

NOTICES : 11 October 2026

Services this Sunday Uppingham BCP Communion, 8am; Choral Eucharist, 10.45am. Belton Parish Eucharist, 9am: **hymns** 353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind; 445 Rock of ages, cleft for me; 475 Ye holy angels bright.

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

Mothers' Union this Tuesday: Eucharist at 10am, then the speaker will be Sue Dixon, giving a talk on *African Travels*. All are very welcome.

Lunchtime concert This Wednesday's recital will feature playing by Joaquin Butler (clarinet), accompanied by Justine Gormley, music by Brahms and Horowitz. This will be the last weekday concert before half-term: the series will resume on 4 November.

Wreath making There are limited places for this opportunity to make a wreath using dried products and fabric: Friday 20 November at 7pm in our candlelit church. The cost is £25 per person, to include a festive drink and mince pie. To book, contact **Olivia Linnell** at uppinghamparishfamiliesworker@gmail.com

Please sponsor Nick Clarke! Details of his **Mile High Half Marathon** *next page*. Use his QR code or the Dona machine (*press 'RUN'*) in church to contribute. Thank you!



Memorial service for Jane Wright will be held on **Tuesday 17 November** at 11.30am.

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ECO TEAM WORLD PRAYER for October *from Christobel Price and the ECO team*

Countries around the North Pacific Ocean

Creator of our world, we hold before you the countries of the North Pacific Ocean. In particular we ask that they might work to combat the following:

- ❖ Desertification and land degradation, where productive land is gradually losing its ability to support life due to mining, deforestation, overgrazing and chemical contamination from fertilisers
- ❖ Rapid urbanisation and over-tourism in some areas, which are destroying rural landscapes and increasing habitat loss for native wildlife and plants
- ❖ Ocean pollution caused by microplastics, marine debris and other human waste which is destroying coral reefs and many species of fish and other sea creatures.

Father God, we acknowledge that we have failed to take care of your created world and pray that all nations might work together now to restore the damage that we have done. Amen.

The Crystal Ball

Music for October 2026

AMONG THE events of this month are musical celebrations of probably the most popular post-Biblical saint, Francis of Assisi, and the distinguished Irish composer Charles Wood. It is eight hundred years since Francis died, and our Eucharist on 4 October will focus on him, with our anthem being another of Sir John Rutter's greatest hits, *Gaelic Blessing*. On 11 October, we have another offering from our good friend Geoff Weaver. Many composers have set the text *Ave verum corpus*, of course, with Byrd and Mozart leading the field, but Geoff's is a worthy addition to their number, and indeed seems to me to be modelled on that of Mozart; see what you think.

The saints will also be on our mind at the beginning of November, but before that we shall have our thoughts directed that way by Bullock's *Give us the wings of faith* on S. Luke's Day, 18 October. This fine anthem is probably its composer's best-known work now, but it well deserves its place in the repertoire, with the trumpet-calls of the middle section framed by the lyricism of the outer sections.

Finally, we come to our other celebration, that of Charles Wood, who died in 1926. Wood was a contemporary of Stanford and Parry, and like them made a significant contribution to the music of the Anglican Church. Choral Evensong for October will be largely devoted to his music: the introit will be his setting of *Oculi omnium* ('The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord'), the anthem his powerful setting of *God omnipotent reigneth* (based on an old metrical psalm melody), and the setting will be his second set in E flat, a robust and satisfying response to the timeless words of the canticles. As, like his contemporaries, he wrote no setting of the responses, we shall use plainsong for these.

After that, we are back to the saints, remembrance and the coming Kingdom of God in November, which this column will report in due course.

Succentor



All Saints Festival

***All Saints Lecture.
Bishop Guli
Francis-Dehqani.
Saints, synods and
society - being a
Bishop in 2026***

***All Saints Oakham
5.00pm Friday October
30th***

*Bishop Guli returns to Oakham for a
conversation around her life as a bishop
- exploring being a teacher
and a pastor in the Diocese; the synod
and the House of Bishops and all the
ongoing issues they face, work in the
House of Lords and dealing with the
press.*

No charge but donations welcome.



Uppingham church will benefit from high altitude marathon run

A 25 km/16 mile run at altitude in Morocco's Atlas Mountains is the challenge in front of our own Nick Clarke. The testing course through the rugged terrain is part of the Ultra X Morocco 100 taking place in mid-November this year. At around 3,000 feet (over 1,000 meters) the course winds its way through the impressive mountain scenery on the edge of the Sahara Desert. The finishing line, in a movie studio, is 1,150 meters above sea level. **Nick's aiming to raise £1,150 in sponsorship for the work of our church in the town and surrounding area.** *You can't train for running at altitude in Rutland, says Nick: I can just get out on some of the more challenging*



paths around Rutland Water and hope it will help. On the day I will take it steady and hope to complete the course, he says. Nick, who's been running since 2016, has already completed three Ultra Marathons and a dozen Half Marathons. Though I think this will be the toughest yet, he concedes.

**This is the QR code for sponsoring
Nick Clarke's Mile High Half Marathon**



The Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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.

Isaiah 25.1-9

Old Testament reading

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. ⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Music in Lyddington Saturday 10 October, 7.30pm: making a welcome return for the season finale, the Yehudi Menuhin School Ensemble will perform a range of works, from ensemble numbers to solo performances. Tickets (adults £20, students £5) are available online at www.WeGotTickets.com/musicinlyddington

Uppingham Choral Society will perform Britten's *St Nicolas*: Saturday 28 November. The work is directed by Toby Ward, with a small orchestra and John Wardle (organ).

Future dates for your diary On **Saturday 7 November**, join Jill Cannings at her home, Crossways, for a soup lunch – 12 noon. On **Friday 4 December**, a concert by Rutland Musical Theatre at 7.30pm (with refreshments and raffle). *Both events will raise funds for the church.*

Psalm 23

(BCP)

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
- 3 He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
- 5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
- 6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Meditation before service

Thou that hast given so much to me,
give one thing more, a grateful heart.
Not thankful, when it pleaseth me;
as if thy blessings had spare days:
but such a heart, whose pulse may be
thy praise.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

Philippians 4.1-9

New Testament reading

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 22.1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: ²The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Postcommunion Collect

**Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



11 October 2026 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Eucharist, 10.45am at Uppingham Parish Church

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rector, Revd Canon Allison Twigg	
Reader	Jill Cannings	
Intercessor	Nick Clarke	
Organist	John Wardle	
Setting	Nardone, <i>S. Cedd</i>	
Hymns	702	Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
	422	Alleluia, sing to Jesus
	193	All heaven declares
Readings	Isaiah 25.1-9	Philippians 4.1-9
Gradual psalm	23	<i>Walmisley in F</i>
Gospel acclamation	Alleluia. Alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord : I know them and they follow me. Alleluia.	
The Gospel	Matthew 22.1-14	
Song sequence	<i>Meekness and majesty There is a Redeemer</i>	
Communion anthem	Weaver, <i>Ave verum corpus</i>	
and hymn	420	According to thy gracious word

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: Jane Wright, Alan Riddle
Year's mind: John Noble, William Southwell, Arthur John Marven, Christopher Ellis, Doris Reynolds, John Haynes, Dorothy Wright, Robert Alfred Ellingworth, Hazel Bennet, Betty Bent