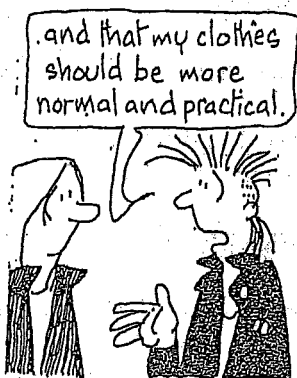
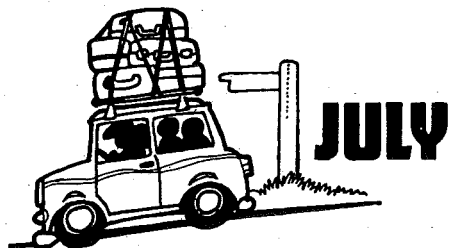


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*“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.”*

**(1 Corinthians 12:4-6)**

As I write, we are deep in exam season. Our study table is strewn with books, folders and discarded pens and highlighters - as is the floor, the kitchen table and most of the family room. I am reluctant to interrupt the flow of revision but I need to get the table set and everyone ready for dinner. I think about the mess makers, my children! One is studying for her university exams and the other is halfway through his GCSE's. I reflect on how they are growing up and the distinct paths they are choosing. Through the years I have watched, fascinated, as they displayed their gifts and strengths in different areas, one became a different Disney character every day, wanted to adopt all the unwanted dogs in the world and later found a real enthusiasm for teaching while the other developed a wonderful sense of humour, enjoyed building endless Lego models, and immersed himself in everything to do with science and technology. They are unique, made by the same parents but different in so many ways and it has been their distinct traits and gifts that have contributed to and enhanced our family life.

In much the same way our church family is filled with unique characters. We have all been made by the same Father but with different gifts and skills and at our baptisms we are commissioned to use these gifts and skills in service to God and humankind. Some have been blessed with an ability for numbers while others may be more interested in the creative side of things, like flower arranging or music. Some may have a gift for hospitality while for others it is the ability to encourage and to inspire. The gifts we have to offer are usually things that we enjoy doing, things that energise and excite us. They can be an extension of a hobby like gardening or photography, perhaps you enjoy baking or working with wood? They could be skills you have learned through study and experience, an ability to instruct and explain or to listen and empathise. Whether your particular gifts get you up in front of the congregation or are things that are done quietly in the background, they are all hugely important and help to create the wonderful rich and caring environment that we are blessed with in our church family. We may not always understand each other's gifts or why someone is enthused by something and it can sometimes seem as if those around us do not appear to

notice or appreciate what we do, but rest assured, each unique set of gifts and skills makes a difference to other people and each one contributes to and enhances our church family life.

John Powell writes (*Through Seasons of the Heart*, 1988):

“There is an old Christian tradition

That God sends each person into this world

With a special message to deliver,

With a special song to sing for others,

With a special act of love to bestow.



No-one else can speak my message, or sing my song, or offer my act of love.

These are entrusted only to me.”

*With Blessings,*

*Jenni Duffy, Licensed Evangelist*

## **MOTHERS' UNION STRAWBERRY TEA**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> June we had a very enjoyable afternoon with a delicious strawberry tea. A total of twenty eight members and friends attended. The tea was preceded by prayers and then entertainment given by the “Biblical Wives”--- those of Job, a Shepherd, Nicodemus, Balthazar and Noah. These humorous but nevertheless thoughtful descriptions of the “husbands” were performed by the “MU Drama Group” and were taken from a book entitled *The Word of the Wives* by mother and daughter Abby Guinness and Michele Guinness.

By the time you read this the annual Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer will have taken place between 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> June. This was celebrated by the branch as part of the Wednesday Corporate Communion service in St John and St Anne's chapel on 18<sup>th</sup> June.

Have a Happy Summer and enjoy the bus trip on 7<sup>th</sup> August. The next monthly meeting opening the autumn programme is a talk about the Food Bank in Oakham Church Hall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Here are the results of the Christian Aid collections in eight of our local churches.

Although the overall total has declined by £300 this year, several churches have increased amounts to show, notably the Methodists and three of the smaller churches.

Thank you to all those who responded, to help those forced to leave home and live in fear. Our totals would be better if more volunteers would join in the house-to-house visits.

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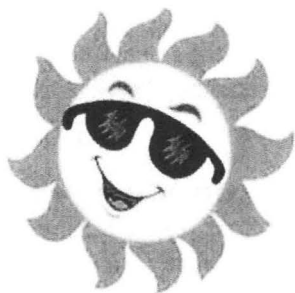
*Peter Townsend and Alf Harding*

**Editor's Note**

May I remind everyone that this issue covers July and August so the next issue will be for September.

