



The Uplands Group of Churches warmly invites you to join them for Outdoors@11 this autumn. As we can't all meet together in the normal way for family worship or children's groups at the moment, we're going to try something new.

Outdoors@11 is a new family worship event aimed specifically at those families who we haven't seen in a while but used to enjoy coming along to Brunch@11, Bus Stop Tots, MMM, or our All-Age services. If you're new to any of those activities though we'd love to see you too of course.

**We're meeting at Guilsborough churchyard from 11.00 am: activities will start then but join us as you can, the event will go on for around 45 minutes).**

**Sunday 4th October; Sunday 1st November; Sunday 6th December**

If you can give us an indication if you know you are coming that would be great, and then we can make sure we have plenty of family zones set up in advance! If you'd like to find out more about Outdoors@11, or any of the other worship and activities in our villages, please contact:

Rev Allison Twigg on 01604 846099 or revallisonstigg@gmail.com or take a look at our facebook page.

### UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES SERVICES OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2020

4th October	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	Facebook St Michael's & All Angels, Creaton Guilsborough Churchyard	CW Communion CW Communion Outdoors@11 (Family Worship)
11th October	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	Facebook St Denys' Cold Ashby Hollowell	CW Communion (marking Harvest) BCP Communion CW Communion
18th October	8.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	St Helen's Thornby Facebook St Denys' Ravensthorpe All Saints, Cottesbrooke St Etheldreda's Guilsborough	BCP Communion CW Communion CW Communion (marking Harvest) BCP Communion Evening Prayer
25th October	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	Facebook St Etheldreda's Guilsborough St Andrew's Spratton	CW Communion BCP Communion CW Communion
1st November	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	Facebook St Michael's & All Angels, Creaton St Etheldreda's Guilsborough	CW Communion CW Communion Outdoors@11
8th November	10.50am 10.50am	Facebook St Denys' Ravensthorpe (outside service) (Other churches also holding Acts of Remembrance at other times this day).	Service of Remembrance Service of Remembrance
15th November	8.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	St Helen's Thornby Facebook St Denys' Ravensthorpe All Saints Cottesbrooke St Etheldreda's Guilsborough	BCP Communion CW Communion CW Communion BCP Communion Evening Prayer
22nd November	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	Facebook St Etheldreda's Guilsborough St Andrew's Spratton	CW Communion BCP Communion CW Communion
29th November	9.30am	Facebook	CW Communion

Please note that due to strict social distancing requirements for churches if they are to continue to be permitted to open for worship, all our buildings have a significantly limited capacity at present. Therefore, we are very sorry that whilst we will do our absolute best to accommodate you, we cannot absolutely guarantee entry to everyone who wishes to attend worship in person on a particular occasion.

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### HARVEST

We are sorry that we cannot hold our normal Harvest Supper or full Harvest Festival Service this year, but will be marking Harvest in our prayers at our more simple service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at Ravensthorpe. Instead of asking for the normal produce we will also be taking a foodbank collection at the church that day (non-perishable foodstuffs only please) and taking a retiring collection for the Bangladeshi charity we always support at Harvest, the Friends of Khasabdir. If you would like to give either food items or money but are not able to attend church in person at present, please let us know and we will arrange for this.



We are here for anyone in our area with Babies, Toddlers or Pre-Schoolers :

A chance to get to know other families and be part of a community

10 minutes of bible stories & songs for babies and pre-school children

Find our sessions online on our Facebook page each week for now, until we can meet together in person again!



Bus Stop Tots is run by the Uplands Group of Churches

## 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).

### Historic Churches Ride & Stride

The Historic Churches Ride & Stride event took place on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020. This organisation gives grants to church buildings in need of repair or alarm systems. St Denys has benefited from this trust.

This year was the first year that we have not opened, initially because a wedding was booked for that day which has now been postponed, and latterly because of Covid.

We would like to thank all the people over many years who have cycled and walked and sat in church to welcome visitors giving them refreshments. A special thanks to our one cyclist this year!

