

# THE NEWSLETTER

The Lyddington Benefice

The Parishes of

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

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## March 2026



Entry of Christ into Jerusalem, Pietro Lorenzetti (1280-1348)

Dear friends,

How lovely to see some signs of spring in the roadside hedges – and to have some dry days. We are now well into Lent and included in this Newsletter are details of all the Holy Week and Easter Services.

Time is ticking by rather quickly towards my retirement date and I would be grateful if someone felt able to put together the Benefice Newsletter and continue to post on our web page on [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com). I am happy to produce the April and May editions. Bob Williams, churchwarden of Seaton, collates the information from the seven villages, from the diocese and our gardening correspondent.

I would also like to find someone to keep the web pages up to date. This is not too time consuming and much of it is set up to roll on. Once a year events – for instance, Palm Sunday – are removed from view automatically once the time and date has passed, so the display looks up to date. These entries go into reserve so that they can simply be updated the following year. I am happy to discuss and show what is involved if anyone is interested.

With best wishes

Jane

### **Thursday Morning Holy Communion**

**During the winter months these services are held at 8 Windmill Way, Lyddington, unless indicated otherwise**

Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am	(CW)
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am	(CW)
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am	(CW)
Thursday	26 <sup>nd</sup> March	10.00am	(CW)
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service

**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 March 2026**

#### **March 2026**

#### **1 March: Second Sunday of Lent**

*Purple*

Genesis 12.1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4.1-5,13-17; John 3.1-17

#### **8 March: Third Sunday of Lent**

*Purple*

Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42

#### **15 March: The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

*Purple*

1 Samuel 16.1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41

#### **Mothering Sunday**

Exodus 2.1-10 or 1 Samuel 1.20-28; Psalm 34.11-20 or Psalm 127.1-4;  
2 Corinthians 1.3-7 or Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.33-35 or John 19.25-27

#### **22 March: The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

*Purple*

Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45

#### **29 March: Palm Sunday**

*Red*

To be arranged

**April 2026**

**2 April: Maundy Thursday**

**White**

Exodus 12.1-4 [5-10], 11-14; Psalm 116.1, 10-end [116.9-end];  
1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-17, 31b-35

**3 April: Good Friday**

**No hangings**

Please consult the person leading the service

**5 April: Easter Day**

**White/Gold/Best**

**The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.**

Acts 10.34-43 or Jeremiah 31.1-6; Psalm 118.1-2,14-24\*; Colossians 3.1-4 or  
Acts 10.34-43; John 20.1-18 or Matthew 28.1-10

**† From Easter to Pentecost the reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading**

**The Lyddington Benefice: Services during March 2026**

	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>
	<b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b> Fourth Sunday of Lent <b>Mothering Sunday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b> <b>Fifth Sunday</b> <b>of Lent</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Easter Day</b>
<b>Bisbrooke</b>	4.00pm Evening Prayer (JEB)	11.00am Family Communion CW (JEB)	9.30am Gathered Church (WL)	Palm Sunday Service at Lyddington	11.00am Family Communion by extension (JC)
<b>Caldecott</b>	11.00am Family Service  (WL)	4.00pm Evening Prayer CW (JEB)	Services at Harringworth and Lyddington	Palm Sunday Service at Lyddington	9.30am Family Communion by extension (CP)
<b>Glaston</b>	11.00am Holy Communion CW Trad. (JEB)	No service	11.00am Gathered Church (WL)	Palm Sunday Service at Lyddington	10.30am Alleluia!! Easter Celebrations
<b>Harringworth</b>	9.30am Holy Communion BCP, said (JEB)	10.45am Family Service for Mothering Sunday (WL)	9.30am Parish Communion CW (JEB)	Palm Sunday Service at Lyddington	9.30am Family Communion (JEB)
<b>Lyddington</b>	8.30am Holy Communion BCP (JEB)	Services at Seaton, Stoke Dry and Bisbrooke	11.00am Parish Communion CW (JEB)	<b>10.30am</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>Service</b> 10.20 on The Green	8.30am Holy Communion BCP (JEB)
<b>Seaton</b>	9.30am Morning Prayer  (WL)	9.30am Family Communion CW (JEB)	11.00am Family Service  (WL)	Palm Sunday Service at Lyddington	9.30am Family Communion by extension (JC)
<b>Stoke Dry</b>	No service	No service	No service	Palm Sunday Service at Lyddington	11.00am Holy Communion BCP with hymns (JEB)

## Funeral

The funeral of **Glenis Ann Albrighton** took place in the Parish Church of St John the evangelist, Caldecott, on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Mrs Albrighton and her husband Keith had lived in Caldecott for many years and she was active in village and church life.

