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

For all enquiries about 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

The term "Lent" is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word 'Lencten' which means 'to lengthen', reflecting the lengthening days of Spring and celebrating the return of sun to thaw winters chill and enable new life.

In the Christian church Lent is a forty-day observance in preparation for Easter beginning on Ash Wednesday and finishing on Easter Eve. It is a penitential period of reflection and prayer inviting us to deepen our relationship with God and encouraging us to journey with Jesus Christ through his forty-day fast in the wilderness in preparation for his mission, to bring us out of darkness and into light and new life.

The practice of fasting during Lent imitates the fasting of Jesus in the wilderness, traditionally encouraging us to give up luxuries or to take up new and more positive life-giving habits.

Time is our most precious resource, a gift that many of us take for granted, and caught up in the busyness of daily living we rarely stop to reflect upon how we are managing our time.

As Jesus gave up his time to be with God perhaps this Lent we might take up his 'life giving' example.

The Prayer Stool, by Graham Kings.

I leave aside my shoes, my ambitions;	After being with you,
undo my watch, my timetable;	I take up my shoes to walk in your ways;
take off my glasses, my views;	strap on my watch to live in your time;
unclip my pen, my work;	put on my glasses to look at your world;
put down my keys, my security;	clip on my pen to write up your
to be alone with you, the only true	thoughts;
God.	pick up my keys to open your doors.

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Peter

Holy Week and Easter Services in the Benefice

Palm Sunday 29 th March	Empingham St Peter 11am <i>(they were all together for Jesus entry into Jerusalem)</i>	Benefice Service Blessing of Palm Crosses Procession, outside-in, or around the church. Holy Communion
Monday 30 th March	Preston SS Peter & Paul 7pm	Reflection: Women of Holy Week
Tuesday 31 st March	Manton St Mary 7pm	Reflection: Women of Holy Week
Wednesday 1 st April	Empingham St Peter 7pm	Reflection: Women of Holy Week
Maundy Thursday 2nd April	Edith Weston St Mary 7pm	Maundy Reflection The Mary and Judas in us
Good Friday 3rd April	North Luffenham St John 10.30am	Hot Cross Bun Service
	Preston SS Peter & Paul 2pm	Final Hour
Easter Eve 4th April	Manton St Mary 10-12am	Easter Eve Workshop
	Edith Weston St Mary 7pm	Service of light
Easter Day 5th April	Ridlington SS Mary & Andrew 6am	Dawn Service Holy Communion at sunrise Field
	Wing SS Peter & Paul 9.30am	Easter Holy Communion
	Empingham St Peter 10am	All Age Service
	Manton St Mary 11.00am	Easter Holy Communion
	Preston SS Peter & Paul 11.00am	Family Prayer Service

All are welcome at any of these services, please do come along.



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



For Rutland is a fundraising group of Citizens Advice Rutland

The For Rutland Good and New Clothes Sale 2026

Make sure you put this date into your 2026 diary - the For Rutland Good and New Clothes Sale on Friday the 27th and Saturday the 28th March. The annual sale of pre-loved clothing and accessories, one of the biggest of its kind in the country never mind Rutland, hosted once again at the prestigious Rutland Hall Hotel overlooking Rutland Water, just outside Oakham.

The volunteers at For Rutland are looking forward to shoppers coming along in their droves, the venue has plenty of free parking making it easy to pop along. Details of the sale are available on the For Rutland website: www.forrutland.org.uk including ticket prices and sale times and directions for the Rutland Hall Hotel can be found here: www.rutlandhall.co.uk. The Friday night sale is ticket only, tickets are £30 each but the sale on Saturday morning costs just £5, is open to everyone and most items will be half price!

With sustainability, recycling and reusing high on most people's agendas, if you haven't already got into the habit of not buying new clothes, the For Rutland Good and New Clothes Sale is the best place to start! The sale has something for everyone: there are loads of pre-loved women's, men's and children's clothes and shoes, bags and accessories with items ranging from designer to high street. The organisers want everything to go, so items such as suits, coats, dresses, jeans and separates are priced at amazingly affordable prices, even for things that have never been worn.

