

THE NEWSLETTER

The Lyddington Benefice

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

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October 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,

As I was preparing this edition of The Newsletter, it was announced from Downing Street that His Majesty The King has approved the nomination of the Bishop of London, the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, as the next Archbishop of Canterbury,

That one statement illustrates the position of the Church of England as the Established Church, with the Sovereign as Supreme Governor. The announcement is made from Downing Street and the reverse of that is that some, but not all, bishops sit in the House of Lords.

This is also something that is brought home to every clergyperson when they begin a new role. As part of the service two oaths are made, One of obedience to the Diocesan Bishop and the other of allegiance to the sovereign. In Rutland, the Lord Lieutenant, Dr Sarah Furness, usually attends to witness that oath.

This is undoubtedly a new chapter for the Church of England, and I offer Bishop Sarah my prayers and as she prepares to take up this demanding role.

Jane

Thursday Morning Holy Communion St Andrew's Church, Lyddington

Thursday	2 nd October	10.00am	(BCP)
Thursday	9 th October	10.00am	(CW)
Thursday	16 th October	10.00am	(BCP)
Thursday	23 rd October	10.00am	(CW)
Thursday	30 th 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 October

Harvest Readings

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

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

12 October: Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 23) *Green*

2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2.8-15; Luke 17.11-19

19 October: Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 24) *Green*

Genesis 32.22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5; Luke 18.1-8

26 October: Last Sunday after Trinity (Proper 25) *Green*

Jeremiah 14.7-10, 19-22; Psalm 84.1-7; 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18;
Luke 18.9-14

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2 November: All Saints' Sunday *White/Gold*

Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1.11-23; Luke 6.20-31

The Lyddington Benefice: Services during October 2025

	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	1st Sunday
	5th October 16th Sunday after Trinity	12th October 17th Sunday after Trinity	19th October 18th Sunday after Trinity	26th October Last Sunday after Trinity	2nd November All Saints' Sunday
Bisbrooke	Services at Caldecott, Glaston and Harringworth	6.00pm Harvest Festival (JEB)	11.00am Holy Communion CW (JEB)	9.30am Gathered Church	Services at Caldecott, Glaston and Harringworth
Caldecott	9.30am Parish Communion CW (JEB)	11.00am Harvest Festival (WL)	6.00pm Evening Prayer CW (JEB)	Services at Harringworth and Lyddington	9.30am Parish Communion CW (JEB)
Glaston	11.00am Morning Prayer (WL)	11.00am Harvest Communion CW (JEB)	No service	11.00am Gathered Church	11.00am Morning Prayer BCP (WL)
Harringworth	11.00am Harvest Festival And lunch (JEB)	9.30am Holy Communion BCP, said (JEB)	No service	9.30am Parish Communion CW (JEB)	10.45am Family Service (JEB)
Lyddington	6.00pm Compline (WL)	8.30am Holy Communion BCP (JEB)	Services at Seaton, Stoke Dry and Bisbrooke	11.00am Parish Communion CW (JEB)	6.00pm Compline (WL)
Seaton	No service	9.30am Morning Prayer (WL)	9.30am Holy Communion CW (JEB)	11.00am Family Service (WL)	No service
Stoke Dry	6.00pm Harvest Festival (JEB)	No service	No service	No service	No service

Baptism

Max Walter David Jones was baptised at St Andrew's Church, Lyddington, during the Harvest Festival Service. Max and his family live in Lyddington and some family members travelled from the United States for the occasion.

The service was conducted by Canon Jane Baxter and the organist was Mr Philip Riley.

Farewell in Christ

As fourteen years of ministry in the Diocese draw to a close, our overwhelming sense is of thankfulness. Elizabeth and I are so grateful to God for the privilege of my being called here to serve as one of your Bishops, the warmth of your welcome and the kindness of your support. We have been upheld by your prayers, humbled by your appreciation and thrilled by your willingness to serve Christ. It has been deeply moving to see God at work in our communities, churches and ministries. Thank you all so much.



Throughout my Christian life, I have been sustained by the bible verse printed on a bookmark that I attached to my bedside cupboard whilst growing up. It had God's words of reassurance to Joshua as he took over leadership from Moses and read *"Be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for I, the Lord thy God, will be with thee whithersoever thou goest"* (Joshua 1.9).

