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I think I've shared before with you how much I love to cook. I love the smell of freshly baked bread first thing in the morning; I love chopping vegetables and adding herbs and tasting everything; I love the way that simple ingredients make hearty meals; I love finding great recipes and then swapping different ingredients in and out. Please don't get the impression I'm a wonder chef or a domestic goddess; I'm far from either. I simply find cooking relaxing, the way that others find crochet or gardening relaxing.

God is an incredible creator. I found out some amazing facts about nature when I was at school the other day. Did you know that dolphins use a distinctive whistle to identify each other? When a dolphin hears their own *'name'* called out, they respond. Did you know there are more trees on Earth than stars in the Milky Way, and that trees can communicate with one another through an intricate network of fungi that connects trees at their roots, allowing them to send information about droughts or diseases so other trees can alter the way they grow? And one other little fun fact, snails have teeth! They have between 1,000 and 12,000 tiny *'teeth'* all over their file-like tongue.

Design and making, colour, form and function are within the character of God. And love; everything is made with love, and is valuable and loved by God. This character trait has been passed on to us by our heavenly Father. We are creative, imaginative designers and makers, and we are proud of, and value, that which we have made.

Another trait we share with God who made us is *'trinity'*. God is three in one, each perfectly one and all three in perfect unity. Similarly we are body, mind and spirit: doing and making; reasoning, analysing, thinking, feeling and believing. Perhaps that's why cooking appeals to me so much; it is a balance of using my mind to work out recipes, using my body to chop and mix and taste, and with my spirit I experience the joy of creating and find an outlet for my character that loves to feed people and my belief in the power of relationship built when food is shared.

When I pray for people for healing at our monthly service at Threekingham, sometimes I sense God directing me to pray for health and wholeness of the spirit or of the mind, not just of the body, because our trinitarian nature means that when one part of us is troubled sometimes the symptoms are visible elsewhere. We are fallible, we are not God even though we are made like him in some ways. Our minds can be overwhelmed with information, our bodies become weak with age or injured by overwork, the hopes and desires we hold in our spirit can be squashed or set aside but God who made us, knows us and loves us wants to restore us.

Easter is upon us and is the evidence of God's love and power to restore. The Bible tells us that God looked at the world he had made and was

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Forthcoming Services

Easter and Holy Week
Sun 29th March to Wed 8th April
*See services on **page 5**.*

Sunday 12th April
10:30 Holy Communion | Folkingham

Thursday 16th April
9:00 Holy Communion | Folkingham

Sunday 19th April
10:30 Holy Communion | Billingborough

Thursday 23rd April
10:00 Holy Communion | Billingborough | Methodist Presbyter presiding

Sunday 26th April
10:30 Holy Communion | Folkingham

Sunday 3rd May
10:00 Cafe Church | Pointon
10:30 Holy Communion | Billingborough
17:00 Healing Service | Threekingham

Thursday 7th May
9:00 Holy Communion | Folkingham

Sunday 10th May
10:30 Holy Communion | Folkingham

Sunday 17th May
10:30 Holy Communion | Billingborough

Thursday 21st May
9:00 Holy Communion | Folkingham

Sunday 24th May
10:30 Holy Communion | Folkingham

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The New Inn, Folkingham

What a fantastic February we've had at the New Inn! 🎉

Our very first **Valentine's celebration** was an amazing success. The restaurant was full, incredible food was served all evening, and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Thank you to everyone who joined us and made it so special ❤️

On Saturday 21st February we hosted our very own **Burns Night** (yes, we know it was a month late! 😉). It turned out to be one of the most incredible evenings we've had here at the New Inn. With bagpipers, Highland dancers and delicious haggis served with every dish, the atmosphere was truly unforgettable.

Our **Quiz Night** was another great evening, and the jackpot is rolling over again! Bring some friends, grab a drink, and put your knowledge to the test. Join us **every last Tuesday of the month**.

Don't forget we also host our **Seniors Lunch every Tuesday**. Follow our social media to see the menu options for the upcoming week.

