

NEWSLETTER

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

A message from Rev'd Andrew Taylor-Cook

Alice Cooper posed a wonderful question in the last edition **"Thinking of giving up chocolate for Lent?"** Following the question, Alice went on to explain that the Uplands Group of Churches were to hold a series of meetings during Lent to give people a chance to get together, think about Lent and talk about issues of faith.

For those who maybe didn't see the last edition, our theme for this year's series is based around the film **Chocolat**, and the book **Christ and the Chocolaterie** by Hilary Brand, hence Alice's question.



I am delighted to say that our Lent series got off to a great start in Ravensthorpe Village Hall on Shrove Tuesday, with a free showing of the film **Chocolat** which was also accompanied by a fine assortment of free fair-trade chocolates, and some scrumptious pancakes!

I think it is fair to say judging by the applause and satisfied looks on people's faces, a good evening was had by all.

Before the start of the film, someone asked me the following question, "What has the film **Chocolat** got to do with Lent and issues of faith?", I replied, "You'll find out shortly!" And so he did. And as it happens, so can you!

If you too want to discover what the film **Chocolat** has to do with Lent and issues of faith, then do please come along and join us, it's not too late. Our series is taking place each week in different venues around the parishes, as indicated in the next column. Each session is filled with opportunities for discussion as we explore the issues raised from a series of questions and extracts from the film, along with times for personal reflection and biblical readings. Regards Andrew

Thinking of giving up chocolate for Lent? Think again....

Join the Uplands Group of Churches over Lent this year as we use the film **Chocolat** to take time out to think about God and the World, and Giving, Acceptance and Change. For each of the remaining weeks of Lent there will be a session giving you chance to listen, reflect, talk and debate with each other, and there will be plenty of chocolate too!

Each session stands in its own right, so please don't worry if you miss the odd one, it will still be good to see you.

All sessions start at 7pm on the following Tuesdays in March:

Giving out - the power of a gift
3rd March, Thornby VH

Getting wise - the possibility of change
10th March Creaton Church

Getting real - the power of acceptance
17th March Hollowell VH

Growing up - the process of change
31st Spratton Church

Welcoming Chris and Judy Peck

At 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th March at Guilsborough Church we will be pleased to officially welcome the Reverend Chris Peck to be our new Vicar. We will be licencing Chris and his wife Rev Dr Judy Craig Peck to work with us.

It will be a splendid occasion and visitors from all of our villages are very welcome to join us.

Village Litter Pick, Sat 21st March

Please meet us at the Village Hall at 10.30am on Saturday 21st March and have fun whilst spending just an hour or so helping to keep our village tidy.



A good turn-out will make all the difference; your help would be most appreciated. Please wear sensible shoes & bring some sturdy gloves if you have them. Everyone welcome.

What's On?

Lent Lunches

Everyone is welcome to join us for one or all of our lunches this Lent. The minimum donation is £5. Funds raised go to the church & hosts charity of choice.

All lunches start at 12pm.

Tues 3rd Mar	Trish Freeman*
Thur 12th Mar	Maggie Lewis
Tues 17th Mar	Anne Fowler
Tues 24th Mar	Charlotte Matts

**Note change of venue*

Thursday 19th March WI Meeting

The next WI meeting will be at the village hall starting at 7.45 and the speaker will talk about Easter customs and traditions.

Getting Old Gracefully

A conventional and complimentary approach!

Dr Julia Boon and Judith Crook will give 2 similar joint talks:

**7 - 8 pm Tues 17th March
Guilsborough Surgery**

**7 - 8pm Tues 24th March
Brixworth Surgery**

All patients of the practice are welcome. Come and learn how we can help ourselves.

Village Hall Lunch Club

All welcome to come along to the next lunch which will be in April:

Weds 15th April 12.15 for 12.45

The cost of £6 includes a welcome drink, a 2-course meal, coffee and mints.

All proceeds are for RVH & NGH haematology unit & Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Please call Pat Foss 770 466 or Lin Hudson 770 562 to book.

Messy Church



Uplands Group Messy Church continues to meet every 3rd Saturday of the month, at Spratton Primary School - 3.30–5.30pm.

The next 2 month's themes are:

21st March – Healing
18th April – Loving Easter

Messy Church is free, welcomes all ages, single people and families. It typically includes a welcome, a creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy; a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and similar; and a sit-down meal together.

No need to book, but for any dietary requirements, special needs or more details, please contact Valerie 01604 743444 or Lesley 01604 505966



Ultra-Fast Broadband Update

Work is about to start in Ravensthorpe laying fibre cables.

Gigaclear will endeavour to complete this work as quickly as possible and return the village to its usual state, but ask that we bear with them while they are working.

www.ravensthorpe.me.uk/village-news/village-broadband

Snowdrops & Hellebores



Coton Manor garden is open now for Snowdrops and Hellebore!

Saturday 21st Feb - Sunday 8th Mar
11.00am – 4.00pm

Entry to the garden to see the snowdrops & hellebores is only £3.50.

🌿 **Coton Manor – Main Season** 🌿

The main season runs between:

Tues 31st March - Sat 3rd October

Coton Manor is open Tuesday to Saturdays and all Bank Holiday weekends from 12 noon – 5.30pm

VDS UPDATE

The Village Design Statement (VDS) Review Group is making progress and is planning an open meeting on **Saturday 16th May** in Ravensthorpe Village Hall to hear your thoughts – more details in next month's newsletter, but in the meantime for more information, visit:

www.ravensthorpe.me.uk



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Ravensthorpe Village Show Bank Holiday Monday 31st Aug 2015

This year's show will be held on the **August Bank Holiday Monday** and the theme of the show is 100 year of the WI.

So as spring approaches it time to get out in to the garden and plant the crops for this year's competition!

If you don't have green fingers, how about making or baking or taking a picture?

Find out more about the various categories from the show schedule which is now available from the Post Office or from Liz Ellison
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Donations for Easter Lilies

Anyone wishing to make a donation towards the Easter Lilies in memory of a loved one can pop the money in an envelope and drop it through my door.

Over £60 was raised last year so please help make our Church look lovely for Easter. Thank you,
Yvonne Reeve
33 Scott Close, Ravensthorpe.

Date	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers/Brass
Sunday 1 st March	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Lent – no flowers
Sunday 8 th March	10.00am	Group Communion	Clergy	Cold Ashby	Lent – no flowers
Sunday 15 th March	11.00am	Mothering Sunday Service followed by baptism	Lay Reader	Ravensthorpe	Lent – no flowers
Saturday 21 st March	3.30pm	Messy Church	Lay team	Spratton Primary	Lent – no flowers
Sunday 22 nd March	11.00am	All-age with refreshments	Lay team	Ravensthorpe	Lent – no flowers

Email newsletter contributions to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com for the attention of the editor, Viv Rees by 5pm on the 23rd of the month. Note: articles will be included on a 1st come 1st served basis.

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