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**Service Rota for March 2025**

**Sunday 2nd (1 before lent)**

10.30am	Communion	Allington
10.30am	Communion	Claypole
10.30am	Morning Worship	Long Bennington
2.30pm	Activity church (pancakes)	Claypole

**Wednesday 5th (Ash Wednesday)**

6.30pm	Taizé	Westborough
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**Sunday 9th (lent 1)**

10.30am	Communion	Long Bennington
6pm	Communion	Stubton

**Sunday 16th (lent 2)**

10.30am	Communion	Claypole
10.30am	Morning Worship	Long Bennington
3pm	Communion	Foston

**Sunday 23rd (lent 3)**

10.30am	Communion	Long Bennington
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**Sunday 30th Mothering Sunday (all services below are celebrations)**

10.30am	Lively Church	Sedgebrook
10.30am	Morning Worship	Dry Doddington
9.30am	Activity Church	Long Bennington

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## From the Vicarage

Lent is the primary season where we seek to draw closer to God. This is why we give things up (fasting): to remove excess and clarify what really resonates for us, each different and unique. Some find God in quiet contemplation, others in joyful praise, and others in acts of service.

In his book, *Sacred Pathways*, Gary Thomas describes nine ways people naturally connect with God:

The Naturalist Way – connecting with God through creation and the outdoors

The Sensate Way – connecting with God through beauty, experience and the senses

The Traditionalist Way – connecting with God through liturgy and ritual

The Ascetic Way – connecting with God through solitude and simplicity

The Activist Way – connecting with God through seeking justice and action

The Caregiver Way – connecting with God through serving others

The Enthusiast Way – connecting with God through celebration and mystery

The Contemplative Way – connecting with God through personal intimacy with God

The Intellectual Way – connecting with God through study and deep thought

Which one or more of these resonates with you? This Lent, whether you give something up or not, why not carve out time and space to become more aware of the ways you are wired to connect with God?

You might take a prayer walk outside, or be more mindful of the spiritual connection gained through caregiving for someone in need, or dive deeper into Scripture or other intellectual interests that cause you to marvel at God's complexity.

However you journey through Lent, know that the invitation is the same: to draw near to God, who has already drawn near to us.

Rev'd Jon Speirs-Davies



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EVENTS

**FEB  
9TH**

ACTIVITY SERVICE.  
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2:30-4PM

**MARCH  
2ND**

PANCAKE PARTY  
ST. PETER'S CLAYPOLE  
2:30-4PM

**MARCH  
30TH**

MOTHERING SUNDAY EVENT  
VILLAGE HALL, LONG BENNINGTON  
9:30-11AM

**APRIL  
13TH**

PALM SUNDAY  
9:30 @ COULBY ROOM, CLAYPOLE VILLAGE  
HALL TO WALK A DONKEY TO ST. PETERS  
10:30 SHORT SERVICE AND CAKE

**APRIL  
19TH**

EASTER FUN  
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2:30-4PM

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## 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.

**Zumba:** Thursday 6.00-6.45pm

**Allington Morris:** Thursday 8.00-10.00pm (September – April)

**Yoga:** Friday 10.00-11.00am

**Warm Hub:** Friday 12.00-1.30pm. Free lunch of soup, bread and hot drinks.

**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 a 7.45pm start. Visitors always welcome – £5.

**Grantham Danserye:** 3rd Saturday 2.00-5.00pm

**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.

### MARCH

#### QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 7th March, 6.30 for 7.00pm. SOLD OUT

#### BIG BRUNCH

Saturday 22nd March, 9.30-12 noon, last order 11.15am. Drinks and Cake only will be served after 11.00am. On offer will be a full English breakfast, with bacon, sausage, hash brown, fried egg, grilled tomato and beans, Plus toast and marmalade. Or if you're extra hungry you can order a large breakfast. Tea/coffee and orange will also be served along with a variety of cakes. A £3 deposit will be required for special dietary orders so please message Jackie in advance if you require a special diet, on eventsatallingtonvillagehall@gmail.com.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** Spring Fair Saturday 12th April, 2.00-4.00pm.

## VIEW FROM THE PEW – HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ALLINGTON

### PROGRESS ON OUR PROJECT

Our aim is to be back in Church for the first Sunday in March which is communion. The contractors are doing an excellent job and helping us to reduce costs wherever possible without compromising on quality.

The servery is now nearing completion and the toilet is installed and working! Nearly there!

### COFFEE AND CAKE

The next two Coffee and Cake mornings will be held on Monday 7th April and Monday 5th May from 10-12 in the village hall. We look forward to seeing you all there for coffee, cake and a chat.

We continue to thank all our loyal supporters who enjoy our coffee and cake mornings and always look forward to welcoming new visitors and friends. A warm welcome awaits you all.

