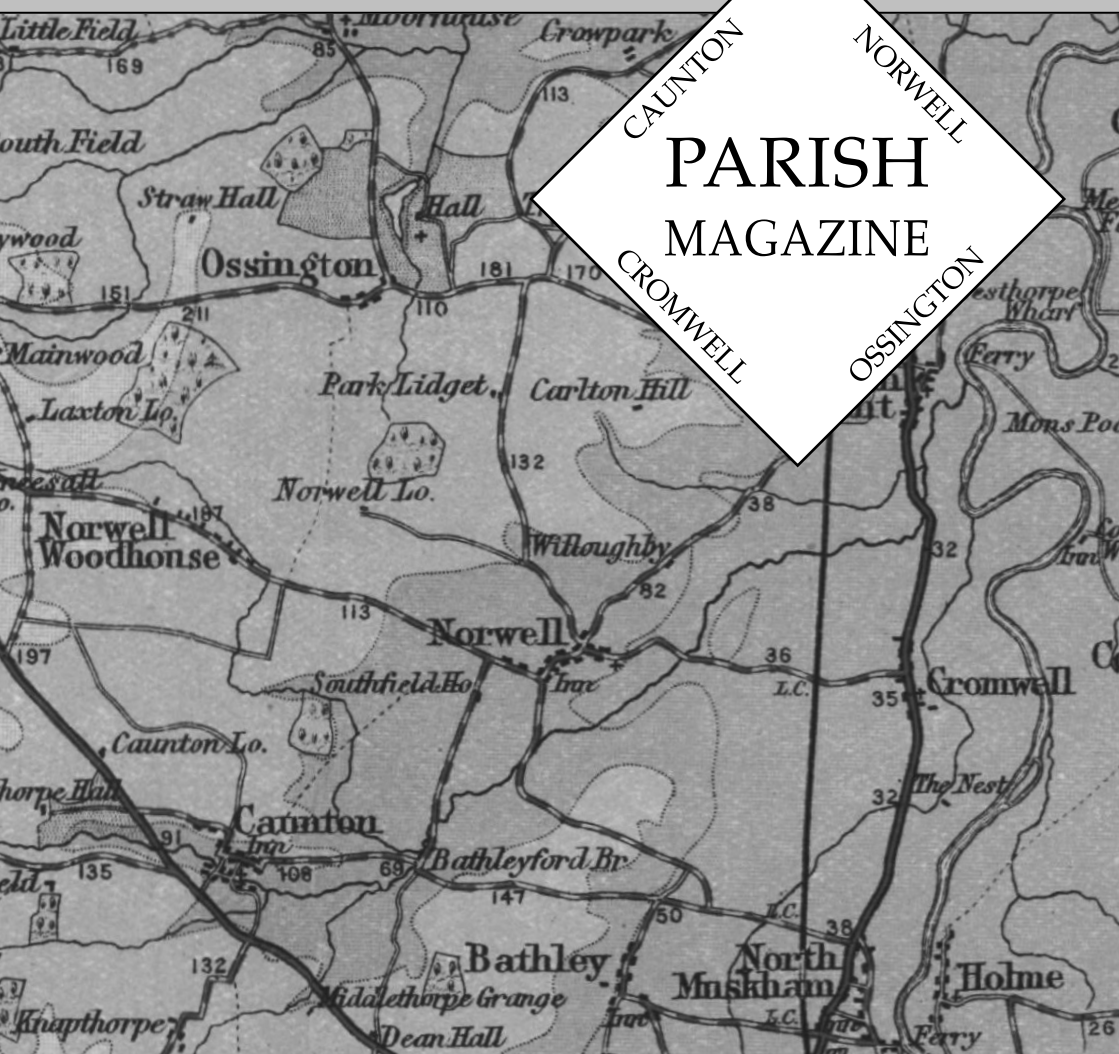


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Beck & Trent Parishes

Services October 2025

		St Andrew's Caunton	St Giles' Cromwell	St Laurence's Norwell	Holy Rood Ossington	All Saints' Sutton	St Mary's Carlton
<i>first Sunday</i>	5 October <i>Trinity 16</i>	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Harvest Festival		6.00 p.m. Harvest Service at The Hut	6.00 p.m. Harvest service at Methodist chapel	3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>second Sunday</i>	12 Oct. <i>Trinity 17</i>			10.00 a.m. Holy Communion		9.00 a.m. Breakfast church at Methodist Hall	11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
<i>third Sunday</i>	19 Oct. <i>Trinity 18</i>				10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at The Hut	10.30 a.m. Joint service at Methodist chapel	3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>fourth Sunday</i>	26 Oct. <i>Trinity 19</i>			10.00 a.m. Anniversary of our Fourth Sunday Worship		10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at All Saints'	3.00 p.m. Evensong
<i>first Sunday</i>	2 Nov. <i>Fourth Sunday Before Advent</i>	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion				10.30 a.m. Joint service at Methodist chapel	3.00 p.m. Evensong

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Beck & Trent churches update

It's official! The Reverend David Lewis has now been installed as the Priest in Charge of the Beck and Trent Benefice. This Benefice includes the six parishes – All Saints' Sutton on Trent, St Mary's Carlton on Trent, St Andrew's Caunton, St Giles' Cromwell, St Laurence's Norwell and Holy Rood Ossington.

