

The **Shared Church** *in Ringstead*

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Newsletter May 2024

Please send your articles for the June edition to

ringsteadnotices@gmail.com

by 25th May

From our Minister



Acts 2:1

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

During our Lent groups and over Easter we have been thinking about some of the hard questions around when we feel distant from God or when we think God has let us down. We have reflected on the loss and bewilderment the disciples must have felt at Jesus crucifixion. Their loneliness with out him and

then there struggle to believe that he was alive again and what that might mean for them.

Sometimes, I confess, I am a bit envious of Thomas. I would love to have seen the risen Jesus put my hand on his and seen his wounds close up. Yet I also count myself in the group of those who 'who have not seen and yet have believed' (John 20:29) Of course that doesn't mean faith is easy, and in reality, like those early disciples, I'm no good at being brave on my own.

But then God knows this, and God had/has a solution:

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. (Acts 2:2-4)

The Holy Spirit, was poured out in a new way for those disciples. Poured out to take away their fear and to motivate them as disciples. The result of this was that they were transformed and could no longer keep quiet about the truth of Jesus and the gospel. They poured out of the room where they were hiding and told all who were there of Jesus love. Not even a difference in tradition, ethnicity or language would stop that.

From our Minister - Cont'd

You know, we too are not alone, Jesus hasn't left us by ourselves. This month we will celebrate the out pouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. But that celebration isn't just about remembering a historic event. For as God filled those first disciples God has also filled us all with the Holy Spirit. Not once, but many times over, and continues to do so.

God can take away our fear and transform us too into a people who can't help but show the love of Jesus in our lives, who can't keep quiet about Jesus and his gospel.

Hence my vision that everyone in the village and the communities we are part of should hear the name of Jesus. Then that may also give us the opportunity to share, as Peter did, what that means to our lives.

Come Holy Spirit, fall afresh on us.

Rev Rick



Shared News

Our thoughts and prayers of thanks to God.



We thank God for holding Mike in his loving arms during his recent medical procedure. This went very well and Mike's health is much improved.

We also ask God to show his love to Nikki and give her peace as she copes with the cancellation of her hospital visit, we pray that a further appointment will soon be forthcoming.

We are grateful that Hermitage House in Thrapston have been able to watch recent church services thanks to Zoom. Technology can be used for good and evil but with God's help we are able to demonstrate the good aspects. In addition to Zoom the Revd Rick is also visiting once a month to provide communion to the residents.

A change for Knit and Natter

Beginning on Wednesday 1st May we shall meet on the first Wednesday in each month. Everyone will be welcome. Bring some knitting or sewing, or just come to natter. There is usually tea and cake as well.

Tea Time Talk on Sunday 12th May

Do make a point of coming along at 6:00pm to share in tea and hear what Rev Sarah Fegredo has to tell us about Renew Wellbeing (www.renewwellbeing.org.uk) and how it could work here.

Time Together will be on Wednesday 15th May at 7:30pm. Your opportunity to hear what we are planning and add your comments and suggestions. This meeting is open to everyone.

Ringstead Community Group

A litter pick in the Village has been organised for Saturday 18th May at 1:30pm from the Axe and Compass car park, full details elsewhere in this newsletter. It will be good to see this worthwhile activity supported by Village folk.

Did you know ?

Axe & Compass Development

The Axe and Compass was built in the 18th Century and since it's construction it has gone through a number of alterations as the business has changed and developed.

The Northern aspect of the building is little changed, although during the 19th Century it was extended to incorporate the house that belonged to Noah Green. During this period his family owned the Public House as well as a couple of farms in the village.

The Southern aspect has undergone significant modification having been extended in the 19th and 20th Centuries and a modern conservatory has also been added. The view of the building from this angle has changed greatly since its original construction.

The Public House has recently changed hands and the new owners are keen to develop it to achieve the aspirations of the recently approved Ringstead Neighbourhood Plan. The building is identified in the Plan as a feature of local heritage interest. The Plan also identifies 'tourism and the development of a higher value visitor economy' as 'a key economic opportunity for Ringstead'. As such any proposed changes need to balance the public benefit of the development against any visual alterations affecting the heritage value. The planned changes involve the



addition of four hotel rooms into the roof space requiring dormer windows to be added. This is not unknown in the Village as the old Tithe Farm constructed in 1610 had similar changes made to the roof without any objections. This also means that no changes will be made to the stonework

of the building. This is a fantastic opportunity for the Village to encourage tourism and also to provide accommodation for other visitors.

Knit & Natter



**Wednesday
1 May
at 2.30pm
at The
Shared Church**

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

First Wednesday Prayer by Zoom Wednesday 1st May 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.

The Axe and Compass Ringstead Quiz Nights Tuesday 7th May 2024 at 19:30 hrs



Would you like to make up a team with Rick?

