

Message from Reverend Chris Peck

Why do we 'share the peace' in church services?

Some people are puzzled by the invitation to 'share the peace with one another' in some of our church services, and there are those who dislike doing so. Why do we do it? We do it because Jesus did it. His greeting to his disciples following the resurrection was 'Peace be with you'. We are following his example when we share the peace we receive from Jesus with one another. We do it because the early church did it. Sharing the peace is an ancient, traditional practice which predates the Book of Common Prayer where it was incorporated into the blessing given by the priest at the end of the service.

So what are we doing when we share Christ's peace with one another? Sharing the peace is not simply offering a friendly hello to those sitting near you, or a time for catching up on news or reminding someone about an upcoming meeting and it does not require each worshipper to offer a sign of God's peace to every other worshipper present.

When we share the peace we are declaring the peace that Christ has made for us. We are affirming that we have a bond in Christ which is deeper than our differences. We are a people who have been given peace and have been made whole, and we are people called to make peace and bring about wholeness. Sharing the peace is a ministry to each other, assuring each other of the peace that Christ gives to us.

However, there are people who are uncomfortable shaking hands with those around them and there can be a variety of reasons for this. Everyone is entitled to feel secure and in control of their own personal space in church, and no-one should feel forced to share the peace if this is likely to violate their personal space and cause them to feel uncomfortable. When you are sharing the peace it is helpful to just make eye contact first to check that the person is comfortable receiving a handshake. When done in the right spirit, sharing the peace can be a means of blessing and a reassurance of our place in the body of Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you!

Revd Chris

EASTER LILIES

If anyone would be happy to make a small donation towards the Easter flowers and lilies this year, please contact Sally Marsh at New

RAVENSTHORPE LENT LUNCHES:

Wednesday 13th March: Hostess: Ann Fowler, Home Farm.
Wednesday 20th March: Hostess: Susie Pasley-Tyler, Coton Manor.
Wednesday 27th March: Hostess: Lorna Jones, Teeton Rd.
Wednesday 3rd April: Hostess: Charlotte Matts, Manor Farm.
Wednesday 10th April: Hostess: Tricia Freeman, 2 The Orchards.

Please call Tricia Freeman (770855) for any further information.

Friday 19th April, 10-12 noon, Guilsborough Village Hall.



The 'MMM' and Brunch@11 teams welcome you to a morning of Easter Fun:

Drinks, hot cross buns, plenty of family arts and craft activities, songs, and a retelling of the Easter story.

BUS STOP TOTS

Tuesday mornings 8.45—10am 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

BRUNCH @ 11

Sunday 17th March - Brunch@11 for Everyone!

Guilsborough Village Hall – 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.

LENT COURSE

Starting **Monday 4th March 2019 – Spratton Church** – 7.30pm to 9.30pm for 6 weeks. "Finding a Voice" a lent course based on the King's Speech.

ST DENYS CHURCH – BROWN GARDEN WASTE BIN –

has not been emptied on a number of occasions because it contained NON-RECYCLEABLE waste, including plastic film wrapping, plastic flower pots etc., If you are using this bin, can you please ensure that you only deposit RECYCLEABLE waste into this bin, the same rules apply as for private garden waste bins. Thank you.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) at St Denys - 28th April 2019 – 12 noon

SUNDAY 31st MARCH—MOTHERING SUNDAY

If you are able to provide cakes for refreshments after the Mothering Sunday Service, please contact Gill Douglas: email gill.douglas27@gmail.com

SERVICES DURING LENT

6th March: Ash Wednesday—9.30am Guilsborough Church



PRESENTS

A SPECIAL SCREENING OF

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HISTORY

ON FILM

Tuesday 12th March at 7 for 7.30pm

Ravensthorpe Village Hall NN6 8EH

A Rare and Fun Experience

*Dip into Our County's Neighbourhood Past on
Cine-Film Introduced by Northamptonshire
Film Archive Trust*

Northampton Acclaims the Queen

1952 Coronation celebrations

Merry Comrades

Contributions to next month's Newsletter to Alan Worthington,
ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com (770957) by

LESLEY IVES



Lesley and Chris moved, with Natalie and Michelle, to Ravensthorpe in 1979. Sadly, but peacefully, Lesley passed away at Cynthia Spencer Hospice in Northampton on the 8th February, after being diagnosed with a brain tumour in October last year.

Lesley was born and grew up in Westoning, Bedfordshire. After leaving school, she worked in the fashion department at Blundells Department Store in Luton and it was at this time that she met Chris. They were married in

Westoning Church in August 1972, after which they moved to Acre Lane in Northampton, where they welcomed their daughters,

Natalie and Michelle. Then in 1979, Chris and Lesley made the decision to move to the country and bought the house in Church Gardens, which has been the family home ever since.

