

NEWSLETTER

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

A Message from Reverend Mark Battison

Well that's another Christmas and New Year gone, and maybe even forgotten, as we all face 2013 and all that it has to offer and challenge us.

This is the time when our journey continues and we start to think about the time of Lent and the inevitable preparations for walking the path of Christ, through his public ministry, to Crucifixion and then the glorious Resurrection that we share with him on Easter Day.

Easter is early this year and so, although it may seem too soon, we need to be making our plans about how we might share together in the Good News and how we might give thanks to God for our lives here in rural Northamptonshire.

In the next article you will see some opportunities that your local Churches would like to offer you. These include all of our regular services as well as some very special ones during Holy Week that give us all a chance to really connect with all that God did, and continues to do for us, every minute of every day.

I would just like to also highlight the Mothering Sunday weekend when we want to give our love and gratitude to all those who care for us – in whatever position we see them – and would like to invite you to come along and share in some really lively music, worship and fun whilst letting those who love us know that we love them too.

Those who are yet to come to a living relationship with God through Jesus Christ often ask the question 'What is the point I'm happy as I am. Why do I need this Jesus character?'

One of the many answers is found in our celebrations at Easter – Luke 24, verse 36 – 'While the two were telling them this, suddenly the Lord himself stood among them and said, **'Peace be with you'**

If you want to know true Peace then take time this year to come to Church and receive, free of charge, the gift of Peace that Jesus promises to all who ask.

God Bless Rev'd Mark

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Who is this Jesus Character?

If you would like to know the answer to this question then we are offering you some fabulous chances to find out!

Mothering Sunday Weekend Festival

Come along to **Guilsborough Church** on **Saturday 9th March** for lunch and a chance to make gifts for those who you love and hear what Jesus wants to say about our families.

Then come along to our Group service at **10am on Sunday 10th March** at **Hollowell Church** and enjoy giving your gifts to Mothers of all ages and to those who you love and who love you - **Live Band and Refreshments!**

Let the Bible tell YOU about Jesus

We are holding a Lent Course of 5 sessions where together we will learn about who Jesus is, what he wants for our lives and what he has already given and will keep giving for you. The 5 sessions are stand alone - so you can come to as many as you want! All start at 7pm in Hollowell Village Hall.

18th Feb, 25th Feb, 11th Mar, 18th Mar, 25th March

Tuesday 12th February Family Film & Fish & Chip Supper (with pancakes!) for Shrove Tuesday at Guilsborough Church.

Sunday 24th February St Denys – All Age Service at to mark the start of Lent and Fair-trade Fortnight (Fair-trade stall available on the day). This year we are refreshing our all-age services to make them more informal, interactive, and accessible to all ages, so please come along and see us!

What's On?

Valentines Quiz Sat 16th Feb

Join us for a 'hot 'n' spicy' quiz and hot 'n' spicy food from 7.30pm on Saturday 16th February at the Village Hall. Only £6.50 per person. Licensed bar available.



Tickets are available from Dave at the Post Office. Proceeds to the Playing Field.

Coton Manor Gardens

The garden will be open for Snowdrops and Hellebores:

Sat 16th Feb - Sun 3rd March 2013

2013 garden school programme now available online.

SSPPG 6pm 19th Feb

The Saxon Spires Patient Participation Group will next meet on Tuesday February 19th 6 - 7.30pm in the Community Room at Brixworth Community Ctr. All welcome.

Come and hear Dr Simon Twigg talk about the biggest changes facing the NHS since it's formation!

7.30pm March 12th, Guilsborough Surgery
7.30pm March 20th at Brixworth Surgery

All patients of the practice are welcome.

WI Talk 8pm Thursday 21st Feb

The next WI meeting is on Thursday 21st Feb at 8pm. This month's meeting will feature a talk by Dr Steve Reynold on 'How the brain works'. Please join us.

Village Produce Show 2013

The date of the this years produce show will be Sunday 11th August 2013.

The full schedules for this years village show will be available in the next couple of weeks. For a copy email ellisonthomas10@yahoo.com or collect a one from Ravensthorpe Post Office. For more information contact Liz 770463.



Playing Field Winter Olympics

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Winter Olympics held at The Chequers on 28 December in aid of The Playing Field. £205 was raised!



Congratulations to 'Team Dream' who came 1st, (pictured above), Ph4, 2nd place, Nothing to do with Bernard, 3rd Place and of course, the other teams who took part: Para Lympics, Sting Rays, Insignificants, Team King, Pork Scratchings and the No Hoppers – who surprisingly came last!

Community Speed Watch for Ravensthorpe

Northants police are running a Community Speed Watch programme between April and October 2013, which allow local residents to become actively involved in helping to slow down traffic in their villages.



A minimum of 10 volunteers, including a co-ordinator, is needed from each village, and training, equipment and other materials are provided by the Police.

If sufficient volunteers come forward, Ravensthorpe Parish Council will look at providing the £450 required for each village to participate.

Should you wish to volunteer to take part, or co-ordinate this activity, please contact Liz Peachey ravensthorpepc@yahoo.co.uk by Mon 18 February 2013.

Christmas Party Sat 15th Dec

Ravensthorpe Village Hall Christmas party for 3-11 year old was a great success, some photos below for you to enjoy. Thanks to everyone for their help and support.



Meet your Police & Crime Commissioner

Don't miss this opportunity to meet with the recently appointed Police and Crime Commissioner **Adam Simmonds, PCC for Northamptonshire** on 5th February 10am-12noon at Northamptonshire Police Headquarters, Wootton Hall, Northampton NN4 0JQ

Places at the events will be limited and booking is essential as names need to be provided for admission to building.

To reserve your place contact Sandra Casey at sandracasey@one-em.org.uk or [0115 9348471](tel:01159348471)

Day	Time	Ravensthorpe Village Hall	Price	Contact	<p style="text-align: center;">Thank you</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you to those of you who have dropped in donations towards the costs of producing the newsletter, most appreciated! Viv Rees Editor, Manor View ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com</p>
Monday	09.45 – 10.45	Pilates	£6.50	Natalie Carter	
	10.45 – 11.45	Pilates	£6.50	07967 811945	
Tuesday	09.45 – 10.45	Triple Workout (aerobics/toning & flexibility)	£5	Vicky Sewell 07970 116576	
Tuesday	20.00 – 21.00	Zumba	£4	Tina Sheridan 07810 380636	
Saturday	09.00 – 10.00	Special Back Care Pilates	£7	Tina Sheridan	
	10.00 – 11.00		£7	07810 380636	

Church Services	Time	Service	Location	Flower/brass rota
3rd February	08.30am	Traditional Communion	Ravensthorpe	Beryl Mott
10th February	10.00am	Group Modern Communion- Bishop to open new church community facilities	Spratton	Beryl Mott
17th February	09.45	Modern Communion	Ravensthorpe	Thalia Pike
24th February	11.00 am	All Age Service	Ravensthorpe	Thalia Pike
3rd March	8.30 am	Traditional Communion	Ravensthorpe	Ann Fowler

Email February contributions to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com for the attention of the editor, Viv Rees (01604 771 076) by: **Saturday 23rd February 2013**

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