

The Benefice of Groby & Ratby

July/August 2026

Keep on keeping on

In the church year, we've now come to that long season- it seems to go on forever- variously called 'Trinity' or 'Ordinary time'. Each of those labels tells us something about the approximately six months between Pentecost and Advent Sunday.

'Trinity' reminds us that with Pentecost, God has made himself known to us in all his fullness (or at least as much as we can bear) as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

'Ordinary time' tells us that this is the season where, now armed with the insights and power of the Holy Spirit, we can revisit the life of Jesus with new eyes, new heart, see new things in the faith, see new opportunities to serve God.

This is the time when those words of Jesus (John 15 v15) '*I have made known to you everything I have learned from the Father*' come into play.

It may seem a long season, it may feel like the drudgery of 'Keep on keeping on' without the excitement of Christmas, Easter and Pentecost to lift our spirits, but it is ordinary time charged with the knowledge that we have everything we need in the resources of God. The love of the

Father, the words and works of the Son, the power of the Spirit will energise us as we 'keep on keeping on' through this long season.

This long season up to the end of November is a reminder that working out our love for God in our community is probably more about perspiration than inspiration. Few are called to be heroes of the faith, but all are called to faithfulness, and somehow or other, with the transforming power of the Spirit, we are all able to keep on keeping on, doing little things with great love.

Here's a lovely prayer which captures some of the mindset of the Trinity season/Ordinary time; it may help you 'keep on keeping on' through the months ahead;

Let not our soul be busy inns that have not room for thee and thine, but quiet homes of prayer and praise where thou mayest find fit company; where the needful cares of life are wisely ordered and put away, and wide sweet space is kept for thee.

Amen to that. Ordinary - but challenging!

By the Revd Roy Shaw, a retired but active priest in the diocese of York, where he is a spiritual director.



Christian Aid Week 2026

We must be honest and say that it's always a relief when Christian Aid Week is over and all the money has been counted, recorded, and taken to the bank! The final envelope has been handed in (late – but never too late!) and the banners, bags, badges and bunting are packed away for another year.

In addition to feeling relieved we also feel hugely thankful and blessed by the willingness of so many, from both Churches, to get involved during the week. Thank you.

This year the Churches Together in Groby final total was £3,600.67. With a further £714.97 going to Christian Aid from gift aid pledges.

While the overall total was less than last year more money was donated on-line than in previous years and several drop off points, including Classic Cuts Hairdressers and Laundon Way Co-op had increased donations. We are extremely grateful to these businesses and of course Groby Library who have faithfully supported our efforts over several years. It would be good to find ways to build on these partnerships and deepen our relationships with these lovely people. Ideas please.

Thank you and God bless you all
Mary, Trevor and Chris
19th June 2026

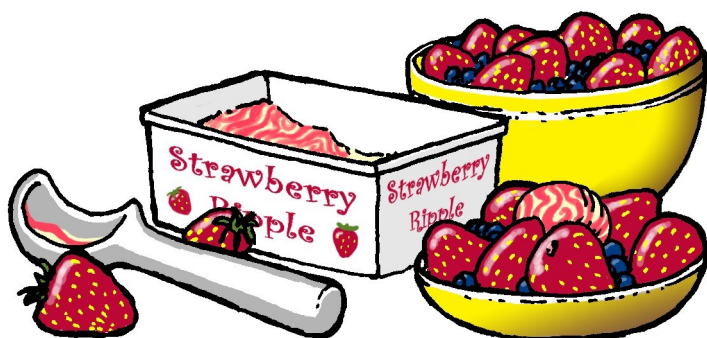
Services and Events in July and August

Our 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 will continue. Again, enjoy the range of visiting clergy and all they bring and I know you will make them all feel welcome.

Never forget all our other regular services 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 – except that on 12th and 26th August all are welcome to join with our friends at St Mary's in Anstey for their 9.30am Communion service, as we continue our journey to being a Minster Community by worshipping together. Our online Compline will be every Tuesday at 9pm (<https://www.facebook.com/StPandStJ>).