All of the money raised goes to fund the vital advice service at Citizens Advice Rutland, supporting people in Rutland dealing with the effects of long-term health conditions like dementia, cancer and MS when and where it is needed, from the Citizens Advice Rutland office in Oakham's High Street.

EDITH WESTON

EDITH WESTON ACADEMY

We had an incredibly busy but brilliant end to Term 3 at Edith Weston Academy.

At the beginning of February, Brooke Hill Academy Trust hosted The Trust Big Sing at Edith Weston, and it was an incredible evening. Our amazing choir sang alongside The Hound Dogs and put on a wonderful performance. The singing was incredible and we are so proud of all of our children. We had a night full of music, laughter, dancing and prizes.

A huge thank you to our staff, PTA, families and local businesses for all of your support with this event; we are truly grateful.

Our PTA has been relaunched, and we are so pleased to welcome our new members. Thank you for giving up your time to support our school.

During the last week of term 3 Larks class were joined by a very special visitor!

Dr. Sarah Furness, the Lord Lieutenant of Rutland, came to give a talk on her role and the monarchy. This visit was linked to our topic and Dr Furness even brought the children their own crowns. The children had a wonderful time and loved looking at the sword of Rutland.

We are looking forward to term 4 as we continue to have lots of events for our children and families.

Ellie Kapler

Headteacher [Edith Weston Academy](#) Telephone: 01780 720025

Edith Weston Village Hall 100 Club

Congratulations to the winners in March:

£30 Mr & Mrs Clements

£20 Mrs C Forsyth

£10 Mrs L Smith

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

There is no winner of the snowball this month

Save the date: **Plant Sale 6th June**

Edith Weston village hall; details to be announced later

Save the date. Edith Weston Village BBQ Saturday 27th June 5pm.

Live music and BBQ. More details to follow.



EMPINGHAM

News from St Peter's Church

Save the date: Saturday 16th of May 7:30pm. Rutland Concert Band at St Peter's Church. Suggested donation £10 on the door. Bar and soft drinks available. All proceeds to St Peter's Church Empingham. A concert of popular Classics and Film music by our superb local concert band.

Barbara's Store, Empingham

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.

Contact 01780 460348 barbaras.store@hotmail.co.uk

Empingham Village (Audit) Hall

You're Invited to an "Early Spring Breakfast in the Audit Hall" on Saturday 7 March 2026 from 9:15am – 11:00am.

We're delighted to be hosting another breakfast in the Audit Hall so please come and enjoy a delicious, cooked breakfast while catching up with friends and neighbours.

Tickets: Adults: £8.00 Children: £4.00

Vegetarian and gluten-free options available. We look forward to seeing you!

Mini Ernie

We have a number of new subscribers to our Mini Ernie, with the result that we are now over the legal minimums to run the Mini Ernie. Thank you to those who have signed up.

Draws will start next month, and if anyone else wishes to participate, subscriptions must be in by 10 March. For details see

<http://empingham.life/audithall/ernie.shtml>

ACTIVITIES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Bekkie Wright 07355981564 RevBekkiewright@gmail.com

SERVICES DURING MARCH 2026

Sunday

1st 10.45am Morning Worship Mr Chris Sworn

8th 4pm Tea-Time Church – Phil Jones – A service for young families.

15th 10.45am CAFÉ CHURCH with Rev William Booker.

22nd 10.45am Morning Worship – Rev Bekkie Wright – including Holy Communion.

29th 3pm AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP – Informal Service of Favourite Hymns & readings followed by Tea Together.

5th APRIL 10.45am EASTER DAY SERVICE – Rev Bekkie Wright – including Holy Communion. Followed at 12.30 with an EASTER BAR-B-Q Lunch. All welcome.

