

The
Shared Church
in Ringstead

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Newsletter September 2024

Please send your articles for the October edition to

ringsteadnotices@gmail.com

by 24th September

From our Minister



Each month I write a letter for this magazine. I try to be creative and interesting, and usually make a point too. This month the letter is about letters though. You see I realised that as we begin September we are going to focus on two of the letters in the Bible in church.

As I mentioned last month, our weekly 'Bible Groups' will begin an exploration of the letter to the Romans. Each Monday afternoon and

Thursday evening (starting Monday 16th, and Thursday 19th September) we will tackle together some of the big themes from the book. Including topics such as: How can we become confident in our faith? What's so amazing about grace? How can we find rest in a stressful world? & How can we live together in love? The course will be based around videos from the bible society and group discussion.

Whilst on Sundays we are going to look at the letter of James. There has been much debate about the identity of James and therefore about the context in which the letter was written. However the letter reflects the concerns of a Jewish Christian community in the Holy Land around 60AD. In this letter we will find a real concern for the poor and needy, for the persecuted, and the idea of the righteous sufferer pervades the message. Wisdom, the piety of the poor, and moving towards perfection or wholeness are themes of this letter, which above all is an urgent summons to believers to live out the faith.

So come along and explore these two letters together and see if my monthly letters match up!!

Rev Rick

Shared News

Ride and Stride

We have participated in "Ride and Stride" for many years now and had some great walks and visited some interesting buildings in the process! We have also opened our doors to Ride-and-Striders. Please consider either talking a walk or bike ride or volunteering to be a presence in our building. Over the years the money raised has helped us too as we have been able to apply for grants for essential maintenance to our building. There will be sponsor forms and a guide to all the buildings that will be open in the schoolroom.

Axe & Compass Quiz

This month's quiz has been rescheduled from Tuesday to Wednesday. Unfortunately this clashes with our Wednesday evening prayers so we won't be entering a team. The following quiz should be on Tuesday 1st October so all being well we should be able to enter a team for this.

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 has had some good news regarding her health and pray that the medical professionals will now be able to provide her with the medication she needs.

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

We continue to think of the people we know and pray for them in our daily weekday prayer sessions on Zoom. Please join us in prayer if you're able to.



Shared News - Cont'd

From Bob Fisher, Raunds Music Festival at the Shared Church

Saturday 28th September we have Acoustic-guitar duo Mountain Song consisting of Will Greenway & James Hickman, performing music from the golden era of Bluegrass & the Appalachian mountains. James has performed numerous times with Hickman-Quinn, Uicedwr and Dan Cassidy.

The Rants sees Dace Fisher, Bob Fisher and Robin Hillman [all ex. Ock'n'Dough] joining forces with singer-songwriter Kevin Buxton and blues guitarist Adam DeSantis playing blues, spirituals and gospel from the deep south of the USA.

There will be plenty of opportunity to sing, drinks and refreshments during the break .

Come and join us it should be a lot of fun

Mountain Song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PFsAhNn6khM>

The Rants <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2VXC2dSNpDA>

Time Together

Wednesday 18 September at 7.30pm

What are we doing?

What plans are there for the future?

Come along ... find out and have your say.

Everyone will be welcome

Harvest Thanksgiving

Our Harvest Thanksgiving service will be on Sunday 6 October at 10.30am. There will also be a short service on Thursday 10 October at 2.00pm, following Lunch Club.

Come and give thanks for all the good things we enjoy.

Did you know ?

Cut Throat Cottage

I was talking someone who had recently moved into the village. He was quite surprised to find that his new home in Back Lane was known locally as cut throat cottage. Looking into the reason for the name I was confronted by a tragic and grisly tale.

