

VILLAGE NEWS

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Scalford, Stonesby, Waltham, Wycomb

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Please may I have all
items for March by
MONDAY, 17th February

suewatford2@gmail.com
01949 359211 / 075222 61667
 4 Stathern Road, Eastwell,
 LE14 4EN

Grantham Canal at Woolsthorpe



*Film
night!*

**St Mary's Church
Melton Mowbray**

Saturday 8th February

Six Inches of Soil



Booking is required -

For more info contact Revd Crystal 07890 020012 or
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<https://kinema.com/events/six-inches-of-soil-rpl1uw>

Doors open at
6pm for
refreshments.
Film starts at 7pm.
We request that
you are seated by
6.45pm



LOCAL CONTACTS

Belvoir Vale Tennis Club	bvtcmembership@gmail.com
Bridge Club, Grantham	granthambridgeclub@gmail.com 01949 842773.
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Waltham Women's Institute	Jane Faulks, 01664 501633

HIRE OF VILLAGE HALLS

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SCALFORD		07910 347838
WALTHAM	Kim Baker	07483 910379



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Get on board with the brand new on-demand bus service, Melton FoxConnect.

Services funded by Leicestershire County Council include a new on-demand bookable bus serving areas across Melton Borough.

This service [Melton FoxConnect](#) can be booked through an app or a call centre. Passengers can choose where they want to be picked up and dropped off, meaning it's a convenient and flexible way to travel at a time that suits you. There are two zones serving settlements of Harby, Long Clawson, Beeby, Great Dalby and Bottesford. The service offers flexibility, increases public transport connections and uses smaller vehicles more suited to rural roads.

HOW TO BOOK

Download the Leicestershire FoxConnect app - available on smartphones from the [Google Play](#) or [Apple App Store](#).

1. Sign up for an account and add your details.
2. Book your journey and wait for your drive to pull up to your pick up point.
3. Pay in advance so you'll never need to worry about having the right change.
4. Get on board and enjoy the ride, knowing you will arrive quickly and safely at your destination.
5. If you're not able to use the app, call the number 01162 167756 to book a journey.

ZONE A: MELTON MOWBRAY AND SYSTON

Scalford	Saxelbye	Long Clawson	Plungar
Ab Kettleby	Grimston	Hoby	Barkestone-le-Vale
Eastwell	Old Dalby	Harby	Redmile
Eaton	Nether Broughton	Stathern	Bottesford
Knipton	Branston	Welby	Harston
Saltby	Brentingby	Sewstern	Freeby
Stonesby	Coston	Garthorpe	Wyfordby
Sproxtton	Buckminster	Saxby	



FORTHCOMING EVENT

EASTWELL VILLAGE HALL (also see attachment)
Saturday, 22nd March at 7.30 pm

COUNTRY COMES TO "LIVE AT EASTWELL"
with **BORDERLINES**
ANNIE DUGGAN & ROB HINES

Reserve your ticket for £12 on 07989 677225, or annieduggan@netscape.net
 or pay on the door for £15

Bar and hot dogs : cabaret seating so limited tickets

The pairing of powerhouse vocalist Annie Duggan with exceptional guitarist Rob Hines is a match made in Well, possibly Clarksdale Mississippi or Nashville Tennessee, or the backwoods of Alabama. Take your pick, but the 'roots' of their music undoubtedly originate from the diverse strands of blues, country and folk that combine in the melting pot of 'Americana'.

To classify their music as one or other of these genres would be to do them a disservice, as their mastery of each and all is palpably plain to witness in their performance.

Annie's voice both powerful and expressive, encompassing the grit and growl of the blues, the more mellow tones of country music, and the subtlety of the jazz stylists. She employs all of these devices within her repertoire performing original compositions from the pen of erstwhile collaborator Colin Granger.

The empathy between Annie and guitarist Rob Hines is all encompassing, and his impressive technique allows him to employ both rhythmic subtlety and impressive interjectory extemporisations in his accompaniments. His solo excursions are truly amazing, the powerful propulsive drive of the country bluesman in tandem with the Scotty Moore 'Sun Sound' Elvis era rockability 'licks', and an occasional hint of Spanish flamenco, a truly amazing combination of influences finding a home in his one man guitar 'orchestra'!

