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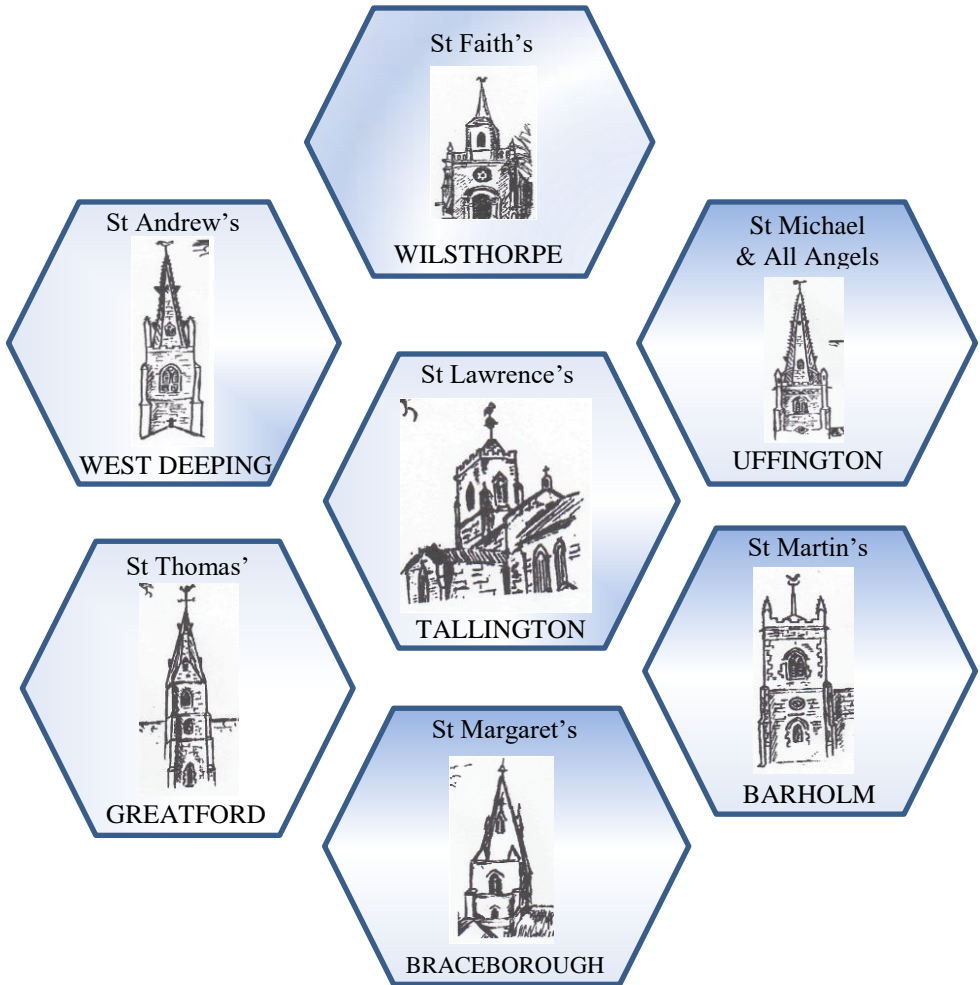
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Gardeners' Question Time on Radio 4 (usually Friday afternoons at about 3.00pm and repeated Sunday afternoons from 2.00pm) is a good opportunity to hear tips and ideas for better gardening, and the presenters also suggest timely jobs to be done. We have also pulled together here some past ideas from magazines published by *Gardeners' World* and the Royal Horticultural Society you may find helpful.

