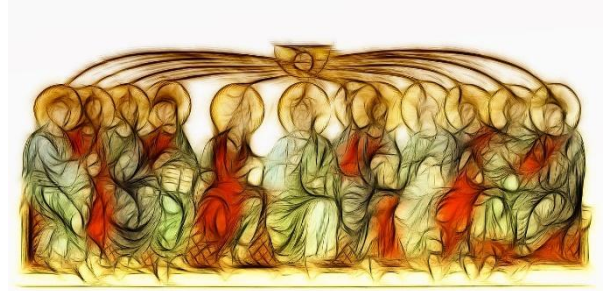


The North Lafford Benefice Newsletter June 2026

Reflection from the Rectory – Life in the Holy Spirit



We will have celebrated Pentecost by the time this newsletter is published, and I have been thinking (I know!). If I were to ask you the following question, how might you respond. (I'm giving you lots of notice!) *How is the Holy Spirit encouraging you in your Christian life?* The receiving of the Holy Spirit by the disciples of Jesus was a time of wonder and joy, and without a little bit of what do we do now. That happens for us too. Being a disciple of Jesus is a wonderful and joyful calling. We serve in his name; to act his eyes, hands and feet in this modern world. Bringing comfort, love and kindness to those that we meet in his name. Annual Parochial Church Meetings are now complete, and I wish to welcome new Churchwardens and PCC members, thank those who are continuing in post and very grateful thanks to those who have stood down following years of faith service. Following Trinity Sunday on the 31st of May we enter the period of the church calendar known as Ordinary Time (Green is the colour of that season). It is far from being ordinary. It is a time when we can think about our sacrificial life in Jesus. There are no large festivals during this period so we can concentrate on building up our lives through service, study, community. Bible Studies will begin again in June with Reverend Rosemary leading off. Corinna will lead the monthly "beginners" offering and we will have an evening study during the summer which is offered to those wishing to know more and explore. Whatever you do in Jesus' name thank you and I pray as the year goes on we might work together more closely in continuing that service. The Blessings. Reverend Al.

Messy Church



Messy Church was held at the Winchelsea Centre (it's new home) in May where we explored the Parables (stories that Jesus told). We looked at several of them during

our craft, but the focus was on the wise and foolish builders. The wise man built his house upon the rocketc was our story and song. Reverend Al was very happy as we were using Lego to build little houses (first picture) to enact the parable. It got messy with sand and water as the storm came tumbling down second picture). As always we said grace and finished with a communal meal. If you think this sounds like your kind of church then please come along to the next one on Saturday the 13th of June at 2pm. You are always welcome.



[Benefice Monthly Mid-Week Evening Holy Communion](#)



This monthly service was held at St Andrew's Leasingham, Reverend Rosemary presided. This service is offered as an opportunity for those who cannot regularly attend Sunday worship to come together across the Benefice. This month we will be at St Andrew's Cranwell Village (June the 17th) at a revised time of 7pm. We hope that you might be able to join us.

[All Sorts](#)

Would you like to meet up with friends or make new ones. All Saints is a Benefice initiative to help us do that. It is held at the Winchelsea Centre Ruskington on Mondays between 2pm and 4pm. We hope that as many people from across our communities will come along to enjoy fellowship, craft, activities and more. Please come along or if you want to volunteer please drop Reverend Al a line.



[Sunday@3 – Knowing the Story](#)



Sunday@3 is about learning the story of our faith. May's service was led by Corinna and Di. The service focussed on Ascension Day. This is an uplifting service for all ages and the format is quite different from an ordinary service. We always start with refreshments and a chat. There are no hymns but spiritually uplifting Christian songs. A short talk and discussion, we hope to be able to answer all your questions. Then afterwards we do activities, at our May service we coloured pictures and made bead bracelets whilst chatting about what Ascension meant to us personally. Everyone joined in with either colouring pictures

of Jesus ascending to heaven and or making bracelets with five beads and a cross. The five beads are to represent the five people that we can pray for that they might know Jesus as we do. Some had already made their bracelets after following the God With Us booklet for Thy Kingdom Come Novena. We were small in number but large in enthusiasm.