Upcoming events:

• Mothering Sunday
• Curry Bash – Thursday 2nd April
• Easter Bank Holiday fun
• We've officially released the dates for our **Beer Festival!** 🍻 Make sure you pop it in the diary and come and join us **Friday 10th – Sunday 12th July**.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support us — we can't wait to see you soon at the New Inn!





delighted with it, but human beings used their minds to evaluate the command God had given to them and to think about the world God had placed them, in and they came to the wrong conclusion, because their spirits were drawn to an unhealthy desire for power. The consequences of that mistake were an increasing distance from God, and relationships with one another forever tainted by selfishness and hunger for more. The evidence of that is visible whenever you watch the news, a world driven by greed and selfishness, where things are reasoned and sound reasonable, even though the spirit that drives them is drawn away from God.

So God came close to us by constraining himself into the body of a human being and living on Earth, restoring a right way of thinking by the things he taught, healing people's bodies and stirring people's spirits to long for God again. But those who were selfish and powerful didn't like it and they ordered him killed, reasoning that he was a liar or a madman and that he was saying things that upset their comfortable world order. So Jesus, the God-man, was arrested and charged and he didn't fight it; instead, he trusted that the power of God was greater than the power of death. By the resurrection of Jesus from death to life, he showed us God's power, he trampled the power of death and destruction, he made a way if we choose it to realign our spirit with our maker, to reorder the way we think about the world and for our bodies to be used for good and to be recreated again by the great creator into eternity.

So, as I get back to my cooking and to my wonder at the great creativity of the creator, I invite you to wonder too at the world around you. I ask you to consider, as you participate in creative activities that bring joy and peace to your mind and your spirit, the joy and delight God takes in you as you share creativity with him. I offer to you this hope, that God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whoever believes in him would have eternal life, and life in all its fullness.

God bless you,

Rebecca



In Spring sunshine, the '***Blessing of the Farming Year***' service began in Folkingham churchyard on Sunday, 22nd February. This gathering brought the community together to pray for the land and the coming season. After the outdoor opening, the congregation moved inside to reflect on our rural heritage and the vital work of local farmers.

Forthcoming Services

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Thursday 28th May
10:00 Holy Communion | Billingborough | Methodist Presbyter presiding

Sunday 31st May
10:30 Holy Communion | Aslackby

Please check **www.parishofsouthlafford.org** for amendments to services.

Churchyard Notice

To maintain a sense of reverence and consistency, the Church of England follows specific guidelines for headstones, tributes, and floral arrangements. While we understand these rules may feel like a constraint on how you wish to honour your loved one, they are designed to preserve the beauty of the churchyard for all.

Regarding flowers, we ask that all tributes are either fully biodegradable *(and free of plastic wrapping)* or consist of high-quality synthetic blooms. Please note that our team of Churchwardens periodically removes dead flowers to keep the area tidy. For safety and maintenance, please avoid using glass vases; all containers should be placed securely on a headstone base or memorial tablet so that mowing and strimming can be carried out safely.

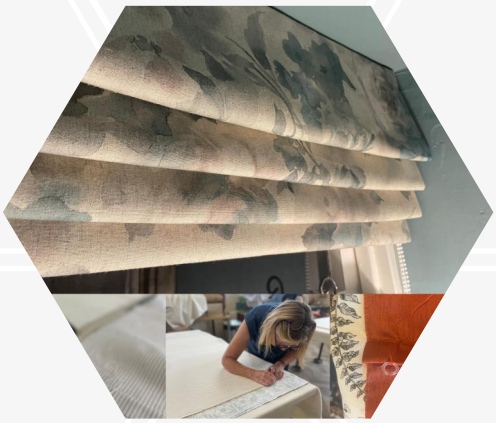
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Holy Week & Easter Services



You are invited to experience the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through a range of different services.



