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West Loveden Monthly Services Pattern

Sunday 3rd		
Allington	10.00	Holy Communion
Claypole	10.30	Holy Communion
L B	10.30	Morning Worship
Sunday 10th		
L B	10.30	Holy Communion
Stubton	6.00pm	Evening Holy Communion
Sunday 17th		
Allington	10.00	Holy Communion/Morning Worship TBC
Claypole	10.30	Holy Communion
L B	10.30	Morning Worship
Foston	3.00pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 24th		
L B	10.30	Holy Communion
Sunday 31st		
Westborough	10.30	HC Group Service

The above services are for everyone living in our parish of West Loveden. This includes Dry Doddington, Stubton, Fenton, Westborough, Sedgebrook, Foston, Allington, Claypole and Long Bennington.

Everybody is welcome to any of the services and we encourage you to attend services in other villages if there isn't a service in your church. Please join us for worship & fellowship (tea, coffee & biscuits included!!) If you know of neighbours who are without transport, kindly offer a lift too!

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From the Vicarage

May is a month full of life. Gardens begin to flourish, days stretch longer, and there is a sense that the world is opening up again. It is no surprise that this time of year we Christians reflect on and celebrate growth, renewal, and the quiet, steady work of God bringing new life where it was not expected.



In these weeks after Easter, our bible readings often take us into the early life of the Church in the Acts of the Apostles, alongside passages from John's Gospel. We see ordinary people discovering that the resurrection of Jesus was not just a moment to celebrate, but a reality to live. They learned, sometimes uncertainly, how to become communities shaped by love, courage, and generosity.

One of the recurring themes is simple, but searching: abide. Jesus says, "Abide in me as I abide in you." It is not a call to frantic activity or to having everything worked out, but to remain — to stay connected, like branches to a vine. Growth, whether in gardens or in faith, does not come through force, but through patient, sustained connection to the source of life.

We can find that a challenge. We live in a world that prizes busyness. Yet the invitation of this season is quieter and deeper: to root ourselves in Christ, to allow his life to shape ours, and to trust that something good is growing even when we cannot yet see it.

As the natural world around us bursts into life, perhaps May is an opportunity to ask: what is growing in me? Where am I being invited to remain, to trust, to deepen?

In this season, may we discover the steady, life-giving presence of God at work within us and among us and may we find the courage to abide.

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All proceeds will be going towards essential external repairs at St Martin's Church

Viking Way 50th Anniversary (5th September 1976 – 2026)

The Viking Way is a 149-mile walking route through Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Rutland. It opened in 1976 and its name reflects the influence of Norse settlers in the east of Britain.

The route starts on the banks of the Humber. It then passes through rural Lincolnshire, market towns, the city of Lincoln and a series of villages. It follows an ancient trackway before reaching Oakham in Rutland.

You will see the Viking helmet symbol on yellow discs along the route. Walking the Viking Way is a great way to enjoy the varied and beautiful Lincolnshire landscape.

The section that is closest to our villages is known as the South Lincolnshire Edge which continues from Lincoln through Harmston, Navenby, Wellingore, Marston, and toward Woolsthorpe.



ALLINGTON VILLAGE HALL REGULAR DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Craft Afternoon: Monday 1.30-4.00pm. Includes quilting, model-making, cross-stitching, knitting, sewing, card making etc.

Pilates: Monday 7.00-8.00pm (Term time and requires pre-booking)

Tai Chi: Tuesday 10.00-11.00am. To reserve a place email:
rebtpeacock@gmail.com

New Age Kurling: Tuesday 2.00-4.30pm

Viking Squares: Tuesday 7.00-10.00pm. Come and try Social Square Dancing – beginners welcome.

Keep Moving: Thursday 11.30am-12.30pm. Dance fitness class aimed at over 55s. (NEW)

Hatha Yoga: Thursday 7.15-8.15

Yoga: Friday 10.00-11.00am

Social Afternoon: Friday 2.00-4.30pm. Open to all for conversation and games.

Church Coffee & Cake: Monday 10.00am-12 noon (Monthly)

Allington WI: First Wednesday of the month, 7.30 for 7.45pm start. Visitors always welcome – £5.

