

# THE NEWSLETTER

## The Lyddington Benefice

The Parishes of  
Bisbrooke, Caldecott, Glaston, Harringworth,  
Lyddington, Stoke Dry, Seaton and Thorpe by Water

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## August 2025



St Andrew, Glaston



St John the Baptist, Bisbrooke



St John the Evangelist, Caldecott



St Andrew, Lyddington



St Andrew, Stoke Dry



All Hallows, Seaton



St John the Baptist, Harringworth

Dear friends,

All of a sudden, this year seems to be speeding by, A new school year, perhaps a new school or even moving away from home for the first time is imminent. And I can hardly believe it is nearly time for Harvest Festivals! Our churches will be planning Harvest services and also Harvest meals – full details in the service plan and in the Village Focus section of this Newsletter.

As we go about there are obvious changes in the countryside. Many signs of crops already gathered in and the hedgerows changing too. It is right that we gather and give thanks to God for all the gifts of creation and pray for those who work to provide our food.

Jane

### **Thursday Morning Holy Communion St Andrew's Church, Lyddington**

Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00am	(BCP)
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00am	(CW)
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> August	10.00am	(BCP)
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00am	(CW)
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00am	(BCP)

**There is a coffee morning at 6 Colley Rise following the service on the first Thursday of each month.  
All are welcome.**

### **Common Lectionary readings for August**

#### **3 August: Seventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 13)** *Green*

Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14; 2.18-23; Psalm 49.1-12; Colossians 3.1-11  
Luke 12.13-21

#### **10 August: Eighth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 14)** *Green*

Genesis 15.1-6; Psalm 33.12-21; Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16; Luke 12.32-40;

#### **17 August: Ninth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 15)** *Green*

Jeremiah 23.23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11.29 - 12.2; Luke 12.49-56

#### **24 August: St Bartholomew** *Red*

Isaiah 43.8-13; Psalm 145.1-7; Acts 5.12-16; Luke 22.24-30

#### **31 August: Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 17)** *Green*

Proverbs 25.6-7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16; Luke 14.1, 7-14;

### **September 2025**

#### **Harvest Readings**

Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Psalm 100; Philippians 4.4-9 or  
Revelation 14.14-18; John 6.25-35

#### **7 September: Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 18)** *Green*

Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14.25-33

## The Lyddington Benefice: Services during August 2025

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
	3 <sup>rd</sup> August Seventh Sunday after Trinity	10 <sup>th</sup> August Eighth Sunday after Trinity	17 <sup>th</sup> August Ninth Sunday after Trinity	24 <sup>th</sup> August St Bartholomew the Apostle	31 <sup>st</sup> August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
<b>Bisbrooke</b>	Services at Caldecott, Glaston and Harringworth	6.00pm Evening Prayer (JEB)	11.00am Holy Communion CW (JEB)	9.30am Gathered Church (WL)	Benefice Holy Communion at Stoke Dry
<b>Caldecott</b>	9.30am Parish Communion CW (JEB)	11.00am Family Service (WL)	6.00pm Evening Prayer CW (JEB)	Services at Harringworth and Lyddington	Benefice Holy Communion at Stoke Dry
<b>Glaston</b>	11.00am Morning Prayer (WL)	11.00am Holy Communion CW Trad. (JEB)	No service	11.00am Gathered Church (WL)	Benefice Holy Communion at Stoke Dry
<b>Harringworth</b>	10.45am Family Service (WL)	9.30am Holy Communion BCP, said (JEB)	No service	9.30am Parish Communion CW (JEB)	Benefice Holy Communion at Stoke Dry
<b>Lyddington</b>	6.00pm Compline (WL)	8.30am Holy Communion BCP (JEB)	Services at Seaton, Stoke Dry and Bisbrooke	11.00am Parish Communion (JEB)	Benefice Holy Communion at Stoke Dry
<b>Seaton</b>	No service	9.30am Morning Prayer BCP (WL)	9.30am Holy Communion CW (JEB)	11.00am Family Service (WL)	Benefice Holy Communion at Stoke Dry
<b>Stoke Dry</b>	No Service	No service	11.00am Service of the Word (JC)	No service (WL)	<b>10.30am Benefice Holy Communion (JEB)</b>

## Marriages

**Cameron David Harvey** and **Hayley Ellen Rees** were married in the Parish Church of All Hallows, Seaton, on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July. They live in Princes Risborough but worship regularly at Seaton. The service was conducted by the Revd Stephen Griffiths, and the organist was Mrs Carol Dry.

