

**Holy Trinity**  
**Rothwell**  
**Parish Magazine**



**January 2026**



# **Holy Trinity Rothwell**

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## **Our Vision**

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

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- Prayerful and Spirit led
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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

### A New Year Anchored in Hope

The beginning of a new year often comes with mixed emotions. There is excitement for fresh starts, but also uncertainty about what lies ahead.

The Bible does not promise that life will be easy, yet it offers something far greater: hope that is

steady, meaningful, and unshakable. As we step into a new year, biblical hope invites us to trust not in our own plans, but in God's faithfulness.



Biblical hope is not wishful thinking or blind optimism. It is a confident assurance rooted in God's character. Romans 15:13 says, "*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*" This verse reminds us that hope comes from God Himself. No matter how uncertain the year feels, hope grows when we place our trust in Him.

A new year often encourages reflection on the past. There may be moments we regret, goals we did not reach, or hardships we wish we could erase. Yet the Bible reassures us that God is a redeemer of time and circumstances. Lamentations 3:22–23 declares that *God's mercies are new every morning*. This means the new year is not built on yesterday's failures but on today's grace. Each day is a fresh opportunity to walk forward with God.

Biblical hope also gives strength for challenges ahead. Jesus said in John 16:33, "*In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.*" Hope does not deny struggles; it stands firm in the knowledge that God is greater than them. When fear arises, hope

reminds us that we are not alone and that God is actively working, even when we cannot see the outcome.

As we enter the new year, hope calls us to live differently. It encourages patience instead of panic, faith instead of fear, and perseverance instead of giving up. Hope shapes how we treat others, how we face setbacks, and how we dream for the future.

May this new year be marked not just by resolutions, but by renewed trust in God. With Him as our anchor, we can step forward confidently, knowing that our hope is secure - today, tomorrow, and forever.

*Revd Andy Giles*

## Services in Tresham Benefice January 2026

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>		
No service		
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>		
9.15 am	Parish Communion	Loddington
10.00 am	Family Service at Village Hall	Rushton
10.45 am	Parish Communion	Rothwell
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> Baptism of Christ		
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
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>		
9.15 am	Parish Communion	Rushton
10.45 am	All Together Café Service	Rothwell
11.00 am	Parish Communion	Loddington
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>		
10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rothwell
Sunday 25 <sup>th</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

## Forthcoming Events

3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2-4	Messy Epiphany	Holy Trinity
10 <sup>th</sup> January at 7pm	Twelfth Night Celebration	Rothwell Methodist Church

<b>Readings</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Isaiah 60:1-6	Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Isaiah 42:1-9	Matthew 3:13-end
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Isaiah 49:1-7	John 1:29-42
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Isaiah 9:1-4	Matthew 4:12-23

## 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.*



## Thursday Club

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



8 <sup>th</sup> January	60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Members
	Discussion and Constitution Update	
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Rowell Fair/Bailiff to Lord of the Manor	Frank York
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*



# Good Neighbour Coffee Morning

Rothwell Good Neighbour Scheme is where volunteers provide support and assistance to local people, particularly the elderly and vulnerable.

This might be help with shopping, a lift to a medical appointment, walking their dog or another simple task.

Do you need a  
good neighbour  
to help? ★ ★ ★

Could you volunteer  
occasionally? ★ ★ ★



To find out more about volunteering or sign up  
for support, come along on

## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February

### 10.30am to 12pm at The Market House

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# Christmas Tree Festival 2025

We would like to extend a huge ‘Thank you!’ to everyone who contributed to the success of our Christmas Tree Festival this year, including those who provided sponsorship or donated materials: *A J Mills Master Masons; Cooperative Society; Ise Garden Centre and Woodfield Farm* – your support was greatly appreciated.



We would also like to thank all the Christmas tree entrants; potting-up squad; stallholders; stewards; catering teams; donors of prizes and all other helpers, without whom we would not be able to organise the event. And, of course, all the visitors who came to see us and share the Christmas magic!



Despite the awful weather on Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, it was wonderful to welcome the Choir into church from the Market square and there was a wonderful atmosphere with mulled wine and warm mince pies to keep our spirits up. The church was busy throughout the rest of the weekend and on the Monday morning it was a great to have Year 3 from Rothwell Junior School and some children from Loddington Primary School to sing Christmas songs for relatives and visitors before we closed with the Bumper Prize Raffle.



We have now finalised the money raised from the event, and we are





delighted to announce that we raised just over £4000 which will be a welcome contribution towards meeting Church running costs in 2026. It was also fantastic to hear that those stallholders raising money for a number of different charities raised over £1000 in total.

