



The North Lafford Benefice **Newsletter November 2025**

Reflection for the Season of Remembrance

We all know the rhyme 'Remember, remember the fifth of November' perhaps you still enjoy a good bonfire and fireworks. In my family tradition we add home-made treacle toffee, some years hard and brittle, a hammer needed to break it up! In other years a spoon is needed as it turns out runny and sticky, but always delicious and treacly.



There is a date on which to observe a Remembrance before the fifth, the annual Remembering Our Loved Ones service this year is to be held at Ruskington Church on November 2nd at 3 pm. This service is welcomed by people who have been bereaved, whether their loss is recent or of some time ago. Love remains, so to it is right to give

thanks to God for love received and given and for the memory of times shared with those from whom we are separated by death. It is a healing and reassuring time for reflection and prayer.

This year Remembrance Sunday follows closely on November 9th when, gathered in church or around a War Memorial we give thanks to God for all who served in the two world wars and in recent conflicts. The reading of the names of those who lost their lives in the service of their country is especially poignant. Prayers for peace in our time and in our lives an important inclusion.



Remembrance is at the heart of the Gospel message, a central theme in Christian Worship. Jesus, during The Last Supper shared a meal and the bread and wine of The Passover with His disciples. Jesus used the words

'Do this in Remembrance of me' Thus instituting the Communion service where Christians give thanks for the love of God in all that Jesus has done for us through His death, resurrection and through the gift of His Holy Spirit.

As we receive the wafer and wine we offer our 'souls and bodies' to Jesus for His service. Remembering that Jesus is The Prince of Peace, pray for peace in the world and a personal willingness to receive peace from God and to seek to live peacefully with others in all aspects of our lives.

May God bless you. Rev Rosemary.

Visit to St Edith's by U3A Woodhall Spa

On Tuesday the 14th of October the Woodhall Spa branch of the U3A visited St Edith's at Anwick. They received a warm welcome provided by Cherith Needham and Yvonne Allenby (with a bit of help from Reverend Al!). On arrival they were given a talk on the history of St Edith's during which Reverend Al pointed out some interesting architectural features to investigate; the laughing pig on the north side of the spire and the 3 men in a boat on the east side. Following the talk the group explored were offered refreshments and they then explored the church building and grounds. Our thanks to Cilla for organising the visit and to the PCC for supporting this lovely afternoon.



Reverend Al Away

By the time of publication Reverend Al will have had his knee surgery and will be taking time off to recover. Whilst he is away Reverend Rosemary, and the ministry team, will be looking after things in his absence. Please contact Reverend Rosemary for pastoral matters and Corinna at the Benefice Office for routine administration matters. The details for the team are on the back page of the Newsletter.

Archdeacon Gavin to Preach and Preside during November

The Venerable Gavin Kirk, the Archdeacon of Lincoln, will be visiting us this November on two occasions.



The first will to preach and preside at the Holy Communion service for Christ the King at St Andrew's, Leasingham at 9.30am on Sunday the 23rd of November.

The second will be to celebrate the Patronal Festival of St Andrew which will take place on Friday the 28th of November at 7pm at St Andrew's, Cranwell Village. The service brings together the 3 churches of St Andrew's, Cranwell Village, RAF College Cranwell and Leasingham.

Whether you are a regular worshipper at any of the St Andrew's or you would like to be part of what is a special service please try to come along and celebrate.

Confirmation Joy



It was with great joy and celebration that on Sunday the 19th of October

All Saints Church hosted a confirmation service for five people from the congregation. Bishop Nigel came to confirm Pauline, David, Tim, Jenny and Alicia at a poignant and uplifting service with the candidates surrounded by family and friends. Bishop Nigel preached the sermon and then confirmed each one at the font and then giving of a candle, he then shook a rosemary cutting over them with the water and then proceeded to

“sprinkle” and share with the whole congregation, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Cards, gifts and a journal Bible were given to each candidate and then photos taken before everyone enjoyed supper together after the service ended.

Diocesan delegation to Sweden



Reverend Al had the privilege to travel to Sweden with Bishop Nicholas and fellow priest Reverend Julie Donn in October as part of the Diocesan Link with the Church of Sweden. The delegation took part in a conference to discuss reaching out to our communities. This was based around the metaphor of a campfire, drawing people to the light of Christ. It also raised the question of whilst we, as Christians, are looking at the light, what about the people in the shadows, on the margins.

If we are focussed on looking inwards, have we turned our backs on people in our communities; those who may need us, whether lonely, unwell, poor. There was plenty of food for thought. As we go forward together let's pray and think about how we might be able to share our faith with the whole of our communities.

