

The Benefice of Groby & Ratby

March 2026



We are in the season of Lent, which traditionally is a season of reflection, repentance in preparation for Easter. It runs from Ash Wednesday (18th February) to Maundy Thursday (2nd April), and commemorates the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness. Hopefully this allows us space to strengthen our faith and anticipate the Resurrection.

In church we may talk about mountain top experiences, even if they are not on a mountain, those places where you seem closer to God, where it feels that God is close to you. For me one of those places is Holy Island in Lindisfarne. It's a wonderful place, there is a sense of calm even amongst the tourists. I feel there have been so many Christians praying for so long, more than a thousand years, with monks like St Cuthbert and all the pilgrims after him. Not only at the monastery but in the churches and the modern retreat houses. It's a place where I feel God close to me. There are many such places and I

expect you have a favourite place - a place where you know you can be close to God. It may not be a mountain, it may be at Launde Abbey, it may be at coast or walking in a wood. Barbara Brown Taylor calls them the thin places where God breaks through. Where the door between this world and the next has cracked open for a moment. She talks about the importance of going on pilgrimage to these places and how it is "good for the soul".

This Lent we may not be able to go on pilgrimage to find space but hopefully we all find a favourite chair in the corner of a room, somewhere you know you can find peace. In these moments we can read our Bible, spend time in quiet. If you are struggling with where to start I would like to recommend the booklet *Draw*

Near. As its advertising blurb says...

“It is the official Church of England booklet for Lent 2026. It invites you to develop a rhythm of life that will help you grow as a disciple of Christ day by day, especially as we prepare to celebrate the mystery of God’s saving love at Easter. Each week a different contributor explores an activity central to Christian discipleship: worship, prayer, Scripture, communion, service to others and sharing the good news. For each day of Lent it offers daily Bible readings, images, short reflections, prayers and practical responses to help you draw near to God this Lent and beyond.”

There are some at the back of both churches so please feel free to take one. If you can’t make it to church I know that the ministry team would be delighted to drop one off, so do give us a call. Don’t worry that you haven’t started at the beginning of Lent, you can either carry on with it after Easter or just begin on the second week.

Although mountain top experiences are special, they are also few and far between and it is getting into Holy habits, a rhythm and routine of spending time with God that will sustain us in our Christian life. As a mother of three lively children and full time teacher, spending time to sit seemed like an impossible dream, when would I ever have time to sit and just be with God. But now with the children grown it is one of the privileges of retirement. We also have to leave our mountain tops, I can’t stay on Holy Island, we have to come back to our real lives, to the places where we are challenged to build the kingdom of God. We have to return to busy messy noisy lives where we know we will face struggles. This is why we need our daily habits to maintain that contact with God so we can continue the work Jesus has given us. Hopefully, the habits we build into these 40 days will remain with us even after Lent.

Ruth Scott

Lay Reader / Associate Minister

Services and Events in March

Our regular pattern of worship continues with alternating 8am communions (1st and 3rd Sundays in Groby, 2nd and 4th Sundays in Ratby) and then a 9.30am (in Groby) or 10am (in Ratby) service every week, alternating between communion and morning worship.

And if you struggle to make it to church in person for whatever, reason, why not give our lovely Telephone Church a go, every Sunday at 11.15am (call 0333 0164 757; room number 10336316#; pin 1920#). And let me know if you'd like to join in and I'll drop you round our simple order of service and a hymn book! Note that as the 5th Sunday this month is Palm Sunday, we won't be doing a joint Café Church but having services in both churches – Morning Worship in Groby and Communion in Ratby.

During the week we continue to have morning prayer every Monday at 9am in Ratby. As ever 9.30am Wednesday Communion in Groby will be every week. Our online Compline continues every Tuesday at 9pm (<https://www.facebook.com/StPandStJ>).

Don't forget you can join us through Lent for our Lent Course, Tuesdays at the Rectory in Ratby at 12 noon – using the book on Life-Giving Habits for Lent (do let Rev'd Ed know if you would like a copy to use at home and/or to join us at our group).

