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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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November is the month of Remembrance. On the 1st we remember All Saints, and on the 2nd commemorate all the faithful departed on All Souls day.

We light up the sky to remember the 5th of November and 'Gunpowder, Treason, and the Plot' to blow up the English Parliament and King James I.

The Nation and Commonwealth observe Armistice Day with a two-minute silence at 11:00 am on 11th November. This moment is a collective act of remembrance for those who have died in military conflicts. The silence is observed at war memorials, in workplaces, schools, and shops, reflecting the unity and respect for the sacrifices made by the Armed Forces.

Remembrance Sunday is a significant day in the calendar of the Church, when we honour the sacrifices of military and civilian service people in World Wars and other conflicts and pay tribute to the animals who served alongside them. A two-minute silence at 11:00am is followed by The Act of Remembrance, where names are read, poppy wreaths laid, and prayers offered.

Remembrance Sunday supports those who have been injured in war recognising the challenges veterans and their families face today and honours those who continue to serve in the Armed Forces.

We also remember to learn from history and experiences and avoid repeating past mistakes. The philosopher George Santayana warns "those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

To look back at the past is to take a step towards the future, and Isaiah's prophecy of peace, "when they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore" (Isaiah 2:4)

This is why we remember.

Peter

Rev'd Peter Collins

EDITH WESTON

Armistice Day

Remembrance Day will be marked this year on Wednesday November 11th at 10.45am, by ringing of the church bells half muffled followed by a brief act of remembrance at the Lancaster memorial by the church gate. Do join us to honour the courage, sacrifice and enduring spirit of those who served.

Afterwards there will be a social gathering for everyone at the village hall, with a lunch of delicious homemade soup, and a chance to view an exhibition of Edith Weston village history, researched by village historian Liz Tyler, which gives insight into life in Edith Weston during the two world wars, the lives of those mentioned on the war memorial, and memories of those evacuated here. Many thanks, Hilary

OUR WONDERFUL EDITH WESTON CHRISTMAS FAYRE IS NEARLY UPON US 🎄🎄🎄

Saturday 28th November 10.30am - 3.00pm at Edith Weston Village Hall

We very much look forward to seeing everyone from 10.30am to 3.00pm. We have an extensive range of professional stalls with some new additions too!

Our local community are busy baking and making for our village produce stall and this year you will be able to pre-order your Christmas cakes which will include a vegan option. (Get in touch via Edith Weston Village Facebook Page and message direct.)

Father Christmas will be returning once again and the grotto will be full of presents, tinsel and our Christmas elf will be ready to meet and greet the children too.

The Christmas Cafe will be open for teas, coffees, cakes and treats and place to sit and chat.

And last but certainly not least we are busy creating a brilliant raffle with some very special prizes ready to be won with highlights such as a balloon ride over the county.

Entry £7.50 Phone 07909661649 to book. We look forward to seeing everyone on the day! Edith Weston Fundraising Committee

Haley Brothers

Live music from the Haley Brothers on **Saturday November 7th 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 message Sarah Lunn 07502 437700

Christmas Carol Service - Sunday 20th December 6pm

All ages welcome. More details to follow.

Edith Weston Harvest Supper

Edith Weston's Harvest Supper, held on Thursday 1st October at the Village Hall, was a lively evening of hearty food, a raffle and good company. The cheerful noise suggested everyone had a wonderful time, whilst raising £1,480 for the church.

Thank you for your support.

Joanna and Toni

It was indeed a fun-filled evening and on behalf of the village I would like to thank Joanna and Toni (and Richard and David) for all their efforts this year and for the past several years. The organisation has been impeccable, and delicious food prepared and served with expertise and good humour. They will be a hard act to follow but please step up if you feel you could be part of the team continuing this uplifting event into the future in support of the church's finances and the villagers' spirits.

Edith Weston 100 Club winners

Congratulations to the winners in November:

£30 Mrs A Sinclair

£20 Mrs M Palmer

£10 Mrs C Pegg

£10 gift voucher for the village shop kindly donated by Helen & Andy – Ms Longueville

There is no snowball prize winner this month.

