

NEWSLETTER

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

Church News

Our thanks go to Chris Nelson and Lynne Buswell who have been carrying out youth work on behalf of the Uplands Group of Parishes. Sadly due to changes in their circumstances, they have decided it is no longer financially viable for them to run events on behalf of the Group. We are very grateful to them for all the work they have done.

Chris & Lynne will continue their work with children and young people on an independent basis & the Uplands Group will no longer be involved or responsible. However we are still keen that our young people get a good grounding in knowing what is in the Bible, so we are launching 'Open the Book' in two of our primary schools, which takes children through the whole Bible over a three year period.

We are also looking at developing prayer spaces in schools. We are also working to develop worship and other opportunities in our churches which will be more family friendly and accessible with more family friendly services.

Our first pet service took place in Spratton, and we are planning a living nativity in Hollowell. At the same time we are committed to maintaining some of the more traditional worship loved by members of our congregations.

While many have given up on the church, people are still drawn to Jesus Christ and admire his life and teaching. A group of people started to attend **The Alpha Course** in Spratton in September where participants have the opportunity to ask questions and find out more about Jesus. We hope to run Alpha in other villages during 2016, so keep your eye out for more details.

With the change in our culture, confirmation is no longer an automatic thing that people do as children. Consequently there is an increasing number of adults looking to be confirmed. We will be supporting a group for people wanting to be confirmed – please get in touch if you are interested.

Life is a constant process of endings and new beginnings. As we look towards Christmas (yes, already!) where we celebrate the coming of God's light and life into the world in the person of Jesus Christ, let us be open to the new beginnings that may be there for us.

Message from Rev Chris Peck & the clergy team

Rev Chris Peck has broken his arm and will not be able to work for a couple of months. In the meantime, contact Valerie in the church office on 01604 743 444 and she or Rev Linnet will endeavour to help you. We wish Chris a speedy recovery!

Church Repairs & Updates

We apologise for any inconvenience caused as a result of the installation of the new church path and handrail. We are currently waiting for the blacksmith to complete his crafting of the bespoke handrails, which has unfortunately been delayed due to his illness. When these are finished, the rest of the works, including the new surfacing, can be properly completed and we think you will be pleased with the final result.

We are also currently completing repair work to the inside and outside of the church building as part of our legal responsibilities to continue to maintain and protect this historic building. Whilst we expect disruption to services to be minimal, again, please bear with us at this time.

Inevitably the sight of recent works taking place has meant a few questions from villagers about what is happening, so if you missed the open village meeting last year or our other updates and would like to hear more about what is currently happening please just get in touch with one of the PCC.

Meg, Alice, Gill, David, Steve, John & the clergy team.

Brunch @11

The October event was a great start, with several families joining us for a relaxed Sunday morning together. Why don't you give it a try on the 15th November?

On a Sunday morning, come join us and....
Relax about the food
Relax about the coffee
Relax about the kids



More than just good food

Bacon & sausage sandwiches, coffee, tea, juice
Newspapers
Games and activities for children
Thought for the day

All free of charge, and in a relaxed family atmosphere
3rd Sunday of every month, 11am - 12 noon
Guilsborough Village Hall
First dates: 18th Oct, 15th Nov & 20th Dec

Brunch @11 is run by the Uplands Group of Churches

What's On?

Weds Morning Coffee

4th & 18th November
10.30am – 12 noon
Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Bonfire & Fireworks

7.00pm Friday 6th Nov

Ravensthorpe Annual Bonfire Party on the Playing Field. Fireworks, novelties, burgers & hot dogs, hot drinks & a licensed Bar.

Brunch @11

Sun 15th Nov / Sun 20th Dec

11am - 12pm
Guilsborough Village Hall

WI meeting

Memorable Moments of Magic
7.45pm Thurs 19th Nov
Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Ann's Coffee Morning

10am – 12pm Sat 14th Nov
Anne Fowler's, Home Farm, High St, Ravensthorpe.
There will be the usual raffle & sale. Please leave any items to be sold in the porch.

Village Hall Lunch Club

12.15 for 12.45
Weds 25th November

Only £6 for a drink, a 2-course meal, coffee & mints.

To book call Pat Foss 770 466 or Lin Hudson 770 562.