These yellow pages

... are issued free to all homes in the eight villages - either by email or by hand. If for any reason you have been missed, there are usually a few spare copies in each of the churches. If you find you are unable to get to a church, please get in touch with:

Marie Hough at sae.churches@gmail.com, tel 01664 494424, or

Sue Watford at suewatford2@gmail.com, tel 01949 359211

If you wish to send any artwork to advertise an event, please keep it no larger than 5" wide by 3.5" high (ie. landscape orientation). Anything larger (up to A4 size) can be included as an attachment to emailed copies: details will be summarised in the hard copies, but the artwork itself will generally only be shown as an attachment to emails (unless there's a bit of empty space which needs filling).

Some useful telephone numbers**DOCTORS/HOSPITALS**

Dove Cottage Hospice	01949 860303
Grantham Hospital	01476 565232
Long Clawson Surgery	01664 822214
Waltham Surgery	01664 464232
St Mary's Hospital	01664 854800
Queen's Medical Centre	0115 9249924
Leicester Royal Infirmary	0300 303 1573

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Richard Barnes	01664 565311
Stevens Goodburn (Co-op)	01664 481201
Shane Mouseley & Son	01664 561400
Jennifer Mouseley	078217 90491

LEISURE

Bingham Leisure Centre	01949 838628
Belvoir Vale Tennis Club	01664 822993
Melton Theatre	01664 851111
Melton Library	01163 053646
Waterfield Swimming Pool	01664 563550

DOVE COTTAGE HOSPICE SHOPS

Canal Lane, Stathern	01949 861950
Market St, Bottesford	01949 844467
Main Road, Cotgrave	01158 372628

REPORT A SUSPICIOUS TEXT MESSAGE

Forward it to 7726 (free of charge). Your provider can investigate the origin of the text and arrange to block or ban the sender if it's found to be malicious.

POLICE

Non-emergency	101
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MUSEUMS

Melton Carnegie	0116 305 3860
Charnwood Museum, L'boro	01509 233754
New Walk Museum, Leicester	0116 225 4900
Rutland County Museum	01572 758440

NEWSPAPERS

Grantham Journal	01476 562291
Melton Times	01664 410041
Leicester Mercury	0116 2512512

SCHOOLS

Bottesford High	01949 844920
Ferneley High	01664 565901
Harby Primary	01949 860553
Scalford Primary	01664 444282
Stathern Primary	01949 860316
Waltham Primary	01664 464269

SERVICES

Rural Stress Support Team	0116 2613121
Voluntary Action Melton	01664 483043

EATON PARISH COUNCIL - February 2025 News

Clerk: Terry Brown
189 Belton Lane, Grantham, NG31 9PL

Tel: 01476 516366

Email: clerk@eatonpc.org.uk

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 10th March at Eastwell Village Hall, at which Geoff Hlland from Waltham on the Wolds Parish Council will talk about their experience of preparing their Neighbourhood Plan.



And again would you like an allotment in 2025? Doctors heartily (!!!) recommend them.

Contact the Clerk please, as soon as possible.

Parish Councillors can be contacted at:

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Terry Brown

SMALL LOCAL BUSINESS, cont.

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**Rachael 07971 159 147 or
Rebecca 07739 364 738**



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or email
Eastwelldoggrooming
@outlook.com

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Beginners to advanced.

All ages.

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Contact: Phil Cree
pcree@tiscali.co.uk
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Sathern Road, Eastwell

Glenda can be contacted
on **07737 553427**

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SMALL LOCAL BUSINESS

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a loved one
getting out and
about?**

My companion service allows an individual to not only carry out social and domestic tasks but rejoin society, helping people to lead happy, healthy and stimulating lives.

