### THE NEWSLETTER

### The Lyddington Benefice

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

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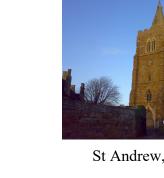
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## September 2025



St Andrew, Glaston



St John the Evangelist, Caldecott



St Andrew, Lyddington



St John the Baptist, Bisbrooke



St Andrew, Stoke Dry



All Hallows, Seaton



St John the Baptist, Harringworth

Dear friends,

The weather is often said to be a typically English topic of conversation. It's useful when a fairly safe topic of conversation is required, something innocuous and neutral and not requiring too much thought to put into words. Today started rather well with sunshine but it is now raining - and the cat is complaining!

Yet at other times we use words with careful precision. Our church services are sometimes fairly informal but at other times a very precise wording is used. At the moment of Baptism, in a Marriage Service, at the Committal during a funeral service, during the consecration of bread and wine during the Holy Communion service for instance. In each case these words – or words very similar – have been used for many generations and they carry an important emotional and sacramental message.

Words, familiar and unfamiliar, have the power to influence us in many ways. Words can, as we all aware, be hurtful – who remembers the fundamentally untrue childhood rhyme "Sticks and stones may break my bones but words can never hurt me"? On the other hand words can be of great comfort. The right words from someone who loves and cares for us can be of enormous help in difficult times. Words have the ability to comfort, encourage, uplift, empower and so much more.

Jane

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

Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00am	(BCP)
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00am	(CW)
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00am	(BCP)
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00am	(CW)
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	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 September**

#### **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

14 September: Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 19) Green

Exodus 32.7-14; Psalm 51.1-11; 1 Timothy 1.12-17; Luke 15.1-10

21 September: St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Red

Proverbs 3.13-18; Psalm 119.65-72; 2 Corinthians 4.1-6; Matthew 9.9-13

28 September: Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 21) Green

Amos 6.1a,4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6.6-19; Luke 16.19-31

#### October 2025

5 October: Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 22) Green

Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4; Psalm 37.1-9; 2 Timothy 1.1-14; Luke 17.5-10

#### The Lyddington Benefice: Services during September 2025

	1st Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	1st Sunday
	7 <sup>th</sup> September	14th September	21st September	28th September	5 <sup>th</sup> October
	Twelfth Sunday after	Thirteenth	Fourteenth after	Fifteenth Sunday	Sixteenth Sunday
	Trinity	Sunday after	Trinity	after Trinity	after Trinity
		Trinity			
Bisbrooke	Services at	6.00pm	11.00am	9.30am	Services at
	Caldecott, Glaston and	Evening Prayer	Holy Communion	Gathered Church	Caldecott, Glaston
	Harringworth	(JEB)	CW (JEB)	(WL)	and Harringworth
	9.30am Parish	11.00am	6.00pm		9.30am Parish
C 11 44	Communion	Family Service	Evening Prayer	Services at	Communion
Caldecott	CW		CW	Harringworth and	CW
	(JEB)	(WL)	(JEB)	Lyddington	(JEB)
	11.00am	11.00am		11.00am	11.00am
Glaston	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	No service	Gathered Church	Morning Prayer
	(WL)	CW Trad. (JEB)		(WL)	(WL)
	10.45am	9.30am		9.30am	11.00am
   Harringworth	Family Service	Holy Communion	No service	Parish	Harvest Festival
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	(WL)	(JEB)		CW (JEB)	(WL)
	6.00pm	8.30am	Services at	11.00am	6.00pm
	Compline	Holy Communion	Seaton, Stoke Dry	Harvest Festival	Compline
Lyddington		BCP	and Bisbrooke	Communion	
	(WL)	(JEB)		With Baptism	(WL)
		0.20	0.20	(JEB)	
		9.30am	9.30am	11.00am Harvest Festival	
Seaton	No service	Morning Prayer BCP	Holy Communion CW	Service	No service
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#### Marriage

The marriage of **Jessica Firmston-Williams** and **Jonathan McLeod** took place in the Parish Church of St Martin of Tours, Lyndon, on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Jess was brought up in Seaton and has a strong family connection with Lyndon. Jonny and Jess live in London

The service was conducted by Canon Jane Baxter, and the organist was Mr Jonathan Holland.

