

NOTICES : 13 September 2026

Services this Sunday *Uppingham* BCP Communion, 8am; Choral Eucharist, 10.45am. *Belton* Parish Eucharist, 9am: **hymns** 448 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness; 463 Thine for ever, God of love; 362 Glorious things of thee are spoken.

Prayer Groups in church Tuesday 8.30am; Friday 9.30am. **Eucharist** Saturday 9.30am.

Lunchtime concerts resume this Wednesday at 1.20pm, when OU violist, Josh Law, accompanied by Justine Gormley, will play music by Eric Coates and Johannes Brahms.

Music in Lyddington Saturday 19 September, 7.30pm: the Kleio Quartet will perform works by Haydn, Smetana and Britten. Tickets (adults £20, students £5) online via <https://www.WeGotTickets.com/musicinlyddington>

Harvest Festival Come and join the Churches Together service, at Belton St Peter, on Sunday 27 September at 10.45am, followed by a bring-and-share lunch. Choral Evensong for Harvest will then be offered at 6pm in Uppingham PC: all are welcome.

Men's fellowship initiative - "blokes do brunch" Breakfast for men will be held on Wednesday 30 September in the Crown on the High Street at 10am – a chance to meet and chat over tea/coffee and bacon sandwich. This will become a regular occasion on the last Wednesday of the month. Speak to Richard Cole if you'd like to join us.

Readings and intercessions If you would like to be involved in reading the lessons, or leading the intercessions, at our Sunday Eucharists, please speak with Richard Cole or Jenny Harris.

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ECO TEAM WORLD PRAYER for September

contributed by Christobel Price

Countries around the Indian Ocean

The five South Asian countries surrounding the northern edge of the Indian Ocean — India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and the Maldives — boast diverse marine ecosystems ranging from mangrove deltas to coral atolls. Safeguarding marine ecosystems is a core issue.

The Indian Ocean, the third-largest ocean in the world, is a critical resource, not only significant ecologically, but with economic and strategic benefits too. Over-exploitation, including fishing, oil and gas extraction, deep-sea mining, and shipping activities, has led to various ecological problems, together with pollution, and degradation. These issues threaten marine biodiversity, disrupt ecosystems, and pose long-term environmental challenges. Putting immense pressure on the marine environment. There are many archipelagos in this low-lying area, ranging from sandbanks, islets to pristine coral reefs, all requiring careful management and conservation.

Lord, forgive us: help us to recognise the beauty of your creation, and sustain in us a firm desire to restore and protect it from further damage and destruction. Amen.

A Note from the Rector

As September rolled in last week, I could hardly believe I have been with you all in Uppingham for over a month. I wanted to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt **thank you** for the wonderfully warm welcome that Matthew and I have received.

Starting somewhere new inevitably brings a mixture of excitement and a little uncertainty, but you have made settling into parish life so much easier. Thank you for the invitations, conversations, cups of coffee, words of encouragement and all the practical kindnesses that have helped us begin to feel at home.

I am very aware that there are still many people to meet, names to learn (please forgive me when I get them wrong!) and much for me to discover about the churches and communities I now have the privilege of serving.

I am looking forward to getting to know you better, to sharing in the life of our communities, and to discovering together where God may be leading us next.

Please do pray for me as I pray for you,

Allison

Everyone Come & Celebrate our Harvest



St Peters in
Belton is
hosting the
'Churches
Together'



Harvest Festival Service
at 10.45 a.m on Sunday 27th
September, 2026

Followed by a 'Bring and Share Lunch'

Please come
and join us.

St Peter's will
supply
homemade
Bread and
Cheddar cheese for all to share plus Prosecco, soft drinks, coffee
and tea, etc



Suggested things for our Bring & Share Lunch

Salads, vegetarian salad, mixed & rice salad Quiches,
chicken drum sticks, cold meats, sausage rolls, other cheeses.
Fruit, Apple Pie or Crumble, we all have lots of apples! Tasty finger
cakes/biscuits?!

Harvest Festival is a great time to be together before winter starts!

Welcome ways to share, please bring.

Offerings for the Food Bank, (see below message from the Food Bank for
what they need), your Harvest surplus for the Stamford Soup Kitchen.



Not Needed at the Moment

Please note we cannot accept
alcohol, fresh, homemade,
open or out of date foods

Rutland Foodbank Wish-List

Autumn / Harvest 2025

Small jars of coffee Tinned meats &
pies Tinned tomatoes & veggies

Noodles, pot noodles, microwaveable
rice, Tins of custard and fruit, Items
for lunch pack-ups

Porridge, preferably sachets, Snacks,
crackers, crispbreads and cereal bars

Women's deodorants, men's shaving
gel

The Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love;
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Meditation before service

Here is God: no monarch he,
throned in easy state to reign;
here is God, whose arms of love
aching, spent, the world sustain.

William Hubert Vanstone (1923-1999)

Genesis 50.15-21

Old Testament reading

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷"Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.'" Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God?' ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalms 103

(BCP)

- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy : long-suffering, and of great goodness.
9 He will not always be chiding : neither keepeth he his anger for ever.
10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins : nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.
11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth : so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.
12 Look how wide also the east is from the west : so far hath he set our sins from us.
13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children : even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

Romans 14.1-12

New Testament reading

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 18.21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²²Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Postcommunion Collect

**Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



13 September 2026 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Eucharist, 10.45am at Uppingham Parish Church

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rector, Revd Canon Allison Twigg	
Reader	Anne Touchin	
Intercessor	Sarah Price	
Organist	John Wardle	
Setting	Nardone, <i>S. Cedd</i>	
Hymns	327ii	Awake, awake, fling off the night
	365	Let us build a house
	777	Sing of the Lord's goodness
Readings	Genesis 50.15-21 Romans 14.1-12	
Gradual psalm	103.8-13	<i>S Wesley in E</i>
Gospel acclamation	Alleluia. Alleluia. We do not live by bread alone : but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia.	
The Gospel	Matthew 18.21-35	
Communion anthem and hymn	Farrant, <i>Hide not thou thy face</i> 455	My God, and is thy table spread

Please remember in our prayers

The sick: Jane Downs, Sybil Cripps Daniels, Trish Damen, Janette Coates, Jean Lattimore, John Lewis, Susan Scott, Iain, David Woodward, Hui-yen
The departed: Trevor Mann
Year's mind: Eric Gamston, Lynda Fricker, Clifford Marston, Michelle Boddy, Angela Hillier, Winifred Edith Wallhead, Peter Betton, Mary McWhinnie, Eric Britnell, John Morris, Maddie Clarke, Trevor Dunsford