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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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Festival of Creation in Christ

September brings with it a rich opportunity to celebrate God's gift of creation. This year, many churches across the Church of England will be exploring the new Festival of Creation in Christ resources, which invite us to see the whole created world through the lens of Christ. They remind us that creation is not simply a backdrop to God's saving work, but is gathered up in Christ, through whom all things were made and in whom all things hold together.

This season also coincides with our many different Harvest celebrations. Harvest is a time to give thanks for the abundance of God's provision and for all those whose work enables food to reach our tables. It is also an opportunity to reflect on our responsibility to care for the earth and to ensure that its gifts are shared justly. As we thank God for the fruits of the earth, we are invited to consider how we can play our part in cherishing creation and supporting those who lack life's basic necessities.

I encourage churches and individuals throughout the Diocese to make use of the Festival of Creation in Christ resources this autumn, which you can find on the Church of England website. Whether through worship, preaching, study groups or community events, they offer fresh ways of celebrating God's creation and deepening our understanding of our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ. My prayer is that, through this season, we may grow in wonder, thanksgiving and hope as we seek to follow Christ, the one in whom all creation finds its purpose and fulfilment.

With every blessing,

+ Debbie

The Rt Revd Debbie Sellin
Bishop of Peterborough

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EDITH WESTON

COULD YOU BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

Edith Weston PC currently has several vacancies

Would you like to help to keep Edith Weston a desirable place to live? Are you interested in environmental, planning and development issues that might affect our village? Can you help to be a voice for the people of the Parish?

Edith Weston Parish Councillors:

- Are available for most PC meetings, usually held on the last Monday evening of every second month at 19.15 in the Edith Weston Village Hall.
- Attend occasional consultation events and informative local authority meetings.
- Undertake any actions delegated to them from meetings.
- Receive and respond to emails in between meetings.
- May help with the Village Events etc.

To Be a Councillor you need to:

- Care about getting the best for your community and be willing to represent the views of the village.
- Be a British Citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union;
- Be 18 years of age or over
- During the preceding 12-month period have resided in the parish council or have lived within 3 miles of the council area for the whole of the 12 months preceding the day of nomination or the day of election
- Not be disqualified from being elected – check with the Clerk for further information.

Councillors are volunteers and therefore they are not paid but can claim some expenses for activities undertaken on behalf of the Council.
The best way to find out what it's like to be a parish councillor is to talk to someone who's doing it now. Come along to a parish council meeting or speak to one of our councillors and find out what they think of the role. Training and support are available for new councillors.

If you are interested in applying, please contact the Clerk by email clerk@edithwestonparishcouncil.gov.uk

EDITH WESTON'S HARVEST SUPPER 🥂 🥧 🍎 🍷 ⛪
THURSDAY 1st October 2026 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall Limited tickets will be available from Edith Weston Village Store at £20 per person to include a Glass of Fizz on arrival and Supper. Tickets available to purchase from 1st September.

There will also be a Cash Wine Bar, a Raffle and local produce, including that collected at the Church service, plus cakes and preserves for sale. Donations needed, please bring to the hall during the afternoon if possible.
We will have a collection point for Rutland Foodbank, tins, packets and toiletries especially welcome.
Monies raised will be donated to St Marys Church.
We look forward to seeing you at this popular fundraising event.

Edith Weston Harvest Service

Please join us for our Harvest Service on Sunday 27th September at 9.30am led by the Rev Peter Collins, all welcome.
If anyone would like to drop off any produce or flowers to decorate the church with, they will be gratefully received on Saturday 26th September from 10am. Many thanks.

