

The North Lafford Benefice Newsletter

September 2025



Reflection from the Rectory – New Beginnings – First Steps

September is here. New journeys are beginning; first tentative footsteps are about to be taken.

School uniforms have been bought; new pencil cases are being put in new school bags. Well, that is the case for most children, but not all. I

am reminded at this time of year of new beginnings, thousands of children returning to school, a new year group for so many. And for so many others a new school, a new year group. Do you remember when that was the case for you?

As a Church family we continue to walk in faith through ordinary time. We turn our thoughts to harvest, praying and giving thanks for those who produce our food. Over recent years we have come to celebrate Creation in our churches, giving thanks to God for all that he has given to us and seeking ways in which we can steward the wonderful world he has entrusted to us. Back to Church Sunday happens too, although this year I have taken the liberty of renaming it Invitation Sunday. A time when we encourage and invite our communities to come together too, in celebration of our God.

During July and August new journeys started for lots of families as they brought their children to be baptised and there is more of those joyous events in the following pages. We have, as a Benefice, journeyed together on pilgrimage to Lincoln Cathedral where we prayed, learned, broke bread and worshipped together. Again, more of that in the following pages. Thank you to Corinna for organising that event. And we explored footsteps with Jesus at Sunday@3.

What is September going to hold for you, us, as we travel together with Jesus? I pray that you might take the opportunity to step out in your faith, thanking him for all that he has given us and taking one more step along the world with Him.

Blessings. Reverend Al.

Baptismal Joy

Some photographs of the services of baptism across our Benefice and I ask you to pray for each of the families.



Constance and Ophelia



Toby being baptised with help from his sister Molly



Lenny and Millie

Sunday@3 Knowing the Story – Footsteps of Faith



Although there were fewer of us this month, due mainly to family holidays, we had a wonderfully spiritual time exploring walking with God through praise, prayer and these 2 passages from Scripture. *Job 23:11 "My foot has held fast to His path; I have kept His way and not turned aside."*

1 Peter 2:21 You have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in

His steps. Our conversation focussed on giving thanks to Jesus for his love and guidance. We recognised too that when things get tough it is our faith that keeps us strong, safe in the knowledge that Jesus is with us. The verse to the hymn Will Your Ancho Hold (copyright Public Domain) encourages us: We have an anchor that keeps the soul. Steadfast and sure while the billows roll, Fastened to the Rock which cannot move, grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love. Why not come to the next Knowing the Story as we explore God's Bounty.

Pilgrimage to Lincoln Cathedral



On August 14th 30 Christians from around the North Lafford Benefice Group gathered together in prayer and journeyed to Lincoln Cathedral. This journey was to inspire our Faith through prayer, exploration and fellowship. The day was a great success. On our arrival we were greeted by our guides for the morning, Ian and Christine who with their enthusiasm and knowledge led us in two groups on a floor tour of the Cathedral, each offering a different information of all the wonders that Lincoln Cathedral held in its building and history. Ian

spoke to his group about the different meanings and symbolisms of the Cathedral's



very impressive architecture. Whist Christine told us about the history of the Dole Windows, the font and showed us the site of the old roman bath (kept under a trap

door), and so much more. We were then able to share in Holy Communion together in the stunning St Hugh Chapel. To be there as a group felt so spiritual and God centred, the joy to continue this feeling as we grouped together for lunch in the Chapter House, sharing fellowship and comparing notes on the day so far. Time for relaxation and reflection – many went to the coffee shop or just wondered around the Cathedral reflecting on all that we had experienced throughout the day. Thank you to Jayne Jenkins for the holding crosses that she handed out at the beginning of our journey they were a great asset during the day and for days to come



All Saints Ruskington Parish Giving Scheme

The All Saints Ruskington Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is now live online.

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a simple and secure way, for those wanting to make a regular donation, to the upkeep of the Church. Allowing the Treasurer to be able to budget church funds. If you are a UK tax payer this scheme also allows the Church to claim back 25% of your donation via Gift Aid.

You can give monthly, quarterly, annually or a one of gift.

You set the amount which cannot be changed unless you authorise it.

You can cancel your PGS at any time.

It's as simple as A B C:

- A. Using your search engine, log onto the Church of England Parish Giving Scheme page to register and complete your details
- B. Confirm your details and activate
- C. Complete your bank account details and gift aid form and then submit

You will receive a confirmatory letter within 24 hours

The All Saints Ruskington PGS point of contact for any issues or further information is Jeremy Field. Jeremy.field4@icloud.com or ring 078 112 46 112.

Thank you for supporting the All Saints Ruskington PGS

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Musical Evening with Sharna Friday
26th September 6.30 for 7pm. Tickets £10, a glass of wine and nibbles included. Tickets can be purchased from Anwick Stores, or from Cherith & Yvonne

[News from St Andrew's Church Cranwell Village and Community](#)



On Saturday 1 August St Andrew's Church, Cranwell held their monthly coffee morning which included the



Charity Table for the month Cranwell WI – this was as usual very well supported and the WI sold out within the hour raising some lovely funds for the use of their members.

The coffee morning next month is on Saturday 6 September when the Charity stall will be Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance.



