

St. Philip & St. James Church

Ratby Parish Church Magazine

September 2026



St. Philip & St. James Church, Ratby

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

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP FROM THE BENEFICE OF GROBY AND RATBY

Please see inside the magazine for details of services and events for September - 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 with the Church Office 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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Telephone: 0116 239 3768**



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**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
07545 909868

The *September* 2026 Benefice of Groby and Ratby

Dear friends,

As I write this letter, there is a lot of joy and excitement around the world because of the football World Cup and the tennis at Wimbledon. People in many countries are watching, cheering, and sharing the highs and lows together. Sport can bring people together in a wonderful way. It is also common to see passionate fans praying for their team to win, and footballers praying as they walk onto the pitch.

At the same time, we are very aware of the great sadness in Venezuela after the terrible earthquakes. Many people have died, many more have lost loved ones, homes and possessions, and there is an urgent need for food, shelter, clean water and medical help.

There is a real irony in seeing pictures of celebration on one television report and then, only moments later, seeing pictures of such suffering and loss. One thing that has struck me personally while watching reports of the disaster is the strong faith in God shown by many of those who have survived. In the middle of fear, grief and uncertainty, their trust and hope I

have found to be deeply moving and so humbling.

The Bible says, "Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep" (Romans 12:15). That feels very right for this moment. As Christians, we can enjoy good things and celebrate with others, but we also keep our hearts open to those who are suffering.

If you are able to give, please consider supporting Christian Aid as they help people affected by this disaster. A small gift can still make a real difference when it is joined with the gifts of others.

As a church family, we can also look for practical ways to help. This might be through a collection, sharing trusted information, or encouraging one another to respond with kindness and generosity.

In times like these, we remember that God is close to the broken-hearted. May God comfort the people of Venezuela, strengthen all who are helping, and help us to respond with prayer, compassion and love.

With every blessing,
Joan Hawkins
Associate Minister
Ratby Parish Church

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Services and Events in September

Guess what - our alternating 8am communions (3rd Sunday in Groby, 2nd and 4th Sundays in Ratby). Note no 8am service in Groby on 6th September! Then a 9.30am (in Groby) or 10am (in Ratby) service every week, alternating between communion and morning worship will continue. And of course Rev'd Ed will be back this month and we'll be joined by our new curate Cam Lewis as well – so come and worship with us!

As I remind you each month, 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. Our online Compline will be every Tuesday at 9pm (<https://www.facebook.com/StPandStJ>).

Keep an eye on everything else in the magazine and on our newssheets for all the other events coming up. And all our regular activities will restart with the new term – details of these and other things all in the magazine!

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



Ride & Stride
12 September 10am-4pm

An opportunity to raise funds for both our churches and for Leicestershire Historic churches. Registration forms are now in both churches for riders together with an opportunity to sponsor those taking part. We very much need volunteers to be in church to welcome visitors so please do add your name to the sign-up sheet if you are available to help on the day.

SUNDAY TELEPHONE SERVICES - SEPTEMBER

DATE	GROBY/RATBY
6th	11.15am Telephone Church (KW)
13th	11.15am Telephone Church (EB)
20th	11.15am Telephone Church (RD)
27th	11.15am Telephone Church (RS)

ON-LINE SERVICES - SEPTEMBER

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.

Celebrating 100 years of the Diocese of Leicester

Join us for an afternoon on **Sunday 13 September** at the Athena in Leicester celebrating the life of the Diocese of Leicester over its 100 years with very special guest The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Dame Sarah Mullally.

Everyone is welcome to attend the afternoon worship event, tickets for which are free and can be booked through Eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diocesan-centenary-worship-gathering-tickets-1990950498536?aff=oddtcreator>.

