

The
Shared Church
in Ringstead

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Newsletter July 2024

Please send your articles for the August edition to

ringsteadnotices@gmail.com

by 24th July

From our Minister



We have just bought some new furniture, and yes, its all come in boxes. Each box containing assorted pieces of wood, plastic and metal, which on correct assembly, it is promised, will become the furniture purchased. So then comes several hours, ok days, of fun!

When it comes to putting things together I have a definite approach, open it all up, quickly scan the instructions and get stuck in.

Usually this works, as I have a fairly logical mind and some practical skills. But occasionally something will be a bit obscure and then it's back to deciphering the instructions.

I think this also applies to life! Sometimes we can get by without the instructions, but when it comes to putting together a life that reflects the goodness and wisdom of God, we can't afford to ignore the directions He's given to us in the Bible

For instance, when the Israelites returned to their land following their Babylonian captivity they need to re-establish themselves in their home land. And as they began to re-establish worship, they prepared to do so "in accordance with what is written in the Law of Moses" (EZRA 3:2). By building a proper altar and in celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles as prescribed by God in Leviticus 23:33-43, they did exactly what God's directions told them to do. In other words went back to the instructions!

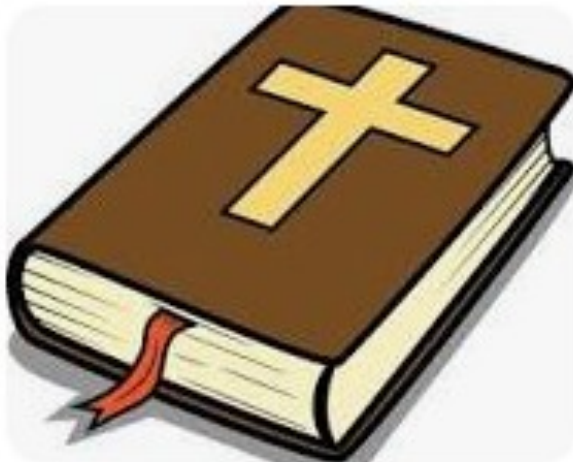
Christ gave His followers some directions too. He said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your

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mind." And "love your neighbour as yourself" (MATT. 22:32,39). It seems to me that these are also the best instructions for us to follow today. To first of all look to Jesus, believe in Him and come to Him, so that we can then understand what it means to love others. Not always easy, and maybe sometimes we may struggle with a step or two, but ultimately the One who made us knows far better than we do how life is supposed to work.

So read the instructions (the bible), get out the tools (prayer), and let's build our lives as disciples of Jesus.

Rev Rick



Shared News

A Happy Day



It was wonderful to welcome Nicole and Luke and so many of their friends and families (including proud Great-grandparents Mike and Sue) as they brought Cooper to Church for a service of dedication. Cooper was perfectly adorable and perfectly behaved and eagerly reached out for his very first Bible as Rick gave it to him. As a Church we promised to support Nicole and Luke as they love and nurture Cooper and share with him the love of Jesus. We pray that God will continue to surround this little family with his love.



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Another Happy Day

A reminder that on Sunday 14 July we shall mark the 25th anniversary of Rick's ordination into Baptist Ministry. The speaker at the morning service will be our Regional Minister, Rev Nathan Toseland, and a light lunch will follow.

Please sign the list in the schoolroom by Sunday 7 July so we can cater correctly.

Looking Ahead

Tea Time Talk in August will be at 6.00pm on Sunday 11th. Anita Smith from the Bansang Hospital Appeal will be joining us to give an update on the progress at Bansang. We've not seen Anita since before Covid so do put the date in your diary and come.

Our thoughts and prayers of thanks to God.

We continue to think of Cynthia's Granddaughter Sophie and ask that you hold her in Your prayers. We also ask that you pray for all her family at this difficult time.

We thank God for improved health for Carolyn and Ange after recent bouts of illness. We are also thankful that Beryl in Hermitage House is showing some improvement in health and pray that this continues.



Shoebox Appeal 2024



We have been extremely busy in preparation for our Shoebox Appeal this year.

Leaflets have arrived from Link to Hope and are on display in the Schoolroom for you to take. The

Schoolroom for you to take. The charity has made a few alterations to the leaflet this year and we have included a small insert to explain the changes.