### SERVICE PLANNING

Once we are back in Church, we are hoping to keep to our service plan – the first Sunday of the month as a communion service and the third Sunday as Morning Worship.

We sincerely thank our friends from Sedgebrook Church for allowing us to hold joint services at Sedgebrook whilst the works were in progress. Long may we continue to work together.

### FUTURE EVENTS

As part of the VE celebrations we hope we will be hosting another Winter Singers concert jointly with the Village Hall committee on Friday 9th May. Cream teas in the Garden of Chris and Sally Baron's bungalow on 10/11 May and a special service in the Church on Sunday 11th May.

## ALLINGTON WI

### 'HISTORY OF SOUTHWELL WORKHOUSE AND THE INFIRMARY'

Colin Deeley gave us a very interesting and detailed 'history of Southwell Workhouse and the Infirmary.'

Every workhouse had a designated area for use as an infirmary.

Elizabeth 1st introduced the Old Poor Law which forced parishes to provide for their destitute parishioners, by providing coal, food and clothing paid for by parish ratepayers. However, in 1775, a loaf of bread cost 1 shilling (or £4 in today's money) due to 3 years of bad harvests, resulting in many more paupers needing weekly handouts, and the Rev John Thomas Becher of Southwell suggested his local parishes combined their funds and built a workhouse to house, feed and clothe the destitute in exchange for their labour.



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INSPIRING WOMEN

The building, which was partly designed by Becher himself, was completed in 1808 to house over 84 people, but then extended in 1824. Although originally called the Thurgarton Hundred Incorporated Workhouse, but it later became known as the Southwell Union Workhouse. In 1828 Becher wrote a paper entitled 'The Antipauper System', which resulted in the Government bringing in the Poor Law Amendment Act in 1834 and building workhouses around the country.

The workhouse took in men, women and children, who were looked after by the Master and Matron, assisted by a clerk, chaplain, medical officer and schoolteacher, all employed by a board of 62 guardians who also made the rules. Bad behaviour did not happen very often, but when it did, the inmates were sent to the refractory, which also happened to house any dead inmates who were awaiting removal by their home parish which was responsible for their burial.

The young and infirm were looked after very well, as they received free health care and education. However, life for the able-bodied adults was purposely hard in order to encourage them to leave and get a job. Able-bodied men had to crush stones for road building and pick oakum, which was tearing apart of the fibres of old ship rigging, which was very hard as it was covered in tar. When clean, the fibre was sold back to the shipyards and used as wadding or caulking between the wooden planks on a ship. Men also worked every day in the 6-acre gardens, growing fruit and vegetables to supply to the kitchen. Any excess was sold to the public (as it is today).

Women did all the cooking, cleaning and sewing, or worked in the laundry where they earned money by doing washing for outsiders. Any money earned was used by the Master to provide additional perks for them, usually in the way of food.

Men, women and children were segregated, and lived and worked in separate parts of the building, sleeping in dormitories on the second floor of each wing, and often sleeping several to a bed. The staff were provided with their own private self-contained accommodation on the top floor of the main building. There was a school room for the children, and youngsters were taught to read, write and do arithmetic, and were able to get jobs when they left. Families often only met up once a week.

In 1929 the New Poor Law system was disbanded, and workhouses were handed over to local authorities, as institutions for the poor, homeless and elderly. However, when the modern welfare system started in 1948, the building's use changed, providing temporary homeless accommodation until 1976.

**5th March 2025** – Annual Meeting – Members only.

**2nd April 2025** – Dorothy Gaughan – Food Bank – How it works at 7.30 for a 7.45 pm start, at Allington Village Hall. Visitors are most welcome to attend, at a visitor's fee of £5.00.

Stamps and used printer cartridges - Used postage stamps are collected for the Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB).

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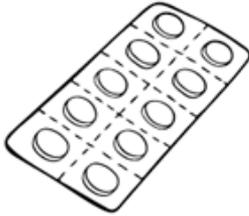
All meetings take place in Allington Village Hall – 7.30 for a 7.45 pm start. All visitors are most welcome to attend, £5.00 fee.

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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](http://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. It's easy to get in touch – just call or email, details above.

## ST PETER'S FOSTON – NEWS FROM THE PEWS

**Here are our Services over the next couple of months for your diary:**

16th March – 3pm - Holy Communion

Easter Sunday - 20th April – 3pm - Holy Communion

18th May – 3pm - Holy Communion- APCM afterwards

As you can see, we are moving our regular service to the third Sunday in the month. Holy Communion is also available at Long Bennington on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, so we hope congregations will visit other churches. We are also exploring the option of having Even Song on the 1st Sunday of the month – look out for information about this.

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.

### **Kicking off 2025 ....**

We had a wonderful Wine Tasting Evening at the end of January – it was extra special as it was the first event back in the village hall after all the remedial work was completed. Our resident sommelier, Chris Jenkins, did a superb job yet again keeping some 50+ tasters on the relative straight and narrow when tasting 8 wines! Many thanks to all who attended and contributed to the event – we raised just over £600 for the Church that evening which is a phenomenal start to 2025.