Note: deadline for booking tickets, 3 September

GROBY/RATBY *IN-CHURCH SERVICES - SEPTEMBER*

DATE	GROBY	RATBY
6th 14th Sunday Of Trinity	NO 8am Communion service	
	9.30pm All Age Service (Team)	10.00am Morning Worship (RD)
	6.00pm Holy Communion (DH)	
13th 15th Sunday of Trinity		8.00am Holy Communion (EB)
	9.30am Holy Communion (EB)	10.00am Morning Worship (JH/AK)
	6.00pm Evensong (EB)	
20th 16th Sunday of Trinity	8.00am Holy Communion (EB)	
	9.30am Morning Worship (RS)	10.00am Holy Communion (EB/CL)
27th 17th Sunday of Trinity		8.00am Holy Communion (EB)
	9.30am Holy Communion (EB/CL)	10.00am Morning Worship (RD)
	6.00pm Evensong (RS)	

Preacher deputising for Ed during his sabbatical:
6 Sept - Rev Dave Hover

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES Sept 2026

GROBY	2nd	9th	16th	23rd
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Preacher deputising for Ed during his sabbatical:
2 Sept - Rev. Liz Rawlings

September Diary

1st	Tues	9.00pm	Online Night Prayer
2nd	Wed	9.30am 12.00pm 1.30pm	Holy Communion at Groby Groby Church men's meeting at Stamford Arms Groby Sings rehearsals start
3rd	Thurs	10.30 - 12.00pm 10.30 - 12.00pm	CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall Coffee Morning, Ratby Church Rooms
4th	Fri	9.30 - 11.00am 7.30 - 9.00pm	CTG CatCh at Groby URC Rock Solid at URC Groby
5th	Sat	10.00 - 12.00pm	Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC)
6th	Sun	9.30am 10.00am 11.15am 6.00pm	All Age Worship at Groby Morning Worship at Ratby Telephone Church Holy Communion at Groby
7th	Mon	9.00am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer at Ratby Julian Meeting: <i>Sharing Silence</i> at Groby Library
8th	Tues	9.15 - 10.30am 3.15 - 4.30pm 9.00pm	Tots & Toddlers at Ratby Church Kids Konnect at Ratby Church Online Night Prayer
9th	Wed	9.30am	Holy Communion at Groby
10th	Thurs	10.30 - 12.00pm 2,30pm	CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall Church Women's Guild meeting
11th	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
12th	Sat	10.00 - 12.00pm 10.00 - 4.00pm	Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC Ride & Stride at Groby & Ratby churches
13th	Sun	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 10.00 - 4.00pm 10.30am 11,15am 2.30 - 5.00pm 3.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Communion at Ratby Holy Communion at Groby Morning Worship at Ratby Groby Yard sale with Gill Tyler book sale Crossfire at Groby Village Hall Telephone Church Diocese 100 year celebration at the Athena Ratby Band cocert at Ratby church Evensong at Groby
14th	Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer at Ratby

15th	Tues	9.15 - 10.30am 3.15 - 4.30pm 9.00pm	Tots & Toddlers at Ratby Church Kids Konnect at Ratby Online Night Prayer
16th	Wed	9.30am	Holy Communion at Groby
17th	Thurs	10.30 - 12.00pm	CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall
18th	Fri	9.30 - 11.00am 7.30 - 9.00pm	CTG CatCh at Groby URC Rock Solid at URC Groby
19th	Sat	10.00 - 12.00pm 9.30 - 1.00pm	Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC Coffee Morning, Ratby Church Rooms <i>Motor Neurone Charity</i> <i>magazine deadline</i>
20th	Sun	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.15am	Holy Communion at Groby Morning Worship at Groby Holy Communion at Ratby Telephone Church
21st	Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer at Ratby
22nd	Tues	9.15 - 10.30am 3.15 - 4.30pm 9.00pm	Tots & Toddlers at Ratby Church Kids Konnect at Ratby Church Online Night Prayer
23rd	Wed	9.30am	Holy Communion at Groby
24th	Thurs	10.30 - 12.00pm	CTG Fair Cuppa at Groby Village Hall
25th	Fri	9.30 - 11.00am 7.30 - 9.00pm	CTG CatCh at Groby URC Rock Solid at URC Groby
26th	Sat	10.00 - 12.00pm	Groby Tasters hosted at Groby URC
27th	Sun	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 10.30am 11.15am 12.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Communion at Ratby Holy Communion at Groby Morning Worship at Ratby Crossfire at Groby Village Hall Telephone Church Ratby Lunch Club Evensong at Groby
28th	Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer at Ratby
29th	Tues	9.15 - 10.30am 3.15 - 4.30pm 9.00pm	Tots & Toddlers at Ratby Church Kids Konnect at Ratby Church Online Night Prayer
30th	Wed	9.30am	Holy Communion at Groby

