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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

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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 Collins

Village shops are the heartbeat of village life, vital to the social fabric of a parish and playing a crucial role in fostering a sense of community identity. As social hubs they form part of the quiet bonds which hold community life together providing spaces for interaction, information, and support.

Village shops serve the health and well-being of a parish, from providing essential goods locally and enabling shopping for those with limited transport options, to providing key outlets for local produce and helping to reduce community isolation and loneliness.

Jesus' childhood and formative years were spent in a small village called Nazareth, where the marketplace served as the primary hub for commercial activities, social interactions, and village information. Marketplaces evolving into the permanent shops of today's retail landscape.

The Gospels record the importance of the marketplace where Jesus engaged with the community and interacted with people from various walks of life, and where he performed acts of healing (Mark 6:56).

Likewise, we should never take our social hubs for granted, but support our churches, halls, pubs, and community centres as the quiet bonds that support village life, and cherish our village shops as the heartbeat of daily living.

We look forward to the opening of Empingham's village shop currently undergoing renovation and modernization works.

Peter



As the season of Harvest festivals continues please continue to remember to donate to the **Rutland Foodbank** collection points whether in your village church or in local supermarkets. Sadly, but not unsurprisingly, demand for food parcels distributed by the Rutland Foodbank is increasing. Please see the list of suggested items on page 37

EDITH WESTON

U3A

On Wednesday 9th September we had the pleasure of welcoming Oakham U3A to St Mary's Church, Edith Weston.

Revd Peter Collins delivered a fabulous and informative speech punctuated by his usual hilarious anecdotes.

Many thanks to our bakers: Judy, Toni, Miranda and Sarah who enabled us to put on an amazing afternoon tea. A massive round of applause to Sarah for helping to make the event such a success. All contributions will go towards maintaining our beautiful village church.

Tracey Lawson.

Thank you Tracey for organising - and baking!

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!! Saturday 28th November 10.30am - 3.00pm

Edith Weston Christmas Fayre 🎄 🎄 🎄

Our wonderful Christmas Fayre is returning to Edith Weston Village Hall on Saturday 28th November.

We very much look forward to seeing everyone from 10.30am to 3.00pm.

We are working hard behind the scenes to make the Fayre the best way to get everyone into the Christmas spirit.

We have an extensive range of stalls including some new additions.

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. (You can get in touch via Edith Weston Village Facebook Page.)

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 as a 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.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the day!

Edith Weston Fundraising Committee

Haley Brothers

Back by popular request. 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 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

Edith Weston Village Hall 100 Club

Congratulations to the winners in October:

£30 Mr & Mrs Walling. £20. Mr J Griffin. £10. Miss G Gray

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

There is no snowball prize winner this month



BELL BULLETIN



By Belle

The bells in the Edith Weston church tower have undergone their annual maintenance service, along with work to help preserve the wheels. They now look and sound resplendent, and it has been noticed that they are ringing more smoothly.

This essential work was carried out by Gus and our Tower Captain, Tracey — a big thank you to them both!

Tracey has also started teaching a basic bell-handling course to a couple of people from Empingham.

If you have ever wondered about giving bell ringing a try, please do come along to one of our small group sessions, where you would be made very welcome.

For more information, please contact Tracey on **07761 310720**

EMPINGHAM

News from St Peter's Church

St. Peter's threw open its door even wider on Saturday 12th September to welcome everyone to a Community Open Day and what a day it was! There were flowers in profusion, very kindly given and

arranged by members of the church floral rota who are to be thanked for all the beautiful floral decorations they create throughout the year - we are so grateful to them.

From the decorative bunting over the front door and throughout much of the church, the atmosphere was electric and convivial. Every club and society in the village was represented, including the Garden Club selling plants, the Men's Shed displaying & selling woodwork with the magnificent history boards behind them showing the progress of village life through the ages and Girls Night Out who made and sold so many delicious cakes (until they sold out!) when they very kindly donated their takings to church maintenance funds. Then there was a Bottle Tombola, always a popular feature with many winners, and again the proceeds from that were also donated to church funds. A wonderful treasure hunt/quiz had been put together for people to discover ten little-known features about the church, who were given a map to show what they had found. It was quite challenging but everyone who took part were awarded with sweetness at the end! At the other end of the church, on the red carpet of the chancel, Rick Simmons from the Empingham Bowls Club provided an opportunity for anyone to try out carpet bowls which also proved popular. In the morning David Whittle very kindly played the organ which was lovely to hear and later in the day there was a music medley on trumpet, saxophone and piano provided by the talented Franklin family.