### 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.

### Blythwood Christmas Shoe Boxes

We will be doing shoe boxes again this year, so if you would like to either fill a shoe box or donate items or money to buy things. They need to be ready for the end of October. Items needed are, pencils, rubbers, notepads, colouring books, soft toy, soap, flannel, toothpaste, toothbrush, hair brush or comb, hats, gloves, scarfs. I will have the leaflets soon. Children & Adults will be very grateful of your help. Please call if you need information Tricia. 770855

### RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

The RVH continues to follow the guidelines issued by Northamptonshire ACRE to ensure the hall is "COVID-19 Secure"

**Pilates** on Thursdays at 9.30am.

Call Sophie to join this session. 07764 586990

**Zumba** on Sunday at 10am

**Zumba Gold** on Tuesday at 10.30am

Call Lina 07725 984674

Other activities can take place subject to current government rules.

The **Village Cinema** has received support from many quarters for beginning films once again. In view of the current uncertainty, due to the rising COVID-19 case numbers, we do not plan to start during October. This issue is regularly reviewed however and a further announcement may be made soon.

October will see the work begin to improve and enlarge the terrace on the south side of the village hall.

For further information.

[contact@rvhall.online](mailto:contact@rvhall.online) or 01604 771277

**Thursday Pilates in Ravensthorpe:** Unfortunately, Sophie has cancelled her Monday class in the Village Hall, but there is a Thursday class at 9.30. For those attending, the class is obviously much enjoyed but "it could do with a few more". Men & women, of all ages, most welcome. "Come and join in for a gentle stretch".. Every Thursday.

### CRABTREE PIT POCKET PARK

Thank you to everyone who helped cut and rake the meadow in Sept. Over 170 volunteer hours were spent to complete this nature conservation activity. This year we have cut two thirds of the meadow, leaving the rest to provide seeds for birds and stems for wintering insects. The huge compost pile will decompose to provide an excellent habitat next year.

During the bat walk, we heard and saw *Notucles* and *Pipstrelle* bats. Other species were heard too but that requires an expert ear to identify these.

Work will continue on restoring the old lane hedgerows on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am. Please contact me if you're interested in helping then or at other times. Following this preparatory work, we'll plant the hedge saplings in November. We have been successful again in our application to the Woodland Trust for free community trees. Thanks to them and their sponsors. You can receive quarterly wildlife news and updates, email me at [ruth.rolls@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.rolls@gmail.com). Ruth

### RAVENSTHORPE MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

#### *The Pavilion*

Unfortunately, the Pavilion remains closed and unavailable for hire. 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 as it is. We do ask that everybody follows the safety requirements which are posted at all times. *Please report any concerns to : [Playingfield@ravensthorpe.me.uk](mailto:Playingfield@ravensthorpe.me.uk)*

#### *Odds-200 lottery*

The winners for August were Emma Connor (£50) & Stuart Hastie (£20). Thank you all for your support.

### 34th Annual Macmillan Coffee Morning.

May I thank all of you that have supported our Macmillan Collection. The Cash and cheques will be sent off shortly so there is still time to donate if you forgot. I should be able to give you a total in the November Newsletter. John Patrick

### News from Buckby Library & Hub

Buckby Library & Hub hopes to reopen to the public during the course of October. Information and COVID related guidance will be on our website nearer the time; see: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org> or phone 01327 842591. During the closure period, fines have not been charged. This scheme will cease on October 5<sup>th</sup> so please renew or return any books through the letter box before then (additional information on our website).

Thanks to the Anglian Water Positive Difference Fund in conjunction with the Northamptonshire Community Foundation, we are installing a permanent gazebo in our back garden to enable individuals and small groups (depending on COVID guidelines) to gather safely, weather permitting.

Finally – we are seeking volunteers, enthusiastic people who can design, develop and organise COVID-safe events and activities. If you are interested, please email: [info@buckbylibraryhub.org](mailto:info@buckbylibraryhub.org). And if you are able, please donate and help us deliver much more for everyone: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/support-and-donate/>. Thanks for your ongoing support!

### November Newsletter

The deadline for contributions to the November Newsletter is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Please email to [ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com). Any queries to the editor, Alan Worthington (01604 770957) or email (as above).

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