Rector's Ramblings

I am a great lover of science fiction and will admit to rather enjoying the Terminator films, for all the post-apocalyptic fears they contain, especially around AI, which feels rather worrisome at times! But perhaps the most famous line is when the Terminator says 'I'll be back'! Well, this is the month I'll be back!

I have little doubt there will be a pile of stuff that awaits my return! Again, I write this in advance, at the start of my Sabbatical and as I write I am praying I will only be coming back to a small pile and not a mountain. I am hoping that will be the case because of what I wrote for the last magazine in my Ramblings. At which point I imagine some of you searching for last month's magazine to try to recall what I said! In the faith I have in God and all of you, I believe that the Holy Spirit will have been inspiring you to do God's work while I've been away. After all, Jesus trusted in that when he left for a time (albeit rather longer than my Sabbatical, but he too promises that one day 'I'll be back'). And if Jesus can trust in that, then so can I. After all, the Church we have today is built upon the work of ordinary people empowered by the Holy Spirit. The Church is still being built today by all of us empowered by the Holy Spirit. And if God is with us, we can do *'immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us'* (Ephesians 3:20). I wonder what God will have been doing while I am away. What immeasurable things will have happened?

And so, although there will doubtless be a pile of work for me to catch up on, what I will really be looking forward to is seeing how you worked together in love and grace to build the Kingdom of God. And I wonder how I can join back in, perhaps in different and new ways now that you've seen you can do new things yourselves. And in that I will be saying to God what the reading I quoted from Ephesians continues with – *'to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.'*

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

God bless,

Rev'd Ed



Activities for children and families in our Benefice in September



Fri 4th	9.30am	Catch	URC Groby	under 5s
Fri 4th	8.30pm	Rock Solid	URC Groby	Age 10 to 15
Sun 6th	7.30pm	All Age Worship	Groby Church	Families
Tues 8th	9.15am	Tots & Toddlers	Ratby Church	under 5s
Tues 8th	3.15pm	Kids Konnect	Ratby Church	Primary
Fri 11th	9.30am	Catch	URC Groby	under 5s
Fri 11th	7.30pm	Rock Solid	URC Groby	Age 10 to 15
Sun 13th	10.30am	Crossfire	Groby Village Hall	Secondary
Tues 14th	9.15am	Tots & Toddlers	Ratby Church	under 5s
Tues 14th	3.15pm	Kids Konnect	Ratby Church	Primary
Fri 18th	9.30am	Catch	URC Groby	under 5s
Fri 18th	7.30pm	Rock Solid	URC Groby	Age 10 to 15
Tues 22nd	9.15am	Tots & Toddlers	Ratby Church	under 5s
Tues 22nd	3.15pm	Kids Konnect	Ratby Church	Primary
Fri 25th	9.30am	Catch	URC Groby	under 5s
Fri 25th	7.30pm	Rock Solid	URC Groby	Age 10 to 15
Sun 27th	10.30am	Crossfire	Groby Village Hall	Secondary
Tues 29th	9.15am	Tots & Toddlers	Ratby Church	under 5s
Tues 29th	3.15pm	Kids Konnect	Ratby Church	Primary



***Gill Tyler will be holding a
SECOND HAND BOOK SALE
as part of the Groby Yard Sale
on Sunday 13th September 2026 10am to 4.00 pm.
We will be in the front garden of 21 Highfield Road
and refreshments will be next door at No. 23 !!!
We look forward to seeing you there!***

Holiday Club 2026

A Week Filled With Joy, Creativity, and Community

This year's Holiday Club has been a wonderful success, filling Ratby Church with colour, laughter, and the kind of energy that only a room full of excited children can create. Over two vibrant days, children explored big ideas through games, drama, crafts, and storytelling - and the joy on their faces said it all.