Sunday 29th March

- 10:30am Holy Communion Service with Palm Procession, Aslackby
- 6:00pm Compline, St Andrew, Scott Willoughby

Monday 30th March

- 6:00pm Compline, Christchurch, Pointon

Tuesday 31st March

- 11:00am Chrism Eucharist, Lincoln Cathedral
- 6:00pm Compline, St Andrew, Pickworth

Wednesday 1st April

- 4:00pm Easter Service, St Lucia, Dembleby
- 6:00pm Compline St Andrew, Dowsby

Thursday 2nd April

- 11:00am Maundy Reflections with Communion and Foot Washing, St Andrew, Folkingham
- 5:30pm Maundy Meal with Agape Supper and Foot Washing, Billingborough Village Hall
- 7:30pm Short service -The Arrest and The Watch, St Andrew, Billingborough
- 7:00pm Easter Service, St Nicholas, Walcott

Good Friday 3rd April

- 12:00pm Stations of the Cross, Horbling
- 12:45pm Follow the cross, walk from Horbling to Billingborough
- 1:00pm Hot Cross Buns, Billingborough
- 2:00pm At the foot of the cross service, Billingborough
- 2:00pm Good Friday Family Walk up Green Hill to the Cross, Osbournby

Holy Saturday 4th April

- 6:00pm The Easter Fire, followed by sausage supper and Easter Egg hunt Aslackby
- 8:00pm Confirmation Service, four members of our group are being confirmed, Lincoln Cathedral

Easter Sunday 5th April

- 6:00am Easter Vigil with fire & breakfast, Folkingham
- 10:30am Easter Family Communion, Billingborough

Wednesday 8th April

- 7:00pm Easter Celebration, St Peter ad vincula, Threekingham

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Stamford, PE9 3JY
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Dunholme Lodge
Dunholme, Lincoln, LN2 3QA
Sun 26 Apr | 11:00 - 17:00
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Belvoir Castle
Belvoir, Grantham, NG32 1PE
Sat 9th/Sun 10th May | 9:30 - 17:00
Adult: £10 | Child: £6

Grimsthorpe Castle
Grimsthorpe, Bourne, PE10 0LY
Tue 12th May | 10:00 - 17:00
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3rd Apr | Led by Judith & John
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17th Apr | Led by Julie & Peter
Park at The Green.

Corby Glen
1st May | Led by Judy & Phil
Park at The Woodhouse Arms.

Witham-on-the-Hill
15th May | Led by Wendy & Steve
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Update from Folkingham Parish Council

by Martin Smith

Folkingham Parish Council has navigated a period of significant transition following the sudden and deeply saddening loss of our clerk, Nicky Bush, in January. Nicky's dedicated management was invaluable to our community. While we initially prepared to welcome Clare Proudfoot as her successor, Clare unfortunately had to resign due to family circumstances.

We are pleased to announce that Sarah Phillips has been appointed as our new Parish Clerk. Sarah brings extensive experience from her work with several local parish councils, and we look forward to a period of stability under her guidance. We will now meet on the last Thursday of the month: the next meetings being Thursday 30th April and Thursday 29th May.



Market Place Improvements
Following successful lobbying, SKDC has agreed to install single-source LED bulbs in the new heritage lanterns. This choice preserves the aesthetic integrity of the gas-style lanterns, replacing the unsuitable 16-bulb clusters. Additionally, major infrastructure works are scheduled to begin on 6th July. Through the Parish Council's initiative, the main road will be narrowed to include a dedicated pedestrian crossing zone near the Five Bells Care Home.

Community Projects and Events
- **Seed Swap**: We are consulting with public on converting the Market Place telephone box into a seed swap bank. Share your thoughts via this form: *tinyurl.com/524apkhu.*
- **Churchfields:** We have improved the footpath using woodchip to ensure a safer, less muddy route.
- **Facilities**: The renovated **pavilion on the playing field** is now open for bookings. A reminder to all dog owners to please keep our playing field and playground clean by clearing up any mess made.
- **Save the date:** The **Folkingham Feastival** returns to Millennium Green on **Saturday 27th June.**

What is Pop In?

by Robert and the committee

That is a good question - not least because Pop In is very much what its members want it to be! Founded in 2000 by a newly retired lady, its aims are simple - it should be a meeting place of: Welcome, friendship, acceptance and value. A place of safety and security. A place where people matter.