#### **Memorial Service**

A service to celebrate the life of **Arthur <u>David</u> Perry** was held in Bisbrooke Church on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2005. Mr Perry had lived in Bisbrooke for many years before a recent move to Dorset to be nearer to his family. He served in the Royal Air Force, retiring with the rank of Squadron Leader.

The service was conducted by Canon Jane Baxter, with contributions from family and friends, and the organist was Mrs Carol Dry

# From, the Rt Revd Debbie Sellin, Bishop of Peterborough The Season of Creation

As we enter the month of September, many churches will spend some time focusing on the wonders of creation, with Harvest Festivals or other types of service. For some time now, the Church of England has named the period between 1st September and 4th October as Creationtide, or the Season of Creation, where

we can give thanks to God for his gift to us in creation. It was good to witness an uplifting in the recent meeting of General Synod, where further liturgical resources were discussed.

As well as giving thanks to God, this period of time provides us with an opportunity to recommit ourselves to care for all that God has made. As a Diocese, we share in the commitment of the Church of England to become net carbon zero by 2030, an ambitious target, but one that is very important, and reminds us of the fifth Mark of Mission, 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth'. Maybe this is a month when you might like to think afresh about you can do to help reach the target.

I am so encouraged to hear of churches that are engaging with Eco Church and delight that we now have some 'gold churches' amongst us. What an example they are!

Amongst the resources for Creationtide on the Church of England website, I came across this beautiful passage:

In every acorn
there is the potential for a forest;
In every apple pip
there is the potential for an orchard;
In every soul
there is the potential for your kingdom
to be established;
full of joy and peace and love.
Lord, may your kingdom come
in us and in all your creation.



May this be our prayer

+ Derbie

#### **Music Notes**

Music in Lyddington 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.30pm





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WILLKOMMEN, BIENVENUE, WELCOME...

#### A programme of cabaret music

From Anglesey, North Wales, Jâms Coleman is a pianist who enjoys performing as a soloist, chamber musician, and vocal accompanist. He regularly works with singers and instrumentalists at the top of the profession and we are delighted to welcome him back to Lyddington.

British soprano Claire Booth has been widely acclaimed for her 'radiant, rapturous, wonderfully nuanced performances' and voice of 'piercing purity [and] luscious richness' (The Scotsman). She is renowned for her breadth of repertoire, and for the vitality and musicianship that she brings to the operatic stage and concert platform. <a href="https://www.musicinlyddington.co.uk">www.musicinlyddington.co.uk</a>

#### **TICKETS IN ADVANCE:**

Adult: £20; Under 25s in full time education: £5. From...
• Book online: WeGotTickets.com/musicinlyddington

• Box Office: Call: 01572 335133 Email: mil-tickets@outlook.com

#### **Gardeners Corner**

#### SEPTEMBER 2025 BY ALISTAIR PEAK

We may be in the final days of summer with Autumn knocking on the door. Do enjoy this time of year.

it's a great time with warmth and different shadows thrown by the rays of sunshine.

If you grow Autumn Raspberries, they will still be fruiting; they have a lovely taste; the freshness you get make them a great eat. If you haven't had them before or not grown them, I would recommend purchasing some new canes this coming winter to plant; it may take a couple of years before they are ready to produce. Each January they can be pruned back to about 4inches/10cms from the soil level; they will grow back come the spring.

We are in prime harvesting time. If you have any Potatoes that have not been lifted, it's best done as soon as possible to avoid them getting attacked by slugs. Aim to do this on a sunny and windy day, as you can lift them and leave them on the soil surface to dry for a couple of hours before putting into paper bags. Any which are damaged or scuffed - use these up first and don't store them with the main crop.

Camelias produce wonderful flowers in the spring with red, white or pink flowers. This is an important time to ensure that the plants are kept watered as they are setting the flower buds for next year and to enable them to swell it's important to keep them moist at this time of year. If you grow



Late sown Morning Glory finally flowering

them in a container, it's even more important to keep them watered; remember they prefer acidic soil, so you are more likely to grow them in containers around our area - keep them going with ericaceous compost.

With our dry spring and early summer this year, it's noticeable that plants have started to drop leaves earlier. If you have any water features/ ponds, it would be best to get the nets out to prevent leaf fall into them as soon as possible. Once they have finished dropping the nets can be removed.