Sound Bath: 3rd Saturday 10.30-11.30am (See www.bookwhen.com/shola or just turn up.)

Carpet Bowls: Alternate Sundays 2.00-5.00pm (September – April)

For further details on the above contact David Smedley on
chair.allingtonvhmc@gmail.com.

For Viking Squares contact Judy Grummitt on 01400 281497.

SATURDAY 23rd May

Quiz Night 6.30 for 7.00pm. Another chance for you to test your general knowledge on a wide range of subjects, with Alan returning once again as the Quiz Master. As previously there's a maximum of eight per team. Tickets at £12 include a buffet and hot drinks, plus a free raffle ticket, bring your own booze. Tickets available from both Jackie on eventsatallingtonvillagehall@gmail.com and David on chair.allingtonvhmc@gmail.com.

SATURDAY 30th May

Big Brunch: 9.30am-12 noon, last orders 11.00am. Drinks and Cake only will be served between 11.00am and 12 noon. Menu consists of a full English breakfast, with bacon, sausage, hash brown, fried egg, grilled tomato and beans. (Optional black pudding.) Or if you're extra hungry you can order a large breakfast. Side order of toast and marmalade/jam also on the menu. Tea/coffee and orange will also be served along with a variety of cakes. A £3 deposit is required for special dietary orders so please message Jackie in advance to order a special diet, on eventsatallingtonvillagehall@gmail.com.

VIEW FROM THE PEW - HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ALLINGTON

The Church is now open every day from 10-4 until the Autumn.

COFFEE AND CAKE

Our Coffee and Cake mornings will be held on Monday 4th May (Bank Holiday Monday) and Monday 1st June from 10-12 in the village hall. We look forward to seeing you all there for coffee, cake and a chat.

ALLINGTON WITH SEDGEBROOK SCHOOL

On Friday the 13th March it was standing room only at Holy Trinity Church when Allington with Sedgebrook Primary School children celebrated Mother's Day with a service. This was conducted entirely by the children as they had selected both songs/hymns and readings - an uplifting service and enjoyed by all.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

Easter Sunday was really well attended and it was lovely to see everyone in Church. Rev Les Batty led the service. Thank you Les.

At the end of the service our Churchwarden Chris Dicken presented Stella with a gift from the Church community to thank her for her Ministry here in this Church over many, many years. Stella has now retired from Ministerial duties.

Tea/coffee and chocolate biscuits were enjoyed after the service.

CHURCHYARD

We will be having another tidy up session in the Churchyard during June – date to be announced.

Chris and Sally have spent a long time maintaining the path and surrounding area. We are very grateful and the path looks lovely. Thank you Chris and Sally.

ADVANCE NOTIFICATION – OF EVENTS

On Sunday 17th May from 2-4 in the Village Hall we are running a Pudding Club – a selection of the finest puddings. Come and join us and enjoy all the wonderful puddings.

Allington PUDDING Club

Sunday 17th May 26 - 2pm until 4pm

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The next Winter Singers concert this year is again in conjunction with the Village Hall. It will be on Sunday 14th June and will take the form of an afternoon tea with entertainment. Please put the date in your diary.

SERVICES

Our next services will be:-

Sunday 3rd May – 10.00 – Communion

Sunday 17th May – 10.00 – Communion or Morning Worship tbc

Sunday 26th July – Our Annual St James' Churchyard service – more details to follow.

ALLINGTON WI

On Saturday, 14th March, Allington Village had their annual Spring Fair, which was held at the Village Hall, from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. There was a variety of stalls, a tombola, and a raffle.

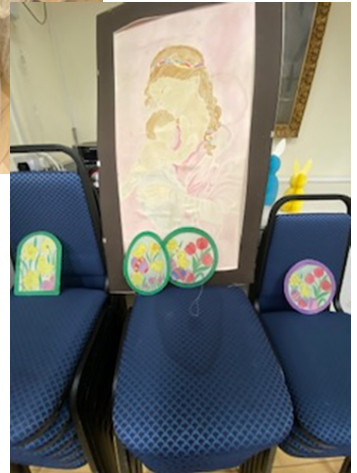
Allington WI's stall was 'Everyone a Winner' - £1 a ticket and every ticket won a prize. After browsing round the stalls, people enjoyed a cup of tea or coffee, a selection of biscuits and a chat! It was a busy and successful afternoon enjoyed by all!