That brings me neatly on to Holy Week and Easter – do see elsewhere in the magazine for details of everything happening in the build up to Easter and come along and enjoy all we do as we look to the wonderful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! If you haven't been before, why not try something new such as one or more of our Holy Week services or experience the Dawn Service on Easter Sunday as we welcome the resurrection as the sun rises!

*God bless you all. Prayers, as ever,
Rev'd Ed*



SUNDAY TELEPHONE SERVICES - MARCH

DATE	GROBY/RATBY
1st	11.15am Telephone Church (JH)
8th	11.15am Telephone Church (EB)
15th	11.15am Telephone Church (KW)
22nd	11.15am Telephone Church (RS)
29th	11.15am Telephone Church (RD)

ON-LINE SERVICES - MARCH

REGULAR WEEKDAY ONLINE SERVICES

At 9pm Tuesday - night prayer

NATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES ON-LINE

There are usually national church services being streamed on Sundays that can be accessed via:

<https://www.facebook.com/thechurchofengland>

and if that is not possible there is Sunday worship on Radio 4.

GROBY/RATBY *SUNDAY SERVICES - MARCH*

DATE	GROBY	RATBY
1st 2nd Sunday of Lent	8.00am Holy Communion (EB)	
	9.30pm All Age Service (Team)	10.00am Holy Communion (EB)
	6.00pm Holy Communion (EB)	
8th 3rd Sunday of Lent		8.00am Holy Communion (EB)
	9.30am Holy Communion (RS)	10.00am Morning Worship (JH/AK)
	6.00pm Evensong (EB)	
15th Mothering Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion (EB)	
	9.30am Morning Worship (RS)	10.00am Holy Communion (EB/JH)
22nd 4th Sunday of Lent		8.00am Holy Communion (EB)
	9.30am Holy Communion (EB)	10.00am Morning Worship (RD)
	6.00pm Evensong (RS)	
29th Palm Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion (EB)	
	9.30am Morning Worship (RS)	10.00am Holy Communion (EB)

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES March 2026

GROBY	Wed 9.30am	4th	11th	18th	24th	31st
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March Diary

1st	Sun	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.15am 6.00pm	Holy Communion at Groby All Age Worship at Groby Holy Communion at Ratby Telephone Church Holy Communion at Groby
2nd	Mon	9.00am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer at Ratby Julian Meeting: <i>Sharing Silence</i> at Groby Library
3rd	Tues	9.15 - 10.30am 12.00pm 3.15 - 4.30pm 9.00pm	Tots & Toddlers at Ratby Church Lent Course at Ratby Rectory Kids Konnect at Ratby Church Online Night Prayer
4th	Wed	9.30am 12.00pm	Holy Communion at Groby Church men's meeting at The Stamford Arms
5th	Thurs	10.30 - 12.00pm	CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall
6th	Fri	9.30 - 11.00am 7.30 - 9.00pm	CTG CatCh at Groby URC Rock Solid at URC Groby
7th	Sat	10.00 - 12.00pm	Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC
8th	Sun	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Holy Communion at Ratby Holy Communion at Groby Morning Worship at Ratby Crossfire at Groby Village Hall Evensong at Groby
9th	Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer at Ratby
10th	Tues	9.15 - 10.30am 12.00pm 3.15 - 4.30pm 9.00pm	Tots & Toddlers at Ratby Church Lent Course at Ratby Rectory Kids Konnect at Ratby Online Night Prayer
11th	Wed	9.30am 2.30pm	Holy Communion at Groby Church Women's Guild meeting
12th	Thurs	10.30 - 12.00pm	CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall
13th	Fri	9.30 - 11.00am 2.00pm 7.30 - 9.00pm	CTG CatCh at Groby URC Over 60s Cinema at Ratby Church Rock Solid at URC Groby
14th	Sat	10.00 - 12.00pm	Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC
15th	Sun	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.15am 6.00pm	Holy Communion at Groby Morning Worship at Groby Hol Communion at Ratby Telephone Church Taizé Service at Markfield Methodist Church

