

Reflection from the Rectory



Alleluia! Christ is Risen! More powerful words have probably not been uttered across time. It is the call to the faithful. The response? A resounding He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! This Holy Week and into the season of Easter has been truly wonderful. There were services provided across the Benefice for those who felt called to mark Holy Week in a special way. It is something of a tradition for me now to say I cannot really put into words how I feel on Easter morning, following the events of Maundy Thursday and the arrest of Jesus, the pain and suffering of Good Friday and the hollowness of Holy Saturday. All of those seem to pass into memory for a while to be replaced by the wonder of the resurrection. The joy begins early in the morning, gathering at the 6am dawn service to roll the stone away from our Easter garden, to light the bonfire and to sing Thine be the glory, accompanied by the dawn chorus of the birds in the trees. And the lighting of the Paschal Candle at our Easter morning services where we should be making a joyful noise, tambourines, anything percussive really (with the occasional dropped tambourine during the service (once or twice!)). And as if we all were not blessed enough as an Easter people, Alex stepped forward to be baptised during the service at All Saints. Yes, we are an Easter people, and it is through the pains, scars, joys and wonders of the Easter story that we are born as Christian people. Ascension and Pentecost are to come and they will help us to deepen and confirm our faith as followers of the Risen Christ. Enough words for today, I finish with a resounding, Alleluia! Christ is Risen! (You know what to say!!). Reverend Al.

Sunday@3 – The Road to Emmaus

Sunday@3 was a time of discussing our journey with Jesus on our road of faith. We sang some uplifting songs on discipleship, pored over the Road to Emmaus story, helped a little by the sermon the congregation had heard at the services in the morning. A question about Isaiah and the suffering servant chapter 53 was when was it written and who was he speaking to? Reverend Al had to think on his feet! We finished our service with an activity on the stages of the journey to Emmaus, thank you to



everyone who came along to worship and we do pray that you might find some time to come along to the next one on the 17th of May when Corinna and Di will be leading.

Baptisms during Easter



It

has been a time of Baptism, as is the tradition in the Church. Alex Rose as we mentioned was baptised on Easter Day, her photo is in the Easter montage along with her Grandad Peter. On the 19th of April Andrew, Nerissa and Aurora visited All Saints ahead of Auroras baptism on the 3rd of May, Janet Fixter was delighted to get to hold the baby (pictured). There were 2 baptisms on the 26th of April. Michael was baptised at All Saints during the morning service with his family and friends with him (he is pictured being welcomed with his dad Samuel) and in the afternoon Thomas was baptised at St Andrew's Leasingham with older brother William supporting along with Mum Holly and Dad Matthew. Please pray for Aurora and her family ahead of her baptism and also for Hattie who will be baptised at St Andrew's Cranwell on the 10th of May.



All Saints Ladies Group Service and Gift



On Wednesday the 15th of April the All Saints Ladies Group gathered for a service of Thanksgiving and Blessing at All Saints Ruskington. As well as giving thanks for the blessing that the Ladies Group have been over the past 70 years we also received and blessed a new Home Communion set which was gifted to All Saints for our ministry across the Benefice. It was lovely to be asked to have a hymn, originally it was going to be a said service, and all in attendance sang up and well. Thank you for the lovely gift and we will ensure it is used to bring the comfort of the sacrament to our community.



Benefice Evening Holy Communion

At the same time as Reverend Al was leading at Ruskington, Reverend Rosemary was leading our monthly Benefice Holy Communion at St Edith's Anwick. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful sacramental service with singing, word and communion. There was a lovely time of fellowship afterwards. Thank you to Rosemary and the St Edith congregation for their service and support.

Slow Cooker Lunch

There was a Benefice Slow Cooker Lunch held at the Winchelsea Centre on Sunday the 26th of April. A feast of slow cooker meals was offered to those gathered along with puddings of various types of crumble and of course CUSTARD!. Everyone enjoyed their time of fellowship together and a huge thank you to everyone who helped prepare, cook and serve.

**Reminders of Holy Week and
Easter**

All Saints Ruskington



Easter Morning



Alleluia!
Christ is Risen!



All Saints and Benefice Events

All SORTS – held on a Monday between 2 and 4pm . Drop in and join with us for a friendly chat and a cup of coffee. You can take part in all sorts of craft or bring your own to show us.



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

Articles should be submitted by the **20th May** to ensure its inclusion in **June edition**

News From St Andrew's Church, Cranwell Village

On Saturday 4th April St Andrew's Church, Cranwell held their usual coffee morning where there were several tables raising funds for the Church – including children's tombola and Guess the Name of the Easter Bunny, along with a special Easter themed raffle. Lots of laughter and fun was had.



The next Coffee Morning is on Saturday 2nd May when the Charity stall for the month will be the RAF Benevolent Fund, along with Arabella from 1st Cranwell RAF Scouts, with a fresh stall fundraising to attend the World Scout Jamboree in Poland in 2027.



Easter displays were crafted with love by members of the PCC and the community at St Andrew's Church, Cranwell Village, when the Church was beautifully decorated.

On Saturday 11th April the Cranwell Community Choir presented an evening of music in St Andrew's Church, ending with either a glass of punch or tea/coffee along with light nibbles. The Church was full with a lovely musical atmosphere. Everyone congratulated the choir and said they were looking forward to their next event.

RUSKINGTON BELLS RING OUT ON EASTER MONDAY



As Easter comes - with no ringing during the solemnity of Holy Week – Ruskington bells heralded Easter Sunday with service ringing. Then on Easter Monday a band of visiting ringers with connections to Ruskington rang a Quarter Peal to commemorate Easter.

