

CHURCH UPDATE

*I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'
... 'Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers'...
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.
Psalm 122*

I am delighted to be able to let you know about our plans for reopening some of the church buildings for public worship from the beginning of August. Cottesbrooke are not ready to re-open at this time and plan to re-assess this in the Autumn.

The situation demands some changes to our worship space, to the pattern and content of our worship, and also requires a number of things of worshippers themselves, so please read the fuller "What to Expect" information page very carefully. This will be linked to the circulated email.

In short, worship will be a little different and the number of services reduced for the foreseeable future. You will also need to bring a completed data form (also linked to the circulated email,) with you the first time you return to the church building. Obviously, this is something of a voyage into the unknown, we will be in touch with you should there be any problem with opening.

We intend to continue broadcasting services each week, at least until the end of the pandemic, and very probably beyond. As we do not have reliable internet connection in our churches this will continue to be broadcast from the homes of the clergy.

Please don't feel that you must return to church straight away. Only do so when you are ready and comfortable to come back. Worship continues wherever you are through the internet or telephone broadcasts. It is important that you do not come to church if you feel unwell, especially if you have the symptoms of Covid-19, such as a temperature, a cough, or you have lost your sense of taste or smell.

For those of you who do not feel able to return yet, please know that the whole church community continues to pray for you. You will not be forgotten as services resume in church. If you need contact or prayer, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I do look forward to seeing you all soon!

Rev'd Allison Twigg
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01604 846099

Uplands Group of Churches—Service Planner August & September 2020

	2nd August 6th September	9th August 13th September	16th August 20th September	23rd August 27th September	30th August
8.30am			St Helen's Thornby Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer		
9.30am	Facebook Livestreamed Common Worship Communion	Facebook Livestreamed Common Worship Communion	Facebook Livestreamed Common Worship Communion	Facebook Livestreamed Common Worship Communion	Facebook Livestreamed Common Worship Communion
9.30am	St Michael & All Angels, Creaton Holy Communion Common Worship	St Denys' Cold Ashby Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer	St Denys' Ravensthorpe Holy Communion Common Worship	St Etheldreda's Guilsborough Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer	
11.00am		St James', Hollowell Holy Communion Common Worship		St Andrew's Spratton Holy Communion Common Worship	

It is important that those who are shielding, vulnerable or self-isolating should continue to follow official government advice with regards to gathering with others inside. Please stay at home if you feel unwell, especially if you are showing symptoms of Covid-19.

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RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

Ravensthorpe Village Hall begins to cautiously re-open during the first week of August with the return of Zumba and Pilates.

- Zumba on Sundays at 10am from August 2nd
- Zumba Gold on Tuesdays at 10.30am from August 4th.

It is essential to contact Lina (07725 984674 email linavens@yahoo.com) in advance as numbers for each session are limited.

Sophie's Pilates returns on Monday August 3rd and Thursday August 5th at 9.30am.

Please be sure to contact her in advance if you would like to join the sessions. Numbers are limited.

Sophie 07764 586990 email Sophie.obrien63@googlemail.com

The RVH Committee has worked hard to make the hall "COVID-19 Secure" as defined by the Government.

Following guidance from ACRE, tough conditions are demanded to reach this standard. We hope other events will return before too long, as more restrictions are relaxed and we adapt our facilities.

The Chequers

The Chequers has re-opened with reduced opening times & outside sitting only for now. Opening times as follows:

Weekdays Mon-Fri 6pm-10pm

Weekends Sat & Sun 12-2pm; 6-10pm.

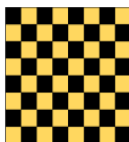
Drinks only; no food at present.

Shop open 11am-2pm Daily.

As per Government Guidelines:

- You are required to sign in when you arrive;
- Please keep your distance and be patient with staff and other customers;
- You will be requested to wear a face mask covering when entering the pub toilets;
- Hand sanitizer will be provided where appropriate;
- Glasses will be single use only;
- Contactless payments are preferred, but cash is acceptable.

We look forward to seeing you again.
01604 770379



Ravensthorpe Nursery & Garden



Jean and Richard opened the Nursery Garden on July 12th in aid of the NGS Help Support our Nurses Campaign, raising over £400. If you missed this opportunity, the garden is open to visitors during normal nursery opening hours: Wed. to Sat., 10 a.m. till 6 p.m. and we welcome donations. The Scheme has introduced an online ticket booking system for timed slots and this worked very well. To support the campaign and enjoy visits to other gardens please go to

ngs.org.uk/garden-tickets

COTON MANOR GARDEN

Coton Manor will be keeping its gates open until the end of October this year rather than the usual end of September, giving visitors the unique opportunity to see the garden through the end of summer into early autumn.

For more information go to: www.cotonmanor.co.uk.

FOOD BANK: PLEASE HELP

The Foodbank is unable to accept donations of food (or other items) at this present time, due to the Coronavirus. However the need for help remains great and you can make cash donations via the website <https://www.restorenorthampton.org.uk> Just click on donations and follow the instructions.

RAVENSTHORPE2020:

Support for residents in Ravensthorpe, Coton & Teeton

If you require assistance of some kind as a result of the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, please Email ravensthorpe2020@gmail.com or call Bob Pike (771277). Bob is co-ordinating a group of villagers who are available for community support where help is needed.

For the latest local information and help advice, visit the Ravensthorpe website www.ravensthorpe.me.uk. You can also visit the Village Hall Facebook page: <https://m.facebook.com/RVHall/?locale2=enGB>.

RAVENSTHORPE MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

The Pavilion

Unfortunately, the Pavilion on the Playing Field remains closed and unavailable for use and hire for the time being. We will update as things change.

Children's Play Area

The Children's Play Area is now open, but we ask you to follow guidelines for minimising the transmission risk for Covid-19.

The Playground equipment is shared equipment and is used at your own risk.

- There should be a maximum of 16 people in the play area at any one time.
- Please ensure 2m social distancing with people outside your own household.

The equipment is checked regularly for damage, wear and tear, but is not sanitised or disinfected. **It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that they or their children are able to manage this, so please:**

- Bring and use suitable hand sanitizer before and after using play equipment;
- We recommend you bring suitable anti-bacterial wipes to wipe down equipment where appropriate;
- Do not take food and drink into the play area;
- If you are wearing disposable PPE or using tissues or wipes, please take them home with you. Do not litter.
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home.
- Parents: if you or your children are not feeling well in any way, please do not visit the Play Area.

The Playing Field is an unsupervised play area. All young children should be supervised by an adult. Please report any concerns to Playingfield@ravensthorpe.me.uk

The Roundabout

We hope to have the roundabout back working by the end of August, but now dependent on the contractor's schedule for the safety surfacing.

CRABTREE PIT POCKET PARK

Rake & Bake

You're invited to join our annual village rake of the pocket park meadow on Sunday 20th September at 10am. We cut the meadow to maintain the wildflowers. Please bring outdoor clothing and footwear, also a wheelbarrow and fork if you have these. Children welcome. Refreshments provided. Any enquiries, ruth.rolls@gmail.com.

In early September, we hope to lead a Bat walk with the help of bat detectors to listen to their shouts and buzzes. Places might be limited. For further information contact Ruth.

Ruth Rolls, Pocket Park Volunteer Coordinator.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER: deadline for contributions Sunday 23rd August. Any queries, please contact the editor, Alan Worthington, 01604 770957 or email ravensthorpenewsletter@gmail.com.