Spring may seem a long way away now, but bulbs have been about to purchase for a while now. If you are after a specific variety, I suggest you get down to your local Garden Centre/nursery straight away. Check them over that they feel firm and not going soft and sometimes if they have been kept in the warmth they will be starting to shoot - this is fine you need to just get them planted quickly. Following the hot dry summer it's best to make sure the soil is moist before you plant the bulbs; if it hasn't rained, you would need to water before.

Lawns have certainly taken a bash this year following the drought, but they are an amazing plant species and will bounce back following some rain! September is a great time to do some Autumnal lawn work. This would include scarifying the lawn, which is removal of thatch, which is dead lawn matter; there will be a lot this year as a lot of lawns dried due the intense heat we had. You can hire scarify machines, or if you don't have a large lawn, you can use a spring box rake - a rake with metal tines, flexible, then rake hard to remove the dead material. If your lawns sit wet in the winter, you could do with opening up the top few inches of the turf to allow for the roots to get lower. You can do this with a garden fork; push it in to the soil and wiggle it about, then ideally you could do with applying some topdressing which is a mixture of sand and soil-based compost - the best combination is 70 percent sand and 30 percent topsoil.

Alistair's Tip:

If you have had house plants outside for the summer, it's time to relocate them back indoors from their holiday break outside with fresh air and rain. Wipe over the leaves to clean off any dirt or leaf matter which may have collected outside.

#### **Rutland Foodbank Harvest list**

# Rutland Foodbank Wish-List Autumn / Harvest 2025





Small jars of coffee
Tinned meats & pies
Tinned tomatoes & veggies
Noodles, pot noodles, microwaveable rice
Tins of custard and fruit
Items for lunch pack-ups
Porridge, preferably sachets
Snacks, crackers, crispbreads and cereal bars

Women's deodorants, men's shaving gel



#### VILLAGE NEWS

#### **BISBROOKE**

Bisbrooke Ceilidh will be held in Andy Nourishe's barn on Friday September 5th. A traditional barn dance with caller, £20 per person with supper included, catered by Wolf and Bear. Cash bar. A few tickets left, please contact Sue Wood if interested.

Ride and Stride, walking or cycling around the churches in the area to support historic churches will take place on September 13th. If you would be interested in taking part or spending an hour in the church to welcome people please contact Katie Salmon.

There will be a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan on Saturday September 27th 10.30-12.30 at 6 the Inhams. Home made cakes for sale. Raffle. Entry £3,50, children free.

The next village meeting will be on Thursday October 9th in the church at 7pm

This year's Harvest supper will be on Friday October 10th. More information to follow next month.

One box of food shipped to the Rutland Food Bank this month, collection point remains 1 Top Lane.

Church flowers for September are in care of Betty Johnson and Jennifer Parsons. Cleaning is with Katie Salmon. The coffee morning is on September 17th at Joyce Harbots, Badgers Holt, Peters Way

#### **CALDECOTT**

#### Dates:-

September 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Pilates classes resume after the summer break. Details from <u>tina.kaczmar@gmail.com</u>. Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Ladies group at 7.30pm. Talk by Mike Burton, former journalist and teacher, on 'Rutland the secret county.'

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 5pm-7pm BINGO: it would help to know numbers so please let Mary know on 770242. Tickets £5 per adult, £3 for children. BYO drinks and nibbles. Final prize =Afternoon Tea for 2 at the Falcon.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm Parish council Meeting. Residents are invited to bring up any matters of concern. Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Afternoon tea in the Hall 2-4pm. Proceeds to 'Breast Cancer Now' the cancer research and support charity, Tickets £10; Raffle.

bookings from Barbara on 01536 771976 or Hazel 01536 770136.

Wednesday 24th 100 club Draw in Plough at 7.30pm.

August Draw:- 1st no 83 Philip Arnold; 2nd no 90 Janet Griggs; 3rd no 22 Joyce Dunn.

**Ride And Stride-Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September**--This is the Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust fundraising event. The church will be open for participators to sign in from 10am-6pm. Cyclists, walkers, riders and church recorders are all welcome to take part-the trust has been very generous to St John's over the years this is our chance to help. Just visiting the 7 churches of our benefice is a pleasant ride-you do not have to attempt the whole of Rutland or the A6003.

Forms and information will be in church or contact Mary on 770242.

Half of any money raised from sponsorship goes to the nominated church and half to the trust.

