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The Rector's letter

3 June 2022

The Rectory
45 Lime Tree Avenue

Dear friends,

It is good to be back with you, as we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It is good to see people in the mood for celebration and for gathering together with their communities.

It has been a tough few years, years filled with sadness and grief; and we are ready to have some fun and some hope. These celebrations take us through the joys and sorrows of the past, and point us to the future.

The feast of Pentecost – sometimes referred to as the birth of the church – is a festival of joy and hope. It reminds us that God is faithful to his promises, and leads us into and beyond hope. The disciples have gone through some tough days. They saw their friend and leader killed, sharing the violent death of a criminal. In that moment they lost their hope in what they had hoped the future held. Then came the joy and celebration of the resurrection. Finally, they have had to say goodbye once again to their friend Jesus. They have been promised that this goodbye will lead to the beginning of something new. In their trust and hope in these promises they come to receive, hope, joy and peace and the knowledge of God's love and presence. Pentecost brings to us all the great gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is the comforter in times of difficulties and our joy and strength in good times. As we embrace God's promise and receive the gift of the Spirit we can move into the future with hope and joy. We hope and trust in a better future. We put the past behind us and look to good times to come. The promises of God and his Spirit poured out on us means that whatever the future holds we will be alright. Our future here and in the life to come is filled with God's promises of good times to come.

May God bless the Queen, may God bless his Church and pour his Spirit upon it. May God bless each of us and fill us with his Spirit and love.

Every blessing

Rachel



Services in Uppingham Parish Church June 2022

	<i>Mondays</i>	9am	Morning Prayer
	<i>Tuesdays</i>	9am	Morning Prayer
		7pm	Choir practice
	<i>Wednesdays</i>	10.30am	Prayer group
		6.30pm	At Your Pace Space
	<i>Saturdays</i>	9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
5th	Pentecost & Jubilee Thanksgiving		
		8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.45am	Sung Eucharist (CW)
12th	Trinity	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.45am	Sung Eucharist (CW)
14th	(Tuesday)	10am	MU Communion
18th	(Saturday)	4pm	<i>COME, REJOICE</i>
19th	Trinity +1	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.45am	Sung Eucharist (CW)
26th	Trinity +2	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.45am	<i>COME, REJOICE</i>
		6pm	Choral Evensong
			for our Patronal Festival

music by Bruckner, Joubert, T Tertius Noble and Philip Riley

76 years a chorister...

On Sunday 1 May a very special anniversary was marked, when we recognised the long and loyal service of Vivian Anthony as a chorister. From his boyhood in the Church in Wales, Vivian has been singing in choirs (church and secular) for 76 years, including unbroken service in this church since 1990. As a past Chairman and President of Leicestershire Chorale, Vivian has been erstwhile in securing voluntary funding for Student Choral Scholarships, setting significant numbers of local singers upon a professional musical career.



During the Eucharist, he was presented with the RSCM Loyal Service medallion by Rt Revd Nicholas Reade, our visiting celebrant and preacher.



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The Crystal Ball

Music for June 2022

The first Sunday of June this year is what I still call Whitsunday, the feast of the Holy Spirit, for which we shall sing John Rutter's setting of the RSCM motto, *I will sing with the spirit*; but before that happens, for reasons upon which I need not elaborate, Her Majesty's representative and other dignitaries will enter the church at the beginning of our Sung Eucharist to the strains of Handel's *Zadok the Priest*. Make the most of it, as it's not likely to happen again . . .

But even before that, we have been doing our civic duty on the previous Thursday evening, as we performed the Commonwealth Song *A life lived with grace* and the anthem *In our service* on Tod's Piece at the lighting of the celebratory beacon; a bit of a change from our usual performing conditions, but this is a very special occasion.

Whitsunday, of course, is followed by Trinity Sunday (and all the Sundays after – not 'of' – Trinity), when we shall give another performance of Purcell's verse anthem *O God, thou art my God*, first heard at Choral Evensong in February this year. The setting of these verses from Psalm 63 is typical of Purcell's very individual harmonic language, and there is much to enjoy in the interplay of full choir and groups of solo singers; but the piece is still best known for the final Hallelujah, which has given us the majestic hymn-tune known as 'Westminster Abbey'.

