

NEWSLETTER

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

Message from Rev Andrew

I am a great advocate of life-long learning, I find it is crucial for me as a minister to help shape our ministry, and fortunately greatly encouraged in this Diocese. Whether about God, new rules and regulations, new services and worship, rural affairs, or disability concerns, I am always learning. I happily go through all this training and learning because I want to keep on top of my game, for as clergy we all need help to be the best we can in God's service, and yours.

You may go through similar training as part of your work or life too, but may feel glad that you don't have to go through this rigorous process as part of your faith, if you have one. However, I do feel that if you believe you are a Christian, or have a faith of some sort, we all have a duty to "be the best we can in God's service"; whatever role in the church or community we are in. It might not be courses, but sometimes we all need to do things to feed our mind, soul and spirit – whatever works best for you. For me it is both a joy and a pleasure to develop, and I can only hope that I never get to a point in my ministry or in fact in my life, where I think I have learnt it all, especially about God, what a truly sad day that would be.



Update on Rev Mark Battison

As some of you may have heard, our Vicar, the Rev Mark Battison is currently unwell and taking some extended leave to properly recover. We wish him all the best and hope and pray he will be back with us fit and well soon, but in the meantime please bear with us while the team is managing without him.

If you need to contact someone about the church in his absence, please contact either me, the Rev Andrew Taylor-Cook (01604 843 215), Valerie in the Church Office (01604 743 444), or one of the local Church Wardens (Meg Benn and Alice Cooper).

Rev Andrew Taylor Cook, Assistant Priest, Uplands Group of Churches.

Messy Church

A fun afternoon for all the family together, with crafts, fun, and ending with a shared meal together. Sadly we had to postpone the launch of this to Sunday 17th November but look forward to seeing you then!

From then will meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month, from 2-4pm at Spratton Church.

Messy Church is free of charge and all are welcome.



Toddler Church

We're having a break for a few weeks and picking up again on Friday 22nd November at 2pm at the church. Look out on Uplands Group FaceBook page for more details.

Churchyard Maintenance Help

We are looking for someone to take on some of the regular churchyard maintenance/gardening work on a paid basis for a few hours a month. If you are interested, please contact David Johnstone on 01604 770 826.

Harvest Thanks

Both Harvest Supper and Harvest Festival and Auction were a great success, the latter raising funds for our regular harvest charity. Thanks go to many, but especially to the Wisemans (for sharing the story of building their nursery business), to Meg Benn and the whole team for organising a tasty supper, and to Yvonne Reeve and her flower team (Ros Jones, Gill Douglas, Ann Fowler, Lyn Hudson, Vana Hickman & Barbara Ward) for decorating the church so beautifully.

What's On?

Bonfire & Fireworks 8th Nov

Join us for a Bonfire & Fireworks Display at the Playing Field starting at 7.00pm.
Hot food & licensed bar.

Village Hall Lunch 20th Nov

The next village hall lunch will be held on Wednesday 20th November.

Please phone Lin on 770562 or Pat 770466 to book a space. This is a very popular lunch so please book early.

PS There will be no lunch in December.

SSPPG Meeting 27th Nov

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday November 27th at 6.30pm – 8.00pm at Brixworth Surgery when we will be planning events for 2014.

All patients of the practice are welcome so do come along with your ideas.

PS Prof Catti Moss is retiring this December after many years as a local GP.

Winter Olympics 27th Dec

The annual Ravensthorpe Winter Olympics is again to be held at the Chequers.

Join us for an evening of pub games, food & prizes.



Saturday 16th November Coffee Morning at Ann Fowlers

Please join us for coffee between 10 – 12 on Saturday 16th November at Ann Fowlers house, Home Farm, The High Street, Ravensthorpe.

The coffee morning will raise much needed funds for Ravensthorpe Church and the Haematology Department. There will be raffle prizes on the day. Please leave any good quality 'bring and buy' items in Ann's porch before the day

Obituary for Mrs. Dorothy Simms

Mrs. Dorothy Simms (Dottie) passed away on Tuesday 10th September 2013. A service was held for her at Guilsborough Church.

