

NEWSLETTER



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

Easter Message from the Rev'd Andrew



A few years ago I had to deal with a 'hearing' problem. As the Chaplain amongst Deaf People my colleagues found it quite amusing that I was dealing with the frustration of not being able to hear properly.

Quite ironic don't you think? I know I am a believer of 'hands-on' experience, but really! Whilst sitting at my desk one day I was trying to listen to some music which proved rather difficult as you can imagine. As music plays such an important part of my life it was rather annoying not being able to hear properly. Thankfully, it was only a temporary problem rather than long term.

But isn't it strange how we only seem to appreciate what we've got when it's gone?. For the first time in my life I'd had a taste of what it's like to be partially hearing. I was unable to hear the television properly, I was unable to hear people's voices clearly or the traffic; the lovely sound of bird-song, and worst of all, I was struggling to hear the music and songs that I love.

There have been times I must admit, when I have developed what's known as 'selective-hearing'. In particular when my wife has asked me to do something and I've chosen not to hear her request for example. Or when God has asked me to do something and I've chosen not to hear him, especially if it was to do something I'd rather not do. However, I'm pretty sure I am not alone when it comes to 'selective-hearing'.

I of course didn't need to lose part of my hearing to know how precious it is to me. But like many things in life, I took it for granted.

The above is a good reminder, to me at least, that there are times when I've taken it for granted that God is there and do very little to sustain my relationship with him, for all manner of reasons. But thankfully the season of Lent always helps me to re-focus my heart and mind in order to re-build my relationship with him, through his Son Jesus Christ - as well as through prayer, study and meditation. I don't need to lose God to know that my life would be empty and meaningless without him. But it is good to be reminded of what's at stake every now and again! **Andrew**

Palm Sunday Family Fun Day

On Palm Sunday 13th April this year we are hosting a lively group service of Family Worship at Hollowell church (10am) with a live band, followed by a bring and share lunch and then activities for all the family at Hollowell Village Hall (11.30am to 3pm).

All ages are welcome and this event is for all the uplands group of villages. Please come along and celebrate Palm Sunday with us.

Please note that this replaces the normal Messy Church for April but we hope you can all come along to this instead.

Lent Reflections Series



All are welcome to join us at 7pm each Thursday in Lent (see Church notice board for weekly venues or to pick up a leaflet from the porch), culminating in a special evening on Maundy Thursday where we will be re-enacting the Last Supper at Spratton Church with a meal – a wonderful experience.

Special Easter Services & Events

We have a number of special services over the Easter period which you are welcome to join us at:

Palm Sunday

10.00am Family Worship at Hollowell as part of Family Fun Day.

Maundy Thursday

7.00pm at Spratton as the final session of the Lent Reflections Series

Good Friday

Two evening Services:
6.00pm at Guilsborough or
6.30pm at Creaton for music & reflection.

Easter Day

Various services across the group to suit all tastes, with 9.45am Holy Communion at Ravensthorpe.
Congratulations to Loren and Steve

On Sunday 23rd of March we had a special visit from the Bishop of Brixworth to baptise Lauren Osbourne and confirm Steve King. It was a wonderful happy service, Congratulations to both Loren and Steve!

What's On?

Healthy Hearts 1st April

a talk by
Dr. NEIL MENON
7 – 8 pm Tuesday 1st April
Guilsborough Surgery

Food Bank

Please drop any suitable items in at Ravensthorpe Village Hall or St Denys Church between 10am – 12 noon on the 1st Sunday of the month 6th April

Lent Lunches

Wed Apr 2nd Tricia Freeman
Wed Apr 9th Sally Marsh

Palm Sunday Family Fun Day Sunday 13th April

10am Hollowell Church

Village Hall Lunch 16th April

The next village hall lunch will be at 12.30 for 1pm on Wednesday 16th April. Cost is only £6. Call Lin on 770 562 or Pat on 770 466 to book.

Parish Council AGM 16th April

8.00 pm Wednesday 16th April
2014 at Ravensthorpe Village Hall.

WI Meeting April 17th

Wartime experience of Kinder transport. Village Hall.