### Upcoming Events

Events for 2025 are currently under development but this is the general picture ....

- Easter Wreaths / Crafts in the Church – 11th April, 7pm: An evening in the Church for a fun event in conjunction with the WI. Look out for more details.
- 18th May – Annual Meeting after the Church service at 4pm – all welcome
- June / July – Afternoon Tea in the Garden
- Early September – Heritage Open Days – once the dates and theme have been announced we can develop our offering, but we are likely to have a speaker on the heritage of the church, tower tours (weather permitting) and the Village Heritage Trail.
- 21st September – Harvest Service (3pm) followed by Harvest Supper on Monday 22nd September
- 9th November – Remembrance service (4pm)
- November – Wine Tasting
- December - Carol Service and possible advent festival – dates and themes tba.
- 24th December – Christingle Service (4pm)

**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:** 5th March, 2nd April, 7th May

**Churchyard Clean Up!** Saturday 1st March: 9.30am-2pm

Please come and give a couple of hours to help spruce up the Churchyard. We all enjoy its beauty in the centre of the village, and many hands help to keep it tidy. Do bring a pair of gloves and other gardening tools you might like to use.

### 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](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk) and search for Foston St Peter. Alternatively use this QR code:

Sadly, money is needed to keep the Church running – any help is greatly appreciated! 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](mailto:lucyjanebliss@gmail.com)).



## FOSTON WI



On 8th February fourteen of our members met up at Margo & Plum Store & Coffee House, in Bottesford, for a hot drink and cake. Although it was cold outside, we received a warm welcome from inside. It was a first visit, for some of them and nice to catch up, something we don't always get a chance to at our meetings.

We were all delighted to return to our village hall, for our February meeting, after some urgent renovations were carried out. Especially as it meant we could celebrate our 104th WI Birthday, and our members entertained the committee as a thank you for all the work they've carried done throughout the year. The evening began by splitting into four groups to discuss this year's four Resolutions. This is when WI members have a unique opportunity to turn a concern into a national campaign every year, backed by the whole of the WI. A resolution is a call for change on a current issue in society, one is then adopted at the Annual Meeting and the Public Affairs Department turns it into a campaign.

We celebrated that Jenny Bullock has been a Foston WI member for 54 years and then were treated to a selection of cakes and desserts and each committee member was presented with a rose gift. It was a lovely evening with great company.

11th March, is our WI Annual meeting

For further information or you wish to join us any time - please contact.  
Carole Chandler-Barratt on 07767 657745  
Maggi Challis, Publicity – Feb25





## **Foston Village Hall's Annual General Meeting**

The committee is holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 19 th March, 19:00 in the village hall (Church Street, Foston). Everyone is welcome to attend!

Currently, the committee comprises the Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Events Coordinator, Bar Manager and Website & Marketing Coordinator. As well as these positions needing re-election, the Committee is seeking to fill the following positions:

Administration & Bookings Coordinator  
New Business Development Coordinator  
Maintenance Coordinator

There are also positions available for new committee members to provide support to any of these roles, in a more general capacity.

For further details on these positions, please take a look at our website: [www.fostonvillagehall.com](http://www.fostonvillagehall.com) Or if you would just like a general chat about what the positions entail and what the committee does, just contact Richard on [richardwynn77@icloud.com](mailto:richardwynn77@icloud.com)

We are working to make a real difference to how our hall can benefit the residents and user-groups of both Foston and the local community. It would be great to see you at the AGM, whether you would like to join us or just hear more about what we're doing!

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**Any queries, please contact Margaret Butcher on 07484140914**

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### BEAT THE SCAMMERS

Over the past few months, we have talked about the many areas where we need to protect ourselves. One thing we haven't covered yet is our car. The costliest tricks are where scammer sell us a fake car (or other valuable items). They often ask for a bank transfer payment to reserve the item for us, sometimes even before we have seen it. Banks generally don't guarantee these transfers.

Scammer also set up fake websites for things like Road Tax Subscription, Concerts etc often using very similar website address.

Another common scam is where false QR codes are put on for example parking payment machines. Scammers stick, in front of the original QR code, a false one which sends our payment and bank details directly to them.

Tip 1: When buying a car (or any valuable item), always go and see it first. Ask to see the car ownership document, i.e. the logbook (V5C). Also, when selling a car, make sure you have received the money in your bank before signing the car over to the new owner. If they are paying in cash, ask them to pay it in your account at the bank.

Tip 2: QR codes have become a common way to get us to complete a financial transaction. Never accept a QR code which has been send to you personally and look out for QR codes labels which may cover the original QR code.

