



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

Remember, Remember...Remembering is a key theme for this time of the year. We start October with our Harvest Festivals where we remember God's goodness and give thanks for the harvest gathered in. On 4th Nov we celebrate 'All Saints' where we remember all those who have inspired us and at 5pm we have our 'Celebrating the Departed' service which is an opportunity to remember those dear to us who have died in a simple service with the opportunity to light candles in their memory. This year we will be at St James, Hollowell, for this special service.

Remembrance will be a major focus of the week leading up to November 11th with commemorations of the beginning of the end of the World War One hostilities. Many events are being planned including a Vigil with prayers, readings and music in Guilsborough Church at 7.00pm on Saturday 10th November, and the ringing of church bells in as many churches as possible.

But remembrance is not just about looking back; it is about acknowledging present realities and looking to the future. We cannot and should not cling to the past; we can celebrate it and give thanks but we need to learn the lessons now which can help us to move forward into a different future, a future where in the words of the prophet Micah: 'they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.'

In our services of remembrance we bring together the themes of celebration, confession, sorrow, commitment and hope. It is as we learn the lessons of history and commit ourselves afresh to work for a world of peace and justice for all peoples that we will be able to look forward to a new heaven and new earth where in the words of Revelation 'there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.'

Do join us for one or more of these special times of remembering as we look back, mark the present reality and then look forward with renewed hope to the coming into the world of the one who came to bring light and life, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Local News from Ravensthorpe, Coton & Teaton

NEWSLETTER



Administrator Needed!

The Uplands Group of Churches (Cold Ashby, Cottesbrooke, Creaton,

Guilsborough, Hollowell, Ravensthorpe, Spratton & Thornby) requires someone to provide an administrative support service. Are you: well organised, enjoy dealing with people; looking for a new challenge and some extra income? Take a look at the details here:

www.uplandsgroupchurches.org.uk/coming-up or contact

Reverend Allison Twigg, 01604 846099.

Our 31st Macmillan Cancer Support

Coffee Morning

A big thank you to everybody who supported the Coffee Morning on Saturday

National Gardens Scheme

Our thanks to all concerned in raising the magnificent sum of £1,370 for the

National Garden Scheme open day in Ravensthorpe on 8th July. It was lovely to see so many visitors on such a hot day and after such a long period without rain. Despite this, the gardens were much appreciated and the teas possibly even more so! **I will be delighted to hear from any villager who would like to join the scheme next year, particularly as there may be two gardens fewer than this year. Entries are usually needed by the end of September to meet the publication date for the Yellow Book—so please contact me as soon as possible.**

Jean Wiseman 01604 770548

Ravensthorpe Church Choir –

is always looking for new members, so if you feel you would like to get involved please contact Meg Benn for more information: 01604 770629

21st October and 18th October - Brunch@11 for Everyone!

Guilsborough Village Hall – 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.

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

Christmas Shoe Boxes

It's Christmas Shoe box time again. Wrapped & packed boxes for children or adults to be ready by Nov 6th. Instruction leaflets in post office & church. We also need empty shoe boxes, items to go inside if you don't want to do a whole box. e.g. Stationary items, toothpaste, brush, flannel, soap, hats, mittens, small toys.

Boxes to Tricia Freeman, 2 The Orchards, or bring completed boxes to the Worship for All Service on Sunday 28th October at 11am at St Denys Church, where we will be collecting them and hearing about their onward journey to children around the world.

Donations of Produce for Harvest Festival

Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who continues to give to the Food Bank—it is much needed. For information re delivering or enquiries please contact Yvonne Childs on 770988 or email Yvonne.yvc3@outlook.com. St Denys' Church is open on the first Sunday of each month and donations can be left there. Next



Augustus Short, Vicar of Ravensthorpe 1835-1845

I have to declare a particular interest in this. After Mary & I moved to Ravensthorpe in 1995, we were intrigued to discover that the first Anglican Bishop of Adelaide, where I grew up, had previously been the vicar of Ravensthorpe.

