

NEWSLETTER

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

Time for reflection in Lent

Our Uplands Group Lent Course this year is on the theme of prayer. There will be meeting on five Sundays starting on 14th February at 6pm in the coffee area at the back of Spratton church. All welcome.

Lent Lunches

Everyone is welcome to come and join us for a lovely Lent Lunch. Contact Tricia for more information on 770 855

2 nd Mar	Anne Fowler
9 th Mar	Lorna Jones
16 th Mar	Charlotte Matts

We ask for a minimum donation of £5. Funds raised will be split between St Denys Church & the hosts' chosen charity.

Church Plans Open Sessions

Following an expression of interest in seeing plans for the toilet and servery at the church (which are currently undergoing the approval process at the diocese and with heritage bodies), the PCC are happy to host two drop-in sessions at the church to talk through the currently submitted plans with anyone who is interested in hearing more about the our plans. **These will be held on Friday 18th March from 6.30-7.30pm and Sunday 20th March from 2.00-3.30pm.**

Parish Council Elections

The Election for Councillors for Ravensthorpe/Coton Parish Council is due to take place on **5/5/16**. The Elections Office at Daventry District Council will be holding a briefing session for anyone interested in standing as a Parish Councillor on **Tuesday 29th March 2016** at 5.00 pm. Nomination papers will be available then or from the Parish Clerk after that date. Closing date for the return of nomination papers to the Elections Office is **7/4/16**. For further information, please contact Carol James, Parish Clerk [Tel:771141](tel:771141) or Ravensthorpepc@yahoo.co.uk

Easter Lilies

We are accepting donations to buy lilies for the altar at Easter. This can be a creative way to remember someone & appreciated by everyone attending Easter services. Please contact Sally Marsh (770868) sally@newbarns.org.uk or Beryl Mott (770618).



CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

The national WI are supporting the Clean for the Queen campaign

As the parish council always do the Ravensthorpe/Coton annual litter pick at this time of the year it was decided to combine our forces.

The WI are encouraging the residents of the village to turn out on the 12th March and clean up Ravensthorpe for the Queen's birthday.

Clean for The Queen is a campaign to clear up Britain in time for Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday, which will be officially celebrated in June 2016.

When she came to the throne litter was not the problem that it is today. Food packaging, plastic bottles, takeaway meals and cigarette butts have all contributed to a growing menace that affects our wildlife, streets, countryside and sense of pride.

What better way could *****

we show our gratitude to Her Majesty than to clean up our country?

Meet at the village hall 10.00 Saturday 12th March For more information go to <http://cleanforthequeen.co.uk>

Village Design Statement.

The final draft is now complete and has been delivered to the Planning Department in Daventry. They will now put it out for formal consultation but this will not happen until after it has been reviewed by the Strategy Committee in mid April. A copy of the Design Statement is available for view on the Ravensthorpe village website.

Playing Field Lottery Winners for February
Mr C Reeves (£50)
Mr Steve Miller (£20).

What's On?

Village Hall Lunch Club

**12.15pm for 12.45pm
Weds 13th April**

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

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

W.I. meeting

**Victorian Fashion
7.45pm Thurs 17th Mar**
Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Brunch @11

**11am - 12pm
Sunday 13th March**
Guilsborough Village Hall

Mothering Sunday Service

Sunday 6th March at 9.45am

Ravensthorpe Book Club

7.30 pm Tuesday Feb 9th
Sally Marsh's New Barns
Nora Webster by Colm Toibin

Weds Morning Coffee

**Wednesday
2nd & 16th March
6th & 20th April**

10.30am – 12 noon
Ravensthorpe Village Hall
Call Bob Pike 771 277

Worship for All

All are welcome to join us for a new style of service on the **4th Sunday of every month
11am St Denys**

Lent Lunches

2nd Mar Anne Fowler
9th Mar Lorna Jones
16th Mar Charlotte Matts

Safari Supper

Saturday 12th March

Annual Meeting

The church APCM will take place on Sunday 17th April this year, at 11am in the church (after the 9.45 service). We would encourage all villagers and members of the congregation interested in the church to be present, and as well as the normal agenda, which includes reports on our finances, the events of the church life this year and to come, and election of PCC members and Churchwardens, we will be giving an update on our plans for the improved facilities (toilet, servery and access path) at the church. Rev Chris Peck will also be present to chair and to meet you all.



