

# St. Philip & St. James Church Ratby Parish Church Magazine

June 2026



*St. Philip & St. James Church, Ratby*

*Ratby Parish Church is committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of everyone within our community.*

## **JUNE WORSHIP FROM THE BENEFICE OF GROBY AND RATBY**

Please see inside the magazine for details of services and events for June - you're also welcome to join us for our 11.15am Telephone Church every Sunday if getting to church is difficult - do get in touch (Rev'd Ed's contact details are in this magazine) and we'll drop you an order of service and a hymn book to help you join in! Or do join our weekday services, in person at 9am on Mondays for Morning Prayer in Ratby and 9.30am on Wednesdays for Communion in Groby Or do use your own or online resources (our online Compline services also continue every Tuesday at 9pm via Facebook) for your personal worship at home.

Do keep an eye on the magazine, our notice boards and our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/StPandStJ>) and webpages (<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/19-074B/>) for details of what is going on.

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## **SAFEGUARDING**

**At Ratby Parish Church we are committed to ensuring the care and safety of all.**

If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding Co-ordinator

Joan Hawkins  
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# The Benefice

June 2026

of Groby and Ratby

## Facing Exam Season with Hope and Peace

As exam season arrives once again, many of our children, young people, and families find themselves stepping into a time filled with pressure, expectation, and uncertainty. Whether it's SATs, GCSEs, A-levels, university assessments, or vocational exams, this season can stir up a whole mix of emotions - determination, worry, hope, and sometimes fear.

As a church community, this is a moment for us to gather around our young people with prayer, encouragement, and practical support. Exams matter, of course, but they do not define a person's worth, identity, or future. Each young person is wonderfully made, gifted uniquely by God, and held in His love long before any grade is written on a results sheet.

The Bible reminds us, *"Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you."*

This is not a call to ignore the reality of stress, but an invitation to bring our whole selves - worries included - to the God who walks with us in every season. As our



young people revise, sit papers, and wait for results, we pray they will know God's peace guarding their hearts and minds.

Let's also remember the parents, carers, and teachers who support them. Their encouragement, patience, and presence make a profound difference. A kind word, a listening ear, or a simple prayer can be a lifeline in these busy weeks.

May this exam season be marked not only by hard work, but by hope, resilience, and the assurance that God journeys with each of us. And may every

young person know that, whatever the outcome, they are valued, loved, and celebrated by their church family.

### **A prayer for Exam season:**

Loving God, We lift before you all our children, young people, and adults preparing for exams. In moments of pressure, grant them calm hearts and clear minds. When they feel overwhelmed, remind them that their worth is not measured in grades, but held securely in your unfailing love.

Bless their revision, their concentration, and their confidence. Be close to those who are anxious, tired, or doubting themselves. Surround them with people who encourage, support, and believe in them.

We pray too for parents, carers, and teachers - give them patience, wisdom, and peace as they walk alongside those they love.

May every student know your presence beside them in the exam hall, your peace within them as they work, and your hope before them as they look to the future.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

*Louise Brown  
Children & Youth Worker  
CTG*



## ***Services and Events in June***

We're going to have one of those months where I don't really disrupt our regular pattern of worship, with alternating 8am communions (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays in Groby, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in Ratby) and then a 9.30am (in Groby) or 10am (in Ratby) service every week, alternating between communion and morning worship.

The only change will be that, with the Groby Sings concert on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June, we encourage everyone to come along to enjoy that and, to give tired musicians the chance to recover, there will be no Evensong that evening.

There will a variety of visiting clergy for the Communion services, including +Saju in both Groby and Ratby on 7<sup>th</sup> June. With +Saju here, he will be consecrating our new area of Churchyard after the 10am service in Ratby and the evening service in Groby will be the Deanery Confirmation service – do come along to support those across our Deanery being confirmed.

Never forget all our other regular things will continue – our lovely Telephone Church, every Sunday at 11.15am (call 0333 0164 757; room number 10336316#; pin 1920#) and during the week we continue to have morning prayer every Monday at 9am in Ratby and 9.30am Wednesday Communion in Groby every week.