Many societies such as the Bell Ringers, the Allotment Association and Pilates group all signed up new volunteers/clients while the ongoing and vital parts of the village were there to represent their particular interests such as the Neighbourhood Plan, the P T A from Empingham CE School, the Twisted Trout pub and the Empingham Parish Council. All said villagers were very interested in their work and keen to share their own views.

Special thanks must be paid to two very generous benefactors – the Methodist Chapel and the ladies of the Quilting Group. There were assurances given by others that donations would be forthcoming.

It is too soon, as we go to press today, to say how much money was

raised in total, including refreshments being charged for, but Empingham Together, who were responsible for putting the day together, were delighted that it showed a wonderful sense of community and generosity among the whole village. They wish to thank everyone for their great support, and particularly those who helped set up everything beforehand and cleared it all away again the next day, and all the many helpers on the day. Special thanks are due to Steve St Clair-Thompson who was responsible for so much of the behind-the-scenes work, keeping everyone up to speed one way or another.

St. Peter's Empingham has a new notice board!

Huge thanks must go to the Woodworking Group of the Men's Shed, particularly Steve St. Clair-Thompson and Pat Crowley, who kindly undertook to restore the old notice board and to re-site it, making it much easier to read the notices. There was much work to be done to get it improved upon and an enormous amount of time and care went into its restoration. We are so grateful and lucky that we have such talented people able to bring this to fruition.

Empingham Parish Council

Parish Council – Change of Meeting Dates

The Parish Council has a new meeting schedule. From October,

Parish Council Meetings will be held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Audit Hall from 7pm.

Confirmed dates for the remainder of the year:

- 7th October
- 4th November
- 2nd December

Members of the public are invited to attend and may submit questions under Agenda Item 3: Public Questions.

Empingham Village (Audit) Hall

Empingham Village (Audit) Hall Mini Ernie

Draw no 10

1st	£20	183	Sara Buck
2nd	£15	70	Ros Johnston
3rd	£10`	60	Carol Williamson

Activities at Empingham Methodist Church

Minister: Rev Bekkie Wright 07355981564

RevBekkiewright@gmail.com

SERVICES DURING OCTOBER 2026

Sunday

4th 10.45am – REV BARRY GENT – including Holy Communion.
11th 4pm TEA TIME CHURCH –with PHIL JONES – A service for young families.

18th 10.45 am. CAFÉ CHURCH – with OLIVE RUZVIDZO – a service but different.

25th 3.00pm. 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.

More details Eileen Ray 01780 460676.

Empingham Cricket and Social Club

The club is open as follows:

From 5.15 pm on Wednesdays– please check calendar on website for any further changes

From 4.30 pm on Friday evenings From 1.00 pm on Sunday lunchtimes.
Please see facebook for up-to-date details concerning opening times and other events.

Cricket is now finished for the season.

Special Events

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

Thursday 5th November fireworks night

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.

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

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

Tales Farm Shop

Many of you will have noticed the work under way at 15 Church Street over recent months. We're delighted to let you know that Tales Farm Shop will be opening its doors around the 1st December. We're building a shop stocked with local and regional produce: fresh meat, cheese, bakery, deli and a range of goods from farms and producers across Rutland and the surrounding counties, as well as food to go and a great cup of coffee.

This is a real labour of love for us and we can't wait for opening day, we've already had so many kind words and encouragement from people in the village. We're so looking forward to getting to having you through our doors and getting to know everyone. If you see us about the village before then, do come and say hello, we'd love to meet you.