Christmas Bingo

7pm Friday 27th November

Village Hall Drinks Party

12pm – 2pm Sun 6th Dec

Great company, drinks & scrumptious canapés.
Luxury hamper, champagne raffle & RVH history presentation.

Call Bob Pike 771 277

CHRISTMAS BINGO

Join us for Christmas Bingo on **Friday 27th November**.
Doors open at 7pm and eyes 7:30pm.

We have a great range of fantastic prizes to be won, including the star prize: a mountain bike!
There will also be a raffle and tombola (all donations for these greatly received). If you want to sponsor part of this event, please contact to Colin Mold 01604 770667.

All welcome, it is only £1 entry and all profits raised will go to the village hall & Ovarian Cancer Charity.

The Memorable Moments of Magic

The WI meeting on **Thursday 19th November** is an open meeting which means everyone can attend, both men and woman. If you would like to join in the fun the event will start at 7.45pm in the Ravensthorpe Village Hall.

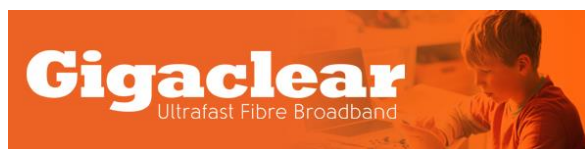
The evening will included a performance by the Illusionists **Doug Maddy**, who aims to give us a magical evening!

Non-WI members £5 (includes coffee and homemade cakes). Pre-booking is helpful but not essential, you can just turn on the night! Magic!
Contact Liz on 01604770463 or ellisonthomas10@yahoo.com.

Gardening at Kelmash

Garden enthusiasts or those looking to spend more time in the great outdoors are being urged to sign up to become garden volunteers at Kelmash Hall in Northamptonshire for our volunteer project days on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you are interested, contact

Monique Mills, Kelmash Hall and Gardens 01604 686543



We are pleased to confirm that the construction of your new Gigaclear ultrafast broadband network for Ravensthorpe is well advanced, and anticipate that our new cabinet will be live by the end of October 2015 and customer connections will start going live in phases beginning early November 2015.

For those who have not yet placed an order, it's not too late to get the Gigaclear service:

- visit www.gigaclear.com/ordernow
- email info@gigaclear.com
- phone 01865 591131

Once again, we thank you for your patience whilst we carry out our works. We endeavour to keep you updated with the progress of this project.

Travelling Crib

Believe it or not we don't have that long until Advent and Christmas, and we'd like to get even more families from Ravensthorpe involved in hosting our knitted nativity set and family activities this Christmas.

It's a really great way of taking time out as a family to think about the true meaning of Christmas, so if you've not done it before and would like to join in with your children, please contact Alice on kierenandalice@btinternet.com

Ravensthorpe Utd Charity Christmas Distribution

Applications for the above are now due and should be given to the below by the **27th November 2015**.

All Senior Citizens living in the village who are in receipt of State Pension are eligible, also students who are in their 1st year at College or University & living away from home during term time.

Mrs Shirley Blakelock 12 Bettycroft Close
Mrs Karen Eagles, Secretary 5 Dairy Field

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Newsletter Editor Wanted

Would you like to edit the Ravensthorpe Newsletter? We are looking for someone to take over from the 1st February 2016 edition. Interested? Contact Viv Rees: ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com

Date	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers/Brass
Sunday 1 st November	8.30am 5.00pm	Traditional Communion Group All Saints Service (A chance to remember the departed)	Clergy Clergy	Ravensthorpe Spratton	Pauline Reeve -
Sunday 8 th November	10.55am	Remembrance Service	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Susie Pasley-Tyler
Sunday 15 th November	9.45am 11.00am	Modern Communion Brunch@11	Clergy Clergy & lay team	Ravensthorpe Guilsborough VH	Susie Pasley-Tyler -
Sunday 22 nd November	11.00am	All-Age with refreshments	Clergy & lay team	Ravensthorpe	Yvonne Reeve
Sunday 29 th November	10.00am	Group Modern Communion	Clergy	Cold Ashby	-
Sunday 6 th December	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	-

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

Visit the village website: www.ravensthorpe.me.uk or find us on FaceBook 'Ravensthorpe Northampton'