

# **Holy Trinity Rothwell**

## **Parish Magazine**



# **February 2026**



# **Holy Trinity Rothwell**

***A place for everyone!***

## **Our Vision**

We are a Church which exists to know Christ in our midst, and to make Christ known beyond our walls

We aim to be an inclusive Church, offering a variety of worship styles ... a place for everyone!

We aim to be:

- Christ centred, making God known beyond our walls
- Inclusive and welcoming to all
- Prayerful and Spirit led
- A loving and caring Christian community

***We look forward to welcoming you!***

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October to March every second Sunday each month

April to September every Sunday

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## Magazine Articles

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Please note the Editor may edit articles, without consultation, and in all such cases her decision is final.

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**Pew News**

## Church Floodlighting

Thank you to all that continue to support us with funding the floodlighting for church. If you would like to sponsor a day please contact Bea (Loddington) on 01536 711326 or Brenda (Rothwell) on 01536 710258

## A message from Andy

Are you like me, fed up with listening to the news, and almost fearing what is to come next. It's as though we are in a storm and I find myself reflecting on Matthew 14:22–33 where Peter walks on the water and I turn and listen to “*Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*” as a worship song where I find myself praying those lyrics.



Our world at the moment can feel profoundly unsettled. News cycles are filled with conflict, climate anxiety, economic uncertainty, and deep divisions within societies and communities. Many people are tired, fearful, and unsure where solid ground can be found. It often feels as though we are living on shifting waters, rather than firm land.

The story of Peter walking on the water speaks powerfully into this reality. The disciples are caught in a storm, battered by waves and wind, straining just to keep going. It is into that chaos that Jesus comes to them, walking on the water, and speaks words that still matter today: “*Take courage. It is I. Do not be afraid.*” Peter’s response is bold and impulsive, as ever. He steps out of the boat, not because the storm has stopped, but because his eyes are fixed on Jesus. For a moment, trust outweighs fear.

Yet Peter sinks when he becomes overwhelmed by the wind and waves. This, too, feels deeply familiar. Many of us begin with courage, hope, and good intentions, but are quickly pulled under by anxiety, anger, or exhaustion. The good news of the story is not that Peter never falters, but that when he cries out, Jesus immediately reaches out and catches him. Faith here is not about heroic certainty, but about knowing where to turn when we begin to sink.

The song *Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)* gives voice to this same tension. Its lyrics speak of being called beyond our comfort, to places “*where feet may fail and fear surrounds.*” It acknowledges vulnerability rather than denying it. The repeated prayer, “*Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders,*” is not a request for an easier world, but for deeper trust within a difficult one.

Together, Peter’s story and this song remind us that faith does not remove us from the storms of our world. Instead, it invites us to step out in trust, to keep our eyes on Christ, and to cry out honestly when fear overwhelms us. In uncertain times, this is not naïve optimism, but a grounded hope: that even on turbulent waters, we are not abandoned, and we are held.

*Revd Andy Giles*

## **Prayer for the Archbishop of Canterbury**

A prayer for Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE, next Archbishop of Canterbury:

*Almighty and everlasting God,  
the only worker of great marvels,  
send down upon your servant Sarah,  
called to be Archbishop of Canterbury  
and all who are committed to her care,  
the spirit of your saving grace,  
and that they may truly please you,  
pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing.  
Grant this, O Lord,  
for the honour of our advocate and mediator,  
Jesus Christ.  
Amen.*

## Services in Tresham Benefice February 2026

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>		
9.15 am	Parish Communion	Loddington
10.00 am	Family Service	Rushton
10.45 am	Parish Communion	Rothwell
8.00 pm	Evening Compline	Online
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>		
9.15 am	Time for God	Loddington
10.00 am	Family Communion	Rushton
10.00 am	Tea & Toast Service	Thorpe Malsor
10.45 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
6.00 pm	Choral Evensong	Rothwell
8.00 pm	Evening Compline	Online
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>		
9.15 am	Parish Communion	Rushton
10.45 am	All Together Café Service	Rothwell
11.00 am	Parish Communion	Loddington
8.00 pm	Evening Compline	Online
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday		
6.00 pm	Ash Service	Rothwell
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell

Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>		
9.15 am	Family Communion	Loddington
9.15 am	Parish Communion	Pipewell
10.45 am	Parish Communion	Rothwell
10.45 am	Parish Communion	Thorpe Malsor
8.00 pm	Evening Compline	Online
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell

## Forthcoming Events

21 <sup>st</sup> February 7.30pm	GUS Band concert	Holy Trinity
28 <sup>th</sup> March 7pm	An evening of Antiques with Charles Hanson	Holy Trinity
October 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup>	Walsingham visit	Walsingham

<b><i>Readings</i></b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Malachi 3:1-5	Luke 2:22-40
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Genesis 1.1-2.3	Matthew 6:25-end
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Exodus 24:12-end	Matthew 17:1-9
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7	Matthew 4:1-11



## Thursday Club

Thursday Club meets every other Thursday afternoon in the **Methodist Church at 2pm.**



5 <sup>th</sup> February	Meningitis Association	Dawn & David Canham
19 <sup>th</sup> February	"You Bet" TV Experience	Ian Horton
	Also "goat" soaps for sale	Ganders Goats
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Rainbows Hospice	Kerry Laurie
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Only Fools and Horses	Steve Dimmer
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Richard III Trip	
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Coffee Morning hosted by Thursday Club	

*Barbara Farmer (07759 167994)*

## Marigolds Friendship Group

We are an independent friendship group who meet at Holy Trinity Church. Come and join us, for friendship, support, tea, chat relaxed activities, speakers, music etc. on the fourth Monday of the month from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm. The group is aimed at people who find themselves alone; whilst it is mainly attended by ladies, gentlemen are welcome. Some of our events are open to anyone, not just those on their own. For more details please contact:

*Julie Hindle 01536 392311*

## Eco News



You may have noticed the new compost bin Bob has constructed at the back of the Jesus Hospital in our woodland area. This is actually a leaf mould compost bin which we have filled with leaves fallen from the Copper Beech. Leaf mould compost is a dark, crumbly soil conditioner made from decomposed fallen leaves which takes 1-2 years to mature. In time this will be used around our cultivated flowers.

Even in the cold, wet winter months wildlife can be seen in the churchyard. Moles and squirrels are very much in evidence and birds are enjoying the fat balls we hang from the trees.

Here are the results of Kim's latest survey:

**Survey Date 31.12.25    Time 12.15pm**

Birds seen;

Woodpigeon	Greenfinch	Blue tits	Jackdaw
Robin	Blackbird	Rooks	

I also saw a bumblebee but it flew by so quickly I couldn't identify it.

Please remember our monthly litter pick, held after each All Together Café Service.

All help is welcome and it is a great opportunity to involve our young people with the Eco project.

**The Big Plastic Count For one week in March**, thousands of people will be counting every piece of plastic packaging they throw away.

Together, we'll uncover the true scale of the UK's big plastic problem and call on the government to do more about it.

Several members of our congregation took part in this last year; and were surprised just how much plastic we use in a week. This year's count is from **9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> March**. If you are interested in taking part you will find details on the "*Big Plastic Count*" website.

*Pam Shaw on behalf of the Eco team (Tel: 07717280584)*

## **Whitby Retreat**

There are a very limited number of spaces available for the retreat to Whitby if anyone is interested.

**Date 15th - 19th June**

Price to be confirmed, but approximately £396 for 1 person and £532 for 2 sharing.

Please contact me if you might be interested.



*Laurabeth Creasey*



## Trinity Discoverers

We would like to welcome our young people back to church in 2026 and invite new families who would like to join us. Trinity Discoverers is a group primarily for children aged between 3 and 13 which meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at the back of church (in the carpeted area) during the service, starting at 10.45am. We read bible stories, play games, enjoy crafts and learn together. We'd love for you to join us.

*Zoe, Claire & Jo*

## Charity of the Month

For those who would like to donate to the Charity of the month, there is a collection box in church and any donations for refreshments after the Sunday morning service will also go to the charity of the month. This month's charity is *Women in Prison*

## Lent cleaning

Lent cleaning at Holy Trinity – It is proposed that we hold two cleaning events during the Lent period on 25<sup>th</sup> February and 11<sup>th</sup> March from 10am to 12.30pm. We will be concentrating on glass, brass and silverware particularly, although all areas need attention. In addition anyone willing and able to do high dusting would be very welcome. If interested in helping please speak to me or just come along

*Penny Knight*

## Rothwell Holy Trinity Choir – Sing with Us!

Rothwell Holy Trinity Church Choir is currently recruiting new members to join our friendly mixed choir. We rehearse Tuesday evenings and perform 3 Sunday morning services every month.

