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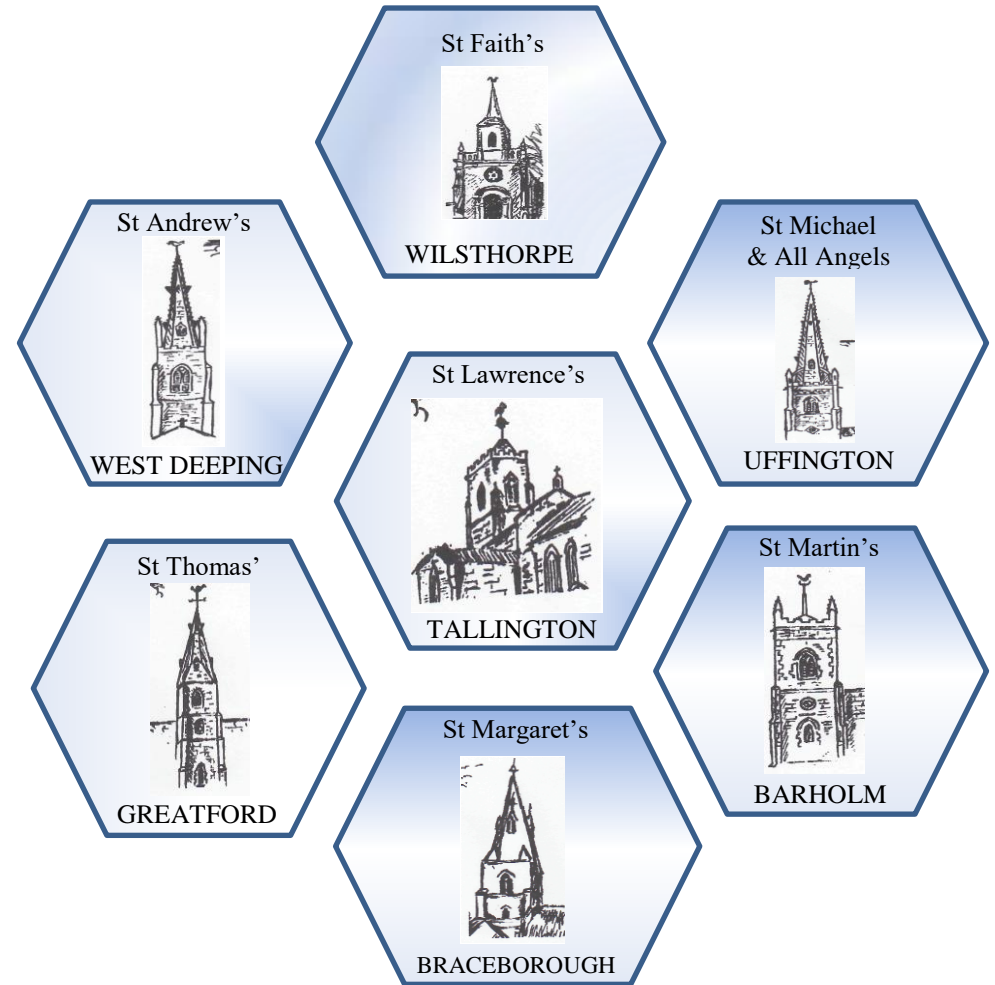
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## LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF LINCOLN

November was a time of remembrance. The Feast of All Saints, the Feast of All Souls, and we also remembered the end of the First World War. There was not a single family in Britain, France and Germany unacquainted with grief; nor a corner of life unaffected. I was in Boston Stump for a festival of remembrance that included several exhibits about the impact of the war on the lives of the people of Boston. For me the most graphic image was a street map of Boston in 1918 on which a black dot had been placed on each house where a family member had died in that conflict. Boston was much smaller then, but there was hardly a house without one or more dots – 200 in all. Rather than people returning to a land fit for heroes, the soldiers who returned came home to unemployment and to a nation that did not show gratitude to those who fought for it. We have begun to learn this lesson.

War also led us to understand the nature of God in a different way. During the war itself and in the decades that followed we uncovered something new in our understanding of God. Put simply: if God is loving and all-powerful, how could evil be allowed to flourish on this devastating scale? And why would we continue to trust in a God indifferent to our fate? One person who wrestled with these questions was Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy. He was an army chaplain who earned the nickname Woodbine Willie for handing out cigarettes to the troops at the same time as copies of the New Testament. Woodbine Willie insisted on being on the front line with the troops whenever he could. Those battlefield experiences forced him to confront depths of evil and suffering which few of us will ever see.

Having entered the war with a secure faith in God and an abstract notion of evil, he ended it being absolutely certain of the existence of evil as a real force at work in the world. The challenge, then, was to find a way to reconcile all that he had seen in the trenches with the existence of a God who was worth believing in.

For Woodbine Willie, hope came with an understanding that God was no longer the almighty force of his pre-war understanding, able to prevent humans from harming one another if he so chose. Instead, God was present in the heat of battle, suffering along with humanity, in the intolerable conditions of the trenches, in the endless slaughter of young lives. God was characterised not by force and power, but by love; no longer remote from all that was going on, but intimately connected with it and suffering through it.

God has planted in each one of us the greatest potential for love; and yet, evil exists and because evil often expresses itself in violence it has to be confronted with force and violence, whether between nations or within a nation. After the war, despite everything he had seen, Woodbine Willie was able to write, 'The universe is as an "unfinished movement" in which the underlying melody is love.'

