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The Parishes of  
Uppingham-with-Ayston  
Belton-with-Wardley

**January 2022**

# **QUARTET**



 The Diocese of  
Peterborough

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## The Rector's letter

8 January 2022

The Rectory  
45 Lime Tree Avenue

Dear friends,

As we enter this new year we do so with mixed feelings. For some of us, we are glad to see the back of the year that is past and are looking forward with hope as we move forward in this one. Others may be feeling less that optimistic, or indeed somewhat anxious, about what this new year might hold. Whatever you feel about the new year, we can be sure that God will continue to be faithful to us.

It might be that you are the type of person who likes to make New Year's resolutions: you might even be someone who sticks to them. (I find I am more disciplined with Lenten resolutions). Even if you are not, may I encourage you this new year to resolve to make changes to your relationship with God. None of us has this totally right, we all would benefit from having more faith, praying more and listening to God's holy word. The better our relationship with God, the better we are able to engage with each other and the world around us, and the better we may feel in ourselves.

Just a few minutes of prayer and meditation a day is medically proven to enhance our mental wellbeing and prolong life. Making a spiritual resolution this year could also be making a commitment to your overall wellbeing.

If you would like to talk about changes you could make, or to share some advice, Debbie and I would be happy to journey with you. If you haven't already done so but would like to join one of our housegroups, please let me know, it is never too late!

With every blessing for a healthy, happy and spirit-filled New Year

Rachel



## Services in Uppingham Parish Church January 2022

|                        |                          |                |  |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--|
|                        | <b>Mondays</b>           | 9am            | Morning Prayer   |
|                        | <b>Tuesdays</b>          | 9am            | Morning Prayer   |
|                        |                          | 7pm            | Choir practice   |
|                        | <b>Wednesdays</b>        | 10.30am        | Prayer group   |
|                        |                          | 6.30pm         | At Your Pace Space   |
|                        | <b>Saturdays</b>         | 9.30am         | Holy Communion (CW)  |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>  | <b>Christmas 2</b>       | <b>8am</b>     | <b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>                                      |
|                        |                          | <b>10.45am</b> | <b>Sung Eucharist (CW)</b>                                       |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Baptism of Christ</b> | <b>8am</b>     | <b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>                                      |
|                        |                          | <b>10.45am</b> | <b>Sung Eucharist (CW)</b>                                       |
|                        |                          | <b>6pm</b>     | <b>Epiphany Carols by candlelight</b>                            |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup></b> | (Tuesday)                | 10am           | MU Communion   |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup></b> | (Saturday)               | 4pm            | <b>COME, REJOICE</b>   |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Epiphany 2</b>        | <b>8am</b>     | <b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>                                      |
|                        |                          | <b>10.45am</b> | <b>Sung Eucharist (CW)</b>                                       |
| <b>23<sup>rd</sup></b> | <b>Epiphany 3</b>        | <b>8am</b>     | <b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>                                      |
|                        |                          | <b>10.45am</b> | <b>Covenant Service</b>  |
|                        |                          | <b>6pm</b>     | <b>Choral Evensong</b>   |
|                        |                          |                | <i>music by Purcell, Ebdon, Herbert Sumsion and John Tavener</i> |
| <b>30<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Candlemas</b>         | <b>8am</b>     | <b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>                                      |
|                        |                          | <b>10.45am</b> | <b>COME, REJOICE</b>   |

You are welcome to join us online for our monthly Service of the Word

(click the link on the website)

or listen to the service by phoning 01572 497004

## Housegroups

**New Housegroups are getting underway and meeting at different times during the week.**

An opportunity to meet with others and to share together in faith and fellowship, questions and learning. All groups are beginning by looking together at Mark's Gospel. *If you are interested in joining a group, don't hesitate to contact a member of our ministry team, or fill in the paper at the back of church.*

**Tuesday mornings**  
**Wednesday evenings**  
**Thursday afternoons**  
**Online – Thursday evenings**

## AT YOUR PACE SPACE

**Uppingham Parish Church**  
**Every Wednesday 6.30pm**

*Our church is open every day for people to find a space to pray and reflect. However, sometimes it is good to know there is a time in the week that we can come together and meet with others to share together in our thoughts and queries. Our curate, Debbie, will be present each week to share with you – wherever you are on the journey.*

