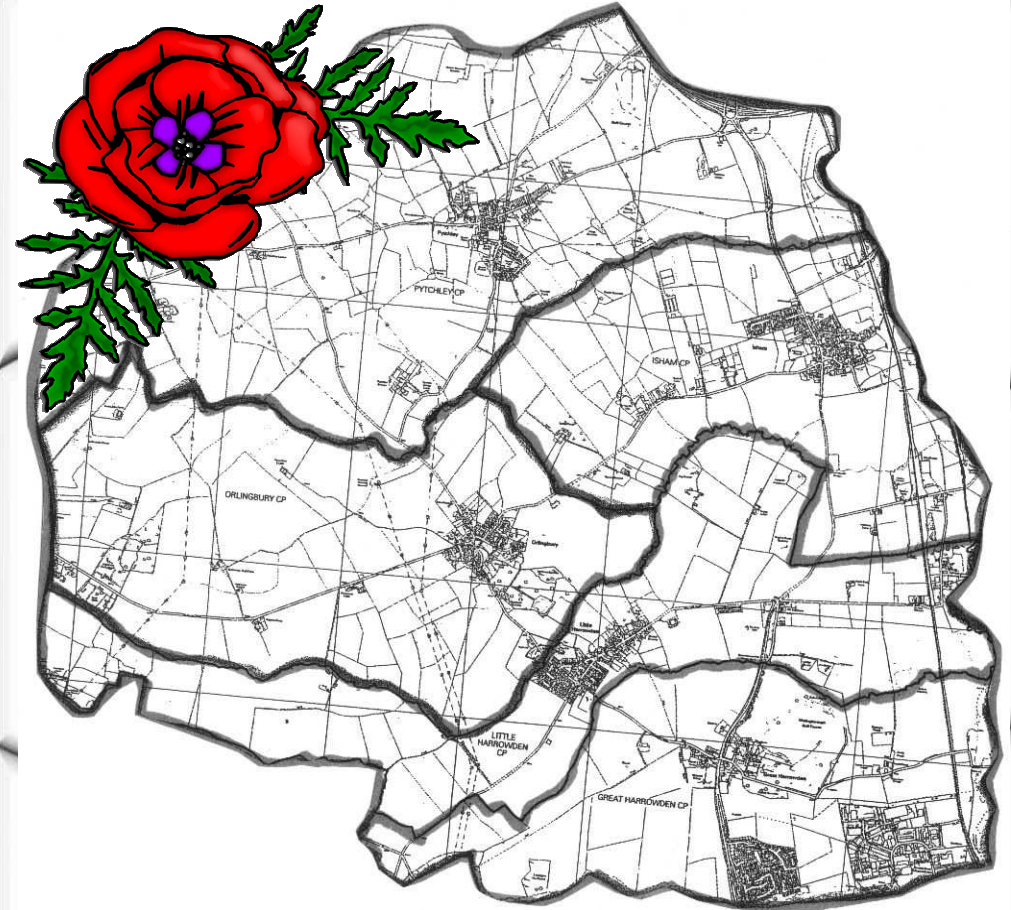


November Sunday Service Rota

Sun 4th	9:00am Holy Communion at Little Harrowden 9:00am Morning Worship at Isham 11:00am Family Service at Great Harrowden 11:00am Come & Worship at Orlingbury 11:00am Family Service at Pytchley 4:00pm All Souls Service at Isham
Wed 7th	9:15am Holy Communion at Little Harrowden
Remembrance Sunday Sun 11th	9:00am Remembrance Service at Isham 10:00am Family Service at Little Harrowden 10:50am Remembrance Service at Great Harrowden 10:50am Remembrance Service at Orlingbury 10:50am Remembrance Service at Pytchley 4:00pm Remembrance Evensong at Little Harrowden
Wed 14th	9:15am Holy Communion at Little Harrowden
Sun 18th	9:00am BCP Said Holy Communion at Isham 10:30am Benefice Holy Communion at Little Harrowden 3pm - 4:30pm JAM family service & baptism at Little Harrowden 5:00PM Evensong at Little Harrowden
Wed 21st	9:15am Holy Communion at Little Harrowden
Sun 25th	<i>No service at Pytchley—to join with others</i> <i>No service at Orlingbury due to Christmas Market</i> 9:00am Morning Worship and Sunday School at Little Harrowden 5:00pm Carol Service at the close of Christmas Tree Festival at Little Harrowden 11:00am Celtic Holy Communion at Great Harrowden 5:00pm Carol Service at the close of Christmas Tree Festival at Isham
Wed 28th	9:15am Holy Communion at Little Harrowden

