

# NEWSLETTER



With the compliments of the Parochial Church Council of St. Denys Church, Ravensthorpe

## A final message from Andrew



*“And now, the end is near, and so I face the final curtain”.*

These are the famous words (which I’m sure you know) from a well-known song by Frank Sinatra.

However, I don’t think for one moment that I’m facing my ‘final’ curtain, as in, meeting God face to face. But it is most certainly my final curtain for the Ravensthorpe Newsletter, as I shall be moving to take up my new appointment as Priest-in-Charge of the Denby Group of Churches in the Diocese of Derby in April.

As I reflect on all that I’ve done and achieved since I arrived with the Uplands Group, I can only gasp and wonder

*“How on earth did I do all of that!?”*

Well the answer is simple really, I’ve been able to do ‘all of that’ through a three-way process:

- firstly, through God’s good & saving grace
- secondly, through my own grit & determination
- thirdly, through your most generous love, help, encouragement and support, for which I am truly thankful.

Unlike Frank Sinatra, I can’t claim to have solely done it, ‘My Way’. But, I take great pride in claiming that I been able to do it through the combined efforts of: God’s way – Your way, as well as my own way – which makes for a truly wonderful and inspiring / enriching combination.

I want to thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to journey (albeit briefly) alongside you, here in Ravensthorpe over the past two-years – it has been both a pleasure and privilege!

Until we meet again.....take care and God Bless! **Andrew.**

## Christian aid week – helpers needed!



Christian aid week is coming up in May and we have a few gaps to fill in our list of envelope deliverers so we can make sure Ravensthorpe raises a good donation again this year.

If you could help, contact Alice or Meg on 01604 771 245 or [kierenandalice@btinternet.com](mailto:kierenandalice@btinternet.com)

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### Messy Church



Uplands Group Messy Church continues to meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, at Spratton Primary School - 3.30–5.30pm. Next month’s theme is:

### 18<sup>th</sup> April – Loving Easter

Messy Church is free, welcomes all ages, single people and families.

Messy Church began in 2004 when an ordinary church decided to try to offer something for all ages that was informal, friendly and fun.

Messy Churches have proved so popular that they have spread throughout the UK and across the world. It typically includes a welcome, a creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy; a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and similar; and a sit-down meal together.

No need to book, but for any dietary requirements, special needs or more details, please contact Valerie 01604 743444 or Lesley 01604 505966

## What’s On?

### Coton Manor is open

**Tues 31st March - Sat 3rd October**

Coton Manor is open Tuesday to Saturday and all Bank Holiday weekends from 12 noon – 5.30pm

### Kelmarsh Country Show

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> April 2015

[www.kelmarshcountryshow.co.uk](http://www.kelmarshcountryshow.co.uk)

### Pytchley Point to Point

1.30pm 12<sup>th</sup> April 2015

### Village Hall Lunch Club

All welcome to come along to the next lunch which will be in April:

### Weds 15<sup>th</sup> April 12.15 for 12.45

The cost of £6 includes a welcome drink, a 2-course meal, coffee and mints.

All proceeds are for RVH & NGH haematology unit & Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Please call Pat Foss 770 466 or Lin Hudson 770 562 to book.

### Morning Coffee, Village Hall

Weds April 22nd from 10.30 am

Weds April 29th from 10.30 am

Weds May 6th from 10.30 am

Weds May 20th from 10.30 am

Just drop in

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Make a note that John Patrick will be hosting the coffee morning this year on Saturday 19th of September.

# THE PARISH SPECIAL CONSTABLE

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To find out more or to apply today. We look forward to welcoming you on board!

## Toddler Church at St Denys



Mothers, Grannies and child carers. Why not join us on Fridays\* between 2-3 pm in St Denys Church for preschool children to learn through story telling, singing, playing music, and having fun sticking & glueing.

Whilst the little ones are having fun, adults can enjoy a cup of tea.

From a Happy Granny



### \* Toddler Church break for Easter

Please note we're taking a break for the Easter holidays, so we will be back on

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

as usual for more toddler fun. Come and join us.



Citizens Advice Daventry & District offer free, confidential, impartial and independent advice on

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[www.daventrycab.org.uk](http://www.daventrycab.org.uk)  
[www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk)

### Morning Coffee at the Village Hall

Come and join us for Morning Coffee in Ravensthorpe Village Hall.

\* **Wednesday April 22nd from 10.30 am**

\* **Wednesday April 29th from 10.30 am**

\* **Wednesday May 6th from 10.30 am**

\* **Wednesday May 20th from 10.30 am**

"Morning Coffee" is a new event and all are welcome.

We are also holding a lunchtime drinks party:  
**Sunday May 17th at Noon**

For any further questions or enquiries, please call Bob Pike 01604 771 277.

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## VDS UPDATE

The Village Design Statement (VDS) Review Group is making progress and is planning an open meeting on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May** in Ravensthorpe Village Hall to hear your thoughts – more details in next month's newsletter, but in the meantime for more information, visit:

[www.ravensthorpe.me.uk](http://www.ravensthorpe.me.uk)

Date	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers/Brass
Maundy Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	7.30pm	Group Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	
Good Friday(3 <sup>rd</sup> April	6.00pm	Good Friday services	Clergy	Guisborough and Creaton (Stainer's crucifixion)	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Easter Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Yvonne Reeve
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Group Communion	Clergy	Spratton	
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	3.30-5.30pm	Messy Church	Lay team	Spratton Primary	
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	9.45am	Modern Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Beryl Mott
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00am	All-age with baptism & refreshments	Lay team	Ravensthorpe	Beryl Mott
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	11.00am	Traditional Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Pat Foss

Email newsletter contributions to [ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com) for the attention of the editor, Viv Rees by **5pm on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month**. Note: articles will be included on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served basis.

Visit the village website: [www.ravensthorpe.me.uk](http://www.ravensthorpe.me.uk) or find us on Facebook 'Ravensthorpe Northampton'