Friday 15 August 2025 saw the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day. St Andrew's Cranwell decorated the Church with displays from many community groups, including Cranwell WI, Cranwell Rainbows, Village Hall, Bowls Club and Social Club. A short commemorative service was held on the morning of the 15th followed by the placing of a wreath on the Cross of Sacrifice.

On Sunday 17 August St Andrew's Church once again hosted a talk on the History of the Church by local resident Trevor Bush. As previously this generated a lot of interest and was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

[News from St Mary's Church Evedon and Community](#)

BEATLES

Musical Evening



Friday 12th September
7 – 9pm

Anwick Community Centre
NG34 9SP

Entry £8

Quiz

Raffle

Food

Wine

Text 07925 103412 to book seat/s

" well , time is flying by towards our 12th September Beatles concert. As always, the level of support we are experiencing from the entire Benefice is tremendous. Each of our 5 churches has been quick to demonstrate their preparedness to support us in what we are planning. Thank you Thank you thank you.....
Look forward to seeing you there at Anwick Community Centre on the night and having a thoroughly good time together.
Tony and Carole

There are signup sheets to reserve places in all the churches around the Benefice.

[News from St Andrew's Church Leasingham and Community](#)

[News from All Saints Ruskington and Community](#)



All Saints' Knitters (ASK)

Although there was no Saturday Market and it being the holiday season, seven of us turned up at our Knitters' meeting on Saturday 16th August in the Winchelsea Centre. Luckily it was one of the cooler days and we soon settled down to a knit and a natter.

We welcomed two new ladies, Diane and Marilyn and started work on this session's choice which is a Seafarers Beanie Hat; a very simple but quite long (30cm/12") item! Copies of the pattern, along with a knitted example are in the church on the usual table and there are also needles and a bit of wool for those need it. Please leave a note in the box if we run out and I'll get it to you.

There was homemade Chocolate Oat Crunch to go with the tea/coffee and I'm pleased to say there were cries of "May I have another piece please?"

Our next meeting is in the Winchelsea Centre on Saturday 15th November '25 from 10.00.a.m. until noon. There will be a fun item to knit for the Christmas Day Meal and I'll bake some Mincemeat Brownies to continue the Christmas theme. Looking forward to seeing you there, please bring a friend. There will be another reminder nearer the time.

Keeeeeep Knitting, Stella

September Coffee Mornings around the Benefice

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



Do you enjoy a coffee and some good conversation on a Saturday morning? With a warm welcome, stalls to tempt and a hot drink to quench your thirst, why not tour the Benefice?

6th September Anwick Village Hall at 10.00am

6th September Cranwell Village Hall at 10.00am

13th September Leasingham Village Hall 10-11.30am

20th September Ruskington, Winchelsea Centre at 9.00am-serving bacon butties & hot drinks!



Please remember to send your Newsletter article to northlafford@gmail.com

Articles should be submitted by the **20th of September** to ensure its inclusion in October edition

Readings for September

Date	Psalm	NT Reading	Gospel Reading
Readings for Creation Sunday	Psalm 104:1-13	Revelation 21:1-8	Matthew 7:15-20
Readings for Harvest Service	Psalm 65	2 Corinthians 9:9-11a	Luke 8:4-8, 11-15
Sunday 21 st Invitation Sunday	Isaiah 55:1-3	Phillipians 4:4-9	Matthew 4:18-22
Sunday 28 th Trinity 15 Green	Psalm 146	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31

Monthly Sunday Service Planner - North Lafford Group - September 2025

Date	Ruskington	Service
07 September 2025	11am	Holy Communion - Harvest
14 September 2025	11am	Morning Praise - Creation Sunday
17 September 2024	6.30pm	Benefice Evening Communion St Andrew's Leasingham
21 September 2025	11am	Holy Communion - Invitation Sunday
21 September 2025	3pm	Sunday@3
28 September 2025	11am	Morning Praise
28 September 2025	2pm	Memorial Service – CG

Date	Anwick	Service
07 September 2025	9.30am	Morning Praise - Creation Sunday St Edith's and St Mary's at Evedon
17 September 2024	6.30pm	Benefice Evening Communion St Andrew's Leasingham
19 September 2025	7pm	Harvest Festival - Evening Praise St Edith's with St Mary's at Anwick
21 September 2025	9.30am	Holy Communion
21 September 2025	3pm	Sunday@3

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07 September 2025	11am	Morning Praise - Creation Sunday
14 September 2025	11am	Holy Communion - Harvest
17 September 2025	6.30pm	Benefice Evening Communion St Andrew's Leasingham
21 September 2025	11am	Morning Praise - Invitation Sunday
21 September 2025	3pm	Sunday@3
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21 September 2025	3pm	Sunday@3
28 September 2025	9.30am	Holy Communion - Harvest

Date	Evedon	Service
07 September 2025	11am	Morning Praise - Creation Sunday with St Edith's with St Mary's at Evedon
17 September 2025	6.30pm	Benefice Evening Communion St Andrew's Leasingham
19 September 2025	7pm	Harvest Festival - Evening Praise St Edith's with St Mary's at Anwick
21 September 2025	3pm	Sunday@3

The North Lafford Benefice Office is located
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