

NEWSLETTER

Local News from Ravensthorpe, Coton & Teaton

The deadline for contributions to the April Newsletter is Wednesday 23rd March. Contributions to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com. Queries to 01604 770957.

FROM REV'D ALLISON TWIGG (Taken from the Uplands Group of Churches Weekly Mailing, 25 February):

On Sunday (27 February) we join with Christians around the UK in marking Church Action on Poverty Sunday. This charity does amazing work and you can find out more (from the Uplands Group of Churches Weekly Mailing), or by visiting the charity's website about how you can pray, act and give. Perhaps this is one charity you could think of sponsoring as part of your Lenten disciplines of praying, fasting and giving.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 2nd March. There will be a communion service with imposition of ashes at 9.00 in Guilsborough: we would love to see you there Following this our Lent Course begins on 8th March in Ravensthorpe Church at 7.30 studying the book The Grace Filled Wilderness.

I end this week with a feeling of shock and sadness at the attacks on the country of Ukraine, Please do join me in praying for a world which seems darker today.

Bring wisdom, calm and compassion O Lord, and let your light shine on the people of Ukraine. May there be a swift end to the conflict and to a future of lasting peace. Amen.

With prayers for you all,
Allison



REVEREND CLARE GLOVER:

We have recently welcomed Reverend Clare Glover, our new Curate (vicar completing their training), to the Benefice. Clare was ordained last summer and prior to that was combining her theological training with her former role as a GP in Kingsthorpe, and lives nearby. She has a husband James, who is an engineer, and two children away at university. She will be working with the Uplands Group of Churches for the next couple of years as she completes her training, alongside Rev Allison.



REVEREND CAROLINE BURNETT

In case you missed it (due to lockdown restrictions), in spring last year we also welcomed Rev Caroline Burnett to the Uplands Churches team, when she joined us as our part-time Associate Priest, living with her husband Tim in the vicarage in Guilsborough and with grown up sons visiting occasionally! Caroline will now be familiar to many of you, as she has quickly become an integral member of the Uplands Churches family!

Clare and Caroline, along with Rev Judy, support Rev Allison and the local church PCCs and Churchwardens in leading our churches and supporting and caring for our village communities.

Should you need anything at all from the Uplands Churches teams, or want to find out more about faith or what goes on in our churches, please do get in touch with any of us on the details below:

Rector: Rev'd Allison Twigg 01604 846099 revallisontwigg@gmail.com; **Associate Priest:** Rev'd Caroline Burnett 01604 328629 caroline_burnett@btinternet.com; **Assistant Curate:** Rev'd Clare Glover 07912 188359 revclare@icloud.com
The Uplands Group Office: uplandsgroupoffice@gmail.com; **Web site:** www.uplandsgroupchurches.org.uk
Ravensthorpe Churchwarden/PCC Secretary: Alice Cooper kierenanalice@btinternet.com

CHURCH SERVICES: RAVENSTHORPE & UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES — FEBRUARY 2022

February	Location	Service Type	Time	Flowers
Wednesday 2nd March Ash Wednesday	Guilsborough	Holy Communion.	9.00am	
Sunday 6 March (Lent 1)	Ravensthorpe	Book of Common Prayer—Communion	8.30am	No Flowers
	Other Churches / Services	Cottesbrooke (BCP Communion, 11.00am); Creaton (CW Communion 9.30am); Guilsborough (CW Communion: 11.00am); Spratton (Worship for All, 11.00am); Thornby (BCP Communion: 9.30am).		
Sunday 13th March (Lent 2)	10.00am Group Service, Spratton			
Sunday 20th March (Lent 3)	Ravensthorpe	Common Worship with Communion	9.30am	No Flowers
	Other Churches/ Services	Creaton (BCP Communion CB: 9.30am), Guilsborough (BCP Communion: 8.30am, Brunch@11, BCP Evensong 5.00pm); Hollowell (BCP MP: 11.00am); Spratton (BCP Communion: 8.30am).		
Sunday 27th March Mothering Sunday	Ravensthorpe	Worship for All; Mothering Sunday.	11.00	No Flowers
	Other Churches/ Services	Cold Ashby (BCP Communion: 9.30am); Creaton 11.00 with URC; Guilsborough (Mothering Sunday 9.30am); Hollowell (CW Communion 11.00am); Spratton (CW Communion: 11.00am)..		

Reminder: You are invited to a SOUP LUNCH on Thursday March 31st.

This year instead of the Lent Lunches we will have just one event together in the Village Hall – a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours.

Please book in advance - it will be good to see you all! The lunch will be served from 12 noon to 1.30 pm.