Every activity sparked curiosity and confidence. The children threw themselves into each challenge with enthusiasm, and it was a delight to watch friendships form, creativity flourish, and little moments of bravery shine through.

Our volunteers were at the heart of it all. Their warmth, patience, and willingness to dive into the joyful chaos made the programme run smoothly and created a welcoming space for every child. Whether leading games, supporting crafts, or offering a friendly smile, they helped make Holiday Club feel like a true community celebration.

The feedback from families has been overwhelmingly positive, with many commenting on how much their children enjoyed the mix of fun, faith, and friendship. Holiday Club continues to be a highlight of the summer - a place where children feel safe, valued, and inspired.

As we pack away the last of the craft supplies and reflect on the week, one thing is clear: Holiday Club 2026 has been a shining example of what happens when a community comes together with love, creativity,

and a shared desire to make memories that last.



Louise Brown





A Holiday Feeling, Close to Home Holiday at Home at Ratby Parish Church

There is something special about a holiday: time to slow down, meet people and enjoy a little fun. This August, that spirit came to Ratby Parish Church Rooms again, where Holiday at Home created a relaxed, friendly getaway right in the heart of the community.

At its heart, Holiday at Home was about inclusion, bringing people together to share friendship, conversation and new experiences. It was also about showing love and care to an older generation whose needs and contributions can sometimes be overlooked. Ratby Parish Church Rooms provided a familiar local setting where guests could unwind and enjoy a shared experience. The emphasis was not on rushing from one activity to the next, but on feeling comfortable, welcomed and valued as part of the community.

The week's activities were deliberately gentle, sociable and easy to join. Chair yoga proved especially popular, thanks to Gavin, whose welcoming guidance made the session a real highlight. Guests also tested their luck at Pamela's ever-popular bingo and exercised their creative minds by developing a new logo and poster for senior activities organised by the church. Music, a film, afternoon tea and light refreshments added to the enjoyment during the week, while tea and coffee and cakes/biscuits kept conversation flowing throughout the day.



One of the programme's sessions was a visit from Annamaria, who lead a fun and informal introduction to improvised theatre. Through simple warm-ups and short games - including word association, one-word-at-a-time.

A trip to the Black Country Living Museum added an extra sense of adventure to the week. A great lunch of fish and chips, traditionally cooked in beef dripping, was a particular treat and helped make the outing especially memorable. The visit gave the group an enjoyable change of scene and a shared experience beyond Ratby, perfectly complementing the friendly activities taking place closer to home.



Holiday at Home concluded on a celebratory note with a delicious afternoon tea enjoyed by 50 people. It was a fitting finale to a week of friendship, laughter and shared experiences, leaving guests with warm memories of a refreshing holiday close to home.

A heartfelt thank-you goes to the small band of volunteers who helped make the week such a success. Pamela, Sophie and Tony gave their time and support throughout the whole week, while Elaine, Joan, Jim and Paul rolled up their sleeves to help the team with the afternoon tea and cinema. Their generosity, hard work and cheerful teamwork were greatly appreciated by everyone.

I was delighted to organise Holiday at Home in my role as Associate Minister at Ratby Parish Church, and it was a real privilege to welcome everyone and help make the week such a memorable community occasion.

