

# To gether



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

August - September 2019

# Letter ...



**Dear friends,**

The Church marks the month of September as the Creation Season during which prayers are said for the works of nature. As Lammas the first festival of harvest occurs just a few weeks beforehand there is an extended focus on the wonders of the world.

Our autumn feasts and festivals celebrating the cyclic bounty, beauty and replenishment are often at odds with events in the daily news. Humanity is undoubtedly damaging the natural world, sometimes irreversibly, through war and greed. This should trouble us all. Political initiatives encouraging nations to address matters as diverse as habitat destruction, persecution, and weaponry, along with the equally important campaigns pleading with individuals and corporate bodies to reduce the demand and use of harmful materials such as carcinogens and single-use plastics are abundant. However few, if any of these worthy initiatives identify the benefits that focusing on our core faith values can bring to the numerous causes.

We are taught to not only love God but to love each other and, indeed all life on earth, as we love ourselves. This simple act, once employed, has the bonus reward of enabling us to discover an inner level of happiness and contentment not before enjoyed. It also helps us to look to the future with new-found determination and enhanced optimism. Unimpeded by Homo sapiens, the planet's ecosystems support life in rhythmic cycles of abundant food and water, warmth and light and they are truly worthy of seasonal celebration. They can also enrich us further through new-found knowledge and understanding if we care to look closer or deeper into them.

If we are willing to look closer or deeper into ourselves and how we can live more actively with our core faith values then we may also find hidden riches within ourselves and others around us that we did not previously know existed.

Along with our planet, we too can be given a new opportunity to flourish.

best wishes,

**Twywell PCC**



Together is distributed to every household in the four parishes. If you would like to contribute to the costs, a donation of £5.00 per annum would be much appreciated.

Please send your donations to the Church Treasurer in your village:

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Grafton Underwood – Rob Donnelly  
Twywell – Cathy Steele  
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Many Thanks

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Parish Representative

**SAMARITANS PURSE SHOEBOXES**

Please keep saving shoeboxes. Also if you have any of the following unwanted items in your cupboards then we can make good use of them:

Marbles (especially big ones), Beads, Small Soft Toys, Cars, Farm Animals and/or any Paper (plain or lined and any colour). We can make pads for their schoolwork.



Enquiries to Jenny  
(01536 330646)

## Diocesan News

### Ancient wells, living water

In June we celebrated the 900th anniversary of the original founding of Launde Abbey, now our wonderful retreat and conference centre which we share with the Diocese of Leicester. It was a super weekend of special events involving our own Bishop Donald and Bishops Martyn and Guli from Leicester. The choirs of both cathedrals sang together for the Festival Service. My personal highlight was David Newman's dramatic performance of St Mark's Gospel entirely from memory. We were in awe of his achievement but, more importantly, deeply moved by this simple retelling of the whole gospel story. It was good to hear again the loving tale of Jesus' life and suffering for us, upon which good news Launde Abbey was founded.

Later that same weekend, Gleneagles New Church in Wellingborough hosted a record number of people for the annual Richard Beadon Lecture. The speaker this year was Dave Male, Director of Evangelism and Discipleship for the Church of England and a member of the Archbishop's Council. In one particularly striking part of his talk, he compared our Sunday worship to a coach's half-time team talk in a sports match. "It's absolutely vital," he said. "It can guide, re-focus and inspire the team and can even change the result of the game, but it's not actually the match." To reinforce the point, he quoted the famous saying: "The service begins when the worship ends". Our worship matters deeply, but our daily lives are where we work out our faith in practice.

What linked the two events was a profound appreciation of God's call to practical Christianity. David Newman wrote in his programme notes about St Mark: "My hope and prayer is that you might experience something equally powerful and life-shaping as I did when I first heard the gospel ... and will be inspired to respond afresh to the life-changing commitment of being a disciple of Jesus Christ."

You may wish to use this wonderful prayer which was written for the Launde 900th anniversary, and which I have found really helpful:

Eternal God,  
who calls us to draw water from the ancient wells of salvation,  
and whose Son is the living water from who we can drink  
and never be thirsty: resource, renew and refresh us,  
as with gratitude for the past, we step out with confidence  
into your future; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

With my prayers and best wishes,



+John Bishop of Brixworth

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# Cranford News

## St John's Church

It is remiss of us not to have welcomed, through the regular church news spot, in recent times, newcomers to Cranford. We make up for it now – “Welcome”! Even though we may have omitted to say this for some time, you will, of course, have been receiving *Together* every two months as George Potter and his efficient distribution team put one through every letter-box of every house in the village even though the occupants may change.

