

THE NEWSLETTER

The Lyddington Benefice

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

The Lyddington Benefice is currently in vacancy.

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July 2026



**Daniel Hanratty and Danielle Moorhouse
following their marriage
at St Andrew's Church, Lyddington**



A season of transition

July is a season of transition.

For many of our young people it's time for well-earned break after exams and the anxious wait for results –

with all that can mean.

For others of us, it may be time for a holiday; or finding space to recharge our batteries.

For a few in our churches, those being ordained deacon or priest, it marks both an end and a beginning: the conclusion of a long period of preparation, study and formation; and then coming to terms with a new role, new expectations and new responsibilities.

Whatever July means for us personally, in the Church's calendar it's just a fragment of ordinary time; with none of the drama we associate with Christmas or Easter, of Pentecost, (just as of course, for many of us, July will not bring any respite from our regular routine).

Nevertheless, God is with us in the ordinary moments as well as in the times of crisis, he is with us in stability as well as in change. When we rest, he is the still point of the turning world, when in times of change or trial he sustains and upholds us.

As the psalmist puts it: 'If I take to the wings of the morning and settle in the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me and your right hand shall hold me fast.' (Psalm 139: 9-10)

Whatever July means for you, may you find Christ's peace at the heart of it all.



The Very Revd Chris Dalliston
Dean of Peterborough



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 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

12 July: Sixth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 10)

Green

Isaiah 55.10-13; Psalm 65.[1-7]8-end; Romans 8. 1-end; Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

19 July : Seventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 11)

Green

Wisdom of Solomon 12. 13, 16 – 19 or Isaiah 44. 6-8; Psalm 86. 11–17; Romans 8. 12-25; Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43

26 July: Eighth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 12)

Green

1 Kings 3. 5-12; Psalm 119.129-136; Romans 8. 26-end; Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

August 2026**2 August: Ninth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 13)****Green**

Isaiah 55.1-5; Psalm 145.8-9, 15-22*; Romans 9.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21

Lyddington Benefice Services: July 2026

	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	1st Sunday
	5th July Trinity 5	12th July Trinity 6	19th July Trinity 7	26th July Trinity 8	2nd August Trinity 9
Bisbrooke	<i>No Service</i> Services at Caldecott & Glaston	6.00pm Evening Prayer WL	11.00am Holy Communion Revd Jo Saunders	<i>No Service</i> Services at Harringworth and Lyddington	<i>No Service</i> Services at Caldecott & Glaston
Caldecott	9.30am Parish Communion Revd Becky Dyball	11.00am Family Service WL	6.00pm Evening Prayer WL/CW	<i>No Service</i> Services at Harringworth and Lyddington	9.30am Parish Communion Revd Fiona Windsor
Glaston	11.00am Morning Prayer WL	11.00am Holy Communion Revd Jo Saunders	<i>No service</i> Services at Bisbrooke	<i>No Service</i> Services at Harringworth and Lyddington	11.00am Morning Prayer WL
Harringworth	<i>No Service</i> Services at Caldecott & Glaston	10.00am Family Service WL/CW	<i>No service</i> Services at Bisbrooke	9.30am Parish Communion Revd Christopher Armstrong	<i>No Service</i> Services at Caldecott & Glaston
Lyddington	6.00pm Compline WL	<i>No Service</i> Communion Service at Glaston	<i>No service</i> Services at Bisbrooke	11.00am Parish Communion Revd Christopher Armstrong	6.00pm Compline WL
Seaton	<i>No Service</i> Services at Caldecott & Glaston	9.30am Morning Prayer WL	9.30am Sung Holy Communion Revd Jo Saunders	11.00am Family Service WL	<i>No Service</i> Services at Caldecott & Glaston
Stoke Dry	11.00am Morning Prayer or Service of the Word Jill Cannings	<i>No service</i> Services in all villages	<i>No service</i> Services at Bisbrooke	<i>No Service</i> Services at Harringworth and Lyddington	11.00am Morning Prayer or Service of the Word Jill Cannings

MARRIAGE

Daniel James Hanratty and **Danielle Elizabeth Moorhouse** were married in St Andrew's Church, Lyddington, on Friday June 12th, 2026. The couple are both civil servants and live in Corby. They have worshipped regularly at Lyddington during the past year and have enjoyed getting to know the regular congregation.

The service was conducted by Canon Jane Baxter, with permission from The Bishop of Peterborough, and the organist was Mr Philip Riley.

Funerals

The funeral of **Christopher Cockerill** took place on 15th May 2026 in St Andrew's Church, Glaston. Mr Cockerill was a Rutlander through and through, having been born in Whitwell. He served in the Fleet Air Arm, training as an engineer. On leaving the service, he returned to Rutland and joined the family transport company based at Wing. He later moved to Glaston. The service was conducted by The Revd Jo Saunders.