On Thursday, 26th March – Invitation from Ropsley WI to Visit RAF Cranwell - a few members, together with a guest(s), joined members from Ropsley WI, on a visit to RAF Cranwell. It was an extremely informative and interesting tour.

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INSPIRING WOMEN



On Wednesday, 1st April we were joined by Debbie Starr, who began painting on silk 25 years ago, when she was living in Denmark. Over the years she has worked on and perfected a technique that she now uses on all kinds of veils for weddings. Painting on fabric is a wonder to Debbie, the way the paint reacts and moves over the fibres is a fascinating process. She loves the way the colours blend and change as the painting develops, then the colours changing as they dry - images she paints changing shape. It is alchemy of sorts, but what is even more special to her is watching a bride's face light up when she sees that Debbie has made her dream veil a reality. Painting a veil takes 2-4 weeks, depending on the size of the veil and Debbie's availability.



Our members were dressed appropriately, to protect their clothing from the paint, and they then got to work designing their own silk hankie. The evening was very interesting, where members showed their individual talents, enjoyed by everyone.

If anyone is looking for a dream veil, then view Debbie's inspirational, hand-painted veils at: debbie@starandleaf.co.uk

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 7th May, at 7.30 for a 7.45 pm start, at Allington Village Hall – Speaker: Sue York – Therapy Dogs Nationwide – takes assistance dogs into schools, nursing homes, prisons and hospitals etc.

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For more details for anything listed here, please contact either Eileen Ross (tel 07710 534732) or Lucy Bliss (mobile 07740 980689, email lucyjanebliss@gmail.com).

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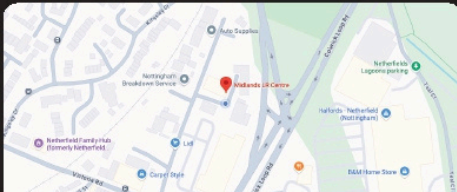
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FOSTON - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Foston Parish Council

Meet in the Village Hall on alternate months. A 15-minute period is set aside at the beginning of each meeting from 7.30 – 7.45pm, please note the meeting will commence at 7.30pm if no residents are present. Confirm with Christina Lees on 01400 281309.

Uniform Groups Meet at the Village Hall

1st Foston Brownies Thursdays 6.30pm - term time only.

Register interest via www.girlguiding.org.uk

Rainbows Thursday 5.00-6.00pm

Church Coffee Mornings. 10am-11.30am on the first Wednesday of the month

Foston Coffee Morning 10am-12noon on the third Wednesday of the month

Foston Neighbours

Foston Neighbours are here to lend a hand – if you need any assistance with lifts to appointments, shopping or other domestic issues, we will do what we can to help, or signpost you to other services that may be right for you.

ST PETER'S FOSTON – NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Services at St Peter's Here are our Services over the next few months for your diary:

17th May - 3pm - Holy Communion

21st June - 3pm - Holy Communion

The Church remains open to all, twice a week for private prayer on Wednesday (1-4 pm) and Sunday (9.30 am - 1pm). Please feel free to use the church for quiet contemplation and prayer.

Upcoming Events

Details for events are underway – keep an eye out here or on the noticeboards!



Coffee Morning: Come and join us for chat and homemade cake on the first Wednesday of the month. So many have been attending recently so it is clearly the place to be! Just £2.50 for all this... At the Village Hall from 10-11.30am on the following dates:

Next dates: 6th May 3rd June

Book Swap: Lots of books currently available so feel free to browse the books in the church porch, with more inside! Please take as many as you like as there are so many there! Peruse the inside shelves when the Church is open either Sunday mornings (9.30am-1pm) or Wednesday afternoons (1-4pm).