News from Edith Weston Academy

The end of the Summer term at Edith Weston Academy was a busy one. We had an amazing time with lots of achievements, activities, opportunities and celebrations.
Our results for our statutory assessments are a record high for Edith Weston Academy, and the highest they have been in many years.
We are delighted to share that, pending SATS results and further validation by September, 100% of children have passed their phonics screening tests and their multiplication check, and that all the children are at, or above, age related expectations for writing in Year 6.
Our new Reception children joined us for their transition events, and they had a lovely time. Our new staff have also joined us for 'move up' day and the children are excited for the next academic year.
Year 6 went sailing for a day and they all had a brilliant time. We are so lucky to be so close to the Water and be able to offer the children this opportunity.
Some of our children were invited to attend the Poetry by Heart final which was held at Shakespeare's Globe in London. They had a wonderful day and it was a fantastic opportunity for all. We are already looking forward to next year!

We also held our summer fete towards the end of term which was a great success.
A huge thank you to our fantastic PTA, staff and local community for helping and attending, making the event such a success! It was fantastic to welcome those within and beyond our local area. We hope you all had a wonderful time.
Our children were invited to perform as part of the Armed Forces Day events in Oakham and they were absolutely outstanding. They sang songs and performed 'The Dandelion' which is the poem of the military child. It was an honour for us to have been asked to represent service families and have our community represented. We even received a thank you letter from the Mayor! Being asked to perform, as well as featuring on Rutland and Stamford Sound for 'Purple Up Day', has enabled our service children to feel heard, recognised and understood.
We are already looking forward to the next academic year, and we cannot wait to see where it takes our wonderful school.
Ellie Kapler, Headteacher, Edith Weston Academy

Edith Weston Village Hall 100 Club
Congratulations to the winners in September:
£30 Mr & Mrs Healey £20. Mrs Hemming-Tayler. £10. Mrs V Hammond
£10 gift voucher for the village shop kindly donated by Helen & Andy – Mr & Mrs Lunn
Winner of the £60 snowball prize – Mr Munro

Terpsichore Concert
Saturday 27th September evening concert at 5pm
Join us for a fabulous evening of chamber music at St Peter's Church, Empingham in aid of both Empingham and Edith Weston churches. See the notice in the Empingham section on page 9.

The Wheatsheaf
Most of you will now know that after 30 years in the pub trade (23 years at The Wheatsheaf), I have now taken the decision to take a step back and enjoy some quality time with Shaun and the family.
I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all my very best and to personally thank you for your support and friendship over the many years. Shaun and I warmly invite anybody who has been part of this incredible journey/chapter of my life for a farewell drink on Saturday 26th September from 6pm onwards. Thank you, John

BELL BULLETIN

Quiz Night Rings the Changes for Alan's Epic Fundraising Challenge

Lands End to John O'Groats on 3 wheels, 2 arms and 1 leg!

Edith Weston came together for a night of quizzing, laughter and fundraising to support an extraordinary challenge undertaken by local bell-ringer Alan Wordie. Alan, Chair of the Rutland Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, has completed an astonishing 900-plus-mile handcycling journey from Land's End to John O'Groats.

Following a full leg amputation after an accident many years ago, Alan took on the challenge in his 70th year with an ambitious goal — to raise £70,000 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

His epic journey certainly wasn't without its challenges. It began in record-breaking high temperatures, while the latter stages saw Alan battling some decidedly less welcoming weather, including heavy rain. Outriders accompanied him on all but two days, when Alan tackled the route alone.

Inspired by Alan's determination and achievement, the Edith Weston branch organised a quiz evening at the Village Hall to help boost his fundraising total.

Thank you Nicky, Peter (quizmasters) & Bell Ringing team.

By the end of the evening, an impressive £1,238 had been raised for the Motor Neurone Disease Association — a fantastic result and a fitting tribute to Alan's remarkable achievement.

The Edith Weston Bell Ringers are certainly keeping the bells ringing, too. The group continues to enjoy practice sessions on selected Monday evenings and can be heard ringing for special events in the village.

With Alan's epic journey complete, the bells of Edith Weston have certainly helped celebrate his success — and raised a very impressive sum for a most worthwhile cause.

EMPINGHAM

News from St Peter's Church

SAVE YOUR CHURCH FROM CLOSING

St Peter's Church will close permanently without your support.

