# Together



Parish news for the united benefice of Cranford, Graf ton Underwood, Twywell and Slipton

### October - November 2019

# Letter ...



#### Dear friends,

As the interregnum period continues and the benefice awaits a new incumbent so much of the organising and planning has fallen on the laps of the church wardens. We owe a huge debt of thanks to them for keeping the schedule of services going and finding able leaders and speakers for the various services and events in our churches.

Many of you will have made summer trips and seen new places and faces or been back to old, familiar, haunts. We thank God for journeying mercies and for the enjoyment of seeing the amazing beauty of His wonderful creation in other settings.

But, as they say, "There's no place like home," so let us not forget to thank the Lord for the beautiful area where He has placed us. We are thankful too for family and friends, for fields and farms, and for the many blessings we enjoy right here.

The harvest is in and that is always a reminder of the wonderful cycle of planting and reaping, rain and sunshine, that God has built into how our planet Earth works.

As the days shorten, let us look forward to the beautiful autumn colours and keep the spirit of thankfulness and joy going. May God bless you all.

best wishes,

#### Vernon Forbes

Cranford PCC

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#### SAMARITANS PURSE SHOEBOX APPEAL

Shoebox time has arrived and we will be collecting them together on Sunday 3rd November at Family Half Hour when the Archdeacon will bless them.

Leaflets are in all the Churches or with the people listed below if you would like to do a box.

Items suitable for putting in the boxes - soap, flannels, combs, stationery, small games and toys, etc. These can be given to your village representative. (No sweets or toothpaste allowed this year.) We will pack the boxes in Grafton village hall between 10am - 12noon on Saturday 19th October. Anyone who would like to help is welcome. Please remember that every box we send costs £5 postage so if you prefer to contribute towards this it will be very much appreciated. We hope to pack between 60 - 75 communal boxes which have to be paid

for.

Hoping that you can help with this worthwhile project. Thank You



Jenny Daykin (enquiries to 330646) Grafton Sandra Day - The Cedars, Cranford Annette Pask - Cosy Nook Cottage, Twywell

Filomena Palmer - Monabri, Slipton

For more information: Samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ

#### **Diocesan News**

#### The cross stands still while the world turns

In the opening scene of *The Unseen*, a novel by Norwegian author Roy Jacobsen – shortlisted for the Man Booker International Prize 2017 – the local minister, Pastor Johannes Malmberget, is rowed across to a remote island called Barroy. After a difficult two-hour journey, he scrambles ashore – thankful to still be alive, teeters along the landing stage and then "catches sight of something he has never seen before, his home on the main island the way it looks from Barroy".

This summer, we have been celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 space mission – the excitement of Neil Armstrong's small step/giant leap on 20th July 1969 as he and Buzz Aldrin became the first human beings to land on the moon. It's been good to remember the often-forgotten third astronaut, Michael Collins, who remained in lunar orbit and was on the far side of the moon when his colleagues took those famous steps.

All three astronauts shared one particularly special moment, the first sight of something never seen before – the earth the way it looks from the moon. When the astronauts first saw the earthrise, they were struck by how the predominant colour was not green, but blue, as two-thirds of the earth's surface is sea (indeed, once a day almost all you can see from space is the Pacific Ocean). This was also very clear from the astonishing artwork on display in the Cathedral recently. 'Gaia' by artist Luke Jerram is a seven metre diameter globe, suspended in space. It features detailed NASA imagery of the earth's surface taken from space, and turns completely every four minutes.

When I saw it in the Cathedral, I thought it looked beautiful and fragile. It filled me with wonder and a feeling of protectiveness. I was reminded that the biggest crisis facing our nation (even more important than Brexit) is the ecological catastrophe that scientists are trying to engage us in addressing.

I was also struck by the astonishing view from the Cathedral Nave of 'Gaia' behind the equally beautiful hanging cross. Frank Roper's 1975 depiction of the crucifixion is 15 feet high, weighs more than half a ton and represents Jesus' suffering and his watching over the Cathedral. It carries the Latin inscription "Stat Crux Dum Volvitor Orbis" – "the cross stands still while the world turns".

In this time of great uncertainty, it's good to be still and recall that God shares our lives and watches over us.