- Doctors appointments
- Companion service
- Medication prompting
- Shopping together
- Socialising
- Making friends in the community
- Domestic skills
- Engaging in hobbies and interests

**Assisting those that
require support to live in
the community**

Monika Gierolinska
07403 441826
monika@outandaboutcare.co.uk
www.outandaboutcare.co.uk

**Operating in Grantham
and the surrounding areas**



Mondays	Stathern WMI Village Hall , 7.30 to 8.30 pm £8
Wednesdays	Online via Zoom (recording also supplied), 8.00 to 9.00 am £7 Eaton Village Hall, 7.00 to 8.00 pm £8
Thursdays	Stathern WMI Village Hall 9.30 to 10.15 am £7 (gentle chair and standing session),
Fridays	Stathern WMI Village Hall 9.00 to 10.00 am £8

Telephone: 07756 686 682
Email: alicetranfield@hotmail.com
Facebook: Alice's Pilates
Instagram: @AlicesPilates

Hatha Yoga for Everyone

Classes suitable for all abilities

Tuesday, 6.00 to 7.30 pm
Hose Village Hall, £8.00

Thursday, 9.00 to 10.30 am
Eaton Village Hall, £8.00

Thursday, 7.00 to 8.30 pm
Stathern WMI, £8.00

Art - Stathern WMI

Wednesday, 10.00 am to 12.00 noon
£5 includes tea/coffee and a biscuit

**For both Yoga and Art, please contact Erica on
07805 206 976**



Scalford Parish Council

Clerk: Chris Hill, 43 Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray, Leics. LE13 1RU
Tel: 01664 411705 Email: clerk@scalford-pc.gov.uk

Date of next meeting: 18th February 2025 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Agenda & Minutes can be found on the Councils web-site: www.scalfordpc.org.uk
& also on the Councils Notice Boards

Proposed Traffic diversion during Melton Spinney Road Closure

The Council are aware that the proposed diversion around Church Street into a temporary one way system is not to residents liking and the Council have taken the matter up with Gallifords. Unfortunately, this falls outside their remit as they are governed by the County Council Highways Department on this matter, the Parish Council are endeavouring to have a conversation with Highways over this but currently have had no success in bringing about change. There will no doubt be more traffic around the village during this closure and probably some of it will just be following the signage put up by Highways so patience is required by everyone during this period.

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE (page numbers in brackets)

Tuesday, 4th February	Waltham Women's Institute (18)
Wednesday, 5th February	Scalford Women's Institute (18)
Friday, 7th February	Fish and Chips, Scalford church (18)
Tuesday, 11th February	Ruby Tuesday Craft Club, Eaton Village Hall (19)
Wednesday, 12th February	Lunch Club, Scalford church (18)
Thursday, 13th February	Goadby Marwood Reading Group (19)
Tuesday, 18th February	Afternoon Tea, Eastwell Village Hall (19)
Tuesday, 18th February	Scalford Parish Council meeting (5)
Friday, 21st February	Bingo in Scalford Village Hall (18)
Friday, 21st February	Pub Night in Eastwell Village Hall (19)

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Scottish Country Dancing at Waltham	Each Thursday evening (18)
Community Café/Little Gems at Waltham	Each Wednesday morning (11)
Yoga Class, Eastwell Village Hall	Each Tuesday at 10.00 am (14)
Fitness and Flexibility, Eastwell Village Hall	Monday and Thursdays (14)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday, 7th March	Pub Night in Eastwell Village Hall
Monday, 10th March	Eaton Parish Council meeting, Eastwell Village Hall
Saturday, 22nd March	"Live at Eastwell" Annie Duggan and Rob Hines (22)



EVENTS IN FEBRUARY, cont.

RUBY TUESDAY CRAFT GROUP

EATON VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday, 11th February
10.00 am to 1.00 pm



Bring along your latest crafting project or join in and help with one of our charity projects

Coffee, tea and biscuits included

£3 per person - everyone welcome

Further details:

Sue Norgate 07974 083264
Karen Jackson 07802 508422
Kathy Skinner 07974 328847

THE GOADBY MARWOOD READING GROUP



Please note that this group now meets at 7.30 pm on the **SECOND Thursday of every month** in their lovely, cosy Village Hall.

