

# NEWSLETTER

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

## Message from Mark Battison

When you read this we will have reached the end of what has actually been a glorious summer and we will be well into the Autumn Harvest season with one eye cautiously turning towards winter and the Christmas period.

This summer your local Churches have organised 4 half day events for families and young people and have now started a weekly Youth Group in two of our villages – Guilsborough and Spratton.

In addition we are starting a MESSY CHURCH project on 20<sup>th</sup> October in Spratton Church and continue with our All Age service at Ravensthorpe on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month and, as always, all of these events are open to families and people of all ages from across our entire Benefice.

I have had some really interesting conversations recently with local people about what it is to be a Christian and why some find it very threatening.

For me to be a Christian is about having a daily, living relationship with Jesus Christ and I can find absolutely nothing in His teachings and His example that is threatening – to the contrary I find that Jesus actually wants nothing but the best for all of us and to prove it He was willing to die for us.

All Jesus wants is for us to accept His love (the love of God) and to allow that love to guide us in life – what could possibly be a problem with that? When we close our eyes at night we all find ourselves alone with our thoughts, hopes and dreams and I find it so comforting and extraordinarily reassuring to know that Christ is still with me – forgiving and loving me no matter what I have done or what I am feeling.

That is true Peace and so I invite anybody who really wants to know this true Peace (the Peace that ONLY Christ can give) then turn to Him and accept His love – it is life changing in a positive way – not threatening at all.

God Bless, Rev'd Mark



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## What's On?

### Harvest Supper Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Oct

Join us on Saturday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 for 7.30pm at the Ravensthorpe Village Hall for good food and good company!

For more details see left.

### Harvest Festival Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Oct

Join us at St Denys at 11am for our Harvest Festival service and auction of produce for charity! Any harvest contributions (produce / craft) from children are particularly welcome.

### Pocket Park Raking 12<sup>th</sup> Oct

Pocket Park Raking will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 9.30 am. If you could help we would be very grateful. Gloves are necessary and if you have a wheelbarrow it would help. Rakes are provided. The grass will be cut some days before and we are very grateful to John Matts for the loan his new power scythe. For further information contact **Cliff Giles** on 770451.

### Village Hall Lunch 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct

The next village hall lunch will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 12.30 for 1pm. Contact Lin Hudson for more info.

### Bonfire & Fireworks 8<sup>th</sup> Nov

Ravensthorpe Playing Fields Bonfire and Fireworks Night.

### Moldies Oldies Xmas Prize Bingo Night 8<sup>th</sup> Dec

Join us on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at Ravensthorpe Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm. Eyes down at 7.30pm.

### Ravensthorpe Church Fete 10<sup>th</sup> August 2014

A date for your 2014 diary! The Ravensthorpe Church Fete will be back next year on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 12 pm - 4pm.

Good quality / new tombola prizes would be welcomed. The Bric-a-brac stall will be running again and contributions will be welcome in the new year. **Colin Mold**

## Join us on Facebook

The Uplands Group of Churches has launched a new Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/uplandsgroupofchurches](http://www.facebook.com/uplandsgroupofchurches)

Why not follow us if you'd like to keep up to date with what's going on in the area?



## Toddler Church

Toddler Church is now meeting each Friday at 2pm at St Denys Church for fun, crafts, songs and stories followed by a cuppa.

All parents and carers of babies or pre-schoolers welcome.

## Messy Church

Uplands group Messy Church starts on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2-4pm at Spratton Church**. It will subsequently meet on the third Sunday of every month).

Join us for a fun afternoon for all the family together with crafts, fun and ending with a shared meal together. This activity is totally free of charge and all are welcome.

## Ravensthorpe Harvest Celebrations


### • Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Supper

The good news is that there are still some tickets left for the Ravensthorpe Harvest Supper on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> 7pm for 7.30pm at the Ravensthorpe Village Hall. There will be plenty of good food, a bar and good company!

Tickets are only £6.50 / £4.00 for under 14s and are available from Meg Benn (770 629). If you wish to contribute towards the meal please also contact Meg Benn.

### • Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Festival

Our annual Harvest Festival will be led by members of the community this year and will conclude with an auction of produce for charity. The service will start at 11am at St Denys Church, Ravensthorpe, so please come along to share your produce or bid for some! Any harvest contributions (produce or craft) from children would be particularly welcome.