I love the beautifully challenging prayer attributed to Sir Francis Drake;
*Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves,
 When our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little,
 When we arrived safely because we sailed too close to the shore.*

*Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst for the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life, We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision of the new Heaven to dim.*

*Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wider seas where storms will show your mastery;
Where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars.*

*We ask You to push back the horizons of our hopes;
And to push into the future in strength, courage, hope, and love.*

Please continue to pray for us as we will continue to pray for you, as the Diocese grows under Bishop Debbie's inspiring leadership.

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The Rt Revd John Holbrook
Bishop of Brixworth

RIDE and STRIDE 2025

Our thanks and congratulations to all who took part in this year's Ride and Stride. This took place in both Rutland and Northampton on September 13th and a number of people from the Lyddington Benefice took part on bicycles, on foot and by being sponsored to sit in churches and welcome visitors taking part in the event.

Caroline Mattock took part on behalf of St Andrew, Glaston and this is her account of the day -

Our Ride & Stride Challenge yesterday (my friend Paula Moxham, and I) was to visit 35 churches in the 8 hours allowed from 10am until 6pm.

Starting at Egleton at 10am we pretty much completed the north and eastern perimeter of the county. We had visited 32 churches/50 miles as we left Ketton at 17:24. Argh the hills out of Ketton are gruelling and over the quarry bridge with a head on wind was not much better. Phew ~ the gate was open so straight over to Rutland Water arriving at the Normanton church on the shore. No-one there to sign the sheet so a quick photo, time: 17:45 (33). Ooh 15 minutes to go before the finish time of 6pm. Hard on the pedal, raced to St Mary's at Edith Weston, quickly signed by the lady "Good luck!" 17:51 (34). This was really going to be close, past the Barracks, right into Butt Lane, straight over to Chapel Lane ~ oh no! wrong one! Back up Chapel Lane, left onto Church Street another 100 yards over to the church. 17:59

As the lady signed the form the clock struck 6pm. 35 = MADE IT!!

As I cycled back home I did drop in to the churches at Pilton 18:24 and Wing 18:34 before arriving at St Andrew's Glaston 18:47, I had hoped to finish here, a total of 62.28 miles.

This was a great personal physical challenge and I am delighted to find I survived, but more so I didn't realise what stunning churches we have in our county. Most have something unique about them whether it be the architecture design, the paintings & statues, bells & organs, beautifully preserved woodwork. I look forward to revisiting many at a more leisurely pace and would truly recommend this to anyone who finds themselves passing closely by a church with a few minutes to spare. Pop in and take a look. Show your support and



appreciation. They really are places that need to be preserved and protected, and with diminishing congregations, we can all help however we can.

Thank you very much to those of you who have sponsored and donated, I do encourage you to go see what your money is supporting.

Music Notes

Music in Lyddington

The Marian Consort is an award-winning vocal ensemble that presents bold and thrilling performances of music from across the centuries. Led by founder and director, Rory McCleery, the group is composed of the very best singers in a flexible, intimate ensemble, allowing clarity of texture and subtlety of interpretation that illuminates the music for performer and audience alike. *'Singing one person to a part, The Marian Consort give sublimely refined, spacious and impeccably tuned performances.'* (The Sunday Times)



PATER PECCAVI – Music of Lamentation from Renaissance Portugal Music by Estêvão de Brito, Duarte Lobo, Vicente Lusitano, Filipe de Magalhães, Manuel Cardoso, GP de Palestrina and others.

www.musicinlyddington.co.uk

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

OCTOBER 2025
BY
ALISTAIR PEAK

As we move into Autumn, enjoy the lovely Autumnal colours along with the rays of sunshine showing

off fruit and flowers. There is plenty still to do in your garden, so don't shut the back door yet on your garden.

Do you have any planting projects this Autumn/winter? It's a good time to order bare rooted plants such as Trees, roses, shrubs and perennial plants, as they are lifted from fields when they are dormant, ie lost their leaves, so any time from leaf fall till before bud break. They are cheaper than container grown plants with less handling and transport cost. They will require regular watering in the first couple of years. If the plants arrive before you are ready to plant in their final location, you can always heel them in - which is dig a trench and cover their roots to prevent them drying out.



Winter berries, Lyddington

If your greenhouse is looking empty, now is a good time to give it a good clean to get rid of any lurking pests, before you move plants back in for storage and winter protection. Use Jeyes fluid, greenhouse cleaner or a citrus based cleaner. Follow manufacturer instructions; clean the glass inside and out if possible as this will allow more light in the depths of winter if you are growing plants rather than just storing them. Give the greenhouse a good sweep and brush all surfaces particularly under the benches. When you replace the plants in the Greenhouse, make sure that they are healthy so as not to bring in pest and diseases.