Our online Compline will be every Tuesday at 9pm (<https://www.facebook.com/StPandStJ>), but do be patient with those leading as they try to do it live via our Facebook page while I am away!

God bless you all. Prayers, as ever,

*Rev'd Ed*

## **Our New Curate – Cameron Lewis**

We are to be blessed by a curate coming to train in our Benefice once again. Cameron Lewis (Cam) will join us in September (when I am back from my Sabbatical) and I, along with all of us I am sure, will be looking forward to his arrival. He has written a short article below to introduce himself. But remember what I said before when Riffat joined us. A curate is not an extra pair of hands to take on all the things I, or others, do not have the time to do (although they do offer much to us of course!) A curate is someone who has come to learn from me about being a deacon and priest and all that entails (or as much as my experience can help to impart). But he comes not just to learn from me, but from all of us as we share our experiences of church, of God, of community and of life in all its richness. It is said it takes a village to raise a child and so similarly it takes the whole people God in a Benefice to train a curate! But may we all be open to learn from him as well. I pray that this will be a mutually enriching experience for us all – and all this to the glory of God and the building up of his Kingdom.

Oh, and a date for the diary – Cam will be ordained deacon at Michaelmas, the new pattern in our diocese, on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October and those who would like to are very welcome to come to the service.

Prayers and blessings,  
Rev'd Ed

Hello, my name is Cameron, and I look forward to joining you at Groby and Ratby for my curacy and working with Rev Ed. I am excited to get to know you and learn about your gifts and passions.

For the past 11 years, I have been living in Shepshed. Before entering the discernment process, I worked in social work, specifically in the private sector of fostering, where I provided support to foster carers and the children in their care.

I have a deep passion for working with children and young people, and I actively support the work of the Amos Trust, Christian Aid, and Veterans' charities.



Throughout my curacy, there may be occasions when you will meet my daughters, Francesca and Edith. In initial meetings, they can be quite shy and sometimes become overwhelmed when meeting many new people at once. However, they enjoy attending Greenbelt, participating in children's church activities, and singing the beloved song "Little Donkey" at the Christmas services. I believe it's important for them to choose when they would like to be involved, so you may not see them every week.

Over the last two years, I have had the privilege of studying at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, just outside of Oxford. During this time, I engaged in a lengthy discernment process regarding my gender identity. With the support of family and friends, I reached a place where I changed my name and pronouns from the former name by which some of you may have known me. Alongside my theological studies, my placement churches have been St. Luke's, Stocking Farms, and Christ the King in Beaumont Leys. My sending church was All Saints with Holy Trinity in Loughborough. These churches have been a blessing in my faith and ordination training, providing a variety of worship styles, including Anglo-Catholic, choral tradition, and charismatic worship. I particularly enjoy the diversity found in worship at On Fire Mission conference.

My hope is that God's Spirit will guide us as we seek to listen, learn, and thrive together. Hopefully, with some coffee along the way as we serve one another and glorify God's holy name.

Many Blessings, Cameron

## Yard Sales 2026

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the Ratby Yard Sales this year - particularly those at the Church Rooms. Thank you also to all those that participated either by holding Yard Sales or wandering around the village to look for bargains and chat with our neighbours, what a lovely community event it was. We raised a brilliant £726 to go to church funds and help continue all of our wonderful activities for the community.