**Ralph James Offer** and **Toni-Louise Stephens** were married in the Parish Church of all Hallows, Seaton, on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July. The bridegroom is proprietor and landlord of the George and Dragon pub in Seaton. The service was conducted by the Revd Don McGarrigle and the organist was Mrs Diana Wordie.

## Seeing things differently

August is a month that brings us 'the summer'... now I don't know about you but I often find myself wondering what that will mean, will it be full on heat of summer, torrential rain, cloudy cool days or all of the above!

We will simply have to wait and see and whatever faces us we will no doubt adapt whatever we are doing to fit the situation as best we can.

This sense of the need to adapt and see things differently brings to mind Bartholomew, one of Jesus 12 disciples, mentioned in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. John's gospel never mentions Bartholomew but does mention Nathanael (the others don't) so many think that Bartholomew and Nathanael are the same person.



I love Nathanael's first encounter with Jesus. Philip comes and tells him about Jesus of Nazareth to which Nathanael replies 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' It's a slightly grumpy response, maybe like those hoping for a lovely summer holiday weather in August, he's been let down a few times before.

Still, what happens next is a story of being completely turned around. Jesus tells Nathanael that he saw him under the fig tree before Philip called him. Nathanael is so surprised by this he changes from sceptic to believer, and even more than Philip had said. Nathanael says to Jesus "you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel."

There are many times when we are sceptical or doubt, but when we meet Jesus for ourselves our outlook can be transformed, when we realise we are known and loved by Jesus it changes everything.

Come rain or shine this August I pray you find some time to meet Jesus in the pages of the Bible, in the family of the church, in a quiet place (like Nathanael's fig tree) where you are seen and loved.



The Venerable Alison Booker  
Archdeacon of Oakham

## Music Notes

### Music in Lyddington

16<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 7.30pm

### Lumas Winds



Lumas Winds is an ensemble based in London, and have been described as 'one to watch' (BBC Radio 3). Winners of the 71st ROSL Mixed Ensemble Prize, the group are Munster Recital Scheme Artists and Kirckman Concerts Society Young Artists.

Alongside performing the classics of the repertoire, Lumas explore works that deserve recognition, including, from their debut album, *The Naming of Birds*, released in May 2024 with Champs Hill Records. It features works from every decade from 1960 to 2010 and includes three world premiere recordings

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## Gardeners Corner

July/August 2025

By

Alistair Peak

Summer is well and truly with us now, and I hope you have been able to enjoy the summer months in your gardens.

Dahlias are in full flow with lots of colour; to have continuous flowering remember to keep dead heading them, to work out which flower buds to remove - if they are round and plump they are about to flower - if they are pointed, they are spent flower heads which can be removed. Dahlias make amazing cut flower; if you have not grown them before can I suggest you look around other gardens and see what they are like. They are often one of the entries in Vegetable and flower shows - take a visit as we move into the showing season.

It's holiday time for many of us - if you have any house plants and its possible, I would stand them outside for a month or two for some fresh air and rain; this will freshen up the plants, normally a spot with some sun and shade will work but not full sun all day. Do remember to bring them in before September as the evenings start to be getting cooler.

This time of year, can be fickle with the weather, very hot and no rain or lots of rain; if we are enjoying no rain and your water butts are getting low, you can always use grey water, which is old washing up water and bath water to put on your plants; I would not use it on young seedlings or fruit or vegetables. This would work well on Herbaceous plants, new trees or young hedging plants. Also to save water you can always put

saucers or trays underneath containers. Timing of watering will depend on your lifestyle; many people like to do it in the evening when they have more time, and some first thing in the morning, whichever works best for you; remember not to water in the heat of the day as this can scorch the plants. Damping down the greenhouse floor will keep the temperature down and reduce the chances of getting red spider mite as they like hot dry conditions; they can be a problem if you grow Tomatoes and cucumbers.