The benefice continues to maintain the schedule of services even though the interregnum (the period without a Rector) continues. At Cranford we still endeavour to offer a cycle of Communion, Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer services and, occasionally, substituting a simple ‘All Age Worship’ service for Morning Prayer. Although the age spectrum of the congregation for this latter service tends to be skewed towards the upper end, it has been commented that the simpler approach of these services is as appealing to seniors as we initially thought it would be to juniors!

The report prepared by the church architect in his five-yearly inspection, which we are required by the diocese to have carried out, has now been received. Although it does not reveal any major new problems with the fabric it does list many defects, most of which we were aware, which have now progressed the point where remedial action is recommended in the near future. Some of the necessary work can possibly be carried out by willing and able volunteers but most will need to involve professionals and will be costly.

A recent meeting was held involving representatives from all four parishes in the benefice and from the deanery plus the diocesan Stewardship Officer to assist us to achieve a financial position which will ensure our viability into the future. Although maintenance of the fabric of our churches is, of course, a major element of our overall costs, so also is the annual payment we make to the diocese to go towards their overall costs of employing the 116 full time paid priests currently operating in the Peterborough Diocese.

Action plans to ensure this financial viability going forward are currently being formulated throughout the benefice, more news of Cranford's action plan will follow. *Brian Keech*

## **The Cranford and District Over 60s**

Tuesday 28th May was the date for our AGM followed by lunch. After lunch we had a Beetle Drive, which was great fun and a good way to meet other members. On Wednesday 26th June we enjoyed our lunch outing to *The Three Cocks* at Brigstock. We had large helpings of very tasty food.

Our August meeting has still to be decided, but on Tuesday 24th September, Julie Hill is giving a talk entitled 'Musical Theatre'.

Meetings are held in Cranford Village Hall in Grafton Road and begin at 1.30pm unless otherwise stated. For further details please ring Doreen Mayes on 01832 3773961. Margaret Keevil

## **Cranford WI**

Although we do not have a formal meeting in August, a trip has been arranged to visit Southwell and the National Trust Old Southwell Workhouse on Thursday 1st August. In September we are having a talk about Fire Fighting.

Some members have been very busy taking part in designing a 'Sensory and Stress Free Garden' for a WI county competition. This has given us a chance to work together as a team, combining skills and generally learning more about plants. This has been great fun and our entry should be safely completed and sent to WI House in Northampton by the time you read this. *Jenny Potter*

## **The Village Hall**

June Sundays saw the return of Cranford Cream Teas, with more importantly, the return of loyal, cheerful folk to enjoy them. Thanks to the cooks, servers and waiters, adults, boys and girls, who helped make these Sunday afternoons memorable and, of course, the Silver Band on two occasions.

At the AGM (chaired by President, Helen Lady Fry), we welcomed David Parker as new Chairman and expressed our thanks to Bridget Jones who held the post so diligently for 14 years. She will continue her vital work on the committee, encouraging everyone to use the Village Hall, and so ensure its continuing value to everyone.

We have installed the Memorial Seat, donated by the Parish Council, in front of the main window, where we know it will be often used and remain a reminder of our history.

Based on a (thoughtful) idea from Rachel Davis, the Cranford Men's Club is approaching its first anniversary, having provided a once-a-month opportunity for retirees to share a soup and cake lunch. Nothing 'posh', just a chance to escape from the pressures of being over 21! If you are interested, give George a ring on 330696.

Finally the new improvements are being fulfilled, and by the time of the next issue of *Together*, we hope the kitchen shutter, dishwasher, lighting and redecoration will join the new windows, for everyone's benefit. *George Potter*

## **EQUATA**

The good winter weather enabled us to keep helping children throughout most of the winter months: unlike last year. We have been making quiet progress behind the scenes. Two stable blocks of three stables per block are being built so

that we can stable all the horses during the winter. Thanks to the huge generosity of a local charity we have been able to finance the employment of a groom and a part time administrator. Although ready cash is always in short supply, we can approach the Spring and Summer with optimism.