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## The Crystal Ball

*Music for January 2022*

Another new calendar year begins, and – viruses and Government directives permitting – we have a feast of music this January for your edification and pleasure. Most of it, not surprisingly, is from the English tradition; but we start with a seasonal favourite, ‘The Shepherds’ Farewell’ from *The Childhood of Christ* by Berlioz. To us, this is clearly the work of a composer of the Romantic era, with its lush harmonies, chromatically inflected melodic lines and varying dynamics (at one point Berlioz requests *pppp* from his singers); but so little was known about early music at the time that Berlioz was able successfully to palm this off as the work of a (fictitious) seventeenth-century composer!

On 9 January, we offer a double helping: Elgar’s moving and powerful *The Spirit of the Lord* as our morning anthem, followed by our Epiphany carol service (with candles!) at 6 pm, with its usual mix of music appropriate to the season, including the opening sequence from Mendelssohn’s *Christus*.

Among the motets of William Byrd there are a handful which can be tackled successfully by a parish church choir, and on 16 January we shall once again sing the best-known of this group, *Ave verum corpus*, a miniature masterpiece which never fails to have effect.

Next up is Choral Evensong on 23 January, which this month contains two new items: the cheerful eighteenth-century responses by Thomas Ebdon of Durham, and the more rhythmically and harmonically sophisticated full anthem *O God, thou art my God* by Purcell, a setting of verses from Psalm 63 which ends with triple-time dancing Alleluias to a melody which most regular churchgoers will recognise from another context. In addition, we will sing John Tavener’s classic *The Lamb* as the introit, and the tuneful and optimistic setting of the canticles in A by Herbert Sumsion, both of which will be familiar to the aforesaid regular attenders (well, regular attenders at Evensong, anyway).

And finally, as there are five Sundays in the month, on the evening of 30 January we shall anticipate the feast of Candlemas with Compline at Belton church, bringing out once more another miniature, Thomas Tallis’s setting of the Transfiguration hymn *O nata lux*. The complex harmonies with which Tallis underpins a simple melodic top line are quite remarkable, and the final cadence, with its ‘English’ cadence sung *pp*, is breathtakingly beautiful.

*Succentor*

## Winter on the farm...

Christmas has been busy this year. We have been moving the stock around, to get ready for the sheep to come in, later in January. The girls in calf must come in, too, as soon as the weather turns cold. Although they prefer to be roaming about on the grass, rather than being cooped up in the barns, this does mean taking food out to them – more time-consuming, but it saves on straw.



Calves in polytunnel

Our heifer, Bella, is happier roaming around the farmyard: no matter where she is put in, she manages to escape! It has advantages for her, as she gets to graze on the long grass on the drive.

The piglets have all been weaned, and are now in the polytunnel, which saves all the grassland from being dug up. Jack and Teddy are always ready to go out of the stables in the morning, to stretch their legs in the adjoining paddock, but as soon as it starts to get dark they are by the gate, ready to come into the warmth of the stable and a big haynet.



Piglets in polytunnel

Finally, you can always find the goats anywhere...



Thank you, Jeff, for all the pictures! [Eds]

Jeff Whelband

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

Welcome to 2022. For MU members, this is indeed a time of new beginnings. Our new Triennial begins, with many changes of personnel; Jill Cannings ceases to be our Diocesan President, but is reborn as our new Leader of Rutland Deanery. The big service will take place in Peterborough Cathedral on March 26<sup>th</sup>; please do join us there for the installation of **Helen Lynett** as our new Diocesan President. More details to follow.



Our first meeting of the year will take place on **Tuesday January 11<sup>th</sup>**, 10.00am in church for the Eucharist, moving to the church hall for our AGM and review of 2021. We only have half a year to review, so there will be plenty of time to chat! Membership cards for 2022 will be available to collect.

