

# HEXAD

## JUNE 2022

*'I don't care if it is true, I just want to know if it works...'  
'You can only buy your way out of trouble for so long...'  
'Trouble is in a multi-choice world, how do you know what the best choices  
are for your family...'  
'I don't believe in anything, but I want my children to believe in something...'  
'We're all looking for something, some sense of purpose, or value...'*

These are all conversations that I have had over recent years with other parents, none of whom are part of any church and many of whom would describe themselves as spiritual but not religious. How would you describe yourself, or your household?

More than 53% of the British public in the UK describe themselves as having 'no religion,' up from 48% in 2015 and 30% in 1983, according to the annual British Social Attitudes Survey. Those who would consider themselves Anglican number just 15% of the British population and these are those who self define, rather than consider themselves as an active member of any church.

However, the statements above seem to point to something that lies at the core of all religion. The word religion shares its root with the word ligament, the binding of muscle to bone. Each one of us has values, practices, beliefs and behaviours that bind us together, holds life, gives direction, identity and purpose. Everyone is religious in some way. Everyone.

In the past few years, the pandemic, the awareness of climate change and our part in it, global instability, war, political upheaval and economic uncertainty (among other things), have contributed to a growing sense of dis-ease for many. Perhaps that which has held our lives together is suddenly not as secure, rooted, or good as we once hoped.  
I wonder, whether your 'religion' is enough or do you seek a deeper and richer narrative to live by? If so, why not get in touch.

Rev. Canon Jonathan Dowman, lives (from the 24th May) in Church Langton with Emma and their three children (15, 11, 4). He is a Co-Area Dean for Launde Deanery and Growing Faith Enabler for our four Church Schools (Hallaton, Tugby, Church Langton and Billesdon).

'Growing Faith' seeks to include and value children, young people and households in every aspect of church life for the lifelong formation of faith in the whole of life. Far from simply being about church, Growing Faith seeks to enable the discovery and exploration of faith for all and to help those seeking to 'religion' or 're-ligament' life to do so in community.

God bless

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## Hallaton Benefice Services

### Church Services in June in the Hallaton Benefice

You are welcome in any church in any village. Details of services in the Whatborough Benefice are on the Benefice website.

**5th** Tugby 10.00am: Family Service / The Revd. Canon Jonathan Dowman  
**12th** Hallaton 10.00am: Holy Communion / The Revd. Jayne Lewis  
**19th** Tugby 11.00am: Holy Communion / The Revd. Canon Jonathan Dowman  
and The Revd. David Palmer  
**26th** Horninghold 09.30am: Holy Communion / The Revd. Jayne Lewis

### **Zoom Services:**

These will continue each Sunday at 11.00am.

Full instructions can be found at the Benefice Web site:

[www.ourbenefice.webador.co.uk](http://www.ourbenefice.webador.co.uk)

**Safeguarding** - children, young people and vulnerable adults.

The Benefice co-ordinator is Jane Anne Gore Brown who may be contacted on [janeannegb@yahoo.com](mailto:janeannegb@yahoo.com) or on 01162598382.

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### **Interim arrangements:**

Contact details for clergy (For pastoral support, baptisms, weddings and funerals):

The Reverend Jayne Lewis:

Priest in Charge of the Whatborough Parishes

Cold Overton, Knossington, Lowesby, Owston, Tilton-on-the-Hill

email : [jaynelewis28@gmail.com](mailto:jaynelewis28@gmail.com)

Telephone : 0116 2597244

### **Covid:**

All in person events and meetings are subject to the current guidelines.

If you are attending a service / meeting / event in order to care for each other please respect social distancing and where advised wear a face mask. We continue to remember in our prayers all those who have been affected by Covid and all those who are working so hard to keep everyone well.

### **A Prayer for the Queen's Jubilee:**

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen, and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown among us. Help us to follow her example of dedication and to commit our lives to you and one another, through Jesus Christ or Lord, Amen

**Parish News:** Visit [www.ourbenefice.webador.co.uk](http://www.ourbenefice.webador.co.uk) for regular updates and the latest news from around the Benefice and for a link to the Weekly Zoom Service.

#### **Horninghold:**

We are looking forward to celebrating the Jubilee on June 5th with a Street Party in East Norton Road. Following a toast to Her Majesty the church bells will be rung. On June 11th the wedding of George Norton (who grew up and was baptised in Horninghold) and Emily Henderson will take place in our church. We wish George and Emily a wonderful day and many years of happiness together.

**Our Brooks Brothers sale items are still available and are of very high quality. Full details, call Sandra Griffin on 01858 555247 or email [s.griffin@horninghold.org.uk](mailto:s.griffin@horninghold.org.uk)**

**All proceeds go to our roof restoration fund.**

**Don't forget to go via our WEB site [Horninghold.org.uk](http://Horninghold.org.uk) and click the link to order Amazon items. All commissions goes to our restoration fund.**

#### **Slawston:**

Congratulations to Slawston's Livvy Jackson and the other young people in the Deanery who were Confirmed by Bishop Martyn in Tugby on May 8th. It was a truly lovely service on a beautiful day, with delicious tea and cake from the generous ladies of Tugby after the service. Livvy is a stalwart of our congregation, taking the collection and helping with refreshments, among other things, and we are delighted that she can now take communion with us too.

