



### Message from Reverend Chris Peck, Rector of the Uplands Group of Churches

As I write this we have just had the hottest August Bank Holiday ever, while fires rage in the Brazilian rain forests. Whether we like it or not Global Warming is here, and will increasingly affect all our daily lives.

We have less and less excuse for not acting to reduce carbon emissions. The Bible is clear that at the beginning of time God looked at his creation 'and behold it was very good'. Human beings were given responsibility for looking after this planet, and it is to our shame that the church has been complicit in our exploitation of the earth. One lesson history has taught us is that change can come about through tiny acts taken by lots of people. It is all too easy to think: 'What I do won't make a difference', or to point the finger at other countries: 'But they are polluting more than we are.' The necessary changes needed to secure the planet for our children and grandchildren are needed now, and it has to start with me and with you.

Looking forward, by the time you read this the evenings will be drawing in and we will be aware of the short days and long nights ahead. This is a time of year of mixed emotions as we celebrate harvest, giving thanks to God for his goodness, celebrate the lives of the saints on All Saints day, but then remember those dear to us who have died at All Souls, and

those who have sacrificed themselves so that we can enjoy peace on Remembrance Sunday. And then before we know it we will be into Advent with Advent Sunday on 1<sup>st</sup> December and the run up to Christmas.

One of the themes of this time of the year is 'Gathering'. We celebrate the gathering in of the harvest; we gather together to remember and to support each other. The word 'church' literally means those who are called out to gather together. Why not join us as we gather to give thanks at harvest; gather to remember the saints on All Saints and our loved ones on All Souls; and gather to give thanks for those who sacrificed their lives, committing ourselves to work for peace in our world at Remembrance.

As we do so, let's not only work for peace among nations but for peace with our earth, so that the prayer we sometimes use in our services: 'so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name' may become a reality in our world.

#### **Update on the introduction of Toilet and Servery facilities at St Denys Church Ravensthorpe**

The trees along the North path have now been pruned to enable work to start on the new disabled access path and provision of the tank to support the toilet. Building work started week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 and is due to continue for 4 -5 weeks depending on the weather. Once the external works are completed, the internal works will start.

#### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October – St Denys Church - 9:45am Harvest Festival**

The Church is decorated on Saturday morning before the Harvest Festival service, if you would like to donate any harvest produce for the service please contact Gill Douglas, E: [gill.douglas27@gmail.com](mailto:gill.douglas27@gmail.com). Children are invited to bring any harvest gifts to the service.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Guilsborough Village Hall - 11:00am to 12:30 - Brunch@11** There are activities for all ages, and of course the usual excellent bacon and sausage rolls, croissants and jam, along with freshly brewed coffee, orange juice and the Sunday Newspapers.

#### **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Ravensthorpe Playing Field & Pavilion – Autumn Pumpkin Fun**

1:00pm to 3:00pm – Family Fun, Games & Hog Roast – Tickets £10.00, Children under 10years £6.00. Make up a team of 6-8, bring your own pumpkin mascot or just join in with others for some Pumpkin related fun!

#### **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Guilsborough Village Hall – Pumpkin Beetle Drive**

7.30pm start – Cheese & Wine, Licensed bar – Tickets £10.00

Both events are in aid of Inspirational Gems - Inspiring cancer patients, survivors & their carers to reach their potential by providing creative art workshops  
Contact: Pauline & Paul Jacobs. T: 01604 743792

#### **Shoebboxes and Blankets 2019**

Is in aid of the Blythwood Project this year. If you would like to put a box or blanket together yourself, we will need them ready by the end of October.

Alternatively, you can bring useful items – toothpaste, soap, toothbrushes, wrapped sweets, scarves, gloves and hats etc to Brunchh on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – and view the blankets and meet Derek from Blythwood Project. Contact: Janet T: 01604 740640

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This really is "FREE" money and all you have to do is register at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> and nominate the **Uplands Group of Churches – Northampton** as your chosen cause, then any online purchases you make attract a donation to the Uplands Group of Churches which includes St Denys Church in Ravensthorpe. All major on-line retailers (Amazon, Ebay etc..) are signed up for this initiative and there really is additional no cost involved!

Currently we have **46** supporters across the Uplands Benefice and have raised **£591.63**

## Ravensthorpe Village Hall - What's on in October?

Go to [www.rvhall.online](http://www.rvhall.online)

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

**Tuesday 1st:** 8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots:** call Alice 07803 595106. 2.00pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club:** call Bernadette 770424. 7.00 for 7.30pm: **Village Cinema:** *Can You Ever Forgive Me?* (see box)

**Wednesday 2nd:** 10.30am – Noon. **Morning Coffee.** All Welcome. Fresh Coffee and home-made treats for just £2.

6.30pm: **Zumba** Call Lina. 07725 984674. .