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November 2018



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Autumn is definitely here. No more hoping for the Indian summer we were promised, although the beginning of October had a glimpse of it, and I don't doubt that we will still have some sunny days. The nights are drawing in and if we are out and about, we will not take a jumper or coat 'in case it turns chilly', but rather head out dressed for wind and rain and with a brolly in the bag!

Many of us often dream about escaping to live in a sunny climate, but for me, one of the delights of living in England is the seasons and I treasure each one for different reasons. I have memories of living in Chigwell, when we would go walking in Hainault Forest, kicking up the golden leaves and breathing in the fresh, crisp, air. Simple pleasures, but I loved every moment.

For us too there are the seasons of our lives. In Ecclesiastes Ch 3, we read that for everything there is a season, a time to be born and a time to die, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance. As this year is quickly drawing to a close, some of us may look back at the happy days we have had, perhaps the birth of a child, falling in love and getting married.

For others, there may have been times of sadness, overwhelmed by grief for the loss of a loved one. On November 4th at 4:00pm in St. Peter's Isham, there will be an opportunity to come and thank God for these times and also to have the opportunity to share our grief with others, to light a candle in memory and thanksgiving and to feel loved and supported.

Also, on Sunday 11th, there will be Remembrance Day services in all of the churches in the Benefice. Pytchley, Orlingbury and Great Harrowden will all meet at 10:50am in their own church, Isham meet at 9:00 am and Little Harrowden meet at 10:00am, so there will be a time to suit everyone. Together, we will remember the sacrifice of those who gave their lives in the past and present wars, fighting so that the nations would know freedom and peace.

But Jesus brought us a message of great hope, that even in death there is new life. A life where there is no more pain or suffering, and where God himself will wipe away every tear.

Even though the trees may be looking a bit bare, and are daily losing their leaves, we know that hidden within them, is the new life we will see once again in the spring.

If for you, this is a season of joy, then delight in it. But if it is a season of sadness, may the promises of Jesus bring you comfort.

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Salt Bins: Living in Northamptonshire it must be almost impossible not to know of the financial difficulties the County

Council faces, and some of this has started to be passed on to us. The County will no longer be replenishing all of the salt bins but the Parish Council feels that this presents a risk to people using our highways and have agreed to take on the burden of paying for and filling most of our salt bins. This is an addition to our already set budget, so we ask that everyone acts responsibly and only uses the salt from the bins for highways. Should salt be taken for 'personal' use, there is a real risk that it will not be available when needed.

Dog Owners: And finally, a precautionary tale for dog walkers. Recently people in the County have been fined for failing to clear up after their dogs. The excuse that a bag was forgotten (or the dog bag dispenser was empty or jammed) did not prevent them being fined. It is our responsibility as dog owners to take suitable facilities with us when we leave our house for clearing up after our animals and not rely on the dispenser – which is realistically there for emergencies only.