Mrs. Simms lived in Stone Cottage, Coton and then Adnitt Row, Ravensthorpe before spending over 60 happy years in Coton. She was married to Ken Simms who died in 1993. Mrs. Simms was well known to many of the Ravensthorpe and Coton residents and was 85 years old when she died, making her one of the eldest residents of Coton. Dottie will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Lynne & Trevor Miller

Moldies Oldies Xmas Prize Bingo Night Friday 6th Dec

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

The star prize is an adult's mountain bike with many other fantastic prizes to be won.

All proceeds to the village hall. If any local company would like to sponsor the evening or one of the 8 games please contact Colin Mold on 01604 770 667.



Ravensthorpe Playing Fields News

Village Hall Supper & Auction of Promises

A Supper Night & Evening of Promises is to be staged in the Village Hall on **Saturday 23rd November** in aid of the Playing Field.

Anyone interested in hosting or joining tables of 10 are most welcome. A three course meal with wine is planned along with musical entertainment and a bar, at a very reasonable price of just £25.00 per couple.

All this plus the opportunity to participate in the auctioning of a variety of surprise and inspiring lots or "Promises" should make for an entertaining and highly enjoyable evening. So why not ask around, check with friends and see if you can get a group together.

Contact Becky Wallington 770644 or Sally Barringer 770219 by 8th November.

The Playing Field AGM Weds 13th November

The Executive Committee would be pleased to see villagers at this open meeting at the Playing Fields Pavilion for a 7:30pm start.

There will be a review of the last 12 months as well as looking forward to the next 12. New ideas and suggestions are always welcome, as are volunteers to join our happy band. call Barry Langsford 771 195

Ravensthorpe Village Hall News

Christmas in a Box For the Food Bank



Last year the Northampton Food Bank gave out 336 Christmas food parcels to families who were struggling to put food on the table. Thank you to all those who helped. It is expected the need will be even greater this year so if you can help for the first time or help again, it would be appreciated.

In addition to our usual request for tinned goods such as tinned meat, fish fruit or soup there are other items that we are appealing for to help make Christmas special for less fortunate families locally (see the church porch / village hall notice boards, the post office or telegraph poles for more information).

Please drop any suitable items in at either Ravensthorpe Village Hall or St Denys Church between **10am – 12 noon** on any of the **1st Sunday of the Month as follows:**

Sunday 3rd November
Sunday Dec 1st (Christmas special collection)
 To find out more contact Yvonne Childs : 01604 770 98 geoffrey.gage@btopenworld.com

Village Notices

Support local people this Xmas!



Once again Trevor and Pat Foss will be selling **Christmas trees** at Hawtoft Farm.

Did you also know that you can also order a locally reared **Turkey or Cockerel** from them?

To find out more please ring 770 466.

Village Hall Christmas Party

Once again we are hosting our Village Christmas party on Dec 14th 2.45pm – 4.45pm

Children aged 3-11yrs (junior school) free; Grandchildren from outside the parish are welcome for only £2.

Please contact Pat Foss 770466 or add the child's name to list in Post Office by mid November.



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Yoga in Ravensthorpe

breathe, stretch, relax, renew

Experienced yoga practitioner and fully insured student teacher offers private yoga and wellbeing lessons in the comfort of your own home for **individuals**, couples or groups.

Group classes from January at Ravensthorpe Village Hall. Daytime and evening

Call Caron Lindley 01788 822975 or 07786 911593 or email caron@aptitude.me.uk

red hat yoga & wellbeing



Homeless Rabbit!

Someone entered this splendid rabbit into the Ravensthorpe village show and didn't collect her.

To be reunited, contact Tricia 770 855

Day	Time	Ravensthorpe Village Hall	Price	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 (aerobics/toning & flexibility)	£5	Vicky Sewell 07970 116576
Thursday	10.20 – 11.20	Pilates	£7	Natalie Carter 07967 811945
	11.25 - 12.25	Beginners Pilates	£7	
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	Service led by	Location	Flowers/Brass
Sunday 3rd November	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Priest	Ravensthorpe	Sally Barringer
Sunday 10th November	10.55am	Remembrance Service	Priest	Ravensthorpe	Susie Pasley-Tyler
Sunday 17th November	9.45am	Modern Communion	Priest	Ravensthorpe	Susie Pasley Tyler
Sunday 24th November	11.00am	All-Age Service with refreshments	Lay team	Ravensthorpe	Yvonne Reeve
Sunday 1st December	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Priest	Ravensthorpe	No flowers

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

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