Holiday time again! Meg and I will be going away in August and for that reason the latest copy time for the September issue is **Monday August 11<sup>th</sup>**. The September issue will be distributed by Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> of August.

*Gwash Holidays  
present*

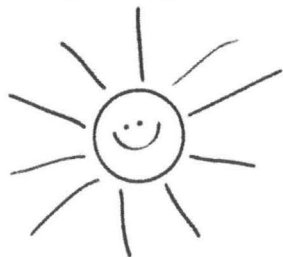


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## BROOKE NEWS

During recent months we have been researching the history of the various memorials in St Peter for a folder to be available in church for visitors to read. Ironically having completed the research the marble pediment of one of them decided to fall off the wall! It will shortly be repaired and restored to its position.

The memorial in question was that of William Baines Syson who died in tragic circumstances aged only 48 years on 12<sup>th</sup> May 1848. William farmed at Gunthorpe Lodge just across the fields from Brooke, he was married to Eliza, a daughter of Valentine Baines of Brooke, and they had two small sons. William was a well known gentleman farmer taking an active part in local affairs and organisations. He was a keen shot and also bred and trained gun dogs and it was while shooting in Burley Park that he was accidentally shot in the abdomen and fatally wounded.

About a year later Eliza sold all the farm stock and equipment etc and moved to Stamford where she remained until she died. Her oldest son died aged only 21 years and her youngest son became a vicar in Lincolnshire. They are all buried at Brooke alongside William and Eliza's father Valentine Baines.

The collection around the village for Christian Aid this year amounted to £173.18p so thank you to all who contributed towards this worthy cause and to Joan Killingback for doing the collection.

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June the Leicester Cathedral Walking Group paid a visit to Brooke, after lunch at Braunston Mary Brooks welcomed them to St Peter for an interesting hour or so before they headed off for a leisurely walk around the area.

By the time you read this many of you will have probably attended our Patronal Festival service on 29<sup>th</sup> June and hopefully enjoyed the church beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion and also the delicious refreshments at Meadowside. Thank you to all who helped in any way to prepare for this event.

## EGLETON NEWS

The first Monday of May Bank Holiday was an opportunity for the Village Hall refreshment service to serve a host of revellers passing through Egleton. Oh dear! That day's weather was far from ideal and the number of paying guests sadly reduced. This was particularly regrettable insofar as the officers of the Hall had allocated all proceeds from their genial enterprise to St. Edmund's Parish Church.

Despite mutual disappointment, there was plenty to smile about at the day's end, when *Catherine* the Chairman could hand to *Keith* the Church Treasurer proceeds totalling £255.00; a donation both marvellous and generous; St. Edmund's folk have renewed cause to appreciate the impressive efforts of their neighbours and allies who maintain the Village Hall's lucrative endeavours.

On a grievous note, however, the church congregation is lamenting the bout of illness which has taken *Jessica Ashlin* into Rutland Memorial Hospital and, as a sorry consequence, has taken husband *Keith* into Rutland Care Village.

Time was – in the 'Eighties and 'Nineties – when both Keith and Jessica were key figures in the life and times of St. Edmund's parish and people. Keith was Church Warden, whilst Jessica was Organist for all the services then held in the Church. Their essential measure of service rendered then deserves grateful and lasting recognition. Their present circumstances call for our urgent prayers and our enduring appreciation.

St. Edmund's has hosted Celtic Prayers, which have been a monthly feature in the Benefice, throughout the past two years. The Prayers, in their origin, title and format, follow the pattern of the prayerful Northumbrian Community and historic links with the holy island of Lindisfarne.

Of course, all of us – benefice wide – are welcome to have part in these Prayers. Normally these are on the SECOND THURSDAY MONTHLY from 12.15 p.m to 12.45 p.m. HOWEVER, the JULY event will be held on the THIRD THURSDAY – July 17<sup>th</sup> – at the same time – in the same place. Opportunity for a purposeful pilgrimage to Egleton, in high summer!

Great Shepherd of your people hear! Your presence now display;  
As you have given a place for prayer, so give us hearts to pray!

May we in faith receive your word, in faith present our prayers;  
and in the presence of our Lord unburden all our cares.

The hearing ear, the seeing eye, the contrite heart bestow;  
and shine upon us from heaven's height, that we in grace may grow.

*Neville Ashton*

## HAMBLETON NEWS

On Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, *Sue and Geoff Graves* aided by a number of villagers and friends, expertly organised a Supper and Fundraising Race Night at Hambleton Village Hall. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

63 Villagers and their families and friends placed bets on six recorded horse races. A buffet supper of homemade quiches, delicious salads and cold meats was followed by a selection of desserts and cheeses. All the food was kindly donated by members of the village.

