

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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August 2026



**Andrew Taylor-Hart and Emma Chapman
following their marriage
at St John the Evangelist, Caldecott**



Change and transformation

August is a time when the Church thinks about change and transformation. It is 'ordinary time', which is that time of the year when we're not preparing for, or celebrating, either of the major festivals of Christmas or Easter but we are thinking about growth and creation.

It is also the month when the Church remembers the story of the Transfiguration. Jesus on the Mountain is changed (transfigured) in front of his amazed disciples. This story of life, light and connection with heaven comes as Jesus prepares for his death. He leaves the mountain and goes down towards Jerusalem and the events of that first Holy Week.



At this time of year, I am often thinking of children preparing to return to school, or even more poignantly begin new schools; we see a change in them.

As the summer draws to a close we prepare for autumn and a very different sort of season. The growing also draws to a close, the seeds are prepared and the sense of death that will lead to life is there for us to see if we want to.

An old chapter is closing and a new one beginning for many. Life is created by just such occasions; whether we are enjoying the wonder of creation, finishing with one experience, looking forward to a new one, enjoying the sunshine and the life of summer or glimpsing the beginning of autumn, I pray that you will know the transformation of God's presence.

The Venerable Alison Booker, Archdeacon of Oakham

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 August 2026

<u>2 August: Ninth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 13)</u>	Green
Isaiah 55.1-5; Psalm 145.8-9, 15-22*; Romans 9.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21	
<u>9 August: Tenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 14)</u>	Green
1 Kings 19.9-18; Psalm 85.8-13; Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33	
<u>16 August: Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 15)</u>	Green
Isaiah 56. 1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15. [10-20] 21 – 28	
<u>23 August: Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 16)</u>	Green
Isaiah 51.1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20	
<u>30 August: Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 17)</u>	Green
Jeremiah 15.15-21; Psalm 26.1 – 8; Romans 12.9-end; Matthew 16.21-28	

Ezekiel 33. 7-11; Psalm 119. 33 – 40; Romans 13. 8-end; Matthew 18.15-20

Lyddington Benefice Services: August 2026

	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
	2nd August Trinity 9	9th August Trinity 10	16th August Trinity 11	23rd August Trinity 12	30th August Trinity 13
Bisbrooke	<i>No Service</i> Services at Caldecott & Glaston	6.00pm Evening Prayer WL	11.00am Holy Communion Revd Jo Saunders	9.30 Gathered Church (WL)	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion Revd Georgina Anson
Caldecott	9.30am Parish Communion Revd Andrew Birks	11.00am Family Service WL	6.00pm Evening Prayer WL/CW	<i>No Service</i> Services at Harringworth and Lyddington	10.30am Benefice Service at Bisbrooke
Glaston	11.00am Morning Prayer WL	11.00am Holy Communion Revd Jo Saunders	<i>No service</i> Services at Bisbrooke	11.00am Gathered Church (WL)	10.30am Benefice Service at Bisbrooke
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 Jo Saunders	10.30am Benefice Service at Bisbrooke
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 Jo Saunders	10.30am Benefice Service at Bisbrooke
Seaton	<i>No Service</i> Services at Caldecott & Glaston	9.30am Morning Prayer WL	9.30am Sung Holy Communion Revd Jo Saunders	Services at Harringworth and Lyddington	10.30am Benefice Service at Bisbrooke
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 Seaton and Bisbrooke	<i>No Service</i> Services at Glaston, Harringworth and Lyddington	10.30am Benefice Service at Bisbrooke

MARRIAGE

Andrew Martin Taylor-Hart and **Emma Elizabeth Chapman** were married in the Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Caldecott, on Saturday July 18th 2026. The bride was brought up in Caldecott and the couple live in Corby

The service was conducted by Canon Jane Baxter, with permission from The Bishop of Peterborough, and the organist was Mr John Hindle

***** **CONGRATULATIONS** *****

to Alan Wordie on completing his handbike challenge from Land's End to John O'Groats



Alan is raising funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

It is not too late to contribute!