Regular Giving

Money makes the world go round And it certainly helps to keep the Church well maintained. Only a small proportion of our finances go to the Diocese to cover the cost of our Parish Vicar. The remainder is used to keep the Church standing, safe and open for all. If you would like to support St Peter's Church, you can set up either regular giving or one-off donations through the following website:

www.parishgiving.org.uk and search for Foston St Peter.

Alternatively use this QR code:

And thank you to those who do give regularly already!





Foston WI joined other members from at least 34 other institutes, at Lincolnshire South Federation WI Annual Meeting, held at Springfields, Spalding on 21st March. It was an enjoyable day out, chaired by Louise Reed, it was a mixture of traditional and useful information plus engaging speakers.

Our guest speakers included:

David Leyland: National Independent Volunteer Network, shared the inspiring work of volunteers who provide stable, long-term friendships for children in foster care and their unwavering mission to increase these volunteers, who empower young people in the care system so they have their voice listened to, helping their personal growth and development.

Lucy Lewis: Joined the Army in 1988 and after attending Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, she became the first female bomb disposal officer to operate in the Armed Forces. Lucy also took on another trail-blazing role, becoming the first woman appointed as University Marshal at the University of Cambridge. She gave us a fascinating and a funny look into her career which was a deeply inspirational one, joining when women were taking on more dangerous roles, full of high stakes and tense situations that for most of us, are beyond comprehension.

Professor Stephanie Bridges: gave a fun dip into the “killer” chemistry of Agatha Christie. We learned how Christie used her real-world pharmacy knowledge to accurately dispatch characters with poisons like cyanide and arsenic, found commonly in our own herbaceous borders, when writing her books!

All of those who attended thoroughly enjoyed the day, we also received a certificate for our 105th year.

Future Events 12th May – Resolutions & Members Memories

For further information please contact Eileen Ross 07710 534732
Maggi Challis Publicity

Long Bennington – REGULAR DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Please also see Village Hall Schedule)

RiverCare Long Bennington: a group monitoring, managing & protecting the River Witham bordering the village meeting on the 4th Saturday of the month at 2pm to litter pick, clear vegetation, remove invasive species and monitor water quality. Please contact rivercarelongbennington@gmail.com

Mobile Library Service: Outside Long Bennington Village Hall Friday - 1330 – 1430 monthly. Enquiries to Customer Service Centre on 01522 782010 or www.lincolnshire.gov.uk

Tea-n-Chat Started by St Swithun's church to provide a place for people to meet in warm, friendly surroundings. It is held in Long Bennington Village Hall on the last Friday of every month from 2.15 - 3.30pm. (except holiday breaks in August and December). Everyone is welcome, and tea, coffee and cakes are provided. Please feel free to join us.

Methodist Coffee Morning: Please join us every 3rd Saturday in the month, in the Methodist Chapel for coffee, cake and a chat.

The Chatty Café: Meeting every Thursday afternoon 2pm- 3pm in Baker's at Sixty-Two – Main Road, Long Bennington. The Scheme is a national initiative aiming to reduce loneliness by getting people chatting. The group is hosted by two Chatty Cafe Scheme volunteers each week. Contact Mary Barlow marybarlowhello@gmail.com or tel: 07885 639091

Long Bennington Afternoon House Group: Do you enjoy meeting other Christians to chat, discuss and pray? We meet every other Monday at 2.15pm 76 Main Rd Long Bennington. For further details contact: Joy Jordan Email: joy.g.jordan@icloud.com: Tel: 01400 281355.

Book and Card/Gift Stall: Second Sunday each month there will be a stall in St Swithun's church, selling books, cards and small gifts, run by Helen Baker from Claypole. Come and have a look for that special card or an uplifting spiritual book and have a chat and coffee/biscuits around 11.30am to 12 noon (following the 10.30 service).