The God we believe in brings love out of hate; light out of darkness; justice out of oppression; good out of evil; life out of death. This is our God, and his name is Love. Our acts of remembrance during November helped us to prepare for the season of advent as we remember the first coming of Christ and prepare for his second coming. To remember helps us to be mindful of what it means for Christ to be born in us today.

With every blessing,  
+Christopher

Dear Uffington Group,

Time seems to be moving quickly in the Uffington group of churches. I wonder how it feels for you? I've been here for about two months. Perhaps it feels longer to me because of all the harvest celebrations, the school holiday and the Remembrance and Centenary of the First World War commemorations! A team is already planning Christmas and Easter next year (Easter is the 21st April). I've spoken to many people in church and in both schools - the group's Church of England School in Uffington and at Copthill. I think I've enjoyed every minute of it - but there hasn't been much of an opportunity to be still and pray.

The things I've done so far in the group are very varied. The most important part is prayer. Each day starts with prayer, where I pray for everyone in the Parishes and the day ends with prayer as well. In time I hope I'll be joined by others, but for now, I hope some take comfort in knowing that I'm praying for your needs. If there's anything you like me to pray about then please let me know ([fraranbeesley@gmail.com](mailto:fraranbeesley@gmail.com)).

For now I'm trying to keep my mind on understanding how the group works together. And to join in and lead the services as they have been organised in the past. I hope then I'll be able to do things that let us grow. I'll have a much better idea of what's possible and what's needed if you share your hopes and dreams with me.


The events that took place for the centenary of the end of World War One allowed me to see how people work together and how with commitment and a plan amazing things can be done. You couldn't miss what was going on in Tallington - partly because so many people drove past all of the poppies! The displays and services in all of the churches were amazing. It feels like together the message of remembrance, commemoration and working for peace has been told to the younger generation.

As we move from the busy series of harvest festivals through the time of remembrance (All Hollows Eve, All Saints, All Souls and Remembrance Sunday) we turn to face the preparations for Christmas and Advent; the four weeks leading up to The Nativity. I wonder how we feel about keeping Advent and Christmas separate; it's a tough challenge! I find Lent and Easter easier to separate; but more of that another time as I'm jumping ahead.

So I mentioned at the start that opportunities for praying were reduced because of the business of life and for me as I try to work out how we grow. Where possible I'm trying to start our services with quiet and time for prayer and then sounding a bell to say things are getting underway. In time we'll see if we can sit quietly, let the music stop before the service starts and try and turn our thoughts to loving God and our neighbours more deeply.

There's one sure fire way to spend time in prayer, so next year on the 13th July I've booked a Parish Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham. There is no cost for the pilgrimage once you've arranged travel to and from Norfolk (Walsingham is next to Wells-next-to-the-sea). I've arranged visits like this in the past and if it's popular then we'll see how it grows. It will certainly be a prayerful day if you can make it. Please let me know if you are interested.

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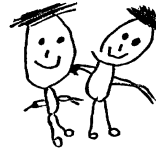
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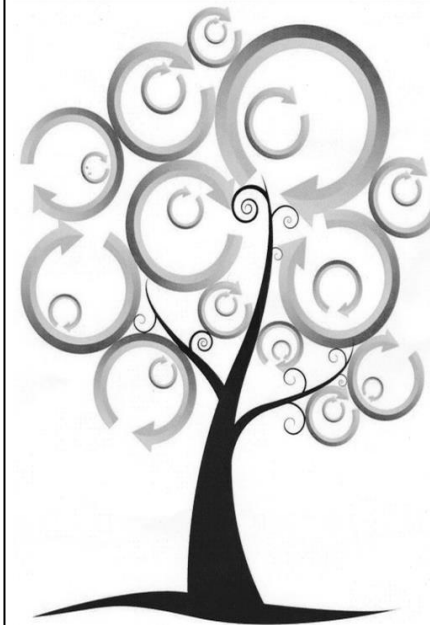
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9 <sup>th</sup> December 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Benedictus	Malachi 3:1-4	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6
16 <sup>th</sup> December 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 12:2-6	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18
23 <sup>rd</sup> December 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	Magnificat or Psalm 80:1-8	Micah 5:2-5a	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45[46- 55]
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day	98	Isaiah 52:7-10	Hebrews 1:1-4[5-12]	John 1:1-14
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> December 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas	148	1Samuel 2:18-20,26	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:41-52
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany	72:[1-9]10-15	Isaiah 60:1-6	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12

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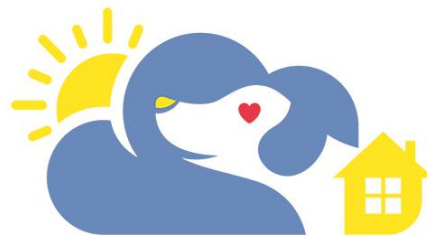
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## BRACEBOROUGH

**Sunday 2 December.** There will be a 9am service of Holy Communion at St Margaret's on Sunday 2 December. You are very welcome to join us for this service. Please come along if you can.

**Village Hall Committee.** Following the AGM on 31 October the following officers & committee members were elected: Karen Collins (chair), Sue Cook (treasurer), Linda Brookes (secretary), James Shorrock, Malcolm Ravilious, Keith Wright, Diane Holden, James Williams, Judy Barwell, Leanne Allen, Sarah Milne, Sarah Morten, Keith Busfield, Ben Fennell and Jane Fennell. We wish the new team every success for the coming year. A special vote of thanks was made to James (and his family) for all their hard work & support. James has served as treasurer for 18 years and has made a huge contribution to our community life during that time.