**Thursday 3rd:** From 9.10am **Pilates** with Natalie. Call 07894 593397.

**Friday 4th:** 9.30am **Yoga** with Caron Lindley 07786 911593. Every Friday. 11.15am: **Zumba Gold.** Call Lina 07725 984674.

7.30pm: **Harvest Supper,** all tickets now sold.

**Saturday 5th:** 9.00am: **Back Care Pilates** with Tina Sheridan (07810 380636). 2 sessions every Saturday.

**Sunday 6th:** 10am: Zumba with Lina (07725 984674). Every Sunday.

**Monday 7th:** From 9.10am **Pilates** with Natalie. Call 07894 593397.

**Tuesday 8th:** 8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots:** call Alice 07803 595106. 2.00pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club:** call Bernadette 770424

**Wednesday 9th:** 12.15pm **RVH Lunch.** Tremendous—for just £7. Advance booking essential, call 770466 or 770562.

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**Friday 11th:** 9.30am **Yoga** with Caron Lindley 07786 911593. . 11.15am: **Zumba Gold.** Call Lina 07725 984674.

**Tuesday 15th:** 8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots:** call Alice 07803 595106. 2.00pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club:** call Bernadette 770424. 7pm for 7.30: **Village Cinema** (see box)



**RAVENSTHORPE**

**VILLAGE CINEMA**

Ravensthorpe Village Hall: Admission: £6—Students £4

Seat reservation recommended:

Enquire/book/pay cash 01604 328822 or email:

**Tuesday 1st October: 7pm for 7.30**

### **Can you Ever Forgive Me?**

Melissa McCarthy stars in the adaptation of the memoir and true story of best-selling celebrity biographer (and friend to cats) Lee Israel (Melissa McCarthy) who made her living in the 1970's and 80's profiling the likes of Katharine Hepburn, Tallulah Bankhead, Estee Lauder and journalist Dorothy

Kilgallen. When Lee is no longer able to get published because she has fallen out of step with current tastes, she turns her art form to



deception, abetted by her loyal friend Jack (Richard E. Grant).

2018 Cert 15 104 minutes.

**Tuesday 15th October 7.00 for 7.30**

### **A Separation**

An unhappily married couple break up in this complex, painful, fascinating Iranian drama ..... with explosive results that expose a network of personal and social fault lines. It is a portrait of a fractured relationship and an examination of theocracy, domestic rule and the politics of sex and class – and it reveals a terrible, pervasive sadness.

The film shows a middle-class household under siege from an angry outsider; there are semi-unsolved mysteries, angry confrontations and family burdens: With great power and subtlety, Farhadi transforms this ugly quarrel into a contemporary tragedy. *The Guardian*.

"A Separation" is a film in which every important character tries to

Ravensthorpe Village Hall (RVH) now has a new website:

[www.rvhall.online](http://www.rvhall.online) Village Hall Information can be found there, details of all events and activities can viewed, bookings made, and tickets purchased. There is also a detailed "What's On" calendar and all



I am doing a collection for local charity Baby Basics who provide Moses baskets filled with essentials for local new mums and babies in need. Any good second hand or new items welcome. For the current donation list —for babies and mothers - see the village noticeboard outside the old Post Office.

## Autumn Pumpkin Fun

In aid of

Inspirational Gems:

Inspiring those who have been affected by cancer through creative art

*Saturday 26th October: Ravensthorpe Playing Field & Guilsborough Village Hall*

*1-3pm: Family Fun, Games & Hog Roast*

*Ravensthorpe Playing Field & Pavilion*

*Tickets £10; children under 10yrs: £6*

**Make up a team of 6-8; bring your own pumpkin mascot or just join in for**

*7.30pm start: Pumpkin Beetle Drive*

*With Cheese & Wine*

*Licensed Bar at*

*Guilsborough Village Hall*

**Contact: Pauline & Paul Jacobs 01604 743792**

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE: PARKING ON PAVEMENTS

Vehicles parked on pavements are becoming more of a problem in Ravensthorpe. We respectfully request that you please ensure that your vehicle is not obstructing the pavement in a way that impedes pedestrians, mobility scooters, wheelchairs and parents with buggies. It is essential in the interests of safety that the pavements are clear so that users are not forced onto the road or the grass verges, which are often not suitable for this purpose, particularly in wet weather. We would also ask that villagers ensure that visitors adhere to this request except in unavoidable short-term instances e.g. emergencies and deliveries. Thank you for your co-operation.