Harry William James Cope was born in 1877 and came from a Ringstead shoe making family. At the age of thirteen Harry was working as a boot closer and by the time he was twenty four he was a shoe maker like his father. In 1909 he married Lucy Bird and they went on to have three boys and a girl, the oldest boy, Reginald, died in infancy. In late 1917 Lucy died from a severe fever leaving Harry a widower with three children. At the time of Lucy's death Harry would have been eligible to being conscripted into the British Army which at the time was at war with Germany. It seems that at around the time of his wife's death he received his call up papers, understandably with the turmoil going on in his life he was late in claiming an exemption. This claim was rejected by the Tribunal in February 1918 on the grounds that it was late. The Tribunal went on to recommend that Harry should be graded to see if he qualified for exemption. The rejection of the claim weighed heavily on his mind with his main concern being the welfare of his children. Four days later he picked the boys up from Ringstead School and prepared them dinner before sending them to bed. He was last seen at 9:30 that evening when he went to collect water from a well before returning home. Harry then bolted both doors and locked the shutters to stop anyone entering. The family was found the next day when a



Scene of the tragedy

fellow shoe maker noticed something wrong and broke in. He found Harry and the two boys dead with their throats cut. Evidently the elder boy had put up a fight as he had many cuts to his face before Harry managed to cut his throat. The two year old daughter was staying with a family friend and ended up in a Raunds children's home.

Knit & Natter



**Wednesday
4 September
at 2.30pm
at The
Shared Church**

**Come to knit or sew
or just come to natter!**

**First Wednesday Prayer by Zoom
Wednesday 4th September 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.

Tea
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**Sunday 8 September
at 6.00pm**

Visits to the Lands of the Bible

Everyone will be welcome

**Come and enjoy tea and a talk
with Peter and Angela**

Ringstead Scarecrow Festival

Saturday 14 10.00am – 3.00pm

Sunday 15 midday – 3.00pm

The Shared Church will be open
for coffee



THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

Lunch Club

Thursday 12 September 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!

www.RingsteadSharedChurch.org.uk

Ride & Stride

SUPPORT NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S BEAUTIFUL CHURCHES

RIDE + STRIDES

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Saturday 14th September 2024

between 10am and 6pm

a day in the open air ... plan your own route
350+ stunning churches and chapels to visit -
many of them open and welcoming



All sponsorship money received will be divided equally between
the NHCT and the church or chapel chosen by you

**Sponsorship forms and a list of open churches and chapels are
available from your local organiser: -**

Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust

Registered Charity No 1021632 For more details see our website: www.nhct.org.uk

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**Ride and Stride
Saturday 14th September 2024**

ADVICE FOR PARTICIPANTS

We are delighted that you are going out to visit our wonderful churches and hopefully have lots of sponsors. The list shows all the churches in Northamptonshire taking part this year but, like last year, there may be some last-minute changes.

Churches may not be open but you will hopefully find a register in the porch. If no register, or the church is not taking part, maybe take a photo for your sponsors. Many churches are planning to welcome people, provide refreshments, and have a toilet available, but some may have to be closed at short notice. The churches are listed in Deaneries but remember there may be churches very near each other in different Deaneries. And, of course, you can also cross into other counties. See list below.

Before the day, obtain **sponsorship** from family and friends. **A signature is not required for Gift Aid**. Encourage them, if they are taxpayers, to let you fill in the **Gift Aid** section (name, home address, post-code, tick box and date) as this allows us to claim from the Government's Gift Aid scheme and costs the sponsor nothing. Please complete the section on the front with your details (required for sponsors' Gift Aid).

***Take care!** Please cycle responsibly and carefully especially if cycling in a group. We strongly recommend you study all the relevant sections of the Highway Code. Make sure that your bike is roadworthy. Wear helmet and hi vis clothing. Walkers - take care on country roads.*

Some of the churches you visit may not be open, however at each one you visit, please, if there is a helper, ask them to fill in or initial your entry on the back of your form. If the building is closed or no one is about, complete the back of the form yourself.

After the event, collect your sponsorship money and hand it, with the sponsorship form, to your Local Organiser. Half the money collected will be returned to the church or chapel of your choice, the other half plus Gift Aid retained by Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust to give out as grants. **Cheques payable to NHCT please.**

Copies available on website www.nhct.org.uk

A Call to Prayer

May my conversations be significant

May my meetings be blessed

May my path cross the paths of others who love You

May my path cross the paths of others who don't know You

May my touch be Your touch of infinite gentleness

May my words be Your words of wisdom

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.



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.

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 at 2:30pm, and Thursday 19th September at 7:30pm. The Monday session will be in person in the school room, while the Thursday evening one will be via zoom.

THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

Coffee, cake and chat



Saturday 21 September
10.00 – 11.30

Shoebox Special

Lots of things for your Christmas Shoeboxes will be there for you to pick up without charge.

Just leave a donation for Link to Hope

www.linktohope.co.uk

Not doing a shoebox?

No problem, call in for coffee anyway

www.RingsteadSharedChurch.org.uk

Shoebox Appeal 2024



Preparations for our Shoebox Appeal are well under way and we would like to invite you to our Coffee Cake and Chat morning on Saturday, 21st September, in the Schoolroom, from 10.00am to 12 noon (ish).

As well as coffee and cakes, we will have our Shoebox stock out on display and this will give you the opportunity to come and browse and take any items that you need to fill your shoeboxes.

We can't supply everything but we do have plenty of hats, scarves and gloves, stationery, pencil cases, candles and candle holders, small toys and games, lavender bags and much more. If you require an empty shoebox, we can supply that too.

There is no charge for the items, just put a donation into the box for Link to Hope and if you have any spare items then please feel free to bring them with you for others to use.

If you are not planning to fill a shoebox, then just come along and enjoy good company and excellent cake and coffee and leave a donation for Link to Hope.

As always, thank you for your support.

Carol, Alan and Agnes



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MOUNTAIN SONG



WITH SUPPORT FROM

THE RANTS

SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
RINGSTEAD SHARED CHURCH

DOORS OPEN 7PM

ADULTS- £10 UNDER 18S- £5

TICKETS AND MORE INFO

WWW.RAUNDSFESTIVAL.COM

07756 015615



Programme - September 2024

Services in September (In church and by Zoom)

Services are led by Revd Rick Preston unless otherwise stated:

Sunday 1st September

10:30am Communion Service

Sunday 8th September

10:30am Morning Service

6:00pm Tea Time Talk

Sunday 15th September

10:30am Morning Service
Mrs Susan Deacon

Sunday 22nd September

10:30am Morning Service

Sunday 29th September

10:30am Morning Service

and in October

Sunday 6th October

10:30am Harvest Thanksgiving and
Communion Service

To share in the morning services through Zoom see the website

www.RingsteadSharedChurch.org.uk

and click on the link on the home page



First Wednesday Prayer by Zoom

Wednesday 4th September at 8.00pm

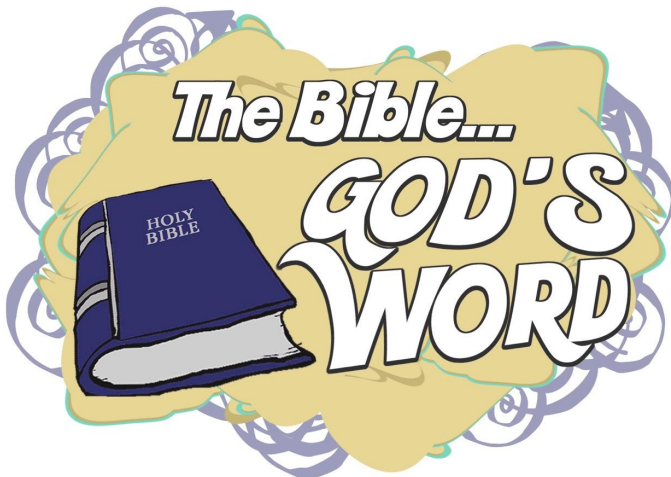
Zoom in and share! - See Zoom link elsewhere in this newsletter, if you would like to lead, or share in leading, one of these evenings please get in touch with Revd Rick.

Readers & Readings

Rota for Scripture readings

1 September 2024	Chris	Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23
8 September 2024	Carol	Mark 7.24-37
15 September 2024	Agnes	Mark 8.27-38
22 September 2024	Mike	Mark 9.30-37
29 September 2024	Christine	Mark 9.38-50
6 October 2024	Peter	Mark 10.2-16
13 October 2024	Louise	Mark 10.17-31
20 October 2024	Angela	Mark 10.35-45
27 October 2024	Alan	Mark 10.46-52

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

Or Dial from any phone 0203 051 2874 or
0203 481 5237 or 0203 481 5240 or 0203 901
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