We are also planning to sing **Evensong on 8<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm.** Do come along to support us even if you don't want to join the choir.

You don't need any previous musical training or experience, just a love of music and community – so whether such an engaging new venture fulfils your New Year's resolution or has planted a seed of curiosity, please contact either Norman: 01536 710258 / [norbre@btinternet.com](mailto:norbre@btinternet.com) or David: 01536 764378 / [david\\_pt@btinternet.com](mailto:david_pt@btinternet.com), to find out more.

*Norman Austin*

## Praying for our Benefice - Compline

Commencing from 1<sup>st</sup>  
February and each Sunday  
thereafter, we are going to  
focus on praying for our 5  
churches in the Benefice. We  
will do this by meeting on a  
**Sunday evening at 8pm**  
online for **Evening Compline**.

Each week will be led by a member of the ministry team starting with  
Rev Andy with a focus of praying for Loddington.



## Hope Explored Course

On 16<sup>th</sup> February there will be a **Hope Explored Course** starting at  
7:00pm. A three-week course for anyone who is interested in the  
Christian Faith - More information to follow.

*Andy Giles*

## Palm Crosses

Andy is happy to receive any old Palms that you have before Ash  
Wednesday. Please bring them to any service. An extra Basket will be  
placed out for Palm Crosses collection until Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
February.

*Penny Knight*

# Tresham Benefice Fellowship

Twenty two members met in Cransley Village Hall on Thursday January 15<sup>th</sup> and they had a presentation from two representatives from North Northamptonshire Stronger Communities department. Their remit is to bring together a range of local area partners to work towards reducing health inequalities.

The various partners share data, community issues and barriers around health and well-being to identify and agree on priorities.

Rothwell has been identified as being in the top 20% of deprived households in the Country.

Life expectations for residents in Corby is ten years less than for example residents of Oundle.

In Rothwell there is strong collaboration between NNC, Rothwell Town Council and Citizens Advice and Rothwell Library are currently providing employment support for 40 people. There are also links with Rothwell Methodist Church, social inclusion teams and leisure teams and adult learning teams.

Rothwell Town Council also provide support to people who need access to the new food pantry at The Market House on Tuesday and Thursday. They also support people with mental health problems in conjunction with *Kettering Mind* and also a task group has been set up to tackle the lack of aspirations in Rothwell children and young people.

The presentation gave us a meaningful insight into the wide ranging and complex challenges of the Department.

The next meeting will be on Thursday February 19<sup>th</sup> when we will be entertained by Jess Henderson who will be talking about *Tales from the Driver's seat - A lady London bus Driver's Life*. Jess was the very first lady bus driver and she will be talking about, and I quote "*Fun and Frolics on the buses as you've never heard it before!*" So it should be a very enjoyable afternoon. Please bring your friends along. We need a good turnout as this lady will be travelling from Daventry to speak to us.

Just a reminder that your annual subs are due at the March meeting. Julie has asked for £5 notes please as they are easier to bank. The subs are the same as always. They pay for the hall, speakers, any entertainment and of course your tea, coffee and biscuits.

Colin is open to your ideas for outings and he will be drawing up a list of outings for your approval. He has widened the membership to everyone so that you don't have to be a church member to join. Will this be the year for you? Transport could be arranged.

See you in February.

*Laurel Spickett*

## **Bible Reading Fellowship**



The suggested reading from BRF for Lent and Easter is *Giving it up* by Maggie Dawn. This can be found on their new BRF online resources <https://www.brfresources.org.uk/>

There are other good reads available through other Christian resources and the clergy will put out some books at the back of church.

*Penny Knight*



## Warm Space

### **Winter Cafe & Warm Space**

**At Rothwell  
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Every Tuesday  
9-12 noon  
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**Bone Crypt drop-in tours  
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If you want to help in any way, including in the kitchen, welcoming people or helping the administration or tours for the Bone Crypt, there is a rota on the table near the cafe. Feel free to contact Ian Scales if you can make cakes or soup, etc. And if you are able to simply come along on any of the Tuesdays and enjoy the cafe, that would be very much appreciated. We have found that the more people who come along the greater the community buzz there is.

