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I've been in school three times already this week, once to lead worship, once to walk through and see what they're learning about and to help with the SATs that Year 5 are taking, and once to talk about governance and finance.

School and Church have much in common. Worship and learning are part of the Christian life, and governance and finance are necessary to manage the buildings, people and processes that support worship and learning.

Worship draws us close to God, who opens our eyes to see the world differently. We want to learn about how it works. And our learning stirs us to give God honour and worship for the beautiful and wonderful complex world he has made. In this way, worship and learning are woven together.

In May and June, there will be eleven weddings in our group. Couples who have found love in and with one another. If they can learn together, learn how to live together well and how to adapt together to all that life throws at them, if they will look to God for help, they have a good chance of a successful marriage. At their wedding, they will thank God for his gift of one another to them, and they will thank him for the love they share. When they make promises to one another, it is a commitment that pleases God. So worship and learning are woven together at the start of their marriage, and if they continue to grow in learning and continue to bring God worship and thanks, this will help carry them through.

There are also four funerals already planned for May and June. At funerals we reflect on the uniqueness of each person's character and the experiences of their lives, we give thanks to God that we have known them, and then we lean close to God for comfort because we will miss them. We ask questions about heaven and about the meaning of life, and we hope that the answer is that eternity is glorious and only just beyond our sight. We learn to trust in God who promised us life in all its fullness now on earth and eternally into his new creation. And so at funerals too, as we think about learning throughout life's experiences, we bring our thanksgiving for that life.

In this world of snappy slogans and memes, short-cut answers to happiness or health, and three-point methods to change your life, it's easy to be pulled away from the depth of real learning and quality relationships. It's easy to think that there's a formula for the perfect marriage, that science supersedes faith rather than complements it and that medicine will overcome death. It is easy to miss nuance, and time is short for deep conversation, so there's a risk that opinion becomes fact, and that whoever speaks the most convincingly or is the most popular, gains the most support. I urge you to keep learning, to look for different perspectives, to speak to people who aren't like you, but especially to look to the wisdom of God, which is found in the radical teaching of Jesus. And I urge you to keep

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Forthcoming services

Thursday 4 June
9:00 Holy Communion | Folkingham

Sunday 7 June
10:00 Cafe Church | Pointon
10:30 Holy Communion | Billingborough
17:00 Healing Service | Threekingham
17:30 Evening Prayer | Horbling

Sunday 14 June
10:30 Holy Communion | Folkingham

Thursday 18 June
9:00 Holy Communion | Folkingham

Sunday 21 June
10:30 Holy Communion | Billingborough
17:30 Evening Prayer | Horbling

Thursday 25 June
10:00 Holy Communion | Billingborough | Methodist Presbyter presiding

Sunday 28 June
10:30 Holy Communion | Folkingham
17:00 Evensong | Pointon

Thursday 2 July
9:00 Holy Communion | Folkingham

Sunday 5 July
10:00 Cafe Church | Pointon
10:30 Holy Communion | Billingborough
17:00 Healing Service | Threekingham
17:30 Evening Prayer | Horbling

Sunday 12 July
10:30 Holy Communion | Folkingham

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16/08/26 Sandy Beach and the Deck chairs enjoy an afternoon of 60s 70s and 80s classics 2pm

Sat 29/8/26 jess stone 7pm

05/09/26 Sea Shanty 7pm

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worshipping, to give thanks for everything that is good and beautiful, true and lovely. As well as to keep running to God, who is as solid when things are going badly as when they are going well. Nearly every church in our group is open during the day if you'd like to wander in and enjoy the peace that you'll find there, and take time to pray.

There is one last piece of learning from schools that I believe warrants repeating, and that is the acronym **THINK**. When speaking to others, **THINK**: Is it **T**rue, is it **H**elpful, is it **I**nspiring, is it **N**ecessary, and is it **K**ind? Some lessons take a whole life-long to learn and, in a world that speaks opinions loudly, as though they were truth, without reference to kindness, more than ever, it is brave and counter-cultural to speak kindly, to say what is necessary, to use our words to inspire rather than tear down, and to be careful to share opinions not as truth but as our considered experience, eager to hear and learn from others' considered experience. Let **THINK** be a lesson we return to over and over again until we get better and better at using our words for truth in a kind and inspiring way.