Representatives of all those parishes were delighted to be present at David's licensing and installation in All Saints' Sutton on Wednesday 3 September.

The Bishop of Sherwood, the Right Reverend Dr Andy Emerton, licensed David Lewis with legal formality which included the reading of the license by the Diocesan Registrar. This was then followed by the installation by the Archdeacon of Newark, the Venerable Victoria Ramsey.

These words do not capture the warmth

of the service which was so evident in the address given by the Bishop, the hymns chosen by David and the welcoming. The first welcome was given by the Benefice. As well as reading Psalm 100, each parish gave something grown, made or produced in the parish. These were packed into a magnificent hamper. In addition there were flowers for Hannah and a chocolate cake for the children. Welcomes were then given on behalf of the Potting Shed Church, other denominations, the Diocese and the community, and the schools in the Benefice. Thanks to Sutton who provided a splendid tea with a great selection of cakes after the service.

This is truly the start of a new era. We have been without a vicar for nearly five years. We are thankful that this is an opportunity for the churches to grow and to share their faith. David is really keen to get to know as many

(continued overleaf...)

Help, support and contacts

We want to assure you that even though we have no vicar at the moment the church is here to help, support and advise you.

Churchwardens:	Caunton	Irene Crossley 01636 639 123
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Other contacts:	Norwell	Elizabeth Jones 01636 636 365



Also in the Benefice:

Carlton-on-Trent Edith Crowther (PCC Secretary) edithtamworth@gmail.com
Sutton-on-Trent contact the Administrator (see below)

- For baptisms, weddings and funerals contact the churchwarden or the administrator, Lorna Caddy, on 01636 555082 / 07568 929232, or email lorna.c.caddy@gmail.com
- Deanery Administrator paula.carlin@southwell.anglican.org 01636 817988

Beck and Trent website: www.becktrent.org.uk

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people as possible, but we must remember that he will also have responsibilities across the Tuxford Cluster, but equally he will be supported by the cluster.

We welcome David, Hannah and the children with enthusiasm, gratitude and prayers.

Please remember that David will be having Wednesdays as his day off and respect that as a time that he will need.

Pictured, from left: Archdeacon Victoria Ramsey, Hannah Lewis, Reverend David Lewis, Bishop Andy Emerton



From the church



From the Reverend David Lewis

Dear Villagers,

Firstly, I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has made my family and me so very welcome. The licensing service at All Saints was a truly special evening. We have been enjoying the fruits of this area from the hamper we were given. Everything tastes delicious and I'm concerned about the effects of all this generosity on my waistline by the time we hit Christmas!

When you read the four Gospels, many incredible things happen when Jesus is at a meal or traveling to or from one. People are healed, included, elevated and restored when he comes into contact with people around a table. Of course, the most potent image of this is at the Last Supper, and I was delighted on Sunday to preside over my first communion in Cauntton.

Though tradition has formed the Eucharist into a specific set of words, actions and responses, I find it helpful to remember that Jesus' final meal was one celebrating the Passover with his closest friends and followers. We are transported and drafted into that unique evening, reminded of all those who have taken part in it before, and

those who share in it with us around the world.

As part of the liturgy, we affirm that "though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread" and this emphasises the unity that this simple act creates. All are welcome at Christ's table and I'm looking forward to serving many of you at it as I move around the different churches of the benefice.

I am of course aware that there are many other tables we gather around as well, whether it's in our homes or the wonderful array of eateries we have on our doorstep. I was so happy to discover that Butcher's Brew Café has just opened up in Sutton, almost as if in anticipation of my arrival! I had the first of what I hope will be many sit-down meetings in there yesterday and it is one of many things that are helping me feel increasingly part of this community.

Finally, please bear with me as I sort out a phone number and email address for professional and ministerial purposes. I'm hoping to have one very soon and then I look forward to hearing from you about ways I can be a blessing.

David Lewis

From the registers

15 August – 14 Sept. 2025

Baptisms

24 August 2025

Indie Rae Kirton

St Mary, Carlton-on-Trent

Verse of the month:

*"Come to me, all of you who
are weary and carry heavy
burdens, and I will give you
rest."*

Matthew 11 v28

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WANTED – A DIGITAL DESIGN VOLUNTEER

Who makes our parish magazine look so good? It's our wonderful designer Heather Beasant who volunteers her time to put it together each month. Now, after five splendid years, she has let us know that she needs to make space for new things in her life.

So we need to find a community-minded volunteer with digital design skills to artwork the parish magazine.

If you are that person, or you know that person, please contact either Elizabeth Jones (01636 636365) or Chris Senior (01636 822727).



NATURE *Watch*

With the first frosts of Autumn, October is the best month in which to pick the berries of the Blackthorn tree, more commonly known as the sloe (*Prunus spinosa*), which can be found locally, bordering the lanes surrounding our villages.

The blackthorn is strongly linked with mythology, and in Celtic folklore it is associated with the darker half of the year (after Samhain on 31 October). Due to its thorny branches, it was seen as a symbol of protection but also thought to be the dwelling place of witches or faeries, with witches' wands being said to be made of its wood.