Although an important fundraiser, I hope you would agree that the festival was also a superb community event and, for those who haven't yet heard, the winning trees were:



The Adult tree with the most votes was:

Tree No. 20: *“Christmas Gonks”* – The Flower Team

The Youth/Children's tree with the most votes was:

Tree No. 18: *“Deck The Boughs With Sprouts So Jolly”* – Trinity Discoverers



Thanks again to everyone involved, we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Brenda & Jo



## Happy Greener New Year

It's not too late to make a New Year resolution.

Here are five sustainable aims for a Greener 2026. Perhaps you could choose just one of the five and think of a realistic way you could achieve it this year.

1. Reduce your use of plastic: Say 'Goodbye' to plastic bags and bottles/choose products with less packaging.
2. Adopt a less meaty diet: Have more plant -based meals/buy local fruit and veg.
3. Save Water: Take shorter showers / collect rainwater for the garden.
4. Save Energy: Use the sun to dry the washing / switch off electronics when not in use.
5. Reduce your dependency on cars: walk, cycle or take public transport / share rides.

Please find one small way in which you can help the planet in 2026, every little helps.

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

## 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 *Kettering MIND*

## Warm Space

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# Mothers' Union



This is Rothwell and Rushton Branch tree at Holy Trinity Christmas Tree Festival.

The doves and lights only with red chair focusing on our 16 days of Activism against Gender Based Violence.

The doves look lovely .

Thanks to all members for their help.

## **Advent Miscellany**

At our December meeting we held our Advent Miscellany, where one new member, Liz, was enrolled by Revd Margaret Mossman.

Our Membership is now 12. Members brought poems and prose contributions appropriate for the season. Nine members attended enjoying a mulled spiced apple drink and mince pies. We also discussed our tree contribution for the festival and the positive comments.

We now look forward to our 150 Anniversary year in 2026. Several events are planned Nationally and at Deanery and Branch level.

Our next Branch meeting is on 21<sup>st</sup> January, when members will share their family Christmas and gifts.

*Penny Knight*

## A Christmas Message from Bishop Debbie

As Christmas draws close, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you all so much for the many varied ways in which you support the work of our parishes, benefices, schools and other chaplaincy contexts. Each week I am delighted to visit different places and see at first hand the light of Jesus shining out in our communities.



At Christmas, we focus on this light in the form of a tiny baby and marvel at the fact that God chose to send his Son to live among us so that we can see more of the Father. The humility of the stable, the absence of riches, the extraordinary people who first met him face-to-face – once again I am struck by the counter-cultural way in which God’s Kingdom is ushered in. As we seek Jesus in our own lives and experience the wonder of God among us, we too can be witness to the gospel that brings transformation and life.

This year we have had a particular focus on prayer and it has been encouraging to hear stories of all that you have been doing. I pray that in 2026, we will continue to deepen our own faith as well as reach out to those who have not yet encountered the Saviour of the World.

With my thanks and best wishes for a wonderful Christmas,

+ Debbie

The Rt Revd Debbie Sellin  
Bishop of Peterborough

# Can we follow Christ boldly?

As we step into 2026 together, I find myself filled with a deep and genuine hope for the year ahead. The season from January through Epiphany is an annual nudge to step into the light that Christ shines upon the world, this brilliant light that does not ignore the shadows, yet refuses to be overcome by them. Many will be familiar with the collects and prayers of Epiphany, of revelation, calling, and courage. They ask us not only to remember the star that guided the Magi but to look for the light that guides us now.



I wonder what might it mean, in this season, to follow Christ boldly? Perhaps it begins with the quiet conviction that hope is not naïve but instead necessary. It may look like choosing generosity even when the demands around us feel a lot and our resources thin. It may sound like the steady, gentle words we offer when our communities are carrying more than they let on. It might involve stepping beyond what feels safe and comfortable to bless and encourage what feels new.

Across our diocese, I delight in signs of Christ's light: communities praying faithfully, clergy leading with compassion, and disciples of all ages and stages of life and Christian journey offering their gifts with humility and joy. As we move toward 2026, may we boldly believe that God is not done with us, far from it, that a fuller, braver discipleship and relationship with God is possible for each of us.

My prayer is that, in this Epiphany season, Christ will reveal again the paths we are called to walk and grant us the courage to walk them with hope. Amen.

The Revd Becky Dyball  
Bishop's Missioner

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## Point to Ponder

Tom Stoppard, our recently departed and much-loved playwright, once wrote *“a truth is always a compound of two half-truths, and you can never reach it, because there is always something more to say.”* That is a truism to take to heart as we begin another new year in our existence and in the universe.

Many of the journeys we take in life are familiar, but some will be new. That is why there must be space in our hearts and lives for experiences to be expanded, knowledge to be deepened, and love to be challenged as we live out our days.