Thank you to everyone who came along to learn more about our faith. Perhaps you might wish to come along to this All Age service (it really is all ages). Sunday the 15th of June at 3pm at All Saints Church Ruskington.



Dementia Awareness

During May we took the opportunity to focus on Dementia and to raise funds for the charities that do so much work to help support those who are affected by this dreadful condition. Thanks to lots of people but especially to Jan and Rob Goddard who helped lead this initiative. It was well received by so many and the coffee mornings raised £450

for the Alzheimer's Society.



Gingo. Now a regular social event Gingo was held at the Winchelsea Centre on the 22nd of May where a faithful gathering had a good time together and enjoyed the professional work of the Bingo Caller. Keep your eyes down for the next date. Thank you to everyone who joined us and made the event happen.

Baptismal Joy

During May we celebrated the baptisms of Aurora at All Saints (first picture) and Hattie at Cranwell St Andrew's (second picture). What a joy to meet so many family members and to be part of really special days. Please keep the girls and their families in your prayers.



The Duck Hunt – Ruskington – 4th of May



As part of the Duck Hunt celebrations around Ruskington, organised by the Parish Council, All Saints offered the opportunity for the children to decorate a peg doll and to place it on a map of Ruskington where they lived (well approximately!). Many of our Messy church members took

part in the craft but so too some new people who came to Messy Church the following week. Each doll was numbered and the children will be able to collect their doll from All Saints Church during the summer holidays. Thank you to everyone who joined in or helped. A big thank you to the parish council for the event.



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

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



Coffee Fellowship

May 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?

6th June Anwick Village Hall at 10.00am

6th June Cranwell Village Hall at 10.00am

13th June Leasingham Village Hall 10-11.30am

20th June Ruskington Winchelsea Centre at 9.30am – noon

News from our Sister Churches

St Edith's Anwick



Photographs from St Edith's May Coffee morning, with the warm weather people have flooded to our coffee morning, enjoying good conversation and excellent home made cakes. This has been the best Coffee Morning so far this year, everyone's hard work has paid off and the atmosphere was certainly blessed. Come along to our next Coffee Morning and join us for a chat and cake. But get there early or you may miss out on the wonderful homemade cakes. Our Coffee Morning is the first Saturday of each month in the Village Hall from 10am. Looking forward to seeing you there.

St Andrew's Church Cranwell



On Saturday 2nd May St Andrew's Church, Cranwell held their usual coffee morning where Arabella from 1st Cranwell RAF Scouts, again had a stall fundraising to attend the World Scout Jamboree in Poland in 2027. This time aside from a lovely tombola

she also ran games both for Guess the Granny and Guess the Grandad!



Also attending on the 2nd May was Reverend Al, where he presented a beautiful painting of St Andrew's Church, by Julie, to Trevor Bush for all his hard work in securing grants and leading on aspects of the refurbishment of the North Wall in the Churchyard.



The next Coffee Morning is on Saturday 6th June when the Charity stall for the month will be the 1st Cranwell Rainbows, with their usual enticing stall for all.

St Andrew's Church Leasingham

St Andrew's Church Leasingham was represented at the recent Annual Parish meeting of the Leasingham and Roxholm Parish Council which invited all groups and organisations in the village to attend and give a five minute presentation of what they can offer the local community and what they are all about. Photographs from the event and further information can be found on facebook through the Leasingham and Roxholm Parish Council. There were around fifty attendees and we hope they were enlightened to how we serve the locality through our mission and ministry.

We have offered the opportunity to a local young lady who is part of the scouting organisation locally to come along to our next Coffee Morning on June 13th to run a tombola stall to help her raise some funds towards her forthcoming trip to the World Scouting Jamboree in Poland for which she has been selected to attend so we are asking for people to come along and support this event.