Scientifically, the Blackthorn has been valued for its fruits, leaves, flowers and bark. The small blue-black berries are rich in vitamin C and contain flavonoids, in particular anthocyanins, which are antioxidants.

Traditionally, sloes have been used to treat inflammatory problems such as sore throats, and studies have shown that the fruits contain high concentrations of bioactive compounds such as catechin, epicatechin, and rutin that help improve insulin resistance and lower blood glucose, therefore have potential uses in helping manage diabetes.

In folk medicine, teas made from the dried flowers were believed to act as mild laxatives and had anti-parasitic properties. Sloe berry extracts have been found to have antibacterial properties against a variety of different bacteria, including *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Salmonella* species, as well as inhibiting the growth of different types of cancer cells, particularly brain and liver cancers.

Ecologically, the Blackthorn is of enormous value to British wildlife. Its white flowers emerge in early spring, providing one of the first vital sources of nectar for pollinators emerging from winter hibernation. Blackthorn flowers attract a variety of different bee species, including honeybees, short-tongued bumblebees and mining bees, as well as



Sloe berries in my garden, ripe for the picking!

a number of butterfly species. The most notable of these is the rare and elusive brown and black hairstreak butterfly species which lay their eggs on the young shoots of blackthorns and the leaves become the exclusive food source for the caterpillars.

The dense thickets created by its thorny branches offer crucial nesting sites for birds such as blackbirds and nightingales, keeping them safe from predators. In autumn, the sloes are an important food source for mammals like badgers and foxes, as well as birds including thrushes and starlings.

If, like me, you have a penchant for sloe gin and you can't wait until after the first frost of Autumn, this can be simulated at home by pouring the sloes into a bag and leaving them in your freezer, causing the berries to blister. I always follow the proportions of 1/3 sloe berries, 1/3 gin and 1/3 sugar, and leave the berries to infuse in a sterilised Kilner jar until December, before filtering and decanting, just in time for a Christmas tippie. In your eagerness for a winter warmer, be sure to leave some berries behind on the tree for wildlife!

Adam Breslin
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BIRD *Watch*

A quick walk at Clumber Park this week ended up turning into a few glorious hours – and in the time that I was there, between my eyes, ears and the Merlin Bird ID app, forty different species were recorded! I was half hoping that a special visitor might land whilst I was there. I'll come on to that.

We're now into a peak migration season where many different and wonderful species will be landing on and flying over our shores – so keep your eyes on the skies and your ears open (especially on a calm, quiet night) as you may well get some nocturnal migrants calling overhead (pink-footed geese in huge skeins are possible).

Every year at this time, in the many hedgerows and fields that we are blessed with, we are visited by Fieldfare and Redwing, so look out for those as they are often seen feeding in quite sizeable flocks. Both species are from the thrush (*Turdus*) family, with the Fieldfare being a little larger and, dare I say it, 'dumper' than its Redwing cousins – but they are beautiful with subtle dusky blue/grey colouring to the head and a stark heavily-spotted breast. Redwings, as you may have guessed, have a flash of red under their wings and along their flanks. They are spotted on the breast too and have a creamy white stripe over their eye. They can be very active on the ground and feed in hedgerows and orchards. Keep a lookout for them as well as Brambling and other large groups of finches. Who knows, if we're really lucky, we may get a Waxwing or two, which must be one of my absolute favourite



Fieldfare



Glossy Ibis

autumn and winter visitors (we've had them in Norwell before!).

So, onto the special visitor... just this week, at the time of writing (10 September), there has been a relative explosion of Glossy Ibis arriving in the UK which has broken all sorts of UK records for this species which are not common visitors. When I first heard about it I reached for one of my favourite books on British birds – but alas, there was no page on them as they were obviously not classed as a British bird or a regular enough visitor to be included when that book was written over 25 years ago.

I am aware that just as I took over this column a few months ago, a Glossy Ibis had been spotted at Langford Lowfields, so I'm keeping a regular check for sightings close to home. Wouldn't it be amazing if they dropped in on the parish! On 8 September there was a flock of 32 recorded at Attenborough Nature Reserve with the same flock then landing at Netherfield, so they were not far away! It was reported that over 600 Glossy Ibis combined were seen on that same day all across the UK and Ireland. Quite why they are arriving in such large numbers, nobody knows, but the Glossy Ibis is a species that is on the bounce back all over Europe, having been lost as a breeding species in Spain in the 1940s.

Don't forget to keep emailing me your local sightings; it is always great to hear from fellow bird enthusiasts.

Happy birding!

Greg Hill gregoryjameshill24@gmail.com

RAIN *Watch*

July offered a brief respite from the dry weather but August, traditionally one of the wettest months of the year, was significantly drier than normal this year: we expected 6.6cm (2.6in) but got only 42% of that i.e. 2.8cm (1.1in).

Driving over the Pennines in early September I was shocked to see the lakes reduced to small brooks snaking their way at the bottom of the recently mighty Woodhead reservoirs. However, by 14 September, we had had more rain than expected for the whole month, with more to come.

Andrew Ward wardha@aol.com



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Caunton church news



Churchyard Tidy Up

Don't forget this is happening on Saturday 4 October from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Any help would be greatly appreciated (weather permitting) so if you can spare an hour or two then please come along armed with your gardening tools.