There are lots of events coming up too with our Holiday at Home for Seniors and Holiday Club for children in August to name but two. Enjoy being part of the community we create in all we do!

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



SUNDAY TELEPHONE SERVICES - JULY

DATE	GROBY/RATBY
5th	11.15am Telephone Church (RD)
12th	11.15am Telephone Church (RS)
19th	11.15am Telephone Church (JH)
26th	11.15am Telephone Church (KW)

ON-LINE SERVICES - JULY

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.

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES July 2026

GROBY	Wed 9.30am	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
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Preachers deputising for Ed during his sabbatical:

1st- Rev Amanda Digman

8th - Rev Louise Corke

15th - Rev Dave Hover

22nd - Rev Tony Leighton

29th - Rev Sue Willetts

GROBY/RATBY *IN-CHURCH SERVICES - JULY*

DATE	GROBY	RATBY
5th 5th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am Holy Communion (LR)	
	9.30pm All Age Service (Team)	10.00am Holy Communion (LR)
	6.00pm Holy Communion (DH)	
12th 6th Sunday after Trinity		8.00am Holy Communion (LC)
	9.30am Holy Communion (LC)	10.00am Morning Worship (JH/AK)
	6.00pm Evensong (RS)	
19th 7th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am Holy Communion (CW)	
	9.30am Morning Worship (RD)	10.00am Holy Communion (CW)
26th 8th Sunday after Trinity		8.00am Holy Communion (NM)
	9.30am Holy Communion (NM)	10.00am Morning Worship (RD)
	6.00pm Evensong (RD)	

Preachers deputising for Ed during his sabbatical:

LR - Rev Liz Rawlings

DH - Rev Dave Hover

LC - Rev Louise Corke

CW - Ven Claire Wood

NM - Rev Nicky McGinty

SUNDAY TELEPHONE SERVICES - AUGUST

DATE	GROBY/RATBY
2nd	11.15am Telephone Church (RD)
9th	11.15am Telephone Church (JH)
16th	11.15am Telephone Church (KW)
23rd	11.15am Telephone Church (RS)
30th	11.15am Telephone Church (JH)

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MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES August 2026

GROBY	Wed 9.30am	5th	<i>Anstey</i>	19th	<i>Anstey</i>
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Preachers deputising for Ed during his sabbatical:

5th - Rev Dave Hover

12th - *Anstey*

19th - Rev Amanda Digman

26th - *Anstey*

GROBY/RATBY *IN-CHURCH SERVICES - AUGUST*

DATE	GROBY	RATBY
2nd 9th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am Holy Communion (DN)	
	9.30pm All Age Service (Team)	10.00am Holy Communion (DN)
	6.00pm Holy Communion (CW)	
9th 10th Sunday after Trinity		8.00am Holy Communion (PW)
	9.30am Holy Communion (PW)	10.00am Morning Worship (RD)
	6.00pm Evensong (RD)	
16th 11th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am Holy Communion (NM)	
	9.30am Morning Worship (RD)	10.00am Holy Communion (NM)
23rd 12th Sunday after Trinity		8.00am Holy Communion (JP)
	9.30am Holy Communion (JP)	10.00am Morning Worship (RD)
	6.00pm Evensong (RS)	
30th 13th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am Holy Communion (CW)	
		10.00am Joint Café Church (AC/Team)

Preachers deputising for Ed during his sabbatical:

