

# NEWSLETTER

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



**Message from Reverend Chris Peck, rector of the Uplands Group of Parishes:**

Having said goodbye to Linnet in October, I am very pleased to announce that our new Associate Priest is to be

Revd Allison Twigg. Allison comes highly recommended; she is currently the Assistant Curate at St Peter's, Weston Favell. She has been a teacher, assistant head and school governor, and has done much to develop work with families in Weston Favell. Allison will be licensed at St Andrews, Spratton by Bishop John at 3.00pm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April and I hope as many as possible will want to be there to welcome her. Allison will be working from Spratton Vicarage until August when she and her family – husband Matthew and children Megan and Edward – will move into the Vicarage.

Allison will be full time; I shall remain as Rector but shift to being half time. All the clergy will continue to lead worship across the Uplands Group, with Allison having a particular administrative and pastoral focus on Cottesbrooke, Creaton, Guilsborough, Hollowell and Spratton with myself focusing on Cold Ashby, Ravensthorpe and Thornby. With this appointment, I am very hopeful for the continuing life of the Uplands Churches into the future. So over to Allison to say, "Hello"



Hello. I am very excited about making the move to the Uplands Churches at the end of April. Following a career in Primary education, theological training at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, I was ordained in 2015 and am currently serving my curacy in the parish of St Peter's, Weston Favell in Northampton. I have had a great time during curacy and have learnt much with and from the people of this community, and look forward to being able to continue this alongside the communities of the Uplands group.

Having met Chris and Judy over recent months, alongside many of the lay leaders, I do feel very called to serve in the group. I have been very excited to hear about the ways in which the church and the communities are growing and moving forward together. I have a passion for schools and family work that is clearly linked to my former career but do believe that church should be a place that offers a genuine welcome for all and should be a place where all generations feel happy and safe.

There will of course be things that I will find challenging in the next few months – getting to know the different worshipping communities and learning names being just one of them! Yet I am still looking forward to it and would ask you hold my family and myself in prayer at this time of change.

**Lent—the Uplands Group will be running three Lent groups this year, using LiveLent material.**

Tuesdays (beginning 20<sup>th</sup> February) 7.30pm. Venue: The East House, Highfield, Creaton. Ring Bob or Leslie Tomalin on 01604 505966 if you would like to attend this group.

Thursdays (beginning 15<sup>th</sup> February) 12 noon. Venue: The Stables, Nortoft, Guilsborough. Ring Chris Peck on 01604 743734 or Anne Strudwicke on 01604 743389 if you would like to attend this group.

Thursdays (beginning 15<sup>th</sup> February) 7.30pm. Venue: The Manse, Creaton. Ring Mel Stanley on 07891 050851 if you would like to attend this group.

**#LiveLent** – Let Your Light Shine takes you on a six week discipleship journey in 2018 through the Gospel of John, exploring what it means to be a witness.

For each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day there is a short reading, a pause for reflection and prayer, and an idea for a simple action that will enable the light of Jesus to shine through our everyday lives.

<http://www.churchofengland.org/lent>

**Lent Lunches**

A variety of tasty soups, fresh fruit and coffee or tea. These will take place from 12 noon to 2pm throughout Lent and a minimum donation of £6 is expected with half the proceeds going to St Denys Church and half to a charity selected by the hostess. Everyone is welcome.

**Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup>** at Coton Manor. Hostess: Susie Paisley-Tyler.

**Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup>**: at 2 Teeton Rd. Ravensthorpe. Hostess: Lorna Jones

**Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup>**: at Manor Farm, Guilsborough Rd., Ravensthorpe. Hostess: Charlotte Matts

**Please call Tricia Freeman for more information 01604 770855**

**Other Holy Week Services - 25-31 March**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March**, 7.00pm – Night Prayer (Compline) – Cold Ashby

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**, 7.00pm – Night Prayer (Compline) – Creaton

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**, 7.00pm – Night Prayer (Compline) – Thornby

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**, 8.00pm – Maundy Thursday Group Communion with foot washing, stripping the altar and vigil – Ravensthorpe

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March**, 10.00am – 12.00am – Hot Cross Buns and Crafts – Guilsborough Village Hall

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March**, 3.00pm – Hour of Meditation at the foot of the Cross - Guilsborough

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April**, 6.00am – Sunrise Service with the lighting of the new fire, candlelit procession, lighting of the Easter Candle, renewal of baptism vows and first communion of Easter - Spratton

**Brunch@11 for Everyone! 18<sup>th</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 20<sup>th</sup> May**

Guilsborough Village Hall 11am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month. Relax with bacon & sausage rolls, fresh coffee, tea and juice; Newspapers, games, activities for children; Thought for the Day; Free of charge, and in a relaxed family atmosphere.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March** – Ravensthorpe: Evening Service *Celtic* - "A gentle, simple prayer service celebrating and exploring our personal journey, or pilgrimage, with God, following the style of The Northumbria Community."

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** – Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) at St. Denys, Ravensthorpe.

**Bus Stop Tots**

Tuesday mornings 8.45am – 10.00am at Ravensthorpe Village Hall  
Refreshments, play, activities, bible stories, songs for babies and pre-school children. Come as you are!

Contact Alice Cooper for more information: 01604 771245

**Contributions towards flowers in St Denys' Church for Easter:**

If you would like to donate towards lilies (and other spring flowers) to arrange in the church, please contact Sally Marsh, New Barns 770868.

**The Final Photographs of Scott of the Antarctic**



**A talk by Gary Shaeffer**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 7 for 7.30pm**

**Ravensthorpe Village Hall NN6 8EH**

Herbert George Ponting 1870-1935, was the most celebrated photographer of his day. Gary Shaeffer will give an illustrated talk on this special artist and his exquisite images.

