

THE NEWSLETTER

The Lyddington Benefice

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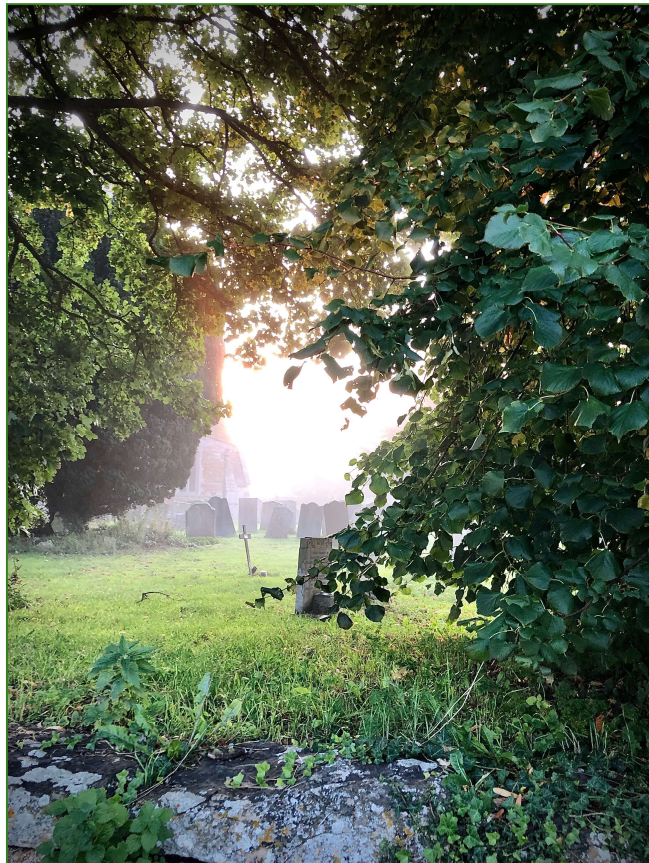
Bisbrooke, Caldecott, Glaston, Harringworth,
Lyddington, Stoke Dry, Seaton and Thorpe by Water

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June 2026



Caldecott churchyard in the early morning

Beginnings and Endings

As June arrives, perhaps some of us sense a gentle invitation to pause and notice where we are. The weeks

ahead carry a particular energy for me, a feeling that something is drawing to a close, even as new possibilities begin to open up. For many households, June marks the end of exams and years of study, bringing a heady mix of relief, tiredness and excitement.

This year, that feels especially close, as my son Noah comes to the end of his GCSEs. Like many families, we've lived with revision timetables, quiet encouragement, lots of snacks and prayers, all held alongside that familiar question: *what comes next?*



Across our communities, others will be marking different endings and beginnings too. The school year begins to wind down, projects reach their conclusion, and routines soften as summer draws closer. Even the natural world joins in. Spring's freshness gives way to the smell of barbecues and freshly cut grass. Days stretch long into the evening, gardens flourish, and light seems to linger as if reluctant to leave.

In every season of life, God remains our constant. While our circumstances shift and change, God's faithful presence does not. Scripture reminds us that God walks with us through endings and beginnings alike, offering hope when outcomes are still unknown, peace while we wait, and reassurance as new possibilities unfold.

Christian hope is not about having all the answers, but about trusting the One who holds them. As we journey through June, my prayer is that we may notice what is ending, celebrate what is beginning, and step forward with confidence and joy, trusting that God is already there, welcoming us into all that lies ahead.

Becky Dyball

The Revd Becky Dyball, Bishop's Missioner

Thursday Morning Prayer Group at 8 Windmill Way, Lyddington,

Please contact 01572 821202 for details of meetings

**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 June 2026

7 June: First Sunday after Trinity (Proper 7) **Green**

Hosea 5.15 - 6.6; Psalm 50.7-15; Romans 4.13-end; Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

14 June Second Sunday after Trinity (proper 6) **Green**

Exodus 19.2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5.1-8; Matthew 9.35 – 10.8

21 June: Third Sunday after Trinity (Proper 7) **Green**

Jeremiah 20.7-13; Psalm 69.8-11[12-17]18-20*; Romans 6.1b-11;
Matthew 10.24-39

28 June: Fourth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 8) **Green**

Jeremiah 28.5-9; Psalm 89.1-4, 15-18; Romans 6.12-23; Matthew 10.40-42

July 2026

5 July: Fifth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 9)

Green

Zechariah 9.9-12; Psalm 145.8-15; Romans 7.15-25a; Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

The Lyddington Benefice: Services during June 2026
For details of church services, please see church notice boards

Funerals

A service to celebrate the life of **Georgia Elizabeth Davenall Mortlock (née Green)** was held in St Andrew's Church, Lyddington, on Friday 8th May 2026. There were many tributes from family, friends and colleagues and her full and active professional and family life was beautifully depicted.

The service was conducted by Canon Jane Baxter and prayers were led by Mrs Christobel Price. The organist was Mrs Carol Dry. The service was followed by burial in Bisbrooke churchyard.

A service of Thanksgiving and Celebration for the life of **Janet Elizabeth Ingram** was held in St Andrew's Church, Lyddington, on Tuesday 26th May 2026. Miss Ingram was a much loved and respected member of the village community. She had been a keen bell ringer and a regular attender at Music in Lyddington concerts.

The service was conducted by The Revd Jo Saunders, and the organist was Mrs Carol Dry. The service was followed by burial in the churchyard extension.

Jill Cannings' Golfing Challenge



Licensed Lay Minister Jill Cannings recently complete a 150-hole golf challenge to mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Mothers' Union.