Christmas Card Fund Raising Appeal 2026

This years Christmas Card appeal will start on Saturday 5th December 2026. If you would like to be involved please write a Christmas Card to the village, sign it and include your monetary donation for the church inside the envelope (cheques made payable to Edith Weston PCC).

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

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

This is a wonderful way to raise very much needed funds for our beautiful village church and help keep it open.

With thanks and much appreciation, Edith Weston PCC

Safari Supper – Saturday 6th February 2027

Our ever-popular Safari Supper will take place on Saturday 6th February. It's a wonderful evening of food, friendship, and fun as we move from house to house for each course. We have an exciting new format this year, more details (and sign-up information) will follow soon – but please **save the date!**

Joanna and Toni

Edith Weston Academy

We have had another wonderful start to the academic year at Edith Weston Academy, with lots of exciting happenings!

From opening our new forest area, to welcoming our new sports company, Elite Sports Academy, the children have had a fantastic time.

Our families have visited weekly for our 'stay and read' sessions, we have hosted our first movie night of the year, and we have welcomed several new families to our nursery, preschool and school.

There has been a lot of exciting and engaging learning taking place throughout our school, and we have all been impressed with how well the children have settled into their new year groups.

Our classrooms are looking inviting and purposeful, and our new staff are wonderful additions to our school.

I am very pleased to announce that we have received a grant from Tower Poetry which enables us to sign up for Poetry by Heart this year. We look forward to defending our 'Best in County' title.

We are always delighted to welcome new families to our wonderful school and are offering personalised tours of our nursery, preschool and school to those who are looking to join us. You do not have to live in Edith Weston to join our school, so please do contact us if you would like to come and see us in action.

We can't wait to see where this year takes us and look forward to seeing visitors soon!

Ellie Kapler, Headteacher, Edith Weston Academy

EMPINGHAM

News from St Peter's Church

A celebration for the life of Pat Harris was held in the church on Monday 26th October. Pat and her late husband, David, were regulars at St Peter's for many years. Pat ran the Benefice choir and also contributed regularly to services. We will miss her and we send our sympathies to her family.

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S

Thank you very much to everyone who has supported the appeal to keep our beautiful, old church open for the future. We have made a very good start and all your generous donations are already helping to improve the finances. Please consider supporting your village church if you haven't already done so. We are by no means out of the woods yet.

Exciting News! Exciting News! Exciting News!

The church has secured Match Funding for 3 years on the money raised by the appeal to the village, up to a total each year of £5000. This is a fantastic news. It means that every pound given is now worth **DOUBLE**. We would love to hit the £5000 per year target and unlock the maximum match funding – please consider helping with this.

More information available from Susan Painter - empinghampcc@gmail.com

Don't forget **COFFEE and CAKES** every Wednesday 10.30 – 12.00 in the church. Drop in for a chat and delicious cakes made by someone different every week. All ages very welcome – we have a well-stocked children's corner as well.

ARMISTICE DAY

On Wednesday 11th November 2026 at 11 am, a short service will be held at the War Memorial in Empingham Cemetery to acknowledge Armistice Day and remember all those that have given their lives in war, to which all are welcome.

Following the service coffee and cake will be available at St Peter's Church.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Last month saw the funeral of Peter Baker who had lived in the village for many years.

Peter was an enthusiastic supporter of the Royal British Legion and was Chairman of the Village Group and Empingham Area Poppy Appeal Organiser. His role as Poppy Area Organiser involved arranging collections, not only in Empingham but also Tickencote, Whitwell, Edith Weston and other local

villages.

Over his many years of service, from 1997-2020, he helped raise an incredible £96,923.46.

Poppy collections still continue with boxes located at the village shops, pubs, schools and local eateries.

Please support the Royal British Legion during their Poppy Appeal, 22nd October until 11th November. Kate Neal

BELL RINGING

At 5pm on Wednesday 18th November, visiting ringers will be ringing a Full Peal of church bells at St Peter's.

This is a continuous, non-stop performance of change ringing, lasting 3 hours, during which ringers play at least 5,000 non-repeated mathematical sequences. This is all from memory.

Ringling a full peal is often described as the bell ringing equivalent of a marathon.

If you are inspired by the sound of the bells and would like to learn to ring please contact Kate Neal 01780 460501.