Our indefatigable Jill has undertaken another long walk, raising funds for MU and reducing her waistline at the same time! She writes:

*During January I will set myself the challenge of walking 300 kms. This will be a tall order as I have various commitments during the month. For every km I fail I will pledge to pay £1 to the charity. I am quite stubborn so hope to achieve the total. We shall see. All kms will be logged for scrutiny.*

*I would seek people to sponsor me to achieve 200kms – any amount is welcome. I can collect the cash and pay it in, or ideally people would pay in directly and gift aid where appropriate.*

We are now in the era of the eQuartet, so you may be reading this via email, or you might have asked me for a printed copy of this page, if you are not online. If you are able to look online, may I encourage you to do so; the church website is somewhat underused and I, for one, hope to do better in 2022 – my New Year's resolution!

A happy, healthy and safe New Year to you all.

Janet Wardle

10 and 17 convey a seasonal greeting from Succentor

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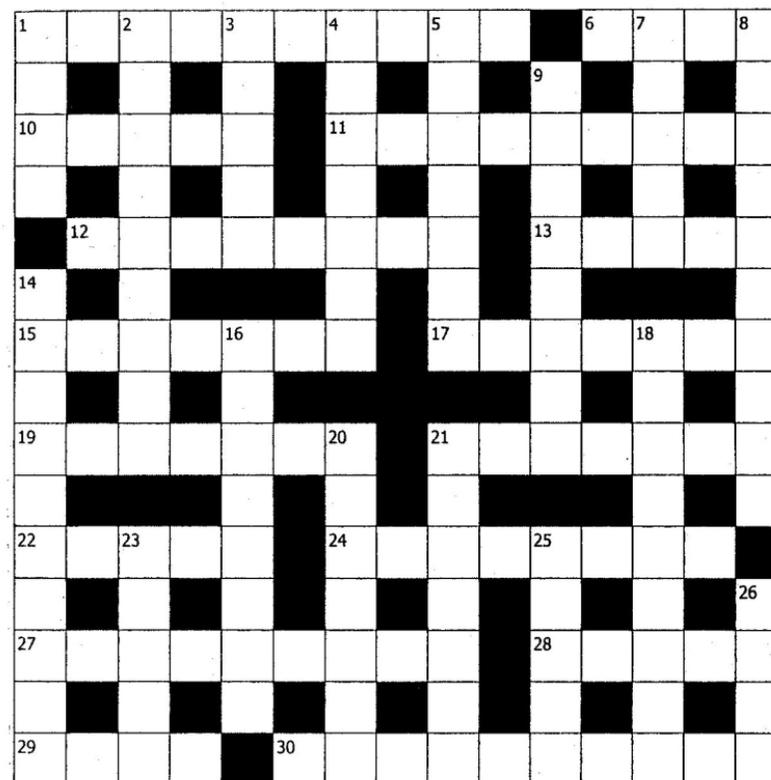
by Succentor

### Across

- 1 Drug problems to make you take care (5,5)
- 6 The one in question, expressed in past historic tense (4)
- 10 See preamble
- 11 Everything together, immediately (3,2,4)
- 12 Don is irrelevant (8)
- 13 'Henry follows the flag' in a foreign language (5)
- 15 Adversely affected – by a virus? (7)
- 17 See preamble
- 19 'If thou, Lord, wilt be \_\_\_\_ to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it?' (Psalm 130) (7)
- 21 Wednesday at 10, for example; but not when it's dark (7)
- 22 Stockpile, it's said, for a large number of people (5)
- 24 Book of gnomes? (8)
- 27 Dished up ices on menu to Frenchman at Churches Together, maybe (9)
- 28 A crowd about there? (5)
- 29 Left on Cantoris, perhaps (4)
- 30 Single, like the file you meant to email and didn't? (10)

### Down

- 1 Call to hunt in London (4)
- 2 Look out for worker, pregnant (9)
- 3 Tree spirit in anti-alcohol propaganda? (5)
- 4 Maunder, disturbed and defenceless (7)
- 5 Supposedly pious bird crossing (7)
- 7 'One at the back' in a foreign language (5)
- 8 Guided record flock into outbuilding (10)
- 9 WASTHEY – you can play on it (8)
- 14 Silent, having lost one's address (10)
- 16 Lee and les from this country turned out small guitars (8)
- 18 Hunt bridge desperately when short of time in northern city (9)
- 20 Buying up-market (7)
- 21 'Mood art' created from household object (7)
- 23 Stage musical composition (5)
- 25 Bonus for a bit player (5)
- 26 Drink in the field (4)



SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLE

