

The
Shared Church
in Ringstead

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October 2024 Magazine

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

by 25th October

From our Minister



Many of you will know that I have a love of Lego. Some of you will even have seen some of my collection or know about my special Lego Room!

But do you know the history of Lego itself?

The story starts with a Danish carpenter called Ole Kirk Kristiansen, he was quite successful and had a workshop in Billund, where he manufactured doors, windows, kitchen cabinets, cupboards, coffins, chests of drawers, tools for digging peat, and bodywork for carts. All of first-class quality craftsmanship – which is important to Ole Kirk.

However following first a fire in the workshop and then a stock market crash which almost took him to financial ruin, he branched out to make readily marketable products, such as stepladders, ironing boards and other utility items, and something that will radically change his future – toys.

Plagued with problems, tough times, and misfortune, Ole Kirk Kristiansen manages to retain his positive approach to life. In the face of adversity and obstacles, Ole Kirk Kristiansen generates enthusiasm over new possibilities.

In his memoirs Ole Kirk Kristiansen writes of the year 1932:

“... I looked to the future with hope. But within two months my world was tumbling. There was a crisis in farming but as we owed our living to the smallholders and farmers, we were also affected. We were in a difficult time – but it was as well that we could not see what lay ahead. During the summer we were asked to make toys for Jens W. Olesen, Fredericia, and as we had no other work, we looked on it as a gift from God.”

From our Minister - Cont'd

Finally, in the late 1940s, he landed on the idea for self-locking plastic bricks. By the time Ole Kirk died in 1958, Lego (which is an abbreviation of the two Danish words “leg godt”, meaning “play well”), was on the verge of becoming a house-hold word.

He could have given up, he could have allowed the problems and disasters to overcome him, yet instead he saw opportunities and God's presence. Persevering in the challenges we face in life can be difficult and that's also true in our spiritual life as we strive to grow to be more like Jesus. In the letter of James we find the encouragement: *'Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial'. (James 1:12)* A reminder that God is with us in our struggles too. But, as we have seen in our services recently, James reminds us that God gives us the wisdom to persevere, providing us with his spirit, to see us through. So take some time out with God, mediate on the word, and be strengthened to persevere.

Rev Rick



Shared News

Ringstead Scarecrow Festival

The scarecrow festival was a huge event that took place on the 14th & 15th September. Forty three scarecrows were entered with nearly forty households involved. This was a major success for the recently formed community group in the Village. Maps were available from the Village shop, Shared Church and Axe and Compass. Demand was so great that more maps had to be printed near the end of the first day. In total over 500 maps were handed out and the Shared Church did a roaring trade in providing refreshments. Special thanks go to Peter for spending the weekend baking cakes in order to feed the hordes of people walking round the village. Many thanks to all those who gave up their time to provide refreshments and cakes.

Amusingly PC Plod had a number of cars hammering on their brakes as they sped into the Village, so much so he was left in place for a couple of days afterwards!!!

Many people who came in were interested in looking round the Church and a number of Harvest Festival leaflets were taken. Hopefully now people know where we are we may get more people at our events and who knows, maybe even in church on a Sunday! We thank God for this opportunity to connect with people in the Village.

Axe & Compass Quiz

There was no quiz in August or September so it will be good to enter a Shared Church team in the one taking place on 1st October. If you're interested in taking part then please let Rick Know.



Shared News - Cont'd

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. The Thursday Service will involve pupils from Ringstead School.

All the Harvest produce and money gifted at the services will go to support the Raunds Foodbank.

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

Our thoughts and prayers of thanks to God.

We have been praying for Cynthia's Granddaughter Sophie and she expressed her gratitude that we've been thinking of her. She seems to be in better spirits but please continue to remember her in your prayers.

Ange also asks that we continue to pray for her granddaughter Sky.



We ask for you to pray for Beryl in Hermitage House as she struggles with her health issues. Thanks to God are due following Jackie Inness' successful operation, we pray for her and Paul.

Tea Time Talk morphs into Sunday Special

The nights are drawing in so from October we shall stay cosily at home and zoom in each month for Sunday Special.

The first one will be on October 13 at 7.30pm when we shall watch another (20 minute) film in the series "God Saw That It Was Good".