Is your little one starting school in September 2027? If so **Empingham C of E Primary School** would love to invite you to one of our **Open Mornings!**

They are happening on Tuesday 10th November and Thursday 3rd December from 900am until 1200pm - we cannot wait to show you around our most wonderful school. Parents and children love the school because it is so so friendly, the children are happy and comfortable at the school plus everyone is made to feel part of a family. The children enjoy learning because they are happy and listened to, it is a little treasure of a school!

To book your place, please contact the school office on 01780 460246 - our new headteacher Mr Wakefield and all of the fantastic teachers, cannot wait to meet you and show you around our school.

Rutland Big Band

Get Ready to Swing into Christmas with the Rutland Big Band on Monday 7th December.

The biggest band from the smallest county is coming to St. Peter's Church, Empingham for an unforgettable night of music with a festive twist. Join us on Monday 7th December as the Rutland Big Band fills the church with classic hits from the big band era, featuring the fabulous sounds of Count Basie,

Glenn Miller, Ella Fitzgerald, Etta James and the Jools Holland Orchestra. Dust off your favourite Christmas jumper for its first outing of the festive season. There will be plenty of mince pies and mulled wine to keep you warm, and a great opportunity to tap your feet and dance in the aisles.

Doors open at 7:00 PM

Band starts at 7:30 PM

Ticket price £12 pp. Under 12s free. Available online (link below) or on-the-door.

Proceeds to St.Peter's Church, so come along, enjoy the music and support a great cause.

<https://www.ticketsource.com/rutland-big-band/t-kdzzradz>

Activities at Empingham Methodist Church

ACTIVITIES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Bekkie Wright 07355981564 RevBekkiewright@gmail.com

SERVICES DURING NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday

1st 10.45am – REV BEKKIE WRIGHT – including Holy Communion.

8th 10.45am UNITED REMEMBRANCE SERVICE with REV ANDREW HOLLINS.

15th **4PM** TEA TIME CHURCH with REV BEKKIE – A service for young families

22nd CAFÉ CHURCH – with SARAH ATWELL-KING – a service but different.

29th **3pm.** AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP – Favourite Hymns – Tea together.

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.

Empingham Parish Council

Empingham Parish Council is committed to serving and supporting the local community. The October meeting was held on 7th October, with a good number of members of the public attending, alongside both Ward Councillors. During the meeting, it was agreed that a new Grant Policy will include a *Community Chest* — a fixed annual fund to provide several smaller grants throughout the year, each for a set amount. It was also agreed that applications for larger grants should be submitted by 1st December each year for consideration and approval for the following financial year.

Our next meeting will be held at the Audit Hall on 4th November 2026 at 7 pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend, and there will be an opportunity to ask questions or raise any concerns under Agenda Item 3: Public Questions. Attending a Parish Council meeting is an ideal way to learn more about the village and its ongoing activities. Agendas are displayed on the noticeboard next to the Medical Centre and are also available on the Parish Council website and Facebook page.

Empingham Village (Audit) Hall

EMPINGHAM PRE-CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Saturday 5 December 2026

9.15am – 11.00am

Come and join us for a delicious cooked breakfast and a lovely start to the festive season.

Enjoy good food, warm conversation and the chance to catch up with friends and neighbours in a welcoming and festive atmosphere.

Adults £8.00. Children £4.00 Vegetarian and gluten-free options available.

Everyone is welcome — we look forward to seeing you!

Empingham Audit Hall Mini Ernie

Draw no 10

1st	£20	92	Jonathan Roland	2nd	£15	166	Marlene Branagh
3rd	£10	162	Gary Cooper				

Empingham Cricket and Social Club

The club is open as follows:

From 5.15 pm on Wednesdays

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

Saturday 31st October, Kids halloween party in afternoon, followed by a grownup halloween party in the evening

Thursday 5th November fireworks night

Monday November 16th Unveiling of Peter Moor memorial bench

Saturday 12th December Christmas party

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.

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

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

Empingham Garden Club

The next meeting of the Empingham Garden Club will be on 23rd November 2026 at 7.30pm at the Empingham Cricket Club.