Tom and Loryn

Empingham Garden Group

Empingham Garden Group's next meeting is on Monday 26 October at 7-30. We have Elaine and William Portch coming to talk about the History of the National Garden scheme and how they have developed their own garden. I'm sure you will find this very interesting as we love to have a look around gardens on their open days during the year. Please come along and enjoy this talk.

Girls Night Out

Girls Night Out is holding a craft evening on October 6th.

It will be at 7.30 pm in the Cricket Club.

We will be learning about making beads and everything we need to use will be provided. It will cost £7 to cover expenses and the bar will be open.

Girls Night Out has no membership requirement or fee. Everyone is welcome and there is a charge to cover expenses for any particular activity.

Mens Shed

We are pleased to be hosting the Bat and Bottle from Oakham for a wine tasting at the Cricket Club at 7.30 on Tuesday 27th October.

Ben and Emma will be show-casing their Italian wines for us to try.

There will be a £10 charge to members for the cost of the wine.

What's on at the Twisted Trout!

Weekend breakfast moves to the 1st Sunday of each month being served 9am – 11am.

Drag Show – Get ready for a night of pure joy!

The Twisted Trout presents a Drag Show Spectacular on 23rd October — fierce performances, hilarious comedy, audience fun, disco vibes and delicious food included in your £20 ticket. Over 18s Only.

Bring cash for charity bingo & raffle and come make some fabulous memories with us!

Tickets available at the bar.

Bespoke Events including Christmas Parties/Meals

If you have a special occasion you want to celebrate; we can help you plan a memorable event. Talk to our events team and let us help you plan something bespoke to you!

We welcome our new **Pie, Mash and Liquor** to our Wednesday night menu alongside Pizza which brings some East End flair to the Twisted Trout. Join us for traditional pie and mash with a parsley liquor and perhaps even some jellied eel!

Our **Lucky Roll Fundraiser** continues to run every Tuesday evening — all in support of Leicestershire & Rutland Blood Bikes. £1 a roll.

Keep an eye on Facebook, Instagram or check out our posts in the pub for more details.



Empingham Allotment
Association

WANT TO TRY GROWING YOUR OWN?

Our Special Autumn offer!

Only £5 to rent a Quarter plot from now until
February 2027!

Join our friendly growing community.

Contact Kate - empingham.allotments@gmail.com

LYNDON

On behalf of Lyndon village we thank and congratulate Ginny Heathcote Ball for organising the Summer Village Fete. It was another huge success, entertaining and full of fun. Ginny takes the arranging of the stalls, games, refreshments, entertainment etc., all in her stride paying attention to every detail, and for that we are extremely grateful.

Harvest Festival Saturday 3rd October

A last call to join us for our Harvest Festival on Saturday 3rd October. Harvest Service at 6pm in the church. Harvest Supper details from Clare Conant on 01572 737275.

MANTON

MANTON VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB Winning numbers for September 2026. **£20:** 48 John Cowan **£10:** 92 Barry Bailey **£10:** 112 Chris Clement **£5:** 78 Gareth Jones **£5:** 138 Alex Carr. This month's snowball **£50** was not won. Next month's Snowball **£60** 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.

OPEN GARDENS

Thank you to everyone who supported the Open Gardens in September. We raised just under £1,000 for Church Funds.

REMEMBER THE CHURCH – ST MARYS, MANTON

Our village church has stood at the heart of the community for generations, marking life's joys and sorrows, celebrations and farewells. By remembering the church in your will, you can help ensure that this treasured place continues to serve future generations. After providing for your loved ones, even a small gift can make a lasting difference to the care and ministry of our church. Thank you for considering this thoughtful way of supporting its future.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 8 October – 10.30-12.00 - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

At the home of Barbara Camp, The Hollies, Priory Road

Any problems/lifts needed please contact Anne (01572737503)

FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received.

RUTLAND SHOW CHOIR

Meet and Greet Monday 26 October and 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... johnrmcmillan@hotmail.com

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.

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

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, Manton. 01572 737335

What's on in October!

Manton Village Supper Club Running once a month on the following Thursdays, 15th October, 19th November, 17th December.

Two home made courses for £15. All welcome. Booking only.

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

Halloween featured evening on 31st October Come and join our staff in full Halloween costumes!