God bless,

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+John, Bishop of Brixworth

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# Cranford News

#### St John's Church

The schools are now back after the summer holidays, but the first news item takes us back to mid-July before the schools broke up. We were delighted to be given the opportunity to strengthen the link between the village's C of E primary school and St John's church through the Acting Head, Richard Albert, inviting the church to present a bible teach of the 16 pupils who, in July, were leaving to move on to secondary schools. Having quickly decided to take up the invitation to present 'bibles', we then had to decide which 'bible'. We didn't want it to be so big and forbidding a tome that it would sit on a bookshelf and rarely, if ever, be opened and read. We wanted it to be a book that children of that age would read and be inspired by its stories. After consulting widely, we decided on 'Diary of a Disciple - Luke's story'. These were presented at the end of term leavers' service on 24th July, where we expressed the wish that the leavers would benefit from the guidance provided by the stories in their conduct in their new schools and in their lives beyond. Although we have, of course, always been pleased to make the church available for services to celebrate festivals and at end of terms, we have plans in hand to enhance that co-operation still further.

The *Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust* 'Ride and Stride' on 14th September will have happened by the time you read this. Both St John's and St Andrew's churches were open, St John's being manned to log in riders and striders and offer refreshment, and St Andrews open for self-registration. Cranford's usual strider participant is hoping to 'bag' his usual 15 churches and intends to leave his sponsorship form available for late sponsors till after this issue of *Together* comes through your letterbox.

Although St John's Harvest Festival services will have taken place by the time this issue is distributed, the harvest supper and auction of produce will not take place until Saturday 5th October. We hope to see you there!

Churchyard working parties met in late August, aiming to enhance the work of the usual mowing and border maintenance teams. A small, but very purposeful, group concentrated on cutting down elders and removing vegetation from church and churchyard walls as well as additional strimming around walls and memorial stones.

One other note on the churchyard; we have only recently been made aware that there is one memorial in the churchyard which comes under the care of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. This is the grave of William Bailey who died on 14th October 1915. His widow, Florence Eliza, who died on 24th August 1949, is buried in the same grave. The grave is situated in the south-west quarter of the churchyard and has recently been made more visible by the removal of elders growing up through the neighbouring trees.

On the afternoon of Saturday 7th September St John's church was full to capacity (approximately 250) for the memorial service for Bob Stonebridge following a private graveside burial service in the morning. The congregation had been asked to wear clothing item reminiscent of the psychedelic fashion of the 1960s and most obliged. The service, led by the Reverend Graham Bell with contributions from Jon and Annie plus items from Bob's fellow musicians, was a moving and memorable tribute to a man and his family, much loved in the community. In remembering Bob (and Jane) we would do well to ponder on the words printed in the order of service and inscribed on the headstone of BB's grave in Cranford churchyard:

'The wonder of the world, the beauty and the power, the shapes of things, their colours, lights and shades; these things I saw Look ye also while life lasts.'

#### Brian Keech

#### The Cranford and District Over 60s

On 30th July John Stanyard gave a most interesting talk entitled 'Under Two Flags in World War One'. There was no meeting in August. On 29th October we are having a Cream Tea and Member Entertainment. This meeting begins at 1.30pm. November sees the return of Richard's Kitchen. This meeting begins at 1.00pm.

For further details please contact Doreen Mayes on 01832 733961. All meetings are held in the Village Hall in Grafton Road. *Margaret Keevil* 

#### **Cranford WI**

By the time you read this our September meeting will have passed and so will the Coffee Morning we are holding in the Village Hall for Bowel Cancer in memory of Bob Stonebridge.

On 10th October we are holding the AGM and Harvest auction. This is always a lively meeting with members being very generous with their money.

Christmas will be upon us before we know and with that in mind, at the November meeting, Mary Gordon will show members how to make a Christmas wreath. *Jenny Potter* 

#### The Village Hall

Very glad to confirm the projects planned for this Summer are all complete, with the new shutter separating the kitchen from the hall; the windows replaced by energy saving, low maintenance alternatives and the old chipboard soffits replaced. The dishwasher is also installed and the kitchen subsequently redecorated. We are sure these improvements will be appreciated and enhance the hall as a venue for future hirings.