Another great master of the English tradition, William Byrd, provides our anthem on 19 June: his tender setting of *Ave verum corpus* never ceases to give pleasure however often it may be sung.

Which brings me, finally, to this month's Choral Evensong on 26 June, which will double as a patronal festival celebration. For the introit, we have Bruckner's *multum in parvo* motet *Locus iste*, which packs an enormous amount of musical energy into its two pages; for the anthem, we have John Joubert's powerful setting of the anonymous Tudor text *O Lorde, the maker of al thinge*, which still startles with its originality some seventy years after it first appeared; the canticles will be sung to the familiar and well-loved setting in B minor by T. Tertius Noble. The joker in the pack, as it were, is a new set of responses specially written (by request) for our choir by Succentor wearing his composer's hat. Our singers have (so far) reacted favourably to this set; I hope our Evensong congregation will agree.

Succentor

Lighting the town Jubilee Beacon...

Pictures taken on Tod's Piece on Thursday evening 2 June. The church choir sang a selection of three pieces – the Jubilee Beacon Song from the Commonwealth, *A life lived with grace*, the Jubilee anthem we premiered at Evensong last month, by Thomas Hewitt Jones, *In Our Service*, and the hymn, *I vow to thee, my country*. Finally, after the lighting of the beacon, we drew the evening to a close by leading the crowds in the singing of both verses of the National Anthem.



Housegroups

Our Housegroups meet 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
Thursday afternoons

Wednesday evenings
Online – Thursday evenings

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

I hope you have had an enjoyable Platinum Jubilee weekend. I know we are not all able (or, indeed, willing!) to celebrate outdoors with our neighbours and friends, but there has been lots of coverage in the press, onscreen, etc. We are fortunate to live in an age where the events are not shrouded in secrecy, and can be seen by anyone who cares to watch.

Last month we were visited by Bekkie Wright, who shared her experiences leading up to serving the Methodist Church as a Minister. She has almost completed her training and will be ordained later this summer. We wish her every happiness in her new role.

Tuesday June 14th 10.00am. At our next meeting we hope to hear from our own Rector Rachel. It is a joy to see her back in action and looking so well after a very stressful period in the spring.

Saturday July 2nd 10.00-3pm Our summer Diocesan Forum, to be held at St Benedict's, Northampton. I hope to attend, and would be glad of company!

Saturday July 16th 9am-midday Market Stall in the town centre. This is one of our main fund-raising efforts in the year and we need lots of things to sell! Food items generally go well – cakes, biscuits, sweets, jams and chutneys; also plants, surplus produce, games and toys; in fact anything appropriate that you can think of. Trish Damen is happy to run a tombola; please hand over all items **before** the day. We will need help in manning the stall, and I ask you all to consider giving an hour of your time, so it doesn't fall to the same few folk to cover the entire morning! All the money raised will go to MU causes.

Tuesday August 9th: Mary Sumner Day. We are planning a celebration as we have done in previous years, where we invite all members of the Rutland Deanery to join us. We have decided to 'stay at home' this year for various reasons, largely due to the knock-on effects of Covid. We will meet in our Church from 10.30am, where coffee, etc., will be available. Then we shall hold a service from 11.00, which will be a little different from our usual Eucharist, after which we shall travel to the Orchard Café at Welland Vale for lunch. You are welcome to invite husband or friend, and transport is available if requested. We will need to pre-order, and a menu and price will be available soon. Do come and join our celebration!

God bless.

Janet Wardle (829923), Branch Leader

Rector's Review 2021

Before I start my review of 2021, I would like to just say a huge thank-you to all who kept things going during my recent absences, especially Debbie, Jenny and Peter, as well as our Church Warden and Deputies.