## PLAYING FIELD

### BONFIRE NIGHT

The Bonfire Night will be held at the Playing Field on Friday 8th November from 6.30pm.

### MATERIAL FOR THE BONFIRE

Ken Hickman will be organising collections of material for the bonfire. This is offered as a service to the community and it is customary that a small donation is made to the Playing Field when burnable garden waste is collected—though not compulsory. It is important that anybody who wants garden waste (or similar) to be collected or added to the bonfire, that Ken is contacted first. Please note also that laurel cuttings cannot go onto the bonfire —this is highly toxic.

Contact: Ken Hickman 01604 770682.

### LOTTERY WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER

The Playing Field Lottery winners for September were Martin & Kay Lee (£50), and Mark & Hilary Bent (£20).

### QUIZ NIGHT

The Quiz Night that we had to cancel earlier in the year has been re-scheduled for Friday 15th November, at the Village Hall 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Martin Wilkes will be your host! Tickets £8.00 including nibbles and snacks (£3 for under 18s &



## SPEAKERS' CORNER -

### FIRST AID SESSION

Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Thursday 24th October 7pm start

**Would you have any idea what to do in a medical emergency or would you just freeze? Come to this session and learn some basics that might help you to save a life.**

**David Smith, the scheme coordinator of the South Northants Community Responders, will lead the session which will focus on basic life support in an emergency situation including use of a defibrillator.**

**You will get the chance for practical input which is why places are limited to the first 30.**

## NEWSLETTER

Contributions to next month's newsletter by

Wednesday 23rd October please.

Email: [ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com)



### COFFEE MORNING AT HOME FARM

Ann Fowler will be holding her Annual Coffee Morning at Home Farm on Saturday 9 November, 10.30-12.

Proceeds from this year's Coffee Morning will go to supporting local charities. .

Any contributions for stalls would be much

### CRAFT EVENING

WI have a craft evening once a month. The next one will be on Tuesday 8th Oct 7pm, all welcome; no need to be a member. Come & chat, knit, crochet, cross stitch or if you need help with a craft item we may be able to help. Ring Tricia for information 770855

### From the Ravensthorpe Archives:

Below left: The Rev. Channer, Vicar of Ravensthorpe, c. 1910



### CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

If you would like to fill a shoe box for a child or adult, you can collect a form from the church porch or from Tricia (at 2 The Orchards). Filled boxes can be left with Tricia or brought to the Family Service 11am Sunday 27th Oct.

Alternatively items suitable for inclusion in shoeboxes can be donated at 2 The Orchards by 20th Oct. Oddments of wool

### Book Club

The next Book Club is on **Wednesday 9 October at 7.45** at Lorna Jones', Teeton Road. The book for discussion is **Ransom** by David Malouf.



**MACMILLAN**

**CANCER SUPPORT**

### COFFEE MORNING

The coffee morning on 21 September has (so far) raised £845.00.

### Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who continues to give to the Food Bank—it is very much needed. For information 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 collections: Sunday October 6th & then Sunday

### HARVEST SUPPER



Friday 4 October 2019

in Ravensthorpe Village Hall

October	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers
Sunday 6 October	9.45am	Harvest Festival	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Liz Reader. Lynn Holt/ TEAM
Sunday 13 October	10.00am	Uplands Group Service– Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Hollowell	
Sunday 20 October	9.45am	Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Liz Reader. Lynn Holt
	11.00am	Brunch@11	Lay Team & Clergy	Guilsborough Village Hall	
Sunday 27 October	11.00am	Worship for All	Lay Team & Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Liz Reader. Lynn Holt
November	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers
Sunday 3 November	8.30am	BCP Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Susie Pasley-Tyler/ Jean Jolley
	5.00pm	Taize	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Susie Pasley-Tyler/ Jean Jolley
Sunday 10 November	10.55am	Remembrance Day Service	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Susie Pasley-Tyler/ Jean Jolley
Sunday 17 November	9.45am	Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Susie Pasley-Tyler/ Jean Jolley
	11.00am	Brunch@11	Lay Team & Clergy	Guilsborough Village Hall	
Sunday 24 November	11.00am	Worship for All	Lay Team & Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Susie Pasley-Tyler/ Jean Jolley