As many fruits and vegetables become ready for harvestings, pick them while they are young and tender and they will taste lovely. Courgettes are a must for being eaten young; pick them regularly and keep an eye that they haven't hidden under leaves and have suddenly grown into marrows. It's still not too late to sow some summer salad crops, lettuce, radish and even spring onions.

Hedge cutting season is well and truly here now; before you start check that there are no birds still nesting. Beech, Hornbeam and Yew are best done before the end of August, if you have Lonicera Nitida this can be trimmed a few times a year to keep it looking sharp. Box is normally done after Derby Day which is the first Saturday in June and then I would often do it again in September to keep it looking tight for the winter; this year there is a lot of Box Tree Caterpillar about which is causing a lot of problems with box plants/hedges. You have two options which is go through your plants and remove the caterpillars by hand or spray it with either a Biological or non -Biological spray. Check which one you use as some can cause problems to the wildlife; its possible Box plants will recover from The Caterpillar but if they keep getting attacked each year the plant will become weaker. It could always be a chance to remove and plant something else!

Start taking cuttings from tender perennials to over winter from Salvias, and Pelargoniums; place the cuttings in well drained compost and leave in pots until the spring before you pot them up.

#### Alistair's Tips

To keep your baskets, pots and tubs looking good keep watering and feeding them regularly, together with deadheading and removal of dead leaves and spent flowers.

## VILLAGE NEWS

### BISBROOKE

The main event in July was our village fete and dog show which was a great success and enjoyed by everyone who took part, despite somewhat inclement weather. We are very grateful to our circus friends for the awning which saved the dog show participants from a soaking. The final total raised for the church was close to £1500. Not quite a record but a very creditable amount. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way

We continue to support Rutland Food Bank and sent one box this month, contributions to the box at 1 Top Lane please.

The next village meeting will be on October 9th in the church at 7.30pm

Advance notice for a Ceilidh to be held on September 5th at Carthorse Farm, Baulk Road (aka Andy Nourish's barn). 7 for 7.30 pm dancing. Cash bar. Food from Wolf and Bear included. Tickets £20 from Olwen, Katie, Sue Wood, Katherine Pickering, or Isi Dalzell. Profits to LOROS.

For August church flowers will be done by Sue Wood and Isi Dalzell, cleaning Nipsy and Alex Cross. August coffee morning will be August 20th at Betty Johnson's home 8 Bottom Lane.

**A Memorial Service for the late Mr David Perry will be held in Bisbrooke Parish Church on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 3.30pm. All welcome**

### CALDECOTT

DATES:-

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2-4pm Cream Tea -all proceeds to Beast Cancer Now, the research and support charity, Entry £10, there will be a raffle.



Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm 100 CLUB DRAW in the Plough; there are still some numbers available-please contact June on 770046 or Mary on 770242

No Pilates until 3<sup>rd</sup> September

No Ladies group until September 4<sup>th</sup>.

September 11<sup>th</sup> Parish Council meeting.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September BINGO in the Hall in aid of Church funds; please check notice boards for more information nearer the time.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September-the Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust 'Ride and Stride ' will take place. Walkers, cyclists, dogs and Church recorders are invited to take part.

Information and sponsorship forms will be available in the Church or contact Mary on 770242.

The Trust has been very generous to St John's over the years so this is our chance to show our appreciation. Half of any money raised by individuals goes to their nominated church and half to the Trust.

FETE-this was a jolly afternoon , the band played, the sun shone, the activities were popular ; many thanks to all who gave, helped before, during and after the event. It was a real team village effort.

At the 'wind up meeting' the profit was announced- £1,942.68 so with the 100 club during the year and Christmas raffle there were £3,492.33 in the bank.

It was decided to distribute £1,500 each to the Hall and Church; keeping the remaining £492,33 towards expenses for next year's FETE -JULY 4<sup>th</sup> 2026.

We also thank the wound-up History Society for their donation.

Officers and committee members remain the same but it would be lovely to have some new helpers.

Next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 .

Garden Evening-this year was good weather and it was really lovely to have some children playing croquet and other games; thanks to all who came and helped raise £112 towards Church Funds.