Perhaps what Jesus meant when he said that we needed to be more like children to understand and come into God's Kingdom was that we need to be open to learning or teachable, humble and curious, and in awe of the world around us that God has made. I'm grateful my work takes me into schools so often to keep me reminded of this.

Every blessing,

Rebecca



Forthcoming services

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Thursday 16 July
9:00 Holy Communion | Folkingham

Sunday 19 July
10:30 Holy Communion | Billingborough
17:30 Evening Prayer | Horbling

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

Sunday 26 July
10:30 Holy Communion | Folkingham

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

Prayers

Dear God,
I am learning to just be here
and know that you are
here with me.
Thank you that I don't need
special words to talk to you,
or even any words at all.
Thank you that you are
close to me in the stillness of a
moment's peace together.
Amen.

Dear God,
I don't know what to do.
I can't see the path ahead.
Jesus said
He is the light of the world,
so please show me a light to lead
me. Help me to think clearly, see
new possibilities, and wait for
what will be right for me.
Then please give me the strength
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Wheels

by David E Anderson

When I was a toddler, I had a three-wheeled trike
I even had a pedal car – an Austin look-alike
My next bike was a Raleigh – second-hand and just one gear
The tubes and tyres were paper-thin with patches everywhere.

Once I drove a Vespa to the coast and to Skegness
To join the Mods and Rockers to see who was the best
Then I drove an old MG, if only for a while
With leather gloves and pipe and cap, just putting on the style!

But when we rang the wedding bells, I swapped the old MG
For sets of twins, a Labrador and a brand new MPV
The children grew and left the nest – I took an early pension
And bought a smart electric car at an OAP's convention.

Now I'm bald and getting old, I ride a bright red scooter
If anyone gets in my way, I blast them with its hooter
If you see me coming, best quickly step aside
I scoot along at quite a pace with the throttle open wide.

It gives me unbound freedom I never had before
To tour the famous cities of New York and Singapore
And though they've put me in a home I still have what it takes
To speed around the corridors on brand new roller skates.

So the secret of success my friends to stop you feeling old
Is buy yourself a set of wheels and step out from the cold
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Adoration: Praising God for who He is — His nature, attributes, and holiness. This focuses on worshipping God for His own sake, not just for what He does.

Confession: Sincere regret and acknowledgement of sins, asking for forgiveness and turning toward God. Tell God that you are sorry for specific sins.

Thankfulness: Expressing gratitude for God's blessings, answered prayers, and His work in one's life.

Supplication: Humbly bringing requests before God, including petitions for one's own needs (petition) and for the needs of others (intercession).

The **ACTS** prayer model has a Biblical basis - it is largely derived from the structure of the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13), where Jesus teaches to begin with praise and to ask for forgiveness and needs.

Remember, you can pray anywhere and at any time of day, but our village churches offer a quiet space for reflection.
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"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
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Sun 14th June | 11:00- 17:00
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26th June | Led by Judy & Phil
Park at Sempringham Abbey.

Edenham
10th July | Led by Wendy & Steve
Park in The Five Bells Inn car park.

Morton & Cardyke
24th July | Led by Judith & John
Park at Church in Morton.