DN - Ven David Newman

CW - Ven Claire Wood

PW - Rev Philip Watson

NM - Rev Nicky McGinty

JP - Rev James Pickersgill

July Diary

1st	Wed	9.30am	Holy Communion at Groby
2nd	Thurs	10.30 - 12.00pm	CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall
3rd	Fri	9.30 - 11.00am 7.30 - 9.00pm	CTG CatCh at Groby URC Rock Solid at URC Groby
4th	Sat	10.00 - 12.00pm	Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC Family Fun Day at Ratby Bandroom, see p16
5th	Sun	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.15am 6.00pm	Holy Communion at Groby All Age Service at Groby Holy Communion at Ratby Telephone Church Holy Communion at Groby
6th	Mon	9.00am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer at Ratby Julian Meeting: <i>Sharing Silence</i> at Groby Library
7th	Tues	9.00pm	<i>School holidays begin</i> Online Night Prayer
8th	Wed	9.30am	Holy Communion at Groby
9th	Thurs	10.30 - 12.00pm	CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall
10th	Fri	2.00pm	Over 60s Cinema at Ratby Church
11th	Sat	10.00 - 12.00pm	Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC
12th	Sun	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.15am 6.00pm	Holy Communion at Ratby Holy Communion at Groby Morning Worship at Ratby Telephone Church Evensong at Groby
13th	Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer at Ratby
14th	Tues	9.00pm	Online Night Prayer

15th	Wed	9.30am	Holy Communion at Groby
16th	Thurs	10.30 - 12.00pm	CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall
17th	Fri		
18th	Sat	10.00 - 12.00pm	Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC
19th	Sun	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.15am	Holy Communion at Groby Morning Worship at Groby Holy Communion at Ratby Telephone Church
20th	Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer at Ratby
21st	Tues	9.00pm	Online Night Prayer
22nd	Wed	9.30am	Holy Communion at Groby
23rd	Thurs	10.30 - 12.00pm	CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall
24th	Fri		
25th	Sat	10.00 - 12.00pm	Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC
26th	Sun	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.15am 12.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Communion at Ratby Holy Communion at Groby Morning Worship at Ratby Telephone Church Ratby Lunch Club Evensong at Groby
27th	Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer at Ratby
28th	Tues	9.00pm	Online Night Prayer
29th	Wed	9.30am	Holy Communion at Groby
30th	Thurs	10.30 - 12.00pm	CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall
31st	Fri		

August Diary

1st	Sat	10.00 - 12.00pm	Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC
2nd	Sun	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.15am 6.00pm	Holy Communion at Groby All Age Service at Groby Holy Communion at Ratby Telephone Church Holy Communion at Groby
3rd	Mon	9.00am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer at Ratby Julian Meeting: <i>Sharing Silence</i> at Groby Library
4th	Tues	9.00pm	Online Night Prayer
5th	Wed	9.30am	Holy Communion at Groby
6th	Thurs	10.30 - 12.00pm	CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall
7th	Fri		
8th	Sat	10.00 - 12.00pm	Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC
9th	Sun	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.15am 6.00pm	Holy Communion at Ratby Holy Communion at Groby Morning Worship at Ratby Telephone Church Evensong at Groby
10th	Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer at Ratby Holiday at Home in Ratby
11th	Tues	9.00pm	Holiday at Home in Ratby Online Night Prayer
12th	Wed	9.30am	Holy Communion at Anstey Holiday at Home in Ratby Women's Guild lunch
13th	Thurs	10.30 - 12.00pm 2.30pm	Holiday at Home in Ratby CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall Women's Guild meeting
14th	Fri	2.00pm	Over 60s Cinema at Ratby Church
15th	Sat	10.00 - 12.00pm	Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC

16th	Sun	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.15am 12.00 - 4.00pm	Holy Communion at Groby Morning Worship at Groby Holy Communion at Ratby Telephone Church CTG Picnic in the Park in Stamford Park
17th	Mon	9.00am 9.45 - 2.30pm	Morning Prayer at Ratby Holiday Club at Ratby Church
18th	Tues	9.45 - 2.30pm 9.00pm	Holiday Club at Ratby Church Online Night Prayer
19th	Wed	9.30am	Holy Communion at Groby
20th	Thurs	10.30 - 12.00pm	CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall
21st	Fri		
22nd	Sat	10.00 - 12.00pm	Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC
23rd	Sun	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.15am 6.00pm	Holy Communion at Ratby Holy Communion at Groby Morning Worship at Ratby Telephone Church Evensong at Groby
24th	Mon	9.00am	School Term Starts Morning Prayer at Ratby
25th	Tues	9.15 - 10.30am 3.15 - 4.30pm 9.00pm	Tots & Toddlers at Ratby Church Kids Konnect at Ratby Church Online Night Prayer
26th	Wed	9.30am	Holy Communion at Anstey
27th	Thurs	10.30 - 12.00pm	CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall
28th	Fri	9.30 - 11.00am 7.30 - 9.00pm	CTG CatCh at Groby URC Rock Solid at URC Groby
29th	Sat	10.00 - 12.00pm	Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC
30th	Sun	8.00am 10.00am 11.15am	Holy Communion at Groby Joint Café Church at Ratby Telephone Church
31st	Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer at Ratby