Refreshments will be provided.

Remembrance Sunday

Our service this year will be on Sunday 9 November at 9.00am.

This is the time when we come together as a community to give thanks to those who served in whatever way in both world wars and in all conflicts, but especially those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to enable us to live in freedom. As usual, we will have a service in church before we congregate around the memorial for our Act of remembrance. Please do come along if you are able.

Society Christmas Trees

It's that time of year again when letters will be sent to all village societies inviting them to display their Christmas trees in church. If your society hasn't received an invitation, please let me know. It will be lovely to have the church looking festive during the Christmas season.

Irene Crossley

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Caunton Church Rota

Cleaning

Sat 4 & 11 Oct – Pat & Irene
Sat 18 & 25 Oct – Cathy & Wendy
Sat 1 & 8 Nov – Charlotte & Bo

Flowers

Sat 4 & 11 Oct - Charlotte
Sat 18 & 25 Oct – Bo
Sat 1 & 8 Nov – Pat

Caunton Improvement Group

We have tried to keep the village looking smart and tidy with the help of many.

A big "thank you" to Garry Thompson for donating £309 (Wine Walk), also the Cricket Club who gave £400 (Caunton Fest). The total amount will go towards the Autumnal planting and restoration around the village.

Both these events have made a substantial contribution to the social life of the village and no doubt everyone agrees with this.

We also thank those who looked after different areas of plantings / tubs and also those who did watering, sometimes in the sweltering heat.

The next Clean Up and Planting day is Saturday 25 October from 10.00am. Meet outside Old Post Office. Refreshments will be provided and all welcome!

On behalf of CIG, thank you.

Margie Asker





Dean Hole – a village community space

Bingo – Friday 10 October, 7.00pm for
7.30pm start.

Chris Ward Quiz

Tickets are still available for the quiz on
Saturday 11 October at 7.00pm in the
Community Centre.

It will take the usual format with teams of
four at £5 per head, which includes buffet
supper, but please bring your own drink and
glasses. And of course, a raffle! To book
please contact either Pat 07929 136788 or
Irene 07814 709969.

Caunton Parish Council – September meeting

The Academisation of Dean Hole School is
on pause due to some unforeseen matters.
This will hopefully be completed soon.

Thanks to Rhona, our new clerk, we have
sent an amended licence agreement back
to TEAM: this is to safeguard community
use in the areas of Dean Hole school
that have community interest and is
needed to address ongoing safeguarding
requirements that schools are obliged to
observe.

We continue to press for water and
drainage repairs/unblocking throughout
the village. Moor Lane continues to be a
sticking point at the moment.

Dog fouling continues to be an annoyance.
Please would dog walkers clean up and use
the dog bins we pay for as a community.

A big village tidy up and plant up morning
will take place on Saturday 25 October at
10.00am. Everyone is welcome.

We continue to consult with the GNR Solar
Park and are waiting for the result of a
water flow survey from Trent Rivers Trust.
We have registered as an interested party
and plan to finalise our response at the next
meeting. Anyone can register and it allows
access to meetings and consultations in the
future.

Thank you to a group led by Mark Wilson
who pulled off a great Caunton Fest 2. It
brought everyone together and raised funds
for village improvements.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8
October at 7.30pm in the Village Room at
Dean Hole School. Members of the public
are welcome to attend.

Any representation to the Parish
Council should be made to the Clerk at
parishcouncilcaunton@gmail.com

Steve Routledge, Chairman

Caunton Local History Society

As we move into autumn we're looking forward to the remaining talks of our 2025 programme.

14 October – Mud, Munitions and Memorials

Chris Weir makes a welcome return to talk about Nottinghamshire in the First World War. Chris is an experienced local historian and was formerly Head Archivist at Nottingham Archives. In addition to a wide range of talks on historical subjects, he has written several books.



11 November – Seasons Greetings: A Christmas Miscellany

Speaker Dr. Ann Featherstone is a retired university lecturer, teacher and historical novelist. To get you in the festive mood, we present some seasonal poems, snippets of Yuletide traditions, a dose of Stanley Holloway, and childhood memories of a 1960s Christmas.

Brighten your winter months and become a member of Caunton Local History Society. New members are especially welcome and attending your first talk with the society is FREE. The cost for returning non-members is £3. Annual membership is £20

We always meet at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month and almost always at Dean Hole School. We look forward to welcoming you. If you would like to add your name to our mailing list and hear about talks, summer trips and local visits, please email lynn1485@gmail.com.



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Caunton community news (continued)

Caunton Garden Society

In last month's magazine I promised a report on the Society's Autumn Show. The show was on 31 August at Floral Media, a bit earlier than usual and at a new venue. The earlier date was no problem as Autumn seemed to have arrived earlier this year and the new venue worked really well as many more visitors came to see our display and enjoy a cream tea.

We are extremely grateful to Paula and Steve for making the super facilities at Floral Media available to us and for providing the scones. As regards our display we believe that it was one of our best ever. We had more entries than usual across all categories – vegetables, fruit, flowers and baking, and the total number of entries was well up on the last few shows. This year we had 230 entries compared to 208 last year and 180 in 2023. And there is no doubt that the quality was at least maintained throughout. This is so pleasing, and members are to be congratulated in a year when they had to battle heatwaves and drought.

I must mention the winners of the many awards: Shirley Curtis won the trophies for both the Rose and Flower sections; Amanda Hender won the Baking section; Angela Plumb won the trophy in the Floral Art section, and was also judged to have produced the Best in Show exhibit with her "Display from the Hedgerow". Special mention must be made of Paul Barkers's achievements: he gained the most points in both the Vegetable and the Fruit sections and so won the trophy for amassing the

most points of any member across the whole Show. Paul was just as successful last year so his name will be engraved on the trophy once again.

We repeated our Fun Potato Growing Competition that was so successful last year. Members are given a grow bag and one King Edward potato and the challenge is to grow from that one potato the heaviest crop. Last year the winner's crop weighed an incredible 12.1 pounds and we did not believe that this weight could be repeated but it was amazingly beaten this year with Sheila Poole's crop weighing in at 13.4 pounds. This is quite a crop, way ahead of all her rivals, and a lot of chips. Well done, Sheila.

At the time of writing we have not held our September meeting and our October meeting is the AGM.

Trevor Plumb

CAUNTON GARDEN SOCIETY

Welcomes Visitors and New Members

We have a varied and interesting programme of events each year including:

- *Seven Evening meetings*
at Dean Hole School, Caunton at
7.30pm on 3rd Tuesday of the month
(September to April except December)
- *Three Summer Outings* to
interesting gardens
- *Autumn & Spring Shows* in
September and April
- *Christmas Dinner* - our December meeting
- *Summer Supper & Rose Show* in June



The annual subscription is £10 per person and the entrance charge for visitors to a meeting is £5 with refreshments provided

For more details please contact
cauntongardensociety@gmail.com

Caunton: Dean Hole Church of England Primary School

We are delighted to share some wonderful news as we begin this new academic year at Caunton Dean Hole Church of England Primary School.

At the end of the Summer Term, and hot on the heels of our 'Good' Ofsted grading, our school received a very positive report following our recent Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools. The inspectors praised the rich culture of compassion and care, rooted in Christian love, the strong Christian values that shape daily life, and the relentless commitment from staff to supporting pupils to make our school a place of kindness, curiosity, and opportunity for all.

This recognition rounded off what was already a fantastic year for the school. From creative curriculum opportunities both in and beyond school, to special services in St Andrew's Church and memorable trips further afield, our children have thrived in so many areas. We are incredibly proud of how our pupils, staff, parents, and governors have worked together to make our school such a joyful and nurturing environment.

As the new academic year begins, we look forward to building on these successes. Our collaboration with the TEAM Education Trust continues to bring fresh opportunities for learning and development, ensuring our children are well supported to achieve and flourish.

We are also delighted to welcome the Reverend David Lewis as our new vicar for the Beck and Trent Benefice. We look forward to working closely with him as he becomes part of our school and village community. His presence will help us continue to grow in faith and service, strengthening the important links between school, church, and parish.

With gratitude for the year gone by, and with great hope for the year ahead, we are excited to see how our children will continue to learn, grow, and shine.

Kind regards.

Alan Brown, Principal
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St Giles' Church

Harvest Festival – Sunday 5 October

Service in church at 11.00am followed by refreshments, and then a Ploughman's Lunch in the Village Hall.

Please join us for this double celebration as we give thanks for the Harvest and give a warm welcome to our new vicar – the Reverend David Lewis.

David will lead this special service on his first visit to St Giles' – an occasion that will be even more special for him as he celebrates his birthday!

To create a traditional Harvest Festival atmosphere we invite villagers – and especially younger villagers – to help decorate the church. Anyone wishing to decorate a window ledge in a harvest-themed style, please contact me using the details below.

The celebration will continue in traditional fashion after the service when the congregation will be invited to share a freshly baked wheatsheaf bread accompanied by olive oil, balsamic vinegar, feta and olives.

At a time when so many are in need, we invite people to be generous in donating fresh or packaged food to be displayed at the service and then delivered to Bassetlaw Foodbank.

All are welcome at this special community occasion. We hope villagers will come to meet David Lewis – our first vicar in five years!



For details of the Ploughman's Lunch, see the Village Hall events page overleaf.

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hotmail.com](mailto:sarahjaneclark@hotmail.com)
07976 876549

WhatsApp

To join the village WhatsApp group please contact 07456 668078, or ask any existing member to add you.

Cromwell Parish Meeting

At the last meeting on Tuesday 16 September there were 13 parishioners present.

The meeting was presented with, and approved, the accounts for 2024/25. These showed an income of £1057.89 (precept & interest) and expenditure of £1087.04 (village hall & dog bins).

There was an initial discussion with regards to the level of the precept in 2026/27. It was increased to £1,050 more than five years ago. The mood of the meeting was that the precept should be increased regularly rather than there be large step increases. A decision about the level of the increase will be taken at the next meeting on Tuesday 4 November.

The meeting was updated with recent planning applications/decisions within the parish. It also considered the application for a solar farm in Norwell parish: the meeting had previously submitted an objection and again decided to submit a further objection.

There was a discussion about parking in the village, and this will be taken to the Safer Neighbourhood Group.