We would love to see as many local people as possible for our Fun Day and Music Festival on 16th and 17th August. Camping is available. So come and stay with the children and have a really good local family holiday. *Stephen Waine*

Please contact me with any forthcoming events to be included in the October / November 2019 edition by 8th September 2019 at The Dial House, Rectory Hill Cranford NN144AH or email [jandg.potter@btconnect.com](mailto:jandg.potter@btconnect.com) or phone 01536 330696.

Best wishes

*Jenny Potter*

### **Coffee Morning**

(organised by Cranford WI)



Saturday 21st September

10.30am until 12.30pm

Cranford Village Hall

Bring & Buy ~ Nearly New Clothes

Proceeds to be donated to Bowel Cancer Research

### **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.

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Dave Butler	01536 330777	
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Richard Barlow	01536 330611	
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**FREE  
ENTRY**



**10th Anniversary**

# **EquATA Fun Day**

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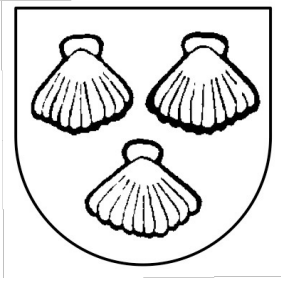
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# Grafton Underwood News

We were blessed with good weather for our Family Half Hour Anniversary Service and BBQ this year. It was enjoyed by all and a big thank you goes to everyone who cooked and provided the lovely spread as usual.

The following week a small group of our congregation had the pleasure of going to Christ the King to the confirmation of Rachael, Teddy and Lewis by Bishop John. We are very pleased that these young people who have and still do regularly attend Family half hour have taken this important step to commit their lives to Christ. Well done to the three of you and for reading the lessons so well at your first Communion Service.

Over 40 people enjoyed a varied programme from the Salvation Army Band and to those who didn't make it, you missed a good evening. By the time this comes out we will have had the Ukulele Band so the next date for a concert will be 27th September at 7.30pm when we are expecting Tuco and Laura – our very own Bob Stonebridge Trio. Tickets will be £7.50 (children under 16 free ) which includes refreshments. There will be a licensed bar with drinks at reasonable prices. Let's try and make this a good turn out to support our local musicians. It should be an excellent evening.

Cream Teas will be every Sunday in August from 3pm - 5pm at the Village Hall. Why not bring your friends and come along and enjoy the beautiful view and a cream tea?

If you lose your newsletter and want to know what's going on you can now find us on Facebook at St James Grafton Underwood. Thanks to Heather for doing this for us.

Whilst on "Thank yous" I would like to thank Mark Hillary very much for replacing our old notice-board with a very nice smart new one. Waterproof and easy to open. It is much appreciated.

The *Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust* Ride and Stride is on Saturday 14th September between 10am & 6pm. If we have anyone who would be happy to cycle to raise money for our church and the Trust please contact me (330646) for more information. We will man the church that day to provide refreshments for cyclists and anyone willing to sit for an hour please let me know.



Our village church is frequently visited by people both to see the beautiful building and the windows , especially the USAAF window. Therefore we try hard to keep it clean and welcoming all the time (not just for Sundays). We do this on a rota, but could do with a few more people to help, so if any one feels able to spare an hour occasionally to clean or put flowers in please let me know. We will be celebrating Harvest on Sunday 6th October with our Family Service and lunch. We would like to invite everyone in the village.

We are pleased to welcome lots of new faces into the village and hope that you will enjoy joining in with some of our village activities.

*Jenny Daykin*

### **Village Hall**

Thanks to those who attended the 80's night on 29th June, we raised £100 for Parkinson's Disease Society on the raffle and will be presenting a cheque to Richard and Helena Walters.

Our next planned event is the Big Brunch in September but we are open to suggestions for how we would all like to see the Hall being used for residents.

*Tracey Ingram*

### **Flood warden**

All the flood warden kit has now arrived, so if and when we do get some flooding, I have the necessary flood sacks in my garage. And I hope that they are better than the old sand bags that just rotted when in storage! There are several houses in the village at risk. No name and no pack drill.