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. BOARD GAMES or just chatting together.

Thursdays,

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

Christian Aid Lent Lunch 17th March - see notice on page 10

More details Eileen Ray 01780 460676.

Empingham Church of England Primary School

It is always lovely to welcome the children back to school after the Christmas period - with such happy smiles and lots of news to share. The start of a new year is always full of excitement and new opportunities, and we look forward to the many achievements and progress the children will make.

We have been lucky to welcome 'Roots to Food' into school this term. This is a company that teaches the children about healthy eating, food groups and why food nutrients are important – all while cooking a food dish that the children may have not tried before. This was an amazing experience and all of the children learnt so much in such a practical way!

A group of our KS2 pupils represented the school at the recent Swimming Gala, they all had a great afternoon - we are now looking forward to Basketball and Hockey events.

Our musicians and singers performed to parents and the rest of the school in our annual Music Assembly – we are always delighted at the incredible talented Drummers, Keyboard/Piano Players and Singers we have in our school!!

Our After school Club continues to offer a wide selection of activities – next term we are getting creative with a range of craft activities, holding a weekly Lego competition and hopefully (with Spring being around the corner) getting outside for some fun games and sport.

Empingham Garden Club - 23rd March 2026.

I wandered lonely as a cloud.....our talk this month is about The Daffodil given by experienced garden consultant H Twigs.

Guests very welcome (nominal charge). See you at the Empingham Cricket Club at 7.30 pm.

Empingham Together

The weeks are racing by, but there's still time to get your tickets for the Empingham Fashion Show on 17th April. Music, lights & mirrors will all add to the ambience, as you 'try before you buy' on the night, having seen them modelled by village residents. Posters will soon appear around the village, so don't miss your chance as numbers will be limited. All you need to know is on the QR code!

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR TICKETS!

Empingham Together and SOS Charity Fashion Shows
present a

FASHION SHOW

SALE

Friday - 17th April

Your favourite High Street Brands, plus
French and Italian designer wear.
Sizes 6 to 30

Up to 75% off

St Peter's Church, Empingham
Doors open 7:00, for a 7:30 start
Debit/Credit cards and Cash accepted
(No cheques)

with RAFFLE + BAR

Tickets £5, in advance from

Barbara's Store, Church Street, Empingham



What's on at The Twisted Trout, Empingham

Celebrate Mother's Day at The Twisted Trout, Empingham

Sunday 15th March 2026

Make this Mother's Day feel truly special with a cosy, welcoming meal in the heart of our village pub.

Enjoy our lovingly crafted Set Menu with 2 courses (£30 Adult / £20 Small Plate) or 3 courses (£38 Adult / £25 Small Plate).

A perfect way to say thank you.

Craft Workshops

Introduction to Felting workshop is being held on **Wednesday 4th March 2026** from 2pm till 5pm. Cost £15 per person.

Easter wreath making workshop is being held on **Wednesday 25th March 2026** from 2pm till 5pm. Cost £28 per person.

If interested in the workshops or would like more information please call 01572827948 to book your place, more workshops coming up throughout the year. Emma and Harvey.

CHRISTIAN AID LENT LUNCH - TUESDAY 17th MARCH at 12 noon. A simple meal of Bread & Soup and Fruit will be served at Empingham Methodist Church - Donations for Christian Aid. All very welcome.

There's more news from Empingham on page 28

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**Dance and Fantasy:
Music by Schubert,
Brahms, Gershwin, Ravel,
Barber and others**
Friday 13th March
7.30pm
All Saints' Church, Oakham

David Hill and Anne Bolt will present
keyboard repertoire for one piano,
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www.artsfortheheartofengland.co.uk
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EMPINGHAM continued

Men's Shed

The Men's Shed will be holding their Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 31st March at the Cricket & Social Club. In addition to the election of officers, there will be a review of the group's activities over the past year, and a discussion of future plans.