We may think we may know all the answers to life’s problems, but truth has many ways to help us fulfil our humanity and our dignity. As St Paul writes *“for now we see in a mirror, dimly.”* (I Corinthians 13:13) There needs to be an honest admission in our hearts that we should approach the future with a generous magnanimity in our attitudes. As Jesus says to his disciples *“unless you become as little children you will never see the kingdom of God.”* (Matthew 18:3)

Are we going to be content with half-truths or real solutions? There is plenty of room in our thinking for ideas to take root and develop on how to improve our humanity for the betterment of all. With magnanimity we can develop the strength to refuse to be petty-minded and self-centred about the things that challenge us and our world. There are many compelling causes that cry out for our support. There is also plenty of time to have an honest candour about the mistakes made by the authorities and ask some tough questions about decisions made in our name. We owe this hope to our wonderful universe, our human integrity and as stewards of God’s creation.

As the Psalmist describes our status as seen through God’s eyes *“What are human beings that you are mindful of them, and mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honour. You have given them dominion over the works of your*

*hands; you have put all things under their feet.”* (Psalm 8 :4-6) As Tom Stoppard reminds us in his definition of truth, we are all only halfway there. However, we can work out the fulness of truth in experience and in living. Wisdom is found in the way we treat one another, and knowledge will come into its own when we look at the world as God sees it.

The fulness of life will be achieved and the virtues of kindness and honesty and happiness will be ours when we care for those God has placed into the circle of our care and concern. The truth we all seek to follow, and which gives us peace, lies within ourselves. That is why we must wish one another “*a Happy New Year!*”

*Canon George Burgon*

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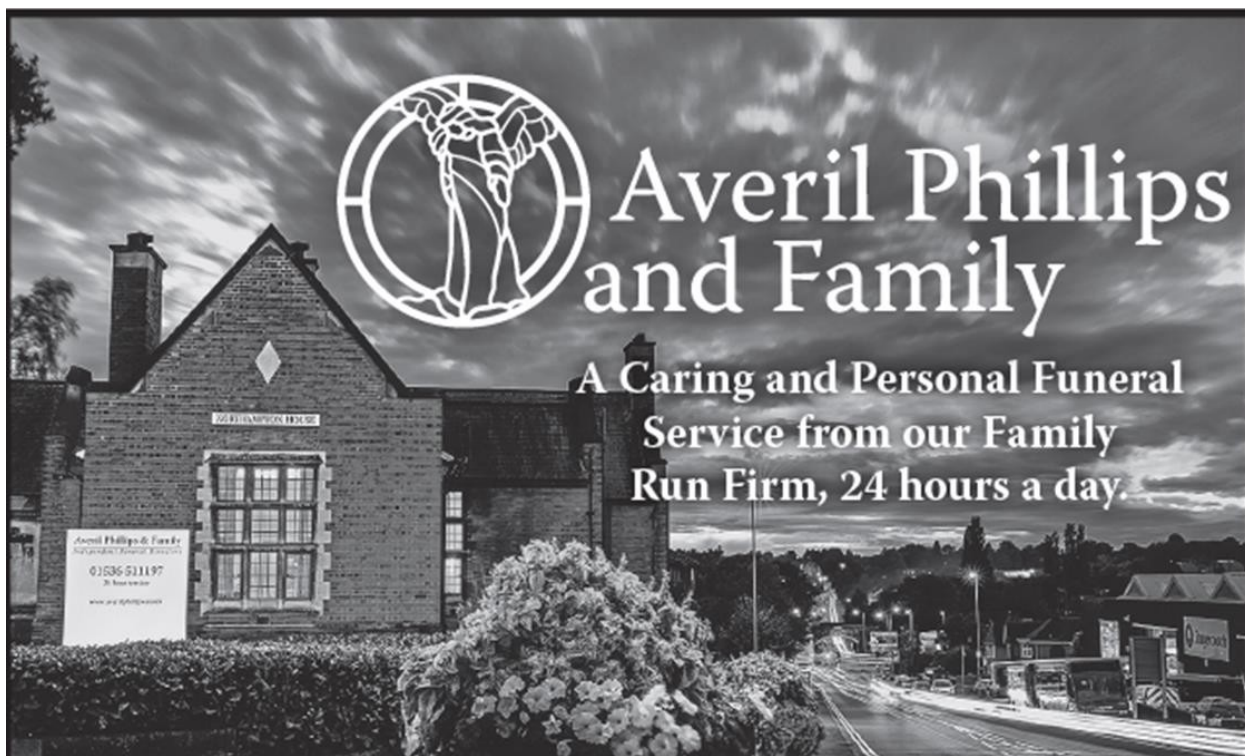
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