### **Tree warden,**

I am informed that the Parish Council has been told by Boughton Estate that Grafton Park Wood will be closed to the public from July to October because Ash Dieback disease has been found in the wood. Most mornings of the week I walk the footpath to the east of the village and pass two spinneys that I planted a few years ago with fifty percent ash and ash hedgerow trees. I have seen one case of ash dieback (ADB), so did a spot-check in Grafton Park and saw one tree. But also note that on my drive to Warkton there has been a wind-blown sycamore in a field for some time now and several ash are suffering from ADB. Harrumph! Grumpy epistle to the estate!!

*Richard D*





# Slipton News

After a very wet June which affected the farmer's crops around us, summer has arrived and we are now enjoying the fine weather. Our village street has been dug up over the past month to lay ultra fast broadband cables so we expect to move into the 21st century fairly soon now.

We enjoyed a Safari Supper in June which was hosted in five different venues in the village and much enjoyed by all 36 participants. Apart from the social interaction, we also managed to raise a significant sum for the church funds and our thanks go out to the hostesses whose hard work made it all possible and to the generosity of those who contributed.

We will be holding our Harvest Festival on Sunday 22nd September. The Festival Service will start at 6pm conducted by Revd. Graham Bell and will be followed by the Supper and traditional auction of harvest produce and other items in the church after the service starting at roughly 7pm. We hope to see as many of you from the other churches in the Benefice as possible. Tickets for the supper will be on sale later. We enjoyed the Combined Benefice Service at Twywell on Sunday 23rd June and many thanks to the ladies who provided the delicious canapés.

Once again we must thank our Three Musketeers, Peter, Ian and Paul, who have made such a difference to our churchyard. As we all know, keeping a churchyard in good shape is a bit like painting the Forth Bridge - it never ends. In my 9 years living in Slipton, I have never seen it so attractive and well cared for and it provides a lovely setting for our little church.

A word of thanks to the clergy, lay readers and organists who help us to continue our services in the Interregnum. In particular, special thanks to Father John Tiernan for conducting our regular monthly Communion services and to Dawn Moreton for our 3rd Sunday Evening Prayers and talk. Finally, a gentle reminder to our dog walkers to clear up any dog mess from the path down to the church. This is private land and should be respected as such.

*Tony and Gilly Fraser*





# Twywell News

On 1st August we celebrate Lammas (from Loaf Mass), the first festival of harvest falling halfway between the summer solstice and the autumn equinox. Lammas also marks the end of the hay-making season. Tenant farmers would have traditionally presented the first harvested crop to their landlord. Lammas being the first festival of the harvest of the season should not be confused with 'the Harvest Festival', which marks the end of the harvest season.

Lammas activities include baking Lammas bread, making corn dollies, besoms (bundles of twigs) along with charms of green Lammas ribbons and sprigs of mint. It is a time of getting together and enjoying large feasts with friends and family. The festival's roots date back to Anglo Saxon times when the festival was referred to as the 'feast of first fruits'. At that time it was customary to bring to church, for the Loaf Mass, a loaf made from the new crop whereafter the loaf, broken into four, was placed at the four corners of a building to protect the contents. Churches now generally might observe Lammas on the first Sunday in August.

## **'Comings & Goings'**

We welcome Russell and Trish Smart to *Cyprus Row*, Lower Street, Steve and Cecilia to *Imassaz*, High Street, and also to Sian and Dean to *4*, Lower Street. We hope their stay with us will be long and enjoyable.

We also send our congratulations to two couples of their recent engagements; Steven and Krissy of *Drayton View*, High Street, and Sian and Dean of *4*, Lower Street.

## **'Other news'**

The Twywell Festival on Saturday and Sunday 8th and 9th June should have been themed 'Vivaldi' this year as within two days we witnessed the four seasons!

Starting with Saturday's marquee erecting in monsoon conditions a cancellation of the event was seriously considered. However, things improved and the fête afternoon was dry and enjoyable with the musicians and clog dancers providing a perfect backdrop to the stalls, teas, bar and BBQ. The Saturday evening event was a perfect blend of delicious food, wine, music and laughter made magical by the festoons of fairy lights and the flames of the

braziers. The classic car meet and teas on the Sunday was held in bright sunshine and once again attracted a variety of lost marques. As always, the church was open both days and visitors marvelled at the many superb floral displays designed around this year's festival theme 'Land, Sea and Air'.