Collective Worship in the Primary Schools



Chestnut Street – Reverend Al was delighted to be part of the annual Cairn service for Year 1s at Chestnut Street. The children design and paint some art onto a stone which acts as a marker for their beginning of KS1. Lots of people were there, Governors, children, parents and carers and of course the staff. It was a very joyous occasion especially as the children received their school Bible.

St Andrew's Leasingham – Reverend Al, Richard Vickers and Jane Hansford were part of a beautiful Harvest service on the 2nd of October with KS2. It was curated by the Year 3s and the Collective Worship Team. The theme was around the word HARVEST. They used large letters H, A, R, V, E, S, T to spell out words which reflected the agricultural year and issues in the world. STARVE, REST, EAT, etc.



Reverend Al was in school again for Collective Worship on the 14th of October to talk to the children about their Christian Value, Compassion. We explored the story of Ruth and then sang A New Commandment. On the 16th of October Reverend Al, Richard and Di Holt met the children from Reception class (York) to explore the special relationship between school and church and the special things within Church. We had a wonderful time together; there was lots of dressing up!!

All Saints Ladies Club Charity Fundraising



All Saints Ladies Club raised money from various raffles and a coffee morning during the year from September 2024 to August 2025. At the Annual General Meeting in October, Revd AI, after conducting the AGM, then collected a cheque made out to All Saints Church. Revd AI thanked Rose Foot the Chairlady and said the money would be used towards Children's Mission. At the next Meeting a representative from the Air Ambulance accepted a cheque for the rest. She also gave a talk on how the money is used, the background to how it all started and where it is at now to keep the Air Ambulance flying.



All Sorts

The Benefice all age outreach offering will be held at 2pm at the [Winchelsea Centre Ruskington](#) every Monday in November. A time for fellowship, activities and conversation for people of all ages



Welcome In - A new Wednesday morning gathering.

Welcome In will take place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at [Myers House Ruskington](#) from 10am - 12 noon. The next offering is **12th and 26th November. On the 12th there will be cake and festivities.** You are invited to take the opportunity to join with old friends and new over refreshment and conversation.



All Saints' Knitters (ASK)

There have been some lovely Beanie Hats knitted for the seafarers since our last meeting in August. The glitter ones will make quite a statement on board I expect!

Today's total is 41 but I am sure we will exceed 70 by the time you read this.

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; if you have your own needles size 8UK/4mm, please bring them to use. I'll bake some Mincemeat Brownies to accompany the teas and coffees and to continue the Christmas theme. Looking forward to seeing you there, please feel free to bring a friend, the more the merrier!

Keeeeeeeeeep knitting!

Stella

News from around the Benefice

News from St Andrew's Church Cranwell



On Saturday 4 October St Andrew's Church, Cranwell held their monthly coffee morning which included the Charity Table for the month, the RAF Benevolent Fund – it was lovely to once again host a charity which hadn't attended for some time.

The coffee morning next month is on Saturday 1 November when the stalls will be raising funds for the Church with the ever popular Children's Tombola and Treasure Hunt along with Linda from Scentsy.



Community Choir



Members of the Cranwell Community have recently formed a small community choir. They are meeting fortnightly on a Thursday in St Andrew's Church for an hour at a time. It's started small but hopes to grow so if anyone is interested in joining the singing and companionship please contact Julie on Tel: 07359343962 or email juliewellsteacher@hotmail.com

News from St Mary's Church Evedon



Sunday 5th October was a special day.

Not only did we enjoy our joint St Edith's with St Mary's Morning praise service led by Reverend Nigel Panting, but straightway after Reverend Andy Jackson - Parr led the Baptism service for baby Ivy.

Our small church was full to the rafters, to coin a phrase, which promoted a most special atmosphere. Finn and Isobel were the proud parents of Baby Ivy, who was perfectly behaved throughout, being most alert and active at the Font, when Reverend Andy made the sign of the cross on her forehead, signifying her journey into the Christian faith.

Ivy's grandmother, Hannah, was no newcomer to St Mary's, indeed she was Church Warden at our Church for a number of years, and we were particularly pleased to see her back with us. What a special day !. "

News from St Andrew's Church Leasingham



On the morning of the 26th September Pam and Colin and the congregation of St Andrew's church Leasingham were with a model of the Lancaster, built and donated by Peter Locke from Ruskington.

This model is residing on the sill of the middle window north side, together with a potted history of her career in the RAF. We thanked Peter for his model and hope that you enjoy it, however she is fairly delicate and not intended to be played with.