There has been a church in Empingham since Norman times and the current building dates from the mid 13th Century. Generations of families have worshipped here, been baptised, married and buried here. Look at the war memorial inside the church and you will see the names of families who are still connected with Empingham today.

St Peter's is open 7 days a week for visitors and to welcome villagers for services, coffee mornings, concerts, even a fashion show. However, it is facing permanent closure due to the rising costs of running the church and maintaining the building.

St Peter's will end this year (2026) almost **£12000** in the red – £1000 for every month! We must increase our regular, planned income by at least this amount to break even. Without regular and dependable support, there's a real danger the church will close permanently. **This is reality.**

If you don't want to see our village lose its beautiful, Grade 1 listed church, please give us your support. St Peter's can only be saved by the whole community coming together.

A monthly gift of £5, £10, £20 or any other affordable amount can make a genuine difference. No contribution is too small. What matters most is that many people take part. If you don't want to see St Peter's close for good, please join the **Friends of St Peter's** and support this appeal.

To set up a monthly donation please contact Susan Painter by email Empinghampcc@gmail.com

We would not be making this appeal unless there was a real danger of the church closing forever.

THANK YOU

Community Open Day at the Church on September 12th
The Church will be running a Bottle Tombola stall at this event. All proceeds of this Tombola will be used for the maintenance and improvement of the Church building .
Could we please request donations of any type of bottle to make this a successful venture? Bottles can be delivered to Philip Robson at 44A Main Street or can be collected upon request by telephone or text on 07707006130.

Rutland Music Group
Terpsichore Concert at 5pm on Sunday 27th September at St Peter's Church Empingham. Tickets available on the door or from Edith Weston shop (cash only please) £10 to include a glass of wine. Performance of a musical quartet featuring local musicians Peter and Clare Hitchcox, including Spinet, Cello and recorders. They will play a selection of wonderful music including pieces by Telemann, Britten and Downland.
Terpsichore is a highly experienced Rutland music group formed and led by Clare Hitchcox. It has been performing in this county and further afield for many years. Recent recitals have included Wakefield Cathedral.
Proceeds towards the maintenance of St Peter's, Empingham and St Mary, Edith Weston..

Empingham weather
Courtesy of the School Lane Weather Centre, the recorded total rainfall so far this calendar year: 376.7mm
With just 0.8mm of that having fallen in July. All of that having been on July 26th.....

Empingham Primary School
My name is Billy Wakefield, and I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Empingham CE Primary School and Great Casterton CE Primary School.
I had the pleasure of spending time in both schools towards the end of last term and would like to thank everyone who stopped to say hello and made me feel so welcome. It was a wonderful introduction to two schools and communities that I already feel privileged to be joining.
Although my career has taken me to Spain, Thailand and, most recently, Qatar, I grew up nearby in Ryhall before later living in Oakham, so returning to Rutland truly feels like coming home.
For me, the most important part of any school is its people. Strong relationships help children to flourish, both academically and personally, and I

want every child to feel known, valued and encouraged to be the very best version of themselves. It is already clear that both schools have a wonderfully caring, family atmosphere where every child is known as an individual.
I am looking forward to building on the excellent work already taking place, becoming part of village life, and getting to know many more of you. If you see me at school events or around the local area, please do come and say hello. Billy Wakefield

Activities at Empingham Methodist Church
Minister: Rev Bekkie Wright 07355981564 RevBekkiewright@gmail.com
SERVICES DURING SEPTEMBER 2026
Sunday
6th 10.45am MORNING WORSHIP – Mr Ernest Fytche
13th 10.45am HARVEST THANKSGIVING – ALL AGE WORSHIP followed by LUNCH –Rev Bekkie Wright
20th 10.45 am at OAKHAM METHODIST CHURCH – TRAVELLING TO EMPINGHAM Led by Rev. Andrew Hollins & Rev Bekkie Wright.
27th 10.45 am CAFÉ CHURCH – Audrey Hensmen.
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.
STARTS AGAIN on 3rd September 2026
More details Eileen Ray 01780 460676.