A well-attended Festival Service on Sunday evening closed the weekend activities. A new format with an underlying rural village theme provided the opportunity for parishioners and friends to add a personal touch with a favoured reading or poem. This was very well received by a large congregation and it is hoped that it can be employed again next year with more volunteers sharing their talents with us. Our very special and beautifully carved choir stalls made a contribution in so far as the congregation recited an abbreviated version of the Benedicite which exhorts the whole of creation to sing praises to God — the basis of the unique African scenes within the carvings.

One poem in particular, written just hours before, was read at the Festival Service and summed up the weekend perfectly:

**Twywell Fete, June 2019**

What is it about a Fete?  
It's all about a chosen date.  
Will it be June?  
No - that's too soon.  
But think again,  
will there be rain?  
For many years  
we've had no tears,  
the day stayed bright,  
no rain in sight...  
Until this year!

When we looked out on this June day,  
one can only stop and say  
the rain came down in torrents.  
All credit to the chosen few.  
Out went the chairs and up went gazebos,  
everyone drenched and working like heroes  
to get the job done.  
Now it is evening, just windless and moon light,  
chairs re-arranged with braziers bright.  
Pulled pork and beer-  
how's that for good cheer?  
And floating towards us comes music...  
So ended a day,  
far, far away  
from the start with the cold and the wind and the rain.  
To be talked of for years, again and again.....

*H J Cortis*

In the end a total of £2915 was raised – a magnificent effort! Our thanks go to the many helpers who worked tirelessly to make this happen, to those who supplied equipment, consumables and prizes and those who supported the individual events over the weekend. Thank you all.

On 23rd June we hosted a Joint Benefice Service for the first time this year and it was a delight to welcome so many friends from across the four churches of our benefice group in the company of our Archdeacon of Oakham, the venerable Gordon Steele, This very enjoyable service unusually included an opportunity for our churchwardens, Sean Flanagan and Michael Hurst, to renew their vows for the coming year in their 'home' church – a rare and special occurrence. The congregation of almost 50 were in hearty voice and afterwards enjoyed an excellent array of seasonal light refreshments.

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

"Butterflies – paint flecks on the canvas of summer."

*Twywell PCC*



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All Welcome to enjoy an evening with



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or Paul on 01536 330567

## **Diocesan News**

### **A joyful day at Peterborough Cathedral for the 2019 Ordination services**

Sunday 15th July was a very happy day at Peterborough Cathedral as the Ordination of Priests and Deacons services took place. The Cathedral was packed out at both 11am and 4pm to see six curates and eight ordinands make their ordination vows before family, friends and God.

The candidates were presented one-by-one by the Archdeacons of Oakham and Northampton to Bishop Donald (priests) and Bishop John (deacons), before confirmation was made of their calling to serve in their particular ministry.

The Revd Canon Sarah Brown, Canon Missioner of Peterborough Cathedral, gave inspiring sermons in both services, where she talked about “the vulnerability of ordained ministry”. At the Ordination of Priests service, she explained that “when priests give a blessing or absolution, it happens – it is easy to underestimate the power we are conferring on these people”. She also said that being a priest “is not just about giving communion, it’s not enough to maintain the status quo ... pastoral care and Sunday services are not enough. The main priority of the Church is to tell people about Jesus – make sure your activities keep Jesus right at the centre. Your parishes are the world to you – go and make disciples.”

At the 4pm Ordination of Deacons service, Sarah said that the ordinands would be “nervous, but absolutely sure of what God is calling them to do”. She described the work of a deacon as “a big calling – a wonderful calling – but not without its difficulties. She added that “to be a deacon is to be a servant – it doesn’t mean doing everything, but it’s doing whatever God calls you to do. Your work will not be cosy – to be a deacon is to be as Christ in the thick of difficulties.”

After making vows to confirm their service in the Church, the candidates knelt for the laying on of hands – the priests by eight senior clergy from the Diocese of Peterborough (plus their parish clergy), the deacons by Bishop John. The newly-ordained priests were then presented with Bibles and had their stoles adjusted, while the newly-ordained deacons were given copies of the New Testament and had stoles placed upon them. They were then given prolonged and well-deserved standing ovations as they were officially welcomed into their new roles.

