

# NEWSLETTER

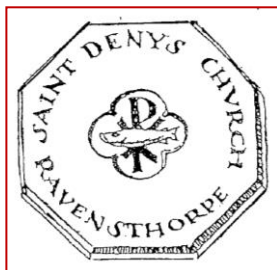
With the compliments of the Parochial Church Council of St. Denys Church, Ravensthorpe

## ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING

The APCM will take place on **Sunday 17th April** at 11am in the Church (after the 9.45 service)

We would encourage all villagers and members of the congregation interested in the church to be present. The agenda includes reports on the finances, the events of the church life this year and to come, and election of PCC members and Churchwardens.

It was good that the two open sessions held last month to view the proposed plans for improved facilities and access path at the church were so well attended. All the comments received have been noted and discussed by the PCC. We are now awaiting the response to our plans from the Diocesan Advisory Committee, Historic England and the Victorian Society. Hopefully we will have the results of their deliberations to report at the APCM.



## Message from The Rector –The Rev'd Chris Peck

After travelling in depth with Jesus through Lent, Holy Week and Easter our focus in the Church shifts to the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, celebrated on Whitsun, or Pentecost.

As we continue to look for the best ways of serving our ten villages, we are looking to the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us. It was a great joy at the beginning of the year to see four adults confirmed. The Holy Spirit was apparent in all of them. All four had attended an Alpha course and we are running these again on 5 Tuesday evenings starting on May 3rd. Again, this will lead to the opportunity to be prepared for confirmation. Why not join us? –no one will be put on the spot or embarrassed.

We have a monthly informal Worship for All service in most of our churches as well as our Brunch @ 11 on every third Sunday. We would love to see more families with children at these so why not allow the Holy Spirit to lead you to join us?



## What's On?

### Village Hall Lunch Club

**12.15pm for 12.45pm  
Weds 13<sup>th</sup> April**

Only £6 for a drink, two course meal, coffee & mints.

To book call Pat Foss 770 466 or Lin Hudson 770 562.

### Village Hall

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

Morning Coffee 10.30 to Noon.

**Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Morning Coffee 10.30 to Noon

### Dates in May;

**Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>**

Morning Coffee 10.30 to Noon.

**Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup>**

Morning Coffee 10.30 to Noon

Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Call Bob Pike 771 277

### Brunch @11

**11am - 12pm  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Guilsborough Village Hall

### Ravensthorpe Book Club

**7.45 pm Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Next meeting at Ann Smith's house  
10 Church Gardens

The book for discussion will be *The Tea Planter's Wife*, by Dinah Jefferies.

Read the book and join the discussion!

Contact Lorna Jones 770308 for more information

### Safari Supper Success

Eighty locals gathered at Home Farm on March 12th for the first stage of the 2016 Safari Supper.

After drinks and canapes all moved on to one of nine hosts for their main course, before gathering again for desserts at the village hall.

Entertainment was provided by the acoustic trio, Mango until 11.15pm.

More than £1200 was raised for Village Hall funds and the RVH would like to thank everyone for their participation and generosity.



### Easter Egg Hunt

The glorious sunshine on Good Friday brought over 40 children out to the Easter Egg Hunt at the village play area. The event was skillfully organised by Claire Kempself and helped by Charlotte Dodd. They raised a wonderful £346.42 towards the play area and it was refreshing to see so many children and adults enjoying the facilities and open space the park area provides.

Future events are in the pipeline, to include a family quiz, treasure hunt and BBQ

The Pavillion is available to hire for parties and functions.

Contact Alan Worthington for information

Tel: 01604 77057



### Worship for All

All are welcome to join us for a new style of service on the **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month**  
**11am St Denys**



### Kelmarsh Hall

are holding a **Wedding Open Afternoon** on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April**.

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### Date for the diary

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

To be held this year in The Village Hall on **September 17th** from 10am to 12pm

### Playing Field Lottery Winners

for March: Gill Walker (£50), Colin Thompson (£20).

*For full details of special services for Palm Sunday, Holy Week & Easter also see Church notice Board*

Date	Time	Service Type	Location	Lead by	Flowers
Sunday 3rd April	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Ravensthorpe	Clergy	Beryl Mott
	5.00pm	Evening Service	Ravensthorpe	Clergy & lay team	
Sunday 10th April	10.00am	Group Communion with refreshments	Creaton	Clergy	Beryl Mott
Sunday 17th April	9.45am	Communion with refreshments	Ravensthorpe	Clergy	Pat Foss
	11.00am	Brunch@11	Guilsborough VH	Clergy & lay team	
Sunday 24th April	11.00am	Worship for All with refreshments	Ravensthorpe	Clergy & lay team	Pat Foss
Sunday 1st May	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Ravensthorpe	Clergy	Jane Pinnock
	5.00pm	Evening Service	Ravensthorpe	Clergy and lay team	
Thursday 5th May	9.00am	Group Communion for Ascension Day	Creaton	Clergy	
Sunday 8th May	10.00am	Group Communion with refreshments	Thornby	Clergy	Jane Pinnock

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