16th	Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer at Ratby
17th	Tues	9.15 - 10.30am 12.00pm 3.15 - 4.30pm 9.00pm	Tots & Toddlers at Ratby Church Lent Course at Ratby Rectory Kids Konnect at Ratby Church Online Night Prayer
18th	Wed	9.30am	Holy Communion at Groby
19th	Thurs	10.30 - 12.00pm	CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall
20th	Fri	9.30 - 11.00am 7.30 - 9.00pm	CTG CatCh at Groby URC Rock Solid at URC Groby
21st	Sat	10.00 - 12.00pm	Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC
22nd	Sun	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 10.30am 11.15am 5.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Communion at Ratby Holy Communion at Groby Morning Worship at Ratby Crossfire at Groby Village Hall Telephone Church Magnificat rehearsal before Evensong Evensong at Groby
23rd	Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer at Ratby
24th	Tues	9.15 - 10.30am 12.00pm 3.15 - 4.30pm 9.00pm	Tots & Toddlers at Ratby Church Lent Course at Ratby Rectory Kids Konnect at Ratby Church Online Night Prayer
25th	Wed	9.30am	Holy Communion at Groby
26th	Thurs	10.30 - 12.00pm	CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall
27th	Fri	9.30 - 11.00am 7.30 - 9.00pm	CTG CatCh at Groby URC Rock Solid at URC Groby
28th	Sat	10.00 - 12.00pm	Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC
29th	Sun	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.15am 12.30pm	Holy Communion at Groby Morning Worship at Groby Hol Communion at Ratby Telephone Church Ratby Lunch Club
30th	Mon	9.00am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer at Ratby Healing Service in Groby
31st	Tues	9.15 - 10.30am 3.15 - 4.30pm 7.00pm 9.00pm	Tots & Toddlers at Ratby Church Kids Konnect at Ratby Church Taizé Service in Groby Online Night Prayer

Rector's Ramblings

Last month you may recall me talking of the God who is revealed in the scandalously inclusive love of Jesus Christ. Emerging from this I asked if you might share in my mission to offer offering a caring space and unlimited welcome to all those who love God and want to follow in Christ's inclusive way of love.

I will be honest that this is not always easy. We offer a welcome and love to all, but the world is full of people who may try to take advantage of that love. Discerning the right balance between loving our neighbour and the harsh realities of our society is not easy. But Jesus knew this would be the case – as we read in Matthew 10:16:

'See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.'

I know I am often too kind-hearted and hope for the best in people – but that is rooted in my faith in a Jesus who I do believe can transform even the hardest of hearts. This is not a vain hope, but something I have been privileged to see in the lives of those I have encountered and the stories I have heard from others. But this could only happen when I or others were willing to do loving part first. But it needs to be a love tempered by realism – Jesus is clear about us navigating a hostile world with kindness while remaining alert to potential threats. In the end, if that reaching out does not lead to a change, we sometimes need to walk away. Jesus lets us know that this can happen and is OK, just before the verse quoted above, in Matthew 10:14:

'If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town.'

So how do I square this with a call to an unlimited welcome? Let me expand as I reflect more. I do seek, in one way, to live in innocence, still choosing love first. But I seek also wisdom, not confusing love with unlimited access. This balance protects the space I (we?) try to create because an “unlimited welcome” still needs boundaries if it's going to remain safe for the vulnerable, not just open to the loud or the harmful.

So let me reframe our mission. It isn't just about hospitality and welcome, it's about *holy risk*:

risking love,
risking disappointment,
risking hope...
without surrendering our discernment or our dignity.

So yes, let us to build a place with open doors, but with watchful, as well as loving, hearts.