**Marmalade**-for many years Edyth has wielded her wooden spoon and raised £100's for church funds; she has now decided to hang up her cauldron and we thank her for her wonderful marmalade. She is a hard act to follow but would anyone like to take over? She is willing to offer advice-770733.

**Food Bank**-We still deliver donations to the pick up point monthly. Please leave offerings in church or at 14 Main St.

#### **HARRINGWORTH**

### BOOK YOUR TICKET NOW FOR THE HARRINGWORTH TALK ON 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

An illustrated talk on 'The Women's Land Army during the First World War' will be given by local historian Helen Frost on Friday 10th 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 which include a glass of wine and canapés are £15 each with proceeds in aid of the Harringworth Appeals Fund.

Be enthralled by this new army doing their National Service; one that made such an incredible contribution to the war effort at home, but that have, in the



intervening decades been all but forgotten. The pioneering Women's Land Army of the Great War years aimed to recruit women largely from wealthier backgrounds for the first time although this was not always the case! For the many women who worked in mainly towns and cities in stable, well-paid jobs or didn't work at all prior to the war, they were strongly encouraged to come and work on the land, (often for the first time) in large numbers.

**HOW TO BOOK**: Book online through the link - https://bookwhen.com/harringworth and email harringworthvillage@gmai.com with any questions.

RIDE AND STRIDE - Sponsored Bike ride, walk, run or horse ride for Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September Do you want an excuse to go for a bike ride, walk, run or horse ride? Why not help out your local church building and raise funds as you go? All you need to do is...



- · Get a few sponsors and a sponsor form.
- · Choose a route to visit as many churches on the list as you like.
- · Get your form signed at each one visited (from 10am to 6pm).

Most churches will give refreshments to those taking part. Half the money you raise will go to help your chosen church building and half goes to the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust. This helps provide grants for repairs and restoration for churches in the county.

Visit <u>www.nhct.org.uk</u> for up-to-date info about the day, list of [participating churches and a sponsorship form or contact Jane McLean via WhatsApp: 07751 125515. HAVE FUN!

#### HARRINGWORTH QUIZ NIGHT NEWS

Quizmasters Gavin and Jonny would like to thank everyone who helped make the summer pub quiz such a success! It was a great night and we want to pass on our congratulations to the winning team, The Return of the Americas. The team consisted of Richard Nixon and Boey Ling, their friends Geraldine and Nigel and

Giselle and David Rawlins, who pipped the second place team by three points.

In a new addition to the quiz, the winner's prize is now a £ 50 donation to the charity of the team's choice.... and in this case the nominated charity was Breast Cancer Now, a charity that changes the lives of people affected by breast cancer by combining the power of research and support.

We hope everyone who took part in the fun had a good night and we look forward to welcoming you all back again on **Friday 28 November**, same time - same place!!



#### ST JOHN'S CAFÉ CLOSED AFTER A VERY SUCCESSFUL SUMMER

The Café which has been a great success over the last few months on a Saturday morning in St John the Baptist Church, Harringworth has now closed and will reopen next Spring. Thank you to everyone who helped to run the Café this year and for all the delicious cakes and sausage rolls which were made each week. Over £2000 was made for the Harringworth Appeals Fund.

#### POP UP PUB WITH HOME COOKED SUPPER ON FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER

The trustees of the Village Hall have teamed up with the Appeals Team to celebrate with you the newly refurbished and decorated Village Hall. Please save the date and details of how to book tickets will follow next month.

#### CHRISTMAS ARTISAN MARKET SATURDAY 15TH 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 David Reading for winning the August 100 CLUB.

#### HARRINGWORTH SUPPER CLUB - SIGN UP NOW

We are looking for a few more villagers to sign up to the Supper Club which runs for six months (October – April, excluding December). The aim is to provide a stress-free relaxed supper for six people during each month. Please contact Rona Towell for further information and your details <u>ronatowell@gmail.com</u>.

#### ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH - DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Family Service on Sunday 7**th **September -** join us for a relaxed family service starting at 10.45 with coffee served from 10.30. All welcome. Details of other Services in Harringworth are published in the newsletter. **Church Autumn Clean on Wednesday 1**st **October** – can you help with the Autumn Church Clean on Wednesday as we need a few additional volunteers. Please contact Catherine Taylor with your details on <a href="mailto:catherine330@gmail.com">catherine330@gmail.com</a>

**Decorating the Church for the Harvest Festival on Saturday 4**<sup>th</sup> **October** – the church will be decorated with flowers and produce on Saturday morning. Contact Sue Reading if you would like to help or have donations of produce - sue.e.reading@gmail.com

Harvest Festival Church Service and Lunch on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October – The Harvest Service will start at 11.00 and will be followed by a lunch in the church. Look out for the Flyer with details of the lunch and how to book.