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## Long Bennington – REGULAR DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Please also see Village Hall Schedule)

### **Long Bennington Village Hall Committee AGM**

Wednesday 10th April 2024. 7.30 p.m. All welcome. Agenda will include annual reports from the Chair and Treasurer and election of key committee roles.

### **Mobile Library Service**

Outside Long Bennington Village Hall Friday - 1330 - 1430.

Enquiries to Customer Service Centre on 01522 782010 or [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://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.

### **Long Bennington Coffee Morning**

The Reindeer every Thursday at 10.30am. Coffee/tea and biscuits £3. All welcome.

### **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](mailto:marybarlowhello@gmail.com) or tel: 07885 639091

### **Long Bennington Afternoon House Group**

All are welcome. We meet alternate Mondays at 2.30pm at 76 Main Road. For more details please contact Joy Jordan on 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 Weekly	Advanced Pilates	10.30-11.30	Main	Linda Brady 07850 618516
1 <sup>st</sup> Mon mthly	Parish Council	19:00 – 21:00	Small	Jane Evans 01400 282716
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon Mthly	Rotary Club	19:00 – 20:00	Bar	<a href="mailto:secretaryLBR@oulook.com">secretaryLBR@oulook.com</a>
Tues weekly	Art Group	10:00 – 12:00	Foyer	Margaret Butcher 07484 140914 <a href="mailto:margaret23butcher@btinternet.com">margaret23butcher@btinternet.com</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Tues mthly	WI	19:30 – 21:00	Main	As above
4 <sup>th</sup> Tue monthly	Gardening Club	19:30 – 21:00	Main	Amy Hodson <a href="mailto:amyhodson4@gmail.com">amyhodson4@gmail.com</a>
Weds weekly	Post Office	09:00 – 12:00	Foyer	
Thurs weekly	Post Office	13:00 – 15:00	Foyer	
Thursday Weekly	Yoga and Relaxation	9.45-10.45	Main	<a href="mailto:namasteyoga.uk@gmail.com">namasteyoga.uk@gmail.com</a> or message 07349 936695
Thurs weekly	Adult Pilates all levels	17:15 – 18:15 18:30 – 19:30	Main	Amanda 07967387969 <a href="http://www.corestrengthpilatesuk.com">www.corestrengthpilatesuk.com</a>
Fri weekly	Adult Pilates -all levels	09:30 - 10:30	Main	Amanda, As Above
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri monthly	WI craft group	1030 - 12:30	Bar	Sue Clarke 01400 282986
Last Fri mthly	Tea and Chat	14:00 – 16:00	Main	Jane Taylor 01400 282480 Hilda Owen 01400 282471
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Thai Take Away Night	17.00-21.00	Kitchen , Foyer	
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Brains of Bennington Quiz Night	19.00 -23.00	All	Doors open 19.00 19.30 start Tickets Margaret Butcher 07484 140914 or David Barnett 07752 365773
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Wine Club	19.00-21.30	Bar	Raj Solanki <a href="mailto:raj@libradrinks.co.uk">raj@libradrinks.co.uk</a>
19 <sup>th</sup> March	East Midlands Pony Club Mtg	18.00-22.30	Main, Bar	
22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	PigsinBlankets Workshop	9.30-16.00	Main, Kitchen	<a href="mailto:lincs@quiltersguild.org.uk">lincs@quiltersguild.org.uk</a> 07738659874
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Garden Club Spring Show	8.00-15.00	Main, Bar, Kitchen	<a href="mailto:amyhodson4@gmail.com">amyhodson4@gmail.com</a> 01400 282239
29 <sup>th</sup> March	History Talk	19.30-21.30	Main, Bar	Niz Smith <a href="mailto:Niz.lsmith@gmail.com">Niz.lsmith@gmail.com</a> 07917854670
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothering Sunday Event	10.00-12.00		Jane Cowley <a href="mailto:ejanecowley@aol.com">ejanecowley@aol.com</a>
2nd & 16th Mar, 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Electric Jive	15.00-19.00	Main	<a href="mailto:theTramp@justabeginner.com">theTramp@justabeginner.com</a>

### Help Needed

If you are a resident of Long Bennington and would like to ensure the future stability and indeed, the existence of the hall, you would be warmly welcomed to join us. Without more active volunteers, we will be severely limited in the number of events for the village and surrounding areas we can support.

We meet once per month for a couple of hours. Call us on 07816 267 927 or email us at [bookings@longbenningtonvillagehall.org](mailto:bookings@longbenningtonvillagehall.org) if you are interested.