Empingham Village (Audit) Hall
You're invited to another Empingham Breakfast in the Audit Hall on Saturday 19th September from 9.15 am to 11.00 am.
We're delighted to be hosting another Breakfast, 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!

Empingham Village (Audit) Hall Mini Ernie - Draw no 9

1st	£20	97	Jayne Roland.	2nd	£15	6	Sarah Pearce
3rd	£10	59	Carol Williamson				

Empingham Garden Group

Empingham Garden Group. Our next meeting is on 28th September at 7-30. We have Rob Potterton from Pottertons Nursery giving us a talk:
Guide to growing Alpines, Bulbs and Woodland plants. We have had Rob before so I'm sure you will enjoy this interesting meeting.

Mobile Post Office

The Mobile Post Office has reopened its service to the Twisted Trout Car Park. They will be there from 1.15 - 2.15 on Tuesday afternoons.

Girls Night Out

At 7.30 pm on September 10th, the author Judith Allnatt will be giving a talk about her books, in particular 'The Poets Wife' the book that is inspired by the letters written by the poet John Clare from the Northampton General Lunatic Asylum.
Judith has published four books and been shortlisted for the East Midlands book award. She has also taught creative writing for many years. Don't miss this opportunity to meet Judith and to be able to hear about her writing and to ask her questions.
Her books are "affecting and beautifully written" The Times
The talk will be at the Cricket Club at 7.30 pm with £7 towards costs for the evening.

THE TWISTED TROUT, EMPINGHAM
What's on!
Opening Times changing from Monday 7th September,
Monday to Thursday 12 till 9:30pm, Friday & Saturday 12 till 11pm and Sunday 12 till 7pm.
Food times remain unchanged
Weekend breakfast moves to the1st weekend of each month being served on a Sunday morning only 9am – 11am.
Quiz Night – Friday 25th September starts 8:30pm, £2.50 per person, max team of 6.
Drag Show – Friday 23rd October tickets are on sale (ask at the bar for details)
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!
Pizza Night on a Wednesday – Takeaway or Eat In
Our **Lucky Roll Fundraiser** continues to run every Tuesday evening — all in support of Leicestershire & Rutland Blood Bikes. £1 a roll.
Bed & Breakfast - Check out our rooms to book available from £100 (additional charge for dogs) Call 01572 827948 or pop in.

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

LYNDON

THE LYNDON SUMMER FETE

A BIG thank you to all the marvellous people who helped at our Fete on 2nd August. Tent lenders, Stall holders, The Smart Family for running the BBQ, Tessa for her tantalizing Teas, Angela & Ian for accumulating and running the Preloved Lyndon stand. A special thank you to Andy and Julie for once again organising and running the Bar and Don and Olwen for strictly manning the Entrance. Thanks to John and Jonathan for organizing the very efficient Lyndon money exchange system for the day and accounting there after.
The Corby Silver Band, bell ringers and The Morris Dancers ensured a traditional and jolly day.
Our star guest Craig Revel Horwood, this year dressed in a fab-u-lous white ensemble with pearl accessories not only opened the Fete with his kind words but also judged the "Out-rag-ous Outfits" Competition, won by "Edina & Patsy" who gave Craig a twirl!! He spent the afternoon with us doing endless selfies and chatting with everyone.
Richard Negus gave two interesting talks on his book "Words from the Hedge" and more! He also expertly judged the Fun dog show.
The Leics & Rutland Association for M.N.D. bought their stand to raise awareness of this dreadful disease and how vital fundraising is for research into a cure. The amount raised from the Fete will be approximately £3400.
Many thanks indeed to everyone for making this day such a success.
The Lyndon Fete Team.

'SEPTEMBER SERENADE' SOCIAL EVENING WITH WINE AND NIBBLES

Friday 4th September - 6.00 - 7.30pm St Martins Church, Lyndon
Come and join us for an informal social evening with a glass of wine and canapés in the Church while enjoying some easy listening music of all styles. There will be the chance for everyone to join in and sing if sufficiently lubricated!If anyone wishes to make their own musical contribution to the evening, please contact Jonathan and we'll arrange a slot.