Joan Hawkins Associate Minister , Ratby Parish Church

Gardening in Ratby Churchyard – 25th July 2026



On Saturday, 25th July 2026, Ratby Churchyard offered a quiet yet purposeful scene of community care, rooted in centuries of history. Beneath the shadow of the parish church of St Philip and St James – a building whose origins stretch back to the 13th century – local volunteers gathered not only to tend the land, but to honour a living connection between past and present.

The Purpose of Gardening in Churchyards



Gardening in a churchyard is unlike tending a conventional garden, it is guided by a need to respect both heritage and ecology. On 25th July, the work carried out in Ratby reflected these careful priorities:

Maintaining pathways and grassland areas to ensure safe and welcoming access

Tidying around gravestones, preserving inscriptions while allowing clear visibility

Managing grasses and wildflowers, often through selective cutting rather than full mowing

Clearing debris and fallen branches, ensuring both safety and aesthetic care

These activities align with widely recognised principles for churchyard management, which encourage

balancing neatness with the encouragement of wildlife habitats. Many churchyards were historically maintained as meadowland, supporting diverse plant species and pollinators.

A Haven for Wildlife and Reflection



One of the most distinctive aspects of churchyard gardening is its ecological sensitivity. Rather than striving for the uniformity of a modern lawn, volunteers often work with nature – allowing patches of longer grass, planting native species, and avoiding excessive disturbance.

Churchyards have increasingly been valued as “havens for wildlife”, where plants, fungi, birds, and insects thrive alongside human remembrance. Even small efforts – such as leaving clippings to decompose into compost or planting wildflowers – contribute to sustaining biodiversity.



On a late July day, this balance would have been especially visible. Summer growth nearing its peak, birds active in the trees, and the blooms of wildflowers would have created a vivid and peaceful setting for the volunteers' work.

Community Involvement and Shared Care

The gardening activities in Ratby churchyard also highlight an important social dimension. Across the UK, churchyard maintenance is often supported by volunteers, local groups, or parish initiatives. These gatherings bring together individuals of different ages and backgrounds, united by a shared sense of stewardship.

Such work goes beyond practical maintenance. It fosters:

- Community spirit through shared effort
- Connection to local heritage
- Opportunities for quiet reflection and wellbeing

Churchyards are frequently described as places of calm and contemplation, where people can pause, listen to birdsong, and step away from the pace of daily life.

The Significance of 25th July 2026



Although a single day in the calendar, 25th July 2026 represents something larger: the ongoing rhythm of care that sustains places like Ratby Churchyard. Each session of gardening contributes incrementally to preserving the site – not just as a physical space, but as a cultural and ecological resource.

The volunteers working that day would have been continuing a long tradition. Historically,

the responsibility for maintaining churchyards rested with churchwardens and, later, parish councils and the incumbent. Today, that legacy lives on through community action.

Conclusion

Gardening in Ratby Churchyard on 25th July 2026 was more than routine maintenance. It was an act of continuity – bridging centuries of history with present-day community life. In tending the grass, clearing pathways, and



caring for the natural environment, those involved helped preserve a space that is at once sacred, historical, and alive.

The churchyard remains a reminder that landscapes are shaped not only by time, but by care. And on that early Summer day in Ratby, that care was clearly and quietly in bloom.

With thanks to Valerie, Alan, Steve, Dean, Colin, Mark, Michael and Andy for giving up their time to help clear up the Churchyard.

The next Churchyard Gardening Day is in October. Look out for our posters advertising the date.

By Angie Cain and Valerie Pears

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CHURCH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

None



WEDDINGS

Ratby

None

Groby

11th July ~ Rebecca Huckle & Roy Thorley



FUNERALS

Ratby

18th May ~ Douglas Harwood

Groby

22nd May ~ Irene Cartwright



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.