We meet every Monday from 10am to 12:30pm at Folkingham Village Hall. Teas, coffees, and biscuits are served in the morning, and a light lunch is offered at noon to anyone who would like to stay longer. We keep costs to a minimum. Activities include: dominoes, cribbage, carpet bowls, scrabble, jigsaws, and a "chat group" table. We also have a small library where, for an affordable donation, members can borrow from a wide choice of subjects.

Pop In owes its success to all its members, past and present, including the teams of volunteers, and tradespeople in the village. Throughout the year, we aim to make charitable donations to agreed causes, such as the Air Ambulance.

We are a friendly bunch who welcome newcomers!

Pop In news

by Robert

Happy 2026 to everyone! I hope you are all enjoying a healthy start to the year.

A huge thank you to Yvonne and Rosemary for their hard work organising our Christmas meal, and to everyone who supported our festive raffle. We raised a fantastic £350 for St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, to support the homeless. We are also very grateful for the many prize donations that made the draw such a success.

We must also extend our thanks to Sam Searis for her sterling efforts in keeping the Village Hall kitchen and toilets clean and ready for us every Monday morning.

It is wonderful to see our membership growing; a warm welcome to all our new friends. Enjoy 2026, and what it has to offer, especially as our group celebrates our 25th birthday.

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St. Botolph's, Newton

by Annie & Judith

Newton village residents continue to meet up and show fellowship and care for each other even when our church remains closed. With urgent repairs and significant funds needed to make the church safe to open again, the community continues to generously support fundraising events.

'Brews on Tour' was held at Woodside Farmhouse in February and all enjoyed bacon baps, great coffee and cake. There was a raffle that was so well supported that nearly everybody went home with a prize! Thanks to all those who helped to raise over £350.



Delivering donations from Newton. For any donations or offers of volunteering, please contact Three Counties Dog Rescue.

At the end of last year Newton and surrounding villages had a collection of useful items for The Three Counties Dog Rescue in Bourne *(threecountiesdogrescue.org)* - blankets, dog coats, collars, leads, dog beds, toys, food bundles and 23 bags of treats were collected in Newton and very gratefully received.

It's hard to believe our church has been closed for more than a year - structural investigations and soil core samples have been carried out before we can start any repairs. Despite this the snowdrops were a picture and the primroses are beginning to peep through.

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St. Andrew's, Pickworth

by Professor Mark Gardiner (and David Cox for Pickworth DCC)



Professor Mark Gardiner, Emeritus Professor of Medieval Archaeology at Lincoln University, visited St Andrew's in September 2025. Ranking it at the top of his study of ten significant Lincolnshire medieval buildings, he provided the following insights into its complex architectural history. Original report can be consulted in the church.

At first glance, Pickworth seems straightforward, featuring a Decorated tower and windows that appear contemporaneous. However, the nave roof is a 15th-century addition. Its lowered profile now cuts across medieval wall paintings on the chancel arch, leaving only the stigmata-marked feet of Christ in Majesty visible. Outside, the tower preserves the scar of an earlier, higher roofline cutting across a window, which shows the roof apex had shifted northward.

The interior holds the clues to this evolution. The original nave was narrower than the current structure. A circular base against the west end - once seating around an arcade pier - is surmounted by a later buttress, marking the position of an earlier arcade in the north aisle. Shadow lines indicate the original roof was steep, producing a narrow, and poorly lit aisle, typical of the late 12th or early 13th century. Similar fragments of a lower roof-crease survive in the south aisle, clearly lower than the present aisle roof.

Efforts to improve lighting began with raising the north aisle roof to a shallower pitch, but a massive early or mid-14th century renovation largely superseded these changes. The congregation, seeking a larger space, demolished most of the church, leaving only the tower. The south aisle was rebuilt with a higher arcade and larger windows. On the north side, the work was even more drastic: the old arcade was removed and a new one constructed in a different position to widen the nave. A new clerestory was added to flood the interior with light, and the walls were adorned with paintings.

The northwards shift in the church's axis necessitated a new chancel arch, presenting an opportunity for a rood loft with an external stair turret. While the current rood screen is a reconstructed fragment, sockets remain where the rood cross once stood. The tower also masks a complex history; though it appears early 14th-century, a reset Romanesque window on the west face hints at much earlier origins.