**Community Lunches.** The first lunch in October was a resounding success. Many have already booked their places for 21 November & 19 December, so hurry as places are limited. These lunches are open to anyone from Braceborough or Wiltsthorpe. A simple menu is offered together with an opportunity to chat with other villagers. 12 noon start. No bar- please bring your own drink. Cost is £5. This is not a fund-raiser. We shall not sell tickets but Pat & Karen would like confirmation of number in advance, please. The next lunch is planned for Wednesday 19 December.

**Carol Singing on Sunday 16 December.** We shall meet at village hall at 4pm and will visit various parts of the village. Everyone is welcome to take part. Please bring torches, wear hi viz or pale-coloured clothes. Children must be accompanied by an adult, please. Hot filled rolls will be available in the village hall afterwards.

**Monday 24 December – Christmas Eve Carol Service @ 6pm, St Margaret's Church.** This will be another amazing service for the Braceborough community. Father Aran has kindly offered to lead our service & Robert will again be playing the organ. Lots of popular carols to sing, easy-to-follow readings telling the Christmas Story & lots of residents playing seasonal music on a variety of instruments. Please come along and make this the one the best ever! The service will be followed by John's special brew of mulled wine and nibbles in the village hall.

**Saturday 19 January – Burns Supper in the village hall.** Complete with piper and an address to the wee haggis, this will be a fabulous evening of fun, good food, drink, music & many of your friends and neighbours to share it with. Put the date in your diary now!

**2019 Village Photographic Competition.** 2019 sees the return of the ever-popular Braceborough & Wiltsthorpe photographic competition. So as we enter the most colourful and dramatic time of year it's never too early to start grabbing some images of our 2 beautiful villages in readiness for next year's judging. Happy snapping!

**Beginners' Ceilidh/Scottish Dancing.** Come & try this fun & sociable form of exercise. Most Mondays 7.30-9pm in village hall. No partner needed, just bring comfortable shoes & a smile! £3 a session. Contact Hazel 01778 560417.

**Fly The Flag.** It costs just £5 to fly the flag to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or any other memorable or special event. Please contact James or Hazel (560417).

**Booking the Village Hall.** We have a very well equipped village hall – available for hire from just £8 per hour. Please contact Sue Cook at to find out if the date you are interested in is free.

## WEST DEEPING

### UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 24<sup>TH</sup> OCT 2018

**Defibrillator:** Listed building consent decision awaited. Clerk to speak to a local provider of Save a Life course about CPR/defib training.

**Play area:** Annual safety inspection has been carried out, some minor points to be addressed. Cllrs Babbs and Sheehan have re-spaced the palings. Crack along the wall behind the play area. A letter will be sent to all householders whose properties back onto the wall to make them aware of this.

**Bin:** The bin keeps moving and fixings will be sourced.

**Roads and paths:** Essendine Road, Junction of Essendine Road/Greatford Road, Greatford Road one way and cycle path and Greatford Road have pot-holes. Bertie Lane footpath has been mended but surface does not blend in. All noted for further attention.

**Correspondence received:** Nick Boles MP asked for comments about the bus shelter. LCC ref. verge cutting scheme for 2019/20 decision to be made at next PC meeting. Community cleaner grant for 6 months: October 2018 – March 2019 confirmed.

**Planning:** Four applications were discussed and decisions are awaited from SKDC.

**PCSO report:** Several sheds and garages have been broken into in Tallington and West Deeping. Tallington ATM was attacked. No further vandalism to the bus shelter. Wildlife officers should be contacted if hare coursing or poaching is suspected.

**Anglian Water:** repairs have still not been completed to a satisfactory level they will be approached again. Equipment stored in exchange for a donation to UVH which has not been received and will be chased.

**Street lighting.** New LED lights are very bright.

**Footpath** at bottom of Lindsey Road has been re-routed and labelled as a permissive route. LCC to be asked about this.

**Damage to Bollards at Copthill bend** will be reported.

**Sign at Lodge Corner** needs repair

**Further accident Newstead.** Not speed related. Drainage to be assessed by highways.

**Remembrance Sunday.** Parish Council have donated to The British Legion and have 4 lamp-post poppies (one at each entry road to the village). The Beacon will be lit by Pete Cable at 7pm Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November. All are welcome to come and join this act of remembrance.

Full details of these minutes can be found on the website <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Uffington/section.asp?catID=23148> and on the village noticeboards.

**Next meeting 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 8pm at the Village Hall.**

**St Andrews Church.** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. 10am. St Andrew's Day said Eucharist Service. Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December **Christmas Wreath Festival** in St Andrew's Church 10:00am to 1:00pm. Please support this festive event with a personalized wreath and/or come along on the day to see the display and share in mulled wine, tea/coffee and mince pies and a raffle. There will be prizes for winning entries including one for children less than 16 years old. For your added entertainment, live music will be performed throughout the morning. Entry on the days £2.50 per adult (under 16s free) Look out for details in a flyer or contact Colin on 07946004893. There will be no services in St Andrew's Church on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December. **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 10.30am.** Please join us for the All Age Christmas Carol. Service with music by Andy McCormack & Jules Morgan, followed by refreshments. Contact Colin on 07946004893. **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December. Midnight Mass at 11.30pm.**

Thank you to everyone who attended the meaningful and moving service of Remembrance and Rededication on 4<sup>th</sup> November and/or came along to see the amazing display by West Deeping Heritage Group about the village of 100 years ago and the men who fought in World War 1. For further information contact Maggie on 01778 344768.

