

NEWSLETTER

With the compliments of the Parochial Church Council of St. Denys Church, Ravensthorpe. Editor Alan Worthington 01604 770957

Message from Reverend Chris Peck, Rector of the Uplands Group of Parishes:

"As we enjoy the nature bursting into full bloom all around us, we are reminded of God's generosity to us in creation and all the blessings of life. In a recent 'Table Talk', responding to the question: 'What makes you happy?', we reflected that for many of us as we grow older it is the simple things that make us happy: dew drops twinkling in the sunlight; evening light bathing the landscape; a simple 'Thank you' for something done; each breath we are able to breathe.

A natural response to a sense of well-being is to say thank you to our Creator, whether that for you is the Spirit of the Universe, or the triune Christian God, or some other being. And often we want to take some action to express our thankfulness.

One of the things which makes me thankful is the generosity of our village communities towards our churches, whether that is through fund raising or regular giving. I want to say a big thank you to all of you who through your generosity help to keep our churches as living places of worship, blessing, mission and spirituality. During these months there will be a host of activities including festivals, Open Gardens, concerts and plays, Hollowell Steam Rally, all of which support our churches for which we are immensely grateful.

However, if our churches are to continue as living places where christenings and marriages can be celebrated, funerals held, pastoral care exercised, God worshipped, and everyone welcomed, then fund raising events and money put in the collection plate is not enough; nor are gifts and legacies left for the building. What is needed is committed, regular giving to enable our churches to continue to fulfill their vital role in our communities.

So if you feel grateful to our generous Creator God, why not take that action of filling in a form to give regularly either to your local church or the or to the Uplands churches as a whole. And if you are a tax payer the church can benefit by an extra 10 percent of whatever you give. It can be a big amount or a small amount; what makes the difference is the regular giving. It is the regular giving that enables the clergy, the hard pressed treasurers, churchwardens and PCC members to sleep at night and devote their energy to what the church is there for, instead of the constant worry about whether it has a future.

So, for what we have received, thank you; for what we are receiving, thank you; and for what we are about to receive, thank you!

8th September - Historic Church's Ride & Stride

Volunteers are needed to man our Church for an hour on the day and also to ride round the Churches. More details can be found here: <http://www.rideandstrideuk.org/>

Ravensthorpe Christian Aid - 2018

Thank you to everyone who was involved in any way with raising the total of £387.94 for Christian Aid this year.

Worship for All: (WFA) an informal family friendly service, with contemporary music and a talk to engage all ages.

Book of Common Prayer: (BCP) a traditional service with the words of the 1662 prayer book; if it is at 8.30am always said; if it is mid morning usually there are hymns. If it just says BCP it will be a communion service; Morning Prayer and Evensong do not have communion. Parts of Evensong are usually sung by a choir.

Common Worship: (CW) a service in traditional format in today's language; more of the service is said by everyone. There are usually hymns and sometimes an anthem sung by a choir.

Evening Service: This is a quieter, more meditative service; it might be simple, repetitive chants from the Taize community, or Celtic prayers, or the ancient service of Compline.

Table Talk: This is a totally informal gathering where you choose what you would like to sing, and discuss a range of contemporary issues.

8th July – Hollowell Stream Rally

A reminder that the Uplands Churches have a tent at the Hollowell Steam Rally and people are welcome to call in and see us, but more crucially, to join us on the Sunday for the main arena service at 10.45am.

15th July - Brunch@11 for Everyone!

Guilsborough Village Hall – Relax with bacon & sausage rolls, fresh coffee, tea and juice; Newspapers, games, activities for children; Thought for the Day; Free of charge, and in a relaxed family atmosphere.

22nd July – Worship for All - in the Sunshine this July

We would love to welcome you to any of our Worship for All services, held on the 4th Sunday of each month at 11am. This service has a more relaxed style of worship than some of our other services, and we try and include something for all tastes and also a place where young families are made especially welcome. This July (Sunday 22nd) we are going to be doing something a bit different, and holding our service outside in the churchyard, as we are having a special focus on giving thanks for God's creation and nature over the summer. We will be outside for most of the service as long as we don't have really torrential rain, so please come in suitable clothing, but be assured there will be seating! There will be some different part of the service, designed particularly to appeal to adults and young people who enjoy the outdoors - so why not come along?

Bus Stop Tots

Tuesday mornings 8.45am – 10.00am at Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Refreshments, play, activities, bible stories, songs for babies and pre-school children. Come as you are!

Ravensthorpe Village Hall - What's on in July?

<https://www.ravensthorpe.me.uk/the-village-hall/>
<https://www.facebook.com/RVHall1>

Sunday 1st 10am – noon.