Ruskington
7th Aug | Led by Julie & Peter
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21st Aug | Led by Judy & Phil
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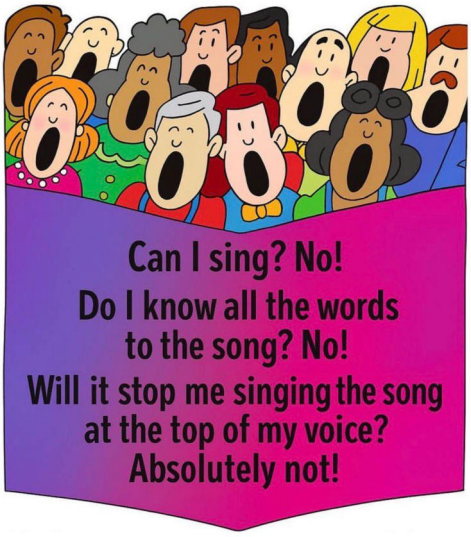
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Update from Folkingham Parish Council

by Martin Smith

Folkingham Parish Council would like to remind residents that LCC Highways will be starting on the A15 and car park areas in the Market Place on 10 August. This will involve narrowing the road outside the Five Bells area to make it easier to cross, along with new tarmac surfacing (not chippings) with a beige colouring for the car park.

The Parish Council is proud to support the return of the **Folkingham Feastival**, which will run from 2:30pm on **Saturday 27 June in the Millennium Green.** There will be a fantastic selection of live music, free circus skills, local ales and ciders and a selection of foods, including a visit from Chapel House Pizza. This event is free and is run by volunteers to aid local charities. Please support it! More info can be found at **folkinghamfeastival.uk**



Save the date

St Andrew's Church, Folkingham
presents a

Family fun afternoon

at **Folkingham Village Hall**
Saturday 1 August 2:00 - 4:00pm
Please contact
Lis on 01529497070
for further information.

Pop In News

by Robert

The lunch at the New Inn, celebrating our 26th anniversary, was a great success. The chef was in top form, and we thank him for the fantastic, wonderfully cooked meals. Everything was served by two lovely young ladies who made every effort to ensure everyone enjoyed their meal. Thank you - you were voted an outstanding hit! Based on the comments made during and after the event, it is clear that our diners would enjoy similar events in the not-too-distant future.

At the end of April, we held our AGM with a large proportion of our colleagues in attendance. Following the chairperson's and treasurer's reports, a vote was held for the committee; as there were no resignations, all members were re-elected for another one-year term.

The strength of "Pop In" lies in its membership. If you feel you could help, please let the committee know. With several new members swelling our ranks over the past few months - all now enjoying the camaraderie of Monday mornings at Folkingham Village Hall - we are proudly continuing the vision our founders had all those years ago.

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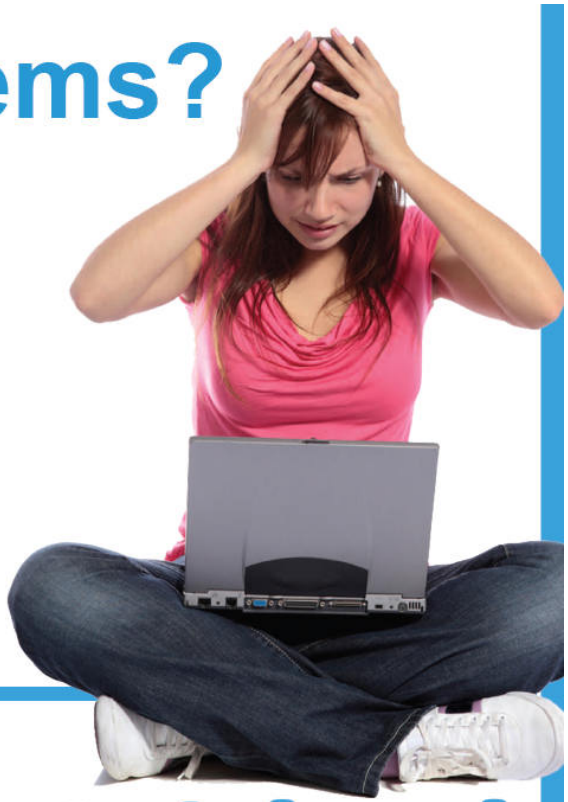
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Love Your Burial Ground Week & Churches Count On Nature, 6-14 June

Churches Count on Nature is part of **Love Your Burial Ground Week**, focusing on the brilliant wildlife to be found in churchyards and chapel yards. It is organised by **Caring for God's Acre** *(the conservation charity for UK burial grounds)* in partnership with the Church of England, the Church in Wales and A Rocha UK.