Justin Garratt



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# Family Fun Day

SATURDAY 4TH JULY 2026

FROM 2PM

RATBY BANDROOM, TAVERNER DRIVE,  
RATBY, LE6 0HQ

BBQ

BAR

LIVE MUSIC

FREE ADMISSION

STALLS

GAMES



## ***SUNDAY TELEPHONE SERVICES - JUNE***

DATE	GROBY/RATBY
<b>7th</b>	11.15am Telephone Church (KW)
<b>14th</b>	11.15am Telephone Church (RS)
<b>21st</b>	11.15am Telephone Church (RD)
<b>28th</b>	11.15am Telephone Church (KW)

## ***ON-LINE SERVICES - JUNE***

### ***REGULAR WEEKDAY ONLINE SERVICES***

At **9pm Tuesday** - Night Prayer (Compline)

### **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.

## **MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES June 2026**

<b>GROBY</b>	3rd	10th	17th	24th
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Preachers deputising for Ed during his sabbatical:

3 June - Rev'd Dave Hover

10 June - Rev'd Liz Rawlings

17 June - Rev'd Amanda Digman

24 June - Rev'd Dave Hover

## GROBY/RATBY *IN-CHURCH SERVICES - JUNE*

DATE	GROBY	RATBY
<b>7th</b> Trinity Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion (+S)	
	9.30pm All Age Service (Team)	10.00am Holy Communion + consecration (+S)
	6.00pm Holy Communion + confirmation (+S)	
<b>14th</b> 2nd Sunday of Trinity		10.00am Holy Communion (CW)
	9.30am Holy Communion (CW)	10.00am Morning Worship (JH/AK)
	6.00pm Evensong (RS)	
<b>21st</b> 3rd Sunday of Trinity	8.00am Holy Communion (ED)	
	9.30am Morning Worship (RD)	10.00am Holy Communion (ED)
<b>28th</b> 4th Sunday of Trinity		8.00am Holy Communion (NMc)
	9.30am Holy Communion (NMc)	10.00am Morning Worship (RD)
	6.00pm Evensong (RS)	

Preachers deputising for Ed during his sabbatical:

7 June - Bishop Saju

14 June - Archdeacon Claire Wood

21 June - Rev Canon Emma Davies

28 June - Rev Nicky McGinty

**Note:** during the Bishop's visit, he will also preside over the confirmations at Groby (6pm), and the consecration of the new part of the churchyard at Ratby (10am).

## *June Diary*

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

16th	Tues	9.15 - 10.30am 3.15 - 4.30pm 9.00pm	Tots & Toddlers at Ratby Church Kids Konnect at Ratby Online Night Prayer
17th	Wed	9.30am	Holy Communion at Groby
18th	Thurs	10.30 - 12.00pm	CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall
19th	Fri	9.30 - 11.00am 7.30 - 9.00pm	CTG CatCh at Groby URC Rock Solid at URC Groby
20th	Sat	10.00 - 12.00pm	Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC <b><i>magazine deadline</i></b>
<b>21st</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>11.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at Groby</b> <b>Morning Worship at Groby</b> <b>Holy Communion at Ratby</b> <b>Telephone Church</b>
22nd	Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer at Ratby
23rd	Tues	9.15 - 10.30am 3.15 - 4.30pm 9.00pm	Tots & Toddlers at Ratby Church Kids Konnect at Ratby Church Online Night Prayer
24th	Wed	9.30am	Holy Communion at Groby
25th	Thurs	10.30 - 12.00pm	CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall
26th	Fri	9.30 - 11.00am 7.30 - 9.00pm	CTG CatCh at Groby URC Rock Solid at URC Groby
27th	Sat	10.00 - 12.00pm 10.00 - 12.00pm 7.00pm	Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC Coffee Morning, Ratby Church Rooms Groby Sings Concert, Brockington College
<b>28th</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>10.30am</b> <b>11.15am</b> <b>12.30pm</b> <b>3.00pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion at Ratby</b> <b>Holy Communion at Groby</b> <b>Morning Worship at Ratby</b> <b>Crossfire at Groby Village Hall</b> <b>Telephone Church</b> <b>Ratby Lunch Club</b> <b>Groby Sings Concert, Brockington College</b> <b>Evensong at Groby</b>
29th	Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer at Ratby
30th	Tues	9.15 - 10.30am 3.15 - 4.30pm 9.00pm	Tots & Toddlers at Ratby Church Kids Konnect at Ratby Church Online Night Prayer

## ***Get Ready for Holiday Club Fun!***

Summer is on the horizon, and that can only mean one thing — Holiday Club is nearly here! Ratby church will soon be bursting with colour, creativity, and the kind of joyful chaos that only a room full of excited children can create.

