

NEWSLETTER

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

Message from Reverend Chris Peck:

The theme for the Church's tent at Hollowell Steam this year is: 'Recharge your batteries, here'. Summer is a great time to recharge our batteries whether it's through getting away on holiday, doing some gardening, walking in the countryside or just enjoying the warmth in the sun and the extended hours of daylight. But it is not only our bodies and minds which need recharging; our spirits need that renewing.

Our spirits need to be refreshed, renewed, re-energised, surprised, exhilarated, given more power and comforted. This happens as we connect to the source of life, the Holy Spirit; just as my phone needs to be connected to an electricity source to be re-charged. It is through the Holy Spirit that Jesus becomes real to us; it is through the Holy Spirit that we receive the power of the God who created the universe; it is through the Holy Spirit that we are able to live the life we have been created to live, God's life.

Our church worship doesn't always feel like a channel of the Holy Spirit, but every so often there is a spark which recharges us. Why not join us for one of the many different types of events and services happening over the summer, and see if you experience something of the Holy Spirit?

Uplands Churches

New website: We now have a new website with details of upcoming services and events, and also PCC minutes and any other information we need to share with the villages— go to: www.uplandsgroupchurches.org.uk and www.facebook.com/uplandsgroupchurches

Hollowell Steam Rally: The Uplands Group of Churches is hosting a "recharge your batteries" (both mobile phone and spiritual!) tent at the Hollowell Steam Rally 1-2 July. Please call in and see us if you are there, and also join us for the Songs of Praise service led by Bishop John, in the main ring at 10.45 on the Sunday morning.

Are You Musical?

Sadly our regular pianist can no longer play at our Worship for All service on the 4th Sunday of each month at the church - so we're going to start afresh with the music. Would you be able to help us by playing the piano, or any other instrument for our music for that service? We try to have a mixture of styles at that service, so all contributions would be welcomed! Please call Alice on 01604 771 245 if you think you might be able to help.

Contributing to the Future of the Church in Ravensthorpe

You may recall we sent everyone in the village a letter a couple of months ago explaining the challenge we have to finance a new full time priest? We've had a few responses to our request, but still have a long way to go to meet our target, so if you've had a chance to consider if you would be able to give regularly, whatever the amount, we'd be really pleased to hear from you.



Open Gardens: Ravensthorpe

The National Open Gardens Scheme in Ravensthorpe will be held on **Sunday 9 July** from 1.30 to 5.30 pm. Four gardens will be open: 33 Guilsborough Road (for the first time), Mill House (Long Lane), Ravensthorpe Nursery Garden and Wigley Cottage. The National Gardens Scheme is the largest single fundraiser for both Macmillan and Marie Curie, as well as supporting other charities including those in aid of carers, hospices and Parkinson's disease sufferers.

Teas will be served at the Village Hall, with funds raised there supporting the Village Hall.

Ravensthorpe Village Hall What's on in July?

Food Bank Collection:

Sunday 2 July 10am– noon. Call Yvonne Childs 770988.

Bus Stop Tots:

Tuesday 4, 11 & 18 July: 8.45am to 10.30am. Alice Cooper 07803 595106

Morning Coffees:

Wednesday 5 & 19 July: from 10.30am.

National Garden Scheme Open day:

Sunday 9 July. Village Hall teas from 1.30-5pm. Do not miss!

Play Keyboard:

Monday 10 July: 2pm & 3pm. Gillian & Andrew Pitts 771451.

Bridge Classes:

Tuesday 11 & 18 July: 2.00pm. Bernadette & Tony Watson 770424.

WI: Talk on Earnest Shackleton—Explorer.

Thursday 20 July 7.45pm.

Pilates at the RVH: Monday, Thursday & Saturday mornings.
Yoga on Friday mornings. For information on these sessions or any other items relating to the Village Hall, call 771277.