God bless you all.
Rev'd Ed

Lent Course Feb - March 2026

Our **Lent Course** this year will use the book of daily reflections on Life Giving Habits and each Tuesday (24th Feb, 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th March) at 12 noon all are welcome to the Ratby Rectory to share our thoughts in what we have read through the week with soup and a roll! Please let me know if you'd like to join in as books are still available – for use at home even if you can't come along on Tuesdays.

Rev'd Ed



Join us to practise
singing the Magnificat
and eat cake

EVENSONG **Rehearsal**

Time: 5pm

Place: St Philip and St James Church, Groby

Dates: March 22nd

April 26th, May 10th

Activities for children and families in our Benefice in March



Sun 1st	9.30am	All Age Worship	Groby Church	Families
Tues 3rd	9.15am	Tots & Toddlers	Ratby Church	under 5s
Tues 3rd	3.15pm	Kids Konnect	Ratby Church	Primary
Fri 6th	9.30am	Catch	URC Groby	under 5s
Fri 6th	7.30pm	Rock Solid	URC Groby	Age 10 to 15
Tues 10th	9.15am	Tots & Toddlers	Ratby Church	under 5s
Tues 10th	3.15pm	Kids Konnect	Ratby Church	Primary
Fri 13th	9.30am	Catch	URC Groby	under 5s
Fri 13th	7.30pm	Rock Solid	URC Groby	Age 10 to 15
Sun 15th	10.30am	Crossfire	Groby Village Hall	Secondary
Tues 17th	9.15am	Tots & Toddlers	Ratby Church	under 5s
Tues 17th	3.15pm	Kids Konnect	Ratby Church	Primary
Fri 20th	9.30am	Catch	URC Groby	under 5s
Fri 20th	7.30pm	Rock Solid	URC Groby	Age 10 to 15
Tues 24th	9.15am	Tots & Toddlers	Ratby Church	under 5s
Tues 24th	3.15pm	Kids Konnect	Ratby Church	Primary
Fri 27th	9.30am	Catch	URC Groby	under 5s
Fri 27th	7.30pm	Rock Solid	URC Groby	Age 10 to 15
Sun 29th	10.30am	Crossfire	Groby Village Hall	Secondary
Tues 31st	9.15am	Tots & Toddlers	Ratby Church	under 5s
Tues 31st	3.15pm	Kids Konnect	Ratby Church	Primary

GIFT AID

As Gift Aid secretary, I would like to say thank you for your generous donations throughout the last year. They are really appreciated and without your support the church could not reach out to as many people as we do.

Gift Aid, the percentage the government gives for each donation, this year earned us a huge £8000. However, it has been some time since we renewed the gift aid forms. Recently there has been many comments in the news about the fact that many more folks are now paying tax due to the tax thresholds not rising. Maybe this affects you?

If you pay tax, please can you fill in a gift aid form so we can continue to receive the extra 25% from the government on all your donations. If you no longer pay tax, please do let me know and I will update my records. Even if you primarily give using the parish giving scheme it is still helpful to have a gift aid form as you generous folks sometimes pop a little extra in! A huge thank you to those of you who thought the church would appreciate your winter fuel payment, it has certainly helped with our gas bills.

The loose giving and cash gifts have also had gift aid reclaimed on them through the small donations scheme, with £1820.12 being received from HMRC.

Any completed forms can be sent to the parish office or brought to church. Finally a huge thank you on behalf of the ministry team as your generosity is vital in allowing us to continue in the work within the parish.

Ruth Scott
Associate Minister

Charity Gift Aid Declaration – multiple donation

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:

Name of Charity St Philip and St James Church Groby

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

My Details

Title _____ First name or initial(s)

Surname

Full Home address

Postcode _____ Date _____

Please notify the charity if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Return to church or the Parish Office Church Rooms
Church Lane, Ratby, Leicester LE6 0JF

CHURCH WOMEN'S GUILD, MARCH 2026

Hello Readers,

This month I don't have a lot to report. We didn't meet in February.

Our MARCH MEETING will be held on WEDNESDAY 11th AT THE HOME OF CONNIE WOODWARD, 19 HIGHFIELD ROAD, GROBY at 2.30 pm. Details later.

