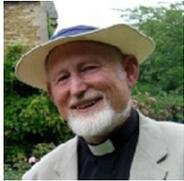


NEWSLETTER



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

Message Reverend Chris Peck, Rector of the Uplands Group of Parishes



As I write this, a snow blizzard is blowing past the window; the temperature is -3 with a further wind chill factor making it feel like at least -10; Coton Manor have closed their snowdrop viewing because of the

weather. It hardly seems possible that we will soon be in Spring and early Summer, which is a reminder that in the midst of the darkest of days there is always hope.

April starts with a bang with Easter on April 1st. Lent this year started on Valentine's day and Easter is on April Fools day. This reminds us that God's love led Jesus to the apparent foolishness of the Cross, but it is out of that foolishness that death was overcome and God's rule on earth began; not only that, as a result of the Cross we can know God's forgiveness and live transformed lives in the power of the Spirit. Truly, a glorious foolishness to celebrate.

Towards the end of April we will be welcoming our new Vicar, Allison Twigg, at her licensing by Bishop John at 3.00pm on April 29th at St Andrews, Spratton. There will be a particular opportunity to greet Allison on the next great festival of the Church's year, Pentecost, on May 20th. Our celebration Group Service at Guilsborough will be followed by a special Brunch@11 in the Village Hall (at 11.30!) which will be a chance for as many as possible to come and meet our new Vicar and her family.

As well as Brunch@11, the Open the Book assemblies we do every week in the three primary schools and Bus Stop Tots, we have our full program of different services every Sunday. However, not everyone knows what happens in them so here is an explanation.

Worship for All: (WFA) an informal family friendly service, with contemporary music and a talk to engage all ages.

Book of Common Prayer: (BCP) a traditional service with the words of the 1662 prayer book; if it is at 8.30am always said; if it is mid morning usually there are hymns. If it just says BCP it will be a communion service; Morning Prayer and Evensong do not have communion. Parts of Evensong are usually sung by a choir.

Common Worship: (CW) a service in traditional format in today's language; more of the service is said by everyone. There are usually hymns and sometimes an anthem sung by a choir.

Evening Service: This is a quieter, more meditative service; it might be simple, repetitive chants from the Taize community, or Celtic prayers, or the ancient service of Compline.

Table Talk: This is a totally informal gathering where you choose what you would like to sing, and discuss a range of contemporary issues.

15th April - Brunch@11 for Everyone!

Guilsborough Village Hall 11am on the 3rd Sunday each month. Relax with bacon & sausage rolls, fresh coffee, tea and juice; Newspapers, games, activities for children; Thought for the Day; Free of charge, and in a relaxed family atmosphere.

Sunday 22nd April – Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) at St. Denys, Ravensthorpe. This will follow the Worship for All Service and start at 12.00 noon (approximately).

Sunday 29th April at 3.00pm - Licensing Associate Priest Allison Twigg by The Rt Revd John Holbrook, The Bishop of Brixworth during the Uplands Group Service at St Andrews, Spratton followed by light refreshments.

Bus Stop Tots

Tuesday mornings 8.45am – 10.00am at Ravensthorpe Village Hall
Refreshments, play, activities, bible stories, songs for babies and pre-school children. Come as you are!

Contact Alice Cooper for more information: 01604 771245

Thank you to everyone who attended the Lent Lunches & especially to all the hostesses & helpers. Tricia

Saxon Spires Patient Participation Group Health Talks 2018



We will be continuing our series of Health Education Talks, with a talk on 'Preventing Strokes and Heart Attacks' by Dr Neal Kennedy. The same talk will be on two dates: Brixworth Surgery on Tuesday 10th April, 7pm
Guilsborough Surgery on Thursday 3rd May, 7pm

Come along and learn more about this important topic. For more information contact Barbara Hogg on 01604 880552 or email barbara.hogg@tiscali.co.uk

Contributions for the next month's Newsletter to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com by 5pm on the 23rd of the month. Queries to 01604 770957

Swishing Event A big thank you to everyone who supported my Swishing Event . I raised £330 from the event plus £130 in donations from kind villagers who have supported my volunteering expedition with the Think Pacific foundation in Fiji. Thanks again! **Hannah Reader**

For further information on any Village Hall item : Bob Pike 771277 bobpike@church-hill.com . The store building will be operational during April. We apologise for current inconvenience.

Ravensthorpe Village Hall - What's on in April?

Wednesday 4th 10.30am – Noon. Morning Coffee. All Welcome. Fresh coffee and home-made eats for just £2.

Friday 6th Village Cinema—Friendly Matinee! Refreshments from 1.30pm and film at 2.30pm: **Gentlemen Prefer Blondes**. Please book right away: Lin 01604 770562 or mike@mikecobbe.com 01604 328822.

Sunday 8th 10am – noon. Food Bank Collection, Call Yvonne 770988

Monday 9th 2pm – 4.00 Monday Club—for crafts, hobbies & conversation. Come along to join or call Bob 771277. All welcome.

Tuesday 10th 8.45am to 10.30am. Bus Stop Tots call Alice 07803 595106.
7pm for 7.30: **Village Cinema:**
Get Out—for more information click on village cinema link.

Monday 16th: 1pm-3pm: Painting with Jo Bryan. Call Ros 770471.

Tuesday 17th 8.45am to 10.30am. Bus Stop Tots call Alice 07803 595106.
2.0pm **Bridge Class** - Improvers & Beginners call 770424

7pm for 7.30: **Village Cinema: Enchanted April—for more information click on village cinema link. Rescheduled from Feb 27th.**

Wednesday 18th 10.30am – Noon. Morning Coffee. All Welcome. Fresh coffee and home-made eats for just £2.