Rector's Ramblings

I wonder how you are all doing while I am away? Of course, I am writing this just before I head off on Sabbatical and by the time you read it you will have been without me around for over a month. How does it feel? I wonder how I will be feeling too, as all of this is a new experience for me too!

But, as I have mentioned, my last day before Sabbatical was Pentecost Sunday and so I know that was leaving on the day we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit and the power that gave to everyone who put their faith in Jesus Christ. I know there are things that only I can do as a priest – but those come with the structures we create to be church, as given to us by God and those parts we have arranged cover for. All the rest of being church each and any one of us can do in the power of the Spirit. As you notice the gaps I may have left, have you felt called to step in and do something you never thought of before? Or now that I am asking that question might you spend time reflecting on how God is calling you?

I ask this because there will come the day when I leave permanently, as God calls me to new things. Don't worry, that won't be for a few years yet! But one thing I have always been concerned about is the sustainability of all we do as churches. If I, or indeed anyone, leaves, who will take up the reigns of the work we do. Some things will come to an end and that is OK – some things we do are for a season. But other things we see the missional imperative to continue to share the Gospel. Matthew 9:37-38 reminds us: *"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."* So perhaps my Sabbatical time is giving a little taste of what this might feel like and reminds us to keep reflecting on God's call on our lives to share his wonderful Gospel – if we know and believe in the good news of Jesus Christ, why wouldn't we want to share it?! So I hope you will all keep being the workers in the field and where help is needed, be ready to leap in joyfully and be a part of all we strive to do for God.

God bless you all, in the name of Jesus Christ
who calls us one and all,
Rev'd Ed.

Ride and Stride Saturday 12th September

Both churches will be taking part in this event again this year. In Groby it coincides with the village scarecrow festival and in Ratby Alan and Val Pears will be riding their vintage cycles. (weather permitting)

We will be asking for others to take part in various ways so watch out for sign up and sponsorship forms later in August.

Ride+Stride is a sponsored event for cyclists, walkers, joggers, runners, and mobility scooter drivers. You can also be sponsored as a welcomer on duty in a church. 50% of sponsorship money goes to the church or chapel chosen by the participant, with the other 50% going to the LeicesterShire Historic Churches Trust which organises the event and uses the funds raised for grants to churches and chapels for repair, restoration and improvement projects. Both our churches have received grants from this fund in the past.



Sunday 7th June was a red-letter day in our Benefice. ***The Rt Rev'd Saju Muthalaly Bishop of Loughborough*** led several services in our churches. It began at 8am with Communion at Groby where he spoke of the apostle Andrew bringing Peter to Jesus. The bishop's next visit was to Ratby where again he celebrated Holy Communion then dedicated a new area of the churchyard for burials and ashes internment. At the same time the Groby All Age team led a service continuing the theme of Faith. This saw Joshua introducing the service by relating the story of Charles Blondin who made many tightrope walks across the Niagara Falls. The dramatic telling of the story included Joshua pushing a wheelbarrow up and down the aisle with Hannah-Rachel on board! Faith indeed.

Finally, a joyous service at Groby where three adults from the Deanery were baptised, 8 were then confirmed and one received into the Church of England. The youngest to be confirmed was Stephanie from St Andrews who had family supporters from all parts of the UK.

Bishop Saju's warmth, care, and enthusiasm made for a joyous service, including splashing water from the font over the whole congregation to remind us of our own baptism.