Early February is a good time to spread farmyard manure or garden compost as a mulch over the vegetable beds. You may know a source of manure from a local stables, but the key thing is that it is well-rotted. Some garden centres sell pre-bagged farmyard manure which is easier to handle. You can also use your own garden compost made throughout the previous year. Worms, other soil creatures and microbes will incorporate the material into the soil. Even garden birds can help, by turning over the mulch in their search for food! Be aware that if you are planning to grow some crops such as carrots, they do not benefit from such prior soil enrichment

Early potato varieties can be started off in the process of growing their new shoots – known as chitting – by placing in a warm, light place. Placing one potato in each dimple of empty egg boxes can protect these new shoots from accidental damage. Choose your varieties carefully bearing in mind what sort of final potato you want (colour, taste, size), the type of soil you have (as some varieties are better suited to clay and some to more sandy/gravelly soils), and the need for particular disease resistance (as some are blight resistant, for example).

A useful job to do this month is to clean out seed trays and old pots that you might want to use in the coming year. This gives the new germinating plants and seedlings the best chance to avoid any lurking bacteria or viruses. Make sure you have labels and a marking pen ready too, so that as soon as the warmer weather is here, you can start on one of the more exciting gardening jobs of planting seeds and growing-on seedlings!

Finally, on wet and miserable days, it is both useful and fun to go through seed and plant catalogues planning what you are going to grow this year! **Donna Radley & Tim Barfield**

From the Honorary Priest

Dear Friends

As you may know, Carolyn, our Rector, is unwell and has been signed off work until the end of February. In Carolyn's absence we are grateful for the help being provided by local ministers – particularly by the Rural Dean, the Very Revd Mark Warrick and the curates of All Saints' Stamford, the Revds Nikki Mann and Aran Beesley; as well as our old friends Canon David McCormack and the Revd Clive Hilton, and also our own Lay Reader, Susanna Aldred and our Authorised Lay Ministers, Les Baillie and Allan Crowson. I am also most grateful to many other folk within our seven parishes who ensure that all the churches continue to function smoothly.

For the time being, any enquiries which would normally have been addressed to Carolyn, should be directed to the Rural Dean, Mark Warrick (01780 756942 or mark.warrick@stamfordallsaints.org.uk) or to me (rev.martin.brebner@btinternet.com or 01778 561145)

We naturally wish Carolyn speedy progress, and indeed as a church we are praying for her – as we pray for all those who are poorly or in need. Sadly we can't always pray specifically for everyone within our parishes who might be in need of prayer – not because we don't want to do so, but because we don't always know about the illnesses, sorrows or other troubles that the residents of our seven villages may be experiencing. Our churches are here for the benefit of every parishioner – churchgoer or not – and we are very receptive to requests "to say one for me" – just e-mail me at the above address with any request (though do say whether any individual concerned is content for their name to be made public). The focus does not need to be solely personal: neighbourhoods, communities, schools etc, and indeed the nation and other lands might equally benefit from divine intervention.

And on that broader front, the churches of our land are being encouraged to join in a *wave of prayer* asking people to pray in whatever way they want and with whoever they want for people to know the benefits of the events we celebrated just a few weeks ago – the birth of Jesus Christ. The *wave of prayer* is planned for the nine days between two other notable dates in the Church's calendar: Ascension Day (the celebration of Christ's return to heaven) and Pentecost (when the original disciples experienced the coming of the Holy Spirit): this year those festivals fall on 25th May and 4th June. It would be good if our villages can be part of this venture.

God may not always answer our prayers in the way we expect, but if we don't ask we can't expect any answer – so let's not be reticent about bringing to God our concerns for ourselves, our families, friends, neighbours, communities and nation.

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Report from meeting held on Wednesday, 21st December 2016

Play Area – It was reported that there was dog fouling again on this area, could dog owners please clean up after their dogs.

Removal of BT Pay phone kiosk – These grey phone boxes can only be retained if used for a defibrillator, as this phone box is not in the centre of the village it was considered not suitable.

Access to School Field – Uffington School is considering erecting signs informing the public that there is no right of access to the field. The Parish Council decided to arrange to sent a Councillor to the next Governors Meeting to discuss this.

LCC Highways to be written to again to ask when they intend to tidy up the rubbish growing on and around the River Bridge.

Village sign – It was reported that this sign is in need of some attention, an assessment to be made and any necessary action taken.

SK Today is now being delivered to the Village.

