

## COVID-19 Update in Northamptonshire

A message circulated from the Northamptonshire COVID-19 Strategic Co-ordination Centre is urging all residents in Northamptonshire to take special care to observe guidelines to limit the spread of the virus in the county. On Thursday 24 August, Northampton Borough was added to the Government's watch list as "an area of intervention", due to a concerning spike in the number of COVID-19 cases.

"Currently we are continuing to avoid local lockdown in the county, but it is essential that everyone works together to reduce transmission of the virus as otherwise there is a very real possibility that even stricter intervention measures will follow. As always, we value your support in sharing the key information encouraging local people to stay safe. The latest information and guidance for the public is being shared at <https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates>. On social media, our community can follow updates using the hashtag #NorthantsTogether".

## Giving to St Denys Church in a Safe Way

Since March we have obviously not been able to take a cash offering in church, and even now a minimal rota of services are resuming in church, we are being discouraged where possible from asking for cash donations, and certainly passing round a collection plate.

A few of you have asked how you might make a contribution remotely, to either replace your regular cash giving, or to supplement your normal giving at this time. We now have a system for giving that you can use both at church itself when we are back in the building, or just from home or wherever you are. Even if you are somewhere where you have no wifi, or even 3G you can use the app and it will update and send the donation when you are next online.

All you need is either a smartphone or a tablet, and to download the following app, called "Givt". To find it either search in your App Store, or open the camera on your device and point it at the QR code (black and white pattern like a barcode) on the screen below (which tells it that you want to give to St Denys), and then click on the link that pops up.

This will take you to the app, ask you to choose an amount to give to St Denys, give you the option to gift aid it, and then (you only need to do this the first time you open and set-up the app, after that it will know your details) ask you to enter your bank details. That is all there is to it. Its very simple indeed we promise! If you have any questions or want any support in getting set up, please contact Kieren Cooper, St Denys Treasurer, on [kierenandalice@btinternet.com](mailto:kierenandalice@btinternet.com)



**Givt**  
You're ready to give.  
Scan this QR code with the Givt app.



Many thanks for your continued support of St Denys.

## Uplands Group of Churches – Service Planner September 2020

30 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am	Facebook	Livestreamed: Common Worship Communion.
6 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30am	Facebook	Livestreamed: Common Worship Communion.
	9.30am	St Michael's & All Angels, Creaton	Holy Communion, Common Worship
13 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30am	Facebook	Livestreamed: Common Worship Communion.
	9.30am	St Denys', Cold Ashby	Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer
	11.00am	St James', Hollowell	Holy Communion, Common Worship
20 <sup>th</sup> September	8.30am	St Helen's, Thornby	Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer
	9.30am	Facebook	Livestreamed: Common Worship Communion.
	9.30am	St Denys' Ravensthorpe	Holy Communion, Common Worship
27 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30am	Facebook	Livestreamed: Common Worship Communion.
	9.30am	St Etheldreda's, Guilsborough	Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer
	11.00am	St Andrew's Spratton	Holy Communion, Common Worship

**CHURCH CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Rev'd Allison Twigg 01604 846099 [revallisontwigg@gmail.com](mailto:revallisontwigg@gmail.com)

The Uplands Group Office: [uplandsgroupoffice@gmail.com](mailto:uplandsgroupoffice@gmail.com); Website: [www.uplandsgroupchurches.org.uk](http://www.uplandsgroupchurches.org.uk)

For more information about village events, news and the latest updates, visit the village website: [www.ravensthorpe.me.uk](http://www.ravensthorpe.me.uk)

**OCTOBER NEWSLETTER:** deadline for contributions Wednesday 23rd September. Any queries, please contact the editor, Alan Worthington, 07801 051402 / 01604 770957 or email: [ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com).

## RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY

Notice is hereby given that following the resignation of Katie Bazini a vacancy has arisen for a Parish Councillor.

Anyone interested in being co-opted to the Council to fill this vacancy is invited to apply in writing by providing their full contact details and a brief resume as to why they are interested in becoming a Councillor to the Parish Clerk - preferably by email: [ravensthorpepc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ravensthorpepc@yahoo.co.uk).

Please note that prospective Councillors must have lived or worked within a 3 mile radius of Ravensthorpe for the preceding 12 months.

The closing date for receipt of expressions of interest is 15 September 2020. If you would like further information about what is involved in becoming a Councillor, please contact either the Parish Clerk (details below) or the Parish Council Chairman, David Herbert (770583).