We discuss our book with a glass of wine; on warm summer evenings we sit outside.

We have some vacancies coming up - if you are interested in joining us, please contact Sue Haynes via email:

bhaynes204@btinternet.com



Afternoon Tea EASTWELL VILLAGE HALL

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month
Tuesday, 21st January at 2.00 pm

Just £2.00 for our coffee kitty and use of the hall!

Janeta, Marion and Sue



The Well

Friday, 21st February
Doors open 6.30 pm

EVENTS IN FEBRUARY**WALTHAM on the WOLDS
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

Meetings take place in
Waltham Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Tuesday, 4th February**Social evening****Competition:**

Your favourite
conversation opening line

Tuesday, 4th March**Medical Detection Dogs****Competition:**

A poem about a dog

Speaker:

Richard Croker

**SCALFORD
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

Wednesday, 5th February
Storehouse & Street Chaplaincy
By Caroline Stannard & Liz Hicks

Wednesday, 5th March
First Aid Training
By Martin Fagan

*Meetings are open to all members.
Non-members (male or female) are also
welcome. Admission for non members is £5,
which includes refreshments.*



THE POP UP CHIP SHOP
will no longer be visiting Eaton

SCALFORD COMMUNITY**Fish and Chips 7th February**

Friday, 6.15 pm in church.
Orders: 074436 18746,
pennyclemons@live.com
Can be delivered to homes.

Lunch Club 12th February

Wednesday midday in church.
To book: 074436 18746,
pennyclemons@live.com
Can be delivered to homes.

Bingo 21st February

Friday, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall
Family fun All welcome
EYES DOWN 7.30 pm
In aid of local charities

**SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING
Waltham Village Hall
every Thursday 7.30 to 9.30 pm**

Contact:
Stella MacGregor, 01949 861827,
macgregorstella@gmail.com, or
John Aitken, 07770 428103,
j_aitken@hotmail.co.uk
or find out more at

<http://walthamscottishdancegroup.weebly.com/>

MOBILE LIBRARIES

EATON Wednesday, 19th February
11.30 hrs by the Village Hall

WALTHAM: Wednesday, 12th February
10.45 to 11.30 am by the Post Office

WYCOMB: Tuesday, 11th February
12.20 to 12.40 hrs at the bus stop, Main Street

Books can be borrowed free for one month

Tel: 0116 265 6988

email: libraries@leics.gov.uk

Website: www.leics.gov.uk/libraries

24 hour renewals: 0845 602 2815

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Moorlands Farm, 6 Melton Road, Waltham. Reference 25/00007/TCA

Felling of young willow tree (c. 7 years old) which has grown close to a wall and has overshadowed some small and old fruit trees.

Glebe House, Scalford Road, Melton Mowbray. Reference 25/02258/VAC

Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 22/00634/FULHH

Gateway Cottage, 2 High Street, Waltham. Reference 25/00034/TCA

T1 conifer tree fell; T1 cherry tree tip prune by not more than one metre; T3 fig tree tip prune by not more than 1.5 metres; T4 fruit tree prune by not more than 1.5 metres; T5 fruit tree prune by not more than 0.5 metre; T6 cedar tree prune by not more than 1.5 metres; T7 leylandii tree fell. Reason for works is to maintain a sustainable size for location and maintain good tree health.

Four Seasons, 35 Church Street, Scalford. Reference 25/00059/TPO

Tree works: T1 Beech - reduce height by 3 metres and remove secondary limbs and all deadwood.

7 School Lane, Scalford. Reference 25/00062/TCA

T1 Holly tree - remove to ground level as tree is too close to house and will become problematic if retained. T2 Conifer tree - fell as tree is dying;. T3 Oak tree - remove to ground level as tree is too close to house and will become problematic if retained.