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Mon wkly	Pilates	10.15-11.00	Main	Linda Brady 07850 618516
1 st Mon monthly	Parish Council	19:00 – 21:00	Small	01400 282716 parishclerk@longbenningtonparishcouncil.org
2 nd & 4 th Monday Monthly	Rotary Club	19:00 – 20:00	Bar	hello@lbrotnary.co.uk
Tues weekly	Bennington Art Group	10:00 – 12:00	Foyer	Margaret Butcher 07484 140914 margaretbutcher98@gmail.com
1 st Tues monthly	WI	19:30 – 21:00	Main	Jan Leventhall 07803 892 118 or email janleventhall@me.com
4 th Tue monthly	Gardening Club	19:30 – 21:00	Main	Amy Hodson amyhodson4@gmail.com
Weds wkly	Post Office	09:00 – 12:00	Foyer	
Thurs wkly	Post Office	13:00 – 15:00	Foyer	
Thurs weekly	Adult Pilates Suitable for all levels	17:15 – 18:15 & 18:30 – 19:30	Main	Amanda 07967387969 https://www.corestrengthpilatesuk.com
Fri Weekly	Adult Pilates -all levels	8.15-9.15	Main	Amanda, As Above
Fri weekly	Adult Pilates -all levels	09:30 - 10:30	Main	Amanda, As Above
1 st & 3 rd Fri monthly	WI craft group	1030 - 12:30	Bar	Sue Clarke 01400 282986
Last Fri monthly	Tea and Chat	14:00 – 16:00	Main	Hilda Owen 01400 282471 ejanecowley@aol.com
Monday 18 th May	Flood Sensor Drop-In Session	18.00-20.00	Foyer	Drop-in session for LCC and partners to explain the use of the new flood sensors around Long Bennington and sign up residents to receive flood alerts via the porta
Tuesday 18 th May	CPR and AED Training	18.00-21.00	Main	Contact parishclerk@longbenningtonparishcouncil.org
TBC	Wine Club	19.00-21.30	Bar	Raj Solanki raj@libradrinks.co.uk
Sun 3 rd May & Sun 7 th June	Love to Dance - Frozen	15.00-19.00	Main	sally.picker@hotmail.co.uk
View all events and bookings on line	https://www.longbenningtonvillagehall.org bookings@longbenningtonvillagehall.org			

LONG BENNINGTON GARDENING CLUB (VPA)

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Saturday 16th May 2026 outside the Methodist
Chapel
from 10.00 am to 11.00 am

Come along to our annual plant sale, a great opportunity to buy more plants for your garden at very reasonable prices, plus you will also be supporting your local Gardening Club.

longbenningtongardeningclub.com

If you would like to enhance your garden for the summer don't forget our annual Plant Sale. All our plants are locally grown by our members and others and will be available at good prices. Get there early if you want to get the best plants - they go really quickly! But if you can't make it at that time the plants left over will be available for the rest of the day at the front of the drive of the house next door to the Chapel (5 Main Street) - with an honesty box for your payments.

We are always grateful for any plants to sell at the Plant Sale, so if you have any extra plants you have grown yourself that you don't need, please bring them to the house next door to the Chapel on the morning of the Sale or the day before.

It will be the Methodist Chapel Coffee Morning that day at 10.00am so you could pop in for refreshments after picking up your plants!

Our next event is an evening visit on the evening of Tuesday 26 May. For more details see our website. Lots more information about the Club and our activities is available on our website.


Victor and Albert at Long Bennington Village Hall – 19th March

Long Bennington Village Hall hosted another successful evening in conjunction with Live & Local. Victor and Albert entertained the capacity audience with a variety of musical, magic and comedy routines. Rotary ran the bar, and the rest of the performance was made possible by efforts of volunteers from the management committee and their helpers.

The committee aims to engage further performances for 26/27 together with Live & Local – bringing arts to the community at affordable prices.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the hall and bought raffle tickets and refreshments. Your support really is appreciated.

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Wellbeing Walk – May

Our next Wellbeing Walk will take place on Wednesday 6th May at 10:00am, starting and ending at the Medical Centre. We now offer both short and long walk options, making it suitable for all fitness levels.

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LONG BENNINGTON NEWS FROM THE PEWS



We were thrilled that so many children came along with their mothers and caring grown-ups to our Mothering Sunday event in the village hall. The children's art and prayers were on display, and we all enjoyed looking at them. There was a lovely sociable atmosphere, with refreshments for all who attended and special bookmarks and Spring posies to take home.



