

NOTICES : 8 February 2026

Services this Sunday Uppingham BCP Communion 8am, Parish Eucharist 10.45am. Belton Parish Eucharist 9am. **Belton hymns** 349 Come, let us join our cheerful songs; 279 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest; 408 Love divine, all loves excelling.

Prayer Groups Tuesday, 8.30am; Friday, 9.30am. **Eucharist** Saturday, 9.30am.

Lunchtime concerts On Wednesday, music from the School's instrumental staff.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME workshop Nick Clarke's workshop is at 1030am this **Saturday 7 February** at the Falcon Hotel, explaining how **PGS** works.

Diocesan Lent Course (online) invitation The Diocesan Mission team is running this year's course discussing the Beatitudes. It commences at 7pm on Tuesday 17 February and runs for six consecutive weeks. To book your place, click on the Diocesan website www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk and the link to the Training & Events Calendar.

Revd Canon Dr Stephen Evans, our former Rector (2000-2010), is the new **Dean of Southwell**. He will be installed at the Minster during Choral Evensong, 3.30pm on **Sunday 19 April**. We are organising transport via the Uppingham Hopper to Southwell, to support Stephen, departing 1.30pm, return ETA 7pm. Seating is limited to 15 passengers, on 'first come, first served' basis, at a cost of £15 per passenger, payable to Richard Cole. Let him know, as soon as possible, if you want a seat on the Hopper!

WHITE ELEPHANT... If you have pre-loved items that need a new home, please speak with Nicky Jervis. She and Stewart will be running a stall in the church hall on **Saturday 14th March** to raise funds for the church.

Online Giving Use this link, or scan the QR code below, to donate to the church:
<https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=621>

Safeguarding If you have any safeguarding concerns, please alert uppinghamsafeguarding@gmail.com

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Please enquire for details regarding baptisms, weddings and funerals

Please donate:



ECO TEAM WORLD PRAYER for February

contributed by Margareta Hallam

Countries of sub-Saharan Africa

South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Madagascar, Zambia, Kenya

Lord God, all wise: Desmond Tutu was a peace campaigner and a tireless defender of human rights. We pray for the beautiful country of South Africa, mindful of the many inequalities still affecting its people. We pray, too, for Botswana, one of Africa's most stable countries, where safari based tourism is important. Almighty Father, Mozambique is a poor country with many people displaced, as Islamic state insurgency expands. Foreign aid is radically slashed. Significant threats of violence are made against Christians in Kenya. In the landlocked country of Zambia, despite massive Chinese investment, most people live in abject poverty. The neighbouring country of Zimbabwe struggles to feed its people, with high inflation and unemployment.

Dear Lord, watch over these poor countries and their people. Bless, too, the beautiful island of Madagascar where most people live below the poverty line and illiteracy is high. Amen.



FRIDAY FAMILY FIRE

Uppingham Churchyard
6-7pm

Friday 13th February

- Join us for a cozy, creative evening outdoors!
- Fire building challenge
- Toasting something a bit different
- Scavenger hunt for all ages

Bring your curiosity, a sense of adventure and warm clothes – we'll bring the fire!

£5 per family

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

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OUR VACANCY – message from Richard Cole, churchwarden

'The deadline for applications passed in January, and we are very pleased to have received a number of applications for the post of Rector of Uppingham. We have held our shortlisting meeting and have identified candidates to invite for interview, later in February. I would ask everyone to respect the confidentiality of the process and not to speculate about who or how many candidates may be; it is important that we give any applicants and ourselves every opportunity of making the best choices. I encourage the congregation to continue to pray that we identify a candidate who is right for us – and we for them.'

FOR SALE Mobility appliances (in good working order) are being offered for sale by Alec Crombie (01572 822280), with proceeds donated to the church:
- two walkers, fully assembled (cost £60 each) – for sale at £20 each
- indoor electric chair (£3000 when new) – will accept £500.

II before Lent: Year A: Collects (CW) & Readings for 8 February 2026

The Collect

**Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Genesis 1.1 – 2.3

Old Testament reading

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things

and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' ²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. **2¹**Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Psalms 136

(BCP)

- 1** O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : and his mercy endureth for ever.
- 2** O give thanks unto the God of all gods : for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 3** O thank the Lord of all lords : for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 4** Who only doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 5** Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 6** Who laid out the earth above the waters : for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 7** Who hath made great lights : for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 8** The sun to rule the day : for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 9** The moon and the stars to govern the night : for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 23** Who remembered us when we were in trouble : for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 24** And hath delivered us from our enemies : for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 25** Who giveth food to all flesh : for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 26** O give thanks unto the God of heaven : for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 27** O give thanks unto the Lord of lords : for his mercy endureth for ever.

Romans 8.18-25

New Testament reading

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of

the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 6.25-end

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.’

Postcommunion Collect

God our creator, by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour’s cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



8 February 2026
Second Sunday before Lent

Welcome to our Eucharist, 10.45am at Uppingham Parish Church

Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Canon John Rankin	
Reader	Jenny Harris	
Intercessor	Philip Riley	
Organist	John Wardle	
Setting	Archer, <i>Lincoln Service</i>	
Hymns	1 (v.1-4,8) Awake, my soul, and with the sun 532 (omit *) All creatures of our God and King 537i For the beauty of the earth	
Readings	Genesis 1.1 – 2.3 Romans 8.18-25	
Gradual psalm	136.1-9, 23-end	<i>Lloyd in B flat</i>
The Gospel	Matthew 6.25-end	
Song sequence	<i>Faithful One</i>	<i>Father, we love you</i>
Communion anthem	Rutter, <i>Look at the world</i>	

Please remember in our prayers

The sick: Jane Downs, Sybil Cripps Daniels, Trish Damen, Janette Coates, Jean Lattimore, John Lewis, Gail Whelband, Susan Scott, Iain, Alan Riddle, Louise and Reegan, Andrew Forbes, Eileen Hill
The departed: David James Brittain
Year’s mind: Ada Gertrude Pollard, Patricia Ann Brown, Jean Dorman, Nelly Mason, Norma Finnemore, Mary Joan Edwards, Elizabeth Boyse, Maurice Wright, Robert Fisher, Margaret Leader, Daphne Thomas, Ian Cripps