2021 started in a slightly strange way, as Covid-19 cases had begun to rise again after Christmas. We managed to celebrate Epiphany and the Baptism of Christ before we found ourselves back to online worship. On Monday 11th January the PCC, following the Bishop's advice, decided to close the Church due to increasing infections, and to continue with online and phone services. Our aim was, and has been all along, to keep our congregation members as safe as possible until the vaccination process made us all a little less vulnerable. It was a real celebration to be able to open our Church again at the beginning of Holy week and to introduce services to lead us up to a celebration of Easter. This was not our usual fayre but did give us space for reflection all together. Easter Day was celebrated in Church by 70 communicants, even if in a quieter way than we would have liked.

During the summer Term, Debbie and a team took Happiness Investigators into Uppingham CofE Primary School as an after-school club. This was a way of encouraging some of the children in looking at what makes us happy and how we can help keep our mental health strong. It was good to be back in school and engaging with the young people. I was delighted to be invited to take part in the school Leavers event and to present each of the year 6 pupils with a Bible from their Church.

In June, Debbie was Ordained Priest in Peterborough Cathedral. Sadly, numbers in the Cathedral were limited, so we had to reserve our Benefice celebrations until her first celebration of Communion. Debbie celebrated for the first time at our joint Patronal Festivals on the following Tuesday evening, when we were delighted to welcome Richard Stainer, the Vicar of her sending Church, to be our preacher. It was a lovely evening as we celebrated this very special occasion with Debbie and her family. We were also pleased to be able to present Debbie with a Communion set for ministering to the sick and housebound.

During the summer, once again, the Church took part in the Social Sunday initiative in the Market Place. My thanks have to go to Nicky and all the team who worked so hard on these Sundays and helped to raise money for our Church funds. As part of the Social Sundays we were able to hold a Fashion Event in Church, thanks to Jenny and Pat. We also held a Pet Service again, and many dogs and their owners were prayed for by name. Churches Together held two Kidz Days on Tod's Piece. It was good to be able to engage with some of the young people of the town. A great time was had by all, children and leaders alike.

I celebrated 10 years as your Rector on Sunday 19th September. I would like to say again that it has been a privilege to have been your Rector over the last 10 years and you all hold a special place in my heart and my prayers. September also was the time we celebrated our Harvest Festival. We usually celebrate Harvest as Churches Together, which was not physically possible with restrictions, but we still managed to celebrate at the same time and to share the same Sermon given by Rev Bekkie Wright from the Methodist Church on all our screens. During the early part of the year Ian Cripps and Debbie ran the Beyond Ourselves Course, for those who wanted to know more about faith. Following on from that, September saw the launch of our House Groups and a good number of people signing up to be part of a House Group. Thank you to Anna and Debbie who have led groups over the year. If you are not a member of a House Group and would like to consider membership of one, please let myself or Debbie know, and we can match you up with a group.

Having created a Worship Committee, we spent a lot of time looking at our pre Covid worship and whether that reflected who we were and who we wanted to be. From those meetings the PCC decided to make some subtle changes to our worship and to add a more informal outreach Service called ***Come Rejoice*** on the 3rd Saturday and 4th Sunday of the month. This has been going well, and we are beginning to get new people to attend, especially on the Saturday evenings.

September also saw the hardy few setting off on the Churches Together Pilgrimage to Launde Abbey. The less hardy few gathered at Launde for afternoon tea and a final act of worship in the Chapel. Thank you once again to Richard and Nick for organising the day and keeping the walkers in check.

It was really special this year to be able to celebrate Remembrance Sunday in style. Despite keeping numbers down, we had 225 people joining in our Service and Act of Remembrance. Thank you to Richard, the choir and all who put so much hard work into making this the Service that it is.

In November, the choir held a concert called *Saints & Angels* where we were treated to a variety of different music on the theme. Thank you to John and all the Choir for their hard work not just for this but for over the whole year. I would also like to thank them for putting up with the ever-changing landscape of rules and regulations.