At the start of Holy Week we held a Palm Sunday service where Palm crosses were distributed as a reminder of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. On the Thursday, we welcomed the Long Bennington Church of England Academy to St Swithun's for their end of term Easter service. The children had been following the journey through Lent at school and reflecting on the hope that the Easter story provides, and our role of spreading hope and joy to those around us.

The Good Friday walk between three of our churches was very well supported. This year we started in Dry Doddington and there were readings and hymns at Westborough and Long Bennington. At the conclusion of the final part of the event hot drinks and toasted hot cross buns were enjoyed by all ... along with bowls of water for the dogs!





Our Easter Sunday service, that was also well attended, included a playlet which focused on the resurrection and investigated: 'Who moved the Gravestone and Stole Jesus' Body'. At the end of the service Joy Jordan made a presentation to Hilda and Phil Owen to thank them for their involvement in maintaining the church over recent years.

Don't forget that the regular Tea-n-Chat get-togethers in St James' Village Hall continue on the last Friday of the month from 2-3.45 pm. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Following Easter, the church will be regularly open from 10am to 4pm from Monday to Saturday – we welcome visitors to look around this historic church as well as to use it as a reflective space.

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SOUTH KESTIVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Finally, we are excited to announce that at the start of next month – Saturday June 6th – in conjunction with SKDC, we shall be hosting a Pop-Up cinema with a matinee film - 'Migration' - at 2.30pm for families, and a more grown-up evening one - The Ballad of Wallis Island - at 7pm. This is the first time we have had such a large screen in our church and are looking forward to it. It's a fund-raising event for church and all the details are on the posters in this magazine.

Tickets are £5 and booking can be done through the Guildhall Arts Theatre website (guildhallartscentre.com) – the films are listed under What's On / Local Events (or you can search by the date or the word 'cinema') or by phone (01476 406158). There is also a QR code on each poster which will take you straight to the online booking page for each film.

Please do come along - everyone is welcome! Refreshments will be available too!

If you would like to make a donation to St Swithun's church, please use the QR code here or by online bank transfer to: Long Bennington Parochial Church Council Account Number: 501103570 Sort Code: 05-04-42



LONG BENNINGTON WI

Members Night is when the members of the WI show their appreciation for the work of the WI Team by hosting an evening of entertainment, along with a delicious buffet. It is much appreciated and enjoyed every year, and this year the entertainment was provided by John Taylor, Magician Extraordinaire.

His magic tricks were very cleverly done, and he also explained the origin of some of the props, such as playing cards and rope. He had us helping with his tricks, trying to send our thoughts to each other to guess the card we were holding. None of us could work out how he did them, especially when he gave a closed bag to an audience member to hold whilst someone else randomly chose a card out of a pack with drinks on them. She chose milk, but when the bag was opened it contained a sealed can of Coke. However, when it was opened and poured, it contained milk. Magic!

A lot of work had gone into the buffet, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Many thanks to Beryl Holmes and her troops for a great evening. Freda Barnes, whose garden is a delight to behold, made all the Team stunning rose corsages to wear. True green fingers. Our next meeting will be held on 5th May and is called Prickleback Urchin – Hedgehog Rescue. For more information about our friendly WI, please contact Jan Leventhall on 07803892118 or janleventhall@me.com

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The Parish Council had its last meeting on 13th April at St James's Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS - the Parish Council continues to explore various methods to enhance its communication with residents and to encourage greater community engagement and interaction.

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The Council welcomes and values all comments from residents. Please do not hesitate to share your thoughts and feedback regarding how communication and engagement can be further improved.

LONG BENNINGTON FLOOD WATER SENSORS - On 18 May at the Village Hall, the Parish Council will be hosting a drop in session for residents to learn more about the alarm system and to allow residents to sign up to receive the alerts. We are keen for as many residents as possible to be informed about the scheme and be aware of how it could assist them during potential flood events. The event is a great opportunity to discuss how the alarms work and the wider scheme across the county. It will run between 6 and 8pm.