New Dishes on the Menu

Fancy a delicious hearty meal with a little taste of Greece? We serve 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. The Horse and Jockey, come and enjoy a proper home-cooked meal.

And a little bit more from MANTON

MANTONFEST



Saturday 12th September saw the inaugural Mantonfest music festival being held at the campsite on St Mary's Road. Myself and Shaun Jackson would like to pass on our thanks to the many volunteers who helped us with the set up and on the day, and everyone who came to support the event, making it such a success. It would not have been possible but for Johnny De Lisle,

owner of the Horse and Jockey, allowing us to use his field, and the infrastructure provided by Manton resident Tim Cook. The event had a friendly and relaxed vibe with close to 500 people attending throughout the day. So far we have raised around £1250 in aid of church funds and local charity Out of Hours. Please get in contact if you have any last-minute donations to make.
01572 737618 Veronica Fell.

NORTH LUFFENHAM

CHURCH - St JOHN THE BAPTIST

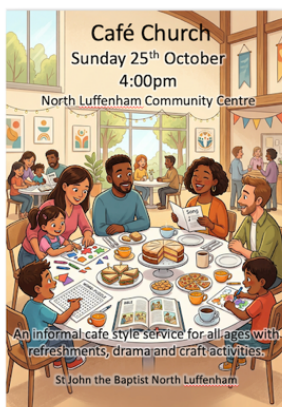
Every church in every village tells a narrative about their location and history - St John the Baptist in North Luffenham is no exception. Family members might recall their time in church when at the primary school, or their wedding, or attending the funerals of loved ones and visiting graves. However, over the last few years the condition of our church has markedly deteriorated. The heating has failed completely and is beyond repair. The Organ is barely functioning. The regular income has fallen far below the monthly running costs and the regular congregation has shrunk to only a handful. Maintenance costs for tree surgery, the roof, are only met by calling on reserve funds supported largely by the Village Trust.

Monthly set outgoings exceed monthly income by £1500 a month before any maintenance bills.

Currently, the church reserves, once in excess of £100,000, have lost over £35,000 in just over two years.

The church is faced with a decision - stagger on like it is currently until the reserves are depleted and then close the doors, or develop a strategy to increase the income. We would like to open up the church to more users, removing the pews and installing efficient heating to develop a flexible community space that can be passed on to our children and grandchildren. This new space would be available for all sections of the community whether they are regular church going worshippers or not.

We would like to hear your views about the future of the church, what do you want to do with your church - your village asset. Accompanying this magazine is a questionnaire survey and we would warmly encourage as many residents as possible to complete and return the survey.



St MARY and St JOHN CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had a fantastic start to the term - the classrooms are looking fantastic and a few rooms have had a lick of paint! Our Forest school area (thanks to some Windmill Trust funding) is developing well with the introduction of a 'fire circle' complete with hammock which are proving very popular! We have also started a full range of clubs including Science, Creative, Football, Multiskills, Lego, Gymnastics, Lighthouse club and Outdoor learning club. Our Little Saints Pre-School is filling up with some new faces and they have been making the most of their wonderful outdoor area.

We were very proud at the end of the summer term to be awarded the Platinum School Games award.

GOOD COMPANIONS

As autumn begins to make its presence felt and the evenings start to draw in, the Good Companions Club continues to provide a wonderful opportunity for friendship, laughter and companionship within our village community.

Members were delighted to welcome Susannah Fish OBE QPM, the current High Sheriff of Rutland, as our guest speaker. Susannah gave a fascinating and engaging talk about her role within the county, drawing on her extensive experience in policing and public service. Members greatly enjoyed hearing about her work supporting communities across Rutland and her commitment to recognising the county's many unsung heroes. We would like to thank Susannah for taking the time to visit us and for sharing her experiences with the club.

The club exists to bring people together, helping to combat loneliness and providing a regular opportunity to socialise in a relaxed and friendly environment. Whether you're a long-standing resident of North Luffenham or have moved to the village more recently, we are always delighted to welcome new members.

For our October meeting, we will welcome local resident and Army Veteran, Keith Gilbody, who will be talking to us about his experience working with a Canadian bear sanctuary. He has lots of interesting stories to tell!