Members are invited to bring along their suggestions for future activities, and if time allows, be prepared to give a 5 minute 'show and tell' talk to the group (i.e bring an item and a story to go with it).

For further information please contact bobwillars@sky.com

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.

Special Events

Remember the beer festival from 11th to 15th of March

There will be a pie night on the last Friday of March, 27th

No quiz on 2nd Monday, instead a quiz will be held during the beer festival

Club Contacts

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

The club Facebook page can be found as **Empingham Cricket and Social Club**, or directly from the website. Useful details about the club and events can be found here too.

To join as a member, or renew an exiting membership of Empingham Cricket and Social Club please visit Empingham Cricket and Social Club

All memberships now run to end March. The new membership year

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

Membership enquiries can be sent to bobsloan79@yahoo.co.uk
Club secretary David Duffin, david@theduffins.org.uk

Empingham Cricket and Social Club is excited to announce a comprehensive **junior coaching programme** led by **Steven West**, an ECB qualified coach.

This programme welcomes players of all abilities and offers high-quality training at **no session cost**.

Who: Ages 8–13 **Where:** Empingham Cricket and Social Club, Exton Road, Empingham, Oakham LE15 8QA

Confirmed Dates & Times:

- Saturday 18th April: 9:30–11:00 am
- Wednesday 22nd April: 5:30–7:00 pm
- Saturday 25th April: 9:30–11:00 am
- Wednesday 29th April: 5:30–7:00 pm
- Wednesday 6th May: 5:30–7:00 pm
- Saturday 9th May: 9:30–11:00 am
- Saturday 16th May: 9:30–11:00 am
- Wednesday 20th May: 5:30–7:00 pm

Please now register your interest using this form <https://forms.gle/KQHmDjVHdUSAwkhH8>

The players can come along and try out one of the first sessions, have fun and meet other local cricketers, no immediate obligations and no cost to you.

After your first session, to participate, we would like the players to simply sign up to be club members:

- **Junior Cricket Family Membership:** £20 (for new families)
- **Junior Player Membership:** £10 (if a parent is already a member)

LYNDON

SPRING CLEAN, SATURDAY, 7th March 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Willing workers wanted again please with own rakes, bin bags and hoes for a tidy up of the Village Hall border and around the church and pathways. Meet at the Church.

Picnic lunch in the Church afterwards, please let me know if you are free to help and everyone welcome.

Ginny H.B. ginnyhball@gmail.com Mobile 07539729829

A SPRING JOLLY!

Courtyard Cottage, SATURDAY, 21ST March 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Coffee & Cake, Lyndon preloved stand & Ginny's Jolly Pots.

Donation of £5 would be appreciated for the Church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY, 4th May 11am.

“THE BIG DOG WALK” in aid of THE CINNAMON TRUST.

Meet at Pick's Barn 11 am for a choice of walks in the beautiful countryside around Lyndon with your canine companions and meet up with friends for coffee/lunch at Pick's Barn Café. Maps available on site and some walks accompanied.

Details and sponsorship forms from Ginny H.B.

Contact ginnyhball@gmail.com mobile 07539729829

THE LYNDON SUMMER FETE - Sunday, 2nd August 12 noon to 4 pm.

We are delighted that Craig Revel Horwood is again opening our Fete and judging a “Competition” (to be revealed nearer the time!) Band, Morris Dancers, Stalls, Teas, BBQ, Pimms & Beer, Fortune teller and much more.

Please get in touch if you can help or Stall enquiries:-

Ginny 07539729829. Jonathan 07966436270. Tessa 07977830565

MANTON

MANTON VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB Winning numbers for February 2026. **£20:** 24 Marion Helsdon **£10:** 79 Michael Reid t **£10:** 93 Chris Clement **£5:** 70 Terry Westerman **£5:** 21 Graham Campbell. This month's snowball **£90** was won by 31 Hugh Burnaby-Atkins. 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.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

LENT LUNCHES

Tuesdays 3 March to 31 March – 12.30 to 2.00

Manton Village Hall

Home made soups, bread, fruit, tea/coffee - £6. All money raised for SAVE the CHILDREN

Do come along and enjoy the company of fellow villagers and an excellent lunch.