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

Burial took place in the churchyard.

The funeral of **Gladys Blake**, former post mistress of Glaston Post Office Stores, took place at Bisbrooke Parish Church on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Mrs Blake also lived in Bisbrooke and Uppingham with her late husband Alan.

The service was conducted by Mrs Chrostobel Price, with contributions from Mrs Sue Lee. The organist was Mrs Carol Dry.

## Lent 2026 – ‘Draw Near’

Lent is traditionally a time when Christians take time to reflect what it means to be a follower of Jesus and to

prepare for the celebrations of Easter. This year, the Church of England has produced some materials under the heading, ‘Draw Near’, to help us develop some life-giving habits that will help us in our daily lives to draw nearer to Jesus.

Throughout the bible we read of people who encounter Jesus in amazing ways and whose lives are transformed. Often the story ends there, but of course, that is just the start of the journey. As followers of Jesus, we know that the journey continues as we build on our relationship with and understanding of God. Central to the journey lie certain habits that can help us: worshipping together, praying, reading and exploring the bible, sharing communion, offering service to those around us, and sharing the good news we have come to discover.

I wonder, this Lent, what you might focus on to deepen your own discipleship and nurture your spiritual life. As we draw near to God, he draws near to us and we can know his presence with us more fully. As Richard of Chichester prayed: *‘may we know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day.’*

+ Debbie

The Rt Revd Debbie Sellin  
Bishop of Peterborough



Information on Draw Near and related resources can be found here <https://tinyurl.com/2v49arbb> or by scanning the QR code.



## Gardeners Corner

MARCH 2026

BY

ALISTIAR PEAK

With longer days knocking on the door at the end of the month, Spring is certainly showing us we are moving on through the year. With many daffodils and primroses out in flower and with Mothering Sunday on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, this is a great time to be out in your garden.

If you haven't already started to tidy through your borders, this is the perfect time once your soil starts to become workable; when you start to see weeds appearing you know the soil is warming up so your herbaceous plants, roses, shrubs and trees will be coming into life again.

Roses last year looked great considering the heat wave we had, though the second flush of flowers in September looked even better after some rain. If you haven't pruned your roses both shrub/Hybrid T or climbers, this is the final shout to do so. Ramblers are pruned after they have flowered. Remember the later you prune the later the roses will flower, so any time from February to late March depending on where you live, and if the buds are swelling that is a good sign of where to prune. With climbers ensure that you have a structure, either wire on walls/ fencing or some form of trellis work to train them on.

Seed sowing season is getting closer - with longer day length it's better for the seedlings, along with warmth particularly in greenhouses. Half Hardy annuals are plants that are frost sensitive, so once the weather turns cold, they will die. Cosmos, Zinnias, Sunflowers, Calendula and Cleome are a good selection of seeds that are easy to grow giving you a long flowering season and are relatively cheap to grow from seed. Follow the instructions on the packets - don't sow the whole packet of seeds. Why not speak to your neighbours and see if you can share seedlings. If you have not sown seeds before it's a lovely feeling when you see the seedlings germinating, then pricking out the seedlings into pots and followed by growing them on and planting out in late May and watching them grow and flower all summer long. Have a go; you have nothing to lose. Many of the above can also be used as cut flower.

Summer may be a little way off, though many of us love picking and eating fresh strawberries; if you grow them, now is a good time to tidy through the beds, remove any old leaves, fork through the bed and apply some organic matter; ensure as they grow and as the fruit starts to set you keep them watered to help them swell.

As the wildlife starts to become more active, ensure that the feeders and water containers are kept topped up as they start pairing up and nest building.

One of my favourite flowers are Dahlias, although they are mid-summer to early Autumn flowering plant. They are a plant that has a long season before they flower. Normally you purchase them as Tuber and plant in pots in the greenhouse or frost-free site, then plant them out once all chances of frost have disappeared. If you have grown them before and lifted in the autumn, give them a check over and plant them as above in compost. You can plant tubers directly outside, but I would not plant them before April outside, they can be prone to slug attack when the young shoots come up.

Alistair Tip:

Mothering Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> of March - why not give your Mum a plant to put outside in her garden to flower each year. If you no longer have your mother, why not get a plant and plant in your garden in her memory.

## VILLAGE NEWS

### BISBROOKE

We are now in Lent so no flowers in church from now until Easter.

Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a Comic Relief fundraiser from 7pm in the church. There will be live music from local musicians. and a light supper at a cost of £10, £3 for juniors. Bring your own drink and glass. Musicians singers and listeners welcome.