[iscales11@icloud.com](mailto:iscales11@icloud.com) Ian Scales

**Mothers' Union**



After opening prayers, which included prayers for the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*, we started 2026 with a version of BRING AND SHARE, sharing memories of a special event or occasion in our lives. Most interesting.

Perhaps you can help:

For two months Tesco in Kettering is donating money from the sale of secondhand books to the Mothers' Union, so please try and support this effort. As you know, the MU works hard to support family life around the world, a most worthy cause.

Members and friends continue knitting. Recently a package including nine blankets as well as children's hats and jumpers was sent to Armenia.

Thank you knitters,

Our February meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm in Holy Trinity.

For more information about our 2026 Programme, our contact is Brenda Austin, (telephone 710258).

*Doreen Lambert*

# A springtime for the soul

February can be a tough month. Christmas is long gone and meanwhile the winter drags on; the weather's miserable and the news relentlessly depressing. There's not much to celebrate it seems.



But there are some signs of things changing. In the woods, a scattering of brilliant yellow aconites hint at the sunshine that is to come and a bank of snowdrops defies the last frosts of the year. Nature is on the move.

And so too is God. As we enter the season of Lent, we tentatively begin our preparations for Easter. Ash Wednesday's ceremonies may seem sober; reflecting on our mortality and need for forgiveness ("remember you are dust and to dust you shall return; turn away from sin"), but also pointing us to the One in whom all our hopes are founded ("be faithful to Christ").

Traditionally a season of fasting, perhaps it might be better to think of Lent rather as a time to make space for God. Fast by all means but maybe it's head space we really need, so why not, for example, turn our smart phones off for a few hours so we can think and feel and 'be' ourselves in the presence of God rather than at the beck and call of others?

Perhaps that way we might truly make Lent, what Brother Roger of Taizé called it: "a springtime for the soul" and arrive at Easter with a renewed clarity about God's love and care for us all.

Have a spacious Lent

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Dalliston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chris" and last name "Dalliston" clearly distinguishable.

The Very Revd Chris Dalliston  
Dean of Peterborough

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## Point to Ponder

*“From Greenland’s icy mountains from India’s coral strand.”* These are not the opening words of a policy document on colonial expansion! They are the first lines of a hymn by Bishop Reginald Heber (1783- 1826) on the mission of the Christian Church to spread the good news of God’s love to every corner of the world.

Although, we live in a different world today from that of Heber, we still need to hear the timeless message of what it means to have a loving God in our hearts and the love of neighbour in our daily lives. There is also the divine expectation *“that nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.”* (Micah 4:4)

Most religions are not confined by national boundaries. The last few months and years have brought to our TV screens the reality of the power of evil which lies behind the greed and violence threatening not only Greenland but anywhere in the world. Bishop Heber was very pro the beauty and love that brought the world into being which was reflected in many of his hymns and in his open generous nature. However, he also coined that damning verdict on evil contained in his words in the previously quoted hymn *“and only man is vile.”*

The good Bishop was well travelled in his formative years throughout Europe and eventually became Bishop of Kolkata (Calcutta). He encountered a very divided and diverse world but he was also perceptive in discovering that there is no power on earth that can threaten our existence other than that which lies within ourselves and our disobedience to God’s will.

It is easy to look for others to blame when things go wrong but we also need to admit that we can all make mistakes. Admitting our frailty can be the first step in having a change of direction in the way we live and finding our footsteps in creating a more graceful and joyful existence. What is true of individuals is also true of nations and political ideologies. Some of those who

grab the headlines today are doing us a favour in reminding us that we do not have to follow their examples to attain happiness and wellbeing.

Do we honestly think that greed will encourage generosity and bullying support for the downtrodden? Can real peace and prosperity be achieved by bombs and bullets? There needs to be a radical change in everyone's heart if we would build human life, wellbeing, and prosperity for everyone. There is nothing contrary in human nature in regarding one another as bundles of potential energy, wellbeing, and opportunities for goodness. We were not created to be vile but loving. As James Baldwin (1924-1987) the American writer reminds us "*we cannot deny the humanity of another without diminishing one's own.*" Jesus teaches us (Mark 8:37) "*what does a man profit if he gains the whole world but loses his own soul*"?

*Canon George Burgon*

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