For more information on the Hall visit our website:-  
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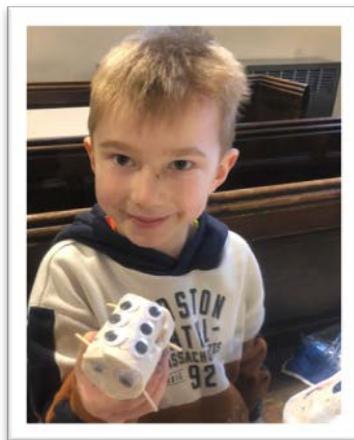
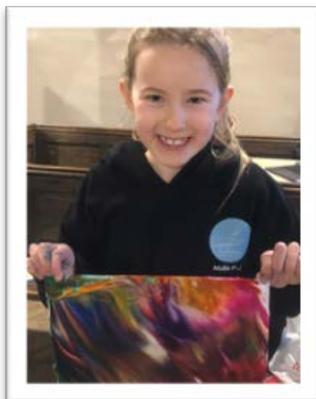
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## LONG BENNINGTON NEWS FROM THE PEWS

By the time you read this the spring flowers will be in bloom in the churchyard, and our thoughts will be turning to the lead up to Easter. Over recent weeks, the PCC has been hard at work planning a calendar of Church events for the coming year, which are highlighted in the table below in case you may wish to put dates in your diary.



The first West Loveden Kids activity service was held on Sunday afternoon 9th February at St Swithun's Church. It was enjoyed by all who attended. There were lots of fun craft activities and opportunities for games, songs and snacks - all themed around the story of the lost sheep and the theme of God's love. (see pictures). Everyone is welcome to come to these sessions and we and look forward to welcoming more children and their families on future occasions.



**Events listed will be held in the Church, unless otherwise stated.**

DATE	EVENT
Last Friday of each month	Tea-n-Chat, 2.15pm to 3.30pm Village Hall All Welcome
March 30th	Mothering Sunday Event, 9.30am to 11.00am Village Hall.
April 19th	West Loveden Kids Easter Fun, 2.30pm, (see poster in magazine).
April 27th	St Swithun's Annual Parish Church Meeting (APCM), 11.45am.
June 8th	West Loveden Kids Activity, 2.30pm
June 15th	Father's Day Event, 9.30am to 11.00am, Village Hall.
July 12th	Art/Crafts Weekend & Strawberry Tea. Details yet to be decided.
August 1st - 30th	Summer Holiday Children's Activities. Details yet to be published.
September 20th	Harvest Supper, 7.00pm Village Hall.
September 21st	Harvest Festival Service, 10.30am. West Loveden Kids Activity, 2.30pm
October 11th	Cranwell Military Wives Concert-'Last Night of the Proms', 7.30pm.
November 9th	Remembrance Service, 10.15am Methodist Chapel. Remembrance Ceremony, 10.50am Memorial Gardens. Remembrance Lunch, 1.00pm Whittakers Restaurant.
November 16th	West Loveden Kids Activity, 2.30pm
December 4th	Tea-n-Chat Christmas Lunch, 12.30pm Whittakers Restaurant.
December 13th or 20th	Choir Carol Concert. (TBC).
December 13th & 14th	Santa's Sleigh, 4.00pm to 8.00pm each day around Village.
December 21st	Carol Service, 10.30am.

As some of you may be aware, after 3 years of monitoring movement in the Church's North Aisle and East Chancel Walls, we are pleased to report that the PCC is finally able to go-ahead with their strengthening and repair. Hopefully the project, which is expected to take 3 months to complete, can start as early as August; however, rest-assured we are hopeful that the repair work should not affect the above church events.

It is anticipated that the repairs will cost around £50k, and the PCC has yet to raise all the 'matched funding' required by grant providers, so if you are able to help in any way the PCC would be grateful – donations can be made in a variety of ways:

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- Through our Give a Little page (see QR Code)
- By cheque addressed to: Long Bennington PCC
- Using our contactless card machine in church

We also make use of the Parish Giving Scheme: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk> where you can easily search for our church and choose either 'Regular Giving' or 'One off gift.'

### **Revision of St Swithun's Electoral Roll**

Every six years, the church has to completely renew the church electoral roll. 2025 is one of those years, so I am giving you notice that between the end of March and 15th April, you will be able to complete an application form if you wish to be included on the new electoral roll. This will give you voting rights at our AGM (called APCM) each year. (If you are currently on the electoral roll, you will receive an application form by email or through your letterbox).

I will include a link in the April issue of the magazine. If you need to return a hardcopy, they are available in church, or by request if you would like to email me : [jill.froggatt40@btinternet.com](mailto:jill.froggatt40@btinternet.com).

Please return completed forms to one of the following:

- My address: 36 The Pastures, Long Bennington
- Mailbox on the wall near stage door in Village Hall foyer
- Any member of the church PCC

### **World Day of Prayer**

This annual service of unity is being held on Friday 7th March at 2pm in the Methodist Chapel, Main Road, Long Bennington.



Each year a different country writes the service to reflect their way of life and Christianity. This year it is the turn of the Cook Islands, part of Polynesia, in the South Pacific Ocean.

They have taken as their theme: " I Made You Wonderful", which is based on Psalm 139. v 1 - 18, which gives us the knowledge that each of us was made with care and love by God.