With apologies that this was omitted last month.

Following a private cremation service, a gathering to mark the life of **Peter Beveridge** was held in Bisbrooke Church on Monday 15th June 2026. Memories of Peter's life were shared, and afternoon tea was served. Peter was well known in the village and a good number of people attended.

The funeral of **John Eric Tyers** took place on 23rd June 2026 at St John the Baptist Parish Church, Bisbrooke. Mr Tyers was well known in the area. He was born in Uppingham and worked for a time maintaining the landscape at Eyebrooke. Later on he joined a building firm. He lived in Bisbrooke for many years before returning to Uppingham. The service was conducted by The Revd Jo Saunders and the organist was Ivan Linford.

A MESSAGE FROM ALAN WORDIE AHEAD OF HIS HANDBIKE CHALLENGE FROM LANDS END TO JOHN O'GROATS



I will be setting off from Lands' End on my handbike to cycle and navigate about 930 miles to John o' Groats. I am planning on taking 18 or 19 days and hope for cooler weather and a strong south westerly tail wind! It has always been a lifetime aim to raise funds for the [MND association](#) and here's why:

In the 1990s two work colleagues were diagnosed with MND soon after their retirement at age 65. I observed them both over the two years during which their muscles failed yet their minds remained unaffected. I decided then, that when I retired I'd try and raise a significant fund to both support ongoing research; and also beds and equipment that would allow the families of those diagnosed to help maintain the patient in the home for as long as possible. The charity I am raising funds for is the

[MND association](#) (MNDA).

Some reading this will know me and others will not. 44 years ago I had my right leg amputated above the knee and I have relied on prosthetics and long trousers to continue to lead a normal life. I cannot run, cycle with legs or walk significant distances - so I am powering my handbike with my two arms. We see cyclists pumping their thighs and standing in the saddle, but I rely upon my arm muscles alone. The task is not going to be easy, and if I can raise sponsorship that provides £70,000 to MND Association then the help that can provide motivates me to continue my training and preparation for departure next month! I need not remind many of you it is my 70th birthday in September and the slogan "raise £70,000 in my 70th year" is where the target originated.

When I speak with people and explain what I'm doing - and why - I am very surprised how many family and close friends have died of MND. Consequently, I would ask if you could share this email appealing for support and direction to my fundraising page on [JustGiving](#), to as many contacts you have. Please ask them to cascade this appeal to their contacts - and so on. MNDA is such a worthy cause and every donation will help.



So, could I ask you to donate via [JustGiving](#) (Handbike321not Alan Wordie) which can be accessed via the QR code above or via my Instagram [@handbike321](#) where the Just Giving link appears (under the down arrows), and share this email with as many contacts as possible so they might consider a donation too.

Not sure there will be an opportunity to see you en route - but if any friends or wider contacts want to join for a day or two as cycle outriders and junction guides they will be hugely welcomed.

I do hope you can help towards the target and cascading this far and wide.

Regards,
Alan

<http://www.justgiving.com/page/handbike321lejog4mnda>

The Revd Nat Stiles



Some of you will remember Nat when she served as Rutland Deanery Youth Worker.

She then trained for Ordination and she joined us for several Lyddington Benefice Services

She was ordained deacon in June 2025 at Peterborough. Jill Cannings and I were in Peterborough Cathedral on Saturday 27th June 2026 to see her ordained priest - a very joyful occasion. Nat is currently curate in the Geddington and Weekley Benefice.

The Revd Alison Long, curate in the Oakham Team and at Launde Abbey, was also ordained priest during the same service.

Jane B

The Grammar of Love.

Rev Stephen Gamble, Vicar of the Welland Foss Benefice

Is Love a Noun or a Verb?

Love can be both.

As a noun 'love' names a thing, such as an emotion, or an attitude, or a relationship.

As a verb 'love' describes an action, that is, something you do, such as an act of the will, or of selfless generosity, or of commitment.

Have you heard the popular wisdom "Love is a verb, not just a noun?" This expresses the truth that genuine love should be more than just a feeling; it must result in action. Equally, without the inner reality of love, our actions are empty.

True love is a reality (noun) that expresses itself in action (verb). We can apply this observation to God.

God is love. These three words come from 1 John 4:8.

Love is not merely something God has or does; it is who He is. Love is His eternal nature and being. Because God is love (noun), He necessarily loves (verb).

Love cannot be solitary or self-contained, love requires a relationship: a beloved, and the love that binds them. St Augustine of Hippo wrote, "Behold, there are three: I who love, what I love, and love itself." Augustine perceived this "triad" to be in every act of love – three connected realities that cannot be separated. There is the lover (the one doing the loving). There is the beloved (the one being loved). And there is love itself – the powerful bond or relationship between them.