Activities for children and families in our Benefice in July & August



JULY				
Fri 3rd	9.30am	Catch	URC Groby	under 5s
Fri 3rd	7.30pm	Rock Solid	URC Groby	Age 10 to 15
Sun 5th	9.30am	All Age Service	StP&J Groby	Families
		SCHOOL	HOLIDAYS	
AUGUST				
Mon 17th	9.45am	Summer Holiday Club	Ratby Church	Primary
Tues 18th	9.45am	Summer Holiday Club	Ratby Church	Primary
		SCHOOL	HOLIDAYS END	
Tues 25th	9.15am	Tots & Toddlers	Ratby Church	under 5s
Tues 25th	3.15pm	Kids Konnect	Ratby Church	Primary
Fri 28th	9.30am	Catch	URC Groby	under 5s
Fri 28th	7.30pm	Rock Solid	URC Groby	Age 10 to 15

Safeguarding Survey 2026

**HAVE
YOUR
SAY...**

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

Open the Book Review

We have just come to the end of our 13th school year of presentations in the 3 Groby schools and Ratby Primary, where we have visited every month during term time. We have had a mixture of old and new this year, with some stories that the children have never seen us present before, such as Solomon and Gideon, as well as some old favourites that we hadn't done for a few years.

The boat made several outings, including in our final assemblies when we presented Noah, very fittingly in a huge downpour whilst at Elizabeth Woodville, where once again Mr. Pridmore took part. This time he played the lead role and was delighted to receive a Rising Star Award. You can see how thrilled he was in the photo with some of our team members and children who played the animals. Many thanks to the parents who gave permission for me to publish this photo.

We presented the full nativity at Christmas and at Easter we went through from the Last Supper to Crucifixion and then Resurrection - a major undertaking involving the full team and much of our scenery, props and costumes. Many thanks to those Groby folks who agreed to do the Ratby presentations on those occasions.

Very soon, Louise and I will be meeting to plan the next year's programme so please do pray for us, the team and the children as we carry on this vital outreach in our schools. On to year 14 we go.....

Lynda Hawkes





DEEP SEA DIVERS HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th August

Ratby Church & Church Rooms

9.45am to 2.30pm

For children from

Foundation to Year 6

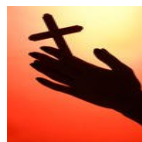
£5 per day (concessions available)

To book scan the QR code below

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*Blessed are the poor in spirit
For theirs is the kingdom of Heaven
Matthew 5:3*



There are two truths that stand out during and in these weeks after the storm hit and isolated Worcester:

****How very much we need The Lord simply *to be able...* to do, to think, to make decisions, to follow, to pray etc!**

And

****How absolutely *Faithful* The Lord is...
Constant, always the same, personal, above all, carrying us etc!**

Heavy rain and possible flooding was forecast so the noise and strength of the wind on Monday morning was a real surprise. The bread was delivered early; the guys drove over the mountains from Paarl and expressed shock at how the weather was bad here in Worcester. They showed us how the roots of our big tree seemed to be shifting in the ground as the wind gusted. We all had a hot drink and then the electricity went off. It happens in bad weather. Steve moved the car further up the drive to be safe. Within the hour, the giant of the tree fell; we didn't hear it, it just fell quietly to the ground, running parallel to our garden wall, in a straight line. It looked (& was?!) placed perfectly. Its branches snagged on the power line and pulled them out. We knew then that electricity to our part of the road would take longer than the general outage across Town. But there was no other damage; to wall, to car or to house. In fact, the tree protected our drive way! Usually the drive is washed away in heavy rain and Steve carries it all back from the bottom of the road for repairs. The full branches covered the drive; nothing was washed away. Unfortunately, the drive way was completely blocked.

We needed to work out what to do for the Homeless in Town; The Lord has placed this people group in our lives. We had planned to go down Monday evening as a Welfare Check with hot drinks etc. And there were the usual Breakfasts on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We didn't have electricity nor the use of our car.

We couldn't carry enough of anything in rucksacks; and to be honest we realised this was a bad storm and we shouldn't try.

It sounds glib and jargon but we had to let go of the responsibility and Trust The Lord and pray.