It is an inspiring thought that on this set day, every minute there are people all round the world joining in prayer and praise to our Maker.

We hope that you will make time to join us, whatever your beliefs or affiliations, to celebrate unity and hear of a faraway nation.

For further info, contact Joy Jordan (details are at the front of this magazine).

## ROTARY CLUB

Rotary is International. We have over 1million members in every democratic country in the world. The basic unit is the club which serves its own community, but together we are a powerful organization that makes a big difference. As a club we supported a school in The Gambia by sending materials to make reusable sanitary wear for girls in a school so that they could have uninterrupted education and enhance their own local economy.

Three years ago, we helped schools in the villages raise thousands of pounds to vaccinate youngsters that they may never meet against Polio. Rotary has eliminated the disease from 120 countries down to only 2, by planting crocus corms that flower every year to remind us of the disease as well as beautify our villages.

Locally this club has supported Hospices and homeless and bereaved young people, as well as helping them to find deep confidence in their lives. We do this by just doing things – litter picking, food bank collecting, organising music events, hosting projects, Santa Sleighing, barbeques, discos and bars We have fun! By using our skills and spare time to good and useful effect.

We are informal – no bells and whistles, rituals or chains of office, or costly meals Rotarians use the talents they use every day in a constructive way to bring projects to reality – like our PARTY IN THE PARK 23 and 24.

We are just like you – with jobs or retired; with young families or grandchildren; young, middle-aged and beyond. Ordinary folk together, do extraordinary things, and have a great time doing it. We are only limited by the size of the club. Are you looking for a way to meet new people? to find a way to use your expertise now you're retired? male or female? wanting to do something different and worthwhile?

Like you - we want to make our world better. We can use more folk who have some/flexible time – busy people do most. Find out more about us at [Hello@lbrotary.co.uk](mailto:Hello@lbrotary.co.uk) or pop into our one-hour meeting on 2nd and 4th Monday in LB village hall 7pm. No commitment, just to find out you are up to it and if it suits you!



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## LONG BENNINGTON WI

4th February 2025 – Resolutions Evening



This evening members convened to discuss the NFWI resolution shortlist selection, the chosen one to be added to other WI votes and to be discussed at the NFWI Annual Meeting.

The selection is as follows

1. Bystanders can be lifesavers
2. Eliminate landfill of medication packaging
3. Let's talk about incontinence
4. Join the repair revolution

Each resolution was presented by a committee member and was discussed with interest. We learned that women are less likely to receive CPR than men from bystanders due to concerns about inappropriate touching. Apparently, the British Heart Foundation offers a free online training tool, lasting 15 minutes, that can teach CPR and the correct steps of defibrillator use.

Medication packaging is not routinely recyclable, therefore just ending up in landfill. Perhaps drug companies and pharmacies can come together to come up with a recyclable type of blister packaging. Let's talk about incontinence caused the most interesting debate as women are the most likely to suffer from this due to pregnancy and childbirth weakening the pelvic floor muscles. It is estimated that 14 million people in the UK suffer with bladder problems and a further 6.5 million with bowel problems. To make matter worse many public toilets are closing due to council cuts.

The repair revolution is one we can all partake in by repairing and re-cycling clothing rather than always purchasing new. The fashion industry is considered a significant contributor to global greenhouse gas emissions. We should all try to prevent materials becoming waste. Our individual votes were counted and let's talk about incontinence won the vote. After the debate we enjoyed a welcome cup of tea, and a raffle was held.

Our next meeting will be on 4th March and is our Ordinary and Annual Meeting.

If you would like to know more about our friendly WI, please contact Margaret Butcher on 07484 140914.

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## LONG BENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council had its last meeting on 3rd February at St James's Hall.

**GENERAL UPKEEP** – overgrown hedges continue to be an issue in some places in the village. In some cases, these are restricting the footpaths, and the Parish Council would like to ask residents to check their hedges and cut them back if they are causing a possible obstruction. Some of our footpaths are very narrow and are getting narrower because of mature hedges encroaching. Please check this out before the nesting season begins when hedges should not be pruned/cut back.

**NEW COUNCILLOR** – Following resignation, the Parish Council has been able to co-opt a new Councillor. Martin Rose has been welcomed to the Parish Council.

**PLANNING - S24/2214.** Derham. This application relates to 50 houses at the site next to The Pastures.

One of the main concerns of the Parish Council relates to drainage and comments were submitted in this respect together with the request to ensure the condition of installing the footpath connecting the development to the footpath at the corner of The Pastures. Regarding drainage, it was noted that the site is currently acting as attenuation for the immediate area and improvements to the flow of surface water will have a negative impact elsewhere in the village. There is a detention basin and attenuation crates in the plans provided but no modelling has been done to support the claim that this will be adequate to protect other areas of the village.