To put this in terms of grammar, love needs a subject (the person loving), a verb (the action of loving), and an object (the person loved).

Christians believe that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – three persons, one God. Sometimes this is simplified to, for the sake of understanding, 'three who's, one what.'

To say God is love is to imply God is Trinity.

One might say that, just as any sentence is built around a subject, verb, and object, so for the sentence of love to be complete there must be a subject (the person loving), a verb (the action of loving), and an object (the person loved). Each person of the Trinity of love can be either subject, verb, or object, but all three must be present for love to be a reality.

However, the doctrine of the Trinity is not about grammar, or mathematics, it is about a revelation of the nature of God - a revelation of divine love so great that it reaches out of eternity, is born into flesh and blood humanity, dwells with us for the span of a human life, endures a cruel death on a cross, and yet is a love so great that death cannot end it, and so we see that love raised to resurrection life. The impulse for God to create us, redeem us, and sustain us, is generated out of a community of eternal love.

I write this as it is now Trinity season in the calendar of the Church, and also because I was away on holiday for Trinity Sunday, which begins the season – so had no opportunity to preach, but instead heard a sermon in which the preacher said the Trinity was completely beyond our understanding. Well, it seems to me that love is within everyone's understanding, and the abstract God makes much more sense incarnate in the carpenter of Nazareth, and revealed by the Spirit of Truth.

VILLAGE NEWS

BISBROOKE

Our traditional fete and dog show will take place on Sunday July 5th in the church and the paddock behind the church starting at 1pm. All the traditional stalls including tombola, bric a brac, plants. Ice cream, teas and cake and food by Wolf and Bear plus a dog show

We continue to send a box of donations to the food bank each month, collection continues at 1 Top Lane

Church flowers for July are in care of Susanne Rees and Sue Macloed. Cleaning is .Lisa Naylor and Ruth James

Village coffee morning is on July 15th at Carol Dry's home, 14 Church Lane

CALDECOTT

2nd Ladies' Group Talk by Jane Isaac on Murder/Mystery 7.30pm

4th Annual Fete 2pm until 4pm

11th Clutter Sale 10am -1pm Contact Kelly 07519 338018. Sellers £8 per table

20th AGM Village Hall 7.30pm all welcome to attend

27th Fete wind up meeting 7.30pm "

All above in the village hall

HARRINGWORTH

SATURDAY CAFE

Do join us at Harringworth Café in St John the Baptist Church on a Saturday 10.30 – NOON.

In this hot weather the Church will be cool and we are serving cold drinks along with our usual delicious home baked cakes, sausage rolls, coffee and tea.

#GOODCOMPANY #COFFEE #CAKES #SAUSAGEROLLS

AUTUMN TALK – A date for your diary

We are excited to have John Hillier return to update the story of the Harringworth Viaduct – marking 150 years from start of its construction. Ticket sales will open in late August. Do save the date.



Unraveling the Mysteries of Harringworth Viaduct

Illustrated Talk with local historian John Hillier on Friday 9th October
at 7.00pm in Harringworth Parish Church

The evening is hosted by Harringworth Appeals and St John the Baptist PCC
who will be serving canapés at the interval. Tickets cost £15.00 & are available
online <https://bookwhen.com/harringworth> or via email:
harringworthvillage@gmail.com

Harringworth Viaduct - a Victorian Gem 1876 - 2026

Further details: <https://www.harringworth.org/news>

HARRINGWORTH LUNCH CLUB

Seventeen members of the Harringworth Lunch Club met recently at the Haycock Hotel in Wansford for lunch in the delightful Kitchen Restaurant. The lunch was delicious and the ambiance perfect!

This was the last lunch of this season except for the annual summer picnic lunch in August which will be held in a member's garden.

The group will meet again in October for their monthly lunches at different local restaurants. Organised by Harringworth villagers Maggie Hill and Barbara Kedge. New members are welcome... contact 07881 912299.



MIDSUMMER GOLD PARTY – 50 YEARS OF HARRINGWORTH VILLAGE HALL

What a PARTY Haringworth had last month with around 100 people attending from young children to several nonagenarians, including four party goers celebrating their 90th Birthday!! The evening was to mark 50 Years of Haringworth Village Hall, which has recently completed had a super renovation project.

Thank you to everyone who came along and thank you to those who volunteered their time and effort, especially the hard working APPEALS team.



ACTIVITIES AT HARRINGWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Why not book the village hall for an occasion or attend one of the weekly activities? Visit the website haringworth.org for booking information, hiring equipment and Haringworth Hub membership.

Table Tennis every Tuesday from 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Table Tennis every Thursday from 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Fitsteps class every Tuesday from 9.30am – 10.30am

Pilates class every Friday 11.30am – 12.30am