

The
Shared Church
in Ringstead

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Newsletter August 2024

**Please send your articles for the September edition
to ringsteadnotices@gmail.com**

by 25th August

From our Minister



You will have seen, no doubt, the way in which the American election is being run. With both Trump and Biden pointing fingers at each other, and giving all sorts of reasons why they are not suitable to be president. The focus is very much on them, and what they can or can't do.

In contrast, during his only inaugural address as president, John F. Kennedy issued this challenge to Americans:

"Ask not what your country can do for you;
ask what you can do for your country."

It was a renewed call for them to surrender their lives in sacrifice and service to others. His words especially inspired the sons and daughters of men and women who had served their country in war.

His meaning was clear: what their parents purchased, often with their very lives, must now be protected by peaceful means. An army of volunteers arose to answer that call, and through the decades they have accomplished an immeasurable amount of humanitarian work around the globe.

Centuries earlier, the apostle Paul issued a similar call to Christians in the opening verses of Romans 12. (see Romans 12:1-8)

Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God,
which is your reasonable service.

Here he urges us to give our bodies as "living sacrifices" in service to the One who paid with His life for our sins. This spiritual sacrifice must be more than mere words; it must be an investment of our lives in the physical, emotional and spiritual well being of others.

Best of all, our serving can be done right where we are.

Let's use these verses as our mantra for August, and why not then join together to look at more from Romans in September.

Rev Rick

Shared News

Lunch Club

There is no lunch club this August but it will be back again on Thursday 12th September, it is pleasing to see the diverse group of people that are now attending and there is always room for more! Food will be provided at the Tea Time Talk on 11th August and everyone is welcome.

Axe & Compass Quiz

Due to most people heading off on holiday in August there will be no quiz this month. The next quiz will be Tuesday 3rd September. So if you're interested in taking part then put it in your diary and let Rick know.

Tea Time Talk

Tea Time Talk will be at 6.00pm on Sunday 11th August. 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, also Ange's Granddaughter Sky is undergoing medical investigation and we pray that the medical team will find a successful treatment for her. We also ask that you pray for their families at this difficult time.

We thank God for Wendy's recovery after her fall at home, despite heavy bruising she is otherwise unhurt.

We continue to ask for you to pray for Beryl in Hermitage House as she struggles with her health issues.



Shoebox Appeal 2024



Our Shoebox Coffee Morning will be held in the Schoolroom on Saturday, 21st September from 10.00 am to 12 noon (ish).

Apart from Coffee, Cake and Chat, there will be the opportunity for you to select items from our 'stock' to put into your

Shoebox. Just take what you need and leave a donation. If you are not packing a shoebox this year, that's fine, simply enjoy the coffee and cake. All donations will go to Link to Hope.

We are constantly being asked where we get our surplus items from. The way everything is given to us is quite staggering. Our own Knit and Natter team leave us astounded with the amount of goods they knit or sew and there is another knitting group in Sutton Coldfield which supplies us with hats, scarves and small knitted toys. Many of you will remember Sheila Clipston who lived in Ringstead and moved to Wales with her daughter, Jane. They provide bags of pencils, rubbers etc and fun things for children. We have connections with a young woman who lives in Warwickshire. We won't mention her name but she likes to find bits and pieces to brighten the life of a child. Recently she sent us a parcel of goodies including a hot water bottle with a cover in the shape of a fox, it's quite cute. This is part of her letter;

'The fox hot water bottle was a gift to me for Christmas, but I gave him away to the Shoebox Appeal because I felt there would be some youngster that might have had a very tough time of it, or lost a parent, sibling or home and I felt that having a young friend to cling to might provide a bit of much needed warmth and hope and their need would be a greater one than mine'

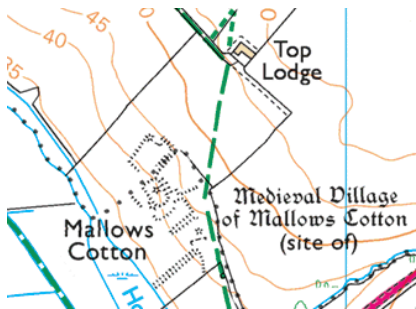


This young lady does not have a lot of material wealth but she is a great supporter of the shoebox appeal. It's the generosity of everyone involved that give us so much encouragement and we do hope to see you on 21st September.

Carol, Alan and Agnes

Did you know ?

Mallows Cotton deserted medieval village



I wonder how many people in Ringstead are familiar with Mallows Cotton, the northern part of this deserted village lies within Ringstead Parish. The site can be accessed from the track on the left just before you reach the old railway track. Head up this track for just over 1km to Top Lodge and then turn right down hill keeping the hedge to your left. The field

fence and gate at the bottom of the hill mark the edge of the site.

The remains of the village are defined as a Scheduled Monument and have legal protection as a nationally important site. Mallows Cotton is a Norman settlement that dates back to the 12th Century. It is one of three small settlements, each known as Cotton which lay along the edge of the River Nene. The other two settlements were Mill Cotton and West Cotton.

A few stones marking the position of houses are still visible on the site. A large rectangular platform in the North Western side is believed to contain the buried remains of the Manor House. In the South West of the village, ditches and banks indicate agricultural activity with several long crofts or closes.

In 1909 the site was excavated by C.V.Charlton who discovered several round houses that were possibly granaries, a stone-built house with moulded door jambs and a church that looked to have been destroyed by fire.

There is very little in the way of documented records of the village and certainly no record of when it was abandoned. An Enclosure Map drawn up in 1798 shows that no-one was living there at that time, but there is no information as to how long ago it ceased to be inhabited.