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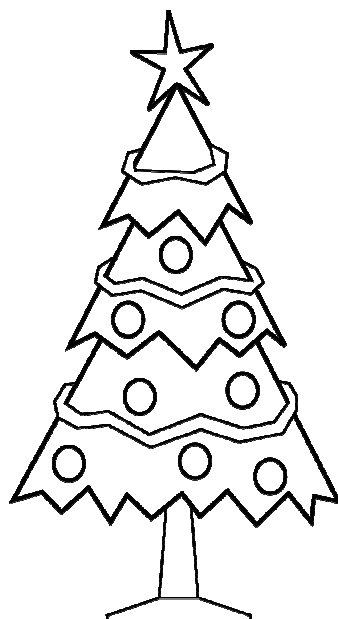
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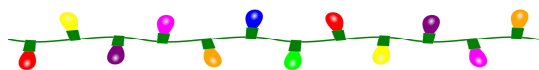
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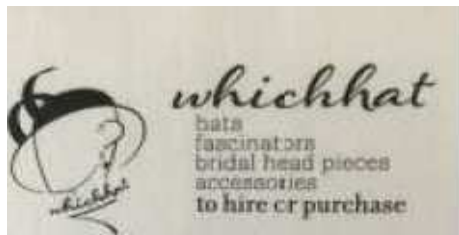
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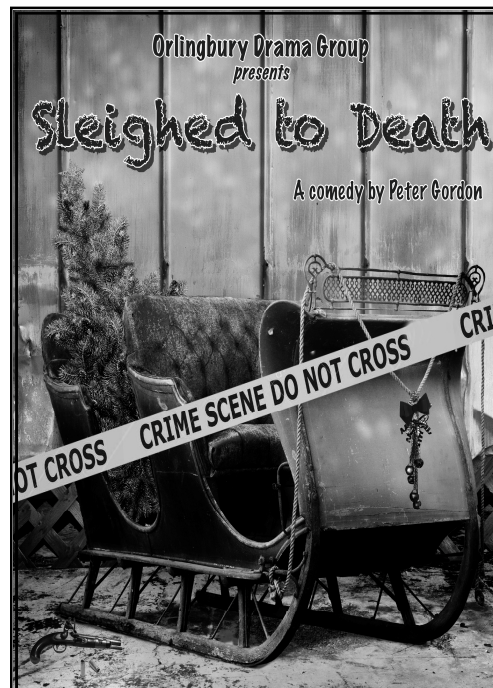
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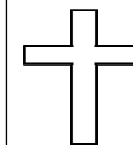
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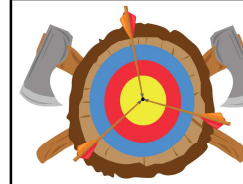
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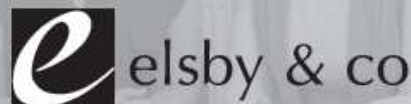
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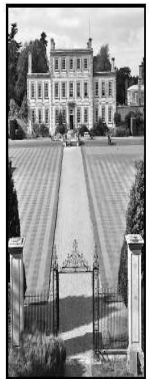
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9am Service of Remembrance –
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- SUNDAY 25TH NOVEMBER**
5pm Carol Service at the close of the
Christmas Tree Festival
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- SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**  
4pm Christingle Service –  
make your own Christingle
- SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS EVE**  
3pm Crib Service where the children  
will tell the story

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St Peter's Church Isham

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23<sup>rd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> November

Admission £2.00

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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 2pm-6pm

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 10am-5pm

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24 November  
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*Margaret & Family.*

### **News from around the Diocese - Remembering the fallen**

St Andrew's Church in Cotterstock will be commemorating Armistice Day on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th November with a huge poppy installation created by artist Angela Wright.

She will be creating a huge 'poppy wave' made out of wire, which will be decorated with 1,000 poppies made by local villagers, who have been busily knitting and croqueting over the last few months.



It will be the second occasion that Angela Wright has created an art installation in St Andrew's Church, having produced a piece in June 2017 to mark the rededication of the church's five refurbished bells. Her work received such positive feedback that pleas were made for her to return to help the village honour the 100th anniversary of the Armistice.

The church will also host a talk by the historian David Bond on Friday 2nd November entitled 'War Memorials and the Significance of the Poppy'. Angela Wright will also be there on that night discussing her work, which has included exhibits in a number of churches, cathedrals and abbeys, including Southwark Cathedral and London's St Peter De Beauvoir.

The Armistice installation can be seen on the weekend of 3rd and 4th November from 11.00am to 5.00pm. Admission is free but donations are welcome. Tea, coffee, cold drinks and homemade cakes will be on sale too.

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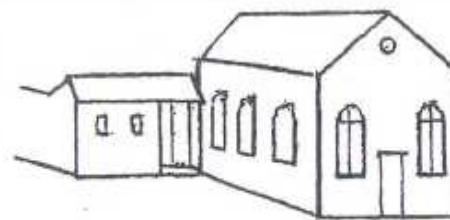
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## Isham History Society

Will meet on Thursday 22 November at 7:30pm at Isham Village Hall.