ADULT CPR AND DEFRILLATOR FREE TRAINING – On 19th May the Parish Council are hosting a free training session for up to 16 residents. The training will take place in the main room at the Village Hall from 6.30pm until about 9.00pm. The training is being provided by LeisureSK. This will provide a useful refresher to those of us who had training some time ago as well as help those new to these vitally important life saving skills. Please email the Parish Clerk on parishclerk@longbenningtonparishcouncil.org if you would like to attend.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will take place on 11 May at the Village Hall. All village groups and residents are welcome to join. More details will be provided on the Villages social media and on posters in key village locations.

Following Parish Council meeting dates Monday 11th May (also Annual Parish Meeting) and Monday 1st June.

As always, if you have any issues or concerns you wish to raise with the Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01400 282716 or email parishclerk@longbenningtonparishcouncil.org

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Knitting / Craft Group

Anyone interested in knitting, sewing, embroidery etc. would be very welcome to come along on a Monday morning from 10.30am to mid-day. There is a nominal entry fee of £2.50 to cover the heating costs and refreshments.

Games Afternoon

Are you looking for a little fun, come and join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month when we get together to play board games and have tea (or coffee) and chat. We are always looking to welcome new participants so if you have a competitive streak we look forward to seeing you. There is a nominal entry fee of £2.50 to cover the heating costs and refreshments. Activities start at 2.00pm

Coffee Mornings

Our next Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 16th May, starting at 10am so come along and join us when there will be homemade cakes for sale, a raffle and wonderful Nearly New Stall which is always full of exciting items and great gift opportunities. Entry costs £3.00 for bottomless tea or coffee and plenty of biscuits.

Food Bank - Grantham

Here at Long Bennington Methodist Chapel and in conjunction with other chapels in the local circuit, we support the work of The Trussell Trust and their Food Bank initiative to 'Stop UK Hunger'.

If you would like to make a donation of non-perishable, in-date food, please bring it along to any of our monthly coffee mornings and we will be pleased to make sure it gets to those in need in the Grantham area through the local Food Bank branch. If you still wish to donate to people in the Newark area, you can make your donations at the village Co-op.

SEDGEBROOK SOCIAL CLUB REGULAR DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Rainbows Mondays 5.00pm (There is currently no Brownies due to lack of numbers)

Grantham Canine Assoc Tuesdays 7.30 – 8.30pm

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Grantham Food Bank collecting point

Children's Corner

Teddy Bear's Picnic Children's Book set in St Lawrence Church

The church is open every day to give everyone the opportunity to enjoy the museum, children's corner, books and jigsaws, the recycling of cans and ink cartridges, the food bank collecting point, and the opportunity for a peaceful space and private prayer.

AFTERNOON TEAS 2026

The very popular afternoon teas resume in May in the Social Club from 2pm-4pm. If anyone likes to bake a cake they are most welcome. Here are the dates for your diaries. May 28th, June 25th, July 30th, August 27th, September 24th.



200 Club for the maintenance of the church and cemeteries. This year the 200 Club is to help the church continue in the village. The first draw for the 2026/27 will be at the Afternoon Tea in the Social Club on 28th May.

If you wish to renew your membership and/or existing numbers they are still £12 per year with a first prize each month of £30, second prize £20 and third prize £10. The bank account details for payment are St Lawrence Church sort code 20-63-28 account no 03579743. Please remember to reference this with your name so we know who has paid. You can also pay direct to our collectors by cash or cheque who will be coming round in May. Payment can also be made direct to Alan Cook if you miss our collectors. Please let Alan Cook now on 07963553835 or email alpaco47@aol.com if you use this method.

There are spare numbers available if you want to change or add new ones or if you don't currently take part. Winners are announced on the noticeboard each month.

There are no services during May.



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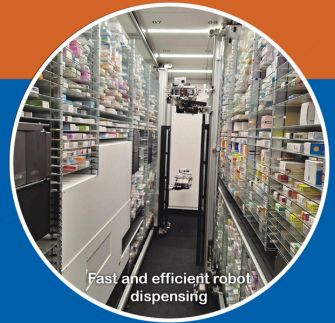
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