Monday, 6 April 2026 in 48mins

1260 rows in 19 different methods and variations, conducted by Keith Butter

OBJ

- 1 Alan D H Bird (Tower captain at Sleaford)
- 2 Caitlin A Meyer (Deputy Master, Eastern Lincs)
- 3 Joanne Pearson (Master at Eastern Lincs)
- 4 Keith C Butter (Lincoln Guild Master)
- 5 Ed White (Master at Central Lincs)
- 6 Sylvia M Bird (Master at Southern Lincs)

If the sound of the bells ringing made you think “I could enjoy doing that”, contact the tower captain at Ruskington6bells@gmail.com



May Coffee Mornings around the Benefice

Coffee Fellowship

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?

2nd May Anwick Village Hall at 10.00am

2nd May Cranwell Village Hall at 10.00am

9th May Leasingham Village Hall 10-11.30am

16th May Ruskington Winchelsea Centre at 9.30am – noon

EASTER NEWS FROM LEASINGHAM



Leasingham Church was beautifully decorated for Easter morning and will continue to be so throughout the Easter season.

The Leasingham Gardening Group will be attending the Leasingham Coffee morning on the 9th May where there will be a variety of plants for sale. Please come and support us at the Village Hall between 10am and 11.30am

St Andrew's Church

LEASINGHAM

Has pleasure in presenting



THE UK'S ORIGINAL
AWARD-WINNING CONTEMPORARY CHOIR
SINGING MODERN POP & ROCK SONGS
in St Andrew's Church, Leasingham

Saturday 20 June 2026 at 7pm

(Church doors open at 6.30pm)

£10 per person (including first drink and nibbles)

All proceeds to Our Village Church

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM LEASINGHAM POST OFFICE

FUNDRAISER EVENT



Alzheimer's
Society

Where: Winchelsea Centre

When: Sat 16th May 10am - 12noon

Mon 18th May 2pm - 4pm

Serving -

TEA



COFFEE



CAKE



All Saints Events 2026

To take place in the Winchelsea Centre

Mondays



All SORTS – held on a Monday between 2 and 4pm . Drop in and join with us for a friendly chat and a cup of coffee. You can take part in all sorts of craft or bring your own to show us.

Fridays

GINGO NIGHT – Friday the 22nd of May 6.30pm doors open, eyes down at 7pm. A couple of hours of bingo, fund, a drink of your choice, snack and fun prizes.



Saturdays



Coffee & Chat

The POP-UP. Every third Saturday of the month from 9.30am to 11.30am. Stalls to browse, take time to sit and relax perhaps with a bacon buttie and a cuppa or tea and cake (or both!).

RAISING DEMENTIA AWARENESS – Saturday the 16th of May 10am-12noon. A coffee morning to raise awareness around Alzheimer's and Dementia.



THE CREAM TEA – EAT IN OR TAKE AWAY



On Sunday the 24th of May at 12.30 Join us at the Winchelsea Centre for a Cream Tea on a plate in a BOX!
Sign up on the list at the back of All Saints Church or email us at allsaintslentlunches@gmail.com.£5.00

Sundays

THE SLOW COOKER LUNCH, Sunday the 26th of April 1pm. Join us for a simple friendly lunch. Only 40 places available. Put your name down on the list at the back of All Saints Church or sign up at allsaintslentlunches@gmail.com. £8.00 for 2 courses.



Pastoral Visitor

A Listener to your concerns



A prayer for you in time of need.



Church Pastoral Team trained to prayerfully listen.

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The Winchelsea Centre

Ruskington

Available to hire for your parties and events

For Booking and enquiries

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

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Readings for May 2026

	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Gospel
Sunday 3 rd May 5 th Sunday of Easter White	Acts 7:55-60	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
Sunday 10 th May 6 th Sunday of Easter White	Acts 17:22-31	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
Thursday 14 th of May Ascension Day White	Acts 1.1-11	Ephesians 1.15-end	Luke 24.44-end
Sunday 17 th May 7 th Sunday of Easter White	Acts 1: 6-14	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:-6-11	John 17:1-11
Sunday 24 th May Pentecost Red	Acts 2:1-21	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 7:37-39
Sunday 31 st May Trinity Sunday Gold	Isaiah 40:12-17, 27 -31	2 Corinthians 13:11-14	Matthew 28:16-20

Services across the North Lafford Group of Parishes – May 2026

Date	Time	Ruskington All Saints
03 May 2026	11am	Holy Communion
10 May 2026	11am	Morning Praise
14 May 2026	8.45am	Benefice Ascension Day Holy Communion
17 May 2026	11am	Holy Communion
17 May 2026	3pm	Sunday@3
20 May 2026	7pm	Benefice Evening HC St Andrew's Leasingham
24 May 2026	11am	Holy Communion - Pentecost
31 May 2026	11am	Benefice Trinity Sunday Holy Communion
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03 May 2026	11am	Joint Service with St Mary's at Evedon - HC
14 May 2026	8.45am	Benefice Ascension Service
17 May 2026	9.30am	Joint Service HC with St Edith's at Anwick - HC
18 May 2025	3pm	Sunday@3
20 May 2026	7pm	Benefice Evening HC St Andrew's Leasingham
31 May 2026	11am	Benefice Trinity Sunday Holy Communion

Date	Anwick	St Edith's Anwick
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Benefice Services are in **Blue Highlight** except for Benefice Evening HC Service which is in **Pink**

The North Lafford Benefice Office is located
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