The speaker will be Martin Keeley, who will give a talk on Rutland Willow and a demonstration.

You are very welcome to come along to the meeting at no charge to see if you like the Garden Club. The bar will be open.

Girls Night Out

Girls Night Out are holding a film night at the Cricket Club on November 17th at 7.30 pm.

The last film night was enjoyed by everyone and this time there will be a lighthearted choice to cheer up the dark of November. The cost will be £5 to cover overheads.

Mens Shed

On Tuesday 24th November, starting at 7.30pm in the Cricket & Social Club, Squadron Leader John Rowe will give a talk on 'Markors, Mallards and Scorpions; Life in the RAF'. No, not on wildlife, but about his career to date in the RAF - including his time in Search & Rescue, serving in Cyprus, firefighting, training and more besides.

All are welcome, visitors £5. For any questions please contact

bobwillars@sky.com

Empingham Allotments Association

A successful Help Morning on the 3rd of October saw more than twenty members and families on site. Hedges were trimmed, communal areas tidied and the, newly-formed flower group planted up some of the raised beds.

Thank you to all involved. So much was accomplished in a couple of hours.

There are still vacant plots for anyone who would like to join our friendly growing community.

Contact Kate at empingham.allotments@gmail.com.

Acoustic Vibes at the Audit Hall

Empingham Together hosted a fantastic night of live music and super food at the Audit Hall on 12th September. People were on their feet enjoying the music, the wine flowed and a great time was had by all, raising money for the Audit Hall and local Food Banks.

The Audit Hall plan to do a repeat event next year, so keep you eyes peeled for a date in 2027, as tickets are limited.

THE TWISTED TROUT, EMPINGHAM, What's On!

Psychic Supper – Wednesday 1st November 6:30pm for 7pm start. £25 per person, food included after readings (choice of Spaghetti Bolognese or Creamy Mushroom Pasta both served with Garlic Bread)

Wreath Making – 2 Workshops

26th November 6:30pm till 9:30pm or 1st December 10am till 1pm (Materials & Refreshments included) £40 per person.

Live Music with Joanne Williamson-Smith Friday 4th December from 8pm

Christmas Makers Market Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th December

11am-4pm

Christmas Party as you want it.

Want a Christmas Party your way, come and have a chat and see what we can do bespoke to you!

MANTON

MANTON VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB Winning numbers for October 2026. **£20:** 63 Maggie Kelly **£10:** 46 Debbie Rock **£10:** 74 Finola Hornby **£5:** 119 Mark Taylor **£5:** 44 John Cowan. This month's snowball **£60** was not won. Next month's Snowball **£70** may be won. If you would like to join the 150 Club and help support the Village Hall contact the Promoter, John Stones Tel: 01572 827944.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 12 November – 10.30 - 12.00

At the home of Sue Shepherd, 14A, Priory Road

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

FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received.

RUTLAND SHOW CHOIR

First rehearsal Monday 23 November

A new singing group is coming together. Show tunes, pop and soft rock. No

need to be able to read music. All abilities welcome. £5. For the joy of singing... Contact johnrmcmillan@hotmail.com

COFFEE MORNING and BRING & BUY

Thursday 10 December – 10.30-12.00

At the home of Finola Hornby, The Croft, 9 Lyndon Road

Any problems/lifts needed please contact Anne (01572737503)

FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received.

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 28 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 WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP – MANTON VILLAGE HALL

Sunday 13 December - 10.30am - 12.30pm to include 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 at ST MARY'S MANTON

Saturday 19 December - 10am-12noon Decorate the Church for Christmas. Help to put up the Nativity Scenes, decorate the trees, create flower arrangements, childrens activities.

FREE – Coffee/Squash/Mince Pies and Biscuits

Monday 21 December 6pm in the church. “CAROLS for CRISIS

“ Come to the church ready to sing whilst raising funds for CRISIS (Homelessness in the UK) Bring lots of money to donate to this very worth while cause. Afterwards – Mulled wine/Ribena and Mince Pies will be served.
FREE

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MORE FROM MANTON

Thursday 24 December – 4pm in the church Childrens **Christingle Service** with Rev Peter Collins Afterwards, Tea, Mince Pies and biscuits will be served.