It's important to keep any paths clear of leaves as we move into Autumn, making it safer for all to move about. Putting leaves on to compost heaps will make amazing organic matter next year.

As you harvest your fruit and vegetables and move them into storage, ensure you only store sound crops; use up damaged ones first. Then clear all old vegetable matter weeds and leaves, dig over the plots and leave the clods to be broken down with the winter weather. As apples and pears are picked and harvested, ensure that you remove all fallen leaves to prevent any pest or diseases sitting in the soil under the plants which can in turn cause problems next year. The same applies to roses with infected leaves; don't put any of these on to compost heap; either burn them or get rid of them in you council bins.

As you clean up the garden, remember that Hedgehogs will be starting to hibernate so create piles of twigs and leaves for them.

Once your flowers in containers or vegetables have finished in grow bags, don't just throw the old compost away; you can always place it on the flower borders as a soil conditioner- useful if you have heavy soil.

Dahlias produce amazing flowers up until the first frosts; keep picking them for cut flowers. Once they have been frosted, the big question is whether to lift the tubers or to leave them. It's down to your soil conditions and the location. If you have well drained soil you should get away with it; on the other hand if your soil sits wet in the winter you would be better to remove them and store them in a frost-free site. Leaving them in you would need to mulch them over with old compost, leaf mould or composted bark; ensure that you leave them until late April / May before you remove the mulch.

Herbaceous plants are starting to die back now; if they have flopped onto paths or lawns, it would be good to remove these: leaving the rest will add some winter structure to the borders and is good for the wildlife to hibernate into. Grasses are amazing as they will continue to offer movement, but sometimes the weather can make them collapse and they just need cutting back. Only cut back deciduous grasses not evergreen which you comb out in the spring.

Alistair Tip:

Spring may seem a little way off but it's time to get on with ordering your bulbs for the lovely colours they bring in the spring and have them planted by the end of November.

VILLAGE NEWS

BISBROOKE

The ceilidh held at Andy Nourish's barn on September 5th was a resounding success and raised £400 plus for LOROS. Many thanks to Andy and to Sue Wood for organising it and to everyone who helped and took part. Thanks to those who took time to be in the church during the Ride and Stride event, we had around 30 visitors who stopped for refreshments on their way around the local churches.

Alex and Nipsy Cross held their annual Macmillan Coffee morning on Saturday 27th at their home and raised £330 for the charity.

Upcoming events, the village meeting will be on Thursday 9th October in the church at 7pm

The Harvest supper will on Friday 10th October, 7 for 7.30 pm. Reservations via Olwen, Katie or Sue. Cost £12.50, children £5. Please consider bringing an item to donate to the food bank.

The coffee morning for October will be at Jennifer Parson's house, Stables Barn Glaston Road on Wednesday October 22nd.

Church cleaning for October is in care of Sue Macleod and Suzie Colliss.

Flowers are Penny Armitage and Penny Beveridge.

CALDECOTT

Dates:-

Thursday 2nd October Ladies Group at 7.30pm speaker Aiden Gibson, retired inspector with the Metropolitan Police 'A Policeman's Lot is not a Happy One'.

Sunday 12th Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 11.00AM.

Saturday 18th 10am-4pm Craft Fair-come along and see what is on offer, free entry. To book a table please contact June on 01536 770046.

Wednesday 29th at 7.30pm 100 Club Draw in the Plough Inn.

Afternoon Tea in aid of Breast Cancer Now on 20th September- this was a lovely event which raised £500 for the cause. A good number of hungry people enjoyed a splendid traditional tea produced by the Ladies Group. A very big thank you to everyone who attended, thanks to Eyebrook Bird Foods and all those who donated their generous raffle prizes. Special thanks to Hazel, Barbara, June and Rosemary for such a spread and also to Hazel(junior) and Thomas who helped with the raffle and competitions.

Bingo-another jolly event enjoyed by all ages, 7 weeks-nearly 90; this raised £138.00 for church funds. Thanks to Sam for organising it and being a brilliant MC, Rachel for calling and other helpers.

Harvest Thanksgiving- The service will be at 11am on October 12th. Any offers of produce and decorating will be welcome and the 'make me an offer' sale will be after the service; please bring cash and large bags as there are always good things to be bought. Proceeds to the 'Addington Fund' which helps farmers and their families who are experiencing difficulties or sickness.