We plan to install splashbacks shortly, to protect the decoration.

We are planning a Quiz Night on 26th October, so keep the date free and further information will follow.

We are in discussion about plans for hall improvements with KBC and will report on developments as they occur.

As part of this we will be modifying the stage, to give better access to the storeroom, which will then provide accessible accommodation for the chairs, currently stored on the stage. *George Potter* 

#### Village Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings are on 8th and 29th October and on 19th November. These will begin at 10.40am

Please contact me with any forthcoming events to be included in the December 2019 / January 2020 edition by 8th November 2019 at The Dial House, Rectory Hill Cranford NN144AH or email jandg.potter@btconnect.com or phone 01536 330696.

Best wishes

Jenny Potter



More Cranford News		
At Rest		
7th September 2019	<b>Robert John (Bob) Stonebridge</b> Died 17th August, aged 68 years.	
- ,	Burial in St John's churchyard, together with his wife Jane's ashes, followed by a Memorial Service in St John's church.	
	Please pray for his mother Pat and sister Jane; for his children, Jon and Annie, and grandchildren, Elsie and Brin; and all his family and friends.	
	He rests in peace and will rise and shine in glory.	

#### **Cranford Emergency Transport**

The following people have kindly offered to help with transport if anyone in the village has an emergency. This is not a taxi service but should only be used in an emergency.

Kaye Brady	01536 330310	
Dave Butler	01536 330777	
<b>Rachel Davis</b>	01536 330539	Mob: 07791 626861
Diana Griffiths	01536 330274	
Hazel Perkins	01536 330064	
George Potter	01536 330696	Mob: 07710 135214
Jenny Potter	01536 330696	Mob: 07547 036557
<b>Richard Barlow</b>	01536 330611	
Sharon Barlow	01536 330611	







# Grafton Underwood News

Firstly, I would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone who helped with the Cream Teas, whether it was making scones , shopping or helping on the Sunday afternoons. We had excellent teams every week and all went very smoothly. Thanks to everyone's hard work and the generosity of a few we made a profit of £1333.60 over the four weeks. Slightly up on last year despite one very wet afternoon.

A good crowd enjoyed the Ukulele Band in July and we hope that the church will be as full for our September concert which will have taken place by the time this goes to print. We were sad that Bob Stonebridge passed away before the concert, but our thanks goes to Brian and Laura for stepping in and working so hard to do such a full and varied programme in memory of Bob and Jane.

Thanks to those who sat in church for the *Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust Ride* and Stride to welcome visitors. Unfortunately, we did not have anyone to ride for us this year. Hopefully a keen cyclist will move into the village for next year!

We will be having a Harvest Lunch in church on Sunday 6th October straight after the Family Half Hour Service. We are doing this in aid of *Compass Children's Charity* at £5 for Adults and £3 for children. We hope that you will join us.

It is shoe-box time yet again and those of you who would like to do a box can get a leaflet from myself, the Bistro or Church. Items for the Wrap and Pack can be brought to me any time or donations for postage. (Please see the Samaritan's Purse article.) We will be packing in the Village Hall from 10am– 12noon on Saturday 19th October. Everyone who would like to help is welcome. Boxes will be collected together at Family Half Hour on Sunday 3rd November when the Archdeacon will bless them. If you cannot make this service, please bring your box to me.



The PCC will meet at the Manor House at 7.30pm on Wednesday  $23^{rd}$  October . I would like to take this opportunity to wish Heather Ives (a PCC member ) well after her nasty fall. We hope that she will be back with us soon! Plane film shows will be in the village hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesdays 1st October and 5th November.

Jenny Daykin

#### Village Hall

The Village Hall has successfully hosted cream teas again this year. Jenny Daykin and volunteers did a marvellous job as ever. A big thank you to Helena for making sure that the hall was clean and ready for events and afterwards. Brunch will have already happened by the time this goes to print, but we hope and look forward to seeing everyone at the Pub Night on Saturday 26th October. A chance for all the village to get together, welcome new residents and catch up with old ones. As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Tracey Ingram and the Committee

#### Flood warden

Mark Bird's takeover as Flood Warden has been delayed by his hip surgery so I faff about till his recovery is complete.