Love Your Burial Ground Week has been running for many years, encouraging all who help to look after churchyards, chapel yards and cemeteries to celebrate these places in June with special events – perhaps a history talk, picnic, voluntary work party or whatever your church community chooses!

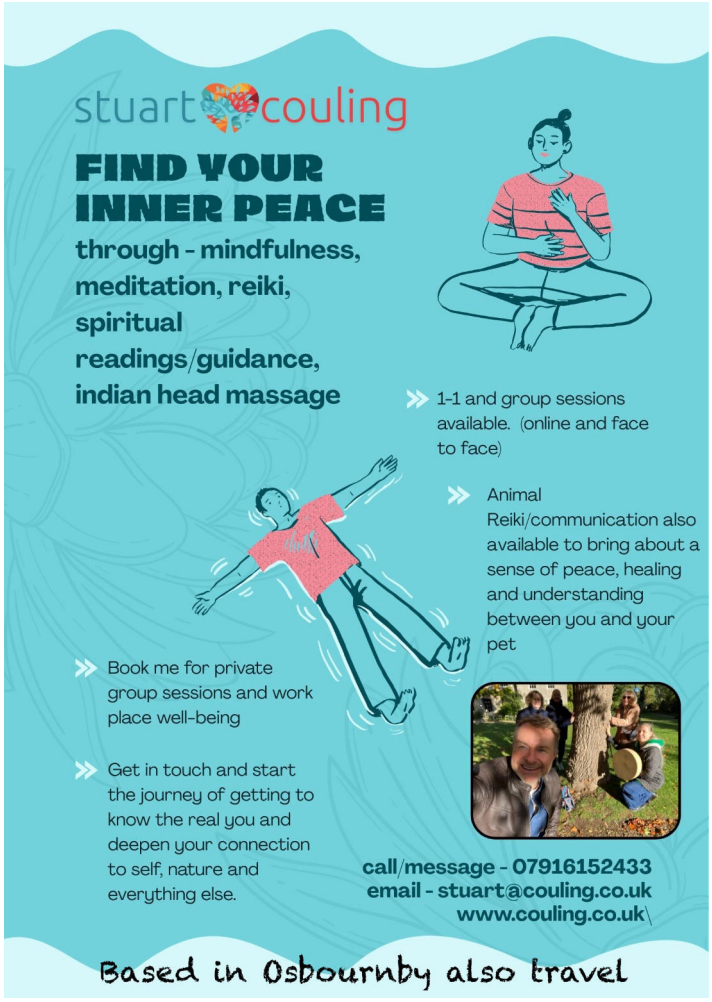
Churches Count on Nature 2026 runs at the same time as Love Your Burial Ground Week *(6-14 June)*, and focuses on the wildlife in churchyards and chapel yards. Caring for God's Acre also encourages volunteers to record sightings of animal and plant life in these places, ideally using the **Beautiful Burial Grounds Project** section of a smartphone app called iNaturalist.

Full details at **www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk**

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New Inn - Folkingham

What an incredible couple of months we've had here at The New Inn. Mother's Day was a huge success, closely followed by a fantastic Easter Sunday celebration.

Our recent Curry Night was another huge hit, with guests enjoying five different tasting curries alongside a delicious selection of sides. Tables filled up quickly, and we'd like to thank everyone who joined us for such a brilliant evening.

We host a themed food night every month, and the response has been amazing. Recent favourites have included our Burger Night and Mexican Night, both of which sold out fast. These events are proving incredibly popular, so be sure to keep an eye on our updates and book early to avoid missing out.

Looking ahead to summer, preparations are already underway for our Beer Festival taking place from 10th–12th July, followed by our One-Year Anniversary Country & Western Celebration — two events you won't want to miss.

Don't forget to come and enjoy our beer garden as the warmer weather arrives — the perfect place to relax with friends and family.