The application states that overflow surface water generated by the site will discharge into the adjacent ditch network, to Church Street and via the Ease Drain into the River Witham. In October 2023, January 2024 and January 2025 properties on Church Street, Long Bennington, adjacent to Ease Drain and the River Witham, were flooded as a result of the Ease Drain not being able to cope with the volume of water passing through. Improvements to the flow will make this situation worse, contrary to condition 9 of planning permission S20/0775. In addition, the current condition of the dykes and tunnels is not serviceable, and the developer should be required, by condition of planning permission, to bring this infrastructure into full working order.

The negation of the impact on other areas of the village is reliant on use of the ditch to the Ease Drain. In addition to sufficient infrastructure being built by the developer, the Parish Council has requested that, as a condition of planning permission, the Internal Drainage Board must adopt the ditch. This will ensure sufficient future maintenance to ensure free flow and subsequent protection of properties.

**LONG BENNINGTON CHARITIES** – Ted Bates (Chair) gave the Parish Council a short presentation on the history of Long Bennington Charities, details of the objectives and current support being provided locally. It was agreed that the increased awareness of the Charity is needed, and this will be discussed further. Any individuals or families who may be in need of some assistance to relieve pressures and stresses as a result of any level of hardship are urged to contact either Ted Bates on 01400 281853. Contact can also be made via the Parish Council on the contact details below.

Following Parish Council meeting dates Monday 3rd March and Monday 7th April 2025  
As always, if you have any issues or concerns you wish to raise with the Parish Council, please contact me on 01400 282716 or email [parishclerk@longbenningtonparishcouncil.org](mailto:parishclerk@longbenningtonparishcouncil.org)  
Jane Evans Parish Clerk

**LONG BENNINGTON GARDENING CLUB  
(VPA)**

**SPRING SHOW  
Saturday 29 March 2025 in St. James's Village Hall**

The Spring Show is a celebration of the beginning of the gardening year. Doors open at 9am for entries to be staged by anyone who would like to have a go. There are lots of classes to enter including spring bulbs, flowers, pot plants, flower arrangements and children's challenges. Look on the website in early March for the Schedule with full details.

Doors open again from 3 pm (admission £1), after the judging has taken place, to view the results - and there will be cakes and hot drinks on sale too. The presentation of the awards will be around 3.45pm. Do come along and enjoy the fantastic diversity of spring bulbs and plants on display at your local Village Hall.

[longbenningtongardeningclub.com](http://longbenningtongardeningclub.com)

"What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have not been discovered." Ralph Waldo Emerson. It's all a matter of perspective!

Our next meeting is on 25 March as usual at the Village Hall at 7.30pm when we will be having Joseph Bagley 'The Houseplant Doctor' come and talk to us about Orchids and Houseplants. Everyone welcome.

And also, in March on Saturday the 29th it is our Spring Show - yes spring is coming! So do come along and enter your daffodils, other spring flowers and your flower arrangements in the morning - details on our website - or just come along in the afternoon to see the Village Hall at its best - full of flowers - smelling beautiful and tea and cakes available!

Lots of other information about the Club is available on our website at [longbenningtongardeningclub.com](http://longbenningtongardeningclub.com)

Bev Gledhill – Secretary 01400 282239/07753 709513

**TWINNING ASSOCIATION NEWS**

**Long Bennington Twinning Association** will be holding their ever-popular 'Brains of Bennington' quiz night in the Village Hall on Friday 7th March. Times, prices and booking details will appear on posters around the village in the coming weeks.

## LONG BENNINGTON METHODIST CHAPEL

Dear Friends,

Prompted by a television series I have been watching recently about FBI investigators who do their work through a process called profiling (where they allow the clues they find to feed their curiosity about who their “UnSub” (Unidentified Subject) might be) I have, once again, become curious about curiosity.

According to film director James Cameron, “Curiosity is the most powerful thing you own.” Albert Einstein remarked about himself that he had no special talent, “I am only passionately curious.” Whether it is breaking box office records or breaking the boundaries of science, it seems, being inquisitive and curious is a real benefit.



Are you a curious kind of person? Someone who has or who asks lots of questions? Someone who wonders why things are as they are and imagines how they might be different? If so, then congratulations. You have a very important quality that can make a great deal of difference to life.

American Writer John Ortberg once spoke about getting frustrated with his son, Sam, who had bombarded him with one question after another. “No more questions for ten minutes” he told his son, adding, as Sam went to sit on the sofa and watch the clock, “Don’t you know that curiosity killed the cat?” Ten minutes passed painfully slowly, but as soon as the second hand hit the top of the dial, Sam said, “Dad, what was the cat curious about?”