Nigel Spraggins
Chair



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CROMWELL VILLAGE HALL

EVENTS

D I A R Y

Friday 26th September
11.30am – 2pm

Macmillan Coffee

Cakes, tea & coffee | Raffle and games

Saturday 4th October
10.30am – 12.30pm

Bingo & Coffee

£5 per person

Sunday 5th October
11am

Harvest Festival Service in Church

Anyone wishing to decorate a church window, please contact Sarah Clark 07976 876549.

Donations of fresh or packaged food gratefully received – all will be donated to Bassetlaw Food Bank.

After the service, freshly baked wheat sheaf bread will be shared with traditional olive oil, balsamic, feta and olives.

Following the Service there will be a Ploughmans Platter Lunch in the Village Hall. Vegan option available | £10 per person

To reserve a lunch please contact Claire Davies 07796 133 656

Saturday 18th October
10am - 12 noon

Repair Shop

Cafe | Craft Stalls | Plant Sale

Bring along any items which need a service or repair eg. garden tools and Tim will give them a new life.

Saturday 26th October
5pm - 7pm

Halloween Party

Meet at the Village Hall for The Halloween Trail, followed by a childrens Halloween film with hotdogs and crafts

£5 per child

Tuesday 4th November
7pm

Village Hall Meeting | Parish Council Meeting

All welcome to the Village Hall Meeting



If you wish to be kept informed on Village Hall activities & meetings
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The church is here for the parish. The PCC will provide help, support and information. The contacts are:

Elizabeth Jones: emjones.norwell@btinternet.com and 01636 636 365

Barbara Bateson: barbarabateson@btopenworld.com and 01636 636 840

Initial enquiries about **baptisms, weddings and funerals** to the Benefice Administrator, Lorna Caddy on 01636 555082, mobile 07568 929232 or email lorna.c.caddy@gmail.com.

Welcome to David Lewis. Despite being planned as a relatively 'quiet' month, September was full of activity – planning for and welcoming the Reverend David Lewis in his new role as Priest in Charge of St Laurence's church, as well as the five other churches in the Benefice.

The eagle-eyed among you will have spotted activity at the vicarage prior to his official start date of 3 September with the Licensing ceremony at All Saints Church in Sutton-on-Trent. This is covered in the Beck and Trent update but suffice to say it was wonderful to see friends, family, PCC members and retired clergy gathered together for this long-awaited event. We pray for David and his family's happiness in this new chapter of their lives.

The first service of Holy Communion led by David took place on Sunday 14 September, Holy Cross Day. The theme was the true meaning of humility in the light of God's infinite love. This coincides with the message of Holy Cross Day, which holds a deep meaning for Christians worldwide: it serves as a reminder that the cross, once a symbol of Roman execution and ultimate shame has, through the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus, has become a symbol of hope and salvation.

As we had no organist available, David brought a new style to the service by standing in for the organist on guitar. He proved to be a very accomplished performer of his own modern composition but also of well-known hymns, producing a refreshing mix of traditional and modern musical approaches.

Still to come at time of going to press

- The school children were busy making sunflowers for their service on 25 September.
- The Harvest Thanksgiving service took place on 28th September.

Services in October

- The next Holy Communion service is on Sunday 12 October with refreshments at 9.30am and the service at 10.00am.
- Fourth Sunday Worship's first birthday party at 10.00am on Sunday 26 October. Join us to celebrate the first anniversary of this service. We have covered many themes in the last year, and this time the focus will be on thanksgiving. When life is hard and the world seems to be in a state of flux it is good to pause and give thanks for the things that we can experience and enjoy.

Other news

Ride and Stride took place on 13 September. The number of participants may have been small but the generosity of the village was not. Lynne and Graham Johnson set off early for North Muskham for the first church visit and finished their tour of the Benefice at Sutton on Trent church before returning to Norwell before the hail!

This year we raised over £700 which will be split equally between Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust (from whom we have received many hundreds of pounds in grants this year alone) and St Laurence's itself. If you did not have the chance to catch



Graham (in the Plough!) to sponsor them, it is not too late, donations can be accepted up to the end of this month.

Advance notice: the church's theme for Christmas is stars.

The Churchyard Mapping of Headstones

is just about finished, including additional ones found hidden under the hedge (but there may be more!). Barbara Bateson has concluded her heroic work by entering all those names she identified on the 'Find a Grave' website. A total of 576 headstones were recorded with 749 people named on them. A map showing the location of each grave is planned for display in the church so that visitors can easily locate the last resting place of family members.

Path Work Delayed. Unfortunately we ran into last-minute red tape regarding the replacement of the concrete path in the churchyard but the work is still planned for this year, though it may now have to take place closer to Christmas than we would have liked.

Norwell and Norwell Woodhouse Parish Council

Dear Parishioners,

At the time of going to press, the Parish Council is still to reconvene after the summer recess. Consequently, there is very little official business for me to report on I'm afraid. Hopefully November's issue will be a bumper edition for you all to digest!

Despite there having been no official meeting, councillors have kept busy. We have undertaken meetings and drafted our response required for the "Relevant Representation" phase of the GNR Solar Park project; we have finalised works on the playpark and assigned the contractor to undertake much-needed maintenance on the Parish Garden hedges, and have undertaken further flood resilience measures at Moorlands Close.