**Talk on The Women's Land Army during the First World War on Friday 10th October** – the date of the planned talk in the Church was chosen the ensure the decorations for Harvest can be appreciated. We would welcome nearer the date donations for the Hamper Raffle, help with the bar, selling raffle tickets and welcoming guests. You can book a ticket through the following link: https://bookwhen.com/harringworth Churchyard Autumn Tidy on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00 – 12.00. Please save the date

#### LYDDINGTON

**Ride & Stride Event**, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 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 jennyrutland@hotmail.com

**Macmillan Tea Afternoon** on Saturday 27th September at Lyddington Village Hall from 2.30pm to 5pm. There will be cream teas, cakes and savouries to enjoy and plenty of ways to get involved. Please contact Ros Horton on 07714181620 or email rosalind.crane@gmail.com

**Harvest Festival** at Lyddington Church 11am on Sunday 28th September. All tinned or fresh food proceeds to go to the Foodbank. Any help to decorate windows for this festival please contact Jenny Clarke

#### **SEATON and THORPE**

Unfortunately there was a mistake in the last newsletter regarding the date of the **Autumn Bazaar** in aid of All Hallows' Church, Seaton. It will take place on Saturday 1 November from 2-3.30pm. In addition to the usual fun-filled stalls and activities that we all know and love, there will be a Silent Auction of Promises, a Christmas Stall and Bra Pong! Contributions of goods, cakes and produce to be sold on the various stalls are most welcome. Please contact <a href="mailto:katemaxim@btinternet.com">katemaxim@btinternet.com</a>

It was such good fun last year, we're hosting another **Beetle Drive** in the village hall on Friday 12 September where you 'build your beetle' against the clock. Suitable for all ages, the dooors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. £15 per ticket to include food. Bring your own drinks. Hurry book your place, there's a prize for the winner. Contact katemaxim@btinternet.com

**A village hall coffee morning** will be held on Saturday 6 September from 10.30-12.30pm in aid of LOROS. Then afternoon tea will take place on Thursday 16 October from 2.30-4.30pm. Donations in aid of ongoing village hall improvements.

Test your wits against competing teams at the **Quiz Night** on Friday 24 October. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. £15 per ticket to include food. Bring your own drinks. Teams of up to six people or join a team on the night. To book your place, contact <a href="mailto:helen\_coop@msn.com">helen\_coop@msn.com</a>

Feeling stressed and exhausted? Enjoy an evening of relaxation and meditation at the next **Sound Bath** with Tibetan instruments that give off sound frequencies and vibrations - to heal, calm and energise you. Date in September/October to be confirmed. To register your interest please message Jo Everson on 07903 047023.

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

Rutland Ride and Stride will take place on Saturday 13th September between 10am and 6pm. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to man the church and record visitor numbers. If any one else can offer an hour, please let me know.

If anyone would like to volunteer to ride or walk for Seaton Church, we can help find sponsors for you. Again, please let me know.

Sue Steward 07946570383 susan-steward@hotmail.co.uk

#### **Seaton Harvest Festival**

The Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday 28th September at 11.00am. Do come along and join us. Everyone is welcome.

#### **Seaton Village Harvest Lunch**

We plan to hold a Bring and Share Harvest lunch on 28th September in the Village Hall at 1pm. This will be a buffet type meal. Suggestions of food could be -

- A meat/fish/vegetarian dish of some kind
- Salads. Green/ potato/mozzarella and tomato/ coleslaw etc.
- Desserts
- Soft drinks provided. Bring your own wine.

If you would like to come, please let me know, so we have some idea of food supplies.

There will be a raffle.

We hope you will be able to join us and make it a real village occasion.

Sue Steward. 07946570383. susan-steward@hotmail.co.uk

And finally, if you would like to be included in another **Christmas wreath making** evening, please let us know before the end of September. Contact <a href="mailto:sarah.e.brant@sky.com">sarah.e.brant@sky.com</a> to register your interest.

#### STOKE DRY

Harvest Festival service: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00pm