The event raised £980 for the Church Roof Fund and Village Hall.

*Mrs Louise Everett*

### “LANGHAM ART SHOW CANCELLATION

It is with regret that the organisers have announced that the 'Art for Hearts Sake' art show 4th - 6th July in Langham church has had to be cancelled due to insufficient entries."

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                  *Sophie Nelson*



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#### **Holy Matrimony**

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#### **Burial Office in Church**

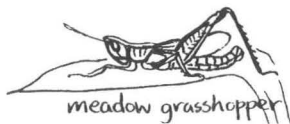
6<sup>th</sup> June     *Anthony William Aris*

“May he rest in peace”

#### **Interesting Facts**

A horse has 18 more bones than a human.

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## MUSIC AT ALL SAINTS' OAKHAM

Do hope the “lazy, hazy days of Summer” have arrived! Our Lunchtime Recitals every Wednesday will continue, whatever the weather! We hope you will enjoy the varied programme we have arranged:-

### July

2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Rosemary Wright</i>	<i>Accordian</i>
9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Georgia Gibson Smith</i> <i>Rebecca Millard</i> <i>Liv Watts</i>	<i>Piano</i> <i>Oboe</i> <i>Bassoon</i>
16 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Gabriel Francis-Dehqani</i>	<i>'cello</i>
23 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Georgina Baker</i>	<i>Soprano</i>
30 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Emma Heseltine</i>	<i>Piano</i>

### August

6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Yvonne Bloor and Cecile Joly</i>	<i>Guitar</i>
13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Terpsichore</i>	<i>Early Music</i>
20 <sup>th</sup>	<i>John Gull</i>	<i>Organ</i>
27 <sup>th</sup>	<i>John Dobson</i>	<i>Piano</i>

We look forward to Oakham School's return on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Lunchtime Recitals are at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesdays. All welcome. Retiring collection for Church Funds. We look forward to seeing you.

### BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY ORGAN RECITALS

*Peter Davis* gave a wonderful Recital on Spring Bank Holiday Monday, enjoyed by a good audience. Our thanks to him, and again to *Helen Bush plus helpers*, for a tasty lunch.

The next Recital will be on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> August, by Robert Gower, in aid of the Royal College of Organists.

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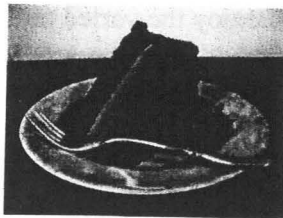
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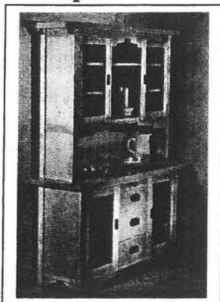
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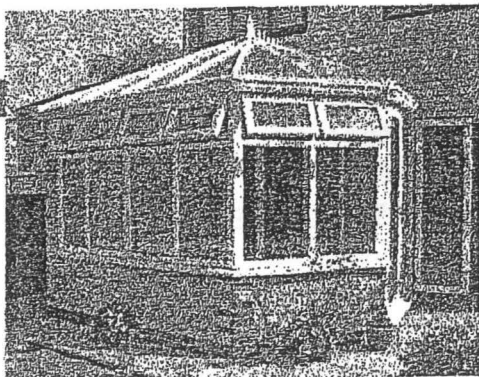
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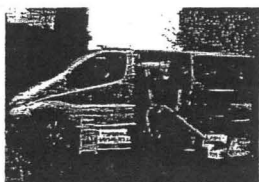
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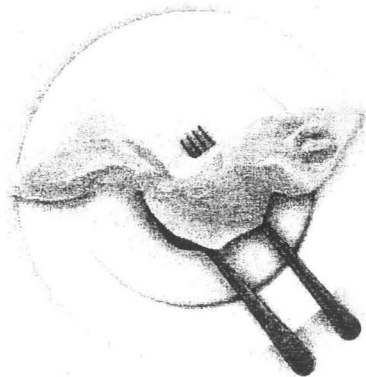
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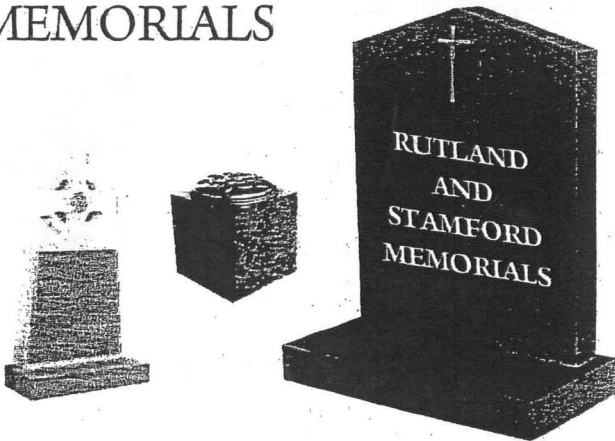
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## Diary Dates July and August