Food Bank Collection, Call Yvonne 770988

Monday 2nd 1pm-3pm: **Painting** with Jo Bryan. Call Ros 770471.

Tuesday 3rd 8.45am to 10.30am.

Bus Stop Tots call Alice 07803 595106.

2.00pm to 4.30pm: **Ravensthorpe Afternoon Bridge Club**. To join, call Bernadette 01604 770424.

Wednesday 4th 10.30am – Noon.

Morning Coffee. All Welcome. Fresh coffee and home-made pastries for just £2.

Sunday 8th NGS Open Gardens in Ravensthorpe. Afternoon Tea 1pm-5pm.

Tuesday 10th 8.45am to 10.30am.

Bus Stop Tots call Alice 07803 595106.

2.00pm to 4.30pm: **Ravensthorpe Afternoon Bridge Club**. To join, call Bernadette 01604 770424.

Wednesday 11th: RVH Lunch from 12.15.

Outstanding! For just £7. Call 770466 or 770562 to book.

Friday 13th **Playing Field Quiz Night** 7.30.

Tickets £7 Incl nibbles (& £3 under 18) from Shop. Licensed Bar.

Tuesday 17th 8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots** call Alice 07803 595106.

2.00pm to 4.30pm: **Ravensthorpe Afternoon Bridge Club**. To join, call Bernadette 01604 770424.

Wednesday 18th 10.30am – Noon.

Morning Coffee. All Welcome. Fresh coffee and home-made pastries for just £2.

Thursday 19th **WI** 7.45pm Stories Behind Nursery Rhymes—Terry Penny. Contact: Liz Ellison 03301 136831

Tuesday 24th 2.00pm to 4.30pm: **Ravensthorpe Afternoon Bridge Club**. Call Bernadette 01604 770424.

Keep Fit in Ravensthorpe:

Back Care Pilates Saturdays, 2 sessions 9.00 & 10.00am with Tina Sheridan:

Yoga Friday 9.30am with Caron Lindley;

Pilates Monday & Thursday. 9.10, 10.15 & 11.20 with Natalie Carter.

For further information on any Village Hall item : **Bob Pike 771277**
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Contributions for the Newsletter to Alan Worthington

ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com by the 23rd of the month please.



NGS Open Day in Ravensthorpe
Sunday 8th July
1.30-5.30pm

There will be eight very different gardens open this year, offering an enjoyable and inspiring afternoon, and raising money for the charities supported by the scheme, including Macmillan and Marie Curie. Teas will be available in the Village Hall, 1-5pm. Admission £5, children free. Come and see what hidden gems are to be enjoyed right on your doorstep!

Book Club

The next Book Club is at 7.45pm on **Wednesday 11th July**, at 28 Teeton Road, Ravensthorpe. The book for discussion is **Things Fall Apart** by Chinua Achebe. Information about the Book Club from Mo Cobbe 01604 328822

2018 Ravensthorpe Beer Festival & Family Day

Playing Field & Pavilion - Ravensthorpe



CRAFT BEERS—REAL ALES—CIDERS— WINES

2-7PM: FAMILY FUN—GAMES BOUNCY CASTLE— BBQ— FOOD-SNACKS

7-10PM: DJ - MUSIC

TICKETS £8 ADULTS KIDS FREE

FROM RAVENSTHORPE PO

In aid of the Children's Play Area Development

Playing Field

Lottery winners for June: Colin Mold (£50); Brian Alderwick (£20). Thank you all for your support—we have reached 200 tickets sold for the second year running!

Quiz Night: Friday 13th July, Village Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets £7 (£3 for under 18's) includes nibbles. Licensed Bar. Teams max 6. Tickets from Ravensthorpe Shop.

School's Out For Summer gathering at the Pavilion/Playing Field on Friday 20th July from 3.30pm - All welcome, bring a picnic, rug, drinks & the sunshine, cost £3 per child which will go towards the Play Area. Weather Permitting !

Macmillan Cancer Support

Coffee Morning—Village Hall, Ravensthorpe Saturday September 22nd 10-noon

Apologies for incorrect date given in last Newsletter—Ed.

July	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers
Sunday 1st July	8.30am	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Meg Benn / Sally M
	5.00pm	Evening Service	Lay Team & Clergy	Ravensthorpe	
Sunday 8th July	8.30am	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Meg Benn / Sally M
	10.45am	Uplands Group Service	Clergy	Hollowell Steam Rally—Main Arena	
Sunday 15th July	9.45am	Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Meg Benn / Sally M
	11.30am	Brunch@11	Lay Team & Clergy	Guilsborough Village Hall	
Sunday 22nd July	11.00am	Worship for All	Lay Team & Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Meg Benn / Sally M
Sunday 29th July	10.00am	Uplands Group Service	Clergy	Creaton	