Payment will be by donation (minimum £6 please) shared between St Denys Church and The Hope Centre, Northampton. There will also be a collection point for the Hope Centre food bank – the usual basics are always needed and with Easter coming perhaps a little treat or two for families.

If you would like to help in any way then please let us know - Tricia Freeman 770855 or Maggie Lewis 770458.

To reserve your place please phone Tricia or email triciafreeman@btinternet.com

Look forward to seeing you there.

RAVENSTHORPE CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING

The carol singing on the village green on 23rd December raised a wonderful total of £110.

This was sent to the Hope Centre and a lovely thank you letter was received from them on Feb 7th. A big thank you to everybody involved with this. Singers and people who kindly donated. A special thank you to Sally Sparrow, who bravely volunteered to accompany us on her saxophone

Save the Date – Live Music



Live Music returns on Saturday 16th April when the **Jake Leg Jug Band** will bring the authentic sounds of the Prohibition era to the village hall

with a mixture of jazz, blues and country. This critically acclaimed recording band bring great musicianship and an entertaining repertoire laced with good humour. You're guaranteed to leave with a smile on your face.

Further information will soon be available on <https://www.rvhall.online/>



RAVENSTHORPE PLAYING FIELD

BEER FESTIVAL & FAMILY FUN DAY

The Beer Festival & Family Fun Day is back again this year. Saturday June 16th. More updates to follow.

LOTTERY WINNERS for February: *Barry Langsford (£50) & Sandra Patrick (£20). The Chequers Accumulator was unclaimed. Thank you everyone for your support.*

Around the World in 80 Days 31 March – 2 April

Guilborough Music & Drama Society presents a musical adaptation of Jules Verne's novel, *Around the World in 80 Days*. Performances will take place at 7.30 pm at Guilborough Village Hall from Thursday 31 March to Saturday 2 April. Tickets £10 from end February – visit www.gmads.co.uk or call Frances on 01604 740549.



RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE CINEMA

<https://www.rvhall.online/cinema>

TUESDAY 8th March 7.00 for 7.30 pm: MAINSTREAM FILM—DARK WATERS

“Adapted from a 2016 New York Times’ story, *Dark Waters* is about a tenacious attorney Rob Bilott who, having built a prosperous career in the 1990s representing big, powerful companies, uncovers a dark secret that connects a growing number of unexplained deaths to one of the world’s largest corporations that has been dumping chemicals in West Virginia for decades.



The film starts with a farmer telling Bilott that chemical waste has killed 190 of his cows. Bilott decides to take up the case to expose the truth, using his knowledge of big chemical firms against the corporation. During a 12-year battle, he risks everything – his career, livelihood and family.

“*Dark Waters*” is an important project with an incendiary message about corporate greed, environmental destruction and human exploitation. Directed by the prestige film-maker Todd Haynes and starring three-time Oscar nominee Mark Ruffalo as Rob Bilott and Anne Hathaway, Tim Robbins and Bill Pullman.

“a true-life legal thrillerthis sobering and sophisticated political thriller about a corporate defence attorneyfizzes with righteous fury.” (The Guardian)

“gripping legal thriller doubles as a cautionary tale against capitalism” (NME)

2019.....126 mins.....Cert 12A.....3 – 4 Stars

TUESDAY 22nd MARCH 7pm for 7.30 CINEPHILE FILM—AFTER LOVE

“*After Love*” is a British drama in which a grieving widow uncovers a secret her late husband has been keeping.



Mary (Joanna Scanlan) is a white, English Muslim who converted many years ago to marry Ahmed (Nasser Memarzia), with whom she lives near the Dover cliffs. Ahmed’s work takes him back and forth across the Channel to Calais and Mary regularly stands on the cliffs, waving at his ship “like a mad woman”. But when Ahmed dies suddenly, Mary discovers that the husband she thought she knew had another life in France, a life completely at odds with the home they built together in England, with all its triumphs and tragedies. Cast adrift, Mary makes the voyage to Calais, the white cliffs crumbling in her mind’s eye as she crosses the water into an unknown world.

Critically acclaimed – “*After Love*” has four BAFTA nominations including for Best Leading Actress and Best Director.

English, French and Urdu with English sub-titles

“one of the standout films of the year so far” (Tattler)

“Joanna Scanlan gives a superb lead performance, the best of her career so far.....”*After Love* has the agony of a domestic tragedy and the tension of a Hitchcock thriller.” (The Guardian)

2020.....90 mins.....Cert 12A.....4 to 5 Stars

RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL LITTER PICK

The annual Ravensthorpe/Coton Village Litter Pick will take place on

SATURDAY, 12 MARCH 2022

All volunteers welcome: please meet outside the Village Hall at 10.00 am

Whilst litter sacks will be provided, it would be appreciated if volunteers could provide their own gloves, appropriate hi-viz clothing and any litter picking equipment they may wish to use.

RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL: WHAT'S ON IN MARCH?

Tuesday 1	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Lina 07725 984 674		10.45am	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675
	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424	Monday 21	9.15 & 10.30	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	078 10 235258
Wednesday 2	10.30am	MORNING COFFEE	All welcome!	Tuesday 22	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Lina 07725 984 674
	2.00pm	Short Mat Bowling	Lin 07557 396627		2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
Thursday 3	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990		7pm	Village Cinema presents "After Love"	See cinema box
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675	Wed 23	12.15pm	NEW Tai Chi	Taster: call Dominic 07957 321531
Friday 4	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	alina@cooper.bio		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowling	Lin 07557 396627
	12.15pm	Yoga with Lizzy	07950 573719		8.00pm	Ravensthorpe PC	
Saturday 5	9.00am	Ladies Circuit Workout with Tammy	07793 917493	Thursday 24	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
Sunday 6	9.30am	Zumba	Lina 07725 984674		6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675
	10.45am	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891132675	Friday 25	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	alina@cooper.bio
Monday 7	9.15 & 10.30	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	078 10 235258		12.15pm	Yoga with Lizzy	07950 573719
	2.00pm	WEA Course: Art of Russia	0300 303 3464	Saturday 26	9.00am	Ladies Circuit Workout with Tammy	07793 917493
Tuesday 8	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Lina 07725 984 674	Sunday 27	9.30am	Zumba	Lina 07725 984674
	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424		10.45am	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891132675
	7pm	Village Cinema: "Dark Waters"	See cinema box	Monday 28	9.15 & 10.30	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	078 10 235258
Wed 9	12.15pm	NEW Tai Chi	Taster: call Dominic 07957 321531		2.00pm	WEA Course: Art of Russia	0300 303 3464
	2.00pm	Short Mat Bowling	Lin 07557 396627	Tuesday 29	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Lina 07725 984 674
Thursday 10	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990		2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675	Wed 30	12.15pm	NEW Tai Chi	Taster: call Dominic 07957 321531
Friday 11	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	alina@cooper.bio		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowling	Lin 07557 396627
	12.15pm	Yoga with Lizzy	07950 573719	Thursday 31	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990
Saturday 12	9.00am	Ladies Circuit Workout with Tammy	07793 917493		12pm-2.30	LENT SOUP KITCHEN	Maggie 770458 Tricia 770855
Sunday 13	9.30am	Zumba	Lina 07725 984 674		6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675
	10.45am	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891132675				
Monday 14	9.15 & 10.45	Elizabeth Reader Pilates	078 10 235258				
	2.00pm	WEA Course: Art of Russia	0300 303 3464				
Tuesday 15	10.30am	Zumba Gold	Lina 07725 984 674				
	2pm	Afternoon Bridge Club	Bernadette 770424				
Wed 16	10.30am	Morning Coffee	all welcome!				
	12.15pm	NEW Tai Chi	Taster: call Dominic 07957 321531				
	2.00pm	Short Mat Bowling	Lin 07557 396627				
Thursday 17	9.30am	Pilates with Sophie	07764 586990				
	6pm-7pm	Shotokan Karate	Andy 07891 132675				
	7.45pm	WI—Line Dancing with Helen Baker	Maggie 770458				
Friday 18	9.30am	"Raven Tots"	alina@cooper.bio				
	12.15pm	Yoga with Lizzy	07950 573719				
Saturday 19	9.00am	Ladies Circuit Workout with Tammy	07793 917493				
Sunday 20	9.30am	Zumba	Lina 07725 984 674				

Tai Chi & Qigong

Promote your Health and Wellbeing
At Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Free Taster Session

Wednesday March 9th 12.15 – 1.15 pm

Followed by a 4-week consolidation course £25
Wednesdays March 16th 23rd 30th April 6th 12.15pm

To book, contact Dominic by Text 07957 321531.
or email dominicrushmore@live.co.uk

Find out more at www.rvhall.online



**RAVENSTHORPE PLATINUM JUBILEE
CELEBRATIONS
JUNE 2nd-5th**

Please see attached sheet with latest updates, including draft programme, and survey of interest for events and help. Please fill it in.