***So make a note on your calendar and zoom in at 7.30pm
on Sunday 13 October***

New Vicar

The Four Spires Benefice which includes Ringstead Parish Church has appointed a new Vicar, his name is Neil Ballen and he will start in the New Year. We look forward to working with him in serving God.

Did you know ?

Kinewell Lake

Most people in Ringstead have at some time enjoyed the peace and quiet of a walk round Kinewell Lake but how many know how the Village came to acquire this asset?

In 1984 the site had been used by ARC Ltd for the purpose of gravel extraction, the quarry had been worked-out and ARC no longer required the land. In September 1984 Ringstead Parish Council (RPC) agreed to negotiate a lease with ARC and to take full responsibility for the site.

In October 1984 the Kinewell Lake Sub-Committee established the Kinewell Lake Management Group with RPC retaining the right of veto over any action they proposed. On 28th May 1985 the Management Group acquired charitable status and became known as Kinewell Trust. RPC's right of veto means that any actions taken by the Trust need to be agreed by RPC. The long term plan was to turn this area into a local nature reserve on behalf of the residents of Ringstead. As part of this aim it was decided to ban horses from the site due to the damage being caused, this led to some resentment at the time.



In 1995 ownership of the land was transferred from ARC Ltd to RPC and in 2006 part of the site was incorporated into the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits SSSI. An agreement is in place with Natural England regarding the management of the SSSI, this ensures compliance with legislative requirements by RPC. This area is indicated by the orange line in the Aerial photograph.

The remainder of the site that is not incorporated in

the SSSI include the car park, Jubilee Orchard and other areas on the Eastern edge, this part of the Local Nature Reserve remains the sole responsibility of RPC.

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 Axe and Compass Ringstead Quiz Nights

Tuesday 1st October 2024 at 19:30 hrs



**Would you like to make up a team
with Rick?**

Please contact Rick

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.

First Wednesday Prayer by Zoom Wednesday 2nd October 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.

Knit & Natter



**Wednesday
2 October
at 2.30pm
at The
Shared Church**

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



**Church Vision Day
and Fellowship Lunch**

**Saturday 5th October 2024
10.00am -2.00pm**

A day set aside to Share together and seek God's Vision for Ringstead Shared Church

- Where are we now?
- Where do we want to be?
- How do we get there?


Book Club


The Book Club has taken a 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 8th October at 2.30 at 11 Carlow Road.

June.





What a great poem by the late Spike Milligan about smiling

 Smiling is infectious
You catch it like the flu


When someone smiled at me today
I started smiling too 


I walked around the corner
And someone saw me grin

 When he smiled I realised
I had passed it on to him

I thought about the smile
And then realised its worth 

A single smile like mine
Could travel round the earth

 So if you feel a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected

Start an epidemic 
And get the world infected.

THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Sunday 6 October at 10.30am

and

Thursday 10 October at 2.00pm

(with contributions from pupils from Ringstead School)



Harvest gifts of pasta, rice, tinned fruit, tinned meat, coffee, sugar, cooking sauces etc and money gifts will go to support the Raunds Foodbank.

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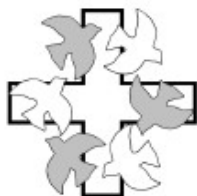
Mid-week Harvest Celebration
with children from
Ringstead Primary School

Thursday 10th October at 2pm

At The Shared Church, Ringstead

ALL WELCOME

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coffee, sugar cooking sauces etc. will go to support
Raunds Foodbank .



THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

Lunch Club

Thursday 10 October at 12.30pm

2-course cooked meal
and coffee/tea

Cost £5.00

But, you need to book your place:

Ring 622162 (Val)

or 07558 538711 (Christine)

or text to 07784 162087

(no voice messages, please)



and at 2.00pm

a short Harvest Celebration with contributions
from Ringstead School

DO COME!

EVERYONE WILL BE WELCOME

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St.MARY'S CHURCH RINGSTEAD
Sounds of Brass - LIVE !