Anyone offering to make soup or help on the day please contact Anne Cowan

RUTLAND FOLK DANCE CLUB

Friday 8-10pm

Manton Village Hall

Fri 6 Mar 2026 Callers Choice Lyn Whapples; Fri 13 Mar 2026 Club Callers;

Fri 20 Mar 2026 Shapes and Moves Peter Meacock & Susan Parkin;

Fri 27 Mar 2026 Club Callers and AGM

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

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 12 March - 10.30 am-12.00pm

At the home of Jill Booth, Oakland, Priory Road

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

FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received

EASTER WORKSHOP

Saturday 4 April – 10.00-12.00

St Mary's Church

Prepare the Easter Garden, Easter Story, Flower arranging, Childrens activities

Everyone very welcome! Coffee/Squash/Hot Cross Buns FREE

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 9 April - 10.30-12.00

At the home of Hui yen Bloodworth, The Little Orchard, Lyndon Road

Any problems/lifts needed please contact Anne (01572737503)

FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received.

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.

The community offers its most sincere condolences to all those families and friends who have lost loved ones over the winter months. The church held the funerals of Arthur Atkins and Stella Wilkinson in late January. Arthur had lived in North Luffenham all his life having been born in the village on 12th February 1938. Stella, and her husband Peter, moved to North Luffenham from Warwick in 2010 following Stella's retirement having spent a varied career as a laboratory scientist. She and Peter were regular attendees at St John the Baptist where Stella was a much valued bell ringer. We hold all those members of our community who have died recently in our prayers, and may they 'Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory'.

TREASURER. Can anyone help? The Church is looking for a new treasurer as our current treasurer has moved away. If anyone has any experience of dealing with sort of thing and can offer a few hours a month maximum (pro bono) to fulfil this role, please do get in touch with the Church Warden Patrick on 01780 721872. northluffenhampcc@gmail.com We would love to hear from you!

St MARY and St JOHN CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had a very busy term. Father Peter has started to lead some of our Monday collective worships which the children have enjoyed. Our site has seen some changes and we are very excited to be developing a wonderful new outdoor learning area on our grounds. The school council are sharing children's ideas of what they'd like to see there and we are planning together. If anyone has any tree stumps that would make good seating or willow branches which we could use for den building then please get in touch with the office - office@northluffenham.rutland.sch.uk

Our sporting teams have been in action competing in basketball, boccia and gymnastics - it has been wonderful to see their teamwork grow.

Our Year 2's had a wonderful school trip to Hammerton Zoo as part of their Science topic. A fantastic day was had by all!

GOOD COMPANIONS

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.

KNITTED POPPIES FOR THE 'STANDING WITH GIANTS' INSTALLATION.

In 2018, the then 'Knit & Natter' group from North Luffenham knitted loads of poppies for a fabulous display at the church. The members of this group decided to give a large number of these poppies to the famous 'Standing with Giants' installation.

This message is to provide you all with an update as to what is going to happen to those knitted poppies. This coming autumn, 'Standing with Giants' will be displaying our North Luffenham 'For Your Tomorrow' installation within the idyllic and historic grounds of Waddesdon Manor during the Remembrance period in the Autumn of this year. This acclaimed memorial to lives lost on June 6, 1944, is expected to reach over one million visitors by this time. It will be well worth a day out to visit. The address is Waddesdon Manor, Waddesdon, Aylesbury HP18 0LH. (Wed 21st Oct-Sun 29th Nov)

NORTH LUFFENHAM FUN CLUB

Don't forget the Race and Games Night on Saturday March 7th!! It promises to be a pun- and fun-packed evening with some amazing prizes to be won.