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

VILLAGE NEWS

BISBROOKE

Our traditional summer fete and dog show was a big success with a record turnout and over £2000 raised for church funds. We were blessed with perfect weather and huge thanks to everyone who contributed to making it such a successful day.

We continue to send a box of donations to the food bank each month from 1 Top Lane.

Flowers this month are in care of Sean and Seng. Cleaning is with Alex and Nipsy Cross. August coffee morning is at Betty Johnsons, 8 Bottom Lane.

CALDECOTT

DATES

Thursday SEPTEMBER 3RD at 7.30pm Ladies group.

Saturday SEPTEMBER 12TH BINGO-details to follow.

There will be a Quiz in aid of Church funds on November 7th so please save the date; a new Question Master has volunteered following the Rector's retirement .

FETE on July 4th-this was a jolly occasion with all the usual attractions; we welcomed the High Sherriff who opened the fete and toured the site including having a go at the circus skills wearing full court dress-we are very grateful to her.

Thank you to all who helped with this successful afternoon not forgetting the hard work which goes into it for months before as well as on the day.

The wind up meeting was held on July 27th when we found 4 stalwart helpers would not be available next year so we shall be looking for new committee members to enable us to hold the event next July. More information nearer the meeting in March 2027.

Profit for the afternoon was £2,151.00 so with cash in hand there was £3,516.33 in funds.

It was decided to give £1,600 each to the Hall and Church, leaving £316.33 in funds.

WELL DONE EVERYONE.

We seem to have lost 2 gazebos so if you have one not needed or have borrowed one and forgotten to return please contact June on 770046 or Mary on 770242.

Easily 'pop up' ones if donating please.

HARRINGWORTH

AUTUMN TALK – SAVE THE DATE AND BOOK NOW

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 August. Do save the date.



Unraveling the Mysteries of Harringworth Viaduct

**Illustrated Talk with local historian John Hillier on Friday 5th September
at 7.00pm in Harringworth Parish Church**

The evening is hosted by Harringworth Appeals and St John the Evangelist who will be serving canapés at the interval. Tickets cost £15.00 & can be booked online <https://bookwhen.com/harringworth> or via email bookwhen@harringworthappeals.co.uk

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. The Café closes for the season on Saturday 29th August.

#GOODCOMPANY #COFFEE #CAKES #SAUSAGEROLLS

ACTIVITIES AT HARRINGWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Why not book the village hall for an occasion or attend one of the weekly activities? Visit [the website harringworth.org](http://the.website.harringworth.org) for booking information, hiring equipment and Harringworth 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

SEATON and THORPE

Residents of Seaton and Thorpe-by-Water are invited to attend a demonstration by Richard Bloxam-Rose, a Community Resuscitation Trainer, and Rutland First Responder, for East Midlands Ambulance Service.

He will guide us through CPR and AED Awareness Training so that we are confident that we know what to do in an emergency. You may be aware that our AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is fixed to the outside of our Village Hall.

Training sessions are free and last about an hour. We will convene at Seaton's Village Hall on Thursday, September 10th at 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be provided.

If you think that you would like to attend, please contact me by phone, email, or text. Thank you.

Warm Regards,

Vicky Sanderlin-McLoughlin

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Seaton Bazaar and Barbecue is on 26th September at the village hall from 12-3pm for fun and games, (last year's Bra Pong was a riot!), excellent raffle prizes, a variety of stalls, tea and cake, sausages, beer and wine. Free admission. Do join us for a convivial afternoon!

Many thanks to Hilary and Bob Williams for hosting a **Summer Feast** in their garden on the evening of June 27th. They worked tremendously hard and refused all offers of help. The weather was perfect, as was the food and wine. Everyone had a wonderful evening. £2000.00 was raised by donations towards the upkeep of Seaton church. Thank you to all who supported and gave so generously.