Alan Worthington

Augustus Short was born 1802 near Exeter, educated at Westminster and Christ Church, Oxford (BA, MA & DD), ordained in 1827 and, in June 1835 aged 33 years, appointed as vicar of Ravensthorpe. In his reminiscences (cited in Whiting 2018) (1), Dr Short described the time of his move to Ravensthorpe as one of “social revolution that was gathering pace”, and Ravensthorpe in 1835 as “a neglected, out of the way village”. Ravensthorpe – “including the hamlets of Teeton and Coton” - was “a parish which numbered 700 inhabitants, containing a large body of Baptists, and a large body of Independents”, where “the majority were Dissenters”. “There was no school, and the children of the village were grossly ignorant, animated by a very sectarian feeling”. The labourers at that time “were ill-paid, ill-fed, ill-housed, and of course discontented. There was no sick club and the Union allowance was little favourable to the sick man’s convalescence. During the miserable period in England between 1836 and 1847 twice I found it necessary to purchase bags of good rice and retail them at half-price to the poorer labourers, whose wives thankfully received this boon to eke out their scanty meals. No wonder Chartism flourished under such conditions of life”. (Whiting, pp 95-98).

In relation to the Church of St Denys, “the whole fabric needed repair and restoration.... (and the vicarage) was in a poor and dilapidated state”. In the following years Augustus Short succeeded in building a school (“I put in a Church of England mistress”), which “flourished and numbered sixty or seventy children”. He established a “sick club”: ‘sick clubs’ existed as a safety net “for the working man” prior to the welfare state. A *working man* would pay a small amount into the club each week and then, if he was indisposed and unable to work, he could make a claim from the club for support (2). Dr Short also undertook the restoration of the Church and the vicarage. Soon after arriving in Ravensthorpe, Augustus Short and his wife Millicent began their family - between 1837 and 1847 they had 10 children. Sadly, (it is thought) only 6 children survived beyond infancy (3). Two of their children, Charles and Alfred, are buried in the Ravensthorpe churchyard.

While in Ravensthorpe Dr Short also took into his home some private pupils, “sons of the wealthy” ... “the income from which helped me to accomplish various objectives the restoration of the church to carry on successfully the sick club (and to) purchase the cottage where the Chartist meeting had been held and add (this) to the glebe”. Lord Grosvenor (later Duke of Westminster) was one grateful parent who wrote, in September 1843, thanking him “for the kindness and attention (his son) received from yourself and Mrs Short during his agreeable residence in Ravensthorpe”.

In 1845, the Archbishop of Canterbury offered Augustus Short the opportunity to become the first Bishop of the newly created Diocese of Adelaide in Australia, a position he took up in late 1847. When he arrived, the Diocese of Adelaide – which covered most of the western half of Australia - included just 8 clergy and 4 church buildings. One his churches was at Albany, south of Perth, 1,700 miles from Adelaide and separated by the Nullabor Plain, a flat, almost treeless (*hence the name*) expanse that stretches for 1,100 miles across South Australia and Western Australia. To the south of the Nullabor Plain, approx. 30 miles from the southern coast of Western Australia and 340 miles east of Perth, is the Ravensthorpe Range at the centre of which is Mount Short, both named by the Surveyor General, John Roe, in 1848 in recognition of Bishop Short. The nearby town was renamed Ravensthorpe in 1901 (population today app. 500).

Augustus Short was to become a very influential figure in South Australian history. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Anglican St Peter’s Collegiate School (1849), an exclusive private boys’ school for the sons of the wealthy, which grew from “a vision to establish the equivalent to the Public Schools in Great Britain”. His portrait hangs prominently in the school today. Bishop Short was also the driving force behind the building of St Peter’s Anglican Cathedral, where he lay its foundation stone in 1869. Anybody who has watched cricket from the Adelaide Oval, may be familiar with the view of spire of St Peter’s Cathedral – at “the Cathedral end” of the ground. In 1876, he was also a key figure in the founding of the University of Adelaide and became its first Vice-Chancellor. The family influence also stretches beyond Adelaide. One of his daughters, Millicent (sic.), married George Glen who established a large pastoral run in the south-east of South Australia. The nearby town of Millicent (although the spelling was accidentally changed) was named after her (4).