We sent one box of items to the food bank this month.

Cleaning will be with Nicky Thompson and Suzanne Rees for the month of March

March coffee morning will be at Jocelyn Golden's home on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 3 Peters Way

### CALDECOTT

**Dates:** -for March

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> -Ladies Group-talk on the History of Morris Dancers visitors welcome.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm- Fete Meeting all welcome to come and support the Committee with new ideas and offers of help.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Parish council Meeting at 7.30pm

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Fun Quiz night with fish and chips supper 7pm start. Tickets£12.50 book with Hazel 01536 770136 or June 01536 770046; tables of up to 6.

All in the village Hall.

**100 Club** The results of last night's draw were 1. Tate Wilson (31), 2. Samuel Davidson (91) 3. Alan Deadman (20)

**Easter Lilies** -these need to be ordered then bought on 27<sup>th</sup> March to give time for opening by 5<sup>th</sup> April. Please let Mary know on 01536 770242 if you would like to donate in memory of family or friends.

**Church And Churchyard Spring Clean** -at 10am on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March in order to sparkle for

**Easter.** All offers of help welcome, brass cleaning and coffee making for the less agile helpers available.

**Annual Church Parochial Meeting**-this will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the church. All welcome especially as this will be the last ACPM before our Rector retires after over 21 years with us. The PCC needs your support.

**Bells**-the tower work is complete at last and the scaffolding will be removed soon. Then the bells can be checked, ropes replaced and ringing recommence to many people's delight, we hope at Easter. Regular practice will resume, probably on Monday nights every 3/4 weeks. Anybody interested in learning please come along and have a look when you hear the bells.

**Food Bank**-We deliver to the pick up point monthly so please leave any donations in church or at 14 Main St.

## HARRINGWORTH

**Winter Quiz:** Quizmasters Gavin and Jonnie would like to thank everyone who helped make the winter pub quiz such a success! Another really good turn out and a lively and fun evening.

It was a great night and a very close finish with just half a point in it. Congratulations to the winning team, Mixed Bag, who were Eve & Simon Sharp, Ros, Nicole & Gary Carpenter and Chris & Pamela Hendy. The worthy winners just about pipped second place team Trainspotters at the post.

The winners' prize of a £45 donation has been donated to the charity of the winning team's choice...Lakelands Hospice in Corby, which provides palliative and end of life care, free of charge, for people in Corby and the surrounding villages living with life-limiting illnesses such as cancer, COPD and advanced heart failure.

A big thank you also goes to the Appeals Committee for organising the bar and snacks with their usual expertise. We hope everyone who came along had a good night and we look forward to welcoming you all back again in May, exact date to be announced shortly, so watch this space...

**Lent Lunch On Wednesday 4th March:** Our Lent Lunch this year is on Wednesday 4th March in the Village Hall when the Harringworth Walking Group joins villagers and friends for a Warming Soup Lunch. Please do join us and support this years' Charity (TBC) through donations and the ever popular Bring & Buy. We are looking for a couple more helpers to serve the soup for an hour or so on the day - please contact Jane McLean if you can help!

**100 Club Draw For February** - Congratulations to Gill Horton for winning the February 100 Club.

**Memorial Service For Mervyn Wilson:** Mervyn Wilson's memorial service is being held on 21st March in Somerset. If anyone wants further details, please contact Jane McLean



**Churchyard Tidy On Saturday 21 March 10.00 - Noon** Please pop the date in your diary and join us for a couple of hours to tidy the Churchyard and enjoy good company and homemade cake!!

**Annual Parish Open Meeting On Thursday 23rd April:** The Annual Parish Meeting, Village Hall AGM, Appeals AGM and Appeal for Funds has been set for Thursday 23rd April. Please save the date.

**Safari Supper On Saturday 8th August:** The popular Harringworth Safari Supper has been set for Saturday 8th August. More details from Jackie and Sandy nearer the date.

**Artisan Market Saturday 14th November:** After the success of the Christmas Artisan Market last year we are planning to repeat the event again this year on Saturday 14th November 2026.

**Harringworth Village Hall:** Our lovely refurbished Village Hall has two sessions of Table Tennis each week (Tuesdays at 2.30pm and Thursdays at 5.00pm) and a Fitsteps Class on a Tuesday (9.30am) and a Pilates Class every Friday at 11.30am. Each session would welcome a few more people joining them – so do come and join us.

## LYDDINGTON

**Mexican Night**

Join us for a night of  
food, fun and fiesta  
with BYO drinks  
and raffle!