As Chair of the PC, I was delighted to be asked to give a reading at the licensing service for our new Priest in Charge, David Lewis. I would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome him, his wife Hannah, and their lovely children to the parish. It's

so wonderful to have a permanent vicar back at St Laurence's. Even if you are not a regular worshipper at Church, please do welcome our new neighbours should you encounter them.

Harvest has drawn to a close for much of our farming community, with just a few remaining crops to be brought in. Given the dryness of the summer it has not always been an easy task, and yields of grass, arable crops and straw are not where they should be. However it has been lovely to once again see our rural parish alive during the harvest season.

As a council, we are looking forward to our monthly meetings starting once again and real action to be recommencing.

As ever, residents are welcome to attend our meetings which are held on the 4th Thursday of every month in Norwell School at 7.00pm.

*Cllr Ashleigh Robertshaw
Chair of Norwell and Norwell Woodhouse
Parish Council*

Norwell community news

Village Hall News

Norwell Village Hall are pleased to announce the return of Live and Local on Friday 7 November at 7.30 pm.

The act performing for us will be "54 North" Folk Fusion: Songs, Tunes and Tales – a lively mix of folk, blues and country with rich harmonies, storytelling and singalongs.

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Norwell Diary – Late September, October and early November

Sun 28 Sept	6.00pm	Harvest Festival and Supper
Tues 30 Sept	9.00-11.00am	Macmillan Coffee Morning at Norwell C of E School
Tue 30 Sept	7.00-9.00pm	Village Voices
Sat 4 Oct	7.30pm	Norwell Sports Association Race Night at the Village Hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. See poster in village for ticket details
Sun 5 Oct	2.00-5.00pm	NGS Open Garden at Norwell Nurseries Admission £4.50. Teas served in the Pavilion
Sun 12 Oct	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Laurence
Mon 13 Oct	10.15-11.15am	Jigsaw Swap in the Village Hall
Mon 13 Oct	1.30pm	Mobile Library – Old Chapel, Main St
Tue 14 Oct	7.00-9.00pm	Village Voices
Thurs 16 Oct	7.30pm	Heritage Group – Life in Nottingham Caves presented by Richard Goddard
Mon 20 Oct	AM	First day of Half Term Holiday for Norwell C of E school
Sat 25 Oct	8.30pm	Pub Quiz at the Plough
Sun 26 Oct	10.00am	4th Sunday Service ‘An Anniversary Celebration’
Tue 28 Oct	7.00-9.00pm	Village Voices
Wed 29 Oct	8.00pm	Book Club – for details call 01636 636337
Mon 3 Nov	AM	Norwell C of E School re-opens after Half Term
Fri 7 Nov	7.30pm	Folk Fusion: Songs, Tunes & Tales. For more details see Village Hall News
Sun 9 Nov	10.45am	Remembrance Sunday Service at St Laurence
Mon 10 Nov	1.30pm	Mobile Library – Old Chapel, Main St
Tue 11 Nov	7.00-9.00pm	Village Voices
Thurs 20 Nov	7.30pm	Heritage Group – The 1940s in Norwell and beyond



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This month we are reading "The Kellerby Code" by Jonny Sweet.

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Highly praised by some, condemned as pretentious by others, we shall make up our own minds on Wednesday 29 October.

More information about the Book Club from Helen on 636337.

Norwell CofE Primary School



It was lovely to see the children all back at school looking very smart in their uniforms! The children have settled in so well to the new school year and have come back with a wonderful attitude to their learning.

We have also celebrated Harvest Festival at church and it was wonderful to see all the very kind donations of food that have been given to the Newark Food Bank and Beaumont House, which is one of the charities we have supported for many years. They always look forward to our visit at Beaumont House and use all the fresh fruit, some of which the children have grown at the school allotment this year, to make delicious soups and desserts!

We welcomed many parents and villagers at our Macmillan Coffee Morning, which

was held in the school hall at the end of September. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the event so successful.

We have lots of things to look forward to this term including a variety of sporting activities at Tuxford Academy, our annual trip to the Pantomime at the Palace Theatre in Newark in December and we are beginning to learn songs for the Young Voices concert at the Sheffield Arena in February!

If you have a child due to start school next September 2026, or you are looking for a place in a school where every child is important, please ring us on 01636 636244 to arrange a visit where we would love to show you round, or email the school office on office@norwell.notts.sch.uk.

We are holding an Open Morning on Thursday 6 November from 9.30-11.30am where we invite you to meet the staff and pupils and you will have the opportunity to see our warm and welcoming school environment. We look forward to seeing you then.

Half Term Dates: please note the school will be closed from Monday 20 October until Monday 3 November for the half term break.

Best wishes.
Mrs King

Pictured: Harvest sunflowers in Norwell church



Norwell Parish Heritage Group

Heritage walk through Norwell

This walk will have taken place on 20 September. While we are appreciating the rain, we are hoping that we will not be walking in it. Report next month.