Crucially, St Andrews escaped the heavy-handed restorations of the 19th century. Consequently, it retains rare medieval features: 15th-century pews, a 14th-century rood screen, and a medieval door decorated above with carved acorns and oak leaves. Fragments of 14th-century parclose screens remain preserved on the pew fronts. Pickworth remains a remarkable survival - a church frozen in a state very close to how it stood at the end of the Middle Ages.

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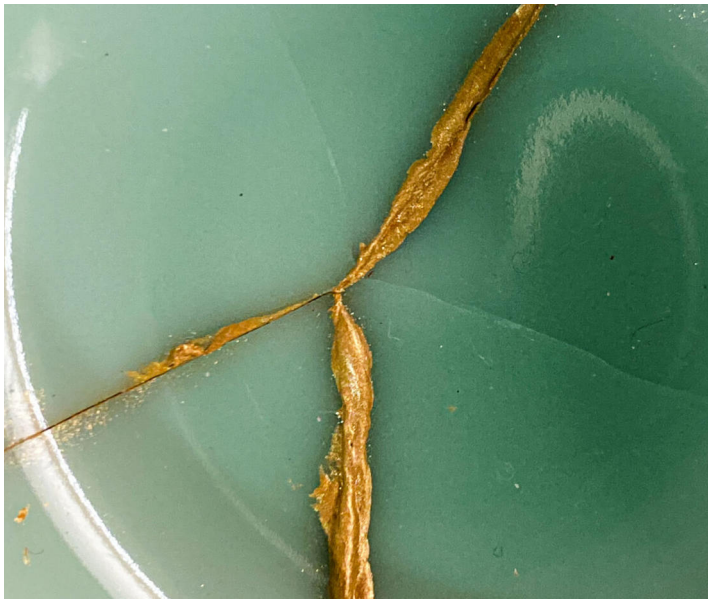
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The Church

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11th July, with Dave Lesley

Contact **Mags**: 07872 926143 or
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A Folkingham Welcome

by Robert Meeds FHS

Since moving to Folkingham a few years ago, I have been impressed and grateful for the welcome my wife and I have received. Our previous village lacked interest in others, but here we found a community of wonderful people always willing to help. When we both had hip operations within six weeks of each other, we gave thanks for the neighbours and the **Pop In club** who helped us through that period, particularly with our daily shopping.

The village shop is fantastic; Gopal and Disha welcome everyone with lovely smiles and go the extra mile to make your visit enjoyable. Likewise, meals at **The New Inn** helped us settle in. Though it has changed ownership, it continues to serve the village with great beer, food, and conversation. Thanks to Michelle and her husband, **Low Farm Park** has been beautifully upgraded. It is a great place for events and offers cabins or caravan pitches for visitors. There are also lovely local guest houses and many nearby attractions to explore, such as Sempringham Priory, Bourne museum and church and the Grantham theatre.

St. Andrew's Church has a lively, congregation and is used by all ages. While our resident Vicar, Rev. Rebecca Rock, shares her time across seventeen churches, a lovely team of lay ministers help maintain services in the extended parish. Similarly, the **Village Hall** caters to most tastes, hosting groups for singing, exercise, and arts and crafts.

Fellowship and friendship are found at the **Pop In club**, and I urge you to join us. Meeting on Monday mornings *(10am – 12.30pm)* at the Village Hall, it is open to everyone. You'll find Scrabble, dominoes, and carpet bowls, alongside tea and dedicated helpers I cannot thank enough. The home-cooked soups and cakes are far better than anything shop-bought.

As we are disabled, my wife and I rely on the waiter service provided, which allows us to join in within our capabilities. This friendship has never wavered. If this has given you pause for thought, please come along on a Monday morning; everyone will be pleased to see you. If getting about is a problem, please let the group know.





St. Peter and St. Paul, Osbournby

by Ian

Roof Repairs

We are delighted to announce that the Lincolnshire Churches Trust has awarded us a grant toward reroofing the porch. This generous contribution covers over 50% of the total cost, and we are incredibly grateful for their support.