We're also excited to announce that from the first week in June, we'll be serving breakfast every Friday and Saturday from 9am–11:30am, running right through until the end of September. We'd love for you to come down and give it a try.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.
We look forward to welcoming both familiar and new faces over the coming months.

A Visit to St. Andrew's, Pickworth

by Chris Briggs, Spalding U3A



Every month, from January to November, the members of the *Exploring Churches Group of Spalding U3A* look forward to visiting one of the many glorious churches in our area. On 28th April, we were privileged to visit St. Andrew's Church in Pickworth. The morning of our visit was dull and overcast but by the time we arrived at the church, the sky was blue, and the sun shone brightly. For most of the group, this was a first visit to the village. As they arrived, many pointed out how well the churchyard was maintained. A bright floral arrangement in the porch welcomed us and led us into the remarkable interior.

We were served with a delightful light lunch by Heather Cox and Rosemarie Disney, which included some of Rosemarie's famous sausage rolls. Once we were all seated in those ancient pews, we were addressed by Peter Thomas, who gave us an insight into the history of the church. This was followed by David Cox, who guided us through the remarkable wall paintings. We were very lucky to be able to purchase two new guides to the church and the wall paintings which had been received from the printer just a few days before.

Throughout our visit, we were made extremely welcome by everyone we met. We were especially pleased to see Chris Gudgin, who, with his wife Denise, was our host when we visited Aslackby last September, where the suggestion was made that we should visit Pickworth. This was a truly memorable visit, and we are most grateful to everyone involved for the thought and great care that made the day such a success and one to remember for a very long time.

As one of our members wrote the next day, *"the welcome and refreshments were wonderful and so very generous; a heartening reminder that there is much goodwill to be grateful for in this lovely country of ours"*.

Aunsby News

by Joy

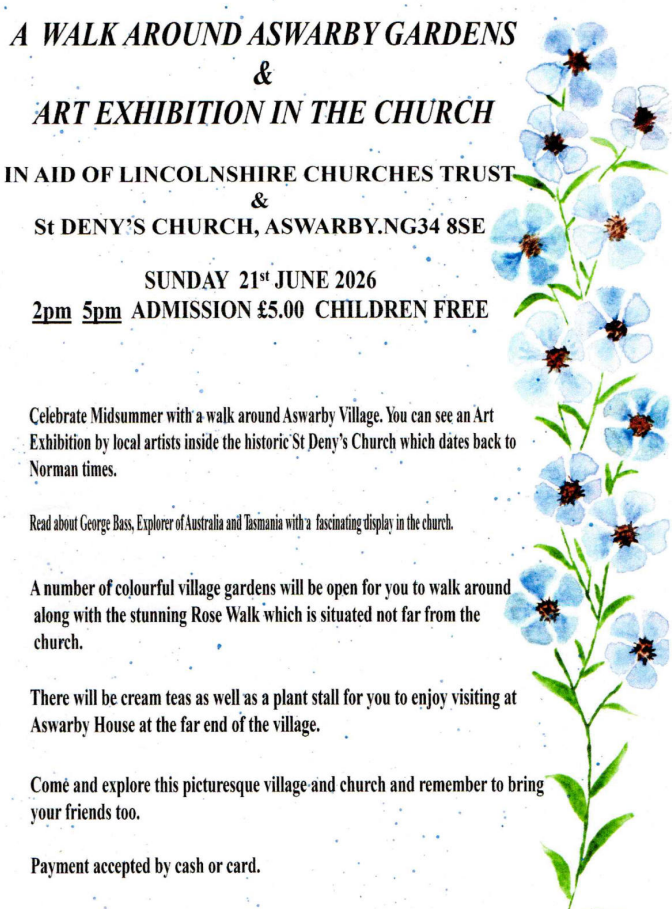


A plant stall at Aunsby Church on Saturday 2 May was a big success, despite the fact we forgot to advertise it in *The Voice*!