Parochial Church AGM 27th

10.00 am Sunday 27th April 2014 at St Denys Church, Ravensthorpe (before the 11am service).


Ravensthorpe NGS, 13th July

On Sunday, July 13th from 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. there will be four gardens open and the combined admission cost will be £5 with free admission for children.

Contact Jean and Richard Wiseman.

Ravensthorpe Church Fete 10th August 2014

Sunday 10th Aug 12 pm - 4pm.
The Bric-a-brac stall will be running again and contributions will be welcome in the new year.

Annual Parish Council Meeting for Ravensthorpe	Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting	Pytchley Point to Point 2014
<p>Annual Parish Meeting for Ravensthorpe will take place this month as follows:</p> <p>8.00 pm Wednesday 16th April 2014 at Ravensthorpe Village Hall</p> <p>Agenda to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village design statement • Broadband • Report by the chairman of the Parish Council. • Annual reports by our local charities • Police and neighbourhood watch reports <p>This is an open meeting and all members of the public are welcome to come and listen and contribute. For more information, contact Liz Peachey ravensthorpepc@yahoo.co.uk</p>	<p>The Parochial Church AGM will take place this month as follows:</p> <p>10.00 am Sunday 27th April 2014 at St Denys Church, Ravensthorpe (before the 11am service).</p> <p>All are welcome to join us, please use this as your chance to let us know your views and hear what we are doing at the church.</p> <p>Uplands Group of Churches Facebook page – Please visit us on www.facebook.com/uplandsgroupofchurches and like our page to keep in touch with what is going on across the 8 churches.</p>	<p>Pytchley Hunt will be organising the 2014 Guilsborough Point to Point at Guilsborough on Sunday 6th April 2014. The first race starts at 13.30pm</p> <p>More information from: Jocelyn Henderson 01858 525340.</p>  <p><i>Happy Easter to all residents of Ravensthorpe, Coton & Teeton. Your Editor!</i></p>



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Rev Mark's Farewell

For those of you not already aware, the Rev' Mark Battison is leaving us to take up a part time role as a parish priest in the Rutland area.

We wish him and his wife Tracy all the best in their new home and work.



We had a splendid send off for him at the village hall, so a big thank you to all who helped to organise, baked cakes and donated towards our parting gift for Mark; a home communion set and an icon from the Holy Land. Mark wished to send his thanks and fond farewells to all.

Day	Time	Ravensthorpe Village Hall	£	Contact
Monday	09.15- 10.15	Pilates	£7	Natalie Carter 07967 811945
	10.20 – 11.20	Pilates	£7	
	11.25 -12.25	Pilates	£7	
Tuesday	09.45 – 10.45	Triple Workout	£5	Vicky Sewell 07970 116576
Thursday	10.20 – 11.20	Pilates	£7	Natalie Carter 07967 811945
	11.25 – 12.25	Beginners Pilates	£7	
Friday	09.30 – 10.30	Yoga	£7	Caron Lindley 01788 822975
Saturday	09.00 – 10.00	Special Back Care Pilates	£7	Tina Sheridan 07810 380636
	10.00 – 11.00	Special Back Care Pilates	£7	

Date	Time	Service Type	Location	Flowers/Brass
Sunday 6 th April	08.30	Traditional Communion	Ravensthorpe	-
Sunday 13 th April	10.00	Group Family Worship with live music (see notice)	Hollowell	-
Thursday 17 th April	19.00	Final evening of Lent Course. Re-enactment of the Last Supper (with meal)	Spratton	-
Good Friday 18 th April	18.00	The Cross of Christ	Guilsborough	-
	18.30	Stations of the Cross	Creaton	-
Easter Sunday 20 th April	09.45	Communion	Ravensthorpe	Yvonne Reeve
Sunday 27 th April	11.00	Group All-Age with Refreshments & Guest Speaker	Ravensthorpe	Yvonne Reeve
Sunday 4 th May	08.30	Traditional Communion	Ravensthorpe	Pat Foss

Please email April contributions to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com for the attention of the editor, Viv Rees (01604 771 076) by: **5pm Wednesday 23rd April 2014**. Note: space will be allocated on a 1st come 1st served basis, waiting until the deadline may result in your article not being included.

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