Monday evening we heard that someone had served hot food in town, thank You Lord. No one came to the house on **Tuesday**, the storm was still raging. *We asked for help* on our Small Group. A friend drove to us (intrepid explorer style as the side roads in our area were all blocked by fallen trees and broken power lines....save one winding route!) she took us to buy gas so we could use the little gas ring. Jean's parents brought us a power bank for phones. With the gas, we could boil enough water to fill up all the flasks for hot coffee. We had 60 loaves. We just needed a car. I didn't know what to do (and I really don't like that!)

Be still and know that I am God

The noise of chain saws and shredders disturbed the dusk as workmen cut back and removed the parts of the tree in front of our drive way. Totally unexpected.

On **Wednesday** we could go to MacDonalds and recharge phones and power banks (and ate chilli chips!!)

A friend told us that the water supply will run out; a friend told her that the pipe from the reservoir had been washed away and we should collect water. Firemen know everything! So we did. We had many containers simply because of the work we do.

On **Thursday** there was no water in the pipes.

We had decisions to make.

Thursday and Friday we filled the flasks with coffee and made sandwiches by candle light. The contents of the freezers were defrosting so we could put together additional bags of pre-cooked Spring rolls, samosa etc; breads, scones.. anything that could be made into a sandwich or as a snack to eat first with the cup of coffee. (I never told the guys that the sausage/ burgers they liked were vegetarian!) Stews & sauces I'd made and frozen became mini meals. On both those days, over 80 people **still sleeping on the streets** had hot coffee and something warm to eat straight away, (& half a loaf of bread with jam) as we served Breakfasts Drive- by style; stopping the car at individuals or groups. Those first on the circuit around Town were woken at 6am! We varied the route over the next days and weeks. It takes about two hours.

Now what?!

No electricity, no water, no food

We asked for help (didn't like doing that, bothering people, many who are in the same situation)

The Reverend put our request for supplies onto the church Whatsapp group. On

Saturday and Sunday our house became a storeroom, feeling like Joseph in Egypt!

Over the following two weeks, we were able to serve Drive-by breakfasts Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays to about 80 people each day. There was enough margarine, jam, peanut butter, coffee, sugar, milk, Bovril, porridge oats, chicken burgers, hot dogs and loaves of bread. A Provincial charity donated 30 loaves + jam & margarine for each of the Breakfast days on the first week. A lady made sandwiches for one day. On two days, there were enough savoury pastries for everyone to have a bag of chicken pasties and samosas with their coffee; half a loaf + peanut butter/ polony for DIY sandwiches. One lady brought water, coffee, biscuits and pies for Steve and myself. I cried!

Thank You Lord for all that...and for what You did in us and in the guys we chatted with, listened to, calmed and strengthened.

We were are blessed.

Other communities were flooded, shacks damaged and cut off and families lost literally everything. Because we didn't waste phone batteries, we didn't know any of this; but could guess.

Our electricity came back on the Sunday, the water too. It is still brown but no need to boil any more.

(see next page)

Our house is still a storeroom; this time for clothing. In fact, ten boxes came from Cape Town. They were part of the donations collected for communities during the storm; but were received at the depot far too late. So, this Friday, we did another Breakfast drive-by. This time handing out a few coats and thick jumpers/ hoodies to 75 men and women. There are still boxes of tops and trousers for us to bundle and distribute later. There's another sack of clothing to collect from Church on Sunday.

XXX Steve, Val, XXX

Hannah has been telling us about being pushed down the Church aisle in a wheelbarrow! Fond memories of Family services! Thank you for welcoming Hannah, for caring for her.

Instagram: [steveandvaloutreach](#)





FAIR CUPPA

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 287 6110

FAIR CUPPA ROTA - JULY-AUGUST	
2 Jul	Connie & Beryl
9 Jul	Gillian & Ruth
16 Jul	Sandra & Hilary
23 Jul	Pat & Janet
30 Jul	Peter & Enid
6 Aug	Coniie & Beryl
13 Aug	NO FAIR CUPPA
20 Aug	Pat & Janet
27 Aug	Sandra & Hilary

CHURCH WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT FOR JULY/AUGUST 2026

Happy summertime to ALL.