Tickets £10.00 to include a glass of wine. Please contact Jonathan (thurstanh@icloud.com) or via text / WhatsApp on 07966 436270

We are having an **Autumn Clean** of the Church on 26th September at 10 a.m. Please would willing volunteers bring dusters, polish and if possible containers of water to wash the floor.
Ploughman's lunch at Courtyard Cottage afterwards, please contact Ginny H.B. if you are able to help and for lunch numbers.
Mobile. 07539729829 email:-ginnyhball@gmail.com

Lyndon Harvest Festival - Save The Date
Please join us for our Harvest Festival, to be held on Saturday, 3rd October this year, with the Harvest Service at 6pm in the church, followed at 7pm by the Harvest Supper in Picks Barn. More details to follow and we hope you can save the date and join everyone for the evening's celebration.

MANTON

MANTON VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB Winning numbers for August 2026. **£20**: 123 Tim Cook **£10**: 8 Siobhan Morgan **£10**: 107 June Bell **£5**: 26 Joseph Webster **£5**: 64 Lucy Carr. This month's snowball **£100** was won by 32 Michael Lee. 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.

MUSICAL SOIREE
Thank you to everyone who supported our Soiree. We had a most enjoyable evening with some memorable performances by so many willing musicians and songsters! We made over £400 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.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

OPEN GARDENS
Sunday 6 September 2.00-6.00pm
Lots of gardens open to the public. Teas in the Village Hall. In aid of Church Funds.
Anyone wishing to open their garden, help with Teas and / or make cakes etc.. please contact Susie Horner (07970830335).

COFFEE MORNING
Thursday 10 September – 10.30 -12.00
At the home of Della Stones, Barn House, Stocks Hill
Any problems/lifts needed, please contact Anne Cowan (01572737503)
FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received

MANTONFEST!
It is with great pleasure that we announce the new Manton Festival! Entry is free and there will be a wide variety of activities on offer. Music, children's entertainment, food stalls etc. Please see our full colour
poster at the back of the magazine.
The primary purpose of the festival is to raise money for the church funds and other local charities.
Donations will be welcome from festival attendees.
We hope to see as many villagers as possible attending in order to make this a great success!
Date: **Saturday 12th September 2026. Time: 12.00-22.00**
Venue: Festival Field (just above the Horse and Jockey pub)
Lots of local people have given freely of their time, expertise and equipment in order to help make this happen. We would now welcome any volunteers to help on the day and on the Sunday. Please give your name to Anne Cowan if you are willing to contribute in any way. 01572 737503

RUTLAND HISTORY SOCIETY VILLAGE VISIT
Sunday 13 September 2.00pm
Manton Village Hall
Rutland History Society visits a different village every year, usually in September. This year our annual visit is coming to Manton on Sunday 13 September 2026. There will be a presentation, an exhibition on aspects of the village history, a local history book stall, a self-guided walk round the village and light refreshments. The event is open to residents and society members and more details about the event and how to book will be given on social media and on the Society's website (www.rutland.history.org) this month. If you would like to book a place please contact Anne Cowan.

COFFEE MORNING
Thursday 8 October - 10.30-12.00
At the home of Sue Shepherd , 14a, Priory Road
Any problems/lifts needed please contact Anne (01572737503)

HORSE and JOCKEY, Manton 01572 737335
What's on in September and October!
Manton Village Supper Club Second Thursday of the month. 10th September, 8th October. Two
courses for £15. All welcome. Booking only.
Fish and Chips Takeaway Supper Get your takeaway from the pub every Tuesday, £12. Advance
telephone orders are preferable.
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.