BEST WISHES TO ALL. TRY TO KEEP WARM AND DRY!!!!

More information from Annette Fowler (2873169)



G Churches
together
in
Groby

FAIR CUPPA

FAIR CUPPA ROTA—MARCH	
5th	Sandra & Hilary
12th	Peter & Enid
19th	Connie & Beryl
26th	Elizabeth & Pat



**Thursdays at
Groby Village Hall
10.30 to 12.00 noon**

Please come along for a chat and a cuppa!

For further information contact Elizabeth Jarvis 0116 431 9990

***SPRING CLEANING OUR CHURCH
SATURDAY APRIL 25th - SAVE THIS DATE !***

We plan to organise a day of church spring cleaning on Saturday 25th April. We would like to do a thorough clean, even in the high places! We will need volunteers to help. Of course there is a limit to the amount of equipment available in the church, so we would hope that some of the volunteers will bring their own.



We will let you know any further details in the April magazine.

Our love affair with our phones

It was 150 years ago this month, on 10th March 1876, that the world's first telephone call was made. Alexander Graham Bell called his assistant and said: "Mr Watson, come here. I want you."

That phone call was the beginning of a worldwide addiction to phones. Phones spread quickly, constantly improved, and after more than 100 years of landlines, mobile phones arrived.

The first was introduced by Motorola in 1983 in the USA. The Motorola DynaTAC 8000X weighed nearly two pounds and cost around \$3,995.

The first smartphone, the IBM Simon Personal Communicator, was released in 1994, combining phone calls with PDA features like email, fax, and a calendar on a touchscreen. It was so expensive it sold only about 50,000.

But by the late 90s, the BlackBerry had become a top favourite, with its popular email and messaging services beloved by Barak Obama, among many others.

Then in 2007, Apple released the first iPhone, informally known as the iPhone 2G, with an advanced multi-touch interface and app ecosystem.

Fast forward nearly 20 years, and there are now about **7.5 billion** active smartphones in the world. The total number of all connections (SIMs/ devices) now even exceeds the human population of about 8.3 billion.

Taizé Prayer

with songs and silence

inspired by the international
monastic community of Taizé, France



15th March

At 6pm Trinity Methodist Church
Main St, Markfield LE67 9UU

For more information: Karen 07739 555015
karensilverwood@googlemail.com www.taize.fr/en



One of my churchwardens is a stickler for 'Health and Safety'...

NEWS FROM....



Our community choir, Groby Sings, started rehearsing for the summer concert on on **Wednesday 25th February 2026** at **The Groby Club** with something to make our mouths water -

Groby Sings a la Carte

featuring songs which will be a feast for the ears'. This sounds like a delicious addition to our mid-rehearsal refreshment break of tea, coffee and cake. Whilst we immediately think of *Food, Glorious Food* from *Oliver*, there is an accompanying full menu of songs.

So, if you've been thinking of joining our choir, do come along to get a flavour of the tasty songs to be served!

As always, we would love anyone and everyone, whatever their singing ability, to come along and experience the joy of coming together to make music. We are an inclusive choir and we always welcome singers with disabilities or memory problems and their friends/carers. Taking part in the end of season concerts is entirely optional for everyone.

All sessions are held at our friendly **Groby Club** (opposite the library) which is fully accessible and has comfortable seating. There is a bar with tea and coffee also available.

Adult singers: 1.30-3.00pm **and/or** 7.30-9.00pm

Youth & Children's Choir (7 years and over): 3.40-4.40pm.

Pre-school children are welcome in the afternoon in the care of their adult with a crèche area available.

Enquiries via our website www.grobysings.org and check out our Facebook page too.

Groby Sings is a Registered Charity no. 1180490



Granny retired? You've got to be kidding....

The idea that grandmothers retire into an unburdened world of gardening and tea-drinking, golf and knitting is no more than a pleasant fantasy these days.

