

THE NEWSLETTER

The Lyddington Benefice

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

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November 2025



St Andrew, Glaston



St John the Baptist, Bisbrooke



St Andrew, Lyddington



St Andrew, Stoke Dry

St John the Evangelist, Caldecott



All Hallows, Seaton



St John the Baptist, Harringworth

Dear friends,

How quickly the year passes; It's November and the end of the year – both Church and secular - is approaching. As I write it is apparently 51 days until Christmas! Not sure I wanted to know that!

We have our Remembrance Day services on 9th November. Always poignant occasions, in these services we remember those who have died in wars - both military and civilian casualties – and pray for those still involved in conflict and for those who work for peace in the world. I think it is right that Remembrance Day continues to be a significant day, both locally and nationally and one I think we must continue to keep as the years go by. As a parishioner said to me a few years ago "It is essential to learn from the past, celebrate what we do have and remember those involved 'lest we forget'."

On Sunday 30th November, the Church begins a new year on Advent Sunday. This benefice marks that day with an **Advent Carol Service at 3pm in All Hallows Church, Seaton**. This year the High Sheriff of Rutland will attend, and the address will be given by his Chaplain. As always, the collection at this service will go to The Leprosy Mission

Full details of all the services around Christmas and into 2026 will be distributed with the December newsletter and we welcome all who come to our churches during Advent and Christmas, as we do all through the year.

Jane

Thursday Morning Holy Communion
During the winter months these services are held at 8 Windmill Way, Lyddington

Thursday	6 th November	10.00am	(BCP)
Thursday	13 th November	10.00am	(CW)
Thursday	20 th November	10.00am	(BCP)
Thursday	27 th November	10.00am	(CW)
Thursday	4 th December	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 November

2 November: All Saints' Sunday

White/Gold

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

9 November: Remembrance Sunday (3rd Sunday before Advent)

Red/Green

Please consult the person leading the Remembrance Service

16 November: Second Sunday before Advent

Red

Malachi 4.1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13; Luke 21.5-19

23 November: Christ the King

Red

Jeremiah 23.1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1.11-20; Luke 23.33-43

Lectionary Year A Begins

30 November: Advent Sunday

Purple

Isaiah 2.1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13.11-end; Matthew 24.36-44

The Lyddington Benefice: Services during November 2025

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
	2 nd November All Saints' Sunday	9 th November Remembrance Sunday	16 th November 2 nd Sunday before Advent	23 rd November Christ the King	30 th November Advent Sunday
Bisbrooke	Services at Caldecott, Glaston and Harringworth	Service at Glaston	11.00am Holy Communion CW (JEB)	9.30am Gathered Church	Advent Carol Service at Seaton
Caldecott	9.30am Parish Communion CW (JEB)	10.50am Remembrance Service	4.00pm Evening Prayer CW (JEB)	Services at Harringworth and Lyddington	Advent Carol Service at Seaton
Glaston	11.00am Morning Prayer BCP (WL)	10.50am Remembrance Service	No service	11.00am Gathered Church	Advent Carol Service at Seaton
Harringworth	10.45am Family Service (JEB)	10.50am Remembrance Service	No service	9.30am Parish Communion CW (JEB)	Advent Carol Service at Seaton
Lyddington	6.00pm Compline (WL)	8.30am Holy Communion BCP (JEB) 10.50am Remembrance Service (JEB)	Services at Seaton and Bisbrooke	11.00am Parish Communion CW (JEB)	Advent Carol Service at Seaton
Seaton	No service	10.50am Remembrance Service (JC)	9.30am Holy Communion CW (JEB)	11.00am Family Service (WL)	3.00pm Advent Carol Service (JEB)
Stoke Dry	No service	10.50am Remembrance Service	No Service	No service	Advent Carol Service at Seaton

Funeral

Peter John Wright

The funeral of **Peter John Wright** was held in St Andrew's Church, Lyddington, on Monday 13th October 2025. Mr Wright had lived in Lyddington all his life and was well known in the village and the wider farming community. He was brought to the church on his tractor and trailer, and the funeral cortege was made up of a number of tractors.

The service was conducted by Canon Jane Baxter and the organist as Mrs Carol Dry.

Remember, Remember...

Remember, Remember... That is, of course, the beginning of the children's rhyme about the gunpowder plot of 1605.

But Remember is a very good summing up word for the month itself.

November brings us a season of remembering. All Saints followed by All Souls as we remember those who was made only known to us, souls who have walked with us in faith.

Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day call us to remember the horrors of war so that in remembering we might avoid such actions as lead to these tragedies.

November also marks the end of the Church year and as with every time of ending and beginning we remember what has been and we look to what will be. The church year ends with the Sunday before Advent when we remember what is important to us. We keep it as the feast of Christ the King remembering that it is in Jesus Christ that all things are held together, that it is Jesus who the saints follow and it is the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, laying down his life for us, that inspired those who lay down their life for peace.

That Sunday is also often known as 'Stir up Sunday' from the collect rather than from the Christmas pudding and cake stirring in the kitchen! The Book of Common prayer Collect leads us to pray "Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord."

So in this month of November I pray that we will remember...

Those who lived faithful Christian lives (and do so too), those who we love as see no longer (cherishing our loved ones now), those who sacrifice for peace (and commit ourselves to work for peace) and finally Jesus Christ, God who left the glory of heaven to be one of us.

In our remembering may we be inspired to action, to be stirred up, faithful Christian people known for the fruit of Good Works. Amen.



The Venerable Alison Booker
Archdeacon of Oakham

Gardeners Corner

November 2025

BY
ALISTAIR PEAK

As we move into the final rays of Autumn, embrace the colours and smells of this time of year they are delicious.

With the leaves nearly all down depending on the Autumn, it's important to keep them clear, off of your lawns and paths to prevent them becoming unsafe to walk on. On the lawns if you leave them too long in one place, they will kill off the grass on the lawn, and also on hard surfaces, they can become slippery. Collect them and put on your compost heap and mix them up to prevent them becoming a dry layer.

If you have not finished bulb planting that's fine, as long as the soil conditions are not waterlogged or frozen it is fine to continue on.

Tulips are always better planted in November because of a disease of called Tulip Fire, it's caused by Fungal Disease called Botrytis Tulipae, can happen in wet and humid conditions, to prevent check the bulbs are sound when you purchase them and by not planting them too close and allowing good air circulation around them. The signs in the spring when the bulbs come up are brown spots on the leaves and flowers which can be distorted. Remove the plants if you spot this in the spring and avoid planting Tulips in the same area for at least three years.

For plants that are grown in pots outside over the winter ensure that you lift them up to prevent them from getting waterlogged. This can be done with feet that you can purchase from garden centres, or even bits of wood/ slate will do as long as the pots are stable.

Wildlife maybe looking for more food as we move into late Autumn/Winter, keep the bird feeders topped up and fresh water in water baths. The borders may be starting to look tired but leave some of the herbaceous with seed heads which will be useful to feed the birds as well as a place for wildlife to hide down over winter.



Butterflies have had a good summer this year, with one of their favourite plant being Buddleia; these plants make a lot growth and to prevent them getting bashed about over winter; it's best to reduce them by about half now, then as new growth appears late March/April, prune them down lower to encourage new growth lower down the plant and keep them more as a stocky plant.

Roses have had a wonderful display this summer, after the first flush if you dead headed, a second flush should have appeared, this was in the height of our drought. I found that once the rains returned the roses seem to perform better. If you have bush roses, it's best to reduce them back by a third now to prevent wind rock, which is where the plants blow about and then leaves a hole in the soil at the base of the plant which is where water can get in and then in turn can damage roots.

A lot of plants are moving into dormancy now, as they lose their leaves. Hedging plants, roses, trees and even herbaceous are such examples of what we call Bare Rooted plants. If you are planning on doing some planting this winter, purchasing any of the above will be a lot cheaper bare rooted than in pots as there is less cost in transporting them. By ensuring you do your homework, your plants can get away promptly in the spring. The season for bare rooted is from leaf fall to bud break. Ensure you prepare the site before planting.

Alistair Tip,

We may have had a hot summer this year, and we have all seen an abundance of fruit about. If you are going to use Holly this Christmas time, may I still suggest that you pick some and store it indoors in a cold site in water. To prevent wildlife getting to your pickings.

VILLAGE NEWS

BISBROOKE

Our harvest supper was a great success with an enjoyable evening and a total of £450 raised for church funds. We also collected 2 boxes of goods for the food bank.

On bonfire night, November 5th, there will be a pop up event on the millennium green with mulled cider and sausages. Everyone welcome, including with a glass, chair and fire pit if you wish. Wrap up warm.

Remembrance day service will be held at Glaston church on November 9th, officiated by David Lee.