It was reported that the street lights in Lindsey Road now go off at 12 midnight.

The date of the next full PC Meeting is Wednesday, 8th February, 2017 at 8pm in the Village Hall. There will be a special meeting to discuss various matters on Tuesday, 17th January, 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. A copy of the full unapproved minutes are on the Uffington Web Site.

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5th/12th Feb – Joan Heap

19th/26th Feb – Kirstey Shelton

Wanderlust - Thursday 2nd March at 7.30pm Uffington Village Hall. This fabulous show brings together a touching assortment of remarkable stories collected from rural areas all over Britain and brought to life with live music, energetic storytelling and stunning projection. A lady with twinkling eyes tells of her heroic journey of survival, an adventurer is lost on Ben Nevis battling against the snow and a man in a wicker chair remembers his dancing days with fondness. *Wanderlust* weaves stories together using humour, energy and music to take the audience on an uplifting journey. Tickets £10 from Nick Kimberley 01780 239463 or 07527 134303. The show is also at West Deeping village hall on Friday 3rd March.

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

Date	Event	Sponsor(s)
17 th Dec	Death of Albert (Nobby) Noble	PCC **
18 th Dec	In memory of my mother, Irene; father, John; and brother, Geoff. RIP. Always in my thoughts	Ann Whitham
25 th Dec	CHRISTMAS DAY	PCC
17 th Jan	Birth, on 15 th Jan, of a second grandson: George Robert Archie Naylor	Robert & Jane Naylor

** *The church floodlighting was switched off for the night as an additional mark of respect.*

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)

It is with sadness we record the death of Albert (Nobby) Noble on December 15th. He was Churchwarden at Uffington for 25 years and a good friend to many. His funeral took place at St John's Church in Grantham on 16th January attended by his loving family and his many friends. He will be greatly missed.

Snowdrop Sunday – This will be held on 19th February when everyone is invited to see the snowdrops in the churchyard and stay a while for tea and cake in Church.

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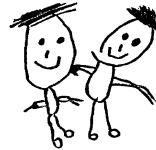
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Village Hall Cleaning: The Village Hall Committee would like to thank people for their response to the urgent appeal for help to clean the Village Hall. A new lady will be starting this month.

The Post Office: This is just a reminder that the Post Office now opens only on Tuesday afternoons from 2.00 to 4.00 pm but please use it if you possibly can so that we do not lose this one afternoon. It is a very valuable service for us in more ways than one.

Mobile Library Service: The Mobile Library will be in Church Lane between 11.15 and 11.45 am on Monday 20th February 2017. Again please try to use it if you can as over the years it has been cut from fortnightly visits in two locations to Church Lane once a month.

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FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

15 December	Tallington	Eileen Margaret Jackson (aged 86)
22 December	Tallington	Frederick Anthony (Tony) Haslam (aged 77)
18 January	West Deeping	Beryl Gladys Moon (aged 85)
19 January	Barholm	Terence Eric (Terry) Freeman (aged 73)

BRACEBOROUGH

Holy Communion service on Sunday 5 February at 9am St.Margaret's Church. Please come along and enjoy an hour with us at St. Margaret's. You will be made very welcome. Robert now plays the organ regularly for us which is making such a difference to the services. Also if you would like to take one of the readings from time to time please contact Malcolm on 561153.

Saturday 4 March 2017 – Smorgasballad Concert – with Vicki Swan & Jonny Dyer. Promoted through the Lincolnshire Rural Touring Scheme, this concert will be a mix of beautiful songs and storytelling from the land of the midnight sun. Jonny and Vicki are great musicians with sparkling humour and great voices accompanied on traditional Swedish instruments. Very highly recommended. Licensed Bar. Doors open 7:30pm for an 8pm start. Adults £10, Children £7.50, Family ticket (2+2) £30. Reserve your tickets now, with James on 01778 560417 or Keith on 560258.

