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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November 2026



The grave of the Unknown Warrior
Westminster Abbey

Remember, remember…



On 5 November 1605, Guy Fawkes was caught in the cellar beneath the House of Lords with 36 barrels of gunpowder. If the gunpowder had been successfully ignited, it would have completely obliterated the House of Lords, killed everyone inside, and devastated central London over a 500-metre radius. Fawkes gave a fake name, John Johnson, but was later "encouraged" to give his real name and the names of his fellow conspirators. On 31 January 1606, he was taken to Old Palace Yard in Westminster to meet a prolonged death, but fell from the scaffold, dying instantly. In January 1606, Parliament passed a Thanksgiving Act making 5 November an official annual day of public celebration and church services. Over the last 400 years, the religious and state thanksgiving has become a public festival of fireworks, sparklers, toffee apples, and burning Guys on large bonfires. Something so significant has turned into a celebration, where parliament, democracy and Fawkes are largely forgotten.

Jesus is similarly forgotten in England today. Perhaps one thing we all need to "remember, remember," is to put Jesus back where he belongs. Advent is more than a calendar; Christmas is more than presents; Easter is more than chocolate. Start the day with Jesus and end the day with him. It's all about Jesus, and we miss out when we forget his beautiful presence in our lives. Or, as CH Spurgeon said: "To breakfast with the Lord and sup with him also is to enjoy the days of heaven.

The Venerable Richard Ormston, Archdeacon of Northampton

Advent Service of Hymns and Readings

You are warmly invited to the Advent Service on Sunday, November 29th at 3.00 pm in Seaton church. The service will be led by The Venerable Alison Booker, the Archdeacon of Oakham. Do stay at the end of the service to meet her and to enjoy coffee and mince pies.

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 November 2026

1 November: All Saints' Sunday ***White***

Revelation 7. 9 – end; Psalm 34. 1 – 10; 1 John 3. 1 – 3; Matthew 5.1-12

8 November: Third Sunday before Advent ***Red***
(Remembrance Sunday reading as given in Order of service)

Wisdom of Solomon 6. 12 – 16 or Amos 5. 18 – 24; Canticle: Psalm 70;
1 Thessalonians 4. 13 – end; Matthew 25. 1-13

15 November: 2nd Sunday before Advent ***Red***

Zephaniah 1.7,12-18; Psalm 90.1-8[9-11]12*; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
Matthew 25.14-30

22 November: Christ the King ***Red***

Ezekiel 34. 11-16, 20 – 24; Psalm 95. 1 – 7; Ephesians 1. 15-end ;
Matthew 25.31-end

Lectionary Year B Begins

29 November: Advent Sunday ***Purple***

Isaiah 64.1-9; Psalm 80.1-7, 16-18; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.24-37

Services in The Lyddington Benefice: November 2026

	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
	1st November All Saints	**8th November Remembrance Sunday**	**15th November 2nd Sunday before Advent**	**22nd November Christ the King** Sunday next before Advent	**29th November Advent**
Bisbrooke	*No Service* Services at Caldecott & Glaston	**10.50am Bisbrooke/Glaston joint Remembrance Service at Glaston WL**	11.00am Holy Communion **Rev'd Jo Saunders**	9.30am Gathered Church **Worship Leader** Sue Lee	Benefice Service **3pm Seaton**
Caldecott	9.30am Parish Communion **Rev'd Jo Saunders**	**10.50am Remembrance Day Service Rev'd Jo Saunders**	6.00pm Evening Prayer **WL/CW**	*No Service* Services at Harringworth and Lyddington	Benefice Service **3pm Seaton**
Glaston	11.00am Morning Prayer **WL**	**10.50am Bisbrooke/Glaston joint Remembrance Service at Glaston WL**	*No service* Services at Bisbrooke & Seaton	11.00am Gathered Church **Worship Leader** Sue Lee	Benefice Service **3pm Seaton**
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Stoke Dry	*No Service* Services at Caldecott & Glaston	**10.50am Remembrance Day Service CW**	*No service* Services at Bisbrooke	*No Service* Services at Harringworth and Lyddington	Benefice Service **3pm Seaton**

Baptism

Henrietta Rose Evans-Rakowski was baptised in St Andrews Church, Glaston, on Sunday 11th October 2026. Henrietta is the second child of Nichoas and Freya and the family lives in Glaston.
The service was conducted by the Revd Jo Saunders.

The funeral of the Unknown Soldier 1920



The story leading to this burial is quite long and complex, dating back to 1916 when the Reverend David Railton, an army chaplain serving on the Western Front, had seen a grave marked by a rough cross, labelled in pencil 'An Unknown British Soldier'. After the war ended he wrote to the Dean of Westminster suggesting that an unknown soldier be brought home from the battlefields of France and interred in Westminster Abbey "amongst the kings" .

The Dean took up the idea and gained the support of the Prime Minister, David Lloyd George, and King George V. In due course the soldier was brought home with great dignity and with many symbolic acts during the journey.

A group of about one hundred women were guests of honour at the burial ceremony. Each one had lost a husband or son in the war. After a time when members of the public could pay their respects, the grave was capped with a slab of black Belgian marble. Since the marriage of The Duke of York (later King George VI) and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyons in 1923, royal brides have placed their bouquets on the tomb of the unknown soldier.