All over 18's welcome from North Luffenham and beyond. For tickets call Claire Bewick 07926 686 362 / Judy Cade 07505 623 406 / Sue Browning 07534 885 747 or pop into The Fox. Tickets are £10 in advance and £12 on the door, cash only please. Each ticket includes a free drink at the bar on the night.

+++++ SAVE THE DATE +++++

The North Luffenham Fun Club are delighted to be hosting a Barn Dance on Saturday 16th May!!

More details including how to buy tickets for this event will be published on the village website and around the village in March

PRESTON

COFFEE MORNING in the Village Hall on Saturday 7 March, 10am-12 noon. Our local charity this month is Rutland Community House Trust, who support adults with learning disabilities. Everybody welcome. Come along and enjoy coffee and home made cake!

Candlelit Supper at Preston Village Hall on 21st March at 7.00/7.30pm
Further details will follow on Preston Social WhatsApp Group. Or contact Trish on 07986490590

Meet and Eat/Sunday Stroll Walking Group

The next walk will take place on Sunday, 15th March at 10.00am from Great Easton. Lunch after will be at The Sun Inn, Great Easton
For further details contact Trish on 07986490590

Preston Village Lent Lunch

Saturday 14th March 12 noon to 2pm in the Village Hall

There will be a wonderful selection of home made soups, cheese, bread, chutneys and fruit. A minimum donation of £5 is suggested with children free and any money made will go to church funds.
All are welcome.

RIDLINGTON

CHURCH FUNDS - are you one of the 11% of the population who knows that the Parish Church is solely funded by the Parish's own efforts? There is no funding from central or local government nor from the Church Commissioners. Just to keep our Parish Church open we need to raise nearly £33 each and every day. Would you be willing to sponsor a day - your birthday perhaps or wedding anniversary? All donations, offers of regular giving or fundraising ideas to Debra, please.

CHURCH SERVICES - Sundays at 9:30am except as shown. Everyone welcome.

1st March - 4pm Quiet contemplative service

8th March - Holy Communion led by the Rector followed by light refreshments

22nd March- Morning Prayer followed by light refreshments

Easter Sunday (5th April) - 6am Sunrise service at Rowells Lodge.

THANKS - to all who have donated, attended and helped at Souper Saturdays in January and February: £290 raised so far for the church insurance premium

- to Jacky Morrell and her grandchildren for undertaking the RSPB bird watch in the chilly churchyard on 24th January
- to Margie Wall for refreshing the library and selling some books
- to Sarah Tyerman for volunteering to be our village correspondent to this magazine.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION - with referrals up nearly 10% on last year your continued support has never been so valued. The next collection from the church porch will be on 4th March.

SOUPER SATURDAY - the last of this winter's Souper Saturdays will be held at the village hall between 12 noon and 1:30pm on Saturday, 14th March once again featuring a choice of three soups (red, amber and green), bread and cheese scones. We ask for a minimum donation of £5 towards the insurance premium for the church. We hope to continue holding social events on the second Saturday of each month - more details in next month's magazine.

ECO CHURCH - lots to participate in this month with more detail on the church notice board or from Debra:

- the Big Plastic Count running between 9th to 15th March;
- Global Recycling Day on 18th March - as part of your spring clean at home donate your pre-loved items to charity;
- the village litter pick on Saturday, 21st March followed by a light lunch - please let Debra know if you can attend. Meet at 3 Main Street at 10:30am;
- Church and churchyard (weather permitting) spring clean on Sunday, 29th March at 2pm.

MONTHLY WALK - join us for a short walk on Tuesday, 10th March. Meet in the church porch at 10:00am. Light refreshments available afterwards - please let Debra know if you intend to come.