**WD Walkers.** Sundays. Meet at the Village Hall at 1.45 pm. John will lead on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. 9<sup>th</sup> December and 30<sup>th</sup> December are local walks. Contact: Annie: 01778 346805 or [annie.new@me.com](mailto:annie.new@me.com)

**Bible Study.** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December starting at 3pm at Cromwell House. Details from Susanna on 01778 380014.

**Christmas is Coming.** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 4pm in the Village Hall. An Entertainment and Social event featuring both village and guest performers, 'guess the answer' competition with spot prizes for young people and a quiz of visual clues to guess the Christmas singalong song. No need to book, mince pies and mulled wine, tea or coffee provided. Free to all. More details from Melanie 01778 380197; [melanie@thelane.me.uk](mailto:melanie@thelane.me.uk)

**Rambling Readers.** Meet on the last Friday of the month in the village Hall. If you are interested in reading a new book each month supplied by Lincolnshire Libraries, please talk to Elizabeth at 01778 344674.

**WDeeping continued elsewhere:**

## ***We will remember them .....***

### **WDeeping Continued:**

**Carpet Bowls Club.** The group meets on Thursday evenings in the Village Hall. See centre pages. Chairperson: June Thomas 01778 343434.

**The West Deeping Crib.** The Travelling Crib is a collection of figures that make up a Nativity Scene, originally knitted by Alice Jones. Every year in December you are invited to give a home to the crib and share The Christmas Story with your family. You will get to keep The Crib for a few days and then pass it on to the next family on the rota.

One reason for the Travelling Crib is to get to know more people in the village. You may receive the crib or deliver the crib to people you have not met or don't know very well. West Deeping is a small village; we all lead busy lives and don't always find the time for our neighbours.

So



if you have children or grandchildren who would like to look after The Crib please contact Ruth Bowman, 29 King Street, 07772388981, email: [andrewandruth@hotmail.com](mailto:andrewandruth@hotmail.com) or use the West Deeping Facebook page.

**Classes in West Deeping Village Hall.** Check with leaders for Christmas dates.

**Step Clog.** Fortnightly on Mondays 8-9.30pm. Last practise this year, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Contact: Laura on 01733 267129, or email [laura.clogteacher@gmail.com](mailto:laura.clogteacher@gmail.com)

**Tiger Tots Messy Play.** Fridays, 9.30am-11.30am. For babies and toddlers aged 6 months-5 years. £7 per child, £5 per sibling. The last December meeting is on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December; they start again on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January. For queries and to book, call Ali on 07949 689179 or visit [tigertotsmessyplay@btinternet.com](mailto:tigertotsmessyplay@btinternet.com)

In early December we will be marking the centenary of the death of another man honoured on the First World War memorials in our parishes; he was the last to die of the forty men so named, so this is the last in this series of commemorations. The support of all those who have helped compile the life stories of the fallen has been much appreciated and it is hoped that this has helped ensure that *their names liveth for evermore*.

The Reverend Frederick William Ainley of the Army Chaplains' Department died in Wimereux, France, on 5<sup>th</sup> December 1918. Frederick had been born in Cork, Ireland, in 1885, the second child and oldest son of the Reverend Frederick William Ainley. Frederick (senior) had been born in 1852 in Wakefield where he was brought up and educated. He was ordained in Rippon Cathedral in 1876 and served as Curate of Huddersfield and then undertook missionary in southern India before serving in the Episcopal Free Church (Church of Ireland) in Cork from 1881. There he met Elizabeth Preston (known as Bessie) of Staplestown, a village 25 miles west of Dublin, and they were married on 13<sup>th</sup> November 1883. They had seven children: all born in Cork, but Bessie died on 20<sup>th</sup> June 1894 from "puerperal convulsions" (a serious disease which may occur either in pregnancy or in labour, presumably in relation to what would have been their eighth child).

Frederick (senior) returned to England in January 1901 to become Vicar of St Andrew's Church, Islington, and the census of that year shows Frederick and most of his children resident in London at St Andrew's Vicarage, Mountfield Crescent, Islington.

Frederick (junior) was with the family at that time – attending the Merchant Taylors School (then in North London). He was still resident with his father in Islington at the time of the 1911 census, which records that by then he had been ordained as a clergyman of the Church of England.

Frederick (senior) moved to Uffington in August 1915 on his appointment as Rector of Uffington. A younger son (William), who had become a chaplain to the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, came to the Uffington Rectory in early September to convalesce after contracting a serious form of meningitis early in the year, but died in the Rectory on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1915 – he is buried in Uffington churchyard. Frederick (senior) remained Rector of Uffington until his death in 1942 (aged 90); he too is buried in the churchyard.

During the war Frederick (junior) also became a Chaplain to the Forces serving as a Chaplain 4<sup>th</sup> Class (equivalent to the rank of captain) attached to Chaplain General's Office in Boulogne. At the end of the war, while ministering to wounded and sick soldiers in the military hospitals around Wimereux, he contracted Spanish flu and died of pneumonia on 5<sup>th</sup> December 1918; he was is buried at Terlinchun British Cemetery, Wimille near Boulogne.