If you know of anyone who might benefit from coming along, please encourage them to give us a try. The Good Companions Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the Community Centre from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. New members are always welcome. We look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.

"Good companions make good times even better."

CHATER BOWLS CLUB

Chater Bowls Club has had a fabulous season, we have won more friendly games than any other year and welcomed eight new members.

The period of hot weather created a few issues with the green, but we were still able to play, albeit some of the bowls were bobbling a little and made for some interesting ends! We continued with our social events, the latest being an Afternoon Tea. Members come together to share food, drink and play a few silly games; it was a very enjoyable evening. We finish our social season with Bingo, which I am sure will not be standard, and great fun.

This year we were fortunate to receive a grant from Rutland County Council. The money will be used to replace our current very dilapidated kitchen. Works for this will be carried out during the closed season and we will reopen with a modern kitchen to use in April.

Whilst we close at the end of September, we continue to bowl at Uppingham indoors and would most definitely welcome anyone who wishes to join us outdoor in April 2027.

Chater Bowls Club, Pinfold Lane, North Luffenham
Contact Secretary: Jane Potter 07986 149162

The Fox North Luffenham Tel 01780 720991
www.thefoxrutland.co.uk

A warm welcome always awaits you whether you're a regular, visitor or calling in for the first time.

Saturday 31st October - Our **spooky halloween fancy dress party** from 8pm

Our **December Festive menu** is now available celebrate with a festive feast. By popular request we also have two **dinner party nights**, including dinner, entertainment and dancing.

Wednesday 10th Dec - Abba Tribute

Wednesday 16th Dec - Kylie Tribute

Contact us on the above number to make a reservation or for more details.

The **Fox Quiz** every **Monday evening starting 28th September at 8.30pm.**

Entry is just £1 per person, with teams of up to 6 people. Everyone is welcome, so gather your friends, test your knowledge and enjoying an entertaining evening.

PRESTON

VILLAGE SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING PLEASE NOTE

There will NOT be a coffee morning on Saturday 3 October as the Macmillan coffee morning was the week before on 26 September.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

It's the seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness so Preston Church will be holding their annual Harvest Festival on Sunday 11 October at 11am. There will be a collection for the Food bank to which all contributions will be gratefully received. We shall then adjourn to the Village Hall for

THE RUTLAND HARVEST LUNCH

The intention is to provide a lunch of local produce , a truly Preston Harvest! The menu will include 'allotment' soup, local sausages for hot dogs, cheese and apple and blackberry pie. Everyone from the village is welcome to join us whether you have been to the service or not.

More details or your intention to come please contact Paul Waterworth paul.waterworth@mcsprojectsLtd.co.uk or 01572 737339 so we have an idea of numbers for catering. Hope to see you there.

MUSIC MATTERS

After a summer break (and a bit), Music Matters is back! Our next session is on Friday 16th October @ 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There's no need to bring CDs, vinyls etc.; just your choice of song ('theme' tbc), plus your choice of drink and nibbles, if you wish.

Any questions? Contact: Tony Saville 07738443784

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE

The village hall sound system has now been upgraded. This 'intelligent' system means that a range of music media can now be played through the system using wifi. A 'how to' booklet for village hall users is on the control panel (right hand side of the cabinet).

Huge thanks to Patrick Nicholls for his work on this, and for producing the booklet.

HARVEST GET TOGETHER

We are holding a Harvest Get-Together at Preston Village Hall on Friday, 30th October from 7/7.30pm tickets £20.00 Puddings and Desserts welcome and bring your own drinks. Any help would be appreciated

Please contact Trish Dickenson 07986 490590

HALLOWEEN PARTY for village children (and grandchildren) on Saturday afternoon, 31st October in the Village Hall. Ages up to 12 although older children are welcome to come and help. More details to follow.

WINTER WALKS

I have a whole folder of walks in Rutland and surrounding areas that I have yet to discover and thought during the autumn and winter months, when time and weather allows, I will put a message out on Preston Social when, where and how long the walk will be.