Friday 25 December – Details to follow.

SAFARI SUPPER

Saturday 30 January 2027

Please contact Anne (annecowan38@gmail.com) to book your place and host a course. Please specify which course you would like to host – Starter, Main or Pud – and for how many – anything from 4-12, including yourselves. If you are new to the Safari Supper or are unable to host a course, please book in with Anne as there are a few places available for guests.

We can cope with dietary requirements but they **must be stated** at the time of booking.

Tickets will be £25 for a 3 course meal plus Coffee and chocolates. Bring your own drinks. All money raised will go to St Marys Church, Manton

HORSE and JOCKEY- What's on in November! 01572 737335

Manton Village Supper Club 19th November. Two home made courses for £15. All welcome. Booking only.

Festive Village Supper Club 17th December Roast turkey with all the trimmings, Christmas Pudding and Brandy Cream. Two courses £15. Bookings only, space limited.

Fish and Chips Takeaway Supper Get your takeaway from the pub every Tuesday, £12.50. Advance telephone orders are preferable.

11th November, 11.30am free coffee at the pub for all attendees of the Manton Village Remembrance Day Act of Commemoration

New Dishes on the Menu

Freshly prepared, homemade cooked favourites alongside a selection of Greek-inspired dishes, bringing you great food made with care and plenty of flavour. Generous portions, friendly pub atmosphere.

NORTH LUFFENHAM CHURCH - St JOHN THE BAPTIST



The annual service of Harvest Festival took place on the last Sunday in September. The occasion was particularly special as the Church received the gift of a new Chalice and Paten from the Sewell family in memory of Geoff Sewell who had been churchwarden of St John the Baptist for 44 years. A lovely morning of worship, friendship and socialising after the service.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE : Lest We Forget

The Annual Remembrance Sunday Service will take place on Sunday 8th November in the Church starting at 10:45am. As is customary, there will be a collection for the Royal British Legion.

Church Questionnaire

By the time this magazine lands on your doormats the church survey will have been completed. Many thanks indeed to all those who submitted completed questionnaire forms, or submitted responses online. Your participation is really meaningful in helping shape the future of your village church. We will analyse the replies in the coming weeks and publish the findings in a later edition of this magazine.

++ SAVE THE DATE ++

The North Luffenham Carol Service will take place on **THURSDAY 17th**

December starting at 7:00pm. Mulled Wine and mince pies.

BONFIRE NIGHT

North Luffenham - Thursday 5th November 2026

The annual Bonfire & Fireworks event hosted by the North Luffenham Parish Council will go ahead on The Oval on Thursday 5th November 2026. All are welcome.

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

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

Cricket Club BBQ. Mulled wine Sparklers

More volunteers are needed on the night to assist with Stewarding & Bucket Collections. If you can help, please email timsmith@northluffenham.org.uk

St MARY and St JOHN CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher Hannah Roddy writes :We have had a very busy start to the new academic year here at SMSJ. We have started with great football success, winning both the boys and girls Pokémon Cup which was held at Royce Rangers in Oakham. Both teams will go on to represent Rutland in the next stage of the cup, held at Judgemeadow school in Leicester.

We held a wonderful Harvest Festival in the church - it was packed to the rafters! Each class contributed to the worship and we had an altar full of donations for Rutland Foodbank.

On Saturday 7th November we have our Open Morning - please let the office know if you are able to join us - office@northluffenham.rutland.sch.uk.



VILLAGE WEBSITE – “The Corner Shop”

Just a reminder that there is a special area of the North Luffenham village website where local businesses can advertise their services – “The Corner Shop”.

You can access via the village website www.northluffenham.com so if you have a local business or event you would like to advertise, use the form to submit details of your services and the web editing team will add an entry for you.

For more general village notices and events, please send your announcement to editors@northluffenham.com.

To join over 800 other subscribers & receive an email alert each time a new post is added to northluffenham.com, please click on the relevant button on the home page of the village website.

GOOD COMPANIONS

Good Companions Go Wild for Bear Rescue

Members of the Good Companions Club in North Luffenham enjoyed a fascinating and wonderfully illustrated talk by Keith Gilbody, local resident and retired veteran, who shared his experiences of volunteering at a bear rescue centre in Manitoba,

Canada.