Curiosity comes naturally to us. We are born with a fascination that grasps at the content of the world around us and builds up a sense of knowledge and understanding about it. My mother reminds me that as a small child, my favourite word was ‘Why?’ I have fond memories of very slow walks with my own young children, who wanted to look at every pebble, plant or bug that they passed. But, somewhere along the line, we can lose that urge to wonder and discover and explore, taking the answers we are given, looking for an easier option, or even forgetting to look around us as we walk through life.

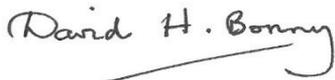
The Bible is full of invitations to look, observe, listen, taste, touch and smell; to ponder, reflect, meditate and contemplate. In one of the Psalms, the writer describes their thought process when they say, “When I look at the heavens, your handiwork, the moon and stars you have made, I wonder, ‘What is mankind that you consider them, their children that you care about them?’” Curiosity drives the poet to wisdom and insight, praise and worship.

The life of faith and spirituality is designed to be a voyage of discovery across the seas of our inner world of thoughts, feelings and motivations and the outer world beyond our senses and understanding. Asking questions is a key to growth, and even our doubts are a doorway to greater insight, for, as one spiritual leader put it, “Doubt is faith seeking understanding.” After all, the spiritual life can easily just become a recitation of half-understood truths and a repetition of half-hearted practices, unless we remain open to awe, wonder, surprise and delight.

Curiosity keeps us alive in the fullest sense. It anticipates novelty, tempers fear, presents possibilities and paves the way to discoveries that change us and the world as we know it. It breaks open our assumptions, creates unexpected encounters and deepens our character.

If I am correct in believing that following after Jesus means being inquisitive and curious, then being his follower makes us more alive and present and opens the doors to endless change and growth. What could be more exciting?

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David H. Bonny". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE METHODIST CHAPEL?

### Sunday Services

All services can be viewed on the notice board outside the Chapel.

All our services start at 10.30am unless otherwise notified. Everyone is welcome.

### 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 15th March, starting at 10am so come along and join us when there will be homemade cakes for sale and a raffle Entry costs £2.50 for bottomless tea or coffee and plenty of biscuits.

### Women's World Day of Prayer

This year we will be hosting the WWDP in the Methodist Chapel starting at 2pm on Friday 7th March. Please feel free to join us when this years' service has been prepared by the women of the Cook Islands, Christianity only arrived on their shores 200 years ago. This tiny island nation is only two thirds the size of the Isle of Wight. However, the surrounding sea, the island's exclusive economic zone, is seven times larger than that of New Zealand. Please join us.

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**Pilates with Alice** Thursdays 7.30pm-8.30pm  
**Club Bar Open** to members Fridays 6.00pm-11.00pm  
**Ruff Diamonds Dog Training** Saturdays 10.00am onwards  
**Club Bar Open** to members Sundays 1.00pm-4.00pm  
**Heritage Group Meeting** Sunday 23rd March in Church 3.00pm

Membership fee for 2025 is £15 per person (under 18s free)

We are always looking for new committee members, if you are able to help, please get in touch.

The club and bar are available for hire for private parties, social gatherings and regular events. Please contact Amanda Longdon on 07849193159 or email [sedgebrook social club@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sedgebrook social club@hotmail.co.uk).

## ST LAWRENCE SEDGEBROOK – NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Church and Museum open daily 10am-4pm

Free Church Guide

Heritage Group meets bi-monthly 4th Sunday in the Social Club 3pm

Community Library and Jigsaws, Recycling for aluminium cans and ink cartridges

Grantham Food Bank collecting point

Teddy Bear's Picnic Children's Book set in St Lawrence Church available for £5 per copy

### TRIALLING A NEW PATTERN OF SERVICES

Due to a fall in the number of people attending regular services, and following talks with Revd. Jon, we are trialling a new pattern of services for the next 4 months where we no longer hold Morning Prayer and Lively Church on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and concentrate our energies on the main services which have the support of the community, such as Mothering Sunday, Easter, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas celebrations.

The church will still be open every day to give the community the opportunity to enjoy the museum, children's corner, books and jigsaws, the recycling, the food bank collecting point, and the opportunity for a peaceful space and private prayer.



Our service in March will be a family service for Mothering Sunday on Sunday 30th March at 10.30am when there will be posies for those who mother and refreshments after the service.

We celebrate the true meaning of Mothering Sunday where, rather than a human mother, it was the Mother Church who welcomed her children home, and family gatherings on Mothering Sunday have developed from that. So we celebrate this day off from Lent by offering the traditional refreshments and a welcome to all. Do not be put off if you are not a mother - the service is all-inclusive - for everyone who wishes to honour their mothers, who has been mothered or carries out a mothering role in whatever form.

We are delighted that Romy Chantry will be baptised at St Lawrence on 23rd March at 1.30pm

### Services in March

Sunday 23rd March 1.30pm – Baptism

Sunday 30th March 10.30am – Family Service for Mothering Sunday

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### **Women's Institute: (each meet monthly in their local village hall)**

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