NORTH LUFFENHAM

CHURCH - St JOHN THE BAPTIST

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

SPEED WATCH

A Community Speed watch program was carried out along Edith Weston Road from CSW 3rd July 2026 – 17th July 2026.
Two sites were monitored, for one hour, a.m. and p.m. each day. Speeds of 36 miles and above were recorded. The details of 290 vehicles were taken resulting in 176 letters sent. (Letters are not sent to lease cars or those registered out of town - not from Rutland or neighboring counties of Cambridgeshire, Leicestershire or Lincolnshire).
If you are interested in helping in any way, however small, please
email clerk@northluffenham.org.uk

GOOD COMPANIONS

The Good Companions Club continues to thrive, bringing together residents for informative talks, friendship and community spirit.

Our August meeting, held on 5 August, was very well attended, with 23 members enjoying an engaging and timely presentation from local plant expert Shaun Ryan. Shaun shared a wealth of knowledge on drought-tolerant plants, offering practical advice on how gardeners can adapt to increasingly dry conditions while maintaining attractive and resilient gardens. The talk sparked plenty of interest amongst members and was followed, as always, by tea and delicious homemade cake, providing the perfect opportunity to catch up with friends old and new.

We are now looking forward to our next meeting on the **2 September,** when

Susannah Fish will be joining us to talk about the role of the High Sheriff of Rutland and the fascinating history of the shrievalty, one of the oldest offices in the country. This promises to be a highly interesting and entertaining afternoon, and we warmly welcome anyone who would like to come along and find out more.

The Good Companions Club offers much more than guest speakers. It provides a friendly and welcoming environment where residents can meet others, enjoy social events, and stay connected with village life. New members are always welcome, whether you are new to the village or have lived here for many years.

Looking ahead, there is also the popular **North Luffenham Village Trip** to Cromer on **Wednesday 16 September**. Thanks once again to the Village Trust for funding the coach, residents can enjoy a day by the seaside, exploring Cromer's famous Victorian pier, sandy beaches, independent shops and cafés. Coach places are free to village residents subject to availability, and anyone interested should contact Jason on 07773 396153 or email **jasonrutland@hotmail.com**. The coach leaves The Fox at 09:00 prompt and returns from Cromer at 17:30.

If you would like to learn more about the Good Companions Club, please come along and experience first-hand the warmth, friendship and variety of activities that make the club such an important part of village life. Contact details are Jason Allen (07773 396153) or Alison Gibson (07769 322551). We meet on the first Wednesday of every month (excluding December and January) in the community centre, 14:00 – 16:00.

"Good companions make good times even better."

CHATER BOWLS CLUB, Pinfold Lane, North Luffenham, Rutland
As summer continues Chater Bowls Club has been enjoying some very good playing weather, and also some very hot weather that caused a few cancellations to our programme but we meet up and have a social instead.

Our club is very friendly and we have recently welcomed four new members, and we would be delighted to have more, so if you are interested please make contact and come along for a free try out.

We roll-up on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-4 pm, from April through to September. So if anyone wants to take part in our last month of the season, do get in touch - we would love to hear from you! We have two tiers of membership: £45 as a player and £25 as a social member The green fees are £4.00 per play and £2.00 for social which covers a cup of tea and biscuits.

We have a very active social calendar which includes a BBQ, Fun Bingo, Quiz and Afternoon Tea and at the end of the year our annual awards dinner. We also play a fun social match with The Fox pub and encourage local social groups to come along and have a taster session with us. We also play friendly matches with other local villages.
If you are interested to find out more, either as a beginner or seasoned player, please contact our secretary, Jane Potter. 07986 149162. chaterbowlsclub@outlook.com

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.
Come along or check our website for our new menu specials.
By popular request, we now start serving **food on a Sunday from 12-6pm**.
Giving you the perfect opportunity to enjoy a relaxing day in your garden or enjoyable day out before returning to The Fox and settling down for a delicious Sunday lunch.

The **Fox Quiz** also returns for our weekly gathering 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

MORNING on Saturday 5 September, 10 am – 12 noon, in the Village Hall
This time we are supporting the charity Lifting Children's Hopes, based in Leicester. Its aim is to support children in the East Midlands who are facing poverty, bereavement or requiring additional needs (www.lchcharity.co.uk).