We all admired Ted McCole's smart haircut ; he is 10 years old and has been growing his hair for 4 years; recently 20 inches were cut off to donate to 'The Princess Trust' who make wigs for free to give to children who have lost their hair to cancer and other conditions. Ted has raised over £1,200 for the charity as each wig costs £700 to make.

His go fundme page is 'www.gofundme.com/f/hes-a-hairo'.

You can see more with 'before and after 'pictures in 24<sup>th</sup> July's 'Rutland Times'

WELL DONE TED.

CHURCHYARD - thanks to Gary, Jake, Dean ,Phil and Frank who keep it so beautifully; they ask that dogwalkers keep their dogs on the lead and clear up any mess.

We are lucky to have this open space in the middle of the village and it is important to respect it.

There was a plant survey when over 70 plants were identified-list on porch notice board; once we even had an Orchid but no luck this year. We also have hedgehogs, other nocturnal animals , birds and bats identified by a listening device-several species including rare ones.

FOOD BANK-Please remember people who have domestic emergencies and families who find the summer break from school meals challenging.

Donations may be left at Church or 14 Main Street to be taken to the monthly pick-up point.

## HARRINGWORTH



### HARRINGWORTH QUIZ NIGHT ON FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST – BOOK NOW

Our next Haringworth Quiz Night is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The Quizmaster are working on some challenging questions. Book a team of 6 or as individuals by contacting Gavin Gordon via email: [gavingordon@live.co.uk](mailto:gavingordon@live.co.uk).

New to our next Quiz if the **£2-coin challenge** – bring along a coin and see how you can make in worth much more. There will be spare coins to purchase on the night, if you forget!!

## HARRINGWORTH SPORTS SESSIONS

Harringworth Manor Stables are running Youth Sports Sessions over the Summer through to 23 August every Friday from 6 – 7 pm.

**VOLLEYBALL  
CRICKET  
FOOTBALL  
DOODGEBALL / BRITISH BULLDOG**

The drop in sessions cost just £1. Contact Harry Boon on 07402 027496 with any questions.



## ST JOHN'S CAFÉ OPEN EVERY SATURDAY MORNING THROUGH AUGUST

The Café is open **every Saturday from 10.30 – Midday** in St John the Baptist Church, Harringworth - do come along and join us! Each Saturday we serve delicious cakes, sausage rolls and steaming hot coffee and teas. The Café is run by volunteers and the proceeds go to the Harringworth Appeals Fund.



**TALK: An illustrated talk on 'The Women's Land Army during the First World War'** will be given by local historian Helen Frost on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025. The evening will take place in the splendid setting of St John the Baptist Church, Harringworth when the church will be beautifully decorated with flowers and produce for Harvest. Tickets cost £15 and will be available from the end of August when more details will be provided. The evening includes our famous Harringworth Hamper Raffle, a glass of wine and canapés. Proceeds in aid of the Harringworth Appeals Fund.

## BULWICK ANNUAL HORTICULTURAL SHOW 2025

This year the Annual Horticultural Show is on Bank Holiday weekend with public viewing on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August. This special event invites entries from Harringworth residents and is fun for all the family. It is not too late to enter - forms are available from Maggie Frankland in Harringworth Email: [maggiemfrankland@gmail.com](mailto:maggiemfrankland@gmail.com) and further details are available by calling Alma in Bulwick on 01780 450300.



## HARRINGWORTH DOG SHOW 2025 – SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER

**Are you a dog owner?** It could well be time to get your pet in training for the Harringworth Dog Show 2025! Harringworth Manor Stables are hosting the Dog Show on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Message Harry Boon on 07402 027496 for further details.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE CHRISTMAS ARTISAN MARKET – on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>

November. We are looking for volunteers to help on the day and for contributions of preserves (marmalade, jams, chutney etc) potted bulbs, cakes, mince pies, cheese scones, plus any craft for the Made and Grown in Harringworth Stalls. More details nearer the date.

## HARRINGWORTH 100 CLUB

Congratulations to Michael Wright for winning the July 100 CLUB.