Thursday 19th 7.45pm WI - Passionate about Pasta— Barbara Everest. New members welcome. Contact: Liz Ellison 03301 136831

Monday 23rd 2pm to 4.00pm Monday Club—for crafts, hobbies & conversation. Come along to join or call Bob 771277. All welcome.

Tuesday 24th 8.45am to 10.30am. Bus Stop Tots call 07803 595106
2.0pm **Ravensthorpe Afternoon Bridge Club**
To join, call Bernadette 01604 770424
7pm for 7.30pm **Village Cinema – “Good Night and Good Luck”** . Tickets £6:
mike@mikecobbe.com call 01604 328822

Wednesday 25th: RVH Lunch from 12.15. Call 770466 or 770562 to book.

Monday 30th: 1pm-3pm: Painting with Jo Bryan. Call Ros 770471.

Keep Fit in Ravensthorpe: Back Care Pilates on Saturdays. 2 sessions at 9.00 & 10.00am with Tina Sheridan;

Yoga Friday 9.30am with Caron Lindley (07786 911593) or caron@redhatyoga.co.uk

Pilates on Monday & Thursday. 3 sessions each day at 9.10, 10.15 & 11.20 with Natalie Carter (www.easthaddondance.co.uk)

Ravensthorpe Memorial Playing Field

Dog Waste Bins: thanks to the generosity of the Parish Council, we now have 3 red bins specifically designated for dog waste on the Playing Field. These are located by each of the entrances/exits. These bins are cleared on a weekly basis by Daventry DC (paid for by the Parish Council). Dog walkers and owners are asked NOT to use any of the other general waste bins for dog poo—we have to empty these ourselves. We would also ask the person or persons (or dog?) to not hang your dog-poo bags in the trees.

Lottery winners for March: £50 to Richard Avery; £20 to Karen Eagles. Thank you all for your support.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Macmillan coffee morning this year will be held on Saturday September 22nd in the Village Hall.

Record £3.1million donation!



The National Garden Scheme (NGS) has made a record £3.1million from funds raised at garden openings in 2017 - a figure which has nearly doubled in ten years! This year our beneficiaries include Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Carer's Trust, Queen's Nursing Institute, Parkinson's UK, Perennial and MS Society.

A huge thank you to all our garden owners, volunteers and garden visitors for their amazing support, and for their record-breaking fundraising.

The next Book Club is on Wednesday 11th April at 7.45pm at Ann Smith's house, 10 Church Gardens. The book for discussion is **The New Mrs Clifton** by Elizabeth Buchan
Information about the Book Club from Mo Cobbe 01604 328822

RAVENSTHORPE AFTERNOON BRIDGE CLUB

A new bridge club is starting on Tuesday 24th April 2018 at Ravensthorpe Village Hall.

Playing time will be 2.00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.
Players at every level will be most welcome.
Cost £3.00 per session. Do come and join us for a lovely friendly, social afternoon.

For more details call 01604 770424 or e-mail abwatson72@gmail.com or just turn up on the day.

Children's Play Area: Fundraising Events

- Friday 30th March. Ravensthorpe **Easter Egg Hunt**. 2-4pm £4 per child. Book and pay at Ravensthorpe Post Office.
- Saturday 12th May Village Hall. **Disco (DJ Booked). Celebrating 40 years of "Grease"**- watch out for more details on posters around the village.
- Friday 20th July—Kids! **"School's out for Summer" party**—3.30pm onwards. Pavilion / Playing Field.

Annual Litter Pick

The Parish Council would like to thank all who turned out & did a wonderful job collecting the litter around the village in somewhat inclement weather on Saturday 24th March. Thank You!



Two Georgian Travellers: John Morritt, Landowner and Oludah Equiano, Slave

Using contemporary letters and journals, this day course looks at two travellers from opposite ends of Georgian society. Oludah Equiano was born in Africa, seized as a slave and transported to the Americas where he, eventually, bought his freedom. John Morritt was a wealthy landowner from Yorkshire who undertook an extensive tour of the Ottoman Empire in the 1790's.

Venue: Long Buckby Community Centre
Tutor: Adam Smith (WEA Lecturer)
Date: Tuesday, 24th April 2018
Time: 10:00 to 16:00



Course fee: £24.50 + £4.50 (sandwich lunch)
If you receive certain benefits you may be entitled to a free course.

To enrol or for further information please contact:
01640 770030 or jholah@aol.com

"Monday Club"

At Ravensthorpe Village Hall begins on Monday April 9th & 23rd 2pm to 4pm for Crafts, Hobbies or simply conversation.
Refreshments included.
£3 per session. All welcome.
For more information call Bob 771277.

Village Cinema: for more information the winter/spring programme, incl. specific films, go to: <http://www.ravensthorpe.me.uk/files/view/village-cinema/Winter-Spring2018>
Or contact Mike or Mo Cobbe mike@mikecobbe.com (01604 328822)

Parking in the Village

Pressure on car-parking space in the village is on the increase. The Parish Council would ask that all residents park in their driveways wherever possible. Thank you!

Date	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers
Sunday 1st April	11.00am	Easter Sunday—Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Flower Team
Sunday 8th April	10.00am	Uplands Group Service- Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Creaton	
Sunday 15th April	9.45am	Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Beryl / Sally
	11.00am	Brunch@11	Lay Team & Clergy	Guilsborough Village Hall	
Sunday 22nd April	11.00am	Worship for All	Lay Team & Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Beryl / Sally
Sunday 29th April	3.00pm	Uplands Group Service— Licensing Associate Priest with Communion	Bishop John & Clergy	Spratton	
May					
Sunday 6th May	8.30am	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Jane Pinnock / Ann F
	5.00pm	Evening Service	Lay Team	Ravensthorpe	