Many small communities became unviable around this period due to illegal enclosure of common land by rich landowners. This was used for keeping sheep which required very little labour. The peasants who lived in the villages were forced to find work in nearby towns. This could well have been the fate of Mallows Cotton.

Church Picnic and KDF Service



Sunday 4th August

4.30p.m. ~ Picnic

6.00 p.m. ~ Service

Woodford (Baptist Church)

Bring your own Picnic

On the green if dry, in the church if wet.



Rose
Terrace
Woodford
Kettering
Northants
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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.



Knit & Natter



Wednesday
7 August
at 2.30pm
at The
Shared Church

Come to knit or sew
or just come to natter!

First Wednesday Prayer by Zoom Wednesday 7th August at 8:00pm



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

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

Mens ~~BBO~~ evening

Thursday 8th August

6.00 for 6.30pm

£5.00 towards cost of meal,
Bring your own drinks.



Please let Rick know your coming on
07961 867786 or email: minister@ringsteadsharedchurch.org.uk

THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

Lunch Club

We are sorry that there will not be a Lunch in August.

The next Lunch Club will be on Thursday 12 September when everyone will be welcome



But there will be tea on Sunday 11 August at 6.00pm, when Anita Smith, founder of the Bansang Hospital (Gambia) Appeal will bring an update on the latest developments.

Come and share with us.

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Thought of the month

August is a month dedicated to the wonderful word, retreat. People have often called it the dog days of summer. It's a time to take a break from the busy, crazy activities of life, stand still and learn to enjoy the quiet and solitude. Many of the great teachers have always taken time to be quiet and learn to appreciate the gifts and creations of life.

Vince DiPasquale

August 1, 2022

Book Club

The Book Club is taking a summer break but we've agreed that each of us will choose a book from our summer reading to bring to our next meeting which will be on 16th September at 2.30 at 11 Carlow Road. We also intend to arrange a lunch date soon. The "Seventh Son" by Sebastian Faulks was well written but it made for some uncomfortable reading and gave us much to think about

June.

Tea
time
talk

**Sunday 11 August
at 6.00pm**

Anita Smith,
founder of the **Bansang Hospital Appeal**
will update us on developments at the project
in The Gambia

Come and enjoy tea while listening to Anita

Everyone will be welcome

Coffee, Cake and Chat

THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

Our regular 3rd Saturday

Coffee, cake and chat



Saturday 17 August
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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Bible Study



The Romans Course

Explore the Letter to the Romans

The Romans Course is a ten-session programme which helps you study Paul's letter to the Romans. The course tackles ten big themes found in the book of Romans which are key to understanding the Christian faith:

Gospel – How can we become confident in our faith?

Sin – What's wrong with the world?

Salvation – What's so amazing about grace?

Peace – How can we find rest in a stressful world?

Freedom – How can we avoid negative cycles?

Hope – What has God promised?

Mystery – If God is sovereign, what is our role?

Devotion – How can we live full on for God?

Community – How can we live together in love?

Mission – How can we be ambitious with the gospel?

We are planning to run these each week on a Monday afternoon and a Thursday evening starting with session 1 on Monday 16th, and Thursday 19th September. The Monday session will be in person in the school room, while the Thursday evening one will be via zoom.

Programme - August 2024

Services in August (In church and by Zoom)

Services are led by Revd Rick Preston unless otherwise stated:

Sunday 4th August

10:30am Communion Service

Mrs Ruth Groome

Sunday 11th August

10:30am Morning Service

6:00pm Tea Time Talk with Anita Smith from

Bansang Hospital Appeal

Sunday 18th August

10:30am Morning Service

Sunday 25th August

10:30am Morning Service

and in September

Sunday 1st September

10:30am Communion Service

To share in the morning services through Zoom see the website

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and click on the link on the home page



First Wednesday Prayer by Zoom

Wednesday 7th August at 8.00pm

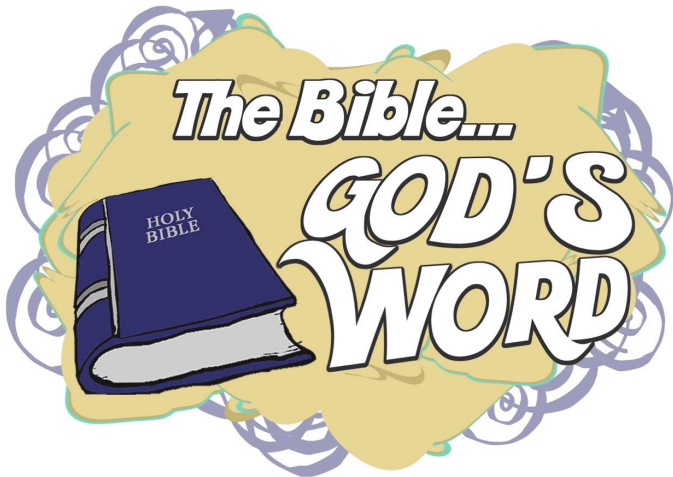
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Readers & Readings

Rota for Scripture readings

4 August 2024	Angela	John 6: 24-35
11 August 2024	Alan	John 6: 35, 45-51
18 August 2024	Peter	John 6: 51-58
25 August 2024	Louise	John 6: 56-69

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?
pwd=L1F0Szd0Z1I2R1RvNVlCc0VsTVVA1Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84607293457?pwd=L1F0Szd0Z1I2R1RvNVlCc0VsTVVA1Zz09)

Meeting ID: 846 0729 3457

Passcode: 143365

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