This year's programme is packed with all the favourites: big energy games, imaginative drama, brilliant crafts, and stories that spark curiosity and wonder. Whether children love getting messy with glue and glitter, stepping into the spotlight, or simply laughing with friends, there'll be something for everyone.

Our team is already buzzing with ideas, and we can't wait to welcome families back for more adventures. Expect surprises, silliness, and plenty of moments that make memories.

Holiday Club runs on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August.

Adults are also welcome, we can't do it without our volunteers – come and join the chaos!!!

## ***Why Children's Ministry Matters More Than Ever***

Children have an incredible openness to God. They ask honest questions, notice beauty in the everyday, and remind us that faith is meant to be lived with wonder. In a world that feels fast and pressured, children's ministry isn't an optional extra — it's one of the most important things a church can offer.

### **Children are forming their understanding of God right now.**

Most people who come to faith do so when they're young. These early years shape identity, belonging, and a sense of being loved by God. When we create safe, joyful spaces for children to explore faith, we help them build foundations that last.

**Children strengthen the whole church.** Their energy, honesty, and enthusiasm bring life to our worship. They help adults see God with fresh eyes and remind us that the Kingdom belongs to the childlike as much as the wise.

**Families need community.** Parenting today can feel overwhelming. A welcoming church — whether through toddler groups, youth groups, or simply a warm hello on a Sunday — offers support, friendship, and hope.

**Children's ministry is mission.** Many families first encounter church through children's activities. These moments build trust and plant seeds of faith that may grow years later.

Above all, ***Jesus welcomed children*** and placed them at the centre of his teaching. When we invest in children, we follow his example — choosing hope, hospitality, and a future filled with possibility.

Children's ministry matters because children matter. And every craft table, story, prayer, and biscuit shared is a small act of planting seeds that God can grow.

Churches  
together  
in  
**Groby**

# DEEP SEA DIVERS HOLIDAY CLUB

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

**Ratby Church & Church Rooms**  
**9.45am to 2.30pm**  
**For children from**  
**Foundation to Year 6**  
**£5 per day (concessions available)**

To book scan the QR code below

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: [YOUTHWORKERGROBY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:YOUTHWORKERGROBY@GMAIL.COM)

## ***Under The Sea Holiday Club Crafts***

***Please can you collect*** the following items for the holiday club in August. It would be helpful if you could keep them at your home until the beginning of July when there will be a collection box in church.

Interesting coloured egg boxes - not the usual brown ones. Green and yellow are available for example.

Large sheets of brown paper, the bigger the better.

Large pieces of blue fabric such as old sheets and duvet covers and saris (which can be returned to you if you wish.)

Unwanted undersea creature and fish soft toys. (Or please speak to me if you are willing to crochet one or two from the patterns I have).

Interesting moulded card inserts from delivery boxes.

Plastic drinks bottles of any size that are curved on the top like scuba diver's air bottles.

Thank you,  
Jane

## ***The Ratcliffe Chorale***

### **REQUIEM**

### **MASS**

*Premiere  
Performance!*

Composed by local composer Paul Cox

Plus - songs from shows and musicals

Conducted by Simon Lubkowski  
and accompanied by Paul Cox

Admission by donation  
(all proceeds will go to Christian Aid)