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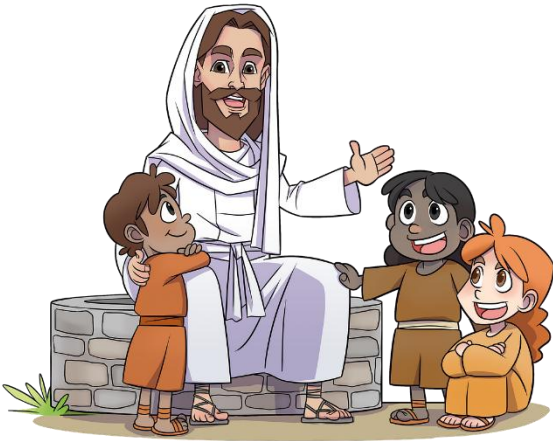
ROCK CHOIR

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

Tickets are on sale now in Cranwell and Ruskington Church as well as the Benefice Office during office hours.



Bible Study around the Benefice

Digging Deeper, With Rev Rosemary

- Monday 15th June at 7pm at her home.

Subject for this summer is 1 John, 2 John and 3 John

New Sparks, With Corinna June 29th at

1pm in St Andrew's Church Cranwell.

News from the Belfry



“ Visitors to our Bell Tower.

Message received from Andy Hallam Tower Captain, Thurlby St Firmins

We are a group of friends and bell ringers, who live on the Lincolnshire / Cambridgeshire borders and regularly ring together for practices and services. There are many Churches and too few ringers and it is not uncommon for us to ring at 3 towers

for services on Sunday mornings. We arrange a tower tour every year and this year there were 16 of us who rang at 5 towers in total, starting at Branston, Potterhanworth and Dunston, calling in at Ruskington as our 4th tower at 15:45.

David made us all very welcome and everyone enjoyed our time at All Saints, indeed one of the ringers commented that the tenor was the nicest that she had rung.

Having ‘annoyed’ the local parishioners for 45 minutes with our ringing, we departed for Heydour, our final tower of the day.

“Congratulations to Louise Boulton, who has passed her Grade 1 bell ringing (Controlling the bell) in such a short time.



Readings for June 2026

	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Gospel
Sunday 7 th June Trinity 1 Green	Hosea 5:15-6:6	Romans 4:13-25	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
Sunday 14 th June Trinity 2 Green	Exodus 19:2-8a	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)
Sunday 21 st June Trinity 3 Invitation Sunday Green The Greatness of God	Psalms 145.1-8	Isaiah 40:12-31	John 3. 1-26
Sunday 28 th June Trinity 4 Green	Jeremiah 28:5-9	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42

Monthly Services – North Lafford Group – June 2026

Date	Time	All Saints Ruskington
07 June 2026	11am	Holy Communion
14 June 2026	11am	Morning Praise
17 June 2026	7pm	Benefice Evening Service of Holy Communion St Andrew's Cranwell
21 June 2026	11am	Invitation Sunday - Holy Communion - Songs of Praise
21 June 2026	3pm	Benefice All Age Service - Sunday@3 All Saints
28 June 2026	11am	Morning Praise
Date	Time	St Edith's Anwick
07 June 2026	11am	Morning Praise with St Mary's at Evedon
17 June 2026	7pm	Benefice Evening Service of Holy Communion St Andrew's Cranwell
21 June 2026	9.30am	Invitation Sunday - Holy Communion - Songs of Praise with St Mary's at Anwick
21 June 2026	3pm	Benefice All Age Service - Sunday@3 All Saints

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07 June 2026	11am	Morning Praise
14 June 2026	11am	Holy Communion
17 June 2026	7pm	Benefice Evening Service of Holy Communion St Andrew's Cranwell
20 June 2026	2.30pm	Wedding Blessing
21 June 2026	11am	Invitation Sunday - Morning Praise - Songs of Praise
21 June 2026	3pm	Benefice All Age Service - Sunday@3 All Saints
28 June 2026	11am	Morning Praise
Date	Time	St Andrew's Leasingham
06 June 2026	2pm	Wedding
07 June 2026	9.30am	Morning Praise
14 June 2026	9.30am	Morning Praise
17 June 2026	7pm	Benefice Evening Service of Holy Communion St Andrew's Cranwell
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07 June 2026	11am	Morning Praise with St Mary's at Evedon
17 June 2026	7pm	Benefice Evening Service of Holy Communion St Andrew's Cranwell
21 June 2026	9.30am	Invitation Sunday - Holy Communion - Songs of Praise with St Mary's at Anwick
21 June 2026	3pm	Benefice All Age Service - Sunday@3 All Saints

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