Looking ahead to Christmas! Carol singing around the village is planned for December 16th, so start practising! We also plan to hold an early Final Friday on December 19th with everyone bringing some Christmas fayre to share and a Christmas hat competition

Flowers for November are in care of Carole Allison and Cathy Brewin, Church cleaning is with Simon Armitage.

November coffee morning is at Penny Beveridge's home, 1A Walnut Close.

CALDECOTT

Dates:-

THURSDAY 6TH at 7.30PM Ladies Group Village Hall craft evening-visitors welcome.

SATURDAY 8TH At 7.00PM for a 7.30pm start QUIZ.

SUNDAY 9TH REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE AT 10.50AM.

THURSDAY 13th Parish Council at 7.30pm residents welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY 26th at 7.30pm 100 Club Draw in Plough.

October Winners :-

1ST No 23 J. Ashcroft ; 2nd no 46 J and W. Robertson; 3rd no 85 T. Burbidge.

The Craft Fair on October 18th was successful with 14 stalls and tasty cakes in the refreshments. £300 were raised towards Village Hall funds.

Harvest Thanksgiving-a good congregation aged 2 months-92 attended this traditional service. The Church was beautifully decorated and the sale afterwards raised £120.00 which was sent to the Addington Fund which

helps farmers who are unwell and sometimes become homeless as a result. It was good to welcome 7 children who offered gifts at the altar and helped with the talk and collection.

The competition to produce from fruit or veg an alien was won by the McCole family and the weirdest animal was created by Evie McDermott. Brave new residents Michelle and Tony Ward were the judges.

Thanks to all who gave and helped.

Quiz sadly this will be the last quiz devised by the Revd Canon Jane Baxter before she retires next year so we hope for a good turnout.

Price £10 to include supper of soup and puddings, please contact Mary on 770242.

7pm for 7.30pm start, tables of up to 6 or join on the night. BYO drinks and glasses.

There will be a raffle.

Remembrance Sunday-The service begins at 10.50am in order to include the 2 minute silence at 11am.

Food Bank-we are still contributing; please leave donations in the church or at

14 Main St. Any Christmas goodies must be alcohol free please.

HARRINGWORTH

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT AND AED TRAINING 3 NOVEMBER

A free training session in the Village Hall arranged by North Northants Community First Responders from 7 - 9pm

CHILDREN IN NEED JUMBLE SALE 8 NOVEMBER 2 - 4PM

Marie and Tracy are organising their mega JUMBLE SALE for Children In Need in the Village Hall on Saturday 8th November from 2 - 4pm. They would welcome donations for the SALE and can be contacted by messaging Marie on 07939921461 and Tracy on 07891309611. They are also taking orders for their living Christmas Wreaths, as usual.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE 9 NOVEMBER The Remembrance Sunday Service in Harringworth is on Sunday 9th November starting at 10.50am. Refreshments will be served after the service.

CHRISTMAS ARTISAN MARKET 15 NOVEMBER

Harringworth is coming together for the Christmas Artisan Market on Saturday 15th November. We look forward to seeing you on this special day - it's a great day for your Christmas Shopping in the splendid setting of the Church!

CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT 28 NOVEMBER

Our next QUIZ night is on Friday 28th November. Book your place or team with Gavin Gordon email: gavingordon@live.co.uk.

FITSTEPS ON A TUESDAY AND PILATES ON A FRIDAY

Each week in the Village Hall we have a Fitsteps Class on a Tuesday from 9.30 - 10.30 and Pilates Class on Friday 11.30 - 12.30.



LYDDINGTON

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

Village Hall Teas. This month, on Thursday 20th November from 2.30-4.40pm we will be selling Madeleine Mayfield's extensive collection of tea towels (for 50p each) and the proceeds will go to the Sue Ryder home at Thorpe Hall in Peterborough. Do come and see the collection, there's a wide variety. And do buy some; you can never have enough tea towels!

Ride And Stride Report 2025

I can now report that our Ride and Stride campaign raised the fantastic total of £1045. There will also be gift aid to be added to this. I would like to give thanks to the following:

- Thank you to those who came and manned the church on the day and welcomed and recorded all the visitors.
- Thank you to Mark Gray, who with his brother Robin, cycled for Seaton, visiting a fantastic total of 37 churches. Mark commented on how lovely some of the churches were that he visited and that he would be going back for another visit.
- Thank you to Roger Embling who walked to 16 churches. This is an amazing feat, recognised by Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust.
- Finally, thank you to you, the generous people of Seaton for your sponsorship which made it all worthwhile.