***Saturday 13th June***  
***7.30pm***  
***St Philip & St James Church***  
***Ratby***

## Activities for children and families in our Benefice in June



Tues 2nd	9.15am	Tots & Toddlers	Ratby Church	under 5s
Tues 2nd	3.15pm	Kids Kconnect	Ratby Church	Primary
Fri 5th	9.30am	CatCh	URC Groby	under 5s
Fri 5th	7.30pm	Rock Solid	URC Groby	Age 10 to 15
Sun 7th	7.30pm	All Age Worship	Groby Church	Families
Tues 9th	9.15am	Tots & Toddlers	Ratby Church	under 5s
Tues 9th	3.15pm	Kids Kconnect	Ratby Church	Primary
Fri 12th	9.30am	CatCh	URC Groby	under 5s
Fri 12th	7.30pm	Rock Solid	URC Groby	Age 10 to 15
Sun 14th	10.30am	Crossfire	Groby Village Hall	Secondary
Tues 16th	9.15am	Tots & Toddlers	Ratby Church	under 5s
Tues 16th	3.15pm	Kids Kconnect	Ratby Church	Primary
Fri 19th	9.30am	CatCh	URC Groby	under 5s
Fri 19th	7.30pm	Rock Solid	URC Groby	Age 10 to 15
Tues 23rd	9.15am	Tots & Toddlers	Ratby Church	under 5s
Tues 23rd	3.15pm	Kids Kconnect	Ratby Church	Primary
Fri 26th	9.30am	CatcC	URC Groby	under 5s
Fri 26th	7.30pm	Rock Solid	URC Groby	Age 10 to 15
Sun 28th	10.30am	Crossfire	Groby Village Hall	Secondary
Tues 30th	9.15am	Tots & Toddlers	Ratby Church	under 5s
Tues 30th	3.15pm	Kids Kconnect	Ratby Church	Primary

“Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the  
soul - and sings the tunes without the words - and  
never stops at all.”

*Emily Dickinson*

## Rector's Recipes – Cheese Scones

I love cheese scones (and if you don't, just omit the cheese, mustard and cayenne from this recipe for plain ones!) – a lovely simple treat for tea! This recipe is my old one, slightly adjusted by me, from the first cookery book my Mum gave me, 'The Radiation New World Cookery Book' – don't let the title scare you, it is full of classic recipes!

### Ingredients:

8 oz/225g self-raising flour

1 tsp baking powder

Pinch of salt

Pinch of cayenne pepper

Pinch or two of dried mustard

2oz/55g cold butter, cubed

4oz/120g grated cheddar cheese (I use mature and for really cheesy add extra cheese to taste!) + extra for sprinkling.

3-4 fl oz/90-100 ml milk + extra for glazing



### Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 210°C/190°C fan/Gas mark 7.
2. Sift the flour, baking powder and salt together into a bowl and add in the cayenne and mustard.
3. Rub in the butter to make a breadcrumb texture.
4. Make a well in the centre of mixture and slowly add the milk, mixing to give a soft dough – don't add all the milk at once, just enough to make sure you get the right consistency.
5. Lightly flour a surface and roll out the dough to about  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch/2cm thick and cut into rounds with a 3 inch/8cm cutter.
6. Place the round onto a baking tray/sheet, brush with a little milk and sprinkle some grated cheese on top.
7. Bake for 10-15 minutes or until golden brown and cooked through. Serve warm and lovely halved with just some butter spread on to melt in!

*Rev'd Ed*

## ***Safeguarding Audit and Survey***

Our Diocese is being audited in connection with Safeguarding this year. INEQE has been appointed by the Archbishops' Council to take an Independent look at safeguarding across Church of England dioceses and cathedrals, as well as the National Safeguarding Team.

They want to check how things are working day to day and help us make sure our churches and worshipping communities are places where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

This audit is a chance to celebrate what we do well, be honest about what we could do better and learn and improve together.

It's an important part of the Church's ongoing commitment to safeguarding and being open, accountable and willing to learn.

As part of this in early June a survey will open – please, please fill it in, as this gives a full view of our Safeguarding here and across the diocese, which is all wrapped up in our love and care of one another. The details are in the leaflet below, copies of which will be in church – note there is a QR code which will take you straight to the survey (but only try later in June, as it doesn't open until then).

I know Joan Hawkins in Ratby and Fiona Brooks in Groby as our wonderful Safeguarding Coordinators will be encouraging you to do this too! So show our commitment to Safeguarding and fill in the survey!