THE IRONSTONE VILLAGE CHURCHES**RECTOR****The Revd Canon John Barr****57 Burton Road, Melton Mowbray, LE13 1DL**Email: johnbarr2817@gmail.com

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Marie Hough, Multi-Parish Administrator,

St Egelwin's Church, Church Street, Scalford, Melton Mowbray, LE14 4DL

Tel 01664 494424 : email: sae.churches@gmail.com**Working hours:**

Tuesdays and Thursdays - 09.30 am to 1.00 pm : Fridays - 11.05 to 15.05 pm

SAFEGUARDING

If anyone has any safeguarding issues they wish to report, please get in touch with either:

Penny Clemons, tel. 07443 618746

*(for Eastwell, Goadby Marwood, Scalford with Chadwell and Wycomb)*or Mike Alexander, tel. 01664 464802 *(for Eaton, Stonesby, and Waltham).***EVENTS IN FEBRUARY***Pasture between Waltham and Chadwell* by Estelle Siegers Helsen of Waltham.See www.newtraces.uk**HOSENBURY : EVENTS 2025****The Hosenbury committee have been hard at work setting up the programme for 2025.****These are the events heading your way:****Tribute Night****TakeThat/The Jersey Boys****Friday 21st February****Hose Village Hall**

Tickets (£16) are now on sale at Hose and Harby shops, at Squirrel Stores in Long Clawson or online at Eventbrite.

Amy Winehouse tribute**('Mrs Winehouse')****Friday, 25th April - Hose Church****Hosenbury Annual Festival****Saturday, 5th July****Hose Village Hall and grounds****Oktoberfest Evening****Friday, 24th October****Hose Village Hall****HOSENBURY UNDERCOVER PRESENTS
TRIBUTE NIGHT****THE JERSEY BOYS
&
TAKE THAT****HOSE VILLAGE HALL****Friday, 21 February 2025****Doors 7.00pm. Bar****£16**

Tickets: Hose, Harby & Long Clawson shops & Eventbrite

GENERAL NOTICES, cont.

SCALFORD DATES 2025
FISH AND CHIPS LUNCH CLUB BINGO

Date	Fish and Chips	Lunch Club	Bingo
February	7	12	21
March	7	12	21
April	4	9	18*
May	2	7	16
June	6	11	20
July	4	9	18
August	1	6	15
September	5	10	19
October	3	8	17
November	7	12	21
December	5	10	19

**The annual Christmas Wreath making session with Supper will
be held in church on Friday, 28th November**

***18th April is Good Friday**

EASTWELL HISTORY GROUP**100 Club January Draw**

1st prize	No 5	John Gass	£30
2nd prize	No 14	Ed Potts	£15

Congratulations to you both and thanks to all subscribers for their support.

**Letter from the Rector****The future of parish churches...**

Dear Friends,

It is easy to take the parish church system for granted. After all, it has been a foundational part of our cultural life for hundreds of years.

England's 12,500 parish churches are 'treasure houses' of national history. As well as being places of prayer down through the generations, church buildings contain the memories of our ancestors and provide a rich architectural heritage.

All our Ironstone parish churches are either Grade 1 or 2* listed buildings (the top two grades), indicating their considerable significance. Parish churches such as ours continue to bring together local communities, offering hospitality and enabling people to gather for significant 'life events', regular Christian worship and public and private prayer.

Yet parish churches across the country - including here in Leicestershire - are now in a state of crisis. Crumbling buildings, declining attendance, and sharp reductions in clergy all pose a considerable threat to their survival.

Though this decline can to some extent be attributed to lower levels of religiosity and community attachment in today's Britain, a recently published report by Civitas argues that management decisions made by the Church of England itself have also played a major role in hastening this decline.

In the report *Restoring the Value of Parishes: The foundations of welfare, community and spiritual belonging in England* the author Esmé Partridge highlights how central funding of parish ministry through the Church

Commissioners has been increasingly redirected towards 'strategic development funding', intended to experiment with new ways of attracting people to the Church.

These projects have had mixed results and, according to some critics, they represent a departure from Anglican traditions and belief, as well as undermine the parish system.