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING on Saturday 26 September 10 am – 12.30 pm
A coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support will be held on Saturday 26 September at the Dower House, Oakham Road, Preston. Children welcome as there will be a Treasure Hunt in the garden (weather permitting).

FOOD BANK
Please don't forget that you have the opportunity in Preston to contribute to the Food Bank by leaving gifts in the plastic box in the church porch. Please don't include any products that are beyond their sell by date or any perishable goods. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed.
The box is emptied regularly and we are grateful to June and John Spence for doing this.

BELL RINGERS
Over the last month we have had three teams of visiting ringers to our church. It is always a delight to hear the bells ringing across the field into the village and we are very pleased to welcome groups to ring our fairly recently refurbished peal of six bells.
Anyone interested can contact the Tower Captain, Paul Waterworth on 01572 737339
Paul.waterworth@mcsprojectsltd.co.uk

CHURCH SERVICES
Our pattern of services is now well established with
1st Sunday 11am The Meeting Place
2nd Sunday 11am Holy Communion
4th Sunday 5pm Evening Prayer led more informally in the Chancel.
At THE MEETING PLACE We continue to welcome anyone interested in studying the book that is central to our faith and in particular what we can learn through the gospel of St Mark about Jesus Christ: his life and work in the context of his time and ours!
It is a special time of reflection, discussion and fellowship much valued by those who come. All are welcome which ever church you attend or none. Give it a try. Do join us.

A heartfelt thank you from Preston Parochial Church Council
A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the recent Ivan Linford concert at Preston Church. We are delighted to announce that the evening raised £335 for the church.
It was a wonderful evening, with a varied recital of classical and more contemporary pieces, enjoyed alongside prosecco and some delicious snacks. We hope you all had as much pleasure listening as we did hosting the event.
A very special thank you goes to Ivan, who, as ever, managed to really make our organ sing. His wonderful playing made the evening truly memorable.

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 Pauline and Sylvia for the flowers. Thank you so much!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND - SAVE THE DATE - BLIND WINE TASTING EVENING. Friday 20th November. Preston Village Hall
Details to follow, make a note in your diary to join us for an evening of wine & cheese.

RIDLINGTON

CHURCH SERVICES - Everyone welcome to attend and to enjoy the refreshments afterwards -
6th September - 9:30 Morning Prayer
13th September - 9:30 Holy Communion led by the Rector
27th September - 9:30 Morning Prayer
4th October - 18:00 Harvest Home led by the Rector and with the Ridlington Singers.

THANKS TO -

- the many folk who kindly donated in August 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
- our butterfly counters who participated in the citizen science project, The Big Butterfly Count.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION - Please continue to support this very worthwhile local charity - if every household donated one item a month the boxes would be full by each of the collection days - the next one is on 16th September.

ECO CHURCH -

- the yearly mow of the churchyard is nearly upon us! Meet at 11:00 on **Saturday 5th September** at the churchyard - please bring your own strimmers and rakes. If you think you'll be able to help strim, rake or bag please let Debra know. As has become our custom there will be a ploughman's lunch at 3 Main Street after the mow;
- support Fair Trade Fortnight (21st September to 4th October). Considering people, the planet and pay the theme is "Do it Fair" supporting fairer pay, sustainable practices and climate justice. When shopping look out for the Fair Trade logo as on our tea and coffee in church - more information available from the Fair Trade Foundation; and
- to mark the astronomical start of autumn join us on a short walk at Prior's Coppice on **Wednesday 23rd September** at 4pm. Please let Debra know if you intend to come so we can organise a car share. Light refreshments available afterwards.

PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING. Right now it's the fifth heatwave of the summer with everything bone dry around us, so it feels like a good time to be talking about climate change. We will be screening this film in our Eco church as a catalyst for discussion and hope to attract a wide audience. Exact date to be announced very shortly.