Bless you all. *Rev'd Ed*

## **Safeguarding Survey 2026**



Take the survey:



**What's working well?**

**What could we do better?**

Share your views on safeguarding and help us be a safer church for everyone.

[leicester.anglican.org/safeguarding/audit](https://leicester.anglican.org/safeguarding/audit)

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## ***Rector's Ramblings***

As some of you may know, I am very slightly hard of hearing, having had issues as a child. I particularly struggle in crowded noisy situations and I hope no-one feels uncomfortable at such time with me staring intently at them as I try to couple poor lip-reading skills with what I hear. This is the reason I have never been the biggest fan of the telephone and the advent of emails, text messages and then social media seemed like a God-send. And to an extent it is, allowing improvements in communication in many ways. But as always, I think the devil likes to corrupt us and our use of such things.....

It is so easy now to fire off a quick email or text or make some comment on a social media, before perhaps we have thought about it. And worse than this, we can say things these ways we would never dream of saying to someone in person – especially the social media 'keyboard warriors' who know they are unlikely to ever meet some of the people on whose posts they comment, or on whom they are commenting. Another problem with these forms of communication is that they lack the nuance and tone that a conversation can have and things can be (and often are) misinterpreted from the writer's intention. The best use of these media is for the quick transfer of information and to set up the face-to-face meetings we really need.

Jesus met with people face to face. Alright, he didn't have these other forms of communication, but I suspect our incarnational God would have still done so in this day and age. Jesus recognised the importance of direct communication with all the nuance of tone and body language that we subconsciously rely on. So, I wonder if next time we have something important to discuss, whether we eschew the email or text and arrange to meet up so we can properly talk through all that we need to. In the end it can also be more efficient than waiting on replies to misunderstood texts and emails and better for us a human beings who need to be in company and build up relationships. More than this, don't forget to have those open and honest conversations with God too and include God in our discussions – that's what prayer is all about!

God bless you all.  
Rev'd Ed

# NEWS FROM....



“*Food, Glorious Food*” Hope you’re working up an appetite for **Groby Sings goes a la Carte**, our summer concert. This season it will take place at:

**Brockington College, Enderby, LE19 4AQ on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 7.00pm and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 3.00pm.** This is a very welcoming, comfortable and accessible venue which we have used before. There is plenty of parking.

We’re maintaining our low-cost ticket price, which this season will be just **£5**. Tickets will be available from **The Groby Club** during their normal opening hours as well as at **Wednesday afternoon and evening rehearsals**. Also, choir members will be pleased to purchase tickets for family, friends and neighbours at rehearsals. Please note that tickets for the Sunday performance are always extremely popular and sell out quickly so don’t delay if you would like tickets for that one.

Remember too that we’re still welcoming singers of all abilities (or none!) with no requirement to sing in the concerts. Come along on Wednesdays at a time to suit you and enjoy making music and eating cake – after all we are singing *a la Carte*!

**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](http://www.grobysings.org) and check out our Facebook page too.

Groby Sings is a Registered Charity no. 1180490



## Sudoku for June

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### Sunday Lunch Club

Ratby Church Rooms from 12.30 pm



The next lunch will be on:

**Sunday 28 June 2026**

Joan Hawkins (Associate Minister at Ratby Parish Church)

Telephone: 07545 909868

Email: [jvajhawkins@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jvajhawkins@hotmail.co.uk)

# CHURCH REGISTERS

## BAPTISMS

### Ratby

None

### Groby

22 March ~ Remi Tamms

10 May ~ Austin Wesson



We welcome them into the church family

## WEDDINGS

### Ratby

None

### Groby

None



## FUNERALS

### Ratby

8 April ~ Zachary De Mello

21 April ~ Mary Geary

### Groby

23 February ~ Margaret Keen

24 February ~ Margaret Gray

26 February ~ Marcus Beer



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.