Keith introduced us to several memorable characters, but the star of the presentation was Reggie. We followed his journey from a tiny cub through a wonderful collection of photographs and film clips. Along the way, we saw Reggie growing steadily bigger, before the uplifting moment of his eventual release back into the wild.

It was an unusual, informative and thoroughly enjoyable presentation. Our warm thanks go to Keith for sharing his experiences and bringing the story of the Manitoba rescue centre so vividly to life.

For our November meeting, we will be taking a trip to Springfields Shopping Centre in Spalding, for some early Christmas shopping and treats.

If you know of anyone who might benefit from coming along to the club, please encourage them to give us a try. For further information 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, between 2pm and 4pm. Join us in making our village a place where no one feels alone, and everyone has a companion.

CHATER BOWLS CLUB

Autumn has arrived and Chater bowls has now closed its doors for the season.

Thanks to the very amenable weather, we managed to bowl for another two weeks which was very enjoyable. It has been a very entertaining season and we welcomed eight new members.

We were awarded an additional round of grant funding from Rutland County Council. With this funding we will be installing a rainwater collection system, and for the club house, a couple of ceiling fans to make it more comfortable for our members. Additionally, we plan to add some electric sockets that will enable us to use the far end of the club house more resourcefully.

Our season is now closed and we return in April 2027. As a reminder we roll up on Tuesdays and Thursdays 2-4 pm. We have two tiers of membership: player and social. If you are interested to find out more, either as a beginner or seasoned player, please contact our secretary, Jane Potter. We hope to see you in the 2027 season.

07986 149162 chaterbowlsclub@outlook.com

The Fox North Luffenham www.thefoxrutland.co.uk

Tel : 01780 720991

A warm welcome awaits you at The Fox

Our **Autumn/Winter menu** along with our December **Festive menu** is now available

on our website to view. Why not treat yourself this Christmas and celebrate with a festive feast.

By popular request we also have our two dinner party nights including a 3 course dinner,

tribute act and dancing. Ideal for small small groups and work celebrations.

Wednesday 10th Dec - Abba

Wednesday 16th Dec - Kylie

Sunday lunch served from 12noon to 4pm

Please contact us on 01780 720991 to make a reservation.

Quiz night - Every Monday 8.30pm All Welcome

PRESTON

COFFEE MORNING on Saturday 7 November, 10 am – 12 noon, in the Village Hall

This month we are supporting the Brain Tumour Charity. Everybody welcome!

THE BAYEUX TAPESTRY

Preston Village Hall on Monday 16 November at 7.30 pm.

An illustrated talk by Michael Burton, journalist and historian, on the story told by the Bayeux Tapestry and the complementary significance of the stories in the margins.

Open to all. Entrance £10 at the door, to include a glass of wine. Booking advisable.

Please contact bryan19howard@gmail.com. Phone: 01572 737356 or 07765 686149.



Get ready for a wonderful day of Christmas cheer at the Preston Christmas Market!

Join us at Preston Village Hall on **Saturday 21st November, 10am–4:30pm**, for a festive day packed with everything you need to get into the Christmas spirit!

-  Discover unique handmade gifts and artisan crafts
-  Browse festive decorations and more
-  Enjoy delicious tea, coffee, cakes and festive treats
-  Warm up with a cosy mulled wine
-  Support local small businesses and talented makers
-  Find something special for everyone on your Christmas list!

With a beautiful festive atmosphere, local stalls and plenty of Christmas treats, it's the perfect opportunity to shop local, meet friends and enjoy a magical start to the Christmas season. Bring your family, bring your friends to enjoy a little Christmas magic! All proceeds divided between Preston Church and the Village Hall.

MUSIC MATTERS - NOVEMBER 2026

The next session of music matters will be held at Preston village hall at **7.30 pm on Friday 27th November**. All welcome.

If you would like to be added to the WhatsApp group then please contact Tony on 07738443784.

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, Emma and Jane for the flowers. Thank you so much!