Mothers' Union began in 1876. Mary Sumner, the wife of a rector in Hampshire, formed a group to support mothers from all backgrounds in bringing up their children. After delivering a speech in 1885 to the Portsmouth Church Congress, she inspired many women present to go back to their parishes and set up similar groups.

Over time, the groups that met as Mothers' Union became embedded in their communities. They forged strong links with local people and the Anglican Church. They worked to support one another and give a voice to disadvantaged women while addressing wider societal issues. Driven by Mary Sumner's passion for the role of women in bringing about a better society, the groups proved very popular.

By 1892, membership had reached 60,000 in 28 dioceses, which was to grow to 169,000 members by the turn of the century. In 1893, annual general meetings were organised, and, in 1896, Mothers' Union Central Council was formed.

It eventually became a worldwide organisation, as it still is today, and there is an active branch in Uppingham.

VILLAGE NEWS

BISBROOKE

Several dates for your diary for upcoming events over the next couple of months.

First one is a cake stall on Saturday June 13th in Uppingham market place from 08.00 onwards. Donations of cakes to sell will be gratefully received by Sue, Katie or Olwen. Or we can arrange pick up if needed, please call 07724602945 if required.

The following day Sunday June 14th is A Sunday Jolly on the millenium green, all welcome. Bring your own picnic and drink and a chair for a social afternoon.

The village fete and dog show will be on Sunday July 5th in the church and paddock behind by kind permission of Simon and Penny Armitage. 1.00 to 4.00pm. Traditional stalls, games, Pimms, teas and cakes. Plus fun dog show. Helpers needed. If you can spare a little time please contact Olwen, Katie or Sue.

We sent 2 boxes of items to the food bank again this month. All donations gratefully received at 1 Top Lane, box always on the doorstep.

For the month of June flowers are with Nipsy Cross and Mel Smeeton and cleaning is Diane Masters and Sue Scarrott.

Coffee morning is at Penny Beveridge's home, 1A Walnut Close

HARRINGWORTH

FAREWELL AFTERNOON TEA: On Sunday 10th May the village gave a tea party in the Village Hall to say Farewell to the vicar of Haringworth (and Rector of the Benefice) the Rev'd Canon Jane Baxter.

A very attractive selection of cakes and sandwiches were served, tea in pretty teapots, a bouquet of flowers presented from the PCC by Susie Brett and a cheque was presented by Chris Boddington from the village in grateful thanks to Jane for her hard work and support for Haringworth.

Jane had been with us for 21 years and had supported our village in very many ways over that time, from serving on the Charities Trust,



attending the Appeals events and annual meetings, to writing some quizzes, supporting the village cafe, printing guides and booklets and working very hard for us in a number of administrative capacities. She was also Rural Dean and a Canon of Peterborough Cathedral.

There was a short speech by Jane McLean on behalf of everybody, followed by a toast of fizz as a tribute to Jane and to wish her well in her retirement. Jane will leave a very big gap.

HARRINGWORTH CAFÉ: Do pop along to Harringworth Café in St John the Baptist Church for delicious home baked cakes and sausage rolls plus streaming hot coffee. The Café reopened for the summer at the end of April with a very good mix of villagers and passers-by popping in each Saturday.

MIDSUMMER GOLD PARTY SATURDAY 20TH JUNE: Harringworth and Shotley are getting together with a Midsummer Gold Party on Saturday 20th June from 5pm - 10pm to celebrate Harringworth Village Hall 50th Year and we hope as many villagers as possible can join in (family and friends also welcome).

The Party will be in the lovely Paddock behind the Village Hall with Marquees, Tables and Chairs, a BBQ serving Hot Dogs and Burgers, a licensed Bar, Children's Games, Music and Dancing!

Tickets are being sold in advance to include a Burger or Hot Dog at just £5.00 per person with children under 10 free. This allows us to plan the set-up, food and bar!

Click to book: <https://bookwhen.com/harringworth/e/ev-s0uxp-20260620170000>

TALK: A VICTORIAN GEM ON FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2026: We are delighted to confirm that local historian John Hillier is booked to talk about Harringworth Viaduct to mark 150 years since the laying of the first brick. His illustrated talk in St John the Baptist Church includes new material and facts never heard before, after working with Nick Hill from Historic England. Save the date – tickets will be available from late summer.

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.

LYDDINGTON

Lyddington village fete on 8th May 2026. Another glorious day and a brilliant success. The fete raised over £8000 profit. Well done to the helpers and visitors on the day and all those people who helped beforehand with the planning of the fete and those who put up and took down the fete tents, collected bric a brac, made teas, ran stalls, created beautiful plants, donated items etc.

Three Inch Fools Theatre's "King Arthur and the Holy Hail" played to outdoor audiences on Saturday 23rd May. A lovely evening, with picnics on the Green and a splendid performance of drama, song and much laughter.

SEATON and THORPE

The **Beetle Drive** was a tremendous success, much fun was had by all thanks to Jo and Nick Everson who did a fine job of organising it.

And before we know it, the inaugural **Seaton Scarecrow competition** will be here. Taking place over the weekend of 8/9th August with the theme of 'Famous People' it's going to be a great deal of fun for both villagers and visitors. No doubt, it will get competitive! There will be a map to follow, tea and cake in the village hall, a chance to vote for your favourite scarecrow and a prize for the winner.

Our **lucky numbers** winners were: 25 – first prize; 27 – second prize. If you want to buy a number please contact Sarah.e.brant@sky.com