Frederick was 33 years old when he died; he is commemorated on the headstone of his brother's grave in Uffington Churchyard, and in view of his connections with Uffington he is named the war memorial in St Michael and All Angels' Church, where the centenary of this death will be remembered during the 10:30am service on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

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## WILSTHORPE

**The next Service at St Faith's will be Holy Communion at 10.30am on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.** Please do come along and join us, where you will be made most welcome. Refreshments will be served after the service.

**Harvest Festival** – a well attended service was enjoyed by all. Thank you to everybody who donated food for Bourne Food Bank who were very grateful for our offerings

**Saturday 22nd December 2pm onwards** – We will be cleaning and decorating the church for Christmas, any help would be greatly appreciated, especially any children who would like to help decorate the Christmas tree!

**Christmas Eve Carol Service will be taken by Fr Aran.** The Candle lit Carol Service and Dressing of the Crib will be at **3pm**, followed by mulled wine and mince pies, coffee and soft drinks. Everybody is most welcome.

**Christmas Morning** - Holy Communion Services will be held at 8am at St Thomas, Greatford and 10.30am at St Michael & All Angels, Uffington.

**A Group Service** will be held at Tallington at 10.30am on the 30<sup>th</sup> December.

**Preliminary notice** – For February, Holy Communion at St Faith's will be the second Sunday at 10.30am

**Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Village Hall AGM** was held on the 31<sup>st</sup> October. Karen Collins was elected as Chairman and Sue Cook was elected as Treasurer. A special note of thanks was made to James Williams (and his family) for all their hard work and support over the last 18 years. Please contact Sue Cook if you wish to hire the very well equipped hall.

**Community lunches** - The first lunch in October was a resounding success. Many have already booked their places for 21 November & 19 December, so hurry as places are limited. These lunches are open to anyone from Braceborough or Wilsthorpe. A simple menu is offered together with an opportunity to chat with other villagers. 12 noon start. No bar- please bring your own drink. Cost is £5.

**Paperback books for sale!** This is proving very popular with villagers and visitors alike. There are lots of books for sale in St Faith's Church, 50p each or 3 for a £1 – a bargain! The selection is frequently refreshed.

## UFFINGTON

### Church Flowers

2<sup>nd</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Advent

16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Copthill School for carol service

♪Merry Christmas one and all from Uffington Village Hall! ♪

[For a full list of festive events in Uffington please refer to the list in Nov T & S.](#)

Congratulations to the winners of the 175 club, drawn at the UVH 90<sup>th</sup> party. 89 Julia Sear £20, 130 Caroline Grannycombe £10, 154 Paula Stenson £5 and 127 Linda Stephens £5. The 90<sup>th</sup> birthday quiz was won by Alison Dodsworth. Many thanks to all those who baked such delicious cakes- they were appreciated by everyone.

Thank you for booking these events, we look forward to seeing you:

**Friday 7 Dec** at UVH, Christmas Dinner, festive fun and Bumper Draw of 175 club.6.30pm for 7.15pm.

**Saturday 8 December**, 2pm - 4pm at UVH, Christmas Party for children 12 and under who live in Uffington, organised by Anita Hassall 07901934374

**Sunday 9 December** 1.30pm - 3.30pm, Gingerbread House Workshop at UVH. £12per family 4 places remain. Book via Vanessa Kimberley 239463 Ebookings@uffingtonvillagehall.org.uk

Once again, a very big thank you to Anne and John Teesdale for providing the UVH Christmas Tree whose scent fills the hall.

**Sunday 16th December** 7.30pm. Uffington Cricket Club Fundraising Sports Quiz The Bertie Arms. To enter a team (max 5) for £10, text Dean Cornish 07595 205016.

**Wednesday 19 December** Christmas Pub quiz at The Bertie Arms 8pm. Book a team on 766400. The pub will be open from noon til 2pm on Christmas Day, closed on Boxing Day. 27/28/29 /30 Usual opening hours. NYE- see inside pub for details. 1<sup>st</sup> Jan – All day breakfast 11am-4pm. Closed 2<sup>nd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019.

**Save The Date - Saturday 9 February 2019.** Afternoon Talk by Philippa Massey on Crime, Law and Order in Stamford.

If you need extra tables, chairs or cutlery for your festive events, you may hire them from Uffington Village Hall.