On 11th JUNE, 2026 we had a lovely Afternoon Cream Tea at the home of MARY PAGE.

WE DO NOT MEET IN JULY.

Our next meeting will be held on THURSDAY 13th AUGUST 2026 Venue to be arranged later

More information from Annette Fowler (2873169)

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Sunday 16th August

12.00 Noon – 4.00pm

Stamford Park with free admission

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN GROBY
WILL BE THERE!!**

**We hope to display some of our activities
for children, young people and adults
There will also be space where folk can
sit quietly and choose a prayer**

COME AND FIND US

AND HAVE A CHAT

Rector's Recipes – Dukkah

As you know I love making foods from across the world. This little gem of a recipe is a traditional Egyptian and Middle Eastern condiment and it is great added to all sorts of things from a salad topping or added to soup or on top of chicken or roasted vegetables. Or you can enjoy it with a small bowl of extra virgin olive oil and your favourite bread for dipping (I have often used my home-made sourdough bread, but great with pitta, bagels and all sorts of breads!) Next month's recipe will make use of this, which is why I thought I'd teach you how to make it first!

Ingredients:

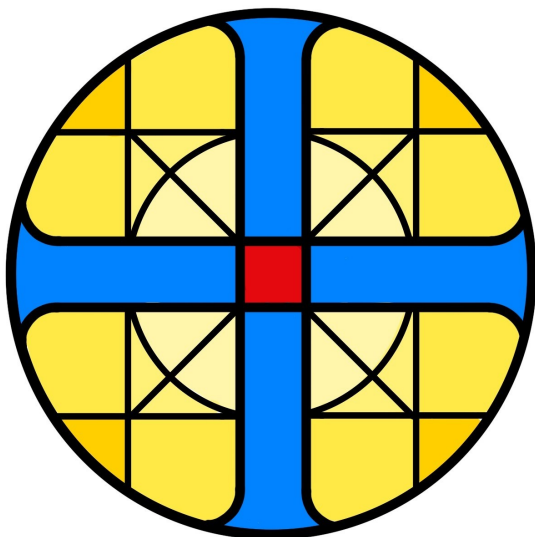
- 1/2 cup hazelnuts
- 3 tbsp almonds
- 4 tbsp white sesame seeds
- 3 tbsp shelled pistachios
- 1 tbsp fennel seeds
- 1 tsp [ground cumin](#)
- 1 tsp [ground coriander](#)
- 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper
- salt



Method :

1. Place the hazelnuts and almonds in a dry cast iron pan (do NOT add oil). Toast briefly over medium-high heat, tossing regularly, until the nuts gain some colour (watch for nuts to turn a nice golden brown). Transfer to a side dish for now.
2. Place the sesame seeds in the same skillet and return to the heat. Toast over medium heat, tossing regularly, until the sesame seeds turn golden brown (this will be fairly quick so watch carefully).
3. Add the toasted nuts and sesame seeds to the bowl of a small food processor fitted with a blade. Add the pistachios, fennel seeds, spices, and a generous dash of kosher salt. Pulse for a few seconds until you reach a nice coarse mixture. Do not over process the dukkah. The mixture should not be too fine (the picture gives an indication). Transfer the dukkah to a bowl to serve. You can also store the dukkah in a tight-lid jar for up to 2 weeks to use as a topping or dip whenever you need it.

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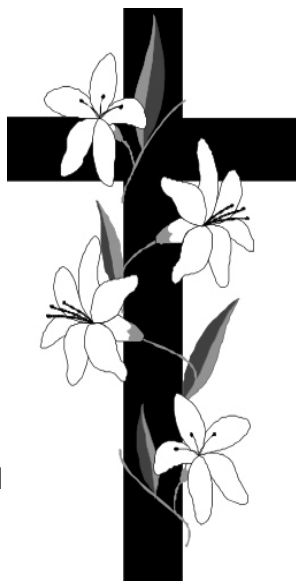
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