RIDLINGTON

CHURCH SERVICES - Everyone welcome to attend and to enjoy the refreshments afterwards -

1st November - 9:30 Morning Prayer for All Saints Day

8th November - 10:50 Remembrance Service

- 18:00 Holy Communion in Celtic Tradition led by the Rector

22nd November - 9:30 Morning Prayer

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Carol Service on Sunday, 20th December at 16:30.

THANKS TO -

- the many folk who kindly donated at our Harvest Home to the Food Bank collection;
- the many folk who donated to our annual Smalls for All collection;
- the soup and scone makers at our Souper Saturday on 24th October and all those who attended to taste what was on offer.
- everyone who came along or had a takeaway on Curry Night on Saturday 5 October. This was a great success with delicious food provided and expertly cooked by Jan Powley. - a big thank you from the Hall Trustees. £685 was raised for the village hall.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION - Please continue to support this very worthwhile local charity. We are told that activity levels are higher with even greater demand anticipated in the autumn - if every household donated one item a month the boxes in the church porch would be full by each of the collection days - the next one is on 11th November. A list of requested items is displayed on the church notice board. As in previous years the Food Bank will issue a Reverse Advent Calendar - as soon as this is available details will be displayed in the church porch.

SOUPER SATURDAY - Thanks to the award of a Small Grant from Rutland County Council funded by Public Health, Rutland Integrated Care Board and Rutland County Council to cover food and electricity costs we will once again provide soup lunches once a month through from October to March. The second will be held in the

will be held in the Village Hall on **Saturday, 21st November (12 noon to 13:30)**. Please join us to help build stronger community connections. We ask for a minimum donation of £5 per person for soup, cheese scone and bread: donations to be used towards the insurance costs of the church.

ECO CHURCH - our walk this month will be on **Stir Up Sunday- 22nd November**; the traditional day to start making Christmas puddings. Meet in the church porch for a short stroll followed by light refreshments. Please let Debra know if you will attend.

Are you up for a challenge? Saturday, 28th November has been designated "Buy Nothing Day": can you do it?

RIDLINGTON TALKS CLIMATE - many thanks to the 45 people who attended the Public Emergency Briefing film screening on 24 September. After a lively discussion, it was agreed to talk further about how best to take action as a community. The next step will be a participative event on **Saturday 14 November at 2.00-3.30pm** in the Village Hall. Refreshments will be provided. Please come along and be part of the launch of the Ridlington Climate Action Network! Email ridlingtoncan@gmail.com to register your interest.

GETTING ON TOWARDS CHRISTMAS

- the Quiz in aid of Ridlington Playing Field Charity is on **Friday 27 November 6.30pm for 7.00pm**. Email playingfieldtrustees@yahoo.com or contact Trustees Ruth, Julie, Simon or Richard for details
- Christmas Social Evening on **Friday 18 December 7.00.- 10.30pm** in the Village Hall.
- please participate in the village Christmas card scheme by sending one card and making a donation to the three village charities. All cards are then displayed in the church. Please pass your card and donation to Debra.
- Fancy Carol singing around the village? We are trying to gauge interest - please let Debra know if you are interested.
- The New Year: yes, said we were looking ahead. We need volunteers to open/close the church, clean the church, and to arrange the altar flowers. Also, looking forward to the spring we need volunteers to be churchwarden, treasurer, secretary and members of the PCC.

WHITWELL

St Michael and All Angels Church

Open Thursday to Sunday 10.00am - 4.00pm

Sunday 18th November 3.00 pm. Holy Communion Service.

The Michaelmas Pop-up Tea

fundraiser. Alongside offering cream teas and other refreshments the event featured a Grand Raffle, Tombola, Mini Raffle and sales of baked cakes and savories, jams, plants, and second hand books. Whitwell PCC and villagers are very grateful for donations from our supporting companies; **Aldemar Resorts, Hambleton Bakery, Otters Fine Foods, The Rutland Vineyard and The Twisted Trout,** Empingham. Thanks to all the villagers and their friends who donated the vast array of tombola prizes, and baked and cooked!

We were joined by the High Sheriff, Susannah Fish OBE and her husband James and hope she will be able to come again to inaugurate our bells when these are rehung.

The event, which was held inside the church due to forecast rain, raised a total of **£1548** for the church. Many thanks also to those who helped run the event on the day.