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS! - what would you do with the power of life and death? Too difficult to contemplate? Power, morality and consequences combine in Jenny Morris' novel "The Ethical Guide to Murder" - couldn't put

it down! For something completely different, “The True History of the Black Adder” by JF Roberts recalling the making of the TV series and the contributions made by the writers and actors involved - made me smile. Made into a film last year, the 2016 Man Booker shortlisted novel “Hot Milk” by Deborah Levy is a “marmite”book - I was soon deep into the story and wanted to find out if Rose ever got her life back on track: you’ll have to read it to find out.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - in the spring we will be looking for volunteers to take on the roles of church warden, treasurer and secretary to the Parochial Church Council -for details, please contact Debra.

VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL EVENTS 2026 - the ever popular coffee mornings on Friday, 1st May, 17th July and 25th September from 10:30am to noon.

WING

Flowers No Flowers in Lent **Brass** Wendy Dalton
Easter Weekend Wing Flower Team

Lent Lunch Friday 13th March 12.30pm - 2pm in the Village Hall. Please do join us for a bowl of soup, a slice of bread with a piece of cake. £7, all proceeds in aid of Rutland Foodbank. Everyone is welcome!

Church Spring Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 21st March from 10.30am - 12 noon at the home of Gerald and Rosemary Clifton, Craven House, Middle Street, Wing. Raffle and Bring and Buy stall. Everyone welcome.

The Easter Sunday service of Holy Communion will be held in church at 9.30am and will be led by Rev’d Peter Collins.

Remembrance Lilies for Easter Sunday If you would like someone remembered in the Sunday Easter Service please enter name/ names on the list which will be in Wing Church.

The **Annual Parish Church Meeting** will be held on Saturday 11th April at 10.30am in church. All are welcome to attend. This will be followed by a meeting of the newly elected PCC.



Join us for the
**LAST VILLAGE BREAKFAST
 OF THE SEASON!**

Whether you fancy a ‘Full Winglish’
 (veggie option available),
 a bacon/sausage bap,
 or just a coffee and a chat.
Sunday 8th March, 9am - 11am.

Cash and cards taken.
 Full breakfast £7.50, add hash browns, beans or black
 pudding for just 50p each. Baps £4.



A mini folk supergroup!
 - Tradfolk

WING VILLAGE HALL (LE15 8SA)
Saturday 25 April, 7:30pm

£15.00 (Standard)
 BOOK NOW 01572 737394 (John Hackett)
 Including nibbles, Licensed bar & Cash Raffle
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We are planning a **plant stall** on a date to be decided. If you are dividing perennials or have spare seedlings please let us know and we will use them to raise funds for Wing Village Hall / Church. Many thanks Wendy Dalton

Rutland Foodbank Wish-List Spring 2026

Not Needed at the Moment



Long-life milk (blue & green)
Tinned meats (mince & onion, spag bol)
Tinned pies
Pasta sauces
Sugar
Jams & spreads
Washing-up liquid
Hand soap
Men's deodorants



Please note we cannot accept over the counter medication, alcohol, fresh, homemade, open or out of date foods



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St Mary Edith Weston	1st March Lent 2	8th March Lent 3	15th March Mothering Sunday	22nd March Lent 5 Passiontide	29th March Palm Sunday	Mon 30th Tue 31st HolyWeek Reflections
St Peter Empingham	10.00am All Age Service		11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion Benefice Service	
St Martin of Tours Lyndon	11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer				
St Mary Manton		9.30am All Age Service		11.00am Holy Communion		Tues 31 st 7.00pm Reflection
St John the Baptist North Luffenham			9.30am Holy Communion	9.30 am Breakfast Church		
St Nicholas Pilton		4.30pm Holy Communion				
St Peter and St Paul Preston	11.00am Meeting Place	11.00am Holy Communion		4.00pm Evening Prayer		Mon 30th 7.00pm Reflection
St Mary Magdalene and St Andrew Ridlington	4.00pm Quiet Service	9.30am Holy Communion		9.30am Morning Prayer		
St Michael Whitwell				4.30pm Holy Communion		
St Peter and St Paul Wing	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer		9.30am Morning Prayer		

For details of Holy Week and Easter Services please see page 4

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