Reg.	Date		
Mon.	t.t.o	2.00pm	Pram and Toddler Service All Saints Oakham
Tues		10.00am	Holy Communion All Saints Oakham
And Art		12 00	Service of Healing: Trinity Chapel All Saints. (1st Wed. only)
Wed		1.30pm	Lunchtime Concert: All Saints Oakham
Thur	t.t.o.	10.00am	Tiny Tots. All Saints Oakham
		12.15pm	CTO Prayer Meeting Trinity Chapel All Saints
Fri		10.00am	Holy Communion All Saints Oakham
<b>July</b>			
Thur	3rd		<b>St Thomas</b>
Fri	4th		Langham Art Show: <b>HAS BEEN CANCELLED</b> There have been insufficient entries.
Sun	6 <sup>th</sup> .		<b>Trinity 3</b>
Thurs	10 <sup>th</sup> .	10.00	<b>Open House: 1 Uppingham Road, Oakham</b>
Sun	13 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	<b>Trinity 4: Tea Party: All Saints Oakham</b>
Thurs	17 <sup>th</sup> .	12.15pm	<b>Celtic Prayers: St Edmunds Egleton</b>
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup> ,		<b>Trinity 5</b>
Tues	22nd		<b>St Mary Magdalene</b>
Fri	25 <sup>th</sup>		<b>St James</b>
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	<b>Trinity 6: "Fun in the Sun": Braunston Village Hall</b> Fun, games and competitions with afternoon tea.
<b>Aug</b>			
Sun	3rd		<b>Trinity 7</b>
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup>		<b>The Transfiguration</b>
Thurs	7th	11.30am	Mothers Union Bus Pass Trip. For details ring 771564 "Don't forget your bus pass"
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	<b>Mary Sumner Day. Founder of the Mothers' Union</b> Braunston and Brooke Flower Show and Fete Village Hall Braunston
Sun	10th		<b>Trinity 8</b>
Fri	15th		<b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Trinity 9</b>
Sun	24th		<b>St Bartholomew</b>
Mon	25th	10.00am	Langham "Grand Car Boot Sale", Ashwell Road Langham
		12.15am	Organ Recital: All Saints Oakham. Lunch-Church Hall <b>Robert Gower: Proceeds for Royal College of Organists</b>
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>		<b>Trinity 11</b>

## Team Service Patterns and Times

Church	Week	8am	<sup>1</sup> 9:00am <sup>2</sup> 9:15am	<sup>1</sup> 10:30am <sup>2</sup> 11:00am	4:00pm	6:00pm
Oakham	1,2,4	HC(T)		<sup>1</sup> HC		ES
	3	HC(T)		<sup>1</sup> FSB/FC*		
Langham	1					WWR
	2,4			<sup>2</sup> HC		
	3				C@4	
Braunston	1,3			<sup>2</sup> HC		
	2			<sup>2</sup> MA		
	4				C@4	
Brooke	1,3					ES
	2	HC(B)				
	4	HC				
Hambleton	2,4		<sup>2</sup> HC(T)			
Egleton	1,3		<sup>2</sup> HC(T)			
Whissendine	1,3,4			<sup>2</sup> HC		
	2	HC(B)		<sup>2</sup> FS		
Teigh	1		<sup>1</sup> MA			
	2		<sup>1</sup> HC(B)**			
	3					ES
	4		<sup>1</sup> HC(B)			
Ashwell	1					ES
	2		<sup>1</sup> HC(B)**			
	3			<sup>2</sup> FS		
	4			<sup>2</sup> HC		
Market Overton	1,4		<sup>1</sup> HC			
	2					ES
	3		<sup>1</sup> FS			

HC – Holy Communion (Common Worship Contemporary Language)

HC(T) – Holy Communion (Common Worship Traditional Language)

HC(B) – Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

FS/FSB – Family Service/Family Service with Baptism (not Communion)

C@4 – Church@4 (For all ages, with activities, simple worship & food)

MA/ES – Matins/Evensong

WWR – Word, Worship & Response (Contemporary worship)

\* FSB even months / FC odd months with Baptism at 12:15pm

\*\* at Teigh in seven months / at Ashwell in odd months

Fifth Sundays – usually Team Communion at one of the Churches (see the weekly pewsheet or website for details – [www.oakhamteam.org.uk](http://www.oakhamteam.org.uk))