Life in Nottingham caves – talk by Richard Goddard

Thursday 16 October, 7.30pm, Norwell Village Hall

Richard has been studying the history of the caves as part of the Nottingham City of Caves Project. Nottingham is famous for the vast labyrinth of sandstone caves that exist beneath the streets and houses of the city. This study has revealed when the caves were first built and how they were used (and misused). Most importantly, there is information about the people who used the caves between the early fourteenth and the late sixteenth century. There is a wealth of information about what the people of Nottingham did in the caves!

All are welcome to come along to this meeting.



Nottingham caves



Norwell School lower class 1940

The 1940s in Norwell and Beyond

Thursday 20 November, 7.30pm, Norwell Village Hall

Over the last few months we have been talking to people in Norwell and gathering information about the 1940s. Some of them were living in Norwell in the 1940s, others were much further afield. There have been stories of involvement in the war effort, of rationing and of 'making do and mending'.

We have also been researching the lives of the 26 men and 4 women from Norwell and Norwell Woodhouse who served. Three of the men died on active service, their lives tragically cut short. This meeting is an opportunity to weave the threads of those memories into a pattern which we hope to share. Michael and Elizabeth Jones will be leading this meeting but will be inviting others to contribute.



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The Parochial Church Council is very much looking forward to working with our new vicar, Reverend David Lewis, who will be conducting his first Harvest Festival service in the Hut on Sunday 5 October starting at 6.00pm. There will also be a service with Holy Communion at 10.30am on Sunday 19 October. Everyone is very welcome to attend either or both and meet our new vicar.

Harvest Supper

Although the cereal harvest is a distant memory (being so early because of the very hot summer), the harvest supper has not been forgotten. Following on from the harvest festival, the village's Harvest Supper will take place on Saturday 11 October at 7.00pm in the Hut. Sally Adamson of Norwell will once more be providing the food. Please book your place with her in good time on 07815 917780 (£12 per person). Just remember to bring your own drinks (glasses provided)!

Luncheon Club

With the changing season, Ossington Luncheon Club returns on Monday 20 October. Why not desert your own kitchen and enjoy a home-cooked meal in good company? Please contact Mary Brown to book your place on 01636 821029 / 07970 199274 or by email marybrown3@hotmail.co.uk.

Coffee Morning

Another regular village social event to look out for is the monthly Coffee Morning. This

month it will take place on Saturday 25 October from 11.00am to 1.00pm. Come and have a chinwag and a coffee (or tea!) to brighten your day.

Date for your Diary – Quiz Night!

Looking ahead, there will be a Quiz Night in Ossington on Friday 7 November starting at 7.00pm. Tickets will include cheese and a glass of wine and cost £7.50 per person. There will also be a raffle, so please remember to bring some cash! To book your place (teams of 4+ people), please ring Peter Geldart on 01636 823832 / 07967 480589 or email petergeldart@btinternet.com.

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Volunteers needed!

Home-Start Newark helps local families with the developmental needs of young children. Its Step Up For School programme supports parents to prepare their children to start education.

Families with young children are still feeling the effects of COVID, with youngsters' speech development and social skills top of the list for developmental milestones not being met.

Kay Davidge, Step Up For School lead at Home-Start Newark, said: "The current cost of living has increased stress and anxiety levels with a lot of parents, in some cases affecting or causing a deterioration in their mental health. This has a knock-on effect on their ability and confidence to parent in a way that would help make children ready to start school.

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Home-Start Newark works with families in Ollerton, Boughton and Bilthorpe, as well as continuing to deliver services in the Newark. They are keen to hear from people who would like to make a positive difference to the lives of young families in the area through volunteering with them.

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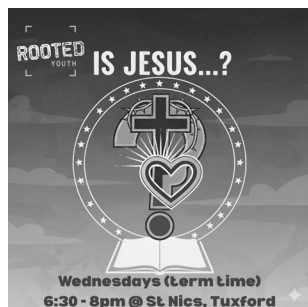
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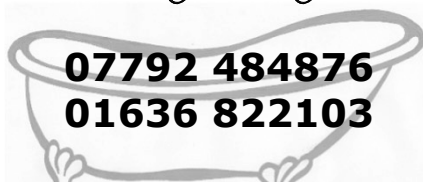
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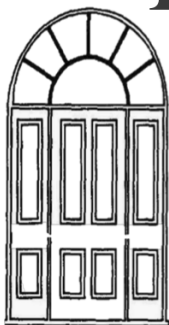
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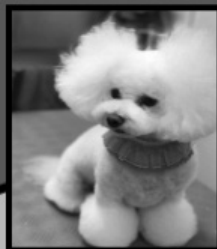
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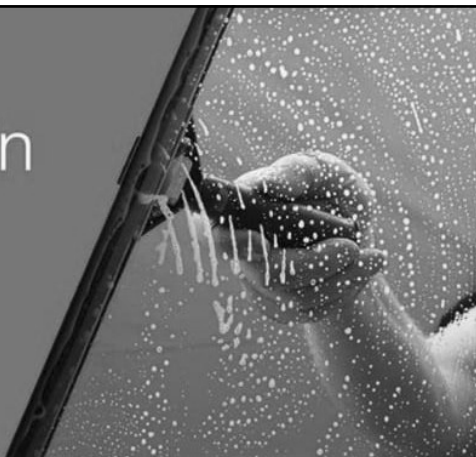
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