**Buckby
Library & Hub**

Buckby Library & Hub
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Early March offers some opportunities for all. From Wednesday March 2nd, we'll be open from 2-4pm on Wednesday afternoons. This will be for self-service only. It's also World Book Day on Thursday, March 3rd. Children (and carers if needed) can drop in at any time between 3.15-4.15pm to design their own book cover, make their very own bookmark or join in with our 'Where's Wally?' letter hunt. We'll also be having a book sale on Saturday, March 5th from 10-3pm. Do come and browse at your leisure!

Further events coming up are:

- March 23rd morning (10.30-11.30am), we're co-hosting a 'Multi-Media Collage Demo', organised by the WEA. Registration for this event will be through the WEA (we will provide a link on the Buckby Library & Hub website.)
- Thursday April 7th, when we will be holding an informal evening with the Long Buckby Ukelele Group.

Have you got young environmentalists in the family? As the Easter holidays approach, BBC Bitesize provides a range of resources, including on environmental issues: the links are on our Learning Opportunities page: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/learning-opportunities/>.

And are you aware that you can hire space in the library and in our car park for your own events/activities?

For further information and rates, please go to: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/services/venue-space-bookings/>.

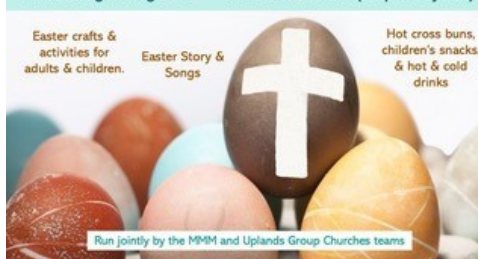
For details of all our events, do check our website nearer the time (<https://buckbylibraryhub.org>) and Long Buckby Friends Facebook; email info@buckbylibraryhub.org; phone: 01327-842591.

Last, but not least, we welcome our new, part-time, manager, Sam Holst. Please do drop in to say hello when you're in the village and have a few minutes to spare. She'd love to hear from you.

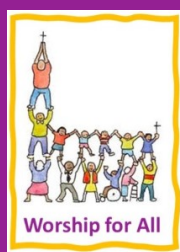
Easter Eggs & More

Good Friday (15th April)

Guilsborough Village Hall 10am to 12 noon (drop in anytime)



Worship for Families in the Uplands Churches in the New Year:



Worship for All is an informal, all-age service which has plenty for children to get involved in, and which always starts with coffee & homemade cake.

11 am Sundays, at:

Spratton Church: 6th March
Ravensthorpe Church: 27th March



Brunch@ 11 is a chance for a great hot breakfast, proper coffee and newspapers, and activities for the children, followed by a short informal service.

11 am Sundays, at:
Guilsborough Village Hall:
Sunday 20th March

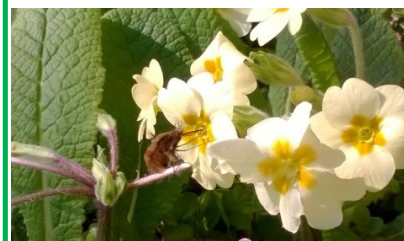
Find us on Facebook to find out more or to get in touch:
www.facebook.com/UplandsGroupChurches

EASTER LILLIES:

If anyone would like to donate something towards the Easter lilies in St Denys. Please contact Sally Mash (770868) or drop offering through the New Barns letter box. Thank you.

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CRABTREE PIT POCKET PARK



First Rose

Thank you to all the volunteers who help look after the pocket park. It's looking good and is well worth a visit. We are looking forward to Spring.

The next work party is Saturday 12 March 2022 2.30pm to 4.30pm. This social, conservation task is important for wildlife. We're splitting and replanting snowdrops, amongst other tasks.

Signs of Spring are here. Primroses are flowering the woodland. The coppiced areas are helping them to spread. Primroses' name derives from Latin meaning 'first rose', even though it's not in the rose family, but it certainly is an early herald of Spring, flowering in mid February onwards. April 19th is 'Primrose day'. This date is the anniversary of the death of the former British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli and the primrose was his favourite flower. Queen Victoria supposedly sent him bunches regularly and to this day primroses are laid at his statue by Westminster Abbey on this date every year.

Any park wildlife news, volunteering or information please contact Ruth Rolls on ruth.rolls@gmail.com.



**Ravensthorpe Nursery 2022
Open Days**

will be on the following dates from 11 a.m. till 5 pm:

1st-3rd April,
29th-30th April
1st May,
3rd-5th June
8th-10th July*
2nd-4th September
30th September,
1st-2nd October.

Admission to the garden £4, children free.

*On the 10th July there will be other gardens open in the village 1.30 till 5 p.m. and refreshments in the Village Hall - gardens admission on this day £6) all proceeds to the National Garden Scheme