**THRAPSTON
TOWN BAND**



MIDLANDS REGION 3rd SECTION CHAMPIONS 2024



Musical Director: Nathan Waterman
on Saturday 12th October 2024 at 2pm
at St. Mary's Church, Ringstead NN14 4DH

Tickets £7.50

Including light refreshments

For tickets phone 01933 624262

or 07856311031

also available on the door

Proceeds for Church Funds



THRAPSTON TOWN BAND

National Week of Prayer

12-20th October 2024

Gather. Remember. Return.

Therefore, tell the people: This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Return to me," declares the Lord, "and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty.

Zechariah 1:3

As the body of Christ, we are gathering across the UK and beyond; to humble ourselves, repent and pray for lives to be transformed by Jesus, and to see a spiritual awakening in the nations.

Christians from across traditions, denominations and communities; joining together as one.

A week to remember the good things God has done, and is doing in this country, with thanksgiving, worship and praise, as we return to him.

Whoever you are, wherever you are and wherever your influence, NWOP is an opportunity to pray for our leaders, our nation and the nations.

NWOP is a moment for the UK to return to God and flourish in the identity found in Him.

NWOP is a partnership of Christian ministries brought together by the Holy Spirit with a united vision, committing to pray for the nations and let faith rise.

www.nationalweekofprayer.uk

THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

Our regular 3rd Saturday

Coffee, cake and chat



Saturday 19 October
10.00 – 11.30

Time to relax and chat with friends
and you could join in with the village litter-pick
organised by Ringstead Community Group

Do drop in Everyone is welcome

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Shoebox Appeal 2024



Thank You

to everyone who supported our Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal Coffee Morning on Saturday 21st September. It was a

very friendly and sociable event, much coffee was drunk, several pieces of cake were eaten and lots of conversations took place as well as people taking items for their shoeboxes. A total of £225.25p was raised for Link to Hope charity and we will use some of this money to pay for extra shoeboxes which we can pack using our existing stocks and the rest will be sent to Link to Hope.

Our next event will be on Sunday 20th October when our Shoeboxes, blankets and knitted goods will be blessed and dedicated during our Morning Service at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome and we do hope that you will join us. We need to have your packed shoeboxes by this date as they will be taken to the Collection Point in Northampton in the following week, but please feel free to bring your boxes as soon as you have them ready.

This year, Link to Hope has asked if we can consider removing as much packaging as possible as people who will receive a box have almost no facilities to recycle materials. We are also asked to include a Christmas card and/or a photograph of yourself. You do not have to give your details if you don't want to but it is felt that people like to see who has sent them a box.

Once again, thank you for your support and please remember that your boxes bring a great deal of joy to a family or elderly people who live in extremely difficult circumstances.

Carol, Alan and Agnes

Programme - October 2024

Services in October (In church and by Zoom)

Services are led by Revd Rick Preston unless otherwise stated:

Sunday 6th October

10:30am Harvest Thanksgiving and
Communion Service

Thursday 10th October

2:00pm Short Harvest celebration with
Children from Ringstead School

Sunday 13th October

10:30am Morning Service
7:30pm Sunday Special (zoom only)

Sunday 20th October

10:30am Shoebox Dedication Service

Sunday 27th October

10:30am Morning Service

and in November

Sunday 3rd November

10:30am 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 2nd October at 8.00pm

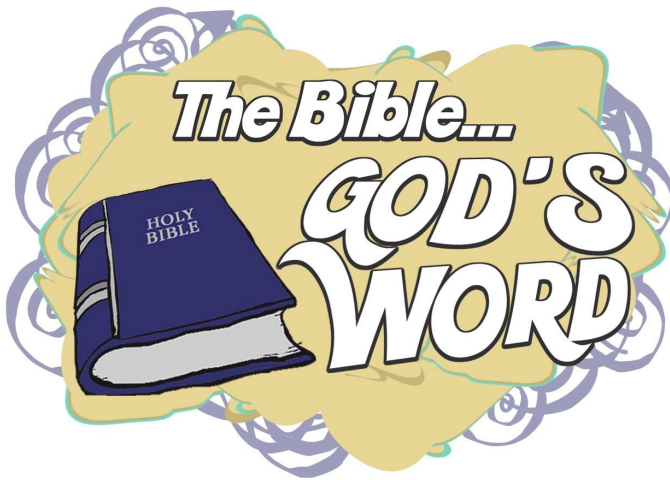
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Readers & Readings

Rota for Scripture readings

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

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