Our Ukrainian family, Dasha and Alex and their three very young children, are settling in well. As well as taking part in our way of life they have been very pleased to meet others from Ukraine in the area, and the children are starting pre-school this week!

The village is very much looking forward to our Platinum Jubilee celebration on Sunday 5th June at The Old Rectory, fingers crossed for good weather!

#### **East Norton:**

5th June. Jubilee Celebrations at East Norton Hall at 2.00pm with Hog Roast, Games, Music etc.

#### **Hallaton:**

What a joy Easter was! We celebrated with big congregations on both Easter Sunday and at our Bottle Kicking Service on Easter Monday. We are very grateful to Rev. Jayne Lewis who led the service and experienced bottle kicking for the first time. Our thanks also go to everyone who helped make the church look so beautiful with wonderful flowers and decorations. Our annual meetings were held on 26th April which gave us a chance to thank everyone who contributes with their time, money and energy to the upkeep of the church. After over 40 years' service, Denis Kenyon has decided to resign from the PCC. There is no-one in the village who has given more to the community than Denis and the good state of the church is largely due to his hard work. Denis joined the PCC when Rev. Garrett was the incumbent in the late 1970s and has served as churchwarden on and off for the last 35 years or so. He will continue to chair the Hallaton Church Restoration Trust and lead the work on the Crypt Project.

Café Morrell has opened again and runs every Tuesday morning 10am-12.30pm. It's lovely to see so many people there and we are very grateful to all who are helping to run it. Please drop in even if you only have time for a quick cup.

#### **Tugby:**

Well we have had a very exciting time in Tugby!! On 29th April Revd Canon Jonathan Dowman was licensed as Associate Priest and Growing Faith Enabler in the Launde Deanery by Bishop Martyn. The church was full for this joyous occasion with friends, family and people from across the Deanery. Representatives from the four primary schools in the Deanery presented Jonathan with gifts and a word map of their school's catchment area. The service was followed by afternoon tea. On 8th May Bishop Martyn was with us again for the Confirmation of five young people from the Deanery. The church was full again with family and friends from far and wide for this wonderful service. The weather was beautiful and the Bishop and young people were able to go out into the churchyard for lots of photographs. Again we ended in true Tugby style with of tea and cakes and lots of chat!

We have a packed programme of events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. From 23rd May there will be a display in the church of photographs and mementos of 'Tugby through the Queen's reign'. Everyone is invited to come and have a look at it, the door is open everyday between 9am and 6pm.

On Thursday 2nd June there will be a party in the pub from 7pm and the beacon on the village green will be lit at 9.30pm.

On Friday 3rd June we have a Great Tugby Bake off Theme 'Fit for our Queen'.

Entries will be accepted in the church between 11am-1pm.

The Tugby Street Party on the Village Green starts at 2pm with a Royal Fancy dress Red White and Blue Children's parade and fun and games from 3pm. Food will be available from the pub and there will be a cake raffle, proceeds to Tugby School PFA. On Sunday 5th June Revd Jonathan will lead a Family service in the church at 10am and it will be followed by refreshments.

#### **A Date for your Diary:**

Sunday 11th September with the official opening of the St Morrell's Round at Hallaton by Bishop Martyn. More details to follow later but save the date.

#### **Jubilee Food Bank: [www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk](http://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk)**

The Food Bank is grateful for all the contributions given. However the need continues to be great. You can drop off donations at Hallaton Church or to Linda Jones at 25, Eastgate, Hallaton *at any time*.

The Food Bank really appreciates donations from the list on the web site as it avoids an excess of some foods and a shortage of others.

**Most Needed items:** Tinned rice pudding, Smash powdered mash potato, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Peas, Tinned chicken in white sauce, Sandwich Paste, Tinned Corn Beef, UHT juice, Squash, Fray Bentos pies, Sugar, Tinned red meat as Bolognese sauce, Tinned fruit, Tinned: Carrots, Meatballs, Hotdogs, UHT Milk, \_

#### **Mothers' Union:**

Summer Supper . Tuesday June 21st 7.00pm at the home of Judith Horsefield 16 Loddington Lane, Belton in Rutland, LE15 9LA

All welcome! Details from Carol. tel. 0116 2598216

#### **Launde Abbey:**

##### **Classical Concerts 2022:**

Concert at 3.00pm. £13. Optional Cream Tea to follow the concert £5.

To Book: Phone Launde Abbey 01572 717254

##### **Dates of Concerts:**

June 19th: Violin and Piano

September 4th: Singers

October 2th: Classical guitar

November 6th: Flute and strings

See Launde's website : [laundeabbey.org.uk](http://laundeabbey.org.uk) for details of all the other activities on offer.