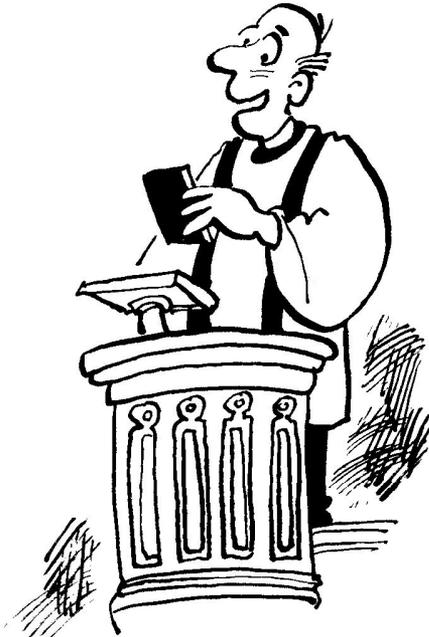
Instead, nearly 63% of grandparents provide some sort of childcare to their under-16-year-old grandchildren. That amounts to around seven million older people, aged mostly between 55 - 74.

As many as one in three is doing the school run. Nearly one in five is spending more than 10 hours a week giving other childcare.

America has a nickname name for them: the 'granny nannies.'

Granny nannies do it for good reason: to enable their own children to be able to work longer hours. But granny nannies not only care for their grandchildren, they may also be providing comfort for elderly relatives of their own – and hold down a part-time job at the same time.

Perhaps Super-Granny-Nannies is the correct name for them!



*My sermon today comes from
Apps Chapter 1 beginning at verse 2...*

Rector's Recipes

Mexican Three-Bean Chilli Hotpot

I do like beans and I like spice and so this is a lovely vegan recipe which can be eaten just as it is or with rice if you like.

Ingredients

- 1 400g tin each of black beans, cannellini beans and pinto beans (other bean types can be used of course)
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 2 red peppers, deseeded and diced
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- ½ tsp cumin seeds, crushed
- 1 tsp coriander seeds, crushed
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- ½-2 tsp chilli powder (depending on how spicy you like things!)
- 3 tbsp tomato purée
- 800g tinned chopped tomatoes (2 tins!)
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 600ml vegetable stock
- 3 tbsp chopped fresh coriander



Method

- Heat the oil in a heavy based saucepan over a medium heat and cook the onion and peppers for 5 minutes or until soft.
- Stir in the garlic, cumin and coriander seeds and oregano. Cook briefly until the garlic is just beginning to colour and then add the chilli powder and tomato purée and cook for a further 1 minute.
- Add the stock, chopped tomatoes, sugar, salt and drained beans, stir well and bring to a simmer. Cover and simmer over a low heat for 45 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking.
- Stir in the coriander, remove from the heat and serve!

Rev'd Ed

*The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes*

Matt Redman 10,000 reasons, Bless The Lord.

I think this is the attitude I want to have and to show;
the mindset I want those having breakfast to have and to show.
And we all need to grow in it!

Before the sun comes up, Steve and I are preparing the breakfast. Just as the sun comes up we are loading the car, aware as we pack each corner and seat, of the miracle/testimony of that car's existence. And the Robin is the first to loudly sing out loud. I always look for The Morning Star in the sky, mindful that even if it's light is covered by cloud, it/He/ The lord is there. Nowadays I am so very hot after the heat of the kitchen and probably feeling a little nauseated; praying for help and strength... am I singing?

As we drive, we pray for the Breakfast and those coming; and the sky delights me with its dawning colours. But still focused, I am not singing although I am witnessing His Song in the sky.

As we set up on the side of the road, the street lights go out and the sun has indeed come up: a new day dawning. We and those who help carry the boxes and crates, and screw in the legs of the table, lay the cloth and check all is ready...we are all concentrating on the doing, maybe feeling time pressure or fending off special requests and even keeping a watch that nothing gets stolen...are we singing? Or people are waiting, looking closely at what is happening; waiting for food; not a meal ..are they singing?