100 Club. The next draw will take place on Saturday November 7th, 5.30 - 6pm

WING

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

Harvest Festival Service Thank you to everyone who so kindly decorated the Church so beautifully for Harvest, donated food for the Rutland Foodbank and gave so generously to the collection which will be sent to Medic Malawi .

CHURCH AUTUMN COFFEE MORNING Will be held at the home of **Mrs Carole Morris Churchfield 1 Top Street Wing. On Saturday 21st November Coffee/tea and biscuits, raffle and Christmas themed bring and buy stall. Everyone very welcome.**

Village Hall

There won't be a Village Breakfast in November, but we'll be back in December! We look forward to seeing everyone then for another delicious Sunday morning together.

The Wing Pop-Up Pub will be back at the Village Hall on Friday 27th November! Come along for a drink, catch up with friends and enjoy a good

old-fashioned village get-together. And we suspect quite a few of us will be making our way up to the newly opened King's Arms afterwards to carry on the evening!

Keep Calm and Curry On!

Spice up your November with a Curry Night at Wing Village Hall on Saturday 21st November! Good food, good company and hopefully a little heat! Scan the QR code to sign up and reserve your place.



Wing WI will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 12 November at 7.00pm in Wing Village Hall, LE15 8SA. If you are interested in joining the WI please contact Judith [01572 737761](tel:01572737761) quilt9@gmail.com or Jane [01572 737324](tel:01572737324), janegilmore7@gmail.com

Wednesday Craft group meets the Village Hall at 10am. All are welcome.

The October **100 Club** draw made at Coffee Morning on October 1st 2026 produced the following winners.

1st 43 £25 Malcolm Milner. 2nd 107 £15 John Lord. 3rd 50 £10 Vivia Crump.

Much ado about Falstaff - a comedy by Simon Downing will be performed in Wing Village Hall on Saturday 14th November at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from John Hackett 01572 737394

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The Rutland Water Benefice		
Village	Churchwardens	Magazine Correspondents
Edith Weston	(Judith Needham) 01780 720609	Miranda Palmer 07713 715250
Empingham	Position vacant	Stephen St Clair- Thompson 07963 973991
Lyndon	Lady Conant 01572 737275	Susan Day 01572 737403
Manton	Anne Cowan 01572 737503	Roger Hornby 01572 737367
North Luffenham	Patrick Woods 01780 721872	Nic Merrett 07801 983530
Pilton	Jayne Williams 07711 623362	Volunteer needed
Preston	Position vacant	Angela Ed Jones angela.ej@btinternet.com
Ridlington	Debra Thatcher 01572 823910	Sarah Tyerman sarahtlondon@aol.com
Whitwell	Mary Bell 01780 460205 Tony Godwin 07906 134316	Marlen Godwin marlen@fcdcom.co.uk
Wing	David Wood 01572 737465 Alice Hill 01572 737516	Jeffy Wood jeffywood1@gmail.com



	1st November All Saints Day	8th November Remembrance Sunday	15th November 2nd before Advent	22nd November Christ the King	29th November Advent Sunday
St Mary Edith Weston			11th November 10.45 Armistice	9.30am Holy Communion	
St Peter Empingham	10.00am All Age Service	10.45am Remembrance Service at the Methodist Church	11.00am Holy Communion		
St Martin of Tours Lyndon	11.00am Holy Communion				
St Mary Manton		10.00.am All Age Service		11.00am Holy Communion	
St John the Baptist North Luffenham		10.45am Remembrance Service	9.30am Holy Communion	4.00pm All Age Service	
St Nicholas Pilton			11.00am Holy Communion		
SS Peter and Paul Preston	11.00am Meeting Place	10.45am Act of Remembrance		4.00pm Evening Prayer	11.00am Benefice Holy Communion
SS Mary and Andrew Ridlington	9.30am Morning Prayer	10.50am Act of Remembrance 6pm Celtic/ Iona Tradition HC		9.30am Morning Prayer	
St Michael and All Angels Whitwell		With Empingham's Act of Remembrance	3.00pm Holy Communion		
SS Peter and Paul Wing	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Act of Remembrance		9.30am Morning Prayer	

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