If anybody from outside the village would like to come along, you can contact Trish on 07986 490590

Forward notices for November

The BAYEUX TAPESTRY

Preston Village Hall on Monday 16 November at 7:30pm.

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.

For further information contact Bryan Howard on 07840111020 or 07765 686149

Back by popular demand!

All welcome at a village social evening for a **BLIND WINE TASTING**

Friday 20th November From 7PM

Contributions per couple: a bottle of wine and a piece of cheese/nibbles

RSVP by 13th November to jamjarrobertson@aol.co.uk

PRESTON'S VILLAGE MARKET returns

in Preston Village Hall on Saturday 21st October 10 am - 4.30pm

Browse our wonderful stalls for Christmas gifts, beautiful art and pottery, lovingly crafted wooden pieces and jewellery, while enjoying delicious homemade bread, jams and Preston's renowned refreshments — including tempting cakes, savouries and warming mulled wine! And don't forget to enter our raffles for the chance to win a festive prize.

Best of all, your support helps our village as all money raised is shared between the church and the village hall. Come and enjoy some festive cheer with the chance to buy those Christmas gifts!

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 Pilar and Nicola for the flowers. Thank you so much!

A very big THANK YOU

to Emma Brown who is stepping down from organising the church flowers. In addition to organising our weekly flower rota Emma has always ensured that our church has looked wonderful for the major festivals through her flair and creativity for flower arranging. Thank you Emma!

RIDLINGTON

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

4th October - 18:00 Harvest Home led by the Rector and with the Ridlington Singers. Donations of items for the Food Bank appreciated.

11th October - 9:30 Holy Communion led by the Rector

25th October - 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 in September to the Food Bank collection; it is so important that we continue to support this vital service and we will again support this charity at our Harvest Home on 4th October; and
- the churchyard mowers - Claire, Mitch, Tracey, Richard A, Jenny, Jacky, Debra and Richard T. Thanks also to Jacky and Debra for laying on the mid morning drinks and snacks and the delicious ploughman's lunch

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 14th October. A list of requested items is displayed on the church notice board.

SMALLS FOR ALL COLLECTION - our annual collection of lightly used bras and new knickers (still in packaging with labels, please) for this charity will run during October until 28th. Please give all donations to Debra or leave at 3 Main Street

SOUPER SATURDAY RETURNS! - 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 first will be held in the Village Hall on **Saturday, 24th October (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.

GETTING ON TOWARDS CHRISTMAS!

Please put these events in your diaries:

- we hope you can join us for a fun-filled Quiz in aid of Ridlington Playing Field Charity on **Friday 27 November 6.30pm for 7pm** start at the Village Hall. Teams of 4, £15pp to include Lasagne and Cheesecake supper, bring your own drinks, raffle on the night. For tickets please email playingfieldtrustees@yahoo.com or contact Trustees Ruth, Julie, Simon or Richard. We look forward to seeing you there!
- Christmas Social Evening on **Friday 18 December 7.00 – 10.30pm** in the Village Hall.

ECO CHURCH - mark National Reuse Day on **Sunday, 18th October** by reusing something rather than throwing it away or alternatively offering it for free to someone else via the village WhatsApp group or Freegle (ilovefreegle.org)

- as we return to Greenwich Mean Time on **Sunday, 25th October** join us for a walk to Leigh Lodge and back starting at 14:00 from the church porch. Light refreshments available afterwards - please let Debra know if you will attend.

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS! - a mixed bag this month. The first, a modern romance in reverse “Grace after Henry” by Eithne Shortall - enjoyed this one and can see why it was nominated for a number of awards. The second, “The Other Side of the Bridge” by Mary Lawson set in small town rural northern Canada in the 1930’s is a family tale of two brothers - like chalk and cheese. Finally, two novels by Jeffrey Archer - the teller of good yarns - “Kane and Abel” - the story of two men born on the same day on opposite sides of the world - and “Heads You Win” - a coin toss decides the future for a young Russian man, Alex in New York and Sasha in London. What a twist at the end!

Please feel free to borrow any of the books or if you would like to buy any please leave a donation in the box provided.