VILLAGE HALL Please come and join us for the 'Curry Night' on **Saturday October 3rd** 7.00 – 11.00pm. Delicious, spicy and tasty all lovingly prepared by Jan Powley; start with nibbles, two choices of main course curries followed by dessert. Bring your own drinks. Places limited to 35 for comfort. Please book your places early as it will be a sell-out. £15 pp payable in advance to Pat Roome (01572 821416).

WHITWELL

St Michael and All Angels Church
Open Thursday to Sunday 10.00am - 5.00pm

Sunday 20th September 4.00pm. Harvest Celebration and Holy Communion Service.

WING

Flowers Rose Dejardin and Jeffy Wood **Brass** Chris Howarth and Wendy Newsham

Tea and cake will be served in the Village Hall on **Sunday 13th September** from 3-5pm. All are welcome to join us for a chat with our neighbours. All proceeds in aid of Church Funds.

Tickets are now on sale for **Wing Safari Supper on Saturday 3 October!** For the ticket price of £25, safari participants receive a welcome drink of fizz, 3 course meal with wine plus tea/coffee to finish. A highlight of the village calendar, it's invariably a fun and enjoyable evening and a great way for people newer to the village to get to know their neighbours. Singles and couples are equally welcome.

Please contact Carolyn Comben 01572 737373 (ccomben2@gmail.com) or Jeffy Wood 01572 737465 for tickets and please be sure to let us know of any dietary requirements.

PS. Assuming there is strong demand for tickets (86 tickets were sold last time around), we need a few more **volunteer hosts** please. If you would consider hosting either a starter or main course, please contact Carolyn on 01572 737373 or ccomben2@gmail.com.

Our next **Pop-Up Pub is on Friday 18 September**, with pizzas from **Farmer Lou**.
Our July paella night was hugely popular, with a fantastic turnout from Wing and lots of neighbouring villages too. We would love to see another great crowd in September.
Come along for a drink, a pizza and a catch-up. Everyone is welcome!
(No need to pre order.)

The **Wednesday Craft group** meets in the Village Hall at 10am.

The August **100 Club** draw made at Coffee Morning on August 6th 2026 Produced the following winners.
1st 123 £25 Vic Naylor
2nd 77 £15 Gerald Clifton
3rd 60 £10 Maureen Gillies

Wing WI's speaker for 10 September is Joanna Richart from Charnwood Foraging focusing on identifying, using, and understanding the lore behind vibrant, edible wild plants. Wing Village Hall 7:00pm. For info contact Judith 01572 737761 quiilt9@gmail.com or Jane 01572 737324, janegilmore7@gmail.com

Make sure you have also read the poster on the previous page for the **Wing WI's 100th celebrations.**

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Services during September in the Rutland Water Benefice

	6th September Trinity 14	13th September Trinity 15 (Holy Cross)	20th September Trinity 16	27th September Trinity 17
St Mary **Edith Weston**				9.30am Harvest Festival
St Peter **Empingham**	10am All Age Service		11.00am Harvest Festival	
St Martin of Tours **Lyndon**	11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer		
St Mary **Manton**		10.00am Harvest Festival		11.00am Holy Communion
St John the Baptist **North Luffenham**			9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Harvest Festival
St Nicholas **Pilton**		11.00am Holy Communion		4.00pm Harvest Festival
SS Peter and Paul **Preston**	11.00am Meeting Place	11.00am Holy Communion		5.00pm Evening Prayer
SS Mary and Andrew **Ridlington**	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion		9.30am Morning Prayer
St Michael and All Angels **Whitwell**			4.00pm Harvest Festival	
SS Peter and Paul **Wing**	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer		9.30am Morning Prayer

Harvest Festivals in October

St Martin of Tours, Lyndon 6pm Saturday 3rd October
St Mary and St Andrew, Ridlington 6pm 4th October
St Peter and St Paul, Preston 11am 11th October
St Peter and St Paul, Wing 6pm 11th October

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
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Whitwell	Mary Bell 01780 460205 Tony Godwin 07906 134316	Marlen Godwin marlen@fcdcom.co.uk
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