Ravensthorpe WI News	Ravensthorpe Village Hall News	Saxon Spires Surgery Notices
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>One square at a time!</b></p>  <p>Thank you to all who knitted squares. Our initiative was a big success and we created 13 blankets in all.</p> <p>Boniface Nursing home at Brixworth is delighted with them. So if anyone wants to do more squares, please pass them to me for assembly.</p> <p><i>Tricia Freeman</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Moldies Oldies Xmas Prize Bingo Night</b></p> <p>I am delighted to confirm that the Moldies Oldies Xmas Prize Bingo night will be held in Ravensthorpe Village Hall on <b>Friday 6th Dec</b>. Doors open at 7pm. Eyes down at 7.30pm.</p> <p>We have loads of fantastic prizes for, including the star prize of an adult mountain bike! Only £1 admission per person. All proceeds to be donated to the Village Hall.</p> <p>Refreshments will be provided by the WI girls and funds raised for refreshments will go to the WI fundraising efforts. <b>Colin Mold</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning 2013</b></p> <p>Well done and thank you to all those who supported and joined us for the Macmillan Coffee morning, hosted in the Ravensthorpe Village Hall on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>This was our 23<sup>rd</sup> year of supporting this worthwhile event and £665 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you to everyone involved!</p> <p><i>John Patrick</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Preventing Diabetes</b></p> <p>Professor Catti Moss will be giving 2 talks on Preventing Diabetes and living longer and healthier, all welcome!</p> <p>7-8pm Tues Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, at Guilsborough Surgery 7-8pm Thur Oct 10<sup>th</sup> at Brixworth Surgery</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Flu Jab Clinics</b></p> <p>Guilsborough Surgery are now booking flu jab appointments on 4<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p>Flu jabs are available for patients aged 65+, and special groups of patients under 65. Children meeting certain criteria aged between 2 – 5 are also eligible.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Shingles Vaccines</b></p> <p>For the first time, the surgery will be offering the shingles vaccine this year. This is a national programme and will be offered to patients who were aged between 70 - 79 on the 1<sup>st</sup> September this year and will be given alongside the flu vaccine.</p> <p><i>Kathryn Baines, Practice Manager</i></p>



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**As the nights draw in ...**

As nights get darker earlier, burglary tends to increase, these tips may help protect your home.

- Leave a light on in more than one room, upstairs and downstairs – remember to choose low-energy bulbs.
- Use a timer switch to operate the lights as it starts to get dark – change the times that the lights come on, to create the illusion that someone is moving around inside the house
- Make sure your door is well lit and fully visible from the street.
- Keep shrubbery and hedges at the front of the house pruned to below 1m, this reduces cover for a burglar to work unseen and give your neighbours every chance to spot something suspicious
- Keep curtains closed at night – if you are away, ask a neighbour to close them for you

If you are concerned about suspicious activity in your neighbourhood, ring police on 101 – in an emergency always ring 999.

Day	Time	Ravensthorpe Village Hall	Price	Contact
Monday	09.20 – 10.20	Pilates	£6.50	Natalie Carter 07967 811945
	10.25 – 11.25	Pilates	£6.50	
	11.30 -12.30	Beginners Pilates	£6.50	
Tuesday	09.45 – 10.45	Triple Workout (aerobics/toning & flexibility)	£5	Vicky Sewell 07970 116576
Thursday	10.00 – 11.00	Pilates	£6.50	Natalie Carter 07967 811945
	11.05 - 12.05	Pilates	£6.50	
Saturday	09.00 – 10.00	Special Back Care Pilates	£7	Tina Sheridan 07810 380636
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Date	Time	Service Type	Service led by	Location	Flowers/Brass
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	11.00am	Harvest Festival and Auction	Lay people	Ravensthorpe	Yvonne Reeve
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	10.00am	Group Communion with refreshments	Priest	Ravensthorpe	Sally Marsh
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	9.45am	Communion with choir	Priest	Ravensthorpe	Sally Marsh
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	11.00am	Group All-Age Service with refreshments	Lay people	Ravensthorpe	Sally Barringer
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Priest	Ravensthorpe	Sally Barringer
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.55am	Remembrance Service	Priest	Ravensthorpe	Susie Pasley-Tyler

Please email October contributions to [ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com) for the attention of the editor, Viv Rees (01604 771 076) by: **5pm Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2013**. Note: space will be allocated on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served basis, waiting until the deadline may result in your article not being included.

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