Village News

BISBROOKE

A number of fundraising events have taken place in Bisbrooke over the last few weeks.

The traditional harvest supper was well attended and raised £460 for church funds.

Alex and Nipsy Cross hosted a coffee morning and bake sale and raised £321 for Macmillan
.
Finally a Pizza Night in the church planned by Gene and Olwen Dunbar raised £1104.for the local Air Ambulance.. Many thanks to all those who supported these events.

For the month of November church flowers will be in care of Izi Dalzell and Cathy Brewin.
Cleaning is Simon Armitage.

November coffee morning is at Penny Beveridge's home, 1A Walnut Close on Wednesday November 19th

CALDECOTT

DATES:-

Thursday 5 th -Ladies Group Meeting at 7.30pm Speaker Paul Mitchinson, QPM, Talk about training detection dogs. New members and visitors welcome.

Saturday 7 th NOVEMBER QUIZ in aid of Church funds 7pm for a 7.30pm start;

Quizmaster Philip. Tickets £11, to include a 2 course supper, from Mary on 01536

770242. Tables of up to 8 or join others on the night. BYO drinks. Raffle.

Sunday 8 th at 10 .50AM SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE.

The open collection will go to the Poppy Appeal.

Thursday 12 th at 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting.

Wednesday 25 th 100 club Draw in the Plough at 7.30pm.

100 club - September winners:-

1 st Ben Lawniczac no 10 ; 2 nd Geoff Betts no 34; 3 rd Sam and Dave Sanders no 107.

October winners:- 1st Cathie Dawtry, 2nd John Bruce, 3rd Joakim Smith

CHURCH services-these continue 3 times a month as before. We thank visiting

priests who take Communion services. The list of services for November and

December is on the church notice boards.

The CAROL SERVICE is planned for Monday 21 st December at 6pm. Anyone

wishing to read or suggest a carol please let Mary know (770242)

The Harvest Thanksgiving service was well attended with music from Anthea,

Daniel and Teddy to help us celebrate. Thanks to all who decorated the church and

gave items for the Sale which was in aid of the farming charity, Addington Fund.

£140.00 was raised and the letter of thanks can be seen on the notice board.

FOOD BANK- we continue to deliver to the pick up point monthly; please leave

donations in Church or at 14 Main St; any Christmas items should be alcohol free

please.

HARRINGWORTH

HARRINGWORTH NOVEMBER NEWS

Since our last newsletter we have had a very successful Harvest Festival and

Viaduct Talk both in the stunning setting of St John the Baptist Church.

November has the Remembrance Day Service on 8th November and the

Artisan Market on 14th November.

December then turns Festive with a Christmas Quiz on 4 December, a Carol

Service on 20 December, a Christmas Eve Service Midnight (in Bethlehem) for

the Benefice on 24 December and special Christmas Day Family Service.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE on Sunday 8 November at 11.50

HARRINGWORTH ARTISAN MARKET on Saturday 14 November in St John the Baptist

Church

CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT on Friday 4 December in the Village Hall at 7.00pm

CAROL SERVICE WITH READINGS AND CHRISTINGLE on 20 December at 4.00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT (IN BETHLEHEM) SERVICE on 24 December at 9.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY SERVICE on 25 December at 10.00

HARRINGWORTH ARTISAN MARKET Saturday 14 November 11.00 - 1500

This November in Harringworth we see the return of the popular Artisan Market in the stunning setting of St John the Baptist Church.

A day not to be missed with a wide selection of local Artisans along with Made in Harringworth products, Home Made Cakes and the famous Hamper Raffle.

Join us to start Christmas shopping and enjoy the relaxed café.

HARRINGWORTH CHRISTMAS QUIZ Friday 4 December

Come along as a team (up to six people) or let Jonnie and Gavin team you up!

Just £5 per person and a licensed bar with wine, beers and soft drinks plus snacks.

Early booking is advisable due to the popularity of the quizzes! (payment on the night).

The winning prize is £50 donated to a charity of the winning team’s choice. Raffle tickets will also be sold on the night.

And don’t forget to bring along a £2 coin if you wish to take part in our charity

fundraiser game. If you don’t have cash, we can add the money onto your entry fee if you pay by card. To book: Email gavingordon@live.co.uk

LYDDINGTON

A huge thank you to the many volunteers who helped with litter picking in the village on 17th Oct.

A short service of Remembrance will be held at St Andrews Church Lyddington, at 10:50 am on Sunday 8th Nov. Jill Cannings will conduct the service.

Advance notice of the Arts and Crafts Fair run by NROS to be held in the St Andrews Church, on 4th Dec 6-8pm, and also on 5th & 6th December 10am to 3pm. Lots of items for sale: handmade gifts, arts and crafts. Free entrance

SEATON and THORPE

Please join us for the ADVENT FEAST in Seaton Village Hall on Saturday 28th November, 7.00 for 7.30pm. RSVP to Sue Steward 07946 570383 or susan-steward@hotmail.co.uk Please advise any dietary requirements. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see you there. Please note places are limited. Donations for your supper will be in aid of Seaton Church.

Many thanks to those who enjoyed our last village hall teas. A very generous total of £300 was raised for Rutland First Responders which is run by volunteers. And a huge thanks must go to all the bakers and helpers who always do such a great job. The next teas will take place on Thursday 19 November.

In Flanders Fields

John McCrae (1872 – 1918)

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.