Restoring the Value of Parishes diagnoses what has gone wrong with the Church of England in recent years, and the report makes the case for returning to what works: supporting local parish churches through local parish ministry to continue serving their local communities.

If the Church wants to be more 'relevant', the author argues, then it should stop trying to reinvent itself and instead embrace its unique position as a source of tradition, sanctity, and community solidarity in an uncertain world.

At a time when both the young and elderly report record levels of loneliness and alienation, the parish church can integrate 'soul, soil and society' (Bishop Andrew Rumsey), creating a bond between people and place, as well as between the members of local communities.

Yet if the value of parish churches is to be restored, then what we surely need is 'both the Church and the nation to renew their confidence in the parish as an irreplaceable cultural and spiritual institution' (Esmé Partridge).

(John Barr, Rector)

FEBRUARY 2025 SERVICES**Sunday, 2nd February**

- 10.30 am Holy Communion in Scalford Church
 10.45 am Stonesby Methodist service with Communion - Rev Karen
 3.00 pm Café Church in Waltham Church

Wednesday, 5th February

- 9.00 am Service of Healing and Wholeness (with HC) in Waltham Church

Friday, 7th February

- 6.00 pm Compline in Eastwell Church

Sunday, 9th February

- 10.30 am Holy Communion in St Peter's Stonesby
 10.45 am Stonesby Methodist service - Mick Thompson

Wednesday, 12th February

- 9.00 am Service of Healing and Wholeness in Waltham Church

**Sunday, 16th February**

- 9.00 am Matins in St Peter's Stonesby
 10.30 am Holy Communion in Eaton Church
 10.45 am Stonesby Methodist service - Jenny Oliver
 4.30 pm Praise on Sunday in Scalford Church

Wednesday, 19th February

- 9.00 am Service of Healing and Wholeness in Waltham Church

Friday, 21st February

- 6.00 pm Holy Communion in Eastwell Church

Sunday, 23rd February

- 10.30 am Holy Communion in Waltham Church
 10.30 am Methodist Circuit Service at Long Clawson - Rev Tony Pick
 6.00 pm Evensong in Goadby Marwood Church

Wednesday, 26th February

- 9.00 am Service of Healing and Wholeness in Waltham Church

GENERAL NOTICES, cont.**DAFFODILS IN EASTWELL**

Eastwell village would like to thank Janeta and Annie for all the spring bulbs they have planted around the village.

Regardless of the weather, this year we should enjoy a brighter and more colourful spring.



Are you age 74 or under, and live in or near these villages?

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Waltham-on-the-Wolds CE Primary School

2025 SCHOOL ADMISSION

Closing date for Reception September 2025 is midnight on Wednesday 15th January.

You can still apply online after this date.

"Let your light shine"
Matthew 5:16

There is still time to visit. Please call the office to make an appointment.

01664 464 269



GENERAL NOTICES**NOW AT EASTWELL VILLAGE HALL****YOGA CLASS - TUESDAYS AT 10.00 am**

A slower, more gentle flow class with a focus on connection to somatic awareness and cultivating compassion for the self.

This class is suitable for those new to the practice of yoga, as well as those who have been practising for some time. It is also particularly suitable for those with joint issues, chronic fatigue syndrome or fibromyalgia. The only requirement is that you are able to get up and down from the floor without support.

Please visit: donnanavarroyoga.com to book
or email donnanavarroyoga@gmail.com with any questions.

**Mondays and Thursdays (please note no further Wednesday sessions)
from 6.00 to 7.00 pm Come and give them a try!**

Book with Georgia - Whatsapp 07950 707923, or just come along.
Below is a summary of each session and a bit about Georgia herself

**Monday session - Full body workout
6.00 to 7.00 pm - £7 per person**

These sessions are designed to boost cardiovascular fitness and overall body strength. You can look forward to a supportive environment, some energising music and a great kick start to your week. Suitable for all levels, the activities can be adapted to meet individual needs. Bring your own mat!