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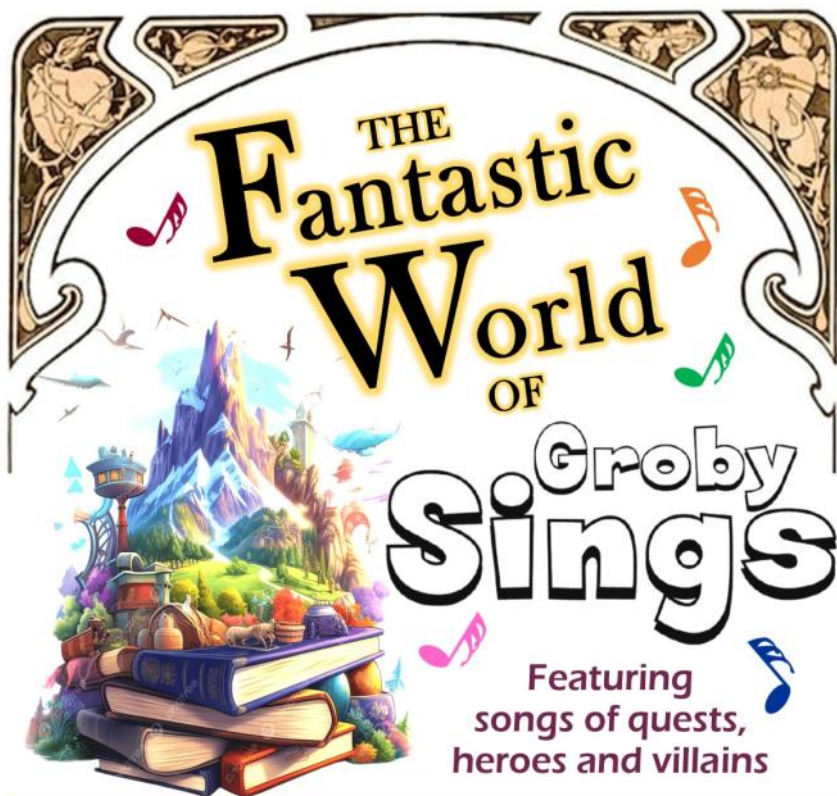
- Attachment, separation and loss
- The pain and responses of grief
- Anger and guilt
- Coping with others' reactions
- Delayed and suppressed grief
- Adjusting to change
- Moving forward healthily
- Faith questions – a Christian perspective (optional)

To find out more visit:
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Running soon:

**commences Friday
9/10/26 to 20/11/26
6-30pm to 8-30pm
Ratby Church rooms**

For further details
Please contact Joan Hawkins
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Rehearsals at Groby Club from 2nd September

Wednesday afternoon choir: 1.30pm - 3pm

Creche area available

Children's choir 3.40pm - 4.40pm

for children aged 7 years old and over

Wednesday evening choir: 7.30pm - 9.00pm

**Performances take place
Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th November**

www.grobysings.org for more information Registered Charity no. 1180490



We're a dementia-friendly choir! For more information please get in touch with our dementia coordinator, Louise, at lou_ross@yahoo.com

NEWS FROM....



Well, what a summer of heatwaves we've had since we 'Groby Singers' last got together in our rehearsal room, the lovely air-conditioned Groby Club. That was in June when around 130 of us took part in two immensely enjoyable, if rather warm, end-of-season concerts at Brockington College, Enderby. A couple of weeks later we celebrated at our post-concert party' at the Club when we came together for a final sing-through of the concert programme. Our songs featured links with various food and drinks for *Groby Sings a la carte*.

This season, we will be entering *The Fantastic World of Groby Sings*, a realm of songs of quests, heroes and villains. Sounds exciting! We've only been teased with one clue so far about the songs on this theme: they are from various stories. But our conductor, did relent and told us that we will be singing an obvious but delightful one – the familiar theme from the film *The Neverending Story*. We can't wait to hear about the others.