News from All Saints Church Ruskington

Winter Fair All Saints Church 9:30am to 3pm Saturday 6th of December 2025

Held in the Church and Winchelsea Centre Church Hall, High Street Ruskington

*Come and enjoy a get
friends and enjoy a drink and
church or the Winchelsea*

*In **Church** will be displays,*

Grand Raffle with Christmas

*In the **Winchelsea Centre** both inside and out, there will be stalls selling crafts,
Christmas gifts, a tombola stall and food and drink.*



*together with family and
snack in either the
Centre.*

activities and music plus

hamper plus more.

November Coffee Mornings around the Benefice



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?

1st November Anwick Village Hall at 10.00am

1st November Cranwell Village Hall at 10.00am

8th November Leasingham Village Hall 10-11.30am

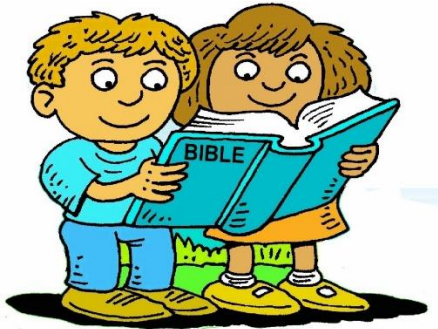
15th November Ruskington, Winchelsea Centre at 9.00am-serving bacon butties & hot drinks!



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

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

Bible Study to fit all sorts.



The Ministry Team have come together to offer Bible Studies each month. There will be one in the mornings, one in the afternoons and one in the evenings. We hope there is something for everyone. We will take a pause for our traditional Advent Exploration in December. These studies are offered in addition to your own studies and reading, and we pray that you might join with us as we learn about our faith together.

Digging Deeper – November sessions will take place on **Tuesday the 11th and 25th November between 7pm and 8.30pm.** Reverend Rosemary will lead a Bible Study which will focus on those who love the Bible and want to 'Dig Deeper' into the text, background and apply that understanding to their Faith. It will take place at [11 Deepdale Drive Leasingham](#). Bring a Bible!

First Sparks - **Monday the 24th November between 1pm and 2pm** at [St Andrew's Cranwell Church](#). Corinna will lead a Bible Study for those who want to know more about the Bible and how it informs our prayer and worship. Always bring a Bible!

Fanning the Flames – Starting **Wednesday the 5th November between 10 and 11am** at [Myers House Ruskington](#). Richard and Reverend Al will lead a Bible Study for those who are seeking to widen their knowledge of the Scriptures. Always bring a Bible!



Notes from the Belfry

On Saturday 27th Sep, a large band of visitors from the Grimsby area in the Northern Branch of the Lincolnshire Diocese, rang for 40 mins on Ruskington bells.

The next Bellringing beginners course in Ruskington starts in January at All Saints Church tower.

Ask me for details, or send an email to ruskington6bells@gmail.com

Readings for October

	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Gospel
2 nd November All Saints White	Isaiah 1.10-18	2 Thessalonians 1	Luke 19:1-10
2 nd November All Souls (Remembering Our Loved Ones)			John 6:37-40 (Reading is in the ROLO OOS)
9 th November Remembrance Sunday Red	Job 19:23-27	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-end	Luke 20:27-38
16 th November 2 before Advent Red	Malachi 4.1-2a	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
23 rd November Christ the King White	Jeremiah 23. 1-6	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
30 th November Advent 1 Purple	Isaiah 2.1-5	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44

Monthly Sunday Service Planner - North Lafford Group - November 2025

Date	Ruskington	Service
02-Nov-25	11am	Holy Communion All Saints Day
02-Nov-25	3pm	Remembering Our Loved Ones
09/11/25	<u>9.30am*</u>	Morning Praise Remembrance Sunday followed by the Act of Remembrance
16/11/25	11am	Holy Communion
23/11/25	11am	Morning Praise - Christ the King
30/11/25	11am	Benefice Holy Communion - Advent Sunday

Date	Anwick	Service
02/11/25	11am	Morning Praise with St Edith's at St Mary's
16/11/25	9.30am	Holy Communion with St Mary's at St Edith's

Date	Cranwell	Service
02/11/25	11am	Morning Praise
02/11/25	3pm	Remembering Our Loved Ones
09/11/25	<u>10am**</u>	Holy Communion - Remembrance Sunday followed by the Act of Remembrance
16/11/25	11am	Morning Praise
23/11/25	11am	Morning Praise - Christ the King

28/11/25	7pm	Holy Communion - St Andrew's Day
30/11/25	11am	Benefice Holy Communion - Advent Sunday

Date	Leasingham	Service
02/11/25	9.30am	Morning Praise
02/11/25	3pm	Remembering Our Loved Ones
09/11/25	10am**	Morning Praise Remembrance Sunday followed by the Act of Remembrance
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