**Thursday session - Stretch class
6.00 to 7.00 pm - £7 per person**

This class is designed for all abilities and focuses on improving suppleness and flexibility throughout the entire body. It can be adapted to meet individual needs. These sessions will be at a slower pace, allowing you to engage with the classes in a way that suits your energy levels, whether that's taking it easy or diving in a bit deeper. Again, bring your own mat!

**CHURCH NOTICES****WALTHAM CHURCH****LITTLE GEMS**

Parent/Carer & Baby/Toddler Group – small and friendly



just turn up!

Every Wednesday 10am-11.30 @ Waltham Church
Connect with other parents/carers and bring your little one/s for playtime whilst enjoying delicious cake and coffee/tea!

Contact Christine Alexander
07712467233 wee3alexander@btinternet.com or

**YOUTH CLUB –Fortnightly on Wednesdays 12th & 26th**

February 6-7.30pm @ Waltham church

(please note change of day)

For ages from school year 6 up to 18 yr olds

Free entry! Tuck shop, pool/snooker, table tennis, games/crafts.

For more info email suzanneridge15@gmail.com

**COMMUNITY CAFÉ – Every Wednesday morning**

10-11.30ish @ Waltham church – Delicious filter coffee/tea and cake/traybakes. All welcome.

Café Church – Candlemass - @ Waltham Church on Sunday 2

February at 3pm –coffee/tea, cake, crafts, singing and conversations all around the theme of Candlemass – All welcome.



Waltham church is delighted to report that the Christmas wreath-making workshop for the Friends of Waltham School generated £688 - this will go towards new play equipment for Waltham Primary. A fun time was had by all.

CHURCH NOTICES, cont.**STONESBY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**

Sunday, 2nd February	10.45 am	Communion - Rev Karen
Sunday, 9th February	10.45 am	Mick Thompson
Sunday, 16th February	10.45 am	Jenny Oliver
Sunday, 23rd February	10.30 am	Circuit Service at Long Clawson Rev Tony Pick

St Michael & All Angels, Eastwell

FLOODLIGHTING

During February the church will be floodlit to celebrate the birthdays of:

ISABELLE WATFORD on 2nd February : **ALEX VAN DOORN** on 6th February
and **ADAM WATFORD** on 8th February

and in memory of:

JOHN HENRY CAVE on 11th February : **MARY AND ALAN BARNES** on 16th February
RACHAEL EVERLEY on 19th February

FLOWERS AND CLEANING

	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Cleaning</u>
1st to 15th February	Audrey Cawthorn	Marion Wood
16th to 28th February	Jo Rowborham	Sue Watford
1st to 15th March	NO FLOWERS IN LENT	The Urquhart family
16th to 31st March	NO FLOWERS IN LENT	Marion Wood

Easter Sunday, when the flower rota will resume, is on 20th April 2025

ST DENYS, GOADBY MARWOOD

Sunday, 23rd February at 6.00 pm

**CHURCH NOTICES, cont.****PARISH REGISTERS**

The funeral of **DONALD MALCOLM COTTINGHAM** took place in
Scaford church on
Friday, 10th January 2025

SCALFORD CHURCH - CLEANING AND FLOWER ROTAS

A very big 'thank you' to everyone who took part in decorating the church so beautifully for Christmas.

SUNDAYS, February/March 2025**CLEANING****FLOWERS**

2nd/9th February
16th/23rd February

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Jackie & Andrew

Kath Hewitt
Jackie & Andrew

2nd/9th March
6th/23rd/30th March

Janice Musson
Helen McNamara

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EASTWELL TOTE

Thank you very much both to all our many long-term supporters and also the ones who have joined for the first time this year. Your membership is very much appreciated, as all profits help towards the maintenance of the village's church - St Michael & All Angels. All profits at present (until the scheme is completed) will help to pay for the new heating and lighting.

The winners of the January tote were:

59 Jo Rowbotham : 26 Ray Hewson : 73 Joe Mankelow
4 Tess Ceney : 65 Lyra and Ezra Urquhart

Membership costs £12 per year, and each month five winners are drawn using a random number generator site. Each winner receives £5 cash
If you'd like to join, please contact Trevor on 01949 861481.