We will be holding our Shoebox Coffee Morning on Saturday 21st September in the Schoolroom from 10.00am to 12 noon and items which are suitable to put into shoeboxes will be on display for you to take and leave a donation. If you have any spare items, please bring them for others to use.

Our shoeboxes and blankets will be moved into the church for our Dedication Service which will take place during the Morning Service on Sunday 20th October at 10.30am when everything will be blessed before being taken to the Collection Point at Northampton, ready for delivery.

It's all systems go!

Carol, Alan and Agnes



Jude, Aymen and Family

Recently we went on holiday to the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of the Scottish Highlands and as we needed to break the long journey, we stopped at Dumbarton for two days so we could visit some friends in the area.



It was a great joy to be able to visit Jude who was the BMS Link for Ringstead Shared Church. Many of you will remember Jude and her husband Aymen who were working in Tunisia and have now returned to live in Scotland. Sadly, we did not see Aymen as he was at work, but it was a real pleasure to spend time with the family.

Meera will be four in October and Joshua is almost a year old. They are very happy and enjoying life.

Joshua was born with medical issues and has been on oxygen since his birth but he is such a happy and cheerful wee boy who was delighted to sit on Alan's knee and compare the size of their hands. Whilst we were on Mull, Jude sent the photo to say that the consultant has decided



that Joshua no longer needs oxygen and his nose piece was removed. As you can see, they are both delighted. We had a wonderful afternoon in their company and Jude wants to send their love and blessings to everyone at Ringstead Shared Church. Please pray for this lovely family, they still face challenges but are so positive as they continue to trust the Lord.

Alan & Agnes

Did you know ?

Heritage Assets & the Neighbourhood Plan

You may remember in the May edition of the Newsletter we ran an article on the proposed Axe & Compass Development. The original planning application for this in 2023 was withdrawn due to concerns from the Heritage Officer at North Northamptonshire Council. Since then the plans have been reviewed taking into account comments made and also the conditions laid down in the Ringstead Neighbourhood Plan. I thought it would be interesting to highlight the relevant sections of the Neighbourhood Plan as they relate to a non designated heritage asset and in particular the Axe & Compass. The term 'non designated' signifies that it is not nationally listed but does have a local significance.

The Plan identifies the Axe and Compass as a Community Service and Facility. As such any development needs to enhance this aspect of the building.

The Plan identifies key issues from community consultation and those relevant for any future development are as follows: -

- Maintaining the character of the village
- Improving or retaining local services and facilities
- Conserving local heritage
- More employment opportunities for local people

In addition the section on employment in the Plan identifies 'tourism and the development of a higher value visitor economy' as 'a key economic opportunity for the area'. The proposal to add hotel accommodation to the Axe and Compass clearly complies with all of the key issues; local heritage is conserved by ensuring the viability of the business going forward. Policy R1 in the Neighbourhood Plan states 'the determination of planning applications which would affect features of local heritage interest will balance the need for, or public benefit of, the proposed development against the significance of the asset and the extent to which it will be harmed'.

The modified plans are now available on the North Northamptonshire Council's website and the reference is NE/24/00421/FUL. This is a good opportunity for the local economy and comments supporting the application will help to ensure it is approved. The deadline for comments is 3rd July 2024.

The Axe and Compass Ringstead Quiz Nights Tuesday 2nd July 2024 at 19:30 hrs



Would you like to make up a team
with Rick?

Please contact Rick

Knit & Natter



Wednesday
3 July
at 2.30pm
at The
Shared Church

Come to knit or sew
or just come to natter!

First Wednesday Prayer by Zoom Wednesday 3rd July at 8:00pm



Zoom in and share! - (See Zoom link else-
where in this newsletter)

If you would like to lead, or share in leading,
one of these evenings please get in touch
with Revd Rick.

THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

Lunch Club

Thursday 11 July at 12.30pm

2-course cooked meal
and coffee/tea

Cost £5.00

**EVERYONE WILL BE
WELCOME**



But, you need to book your place:

Ring 622162 (Val)

or 07558 538711 (Christine)

or text to 07784 162087

(no voice messages, please)

DO COME!

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Come Join Us *for an* OPEN HOUSE



This July marks 25 years since Rev Rick was ordained (Cleethorpes Baptist Church, 17th July 1999) To mark the occasion Rick and Louise would like to invite you to an Open House at their home in Church St. on Saturday 13th July between 1pm and 6pm.

Come and join us for an afternoon in the garden (we are praying for good weather). With good company, sandwiches, cakes and plenty of tea (apparently other drinks are available too!)