## LYDDINGTON

### Advance notice:

**RIDE & STRIDE EVENT** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025 from 10am to 6pm. Jenny Clarke will be in attendance for visiting cyclists throughout the day. Anyone willing to show their support by giving an hour of their time or sponsoring her, Jenny would be very grateful. 50% of any money raised will go to Lyddington Church Fabric Fund for repairs. See Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust website as they give details of their work. Please contact Jenny Clarke on 01572821197/ 07926033236

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**Quiz Night** in aid of Village Hall funds to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> September at the Old White Hart from 7pm. £5pp Tickets from the Old White Hart.

**Macmillan Afternoon Tea** to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 2.30pm to 5pm.

**Lyddington Village Safari Supper on Saturday 12th July** A successful evening with over 40 village participants travelling around the village to eat and share supper dishes. Very much enjoyed by all, thanks to Christine Westwood for organising the event.

**Harvest Festival service at St Andrews Church Lyddington** on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 11am. Produce collected will go to the Rutland Foodbank.

**Lyddington Manor History Society** [We are looking for a new Chair to take over the leadership of this group.](https://www.lyddingtonhistory.org.uk) For further information please contact Rosemary Canadine, [info@lyddingtonhistory.org.uk](mailto:info@lyddingtonhistory.org.uk). *Message from Rosemary: "I intend to continue to work in conjunction with the people involved in the 'Henry on Tour' project; they intend to update the society website and others may yet propose to arrange talks in the village and I will let you know if and when this happens"*

**The Woodland Trust** is offering "free trees" to communities - if you have land where trees could be planted please let our Lyddington parish clerk know and he can provide the application form for tree packs.

**Easyfundraising** <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand. Brands pay Easyfundraising a commission because when you start your shop from the easyfundraising website or app, they can see we sent you to them. If you make a purchase, a commission is generated, and we turn that into a donation – magic! PLEASE consider using this scheme to help St Andrews Church.

**Lyddington Village Hall**, under the Community Hub Scheme, LVH has been granted an extension for another year supply of internet with high speed broadband. This is provided by GIGACLEAR under their Community Hub Scheme and is available to all hall users. The Trustees welcome any suggestions as to how this facility can be used to enhance village life, now has superfast Wifi available to **all those who hire** the Village Hall. So if your home Wifi is slow and you need a quiet space to work or are holding a meeting and need Wifi (for non-attendees) or want to run Fitness sessions and need to be able to allow some of your group to follow you at home, please book the village hall. **To keep this facility we need to show we are using it. Please book via the village hall website**

**Food bank donations** Please leave any food bank donations in the village bus shelter opposite the White Hart – there are boxes for these. Please see village Whats App group for details of items to donate and when the next collection will be. These are collected on a Wednesday morning once every 4 weeks.

**Old Foreign Coins & Notes.** If you have any old foreign coins and bank notes which you no longer need then please consider donating these to Lyddington Church. Steven King will happily accept these (preferably in a plastic bag posted through his letter box). Please leave at Fern Cottage 43 Main St Lyddington.

## **SEATON and THORPE by WATER**

### **Ride and Stride. - Saturday 13th September**

Rutland Ride and stride will take place on Saturday 13th September between 10am and 6pm. The aim is to raise money for Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Fund. Half of the money raised comes directly to the church. The Trust have been generous to us here at Seaton with grants when we have needed them. You can walk, ride your bike, horse ride to as few or as many Rutland Churches as you wish. There will be plenty of people in Seaton who will be very happy to sponsor you if you feel you could have a go and take part. If you are interested, please let me know and I can provide you with the necessary sponsorship forms. We also need to man the church between the hours of 10.00am and 6.00pm for visiting cyclists and walkers. I have had one or two offers to sit in church during the day. If you can manage an hour, please do let me know.



Sue Steward 07946 570383. [susan-steward@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susan-steward@hotmail.co.uk)

**Seaton Harvest Festival and Lunch. - 28th September**

The Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday 28 September at 11.00am. This will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in the Village Hall. We hope you will be able to join us and make it a real Village occasion. Further details will follow in the September newsletter. Please save the date.

**Dates for your diaries!**

**Seaton Bazaar** in the Village Hall on **18th October**.

**Advent Feast** in the Village Hall on **29 November**.