On moving to Ravensthorpe, Lesley quickly joined in with village life. She was a member of the Women's Institute and worked at Guilsborough playgroup for over 25 years. She loved singing and was a member of Ravensthorpe church choir, having as a child been a member of the choir at Westoning Parish Church. She enjoyed making cakes, and her baking skills were put to good use for various village events. She always helped at the bingo nights, the tea stall at church events and the Hollowell Steam Rally. She was always happy to help out and she will be greatly missed at these events.

PLAYING FIELD

SPONSORED MUD-RUN

Some children of the village are raising funds for the new play area by doing a sponsored 5K Mini Military Mud Run on Sunday 28th April. If anyone would like to sponsor them there is a sponsor form in the pub and shop, many thanks for your support.

PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT

The first phase of the Children's Play Area development will take place in March-April. We are still waiting for confirmation of the date from Wicksteed Leisure, who will undertake the work. During this work, access to the Play Area will be restricted—we apologise for any inconvenience.

FUND-RAISING 2019

We will be holding a Quiz Night in the Village Hall on the evening of Friday 17th May in aid of the Playing Field. More news to follow.

The Beer Festival last year was very popular and we have decided to hold another one this year, although it will be earlier : Saturday 20th July.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

From the Archives

Northampton Mercury 24 December 1887:

Letters to the Editor:

Sir,

Will you kindly allow me, through your valuable paper, to call attention of the surveyor and waywardens of Ravensthorpe and district to the wretched and unhealthy state of the main street. During the last month or six weeks, the road through the village has been, and is, well-nigh impassable.

There is a considerable amount of sickness in the village already and unless the streets are cleansed and repaired, and the sanitary condition generally improved, I shall be greatly surprised if there is no outbreak of endemic disease....

Yours truly,

Thos. Antill, Baptist Minister, Spratton.

Northampton Mercury, 7 November 1885

GIANT POTATO—RAVENSTHORPE

"Mr Joseph Robbins, of this place, has picked from his garden one very large potato, amongst others, of the "White Elephant" variety, which is said to weigh 3lbs 2ozs".



Saxon Spires Patient Participation Group

2019

The SSPPG are a group of patients who are working with the Practice, to make it the best it can be. We meet six times a year, alternating our meetings between Guilsborough and Brixworth Surgeries. The next meeting will be our AGM, which will be held at Brixworth Surgery on Tuesday 30th April, 6.30pm. If you have an interest in supporting the work of the Practice, you are welcome to come along.

For more information contact Barbara

Book Club

The next Book Club is on **Wednesday**

13 March at 7.45 at Sue Scobie's,

7 Guilsborough Road. The book for

discussion is **Hag-Seed**,

by Margaret Atwood.

Ravensthorpe Village Hall -

What's on in March?

<https://www.ravensthorpe.me.uk/the-village-hall/>

<https://www.facebook.com/RVHall1>

Sunday 3rd: 10am-12noon: Zumba Fund Raiser in aid of the Lewis Foundation. Please call Lina first to tell her you are coming: 07725 984 674

Tuesday 5th:

8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots** call Alice 07803 595106
2.00pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club** Call Bernadette 770424
7pm for 7.30pm **Village Cinema: Out of Africa** (see box).

Wednesday 6th:

10.30am – Noon. **Morning Coffee.** All Welcome.
Fresh Coffee and home-made treats for just £2

Tuesday 12th:

8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots** call Alice 07803 595106
2.00pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club** Call Bernadette 770424
7pm for 7.30: **Speakers Corner—Northamptonshire History on Film.** Presented by the Northamptonshire Film Archive. Tickets £5 from the PO or call 01604 770482.

Tuesday 19th

8.45am to 10.30am. **Bus Stop Tots** call Alice 07803 595106
2.00pm to 4.30pm **Afternoon Bridge Club** Call Bernadette 770424

Keep Fit in Ravensthorpe:

Zumba with Lina, call 07725 984674
Sundays at 10am & Wednesdays at 6.30pm.

Back Care Pilates – Saturdays 9.00am: 2 sessions with Tina, 07810 380636

AT THE END OF MARCH

David McDermott is retiring, after almost 24 years running the Ravensthorpe shop and Post Office

Please come along to the Village Hall, Ravensthorpe on

SUNDAY 31 MARCH 2019 3 – 5 pm

for an open-house tea party

to thank Dave and Sue and to wish them well



RAVENSTHORPE

VILLAGE CINEMA

Ravensthorpe Village Hall

Doors Open 7.00pm: Admission: £6—Students £4

Seat reservation recommended

Tuesday March 5th: Out of Africa

Following our Cinephile Screening of *Volver* on 19th February, our next Mainstream Feature is “*Out of Africa*”, the exquisite intelligent romantic drama which was based on the autobiographical book of the Danish aristocrat Karen Blixen and was the most highly acclaimed film of its time.