It will be great to see you all there .
Rick & Louise



Thought of the month

We know we can't see God but we know he's always with us which reminds me of a story I read about a boy and his kite. The boy had just got a new kite and he wanted to fly it so he went up on a hill where there was a stiff breeze blowing. The kite flew higher and higher until it disappeared into the low cloud. A man out walking saw the boy and asked him what he was doing. The boy replied saying "I'm flying my kite" "But you can't see it" said the man. The boy said "I know but every so often I feel a tugging on the line so I know it's still there"

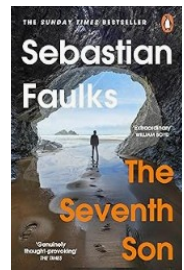
We know God is always there so when did you feel him tugging your line.

Mike Freeman

Book Club

Discussion about our last book, "Songbirds" by Christy Lefteri, was enjoyed by all the book club participants. The book we are looking at this time is The Seventh Son by Sebastian Faulks. Our next meeting will be on July 16th at 2.30 at 11 Carlow Road; all welcome.

June.



Start your day with prayer

Starting from Monday September 4th Rick will be leading an Online Morning Prayer at 9am each weekday morning.



This will be a simple 20min or so prayer using the Daily office from the Northumbria community

(<https://www.northumbriacommunity.org/offices/morning-prayer/>)

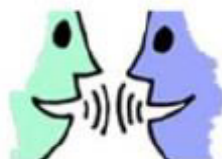
All who wish to join can do so using the Church Zoom link, or use the liturgy above at another time during the day.

Coffee, Cake and Chat

THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

Our regular 3rd Saturday

Coffee, cake and chat



Saturday 20 July
10.00 – 11.30

Time to relax and chat with friends

Do drop in Everyone is welcome

No charge but any donations will be gratefully accepted

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Programme - July 2024

Services in July (In church and by Zoom)

Services are led by Revd Rick Preston unless otherwise stated:

Sunday 7th July

10:30am Communion Service
Revd David Gamston

Sunday 14th July

10:30am Morning Service led by Rick
Speaker: Revd Nathan Toseland
(Regional Minister)

Sunday 21st July

10:30am Morning Service

Sunday 28th July

10:30am Morning Service

and in August

Sunday 4th August

10:30am Communion Service

Sunday 11th August

10:30am Morning Service

6:00pm Tea Time Talk with Anita Smith from
Bansang Hospital Appeal



To share in the morning services through Zoom see the website

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and click on the link on the home page

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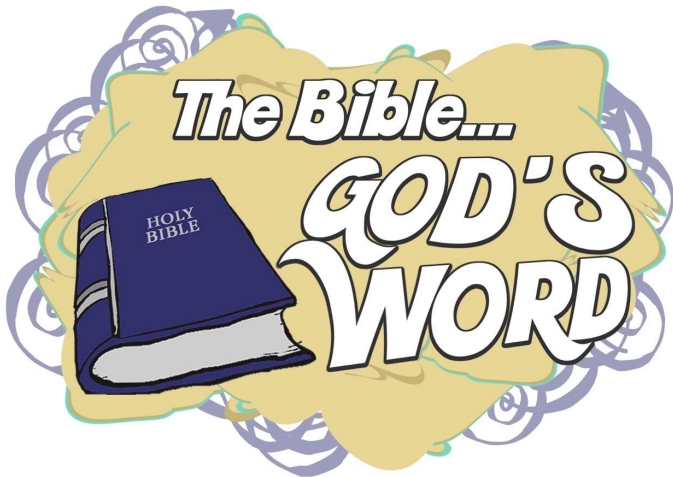
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Readers & Readings

Rota for Scripture readings

7 July 2024	Carol	Mark 6: 1-13
14 July 2024	Agnes	Mark 6: 14-29
21 July 2024	Mike	Mark 6: 30-34.53-56
28 July 2024	Christine	John 6: 1-21

We usually read using the NIV version but if you wish to read from another version please let Rick know a couple of days in advance so your reading can be shown on the screen during the service.



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If you or someone you know would benefit from a phone call, please contact our minister Rick or one of the above.

Prayer - We would be pleased to join you in prayer—if you would like us to pray for/with you, please contact any of the above.

Zoom Meeting Connection Information

Zoom Link

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84607293457?
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Meeting ID: 846 0729 3457

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