Join us for our Mothering Sunday Service - Sunday 6th March, 9.45am at St Denys Church - Say thank you to your Mum, or someone who cares for you, with a posy of flowers. Refreshments and a chance to enjoy homemade cake and raise money for the Mothers' Union "Make a Mother's Day" appeal afterwards

Activities for Families

As well as our more traditional services, if you are a young family, why not join us for **Brunch@11** on 13th March (please note 2nd Sunday due to Easter) and a morning or afternoon of family friendly Easter activities on Good Friday (more details in posters around village and on church facebook page) and then for one of our new **Worship for All** services on the 4th Sunday of each month (this month's is being combined with our Easter Day Communion).

Maintaining the Churchyard

Over the coming weeks we will be undertaking a general tidy up of the Churchyard at St Denys. In particular we will be removing the Christmas wreaths and tributes as usual at this time of year, and at the same time may also set aside for collection any ornaments etc. that are not within the grave decorations permitted by the diocese's rules, designed to keep the churchyard simple and timeless. Therefore, if there are items that you would like to retain could these please be removed as soon as possible.

For more information, please access one or all of the following resources:

- The Churchyard regulations are displayed on the Notice Board in Church Entrance Porch.
- The Peterborough Diocesan Registry
- www.peterboroughdiocesanregistry.co.uk
- Please ask any PCC member who will be happy to help.

The New Ravensthorpe Book Group

The group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month to discuss a book we will all have read. We meet in each other's homes and the host chooses the book and leads the discussion. It's an 'open' group in the sense that you are welcome to come if you happen to have read the book and would like to talk about it.

The next date planned is:

7.30 pm Tues 8th Mar Lorna Jones

"All the light we cannot see" by Anthony Doerr

For more information contact Lorna Jones 770 308 liones1811@gmail.com

Kelmarsh Hall are holding a Wedding Open Afternoon on Sunday 24th April.

For details contact; **Monique Mills** PR & Marketing Kelmarsh Hall and Gardens, Kelmarsh, Northampton, NN6 9LY www.kelmarsh.com T: 01604 686543

For full details of special services for Palm Sunday, Holy Week & Easter also see Church notice Board

Date	Time	Service Type	Location	Lead by	Flowers
Sun 6th March - Mothering Sunday	9.45am	Mothering Sunday Service & refreshments	Ravensthorpe	Clergy & lay team	-
Sun 13th March	9.45am	Modern Communion & refreshments	Ravensthorpe	Clergy	-
	11.00am	Brunch@11	Guilborough VH	Clergy & Lay team	-
Sun 20th March - Palm Sunday	10.00am	Group Modern Communion for Palm Sunday	Spratton	Clergy	-
Mon 21st March - Holy Week	7.00pm	Compline for Holy Week	Cold Ashby	Clergy	-
Tues 22nd March - Holy Week	7.00pm	Compline for Holy Week	Creaton	Clergy	-
Wed 23rd March - Holy Week	7.00pm	Compline for Holy Week	Thornby	Clergy	-
Thurs 24th March - Maundy Thursday	8.00pm	Communion with foot-washing and vigil	Ravensthorpe	Clergy	-
Friday 24th March - Good Friday	a.m./p.m.	Experience Easter - Family Activities Hollowell in morning and Cottesbrooke in afternoon		Clergy & Lay team	-
	3.00pm	An Hour at the Cross (Meditation with Music)	Guilborough	Clergy	-
	6.00pm	"From Olivet to Calvary" (Musical Reflection)	Creaton	-	-
Sun 27th March - Easter Day	6.00am	Sunrise Service with Easter Communion	Spratton	-	-
	11.00am	Worship for All with Easter Communion & refreshments	Ravensthorpe	Clergy & Lay team	Flower team
Sun 3rd April	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Ravensthorpe	Clergy	Beryl Mott

Email newsletter contributions to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com for the attention of the editor, Zöe Dando 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'

