trinity 4
St Mary Edith Weston				9.30am Holy Communion
St Peter Empingham	10.00am All Age Service		11.00am Holy Communion	
St Martin of Tours Lyndon	11.00am Holy Communion			
St Mary Manton				11.00am Holy Communion
St John the Baptist North Luffenham			9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Breakfast Church
St Nicholas Pilton			11.00am Holy Communion	
SS Peter and Paul Preston	11.00am Meeting Place	11.00am Holy Communion Bishop Debbie		5.00pm Evening Prayer
SS Mary and Andrew Ridlington	9.30am Morning Prayer		6.00pm Evening Prayer	9.30am Morning Prayer
St Michael and All Angels Whitwell				4.00pm HC Cancelled
SS Peter and Paul Wing	9.30am Holy Communion			9.30am Morning Prayer

The Rutland Water Benefice

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