Dr Jennifer Crangle will give a talk about  
'The bones of Rothwell crypt'

Further information from:  
Hazel Rait 01536 726 623  
Margaret Priest 01536 723 392

Pytchley Parish Council now has a dedicated web site  
<https://www.pytchleyparishcouncil.org.uk>

## WAR HAS ENDED!



### ARMISTICE CENTENARY



Pytchley Village Hall

7 for 7.30pm

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Tickets - £12.50

*Clothing of the era optional*

### Licensed Bar

Hot supper of traditional *Cottage Pie & Fruit Crumble*  
Julie 790744 or Barbara 790049  
[pytchleychurch@outlook.com](mailto:pytchleychurch@outlook.com)

### COFFEE & CHAT.

The November Coffee & Chat will be  
**Tea & Talk, 2.00pm – 3.30pm** at  
Julie's, 43 Isham Road, on Tuesday  
November 6<sup>th</sup>.

The December Coffee & Chat will be at  
Steve's, 29 Orlingbury Road, on  
Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am – 12  
noon, to include Secret Santa gifts up to  
the value of £2.

There is a small charge of 50p to cover  
refreshments.

Why not come along and meet new and  
old friends – all welcome.

If you are willing to be a host please  
call Barbara Lodge: 01536 790049

### DIARY DATES

#### **FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>**

First World War Armistice Centenary  
celebration supper in the village hall.  
See advertisement.

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> – TUESDAY NOVEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>** First World  
War commemoration exhibition in the church. See advertisement.

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>** 10.50am Remembrance Service in church.

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>** Spirit of Christmas Evening in the church.  
Music by Rhondo – tickets now available.

### FIRST WORLD WAR ARMISTICE CENTENARY

In November we are holding an exhibition to commemorate this event – we need  
photographs of men in uniform – either First or Second World War and hopefully  
details of their rank and number and where they fought. We will take copies of pho-  
tos and return the originals to you immediately.

If you are able to help or have any other memorabilia please contact Rosemary  
Eady, 01536 790256 or Barbara Lodge, 01536 790049 as soon as possible.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to those who decorated the church for Harvest Festival.

A big thank you to those who supported Harvest Supper in any way and to the  
ladies who worked so hard behind the scenes to supply the delicious food. Also to  
Simon for acting as auctioneer. Over £300 was raised by this happy evening.



# Pytchley news & events

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## **REMEMBER THOSE WHO WENT FROM THIS PARISH TO SERVE OUR KING AND COUNTRY BY LAND AND SEA AND AIR**

*You are invited to the opening of the  
Exhibition Commemorating the  
Centenary of the Armistice of  
WWI*

**on Thursday 8th November 2018  
at 7pm in  
All Saints' Church, Pytchley**

A History of the Forces of both WW1 and WW2 will be exhibited including those who lost their lives and those who happily returned to their families

There will be an account of how  
the war affected the day to day of Pytchley School

Photographic remembrances will be shown and we  
invite families to allow us to copy their images  
ahead of the Exhibition

The Exhibition will remain open  
until the evening of Tuesday 13th November



## On the Home Front World War II

My earliest memory is that of the bomb. Not the bang, I don't remember that, but of being thrown by my mother into our Anderson shelter and landing on top of my sister who my mother had thrown down the steps a split second before. My older sister was screaming and my mother was telling us to sing and I couldn't make out what the problem was, why was my sister crying? Why was my mother telling us to sing?

What I don't remember was that earlier in the day my mother had taken us into town shopping and on the way there we met the lady from next door but one with her little girl. The little girl was highly excited and showed us her new pair of bright red shoes and told us that when she got home she was going to put them on and dance and dance and dance.

Then came the afternoon, we were in the garden and my mother was taking the washing from the line when 'Tugboat Annie' sounded. 'Tugboat Annie' was the imminent warning that sounded just like a ship's hooter and followed the usual air raid siren, but that day there'd been no time for sirens to tell us something bad was on the way. Dad ran next door to make sure that the old lady who lived there was safe just as a dive bomber started his attack. Mum picked my sister and me up and threw us into the Anderson just as the bomb went off.

