



CHURCH UPDATE

Remembrance Sunday

There will be an Act of Remembrance Service in Ravensthorpe on Sunday November 8th at 10.50. It will be an abridged service, outdoors only and there will be no seating. There will also be a recorded, on-line service for Remembrance for each village, to include a village Roll of Honour and a wreath being laid at the memorial. I actively encourage all those who can watch online to do so and avoid congregating at the memorials. Masks are to be worn; we will be strictly enforcing distancing, and acting appropriately with regard to our risk assessments.

Christmas

With this in mind, Christmas is coming, and will also be different. Christmas is most definitely not cancelled! Congregational singing is still not permitted. It is not possible for us to host large numbers in our buildings and maintain the required social distancing. Carol and Crib Services, for example, as we have had them in previous years cannot take place. We are looking creatively at ways that our churches can engage with our village communities and planning to celebrate the same wonderful festival, the birth of our Lord and Saviour, just in a slightly different way. I would love to hear from anyone who could help me with this please. Ideally needing 3/4 people from each village. And if you like craft and painting, then please do be in touch too. Life is different, but the gospel we proclaim remains the same. Let us rejoice in this and look forward to the coming season with hope.

With many prayers,
 Allison
 Rev'd Allison Twigg
 Rector, Uplands Group of Churches 01604 846099

Food Bank—Many thanks to everyone who donated items for the Food Bank which were gratefully received by Kettering Food Bank and for the monetary donations given to our charity in Bangladesh whom we support every year.



Outdoors@11 - Meet at 11am at Guilsborough Churchyard on Sunday 1st November and Sunday 6th December



Bus Stop Tots - Online each Tuesday while we can't meet in person!

UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES SERVICES NOVEMBER 2020

1st November	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	Facebook St Michael's & All Angels, Creaton St Etheldreda's Guilsborough	Common Worship Communion Common Worship 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	Holy Communion / Book of Common Prayer Common Worship Communion Common Worship Communion Holy Communion / Book of Common Prayer Evening Prayer with Music
22nd November	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	Facebook St Etheldreda's Guilsborough St Andrew's Spratton	Common Worship Communion Holy Communion / Book of Common Prayer Common Worship Communion
29th November	9.30am	Facebook	Common Worship 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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RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

The RVH continues to follow the guidelines issued by Northamptonshire ACRE to ensure the hall is "COVID-19 Secure" for all events permitted to take place.

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

The **Village Cinema** will not re-start yet due to the continuing uncertainty around COVID-19.

The matter is regularly reviewed and we will begin again as soon as it is safe.

Terracing work: the work to enlarge the terrace on the south side of the village hall is nearing completion.

For further information: contact@rvhall.online or 01604 771277

RAVENSTHORPE MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

Bonfire Night

Sadly, we aren't able to hold our annual bonfire this year due to "you-know-what". But we plan to be back up and running next year, so hopefully we can make up for it then.

Playing Field AGM

The Playing Field AGM will be held on-line on Monday 23 November at 8.00pm. Members of the public (villagers) would be most welcome and if you would like to join the meeting, please send an email to playingfield@ravensthorpe.me.uk to register. You will then be invited to join the meeting. Alternatively, phone 07801 051 402.

The Pavilion

Unfortunately, the Pavilion remains closed and unavailable for hire. The complications for our small band of volunteers to ensure meeting the requirements for cleaning and disinfecting prior to any use is beyond our resources. Nevertheless, we are reviewing this each month.

Children's Play Area

The new surfacing for the roundabout is now complete and Ken Hickman, who is very kindly refurbishing the platform, plans to have this completed and reinstalled by the end of November. Please report any concerns to: Playingfield@ravensthorpe.me.uk

Odds-200 lottery

The winners for August were Kate Elliot-Smith (£50) & Dave Hastie (£20). Thank you all for your support.

CRABTREE PIT POCKET PARK

Birds of a Feather

Villagers have made their own bird boxes from 10 kits to encourage feathered friends to make a home in their garden. In addition 4 bird boxes have been kindly donated to the pocket park by residents. These should be in place by mid- November.

It might seem a strange time of year but some birds start looking for nesting places in the autumn and even use boxes to shelter in bad weather and to overwinter. I'm so looking forward to Spring to see if the birds choose them to bring up their new generation. It's wonderful to do something positive. Thanks go to our wildlife friendly villagers.

We'll be planting saplings to restore the lane hedge on Sunday 22nd November at 10.30am.

Volunteers welcome. Please wear suitable clothing and bring a spade. Certificates for children.

Please contact Ruth for any queries at ruth.rolls@gmail.com.

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 or call Bob Pike (771277).

FOOD BANK: PLEASE HELP

The Foodbank needs our support and, as we know, the need currently is greater than ever. To support our local foodbanks, you can make cash donations via the website <https://www.restorenorthampton.org.uk> Just click on donations and follow the instructions.

Ravensthorpe United Charities

CHRISTMAS DISTRIBUTION

Applications for the above are now due and should be given to the below by the 1st December.

All Senior Citizens living in the village in receipt of State Pension are eligible, also students who are in their first year at College or University and living away from home during term time.

Mrs Lynn Holt, 10 Little Lane.

Miss Karen Blakelock, Secretary, 5 Dairy Field.

Alternatively, you can email

RavensthorpeUnitedCharities@outlook.com.



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"During lockdown, The Chequers raised a superb £48.50 for the South Northants Community Responders Charity" Martin Wilkes, (SNCR, Deputy Co-ordinator & Trustee)



COFFEE MORNINGS

Autumn Coffee Morning at Ann Fowler's

The annual autumn fundraising coffee morning at Ann's can't take place this year, but if anybody would like to make a donation, please leave it at 42 High Street. This year's cause is **Pancreatic Cancer Research**. Ann is also saying that – for a small fee towards the cause - she "can dog walk, be a driver, make a cake or pudding or meal". Please contact 01604 770415.

Macmillan Cancer Support

Update from John Patrick: "We have paid in £685-00 to Macmillan and to this will be added numerous bank transfers which means the total should be in the December Newsletter. On behalf of Macmillan may I thank you for your generous support."

December Newsletter

The deadline for contributions to the November Newsletter is Monday 23rd November. Please email to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com. Any queries to the editor, Alan Worthington (01604 770957) or email (as above).