We raised £459.00 for the Church. A big thank you to everyone who donated plants and an even bigger thank you to all those who came along to buy them.

It was a wonderful sunny day with a chance to meet as a community, discuss gardening and have a cup of tea.

Following on in the gardening theme an Evening Prayer was held in the Church on 10 May with blessings for gardeners and gardens.



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Swarby News

by Nancy and Linda

When George Cullen married our former Churchwarden, Elaine, more than 20 years ago, we are sure he didn't expect to be so busy! He supported Elaine with every aspect of her church role: cleaning, maintenance, grass cutting, and years of locking and unlocking the church door seven days a week.

More recently, he has taken on the role of assistant church keyholder for the present Churchwardens, Linda and Richard. However, now in his 90s, George is handing the key over to Jo Pottinger (who will be assisted by David Pepper).

What a hard act to follow. We are sending a BIG thank you to George, and hope that he will now have time to relax, put his feet up, watch some television, and enjoy his garden.



Coffee Mornings

Come along and join us for a warm drink, cake and a chat on **Saturday 6 June** and **Saturday 4 July**, **10am until noon**.

Swarby 50:50 CLUB

We are excited to announce the launch of the **Swarby 50:50 club** in which 50% of the monthly income goes to prizewinners and the remainder goes to supporting the maintenance of Swarby Church and ministry within the parish. The inaugural draw will take place at Swarby Gala on 8 August. It costs only £1 per number per month for the remaining 5 months, £5 in total. The club is open to anyone aged 16 or over who holds a UK bank account. **Interested?** You can sign up now or find out more by emailing swarbychurch@gmail.com or talk to the Churchwardens.

Parish Pilgrimage

The redundant **Church of St Barbara** *(also frequently referred to as St Margaret's)* in **Haceby** is a hidden gem maintained by the Churches Conservation Trust. A building of remarkable stillness sitting within our parish, it serves as a memorial to a past worshipping community in a village that has largely disappeared since the medieval period. The church is a visual timeline of English architecture, with features ranging from the 11th to the 18th century.

Highlights include:

- **The *'Day of Judgement' (Doom)* Painting**: An evocative fresco featuring sinners being driven into the "mouth of hell" by demons with pitchforks. Unusually, the Royal Arms of Queen Anne (early 18th century) are painted directly onto the plaster over this medieval work.
- **Historic Graffiti:** The south porch is a treasure trove of ancient carvings, including windmills.
- **Sacred Artifacts:** The high altar is an original medieval stone slab, and an octagonal 14th-century font stands at the west end of the nave.

Find out more: **www.visitchurches.org.uk**



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The Church

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13th June, with James N Wood

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8th Aug, with JD Bullit

12th Sept, with Warren DeWitt

Contact **Mags**: 07872 926143 or
Graham: 01529 455449 / 07984 161738

Osbournby News

by Jenny

On Good Friday, a group of over 25 intrepid 'pilgrims' (and five dogs!) from around the villages braved the blustery weather and walked from Osbournby Square to the top of Green Hill. On the way, we heard readings from the *Stations of the Cross*, telling of the events leading to the crucifixion of Jesus. Standing around the cross, which is sited at the top of the hill each year, and overlooks several villages, we held a service with songs, readings and a short reflection. Back down in the village, some of us thawed out with tea and hot cross buns! This is always a special time, and this year was no exception. Thank you to all who came, and to Derek North for once again placing the cross on Green Hill.





Come & Sing Evensongs

Sunday 28 June
Christchurch, Pointon

Sunday 26 July
St Andrew's, Leasingham

You are warmly invited to sing alongside the choir of St Denys, Sleaford, as they sing Evensong throughout the wider Lafford Deanery.

If you fancy singing there will be a choir rehearsal at 3:30pm for one hour followed by a short break.

The Evensong service starts at 5pm. All welcome.