WHITWELL

St Michael and All Angels Church

Open Thursday to Sunday 10.00am - 5.00pm

Sunday 18th October 4.00pm. Holy Communion Service.

WING

Flowers Jillie Lord and Tracy Moores **Flowers for Harvest**

Weekend The Wing Church Flower Team **Brass** Jeffy Wood

HARVEST EVENSONG will be held on Sunday 11th October at 6pm
Cider/Apple juice and fruit cake will be served in the Church after the service. Donations for the Rutland Foodbank would be very gratefully received. Everyone very welcome

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 bring and buy stall. Everyone very Welcome

Village Hall

SUNDAY BREAKFASTS

Sunday breakfasts are back at Wing Village Hall!

Starting on Sunday 18 October, we will be serving full English breakfasts, bacon sandwiches and more on the third Sunday of every month for six months. December's breakfast will be held a week earlier, on Sunday 13 December.

WINGDING

What a wonderful day Wingding turned out to be! Games, tombola, music, BBQ and, best of all, the event raised more than £1,000 for Wing Village Hall and St Peter and St Paul's Church.

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated prizes, cooked, served, ran games, worked behind the bar or simply came along and joined in. It was a brilliant village effort.

OKTOBERFEST

Join us at Wing Village Hall on Friday 23 October for our very own Oktoberfest, 6pm!

The bar will be open and there will be delicious bowl food from Wing's very own Sara McAllister. Come along for good food, good company and a suitably festive autumn evening.

More details will follow, but get the date in your diary now!

Wing WI

On 8th October Wing WI will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary with a talk by David Hill followed by an anniversary tea for invited guests. Wing WI thanks everyone who has supported them over the last 100 years! If you

want to know more about Wing WI please contact Judith [01572 737761](tel:01572737761) quilt9@gmail.com or Jane [01572 737324](tel:01572737324), janegilmore7@gmail.com

The **Wednesday morning Craft group** meets in the Village Hall at 10am. All are welcome.

The September **100 club draw** made at the Coffee Morning on Thursday September 3rd 2026 produced the following winners -

1st 01 £25 Sharon Milner. 2nd 44 £15 Robina Curley R.I.P. 3rd 70 £10 Alison Seviour

EVENTS PAGE

Saturday 10 October : YEHUDI MENUHIN SCHOOL ENSEMBLE

Concert at 7.30pm St Andrew's Church Lyddington

Tickets £22 : Under 25s £5.50; online at wegottickets.com/musicinlyddington or phone 01572 335133. John Haddon

Rutland Foodbank Wish-List Harvest / Autumn 2026



- Long-life milk (blue & green)
- Small jars of coffee
- Tinned meats (ham, corned beef, chicken)
- Pot noodles, noodles & instant meals
- Rice (microwaveable sachets preferred)
- Porridge
- Juice, snacks and cereal bars for pack-ups
- Washing pods
- Toiletries



Important

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



Registered Charity in England & Wales Number 1158460

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

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

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



Services during October in the Rutland Water Benefice

October 2026	4th October Trinity 18	11th October Trinity 19	18th October Trinity 20 St Luke	25th October Last after Trinity Bible Sunday Clocks go back
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	3rd October 6.00pm Harvest Festival 11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer		
St Mary Manton		10.00am All Age Service		11.00am Holy Communion
St John the Baptist North Luffenham			9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Family Service
St Nicholas Pilton		11.00am Holy Communion		
SS Peter and Paul Preston	11.00am Meeting Place	11.00am Harvest Festival		5.00pm Evening Prayer
SS Mary and Andrew Ridlington	6.00pm Harvest Festival	9.30am Holy Communion		9.30am Morning Prayer
St Michael and All Angels Whitwell			4.00pm Holy Communion	
SS Peter and Paul Wing	9.30am Holy Communion	6.00 pm Harvest Festival		9.30am Morning Prayer

The Rutland Water Benefice		
VILLAGE	Churchwardens	Magazine Correspondents
Edith Weston	(Judith Needham) 01780 720609	Miranda Palmer 07713 715250
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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
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Wing	David Wood 01572 737465 Alice Hill 01572 737516	Jeffy Wood jeffywood1@gmail.com

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