My dad was really lucky, as he was going into next door the bomb exploded and the only injury he had was a bump on the head when his head smacked into the door, my mum said later that she didn't expect to see him alive again. The old lady was uninjured but only next door to them, the little girl along with her mother and seven other people died.

I often think of that little girl and she is always the first person that comes to mind on Remembrance Day. She'd have probably been a grandmother by now but I like to imagine her in her own little patch of heaven wearing those bright red shoes and dancing, dancing, dancing.

Roger Stapenhill



## Gardeners Corner

### November 2018 By Alistair Peak of PGS

November is the real start of winter, the clocks have gone back giving us all less time in the garden, however, there is still plenty to be done and to enjoy at this time of year. Trees, shrubs and many herbaceous plants will still provide lots of interest including the colour of leaves (if evergreen), coloured bark and even the flowers of plants like pansies.

Do not shut the back door on the garden yet! Clear any remaining leaves off the lawns, if left it will kill the grass. More importantly if you have paths with hard surfaces that you use regularly keep them clear otherwise they become lethal to walk on.

Greenhouses are wonderful places to grow tender plants along with over wintering plants that require some protection from the worst of the winter weather. If you heat your greenhouse make sure that its well insulated to prevent heat loss, sometimes you can make a mini green house within the main green house so that you do not have to heat the whole area. Check your heaters on a regular basis to ensure they are working efficiently. When watering plants in the greenhouse remember to keep them on the drier side otherwise they will rot off, and when watering try and keep to the minimum and do at the start of the day if you can. Keep an eye on the weather, if we get a warm day the greenhouse can become very warm quickly and can even scorch the plants with the heat. If warm do not be afraid to open the doors or vents for some fresh air.

As herbaceous plants die down some continue to provide winter interest such as seed heads. Others will just go black and require cutting back. Clearing now will tidy up your borders ready for applying mulch.

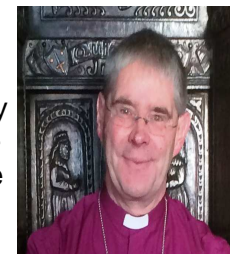
If you have not finished planting your spring bulbs do so ASAP, more importantly your tulips as this is the perfect time to get them planted. With outdoor pots ensure you raise them off the ground to prevent water logging, use feet of some description, either official pot feet, slate or small bricks. Keep an eye on them to check they are not too dry over the winter.

#### Alistair Tip:

Remember last winter? Keep feeding the feathered friends that visit your garden and provide fresh clean water, especially when its frozen.

## Trusting in God's care

A few weeks ago I was privileged to join hundreds of people in the Cathedral for a fascinating and deeply moving lecture by the TV historian Dr Janina Ramirez. Her subject was the 14th century spiritual writer Dame (some would say "Saint") Julian of Norwich. Julian is sometimes called the "Mother of English Literature" and her astonishing book *Revelations of Divine Love* is widely regarded as the first great work of English prose. It was the fruit of 20 years of reflection upon a series of mystical visions of Jesus. She had prayed for a deeper understanding of the depth of God's love, and was given a life-changing glimpse into the suffering of Jesus' passion. Pope Francis has recently mentioned her, writing that "In one of her visions, Julian of Norwich hears the Lord say that he rejoices eternally because he was able to suffer for our sake out of love".



Dr Ramirez describes it as "an exceptional book" which offers "timeless insights into God, love, sin, suffering – all in a form of poetic prose that is unique, beautiful and powerfully moving". Julian's words about God's care through Christ have offered hope and comfort to many during times of pain or suffering.

Probably her best-known reflection is the famous "hazelnut" passage: *He showed me a little thing, a hazelnut, lying in the palm of my hand. And it was as round as any ball. I looked upon it with the eye of my understanding, and thought, "What may this be?" And it was answered generally thus, "It is all that is made". I marvelled how it might last, for I thought it might suddenly have fallen to nothing for littleness. And I was answered in my understanding: It lasts and ever shall, for God loves it. In this little thing I saw three properties. The first is that God made it. The second that God loves it. And the third, that God keeps it.*

As we approach the season of remembering All Saints, All Souls and the 100th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War, it's good to be reassured by that reminder that God made us, loves us and will keep us.

With my prayers and best wishes,