## Diocesan News

### **Don't miss the daily Cathedral social media posts!**

Are you on Facebook or Twitter? If so, you may have seen the daily social media posts which are uploaded by the Peterborough Cathedral communications team. Written by a number of people, including members of the Cathedral Chapter, they mark the various anniversaries and saints' days that make up the Church of England Calendar. They are well worth a read, and you might even learn a thing or two about some lesser-known (and even well-known) saints and notable figures! You can see these posts on every day of the week (except Sundays) by visiting [www.facebook.com/peterboroughcathedral](http://www.facebook.com/peterboroughcathedral) or [www.twitter.com/pborocathedral](http://www.twitter.com/pborocathedral)



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## Bellringers

# Dates for Your Diary

## Cross-benefice Groups

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: Thursday 29th August. For 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: 13th August. Enquiries to David Hinckley or Sue Cook (07825 925210 or [clerkgupe@gmail.com](mailto:clerkgupe@gmail.com)).

**Twywell** Every 2 months on third Thursday at 7.30pm. Next meeting: 19th September (St Nicholas Church). Enquiries to Peter Kelly (07768 206314) or [twywellclerk@gmail.com](mailto: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 August 2019

<b>Sunday 4th August</b>	11.00am <b>Grafton Underwood</b> , Family Half Hour +RR 11.00am <b>Slipton</b> , HC with Father John Tiernan 6.00pm <b>Cranford St John's</b> , EP BCP
<b>Sunday 11th August</b>	9.15am <b>Cranford St John's</b> , HC CW (mod.) 9.15am <b>Twywell</b> , HC CW (trad.) Lammas Service 11.00am <b>Grafton Underwood</b> , MP CW (mod.) +RR
<b>Sunday 18th August</b>	11.00am <b>Grafton Underwood</b> , Family Worship +RR 11.00am <b>Cranford St John's</b> , MP BCP 6.00pm <b>Slipton</b> , Evening prayers and talk with Dawn Moreton
<b>Sunday 25th August</b>	9.15am <b>Twywell</b> , MP CW 11.00am <b>Grafton Underwood</b> , HC CW 6.00pm <b>Cranford St John's</b> , HC CW (mod.)

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 October/November 2019 will be printed in the next issue.

## Services in September 2019

- Sunday 1st September** 8.00am **Cranford St John's**, HC BCP  
11.00am **Grafton Underwood**, Family Half Hour +RR  
11.00am **Slipton**, Holy Communion with Father John Tiernan
- Sunday 8th September** 9.15am **Twywell**, HC CW (trad.)  
11.00am **Grafton Underwood**, MP CW (mod.) +RR  
6.00pm **Cranford St John's**, EP BCP
- Sunday 15th September** 9.15am **Cranford St John's**, HC CW (trad.)  
11.00am **Grafton Underwood**, Family Worship +RR  
6.00pm **Cranford St John's**, Harvest Festival Songs of Praise
- Sunday 22nd September** 9.15am **Twywell**, MP CW  
10.15am **Cranford St John's**, All Age Worship  
11.00am **Grafton Underwood**, MP CW +RR  
6.00pm **Slipton**, Harvest Festival Service with Revd. Graham Bell
- Sunday 29th September** 10.15am **Grafton Underwood**, HC CW United Benefice. Everyone welcome.

## Services in early October 2019

- Sunday 6th October** 9.00am **Cranford St John's**, HC CW (mod.)  
11.00am **Grafton Underwood**, Family Half Hour (Harvest)  
11.00am **Slipton**, HC with Father John Tiernan
- Sunday 13th October** 8.00am **Cranford St John's**, HC BCP  
11.00am **Grafton Underwood**, MP CW +RR  
6.00pm **Twywell**, Harvest Festival (followed by refreshments)