A never-ending story might be a good description of the *Groby Sings* journey so far. From the start in 2013, the choir has weathered the trials of Covid together with the moving on of our founding conductor, Helen, both of which could have ended our fantastic years of community music-making. However, thanks to our dedicated management team and trustees, who kept us all enthused via email and newsletters and who worked hard to find Simon, our talented Musical Director and conductor, *Groby Sings* came back to life and our 'story' has continued to inspire people of all kinds to join us. We welcome anyone and everyone to our inclusive choir so why not come along and give it a go? It doesn't matter about your musical ability (or lack of it!), you can enjoy singing and socialising with us with no obligation to take to the stage for the concerts and don't forget about our delicious cake breaks!

We will be back at the Club from **Wednesday 2nd September** and every Wednesday, except school holidays, until our end-of-season concerts on **Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th November**. As usual, we have 3 Wednesday sessions:

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 September

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Sunday Lunch Club

Ratby Church Rooms from 12.30 pm



The next lunch will be on:

27 September 2026

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Rector's Recipes – Spiced Roasted Cauliflower

I hope you've got your dukkah from last month, as you'll need it for this month! This lovely vegetarian dish is one I have made several times and I hope you enjoy it.

Ingredients:

- 1 small head cauliflower (around 600g)
 - 2 heaped rose harissa (if you can find rose harissa, other types work fine)
 - 2 heaped tablespoons natural yogurt (to make this dish vegan, use vegan yogurt)
 - 1 pomegranate
 - 1 tbsp dukkah
 - ½ tablespoon red wine vinegar
- Salt and pepper



Method :

1. Preheat oven to 180°C/Gas Mark 4.
 2. Discard any tough outer leaves of your cauliflower and, keeping it whole, use a knife to cut a deep cross in the stalk – this helps with both the cooking and dividing it up later!
 3. In a bowl, mix together the harissa, yogurt, red wine vinegar and little sea salt and black pepper. Rub the mixture over the cauliflower.
 4. Place the basted cauliflower into a tight-fitting roasting tray. Halve the pomegranate and squeeze the juice of one half out through a sieve over the cauliflower. Add 100ml of water to the base and roast for 1 hour 15 minutes – I find I need to check it doesn't dry out, so check occasionally and add more water to the base if needed.
 5. When time is up, baste the cauliflower with the juices from the pan (that's why you need to make sure it doesn't dry out!) and return to the oven for a further 10 minutes.
- Remove from the oven, spoon the juices back over the top and then quickly sprinkle over the dukkah so it sticks. Take the other half of the pomegranate and remove the seeds whole to sprinkle over the cauliflower. Halve or quarter and serve up!

Rev'd Ed

Saturday Coffee Mornings Ratby Church Rooms

10am - 12pm on 5 September

9.30am - 1.00pm on 19 September
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<i>6 September</i>	~	<i>Christine Dunmore</i>
<i>13 September</i>	~	<i>Joan Gordon</i>
<i>20 September</i>	~	<i>Joan Gordon</i>
<i>27 September</i>	~	<i>Lily Walton (BW)</i>
<i>4 October</i>	~	<i>Harvest Team</i>
<i>11 October</i>	~	<i>Harvest Team</i>
<i>18 October</i>	~	<i>Brenda Willis</i>
<i>25 October</i>	~	<i>Rev Ed</i>

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



Friday 11 September

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. **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

Mrs. Angie Cain

Representatives on Diocesan Synod

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Representatives on Deanery Synod

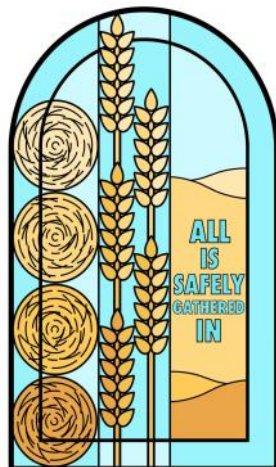
Mrs. Pamela Pollard & Dr. Claire Bampton

Parochial Church Council Elected Members

Mrs. Anne Koscielska Miss. Valerie Pears
Miss Rebekah Garratt

Associate Minister

Mrs. Joan Hawkins





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