Tickets  
**£10**  
Limited Spaces  
Available

**Lyddington Village Hall**  
**Saturday 14 March | 7:00pm**  
Booking: Call Ros to reserve your tickets – 07714 181 620

## SEATON and THORPE

Remembrance and Easter, April 5, 2026

Christians have had a long-standing tradition of reflection and remembrance at Easter. Therefore, our church, All Hallows, is always decorated with altar lilies each year. Past and present residents of Seaton and Thorpe-by-Water who want to commemorate their late friends and relatives have kindly given contributions towards these lilies.

To remember our loved ones, each year our church records their names and the names of donors, in an Easter Fund Lily book. This book and its predecessor are kept in the church. Our volunteer 'flower ladies' would be pleased to add the name of a late friend or relative to our book. These details can be recorded by me, or April's volunteer Annette Ellard, or yourself. During Lent, the Easter Lily Fund book will be on the table as you enter the church. Names can be recorded in the book, without a donation.

There are many ways to support the Easter Lily Fund. 1) by dropping off cash donations at Annette's house (26 Main Street) or mine (30 Main Street) - please add a note if you would like the name of your loved one(s) and/or yourself noted in the book. 2) donations are welcome during church services and events. 3) via the card machine in the church where you can have a receipt sent to yourself. Anonymous contributions for the flowers are much appreciated.

All residents are welcome to bring flowers to the church on Easter Saturday April 4th. Garden flowers are particularly welcome. They must be left in the church porch (no flowers in the church during Lent please). These flowers will enhance our Easter decorations.

Any queries, please contact me: [vickysanderlin@aol.com](mailto:vickysanderlin@aol.com)

07710-255605 or 01572-747443

### Sunday 15th March

Canon Rev Jane will take her last service at Seaton Church on Sunday 15th March. This will be a Family Communion Service at 9.30am and will also celebrate Mothering Sunday. Please come along and join us. Jane's very last service in the Benefice will be at Lyddington on April 12th at 10.30. All parishes are invited to worship together on that day and say goodbye to Jane.

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM is on Tuesday 24 March in the Village Hall at 7.30pm when we report on our church year to 31 December 2025. It is also the meeting at which we elect our Churchwardens and church officers for the coming year. Everyone is welcome.

The annual **litter pick** takes place on Saturday 14 March at 2pm. Please meet at the village hall, we suggest you wear gloves and bin bags will be provided.

The **village hall teas** will be on Thursday 19 March from 2.30-4.30 pm, donations in aid of Action for Happiness, Strong Minds and Friendship Bench. All are welcome to this friendly monthly event.

The long awaited **Beetle Drive** will be held in the village hall on Friday 15 May. Do not miss this hugely popular event. To book tickets please contact Jo Everson at [Joanne\\_everson@outlook.com](mailto:Joanne_everson@outlook.com).

Our **lucky numbers** winners were: 104 – first prize; 61 – second prize. If you want to buy a number please contact [Sarah.e.brandt@sky.com](mailto:Sarah.e.brandt@sky.com)

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## Holy Week and Easter 2026

### Palm Sunday – 29<sup>th</sup> March

**Palm Sunday Service: St Andrew, Lyddington at 10.30am**  
with Procession and Reading of the Passion  
Procession gathers on the green at 10.20am

**Weekday Compline and short address -**  
these services are at 7.30pm on Zoom (link opens at 7.15pm)  
(please email [revjanebaxter@gmail.com](mailto:revjanebaxter@gmail.com) or see  
[www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/28-147DW](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/28-147DW) for links)

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March    The Revd Georgina Anson, Chaplain 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Royal Anglian Regiment,  
Kendrew Barracks  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March    Canon Becky Dyball, Bishop's Missioner  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April    The Ven. Richard Ormston, Archdeacon of Northampton

### Maundy Thursday – 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Holy Communion    Seaton    7.30pm

### Good Friday – 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Good Friday Service	Harringworth	12 noon
An Hour at the Cross	Bisbrooke	2.00pm
Stations of the Cross	Caldecott	7.30pm

### Easter Day – 5<sup>th</sup> April

Bisbrooke	Family Communion by extension	11.00am
Caldecott	Family Communion by extension	9.30am
Glaston	Alleluia!! Easter Celebrations	10.30am
Harringworth	Family Communion	9.30am
Lyddington	Holy Communion (BCP said)	8.30am
Seaton	Family Communion by extension	9.30am
Stoke Dry	Holy Communion (BCP & hymns)	11.00am

All are welcome at any of these services