**Uffington continued elsewhere:**

## Uffington Continued:

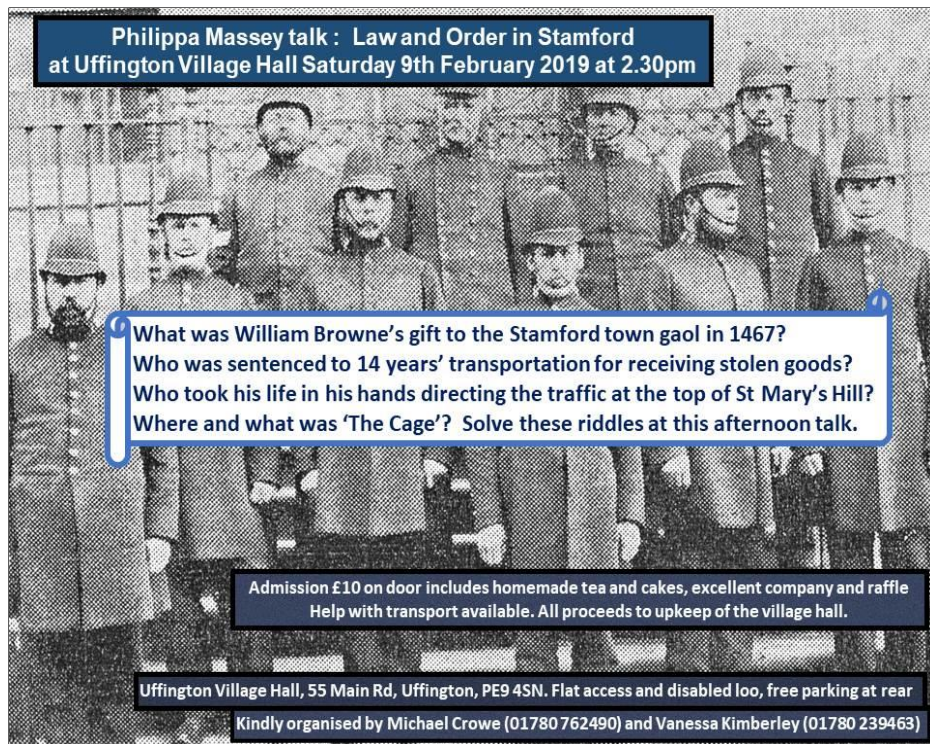
**Uffington Walk and Talk Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.** A local walk from Uffington towards Pilsgate and Burghley Park. Final route will be decided on the day. An opportunity to end the walking year with a coffee/lunch at the Bertie Arms. Meet at the Bertie Arms at 9.55am for 10am. Contact and weather check: Janet Warburton 01778 560620. Sheila Archer 01780 763825 (sheilandkeith@hotmail.com)

**Mobile Library Monday 24 December 10.30- 11am, Casewick Lane**

**Flying the Flag.** Either the Union Jack or St George's Flag was/will be flown as follows:

Date	Event or Message	Sponsor(s)
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	PCC
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	In memory of our Jon Boy	
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Memorial Lunch for AVM Johnnie Johnston at RAF Wittering	John Edwards

Mark your special date by sponsoring either the Union Jack or St George's flag, and make a £5 donation to Church funds. Contact David & Gail Genever or Graham Creedy (481084).



**Philippa Massey talk : Law and Order in Stamford  
at Uffington Village Hall Saturday 9th February 2019 at 2.30pm**

What was William Browne's gift to the Stamford town gaol in 1467?  
Who was sentenced to 14 years' transportation for receiving stolen goods?  
Who took his life in his hands directing the traffic at the top of St Mary's Hill?  
Where and what was 'The Cage'? Solve these riddles at this afternoon talk.

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## GREATFORD

**Church Flowers:** Rachel Barron-Clark

**Church Cleaning:** Heidi Hooper (D of E Gold Volunteer)

**Church Services** at Greatford this month are: 9<sup>th</sup> December Holy Communion 9am; 23<sup>rd</sup> December Holy Communion 9am; 24<sup>th</sup> December Carol Service at 6pm; 25<sup>th</sup> December Holy Communion **8am** - Please note the time. Please join us at these services, you will be very welcome. If anyone is able to assist with flower arranging, please contact Bridget on 560473. Thank you to all those who helped with the churchyard clear up in November.

**Getting to know our Neighbours On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 6 to 8pm** Please come and join us, the function was well supported last month. Nibbles will be provided, but please bring your own liquid refreshment. All ages are welcome and it is a Village event.

**Carlby & District WI:** The speaker at the meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November was from the Royal Veterinary Corps who gave an informative talk on the well-being of animals in the Services. A retired Army dog was brought in by its present owner. Members also brought in artifacts and diaries from WW1 which proved fascinating. Home-made refreshments were served. The Christmas Party will be held in Carlby Village Hall on Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. There is no meeting in January. New members and visitors are always welcome. For further information please telephone 01778 590542 or 01778 590348.

**Mobile Library.** Visits are on Mondays near the phone box from 12.00 to 12.30. The next visits are on December 24<sup>th</sup> and January 21<sup>st</sup>. Please support this or the service will be lost.

**Bellringing:** On Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War 1 we rang half muffled for the 9am service, and then "open" at 7.05pm. There was a great response to this, 33 signed the book as having chimed the bells. Thank you to all who attended, and for the complimentary comments from villagers who listened! The next bell practice will be Wednesday November 21<sup>st</sup>. Contact Lois Webb if you want to find out more about ringing. 01778 560437. email lois.m.webb1@gmail.com.

**Parish Council.** The next meeting is Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January in the village hall at 7.30 pm. At the last meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October Richard McDermott gave us a brief power point update on the results of the **Parish Plan** so far. Planning issues, mostly trees – approved, but a new alterations to bungalow S18/1515 in Greatford Gardens has been applied for (no objections raised) The footpath finger post at the bend on the east end of Greatford to Carlby Road has now been replaced. The post of the pedestrian gate to the playing field is broken – arrangements are in hand for getting it replaced. The Clerk (Lois) wishes to thank all those who helped **paint the railings** along the roadside opposite the pub. They are beautifully white now, and easily seen!

**Greatford continued elsewhere:**

## Greatford Continued:

**NEWSPAPERS.** My thanks to all the volunteers who have been collecting the newspapers from Baston Post Office on Monday and Wednesdays early in the morning since January 2018 and putting them in the phone box, Sunny also wishes to thank those who kindly pop them through her door! I shall soon be starting a new rota for 2019. *Lois*

**Dr Francis Willis Day 26 August.** The £375 raised on the day has been sent to the Charity Young Minds (within the Heads Together) who were most grateful for this donation. Thank you all for supporting.

**Greatford's Christmas Party.** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 3 – 6pm in the Village Hall. Come and join in the fun. Entrance : £2.50 (includes a glass of mulled wine and mince pie) Children free. On sale will be handmade Christmas cards and decorations, homemade preserves and other yummy goodies. Other attractions : Bran Tub, Children's Christmas challenge, Guess the weight of the cake. Guess the name of the Elf - with an elfie selfie. And to finish off the party a Festive sing-along at 5pm. If you would like to make a donation, we are happy to receive: Bottles for the tombola, Crafted items, Preserves, Edible goodies (please label ingredients) Small items for the bran-tub (gender neutral if possible). Mince pies etc. You can drop off your donations at the village hall on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 4-5pm, or Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 10-12am, or contact one of us: Lorna: 561348 lornamikestonestreet@icloud.com or Maggie: 560458 maggie.kaye@btinternet.com or Alison: 561040 alijhorton@btinternet.com and we will collect proceeds in aid of the upgrade of the Village Hall.

Olivia Teesdale and Elsie Brownlow would like to thank the generous residents who purchased cakes off them on Saturday 20th October, when they came around the village. They raised £65 for the Marine Conservation Society.

## UFFINGTON WI

Uffington WI was visited by Emma Green, senior area manager for the Body Shop At Home, the party and home-order arm of the famous ethical cosmetics company, when it held its November meeting in the village hall. She outlined the aims and origins of the company and her association with it, before bringing out some delicious goodies for members to try. She was thanked by Jennifer Wilson. Notice was given of the Spring Council meeting at Springfield, Spalding, on March 12, when the speaker will be Eddie 'The Eagle' Edwards. The Bourne Home Economics Group is to disband and the remaining funds distributed among member branches. President Gillian Johns reminded members to bring gifts for the annual Christmas bran tub at the December meeting. With 2019 just around the corner, plans were discussed for the branch's Birthday Meal in March and suggestions were requested for candidates to stand for committee next year. A card was read out from Barbara Smith, WI member since 1961, announcing her retirement from the group and thanking them for their friendship over the years. The competition, for a member's photograph in swimwear (any age!) was won by 1 Sue Naden, 2 Penny Seymour and 3 equal Sally Baker, Maggie Carter, Mary Johnston and Joan Hickman. The next meeting, on December 5, will feature a speaker on Tudor costumes and dance, and the competition is for a piece of elaborate jewellery.

## TALLINGTON

### Church Flowers

2<sup>nd</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> December - **Advent**

16<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> December – **Advent**

25<sup>th</sup> December – Mrs R Thurlby

**St Lawrence Church Tallington Services for December 2018:** A Carol Service will be held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00 pm led by Fr Aran Beesley. All are very welcome. Holy Communion on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 10.30 am will be led by the Rev John Batty. The Group Service of Holy Communion at 10.30 am on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December will also be led by the Rev John Batty.

The Parochial Church Council would like to thank the many people who have helped to keep the Church clean and tidy and running smoothly during the past year. We hope that Holly and Sophie will continue to clean the Church during the next few months as part of their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award as their efforts were most appreciated during the last year.

A big thank you should be given to Ken Otter and Shirley Taylor for the huge amount of work that was involved in making the 'Remember' Event for Tallington WWI Commemoration in Church so memorable. The Event will be remembered. Many people will have a lasting memory of the 'Poppies on Lampposts' as they drove to work through the Village as a result of which £900 approximately will have been raised for The British Legion.

The Village Hall Committee as a new group made the weekend's Events combined as something to be very proud of in a small village.

**200 Club Winners in October:** 1<sup>st</sup> prize Peter Healey and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Simon and Jan Chapman.

**Village Hall Committee:** We'd like to say a big thank you to all those involved in the Armistice Remembrance Weekend of activities. There was a lot of work involved from many people and the events and decorations did the Village proud! We also appreciate the wonderful turnout to the events and contributions to the cake stall and raffle. Together we raised over £280 for The Royal British Legion.

### Special Events in the Village Hall for December:

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 pm Christmas Social. Please join us and your neighbours for a festive evening with bar, music, mulled wine and mince pies.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2.30 – 5.00 pm Children's Christmas Party – to include fun craft, games, music, a Christmas film, snacks, drinks and a visit from a special guest (with presents!). £3 per child (parents/guardians must be present). Please book your child in via any of our contacts (listed below).

**Tallington Continued elsewhere:**



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### Regular Events at the Village Hall:

**Post Office** every Tuesday 2.00 – 4.00 pm

**Tai Chi** every Wednesday 2.00 – 3.00 pm (currently the class is at capacity)

**Tallington Tots** every Thursday 10.00 – 11.30 am (during term time)

**Yoga** every Thursday 7.00 – 8.00 pm beginners' class followed by all abilities from 8.00 – 9.00 pm. Please contact Helen if you're interested (to book) on 07706511925 or at hhyogaandfitness@gmail.com

A new beginners' class will start on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 if sufficient numbers enrol.

Pre-booking is essential so please 'phone Helen on the above number if you are interested in joining this new course.