Looking back at our history, an 1873 extract from the Grantham Journal details the last major restoration of Osbournby Church. At that time, Reverend Thomas Jackson and the villagers raised £850 to fund the works. However, due to a lack of funds, the tower remained untouched. Aside from a buttress added in the 1960s, the tower's condition remains critical. The original report and 1873 faculty can be consulted in the Church. We are currently in the process of securing a Faculty to finally begin these long-awaited repairs.

Fibre Festival: Save the Date!

Our popular biennial **Fibre Festival** returns to Osbournby Church on **Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th September.** Hosted by the South Lincolnshire Spinners and Weavers, this year's theme is *Coastal Creations*. Look out for further details in the next edition of *The Voice*.



Osbournby 50:50 Club: Join the Draw!

by Derek

Thank you to everyone who supported us last year! We raised £1,000 for the Village Church and paid out £1,000 to 53 lucky winners. The draw restarted this March, and we hope you'll continue your support at £10 per number *(for the remaining 10 months)*. We have 4 spare numbers available on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment is by cash or BACS transfer to the Church account.
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News from Threekingham - *"Great views from the top of the spire!"*

by Jacqui



Take Simon Smith's word for that. Simon fixed the ladders to the top of St Peter ad Vincula's spire to enable the Cedar Steeplejack's team to bird-proof the structure – the latest in our ongoing renovation work. St Peter's is not the tallest in Lincolnshire – the spire of Lincoln Cathedral, once the tallest building in the world, is 160 metres high. But even working in February at a mere 40 metres above the ground has its downside. Simon would have preferred it slightly warmer. The spire has survived many lightning strikes. In 1871, church records record "the top 3ft of the 13th-century broach spire" required restoration. St Peter's broach spire form is characteristic of early English Gothic architecture, transitioning from a square tower to an octagonal spire. It is considered to be the best example in England.

Anyone wanting to know more about the church – its fabric and history – can consult the in-depth report prepared by the Holland & Kesteven Arts Society's Church Recorders at index.churchrecordingsociety.org.uk/search or alternatively, arrange to explore a hard copy by contacting a member of the DCC.

The church is open to visitors every day of the year and available for wedding, christening and funeral services as well as approved events. For more information, contact our Churchwardens. Rev Rebecca will be leading our Easter service at 7pm on 8th April, and there will be a Healing service at 5pm on 3rd May.

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Regular Events

Event	Day of Week	Time	Venue
Pop In Club	Monday	10:00 - 13:00	Folkingham Village Hall
Gentle Fitness	Monday	14:00 - 15:00	Folkingham Village Hall
Folkingham Singers	Tuesday	10:00 - 12:00	Folkingham Village Hall
Line Dance Classes *(beg./imp.)*	Tuesday	14:30 - 16:30	Folkingham Village Hall
Fitness Pilates	Tuesday	19:00-20:00	Osbournby Village Hall
Tuesday Warblers	Tuesday	19:00 - 20:00	Folkingham Village Hall
Bell Ringing Practice	Tuesday	19:00 - 21:00 *Learners: 18:30 - 19:30*	St. Andrew's, Folkingham
Folkingham Art Group	Wednesday	09:30 - 12:00	Folkingham Village Hall
Folkingham Craft Group	Thursday	09:30 - 12:00	Folkingham Village Hall
Handbell Group	Thursday	15:00 - 16:00	St. Andrew's, Folkingham
Folkingham Ukulele Players	Thursday	19:00-20:00	Folkingham Village Hall
Fitness Pilates	Thursday	19:00-20:00	Osbournby Village Hall
Baby Music Class	Friday *(term time)*	09:00 - 09:35	Folkingham Village Hall
Toddler Music Class	Friday *(term time)*	09:40 - 10:15	Folkingham Village Hall
Baby & Toddler Play Group	Friday *(term time)*	10:30 - 12:00	Folkingham Village Hall



Swarby Coffee Mornings

Our friendly community coffee mornings continue.
Please join us in **Swarby Church** on

Saturday 4th April &
Saturday 2nd May
10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Whether you're a regular or a new face,
everyone is welcome to stop by
for a warm drink, home made cakes and a chat.
It's the perfect way to catch up
with friends and neighbours.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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