Then a pause

Smiles, recognition; a description of the food on the table. Now it has a name; anticipation, purpose; it's become a meal.

And we pray:

Thanksgiving for actually being able to set up table, for the provision and the protection; asking that they continue for the rest of the day. A message, a theme, a blessing; following on from the prayers in the car.

And then we serve.

*Lord, teach us how to worship Your Holy Name;
to start **singing** like never before.*

*Whatever may pass, whatever lies before us.
Show me, Lord, how to teach this, incorporate this,
encourage this...*

*so that the table on the side of the road marks a place of **worship**.*

XXXX Steve, Val, Hannah, Ruth & Jean XXXX
(Instagram: steveandvaloutreach)

Services for Holy Week and Easter 2026
Benefice of Groby and Ratby with Churches Together in Ratby
and Churches Together in Groby

Monday 30th March

7.00pm Healing Service in St Philip and St James, Groby

Tuesday 31st March

7.00pm Taize Service in St Philip and St James, Groby

Wednesday 1st April

7.00pm Reflective Service Based on Lent Course, in St Philip and St James Ratby

Thursday 2nd April

11am Chrism Eucharist at Leicester Cathedral

6.30pm Churches Together Maundy Thursday Service and Meal in St Philip and St James, Ratby

7pm Churches Together Maundy Thursday Service and Meal at the URC, Groby

Friday 3rd April

9.45am-1.30pm Children's Good Friday Activities

Ratby Parish Rooms and Church

3pm Good Friday Meditation at St Philip and St James, Groby

4pm Good Friday Meditation at the Methodist Chapel, Ratby

Saturday 4th April

2-4pm Open Church at Groby

Sunday 5th April (Easter Day)

Groby

8am Dawn Communion Service

9.30am All-Age Easter Communion

Ratby

6am Dawn Communion Service

10am Easter Praise Service

11.15am Telephone Church

CHURCH REGISTERS

WEDDINGS

Ratby

14 February ~ Philip Hall & Eleanor Wingett

Groby

None



BAPTISMS

Ratby

None

Groby

18 January ~ Theo Clarke

18 January ~ Sienna Wilson

15 February ~ Teddy Hopewell



We welcome them into the church family

FUNERALS

Ratby

4 December ~ David Moore

11 December ~ Adline Kiffin

16 December ~ Joan Newman

29 December ~ Kenneth Hunnybun

26 January ~ Sid Hickinbotham

Groby

22 January ~ Stuart Johnson

16 February ~ Veronica Brudenell



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends, and pray that they may find peace through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

If you would like to support the work of the church but find yourself with no cash. Please use the QR code below to go directly to our giving site.





FLOWERS March		
	Altar	Memorial Vase
1st	Lent No Flowers	
8th	“	
15th	“	Marjorie (by Ruth)
22nd	“	
29th	“	

Church Cleaning March

1 Mar - 14 Mar	Gill & Alan
15 Mar - 28 Mar	Chris D & Julie
29 Mar - 11 Apr	Elizabeth & Christine

April Magazine Deadline Saturday **21st March**

Please send all items to
spandjmagazine@googlemail.com

Items for the
weekly news sheet
to:
office@bradgatechurches.org.uk



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

Do you receive the magazine on a regular basis?

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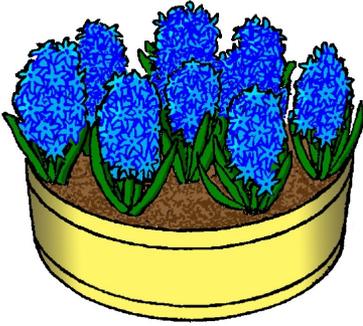
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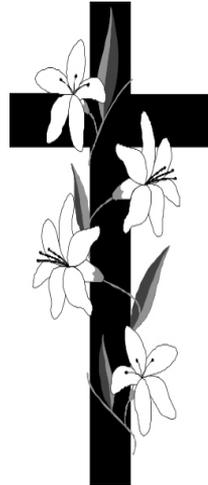


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