Christmas came with no new restrictions on our worship, and the ability to sing, meaning we could celebrate with heart and voice. This year the Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols could be a live event, making it special for choir and congregation alike. Over the Christmas period we had 90 communicants, with a further 20 the following day which happened to be a Sunday.

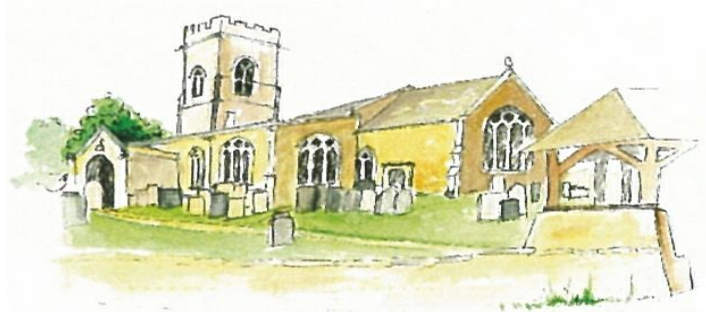
It was lovely to be able to welcome people back to church for the Occasional Offices. We had two weddings and two blessings of marriage as well as 6 children baptised. Sadly, the number of funerals held up with members of our team doing over 25 funerals in Church and at the Crematorium. Among those who died during the year were some much loved and valued members of our Church community. This year we said farewell to Joan Taylor, Joan Tyler, Christine Ellingworth, Donald Goodyer, Margaret Demaine and Shirley Harris. We were very shocked by the deaths of Margaret and Shirley, as they had both been such lively and active members of our Church family right up until the end. They will both be greatly missed for their dedication and hard work, their friendship and their deep abiding faith. We send their families and the families of all who have died our deepest sympathies at this time. We also hosted Pat Taylor's funeral in Church. Pat was a Methodist and her service was taken by Bekkie Wright, but we remember Pat as a member of our Mother's Union.

Despite all the restrictions, it seems that we have had a reasonably busy year. Alongside all that I have mentioned, we have continued to thrive in so many ways, as you will see from the booklet that Jenny has put together for this evening.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to Jenny for all she does to keep me sane, especially all the paperwork that makes times like tonight go smoothly. To Jeff, Richard and Anne for all they do as Church Warden and Assistant Church Wardens. Especially all they have done to keep people safe during covid without making things difficult. To Debbie who brings enthusiasm and care to all she does. Our retired clergy and Readers who give us the time and space to step back occasionally. To Nicky who in the background makes things look proper and keeps us in our place. Most of all thank you to all of you for being who you are and for all that you bring to this family of St Peter and St Paul. Thank YOU!!

delivered to the APCM on 30 May 2022

St. Peter's Church *Belton w Wardley*



Our first Sunday in June sees us celebrating the gifts of the Spirit as shared at Pentecost – love, joy and peace – and these are certainly in our hearts as we celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We celebrate her 70 years of faith and service and look to her example as monarch and Christian leader. In the Church on Jubilee Sunday we gather at 9am for our Parish Festival Service. The bells will ring out. Our church will be decorated, for which we thank those busy bees who made it so. Included among those are the children of Belton Preschool, who will be coming to share with us in Church, once they are back from their weekend of celebrations. Each child is to receive a copy of the Jubilee Souvenir book with many beautiful pictures of the Queen – her coronation and her life of faith. Do pop in and see a copy if you would like. The village of Belton is enjoying a wonderful street party as the day continues on Sunday – it is great to see the community coming together.

We also have some Jubilee scavenger hunts for children to discover in the church over this month if they would like to take part at any time. Indeed – know that the church is open for private prayer or for making a coffee break during your day or as a stop on your walk.

During May, the business of the PCC was attended to, and whilst we were sad to realise that Bob Atkinson's time as Churchwarden has come to an end, we were delighted that Mark Turner has stepped forward to take on this role. We would like to invite everyone in the village to a Cheese & Wine event on Tuesday 14th June, to say thank you to Bob, and to welcome Mark in. Do come along and support them both. It will be a good opportunity to share something of our priorities for the coming year.