Saturday 1 April – April Fools Day Pot Luck Supper. Village Hall. 7pm for 7.30pm. There really will be fruit fools for we April Fools to eat. Ha ha! Licensed Bar & Raffle. Adults £8, Children £4, Family (2+2) £20. Tickets from James (560417), Keith (560258), Malcolm (561153) and Linda (560044).

Saturday 13 May 2017 – Race Night. Details to follow, but please note the date and start planning how you might persuade family members and/or friends to buy a few runners, or even a race!

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St Andrews Church. The next All Age Service will be on Sunday 19th Feb at 10.30am. Details from Susanna Aldred on 01778 380014.

West Deeping Parish Council Monday 6th February, 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come to the open session at the beginning of the meeting and ask questions.

Bible Studies. Tuesdays 7th and 21st Feb. 2.45 for 3pm at Cromwell House. Contact: Susanna Aldred on 01778 380014.

West Deeping Heritage Group. Wednesday 8th Feb. 7 for 7.30 pm at Village Hall. 300 years of the Spalding Gentlemen's Society - speaker Tom Grimes. All welcome £2.50.

WD Walkers. Sundays 12th and 26th Feb. Meet outside the Village Hall, 1.45pm. 12th is a local walk, 26th is led by John. Contact: Annie: 01778 346805, snewbigging@talktalk.net

Coffee Morning. Saturday 18th Feb. 10.30am-12noon WDVH for St Andrew's Church. Raffle, cake/produce stall. All are welcome.

Beetle Drive and Vintage Tea with raffle. Sunday 19th Feb. 3pm West Deeping Village Hall. Tickets £3.50, proceeds for the Jubilee Fund. To book call Gill 01778 345589.

Carpet Bowls Club will meet in the VH on Thursday evenings in Feb and March (Wednesday afternoon sessions cancelled.) See centre pages. Chairperson: June Thomas 01778 343434.

Rambling Readers. Friday 24th Feb. 7.45pm in the Village Hall. A new book each month is supplied by Lincolnshire Libraries. Info from Liz. 01778 344674.

Classes in West Deeping Village Hall. Step Clog. Fortnightly on Mondays 8.00-9.30pm, Call Laura 01733 267129, leaving a contact number or email lozwharton122@sky.com

Dates for the diary: Live & Local Theatre_Friday 3rd March 7.30pm, West Deeping Village Hall The Gramophones Theatre Company present Wanderlust. Friday 3rd March 7.30pm, West Deeping Village Hall. Tel 01778 380197 or email tickets@westdeeping.co.uk Also on Thursday 2nd March 7.30pm, at Uffington Village Hall (Tel: 01780 239463) A story about three women setting off into rural Britain in pursuit of the most exciting tale. They found more than they were expecting. Original live music and playful storytelling

Midsummer Magic. 17 - 25 June West Deeping Info from Graham Magee: 07775900251, graham.magee@me.com

GREATFORD

Church Flowers: Elizabeth Ashby

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Church Services this month are **12th February** Holy Communion at 9am; and **26th February** Family Service at 9am. You will be very welcome if you join us at these services.

We are very grateful to everyone who contributed to Christmas Services and to all volunteers who assisted throughout the year. We have however lost several volunteers from the Flower and Cleaning rotas. If you are able to help (for however short a time) please contact Bridget on 560473 regarding flowers and Cazz on 561032 regarding cleaning. If anyone would like to do altar flowers to mark a special day this can be arranged, please contact Bridget.

Bellringing: Greatford Practice night – Wednesday February 22nd 7:30 to 9pm. Anyone welcome to come along and watch/learn or ring. Any enquiries to Lois Webb (01778 560437 or lois.m.webb1@gmail.com).

Carlby & District WI: There was no meeting in January. The next meeting is on Tuesday 14th February at 7.30p.m in Carlby Village Hall and the speaker will be Sue Locke on The Lincolnshire Air Ambulance. New members and visitors are always welcome. For further information please telephone 01778 392838.

Mobile Library: The next visits at Greatford opposite the phone box will be on Mondays 20th February and 20th March from 12:00noon to 12:30pm. This service is under threat from Council cuts, so please support this if you can.