Whilst strimming the brook side one uncovered quite a bit of wild mint (lovely smell ) and damn near beheaded a sitting duck! But lovely range of wildflowers this year. The continued drought has for the first time in 40 years dried up the brook at the north end of the village (though I see that the stream in Barnwell is also reduced to a trickle).

#### Tree warden,

Eighty miles of hedgerow maintenance on the estate used to be within the remit of the forestry department 40 years ago. Now that it has come under someone else's remit for the past few years and stringent cost-cutting means that the hedges have not been cut properly (or at all ). Dutch Elm disease is killing a lot of hedgerow elms. Though I am pleased at how well the limes that I planted all those decades ago are doing.

I spoke to an agronomist working in the fields the other day and mentioned that I had not seen many deer recently. 'Oh.' he said, 'there are hundreds in the fields over towards Brigstock!'

Richard D



# Slipton News

As I write the sun is shining and we are enjoying the hottest August Bank holiday. The farmers are busy bringing in the harvest in this beautiful countryside.

Thanks to Dawn Moreton for conducting our last three evensongs. Dawn is a Street Pastor in Kettering and has enlightened us all on the valuable work that she and her volunteer colleagues do at nights to help make Kettering a safer and more caring place for people who are out on the streets on Saturday nights, proving that there are many ways to show God's love.

Four members of our congregation attended Father Len Viner's funeral in Brigstock. He was 9 months off his 100th birthday and for the last decade of his life he had celebrated Easter Sunday and Christmas Day with us at Slipton. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

My Mother who passed away in January, age 92, kept a diary and reading through it I found this entry for Christmas day 2010 and I thought I would share it.

'At Carolines in the wonderful village of Slipton ,opened presents at 9.30, had breakfast and then walked to church 11am. Lovely service by a vicar who was over 90 years old, after church went to a thatched cottage with a post box in its wall, roses in the summer just like a chocolate box, inside was like going into a picture on a Christmas card. The open fire, cards hung on the beams, a polished table set for Christmas dinner. Everyone knows everyone in this village and everyone is so welcoming'.

Our thoughts are with Bruce who recently had to attend hospital following a fall, wishing you a speedy recovery.

Harvest supper arrangements are in full swing (ours is on 22nd September). A big thank you to all the helpers.

Planning permission has been submitted for residential properties to be built on the site of the Samuel Pepys pub, the plans are available for everyone to review . Please visit the East Northants Council website for full details and for the opportunity to add your comments.

Caroline Anstee



# Twywell News

Autumn is now fully upon us and the harvest is, once more, safely gathered in with much of the land now cultivated and partly sown with next years crops. Our thoughts now instinctively turn to the main festival of the season, the Harvest Festival, which traditionally gives thanks for the bounty provided by field and garden. This is the feast which closes a season that began with the Lammas Festival at the beginning of August and which sought blessing for the upcoming harvest. Our own Harvest Festival, this year to be held at 6.00pm on 13th October, is a very popular, uplifting family service that follows the Songs of Praise format of alternate hymns and community readings/poems. All are welcome. If you wish to contribute to this service with a reading, or other performance, please contact Margaret Ansell on 01832 731444. Anyone interested in adding to the church decorations of flowers or harvest produce please contact any member of the PCC - details are in the church porch. Our Harvest Supper, with its fine spread of seasonal fare, and which is also held in the church, follows the Harvest Festival service and is a lovely social event in its own right.

The Remembrance Service this year will be held on Sunday 10th November at 9.15am. Unusually, due to unforeseen circumstances, this year we are privileged to hold a joint service with Slipton. A member of the Slipton community will read the names of the Slipton war dead. The opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices of others, selflessly made on our behalf, is welcomed annually. As with all services, all are welcome.

#### 'Comings & Goings'

On 2nd August, one of Twywell's oldest residents passed away. Apart from his years serving in the RAF, Phillip Thomas lived his 83 years in the village he loved. Best know for the success of the building company he founded with his life-long friend Alan Briggs, Thomas & Briggs Ltd - which became the largest employer in the parish and launched many a career - he was a gentle, self-effacing man committed to our community, who served on the Parish Council and wholeheartedly supported many other parish organisations. A countryman who started his working life on the farm of WG Childs & Sons, Phillip was passionate about gardening and he loved nothing more than to share his horticultural successes with his family. He will be sadly missed and our prayers and thoughts are with his friends and family at this sad time.