## More Dates for Your Diary

### AUGUST 2019

- 1st (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, or just come and listen and be inspired. (Every month on the first Thursday.)
- 1st to 31st August **Boughton House**, Photography Exhibition "To God & To Nature" celebrating and reimagining the works of naturalist and ornithologist George Edwards (1694-1774).
- 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th (Sundays) **Grafton Underwood**, Cream Teas in Grafton Village Hall from 3pm - 5pm on all four Sundays in August. In aid of Church funds.
- 6th (Tue) **Cranford Coffee Morning**, at 10.40am in the Village Hall, Grafton Road.
- 9th (Fri) **Twywell PCC meeting**, 7.30pm at St. Nicholas Church, Church Lane.
- 9th (Fri) **Boughton House**, Outdoor Cinema - 'A Star is Born'. Gates open at 7pm. Film commences after sunset (approx 9.10pm). Bring picnic. <http://www.boughtonhouse.co.uk/events/outdoor-cinema-star-born/>
- 10th (Sat) **Peterborough diocese**, Music in Lyddington presents National Youth Jazz Orchestra: Ambassadors Sextet. 7.30pm at Lyddington, St Andrew LE15 9LR. Prepaid Tickets £17, on the door (if available) £20, Students £5. Tickets: 01572 335133, email: [mil-tickets@outlook.com](mailto:mil-tickets@outlook.com) or [www.wegotickets.com/musicinlyddington](http://www.wegotickets.com/musicinlyddington). For more information please visit <https://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/news-and-events>
- 13th (Tue) **Twywell Coffee Morning**, 10.30am to 12noon at *Nueve Chapelle* High Street, by kind invitation of Neil and Kim Chell. Proceeds to *Air Ambulance*.
- 16th & 17th (Fri & Sat) **Equata**, Fun Day and Music Festival. From 11am at Grafton Park Lodge, Brigstock Road, Grafton Underwood NN14 3AE. Please refer to the poster on page 6 of this edition for further details.
- 27th (Tue) **Cranford Coffee Morning**, at 10.40am in the Village Hall, Grafton Road.



## More Dates for Your Diary

### SEPTEMBER 2019

- 5th (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).
- 10th (Tue) **Twywell Coffee Morning**, 10:30am to 12noon at *Greystones*, Lower Street, by kind invitation of Paul and Margaret Ansell. Proceeds in aid of Air Ambulance.
- 14th (Sat) **Grafton Underwood**, Brunch in Grafton Village Hall.
- 14th (Sat) **Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust**, Ride and Stride event. St Nicholas church open for visitors from 10am - 6pm.
- 17th (Tue) **Cranford Coffee Morning**, at 10.40am in the Village Hall, Grafton Road.
- 21st (Sat) **Coffee Morning**, organised by Cranford WI. 10.30am until 12.30pm in Cranford Village Hall. Bring and Buy Nearly New Clothes. Proceeds to be donated to Bowel Cancer Research.
- 21st (Sat) **Twywell Barn Dance**, 7.30pm at the new farm yard, Cargo's (field), Clay Pit Hill, Twywell. Food available, ample parking. £10 per head. Contact Peter and Annette Kelly, *Cosy Nook*, for tickets.
- 24th (Tue) **Cranford & District Over 60s Club**, at 1.30pm in Cranford Village Hall. Talk by Julie Hill 'Musical Theatre'. For further details, please contact Doreen Mayes (01832 3773961).
- 27th (Fri) **Grafton Underwood**, Concert in the church featuring Tuco & Laura — our very own Bob Stonebridge Trio. Starts at 7.30pm. Admission £7.50, including light refreshments. Drinks at reasonable prices. To book in advance call Jenny on 01536 330646 or Paul on 01536 330567 or pay on the door.

### early OCTOBER 2019

- 1st (Tue) **Grafton Underwood**, Plane Film Show at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.
- 6th (Sun) **Grafton Underwood**, Harvest Lunch after Family Half Hour.

*If you have any local events taking place in October, November and early December 2019 that you would like to promote on these pages, please contact [emcoleman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:emcoleman@hotmail.co.uk) before 15th September 2019.*

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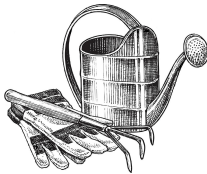
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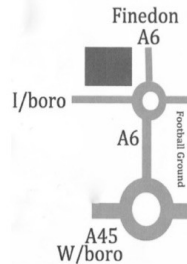
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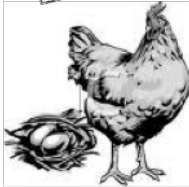
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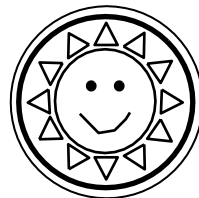
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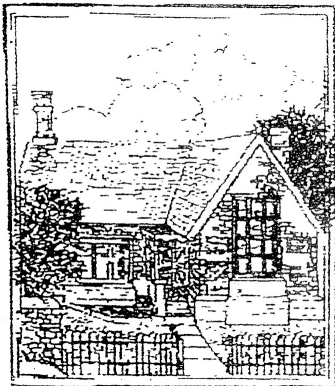
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