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Sat 5th & Sun 6th September 10.30 – 16.30
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Refreshments available with proceeds to Osbournby church

For further details contact Mary on 01529 455365 or Julie on 07876 702437



Saturday 6 June | 10:00am – 2:00pm

Come and enjoy a lovely stroll around the village of **Osbournby**. Explore a variety of stalls and find some hidden treasures, while soaking up the local atmosphere.

Keep an eye out for *The Woolly Van*, which will be parked in the village.

Refreshments: Take a break with tea and coffee, served throughout the event in the Village Hall.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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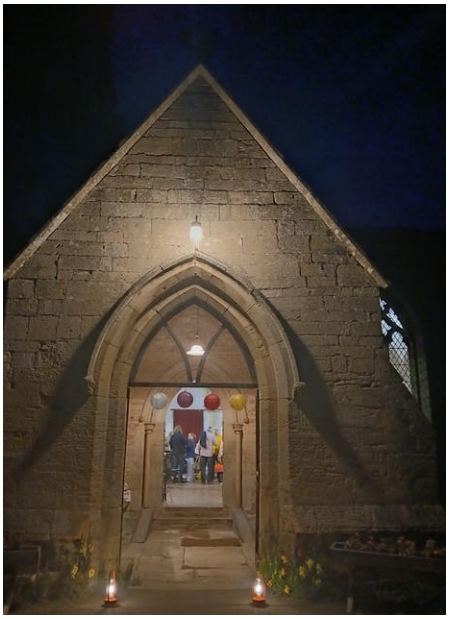
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News from Threekingham

by Roscelyn



Following our initial efforts to bird-proof the tower and clear out the guano, we are now pursuing significant funding for permanent structural improvements and new louvres.

The project has had some unexpected observers: a group of puzzled jackdaws. While their initial confusion was a sad sight, an enterprising pair proved quite determined, twice building precarious nests on the roof turret's top step. After some strenuous work barricading the window slit - which left the Churchwarden with a few bumps and bruised fingers - sympathy waned slightly, though their tenacity remains truly impressive!

Worship and Spiritual Life

• **Easter Celebrations:** St. Peter's was beautifully transformed for the Easter service, thanks to the wonderful decorations donated by the village.

• **Healing Service:** We have introduced a regular healing service on the first Sunday of the month at 5pm. Revd. Rebecca leads these sessions with great sensitivity, offering prayers for individual concerns, our local community, the country, and the complexities of our wider world. This service is open to everyone.

Community Spirit

Our new monthly social event launched in May with fantastic results! We welcomed 55 cheerful souls, whose generous donations will go directly toward the ongoing upkeep of St. Peter's. At the time of writing, we are gearing up for our next clean-up day.

A huge thank you to Oli, our local farmer, who has kindly offered to haul away the detritus. We are praying for fair weather to help us get the job done efficiently.

Your community efforts make all the difference - thank you for your continued support!

Regular Events *Please check times with venue or organiser.*

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



What's On *Please check times with venue or organiser.*

Event	Date	Time	Venue
Osbournby Yard Sale	Saturday 6 June	10:00 - 14:00	Osbournby
Coffee Morning	Saturday 6 June	10:00 - 12:00	Swarby Church
NGS Open Garden	Sat 6 / Sun 7 June	10:00 - 16:00	Woodside Farm, Newton
Summer Fete	Saturday 6 June	14:00 - 16:00	Aslackby
South Lincs Sings Gospel	Sunday 7 June	14:00 - 17:00	Wilsford Village Hall
Music in Quiet Places	Thursday 11 June	19:30	Billingborough Church
Aswarby Open Gardens	Saturday 21 June	14:00 - 17:00	Aswarby
Folkingham Feastival	Saturday 27 June	14:30 - 23:00	Millenium Green, Folkingham
Coffee Morning	Saturday 4 July	10:00 - 12:00	Swarby Church
Family Fun Afternoon	Saturday 1 August	14:00 - 16:00	Folkingham Village Hall
Swarby Gala	Saturday 8 August	14:00 - 17:00	Swarby Church
Fibre Festival	Sat 5 / Sun 6 Sept	10:30 - 16:30	Osbournby Church

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