#### 'Other news'

Following the re-introduction of the Lammas Service in early August, the 'Lammas loaf' was broken up and taken to four extremities of the parish boundary where a short prayer was said at each. This ancient tradition is said to bring good fortune for the coming year and it is our hope that by extending the parameters of the laying of bread to the parish fringes good fortune is parishwide. The Lammas Service is the first of several long-lost country feasts and festivals that we are hopeful we can resurrect into the calendar year on a regular basis to reconnect us with our rural roots.

The planned 'Topping Out' Barn Dance at the Childs' brothers new barns on Cargo's field on 21st September unfortunately had to be cancelled due to insufficient ticket sales before the necessary deadline passed. However, the Community Events Team has other events coming up including a repeat of the very successful pumpkin carving competition on 31st October which was so well received last year, and also a bingo night in November (details to be confirmed). We urge you to support these events wherever possible - much time and effort goes in to the planning of what is becoming a regular program of varied community activities.

The popular 'Twywell Dining Club' returns to *the Old Friar* on Wednesday 16th October, at 7.00pm with a Brexit theme! Also, the popular coffee mornings continue monthly. Anyone who may be interested in hosting is asked to contact Margaret Ansell on 01832 731444 for further information. For further information on all of these events, please see '*More Dates for your Diary*' and the parish notice-boards.

The defibrillator mounting frame is currently under construction to enable its placement on *The Green*, next to the telephone box. This is very kindly being manufactured and donated to the parish by the *Universal Engineering Group* at Corby whose forward thinking engineering-related businesses includes defibrillator training and we thank them for this incredibly generous gesture. The notice-board at the top of the village has now been refurbished and reerected. We thank Wayne Briggs and Thomas & Briggs Ltd for carrying out this much needed work. We now have all three (including one in Woodwell) fully serviceable.

Village pride is very evident with the telephone box library getting a thorough refurbishment and looking resplendent in its new coat of paint, thanks to the efforts of Dale Boyce and team. Also, upon entering the village from either end you cannot fail to notice the superb barrel displays of autumn coloured begonias. Our thanks go to Alan Yates for launching this initiative, and also to those who daily deadhead, feed and water them. Thank you all, along with the work previously done to painting and trimming around the village benches, cutting back hedges on blind corners and maintaining the public areas of grass (verges, greens and churchyard). Your commitment to our environment does not go unnoticed.

Following a request in the June & July edition of *Together* for material, we were pleased to receive the following reflective poem from Gordon Fox. Sadly, since submitting this poem, Gordon has passed away. A successful entrepreneur in

his working life, Gordon, with his late wife Doreen, loved the peace that living in Twywell brought. He will be sadly missed.

Steadily the sun shines on this, another summer's day, June has gone, as has the bird song, and the farmers' have made their hav. What a quiet village; no radios or noise, no whooping antics of happy girls or boys. There are cats that prowl to catch a bird, but never a barking dog is heard. The Church stands gaunt; the bell tower still, without a ringer to do a peal. But to go to town one must, amidst the noise, fumes and dust, then, come back to peace and sit in the shade, enjoying the tea and cake, both freshly made. It's a pleasant way of life for village folk; no more do we bear the acrid wood smoke. Oh townies you can have your way, But in this quaint old village I'm here to stay! Gordon Fox

And finally .... 'A Pause for Thought'

'Everyone is kneaded out of the same dough, but not baked in the same oven'

Twywell PCC

	More Twywell News
At Rest	
15th August 2019 (at the crematorium)	<b>Phillip William Thomas</b> Died 2nd August, aged 83 years.
	Please pray for his wife Pauline; his children, Jo and Steven, and his stepchildren, Kerry and Debbie; and all his family and friends. He rests in peace and will rise and shine in glory.
11th September	<b>Gordon Fox</b> Aged 88 years. Please pray for all his family and friends. He rests in peace and will rise and shine in glory.

#### **Diocesan News**

#### **Binding up the Brokenhearted**

The Diocese of Peterborough is presenting its first Mental Health Training Day on Saturday 19th October. Entitled 'Binding up the Brokenhearted', the aim of the day is to provide practical advice for local churches to minister more effectively to those with emotional and mental health needs. The guest speaker at the event is Becky Harcourt, a member of New Wine's National Leadership Team. We caught up with Becky recently for a chat.

#### What is your involvement with mental health within the Church?



Alongside my husband, I lead All Saints, Woodford Wells on the border of London and Essex. We've been involved in church leadership for 27 years and have two children, both of whom are on the autistic spectrum. I, personally, have a particular calling to inner healing, which simply means helping those who are struggling with emotional or mental issues to encounter God's grace and goodness. I feel particularly passionate about this aspect of ministry. Due to the death of three siblings, one of whom died in an accident when I was looking after her, I desperately needed God's grace and goodness to help me

deal with the mental and emotional damage I lived with for many years. Gill Hampton, who will also be speaking, has experienced her own journey with her emotional and mental health which has led her to walk alongside others as they navigate their healing in many contexts. Her story is one of abuse, depression and loss – a feeling of hopelessness that she feared would never end until she met the God of hope who tenderly brought healing and restoration.



Gill is passionate about inner healing and the Church becoming equipped to

deal with the increasing rise of mental and emotional health problems, knowing that this can sometimes simply mean involving outside bodies (ie GPs) and being willing to participate in integrated care.

#### What will your talk at the Diocesan Mental Health Training Day be about?

We'll both be sharing from our stories of how God has met with and restored us as examples of the transformational difference he makes to those of us who are broken and struggling. We will also speak from our experiences of walking alongside others dealing with varying degrees of mental illness.

(Full article is available at https://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/news-and-events/ monthly-magazine-resource)



'Binding up the Brokenhearted – A practical day of resourcing your church' takes place on Saturday 19th October at Christ the King, Kettering (Deeble Road, NN15 7AA) from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Entry is free – donations are welcome. No need to book – bring your own lunch. For further details, email prevans@standrew.co.uk or call 01604 616375.



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### **Dates for Your Diary**

#### **Cross-benefice Groups**

Bellringers

practise on Mondays at 7.30pm, rotating every 2 weeks between Cranford St John and Grafton Underwood churches. Enquiries to Laurence Stapleton (01832 720321) or Michael Hurst (01832 733926).

Handbell Ringers Enquiries to John Evans (01832 732993) or Richard Walters (01536 330380).

**Home Group** Meeting twice a month, at the moment we meet on the first and third Monday afternoon, 2-4pm, in various homes. Starting with tea/coffee and biscuits, followed by Bible study, discussion and prayers. Everyone welcome. For current information, please contact Margaret McDonald (01536 370126).

- **Over 60s Club** normally meets on the last Tuesday in the month at lunchtime in Cranford Village Hall. Enquiries to Doreen Mayes (01832 733961).
- **Cranford WI** meets on the second Thursday in the month at Cranford Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Enquiries to Lady Fry.

#### **Parish Council Meetings**

(See also Parish Council Notice Boards)

- **Cranford** please note the Parish Council is changing the day on which it meets due to other commitments at the Village Hall. Next meeting: For all future meetings please refer to Parish Council minutes posted on the village notice-boards or visit https://cranfordparishcouncil.com until further notice.
- Grafton quarterly normally on the second Tuesday at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Next meeting: 12th November . Enquiries to David Hinckley or Sue Cook (07825 925210 or clerkgupc@gmail.com).
- Twywell Every 2 months on third Thursday at 7.30pm. Next meeting: 2nd October (MacQueen House) and 20th November (MacQueen House). Enquiries to Peter Kelly (07768 206314) or twywellclerk@gmail.com
- Slipton represented on Lowick Parish Council by 2 councillors, meets quarterly normally on a Tuesday at 7.30pm, Germain Rooms, Lowick. Enquiries to Filomena Palmer (01832 733503)

#### **Services in October 2019**

Sunday 6th October	9.00am Cranford St John's, HC CW (mod.)
Trinity 16	11.00am Grafton Underwood, Family Half Hour
	(followed by Harvest Lunch)
	11.00am Slipton, HC with Father John Tiernan
Sunday 13th October	8.00am Cranford St John's, HC BCP
Trinity 17	11.00am Grafton Underwood, MP CW (mod.) +RR
	6.00pm <b>Twywell,</b> Harvest Festival with Songs of Praise (followed by Harvest Supper)
Sunday 20th October	11.00am Grafton Underwood, Family Worship +RR
TRINITY 18	11.00am Slipton, Private Prayers
	6.00pm Cranford St John's, EP CW (mod.)
Sunday 27th October	9.15am Twywell, HC CW (trad.)
Trinity 19	11.00am <b>Cranford St John's,</b> All Age Worship & Baptism
	11.00am Grafton Underwood, HC CW (mod.) +RR

HC = Holy Communion; MP = Morning Prayer; EP = Evening Prayer; +RR = Refreshments; BCP = Book of Common Prayer (1662); CW = Common Worship (2000) trad. = traditional language; mod. = modern language.

All our churches are available for your private prayers during the day-time. Please look in the porches for the names of the keyholders. Listings of services for the next 3 or 4 weeks appear on the church gates, notice boards and elsewhere. You are most welcome if you wish to attend only occasionally or to re-start after a long absence. Never worry if you have to arrive late or leave early.

Please keep this schedule for 2 months. Spare copies are available from the churches. The full schedule for December 2019/January 2020 will be printed in the next issue.

### **Services in November 2019**

<b>Sunday 3rd November</b> <i>4th Sunday before</i> <i>Advent</i>	<ul><li>11.00am Grafton Underwood, Family Half Hour (Shoebox blessing by Archdeacon)</li><li>11.00am Slipton, HC with Father John Tiernan</li></ul>
	6.00pm Cranford St John's, EP BCP
Sunday 10th November 3rd Sunday before Advent	<ul> <li>9.15am Twywell, HC CW (trad.) Service of Remembrance — Joint Service with Slipton</li> <li>11.00am Grafton Underwood, Remembrance Day MP CW (mod.) +RR</li> <li>6.00pm Cranford St John's, Remembrance Service</li> </ul>
Sunday 17th November	9.15am Cranford St John's, HC CW (trad.)
2nd Sunday Before Advent	11.00am <b>Grafton Underwood</b> , Family Worship +RR 11.00am <b>Slipton</b> , Private Prayers
Sunday 24th November	9.15am Twywell, MP CW
1st Sunday before Advent	11.00am Grafton Underwood, HC CW (mod.) +RR 6.00pm Cranford St John's, EP CW (mod.)

### Services in early December 2019

Sunday 1st December	8.00am Cranford St John's, HC BCP
1st Sunday of Advent	11.00am Grafton Underwood, Nativity +RR
	11.00am Slipton, HC with Father John Tiernan
Sunday 8th December	9.15am Twywell, HC CW (trad.)
2nd Sunday of Advent	10.15am Cranford St John's, All Age Worship
	11.00am Grafton Underwood, MP CW (mod.) +RR
Sunday 15th December	9.15am Cranford St John's, HC CW (mod.)
<b>3</b> <i>RD</i> <b>SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	11.00 am Grafton Underwood, Family Worship +RR
	11.00am Slipton, Private Prayers