The 'Make a Weird Animal' from fruit, veg and cocktail sticks competition will be judged after the service; please display the creations on the tables in the south aisle.

Tower News-following the eviction of the pigeons and removal of much guano it was found that the woodworms had been busy; the Architect visited, more scaffolding went up and now the flooring is to be repaired and treated; this saga seems to go on endlessly but we hope the end will be soon. The extra cost means more grants will be applied for and donations towards this work would be welcome.

Ride And Stride- for Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust-September 13th-17 participants visited St John's and 2 Caldecott families took part including 4 children. Thanks to them and the church recorders who greeted the 17. Half of the sponsor money raised by participants goes to their nominated church and half to the Trust who have been very generous to St John's over the years.

Quiz-the annual Church Quiz will take place on Saturday 8th November, 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. This will be the last one the Revd Canon Jane Baxter compiles before her retirement next year so we look forward to a good turnout. Tables of up to 6 or join others on the night.

Tickets £10 - to include supper of soup and delicious puddings - from Mary on 770242. there will be a raffle so please bring cash.

100 Club Draw September winners:-

1st Rachel Wilson ; 2nd Charlie Pykett ; 3rd Marie Ford.

HARRINGWORTH

HAVE YOU BOOKED A TICKET FOR THE TALK IN HARRINGWORTH ON FRIDAY 10TH 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@gmail.com with any questions.

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 on Friday 24th October. If you wish to join us for a Lasagne and Salad Supper please let us know by emailing harringworthvillage@gmail.com or WhatsApp Philippa on 07858 504568 before Friday 17th October. The Bar will be open too, for anyone who wishes to pop in for a drink and admire the new décor ...

CHRISTMAS ARTISAN MARKET

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 11.00 – 4.00PM

We are excited to confirm that plans are coming together for the Harringworth Artisan Market in the Church on Saturday 15th November from 11.00. St John's Café will be serving teas, coffees, cakes, mince pies and bacon baps and the 'Created in Harringworth' Tables will have a spread of Cakes, Christmas Bulbs, Jams, Chutney, Marmalade and much more to buy. AND key to the success of the day is the variety of local Artisans who will be selling wonderful gift ideas for Christmas. Do "Save the Date".



HARRINGWORTH 100 CLUB

Congratulations to Julian O'Neill for winning the September 100 CLUB.

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT TRAINING



You are welcome to join us on Monday 3rd November in Harringworth Village Hall when the North Northants Community First Responders are providing a free workshop on basic life support including using the village defibrillator.

The session starts at 7.00pm. No need to book.

LYDDINGTON

Ride & Stride Event on Saturday 13th September 2025 Jenny met all the riders and striders at the village hall and raised over £300 from sponsorship of the day. This goes to the Rutland Historic Church Preservation Trust, which in the past has helped us as a source of funding for projects at Lyddington Church.

Macmillan Afternoon Tea was held in the Village Hall on Saturday 27th September. A super afternoon tea and well supported. The event raised over £700 for Macmillan, thank you to all who helped on the day, and those who attended.

Harvest Festival service at St Andrews Church Lyddington was held on Sunday 27th September. The service included a baptism of a local child. All the produce brought to the church will be taken to the Rutland Foodbank.

Lyddington Manor History Society We are looking for a new Chair to take over the leadership of this group. For further information please contact Rosemary Canadine, 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

Harvest Festival and Harvest Lunch

Thank you to all who attended our church service and celebrated Harvest with us. Thank you also to everyone who joined us for our Harvest Lunch afterwards. It was a delightful time together with the most delicious food. Thanks to all who contributed!

SAVE THE DATE - ADVENT FEAST

A note to everyone who enjoys our Feast events in the Village Hall, please note that we will be holding an **Advent Feast on Saturday November 29th**, so please save the date. Full details will be in the November newsletter but also available on village email and WhatsApp in due course.

The **village hall teas** will be on Thursday 16 October from 2.30-4.30 pm, donations in aid of LOROS. All are welcome to this friendly monthly event.

At the **afternoon teas** the following month on Thursday 20 November, John Mayfield will be selling his late wife Madeleine's collection of tea towels in aid of the Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall Hospice in Peterborough. Come along to see this wonderfully varied selection from all around the world.

There are still places left for the **quiz night** hosted by David Coop on Friday 24 October. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets cost £15 and includes a delicious meal; bring your own drinks. Teams of up to six people or make up a team on the night, everyone is welcome. To book your place, please contact Helen Coop at helen_coop@msn.com