We can expect this evening will be one to remember. Tickets from Ravensthorpe Post Office or Di Hayes 01604770482

[dianeaudrey.hayes@gmail.com](mailto:dianeaudrey.hayes@gmail.com)

£5 includes tea and coffee. Wine and Beer on sale.

Speakers Corner is presented by Ravensthorpe Village Hall Charity No:278283

*Contributions for the next month's Newsletter to [ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com) by 5pm on the 23rd of the month.*

*Any queries to Alan Worthington  
01604 770957*

## Ravensthorpe Village Hall -What's on in March?

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>** 10am – noon. **Food Bank** collection Call Yvonne 770988

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>** 2pm – 4.30 **Raven Arts & Crafts - RAC**, call Ros 770471. New members welcome. Ros@treetops8.com

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>** 8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots** call Alice 07803 595106.  
2.0pm **Bridge Class** - Improvers & Beginners call 770424

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am – Noon. **Morning Coffee**. All Welcome. Fresh coffee and home-made eats for just £2.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup>** 2pm to 4pm **Drawing & Painting** with Jo Bryan. Call Ros 770471

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>** 8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots** call 07803 595106  
2.0pm **Bridge Class** - Improvers & Beginners call 770424  
7pm for 7.30pm **Village Cinema** – “A Man Called Ove”. Tickets £6:  
[mike@mikecobbe.com](mailto:mike@mikecobbe.com) call 01604 328822

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>** 7.45pm **WI**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>** 2pm to 4.30pm **Raven Arts & Crafts** –call Ros 770471.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>** 8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots** call 07803 595106  
2.0pm **Bridge Class** - Improvers & Beginners call 770424  
7pm for **Speakers Corner** (see details over page).

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>** 10.30am – Noon. **Morning Coffee**. All Welcome. Fresh Coffee and home-made eats for just £2.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>** 3pm: **Swishing Event—Swap rather than Shop**. Tickets £5 at Ravensthorpe PO.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>** 2pm to 4pm **Drawing & Painting** with Jo Bryan. Call Ros 770471

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>** 8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots** call 07803 595106  
2.0pm **Bridge Class** - Improvers & Beginners call 770424  
7pm for 7.30pm **Village Cinema** – “Baby Driver”. Tickets [mike@mikecobbe.com](mailto:mike@mikecobbe.com) call 01604 328822.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>** RVH Lunch from 12.15. Call 770466 or 770562 to book.

**Keep Fit in Ravensthorpe:**  
**Back Care Pilates** on Saturdays. 2 sessions at 9.00 & 10.00am with Tina Sheridan [www.tinapilates.co.uk](http://www.tinapilates.co.uk)

**Yoga Friday** 9.30am with Caron Lindley (07786 911593) or [caron@redhatyoga.co.uk](mailto:caron@redhatyoga.co.uk)

**Pilates** on Monday & Thursday. 3 sessions each day at 9.10, 10.15 & 11.20 with Natalie Carter ([www.easthaddondance.co.uk](http://www.easthaddondance.co.uk))

For further information on any item above, call Bob Pike 771277 or email [bobbpike@church-hill.com](mailto:bobbpike@church-hill.com)

**Village Hall:** during March the RVH store re-build continues & we hope it finishes before Easter. The rear car park may not always be available. We apologise for the inconvenience while this improvement

**Village Cinema:** for more information, including the winter/ spring programme go to:  
<http://www.ravensthorpe.me.uk/files/view/village-cinema/Winter-Spring2018>  
Or contact Mike or Mo Cobbe [mike@mikecobbe.com](mailto:mike@mikecobbe.com) (01604 328822)

**Playing Field Lottery winners February:**  
Alice Cooper (£50). ; Marisa McKinley (£20). The Chequers Accumulator was not claimed. Thank you all for your support.

The next **Book Club** is on Wednesday 14 March at 7.45pm at 7 Guilsborough Road (Sue Scobie's house). The book for discussion is **The immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks** by Rebecca Skloot  
Information about the Book Club from Mo Cobbe 01604 328822

**SWISHING EVENT - Why shop when you can swap?**  
**3pm Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018**  
At Ravensthorpe Village Hall  
Tickets in advance from Ravensthorpe PO or from Hannah or Liz Reader 770275. £5 inc. tea & cakes.  
In Aid of **Think Pacific Charity**.

**RAVENSTHORPE AFTERNOON BRIDGE CLUB**  
A new bridge club is starting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at Ravensthorpe Village Hall.  
Playing time will be 2.00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.  
All players at every level will be most welcome. We will be playing Chicago Bridge and there will be a short break for tea/coffee/biscuits. Cost £3.00 per session. Do come and join us for a lovely friendly, social afternoon.  
For more details call 01604 770424 or e-mail [abwatson72@gmail.com](mailto:abwatson72@gmail.com) or just turn up on the day.

**Brixworth Music Festival 2018**  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April  
All Saints' Church, Brixworth  
Nine fantastic concerts over ten days.  
Music to suit all tastes.  
Tickets £12 Festival Pass £25  
16s and under go free when accompanied by an adult  
More information and ticket booking at [www.brixworthmusicfestival.co.uk](http://www.brixworthmusicfestival.co.uk)

Date	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	8.30am	Traditional Communion (BCP)	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	No Flowers
	5.00pm	Evening Service— Celtic	Lay Team	Ravensthorpe	
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	Lay Team & Clergy	Ravensthorpe	
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	9.45am	Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	
	11.00am	Brunch@11	Lay Team & Clergy	Guilsborough Village Hall	
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am	Palm Sunday— Uplands Group Service—Common Worship with Communion	Lay Team & Clergy	Ravensthorpe	No Flowers
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00pm	Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	No Flowers
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	11.00am	Easter Sunday Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	Flower Team