### More Dates for Your Diary

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1st (Ti	ue)	<b>Grafton Underwood,</b> Plane Film Show at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.
3rd (T	'hu)	<b>Twywell Book Club</b> , 7.30pm at <i>The Old Friar</i> , Lower Street. Come and share your views of your latest read, get next book ideas, swap books, or just come to listen and be inspired. (Every month on the first Thursday.)
5th (S	at)	<b>Peterborough Diocese</b> , Music in Lyddington presents Atéa Wind Quintet (LE15 9LR). 7.30pm. Prepaid tickets £17, on the door (if available) £20, students £5. www.musicinlyddington.co.uk
6th (S	un)	<b>Grafton Underwood,</b> Harvest Lunch, in aid of <i>Compass</i> children's charity in the Church after Family Half Hour.
6th (S	bun)	<b>Peteroborough Diocese</b> , Nikolsky Ensemble Concert at Geddington, St Mary Magdalene, NN14 1BG. 6.30pm. Adults £15, concessions £13, students £8. Contact Penny Griffin via 07990 521830 or events@geddingtonweekleychurch.org.uk
8th (T	'ue)	<b>Cranford Coffee Morning,</b> at 10.40am in the Village Hall, Grafton Road.
16th (	Wed)	<b>Twywell Coffee Morning,</b> 10.30am to 12noon at <i>42, Grafton Underwood,</i> by kind invitation of Alec & Pauline Johnson. Proceeds in aid of <i>Air Ambulance.</i>
16th (	Wed)	<b>Twywell Dining Club</b> , 7:00pm at <i>The Old Friar</i> . Please call Becca on 01832 732625 for further information and to book your places.
16th (	Wed) 7	<b>Twywell Police Surgery,</b> 1:10pm-1:40pm at <i>The Phone Box,</i> The Green. Meet your local PCSO to discuss safety and general community concerns.
19th (	Sat)	<b>Grafton Underwood</b> , Shoe-box packing for Samaritans Purse. From 10am - 12noon in the Village Hall.
23rd (	(Wed)	<b>Grafton Underwood</b> , PCC meeting at The Manor House at 7.30pm.
26th (	Sat)	<b>Grafton Underwood</b> , Pub Night in Grafton Village Hall. Time to be arranged.
29th (	Tue)	<b>Cranford Coffee Morning,</b> at 10.40am in the Village Hall, Grafton Road.
29th (		<b>Cranford and District Over 60s,</b> Cream Tea and Member Entertainment, beginning at 1.30pm. For further details, please contact Doreen Mayes on 01832 733961.
31st ('	Гhu)	<b>Twywell</b> , Pumpkin Carving, 6.30pm on The Green. Contact Peter and Annette Kelly, <i>Cosy Nook Cottage</i> , Oliver's Walk, for further information.

#### **More Dates for Your Diary**

#### NOVEMBER 2019

- 3rd (Sun) **Grafton Underwood,** Shoebox Collection to be blessed by the Archdeacon. 11am in St Nicholas' Church.
- 5th (Tue) **Grafton Underwood,** Plane Film Show at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.
- 7th (Thu) **Twywell Book Club**, 7.30pm at *The Old Friar*, Lower Street. Come and share your views of your latest read, get next book ideas, swap books, or just come to listen and be inspired. (Every month on the first Thursday).
- 15th (Fri) **Peterborough Diocese**, Days of Reflection: Praying with the Saints. 10am - 4 pm, Edenham Regional House, Bourne PE10 oLS.. Quiet day with Ven Mark Steadman, Archdeacon of Stow. Suggested donation £16 (includes lunch). Contact: 01778 591358 or edenhamoffice@gmail.com
- 19th (Tue) **Cranford Coffee Morning,** at 10.40am in the Village Hall, Grafton Road.
- 21st (Thu) **Peterborough Diocese**, 10am 4pm. Talk: 'The Theological History of the Civil War'. Speaker: Bishop Donald Allister. At St Bartholomew's, Greens Norton (near Towcester) followed by buffet lunch at The Butcher's Arms (£9.00 per person to include a hot drink) and trip to Canons Ashby. Entrance is free for National Trust members or £8.50 for non-members.Email: bookings@peterborough-diocese.org.uk
- 29th (Fri) **Peterborough Diocese**, Days of Reflection: O Come Emmanuel. 10am - 4pm, Edenham Regional House, Bourne PE10 oLS. Exploring the richness of the Advent season through the pen of the hymn. Quiet day with Canon Gary Ecclestone, Vicar of Hanslope & Castlethorpe. Suggested donation £16 (includes lunch). Contact: 01778 591358 or edenhamoffice@gmail.com

#### early DECEMBER 2019

1st (Fri) **Grafton Underwood,** Nativity at 11am in the Church. If you have children that would like to join in please let Jenny know (330646).

7th (Thu) Grafton Underwood, Christmas Party in Grafton Village Hall.

If you have any local events taking place in December 2019, January and early February 2020 that you would like to promote on these pages, please contact emcoleman@hotmail.co.uk before 15th November 2019.

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