Finally – we were delighted to receive a copy of David Griffiths' newly published book *A Home in Belton*. Well done, David! It makes for wonderful reading.



Services and Events in June 2022

Date	Time	Details
5 th June Pentecost	9:00 am	Festival Service Celebrating the gifts of the Spirit
12 th June Trinity Sunday	9.00 am	Parish Communion Service
Tuesday 14 th June	7:00 pm	Cheese & Wine Event As we welcome our new Churchwarden Mark Turner and give thanks for all of Bob Atkinson's work as Churchwarden All are welcome
19 th June Trinity I	9.00 am	Parish Communion Service
26 th June Trinity II	9.00 am	Parish Communion Service

Unclued lights at 18 and 20 (both seven letters) are a topically significant number
and a year of release.

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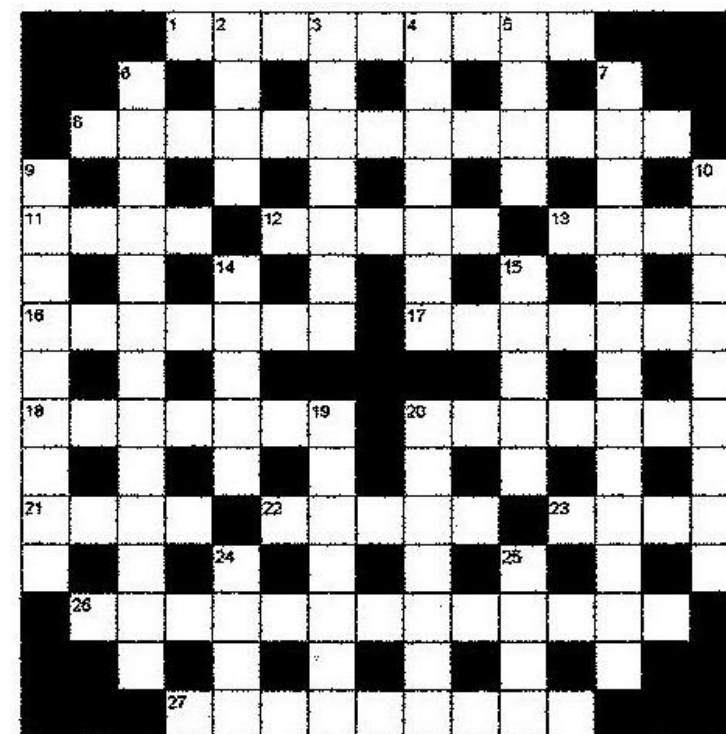
- 1 Possess something needed for game and enjoy oneself (4,1,4)
- 8 'I mount one cape, struggling' – that's how the story begins (4,4,1,4)
- 11 Bible character sounds competent (4)
- 12 Note to cheer you up (5)
- 13 Precious and costly (4)
- 16 Term for God (7)
- 17 What some girls do, leading the way (7)
- 18, 20 *See preamble*
- 21 Song not beginning is still a song (4)
- 22 Detective's word puzzle (5)
- 23 Comprises New Testament? Doesn't exist! (4)
- 26 Time spent on small trees gives you gum disease (13)
- 27 Sloth is one of seven (6,3)

Down

- 2 I am entitled to have the last word! (4)
- 3 You heard a fake, but it sounds good (7)
- 4 Bird appearing during celebrations (7)
- 5 'Sing praises unto him with the ____' (Ps 33) (4)
- 6 Heavenly singers voicing scale including E with variations (7,6)
- 7 After revision I aim price list to describe pro-conquest types (13)
- 9 'Lamb' is apt description, when modified, for such a candidate (9)
- 10 'These ____ I have shored against my ruins' (Eliot) (9)
- 14 George, in a new tracksuit, initially oversize (5)
- 15 Sword for an unheroic hero (5)
- 19 Gave way and returned (7)
- 20 Travel for a day in France, with money back at the end (7)
- 24 Sentence in biography? (4)
- 25 Repeated note for operatic character (4)

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by Succentor



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