Items for the Newsletter

We are particularly interested to include items about Ravensthorpe history, people, reminiscences about village life, previous newsletter articles of interest, photographs (new & old), or items of topical, current interest. If you have an idea and would like to discuss it, whatever it is, then do please call me. I would also like to hear about any suggestions you may have for inclusions in the Newsletter. The deadline for contributions is the 23rd of each month. Contact: the Editor, Alan Worthington.: telephone 01604 770957,

Celebrate Christmas with Kelmarsh Hall!

Join Kelmarsh Hall for a festive shopping experience at their annual Christmas Fair on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd December, from 11am – 4pm.

Kelmarsh Hall will be welcoming a number of unique food and gift stalls, along with a special visit from Father Christmas. The newly opened Below Stairs will also be dressed for a Victorian Christmas – perfect for all the family to explore. Entry to the fair is £5 per car. There will also be the chance for visitors to gain a special early preview evening, on Friday 30th November, 5pm-9pm. Tickets cost £15 per person, including a glass of bubbly.

Ravensthorpe Village Hall -

What's on in October?

<https://www.ravensthorpe.me.uk/the-village-hall/>

<https://www.facebook.com/RVHall1>

Monday 1st: 2pm-4pm **Art with Louise.** Call Ros for full details.

Tuesday 2nd:

8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots** call Alice 07803 595106

2.0pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club** Call Bernadette 770424

7pm for 7.30pm **Village Cinema: Margin Call** (see box).

Wednesday 3rd:

10.30am – Noon. **Morning Coffee.** All Welcome.

Fresh Coffee and home-made treats for just £2

Friday 5th: Harvest Supper, 7pm £8.50/ £4. Tickets from Ravensthorpe PO.

Sunday 7th: 10am **Zumba** with Lena call 07725 984674

Monday 8th: 2pm – 4pm **Art with Louise.** Call Ros for details 770471

Tuesday 9th:

8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots** call Alice 07803 595106

2.0pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club** Call Bernadette 770424

Saturday 13th

2pm-4pm **Table Top Sale** for the sale of unwanted items. 50p entrance. Full details from Pauline 770634 or email pmsmyth10@gmail.com

Sunday 14th: 10am **Zumba** with Lena call 07725 984674

Monday 15th

2pm – 4pm **Art with Louise.** Call Ros 770471 for full details

Tuesday 16th

8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots** call Alice 07803 595106

2.0pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club** Call Bernadette 770424

7pm for 7.30: **Village Cinema: Wadjda.** (see box)

Wednesday 17th

10.30am – Noon. **Morning Coffee.** All Welcome.

Fresh Coffee and home-made treats for just £2

Thursday 18th: 7.45 pm **WI.** AGM



RAVENSTHORPE

VILLAGE CINEMA

Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Doors Open 7.00pm

Admission: £6—Students £4

Seat reservation recommended

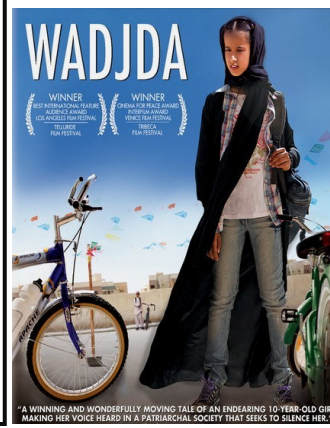


Tuesday 2nd October

Ten years on from the 2008 crash we are screening this assured film which follows the key people at a Lehmans-like investment bank, capturing the claustrophobic and pressurised atmosphere over a 36-hour period during the early stages of the crisis. The Anglo-American cast includes Jeremy Irons, Paul Bettany, Kevin Spacey

Tuesday 16th October

Wadjda wants nothing more than to own a lovely bicycle. An enterprising Saudi girl signs on for her school's Koran recitation competition as a way to raise the funds she needs to buy the lovely green bicycle that has captured her interest, but as a female in a devout Muslim family she is not allowed to own one. Winner of numerous awards & nominations, including the BAFTA award for



Playing Field

Lottery winners:

September: John Hillier (£50); Bill Saunders (£20). Thank you all for your support.

Beer Festival:

A big "thank you" to everybody who helped to make the Ravensthorpe Beer Festival & Family Fun Day such a great success: the volunteer helpers, committee members, Dave & Sue in the Post Office, the DJ (Alister!) and the musicians, the keg sponsors and, of course, everybody who supported it on the day. Although final accounting not quite complete yet, it would seem that the day raised at least £1,700 towards the Playing Field maintenance and the Children's Play Area development.

Material for the Bonfire

Ken Hickman will be organising collections of material for the bonfire. It is useful to note that this is offered as a service to the community and not the other way around (it is also customary that a small donation is made to the Playing Field when burnable garden waste is collected). It is also important that anybody who wants garden waste (or similar) to be collected or added to the bonfire, that Ken is contacted first. For the past 2 years we have had

**Bonfire & Fireworks Display
At Ravensthorpe Memorial Playing Field**

On Friday 2nd November

7.00 Lighting the bonfire

7.30 Fireworks display

Timings approximate & weather dependent.

Hot food & mulled wine available; licensed bar. *Glow toys for sale.*
(Sorry, but no sparklers allowed).

*Entrance by donation. All proceeds towards the upkeep of the
Playing Field and pavilion.*



HARVEST SUPPER

Friday 5 October 2018

at Ravensthorpe Village Hall

**Raffle, delicious supper and
good company**

Pocket Park Raking Day

The meadow area within the park needs to be annually mowed and raked to encourage new wild flowers for the next season. The mowing will be carried out earlier but we require interested volunteers to rake and clear the grass away. This we will do on the morning of Saturday October 6th from 10.00am. Anyone interested in helping should bring gloves and suitable footwear. If you have a wheelbarrow please bring that along too. Everyone of all ages welcome, come and join in the fun. Refreshments will be served.

Liz Peachey, Pocket Park Coordinator, Tel: 770894

Book Club

The next Book Club is on **Wednesday 10 October at 7.45** at 6 Teeton Road, Ravensthorpe. The book for discussion is **The Dry** by Jane Harper. Information about the Book Club from Mo Cobbe

Newsletter delivery in Teeton: *John Peachey, our Newsletter 'delivery man' for Teeton is moving shortly and we are looking for a volunteer. Is there somebody who would be willing to deliver the Newsletter each month in Teeton? Good exercise! Please call 01604 770957. We would like to thank John and all of the volunteers who deliver each month. A particular thanks also to Martin Wilkes who, for many years now, has printed the Newsletters. No small task. Cheers Martin!*

CHURCH SERVICES					
October	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers
Sunday 7th October	10.00am	Harvest Festival	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Liz Reader / Lynn Holt
Sunday 14th October	10.00am	Uplands Group Service Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Cold Ashby	
Sunday 21st October	9.45am	Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Liz Reader / Lynn Holt
	11.00am	Brunch@11	Lay Team & Clergy	Guilsborough Village Hall	
Sunday 28th October	11.00am	Worship for All	Lay Team & Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Liz Reader / Lynn Holt
November					
Sunday 4th November	8.30am	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Susie PT/ Jean Jolley
	5.00pm	Celebrating the Departed	Clergy	Hollowell	
Saturday 10th Nov	7.00pm	A Vigil marking the end of WWI with prayers, reflections and music	Clergy	Guilsborough	
Sunday 18th Nov.	9.45am	Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Susie PT/ Jean Jolley
Sunday 25th Nov.	11.00am	Brunch@11	Lay Team & Clergy	Guilsborough Village Hall	
	11.00am	Worship for All	Lay Team &	Ravensthorpe	Susie PT/ Jean Jolley