Join us for:

A chance to chat while the children play
Tea, coffee, croissants, & baby or toddler drinks & snacks
A simple craft, and 10 minutes of bible stories & songs for babies and pre-school children (we usually do this about 9.20 am)

Tuesdays - 8.45-10.00 am Drop in at any time
Ravensthorpe Village Hall Just £1 per child

Open to all families in the area

All villagers welcome to drop in for coffee and a chat, even if you don't have pre-school children with you!



Bus Stop Tots is run by the Uplands Group of Churches

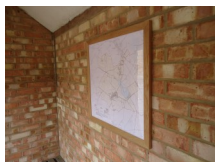
Editorship: Alan Worthington (770957) is now the editor of the Newsletter. We would like to give a special thanks to Zoe Dando for all her work over the last 18 months. Please continue to email contributions to ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com

Footpaths & Bridleways Map

The Parish Council has arranged for the definitive map of the official footpaths and bridleways within the village to be displayed in the bus shelter, opposite the Shop. (See photo below)

Please note that any issues with the footpaths should be reported via the Northamptonshire County Council 'Street Doctor' system, either on line or by telephoning 0300 126 1000.

John Peachey
Footpath Warden



Speakers' Corner

Many thanks to everyone who supported our first two talks in April and June. We are taking a break over the summer but will be back in September with *A Pint of History in Your Hand*, a talk by Alaric Neville about the Albion Brewery in Northampton which has brought some of the traditional Phipps Ales back to life. There will be a beer and gin to sample and purchase! Thursday 7 September, Village Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets at £5 a head will go on sale from the Post Office by mid-July.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our 30th annual Coffee Morning for MacMillan Cancer Care will be from 10 until 12 noon on **23 September in the Village Hall.**

Your help is again sought as follows: cakes, produce, to the Village Hall on the morning; bric-a-brac (new or nearly new) to Dave & Julie Faulkner 39 Guilsborough Rd. (770547); books, to Liz Reader 34 High St.(770275) and raffle prizes to John Patrick 32 High St. (770596) Please call 770596 if collection is required.

Please join us for Coffee and a chat on the morning.



Christian Aid

Thank you to everyone who was involved in any way with raising the £746-66 for Christian Aid this year. The total includes a significant contribution from donations collected by Coton Manor.

Book Club Dates

Tuesday 11 July at Mo Cobbe's house, 6 Teeton Road at 7.45 pm to discuss *The Noise of Time* by Julian Barnes.

No August meeting.

Tuesday 12 September at Lorna Jones' house, Teeton Road at 7.45 pm to discuss *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathon Safran Foer.

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Playing Field

Many thanks to everybody who has supported the Playing Field by buying an Odds-200 lottery ticket in aid of the Playing Field. We have sold 194 tickets (our best yet!), but we still have 6 tickets left to get to the magic 200.

The winners for the June lottery draw were Alice Cooper (£50) and Dave McDermott (£20).

Children's Play Area: thank you to all for your very helpful comments and feedback. We hope to have some firmer proposals very soon and will post any information on the village website:

(www.ravensthorpe.me.uk)

We will email updates to those who have given us their emails for feedback and updates.

Open Gardens: Cold Ashby

Sat 29 & Sun 30 July: 2-6 pm.
Offering a range of local artisan produce, traditional stalls, tea in the Village Hall alongside 10 lovely country gardens. In aid of the Church of St Denys, Cold Ashby.

Date	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers
Sunday 2nd July	10.45am	Songs of Praise at the Steam Rally	Bishop John	Hollowell Steam Rally	Meg Benn/ Jean Jolley
Sunday 9th July	8.30am	Traditional Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	
	5.00pm	Evening Service (Taize style)	Clergy & Lay team	Ravensthorpe	
Sunday 16 th July	9.45am	Modern Communion - with refreshments	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	
	11.00am	Brunch@11	Lay team	Guilsborough VH	
Sunday 23 rd July	11.00am	Worship for All - with Baptism and refreshments	Clergy & Lay team	Ravensthorpe	
Sunday 30 th July	10.00am	Group Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Meg Benn/ Jean Jolley

Please note the change to the time of the 9.45am Modern Communion service has now been cancelled, it will remain at 9.45am.