**Bookclub** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month (12<sup>th</sup> December).

**Hiring the Hall:** We offer very competitive rates to hire the Hall whether commercially, for classes to benefit the community or just for one-off parties, with parking, great facilities, a fully-equipped kitchen (with dishwasher and freezer). We also have a selection of games to hire.

Contact tallingtonvillagehall@gmail.com or 07939 986817 or via Facebook messenger (Tallington Village Hall).

**Flying the Flag:** The Union Jack flag was flown over the weekend of 9/11<sup>th</sup> November in Remembrance of the Armistice of WW1. Please remember that anyone can have the flag flown (Union Jack or St George's) to celebrate any personal occasion. It only costs £5 and the choice of flag is yours. Just 'phone John or Liz Allen (740076) and choose your date and flag.

**Mobile Library Service:** There will be no Mobile Library Service in December but it will be back on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 in Church Lane between 11.15 and 11.45 am.

**The Parish Council:** The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.30 pm. Residents are always welcome to these meetings.

We are proud to say that £1300 was raised in the village for the Royal British Legion, including over £1000 for the sponsored poppies.

**Tallington St Lawrence PCC** would like to send a BIG Thank you to everyone who helped and contributed to make the Coffee morning on Saturday 17th November a great success .A total of £577.00 was raised Thank you!

## St. Martin's Barholm with-Stowe Uffington Group of Churches Advent & Christmas Services



**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
December**

**First Sunday of Advent  
Advent Carols & Candles**

The Service will be led by

Fr Aran Beesley

**Evensong at 6.00pm**

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies will be served after the service

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>  
December**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

The Service will be led by

Canon David McCormack

**A traditional Service of**

**Holy Communion at 9.00am**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup>  
December**

**Christmas Eve**

The Service will be led by

Fr Aran Beesley

**Holy Communion at 11.30pm**

**On Christmas Day, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December  
everyone is warmly invited to join the  
congregations of other churches within our Group  
at**

**8.00 am Holy Communion Greatford**

**and**

**10.30 am Holy Communion Uffington**

## CHURCH SERVICES AND DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER 2018 VOLUME 33 NUMBER 9

Abbreviations: Holy Communion (HC); Morning Prayer (MP); Evening Prayer (EP); All Age Worship (AAW)

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>
9am Braceborough HC 10.30am Uffington HC 10.30am WDeeping MP 10.30am Wilsthorpe HC 1.45pm WDVH Walkers 6pm Barholm EP (Advent Carols)	9.45am UffVH Yoga	10am UffVH Movement to Music 2pm TallVH Post Office 3pm WD Bible Study @ Cromwell House 5,6&7pm UffVH Childrens Dance
9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>
9am Greatford HC 10.30am Uffington MP 10.30am WDeeping HC 1.30pm UffVH Gingerbread Workshop 1.45pm WDVH Walkers 6pm Tallington Carols	9.45am UffVH Yoga	10am UffVH Movement to Music 2pm TallVH Post Office 5,6&7pm UffVH Childrens Dance
16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>
9am Barholm HC 10:30am Uffington HC 4pm WDVH Entertainment – Christmas is Comming	9.45am UffVH Yoga Welland MU at Tallington Care Home	10am UffVH Movement to Music 2pm TallVH Post Office 5,6&7pm UffVH Childrens Dance
23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>
9am Greatford HC 10.30 Uffington AAW (Crib Service) 10.30am WDeeping HC All Age Carol Service 10.30am Tallington HC 6pm Uffington Group Carol Service	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> 3pm Wilsthorpe Carols 6pm Greatford Carols 6pm Braceborough Carols 11.30pm WDeeping Midnight Mass St Andrew's 11.30pm Barholm HC	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> 8am Greatford HC 10.30am Uffington HC
30 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>	
10.30 Tallington Group Service HC 1.45pm WDVH Walkers	<b>NEW YEARS EVE</b>	

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>
9.30am UffVH Pilates 2pm TallVH Tai Chi 7.30pm UffVH WI	10am TallVH Tots 10.15&11.15&12.15 UffVH Hartbeeps 5&6pm UffVH Childrens Dance 7.15pm UffVH Yoga 7pm TallVH Yoga 7.30pm ALL Saints Day Wilsthorpe HC 7.30pm WDVH Bowls	9.30am WDVH Tiger Tots Messy Play 6.30pm UffVH Christmas Dinner	10am WD Wreath Festival St Andrew's Church 3pm UffVH Childrens' Xmas Party
12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>
9.30am UffVH Pilates 2pm TallVH Tai Chi 5.30pm& 7.15pm UffVH Tai Chi 7.30pm TallVH Book Club	10am TallVH Tots 10.15&11.15&12.15 UffVH Hartbeeps 5&6pm UffVH Childrens Dance 7pm TallVH Yoga 7.15pm UffVH Yoga 7.30pm WDVH Bowls	9.30am WDVH Tiger Tots Messy Play 7.30pm TallVH Christmas Social	2.30pm TallVH Children's Christmas Party
19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
2pm TallVH Tai Chi 5.30pm& 7.15pm UffVH Tai Chi 7pm WDVH Dance Class	10.15&11.15&12.15 UffVH Hartbeeps 5&6pm UffVH Childrens Dance 7pm TallVH Yoga 7.15pm UffVH Yoga 7.15pm UffVH Beginners Yoga	9.30am WDVH Tiger Tots Messy Play	
26 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>
			1 <sup>st</sup> December