## Saturday Coffee Mornings Ratby Church Rooms

10-12pm  
13th & 27th June



## Flower Rota



7th June	~	<i>Tony Hawkins</i>
14th June	~	<i>Tony Hawkins</i>
21st June	~	<i>Pam Hodson</i>
28th June	~	<i>Pam Hodson</i>
5th July	~	<i>Kathleen Hurd (BW)</i>
12th July	~	<i>Kathleen Hurd (BW)</i>
19th July	~	<i>Di Porter, Jenny Pullen</i>
26th July	~	<i>Di Porter, Jenny Pullen</i>

## Cinema Club At Ratby Church on Fridays For the Over 60's at 2.00pm



**Friday 12th June**

Details of the films to be shown are available in church (our licence only allows us to advertise the film title in the church building) or for more information on the seniors film please contact  
Joan Hawkins on Tel: 07545 909868

## Groby and Ratby churches' prayer group

### What is the prayer group?

It is a commitment by a group of people who pray for people in the Parishes and further afield as part of their own daily prayers. They do not meet regularly as a prayer group but they are linked, like a chain, to one another so that the needs for prayer can be passed on to all the members of the group.

### Who are we?

We are a group of worshippers from Groby and Ratby who believe in the power of prayer. Our desire is to share in God's work of healing and renewing lives. All requests are in confidence and may be made anonymously. It is a great privilege and joy to see God work in people's lives and so gratifying when we hear that our prayers have been answered or that people being prayed for feel the power of the prayer.

### Who can be prayed for?

Requests are received from anyone at all who feels in need of prayer, or who might have a relative, friend or person they are concerned about, or an issue that they wish to be remembered in prayer. Normally, but not in every circumstance, those being prayed for specifically should know about any request made on their behalf and be in agreement with it going forward.

If you would like us to pray for you or someone you know you can contact **Rev Ed** tel:0116 2396520 or **Joan Hawkins our Associate Minister** 07545909868 or email Joan at [jvajhawkins@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jvajhawkins@hotmail.co.uk). **Remember all requests are strictly confidential**



## Ratby Parochial Church Council Officers

The Parochial Church Council for the Ratby Parish are elected as follows. Please feel free to contact any of the members of the PCC if you have any questions or concerns about Ratby Church.

### Ratby Church Warden

Vacant

### Representatives on Diocesan Synod

Mrs. Angie Cain

### Representatives on Deanery Synod

Mrs. Pamela Pollard & Dr. Claire Bampton

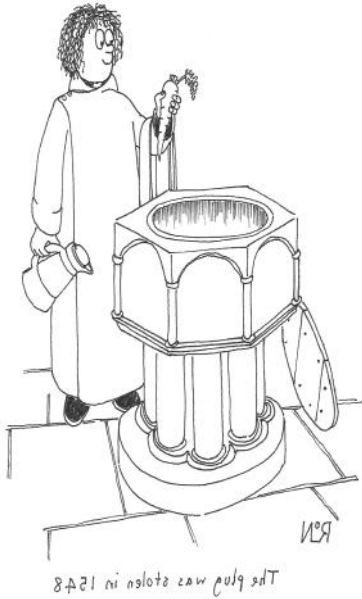
### Parochial Church Council Elected Members

Mrs. Anne Koscielska Miss. Valerie Pears

### Associate Minister

Mrs. Joan Hawkins





## Smile Lines



### Home visit

Several women visited a sick elderly lady in their church. After a while, they rose to leave and told her, "Well, don't worry, we will keep you in our prayers."

The old woman relied: "Actually, if you would just wash up the dishes in my sink, I can do my own praying."

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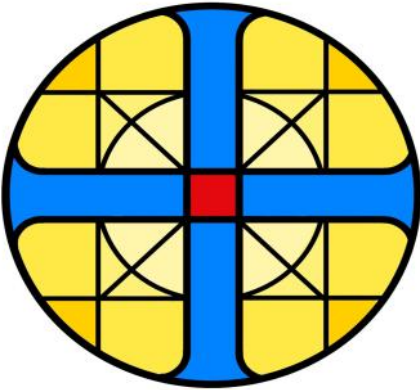
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