It follows the true life story of Blixen (Meryl Streep), an amazingly strong willed woman who moves from Denmark to run a coffee plantation in Kenya in 1914 with her husband (Klaus Maria Brandauer). In a land where whites are foreigners, she is a foreign white. She runs her own farm and writes and thinks instead of gossiping and drinking. She falls in love with the land, its people and a mysterious British adventurer (Robert Redford).

Directed by Sydney Pollack, the film brilliantly captures time and place of early 20th century East Africa. With sumptuous photography and a rich John Barry score - rated 15th of all time great Hollywood scores - the film is masterfully crafted and breathtakingly produced to deliver one of the screen's greatest ever



epic

stories of hardship and love.

Although not over-praised by critics, amongst many awards and nominations it was the winner of seven Oscars, including Best Picture, three Golden Globes and three BAFTAs.

155 minutes; Cert PG; 1985.

SUPPORT LONG BUCKBY LIBRARY

Northamptonshire County Council had decided to close Long Buckby Library, but a committee was set up in Long Buckby to take it on as a community managed library and village hub. The Long Buckby Parish Council recently agreed to lease the building as a step towards achieving this. If you would like to see the library continue you are urged to complete the county public consultation questionnaire to let the NCC know that you support this option. The questionnaire can be accessed online at :<https://northamptonshire.citizenspace.com/bjpm/libraries> proposal/

The consultation questionnaire is open until

**PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE
ALLOTMENTS**

There is currently a half share in an allotment in Church Gardens available. If anyone is interested, please contact the Clerk (ravensthorpepc@yahoo.co.uk) for

Ravensthorpe Parish Council

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
ANNUAL LITTER PICK**

Saturday, 23 March 2019

Meet at 10.00 am

Outside Ravensthorpe Village

Ravensthorpe Newspapers

We have now set up a new bank account for the newspapers and would prefer all our customers to pay directly into that account where possible. The details are to be found in a flyer circulated with your newspaper.

If you are unable to pay by bank transfer or don't bank online, then you can still pay by cheque or cash. We know that some people have been worried about this but there is absolutely nothing to worry about. Whether you pay by voucher, direct into our account or by cheque/cash it will be acceptable.

We have a new email for newspaper enquiries - ravnews19@gmail.com If you need to cancel for any reason either email or ring 770634 (leaving message if we are not in). We know that Dave sells quite a number of Chronicle

Ravensthorpe WI Birthday Celebration!

Don't forget the date. Please join the W.I to celebrate our 100 years with a very special day. We will be showing the completed wall hanging for the first time - this has been worked on by members and friends of the village to depict 'Ravensthorpe yesterday and today', in fabric squares. There will also be a display of WI history and memorabilia, a Members Show Competition for baking, preserves and art and crafts. (Look out for the Children's competition information next month.) The Show will be opened by Mrs Anne Seckington, Northamptonshire WI Federation Chairman.

Please put the date in your diary, MONDAY

A MESSAGE FROM DAVID & MAVIS JOHNSTONE

After 35 years living in Ravensthorpe following 9 years in Long Buckby we leave the area with many regrets and much appreciation for having had the chance to live in such an attractive location, village community and its friendly people.

Our involvement in St Denys has been a major part of what we hope we have been able to contribute to the Community and we will look forward from the outside to the forthcoming developments in St Denys.

Thank you to those who organised and contributed to the very surprising send off and useful gift and the many good wishes we received in St Denys on the 11th November which

FOOD BANK

Collection continues to be the first weekend of the month—March 2nd & 3rd. St Denys Church is open on Sunday and donations can be left there, or to Yvonne: 01604 770988 or email Yvonne.yvc3@outlook.com.



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

March	Time	Service Type	Led by	Location	Flowers
Sunday 3rd March	8.30am	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	
	5.00pm	Evening Service—Taize	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	
Wed 6th March	9.30am	Ash Wednesday—Communion with imposition of ashes	Clergy	Guilsborough	
Sunday 10th March	10.00am	Uplands Group Service- Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	No Flowers—Lent
Sunday 17th March	9.45am	Common Worship with Communion	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	No Flowers—Lent
	11.00am	Brunch@11	Lay Team & Clergy	Guilsborough	
Sunday 24th March	11.00am	Worship for All	Lay Team & Clergy	Ravensthorpe	No Flowers—Lent
Sunday 31st March	11.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	Clergy	Ravensthorpe	No Flowers—Lent