Carol Holifield, Parish Clerk, August 2020  
62 Watford Road, Crick, Northants NN6 7TT  
Tel. 01788 824425  
Email: [ravensthorpepc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ravensthorpepc@yahoo.co.uk)

## RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

We follow the guidelines issued by Northamptonshire ACRE to ensure that we are "COVID-19 Secure".  
Exercise classes in September continue as follows:

**Pilates with Sophie:** Monday at 9.30am from September 7<sup>th</sup>;  
Thursday at 9.30am from September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Call Sophie 07764 586990 to reserve your place

**Zumba with Lina:** Sunday at 10.00am from September 6<sup>th</sup>;  
Zumba "Gold" : Tuesday at 10.30am from September 6<sup>th</sup>. Call Lina 07725 984674 to reserve your place.

**Village Cinema:** it is hoped that Films will return to the RVH in September. This will be subject to local support and a further announcement will be made in the near future.

The RVH is open for other activities to re-start in compliance with all Government rules. Check the website for all details – [www.rvhall.online](http://www.rvhall.online) Call 01604 771277.

## CRABTREE PIT POCKET PARK

### Rake & Bake

You're invited to join our annual village rake of the pocket park meadow on Sunday 20th September at 10am. We cut the meadow to maintain the wildflowers. Please bring outdoor clothing and footwear, also a wheelbarrow and fork if you have these. Children welcome. Refreshments provided. Any enquiries, [ruth.rolls@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.rolls@gmail.com).

Ruth Rolls, Pocket Park Volunteer Coordinator.

## FOOD BANK: PLEASE HELP

The Foodbank is unable to accept donations of food (or other items) at this present time, due to the Coronavirus. However the need for help remains great and you can make cash donations via the website <https://www.restorenorthampton.org.uk> Just click on donations and follow the instructions.

## RAVENSTHORPE2020:

### Support for residents in Ravensthorpe, Coton & Teeton

If you require assistance of some kind as a result of the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, please Email [ravensthorpe2020@gmail.com](mailto:ravensthorpe2020@gmail.com) or call Bob Pike (771277).

## RAVENSTHORPE MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

### *The Pavilion*

Unfortunately, we cannot yet make the pavilion available for use or hire in a way that meets Cov-9 safety requirements. Of course, we hope that will change in the not-too-distant future.

### *Children's Play Area*

It's great to see the play area being used and providing such a source of enjoyment. We do ask that everybody follows the safety requirements which are posted at all times. Please remember:

- The Playground equipment is shared equipment and is used at your own risk.
- There should be a maximum of 16 people in the play area at any one time and please ensure 2m social distancing with people outside your own household.

The equipment is checked regularly for damage, wear and tear, but is not sanitised or disinfected. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that they or their children are able to manage this. Please bring and use suitable hand sanitizer, and we recommend you bring suitable anti-bacterial wipes to wipe down equipment where appropriate. Please do not take food and drink into the play area.

*The Playing Field is an unsupervised play area. All young children should be supervised by an adult. Please report any concerns to*

[Playingfield@ravensthorpe.me.uk](mailto:Playingfield@ravensthorpe.me.uk)

### *Odds-200 lottery*

The winners for August were Fiona Church (£50) & Gill Douglas (£20). Thank you all for your support.

## 34th Annual Macmillan Coffee Morning.

Unfortunately, we are unable to hold our Coffee Morning this September BUT it is essential that we still raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Therefore, we are asking for donations either by cash/cheque/money transfer, see details below. Last year, together we raised £870-00 in 2 hours and in total over 33 years we/you have raised £13,892-00. The Macmillan total for 2019 was £27 million.

Payments (in an envelope please) by cash or cheque in John Patrick's letter box 32 High Street. or Pat Foss's letterbox 34 Guilsborough Rd.

- Cheques made payable to Macmillan Cancer Support Ref no MCS/19037;
- Bank transfer a/c no 27114767 Ref no.MCS/19037 Sort code 56-00-33.

Thank you all for your support and next year lets hope we are back in the Village Hall for our Coffee/Bicky and a natter.

PS. If you can participate before the 20th Sept. we shall have a total by the 30th as usual. JJP

## Weight Loss Support Group

Di Hayes would like to get a *Weight Loss Support Group* going in Ravensthorpe as part of a local response to the heightened need, in current circumstances, to "stay healthy". Di's idea is that it would involve a few people who want to lose weight and to share "advice, moral support and so on", The intention is to include some professional advice and help on diet and exercise, and to provide individually tailored diet and exercise solutions "without any mass weigh-ins and heavy tactics". For anybody who might be interested, either just to take part or to provide an input, please contact Di on 07873 271126. She hopes to get this going by mid to late September.

## News from Buckby Library & Hub

At the time of writing, Buckby Library & Hub is not yet able to reopen. However, we are working hard with our volunteers to make various improvements for next year.

Please do continue to check our website for news of reopening, consult our Learning Opportunities page for activities that might interest you, as well as our Help and Support page if in need: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org>.