Flying the Flag: Mark any special event by having the Union Flag or St George's Flag flown at the Village Hall (for a contribution to Village Hall Funds) or outside the Church (in aid of Church Funds). Please contact Cyril Webb on 560437 in either case.

Parish Council: Dog fouling is again messing the footpaths along the Baston Road and Greatford Gardens, with added nastiness of poo bags being left about instead of being put in the bins. The green bins will take these bags. Some dog owners may be letting their dogs out on their own, without supervision, or being walked by children who don't want to bag it. But please think of others' rights to a clean neighbourhood. This is also not fair on the responsible dog owners who do clear up after their dogs. South Lincolnshire Fenland Partnership is holding a meeting in the morning of Saturday 11th February at Waterside Garden Centre about the possible impact on the environment of any gravel extraction at the Manor Farm site (along King Street). Attendance is free, but places must be booked (through Greatford Parish Clerk at lois.m.webb1@gmail.com, or Amanda Jenkins at slincsfens@lincstrust.co.uk. Thank you to all who made donations at or after Jack Mason's funeral: £410 was raised for the RNIB.

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READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

	Psalm	OT	NT	Gospel
5th February 4 th Sunday before Lent	112: 1-9	Isaiah 58:1-9a	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20
12th February 3 rd Sunday before Lent	119:1-8	Deuteronomy 30:15-end	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
19th February 2 nd Sunday before Lent	136:1-9 & 23-end	Genesis 1:1-2:3	Romans 8:18-25	Matthew 6:25-end
26th February Sunday next before Lent	2	Exodus 24:12-end	2 Peter 1:16-end	Matthew 17:1-9
1st March ASH WEDNESDAY		Joel 2:1-2 & 12-17		Matthew 6:1- 6 &16-21
5th March 1 st Sunday of Lent	32	Genesis 2:15- 17 & 3:1-7	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1- 11

The readings for Communion services are normally the NT and Gospel. For Morning and Evening Prayer they are usually the Psalm, OT and NT (though it may be wise to check with the preacher). The liturgical colour in February is green for "ordinary time" and then purple when Lent starts on Ash Wednesday.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
5 th	6 th	7 th
4th Sunday before Lent 9am Braceborough HC 10.30am Uffington HC 10.30am WDeeping MP 10.30am Wilsthorpe HC 6pm Barholm EP	10.30am UffVH Yoga 7.30pm WDVH PC Meeting	2.45pm WD Bible Study
12 th	13 th	14 th
3rd Sunday before Lent 9am Greatford HC 10.30am Uffington HC 10.30am WDeeping HC 1.45pm WD Walkers 6pm Tallington EP		
19 th	20 th	21 st
2nd Sunday before Lent 9am Barholm HC 10.30am Uffington HC 10.30am WDeeping AAW 3pm WDVH Beetle Drive & Vintage Tea	10.30am UffVH Yoga	2.45pm WD Bible Study
26 th	27 th	28 th
Sunday next before Lent 9am Greatford AAW 10.30am Uffington AAW 10.30am WDeeping HC 10.30am Tallington HC 1.45pm WDVH Walkers	10.30am UffVH Yoga	6pm UffVH Pancakes

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
7.30pm UffVH WI Mr Ron Smith - A New Zealand Adventure Competition: Snowdrops – bunch picture	8pm WDVH Bowls		7.30pm WDVH Live & Local Theatre
8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th
2pm HffVH Wednesday Club 7pm WDVH WD Heritage 7.30pm UffVH WI 8pm UffVH PC Meeting	8pm WDVH Bowls		
15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th
	8pm WDVH Bowls		10.30am WDVH Coffee Morning for St Andrew's Church
22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th
2pm HffVH Wednesday Club	8pm WDVH Bowls	7pm TallVH Social Evening 7.45pm WDVH Rambling Readers	
1st MARCH			
Ash Wednesday 7pm Uffington HC with Ashing. All Welcome			