Please contact Rick

Shared Church Games Club



**Every Saturday 2 – 4 pm
at the Shared Church**

Come and enjoy an afternoon of convivial fellowship at the Shared Church in Ringstead. The Games Club is unhosted and an ideal opportunity to bring a game along and play with other like minded folk. Everyone is welcome!



Here's the latest news from BMS.

Word Format

https://www.bmsworldmission.org/wp-content/uploads/woocommerce_uploads/2024/01/BMS-World-News-2_24.docx

PDF Format

https://www.bmsworldmission.org/wp-content/uploads/woocommerce_uploads/2024/01/BMS-World-News-2_24.pdf

Lunch Club

THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

Lunch Club

Thursday 9 May 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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Shoebox Appeal 2024

Work never stops in our support of the Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal.

All year we have continued to collect suitable items to be put into Shoeboxes and, thanks to our intrepid teams of knitters and stitchers, there will be hats, scarves, gloves etc ready to be packed too.



We have registered for the Appeal again in 2024 and leaflets and posters should be with us in May which will give suggestions as to what can be included in our Shoeboxes. We do hope that, as in previous years, you will continue to support the Shoebox Appeal and are truly grateful for all that everyone is doing.

Sincerely, Carol, Alan and Agnes

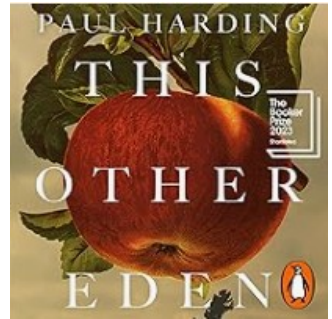
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Sunday 12 May at 6.00pm

Revd Sarah Fegredo
will introduce us to Renew Wellbeing

Book Club

The book club continues this month with 'This other Eden' by Paul Harding. This is the eleventh book reviewed by the club since its formation last year. The next meeting is 13th May at 2.30pm at 11 Carlow Road, Ringstead. We would love to welcome more members to participate in our monthly meeting and to suggest new titles.



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.

Quote of the month

"Grief is the price we pay for Love"

Queen Elizabeth II

Coffee, Cake and Chat

THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

Our regular 3rd Saturday

Coffee, cake and chat



Saturday 18 May
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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Ringstead Community Group Activity



**SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY
18TH MAY 2024
1.30PM TO 5.30PM**



**THIS IS THE FIRST EVER
RINGSTEAD COMMUNITY GROUP EVENT!**

**A VILLAGE TIDY UP!
COME ALONG AND HELP WITH OUR
LITTER PICKING ACTIVITY
LET'S TIDY UP THE
STATION ROAD HEDGEROWS
AND THE CHILDREN'S PLAY PARK**

MEET AT THE AXE & COMPASS CARPARK AT 1.30PM

ALL EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED

(FOR A MAXIMUM OF 25 PEOPLE)

**IF YOU HAVE YOUR OWN EQUIPMENT AND HIGH VIZ, PLEASE
COME ALONG TOO**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS OR MONEY TO BUY A
DRINK AT THE PUB AFTERWARDS**

****CHILDREN ARE WELCOME BUT UNDER 16s MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN
ADULT**

Programme - May 2024

Services in May (In church and by Zoom)

Services are led by Revd Rick Preston unless otherwise stated:

Sunday 5th May

10:30am Communion Service

Sunday 12th May

10:30am Morning Service

6:00pm Tea Time Talk (in church only)

Sunday 19th May

10:30am Morning Service for Pentecost

Sunday 26th May

10:30am Morning Service

And in June

Sunday 2nd June

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 1st May at 8.00pm

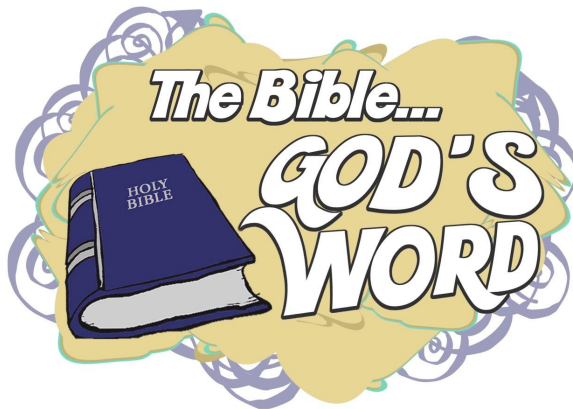
Zoom in and share! - See Zoom link elsewhere in this newsletter, If you would like to lead, or share in leading, one of these evenings please get in touch with Revd Rick.

Readers & Readings

Rota for Scripture readings

5 May 2024	Mike	John 15: 9-17
12 May 2024	Alan	John 17: 6-19
19 May 2024	Chris	John 15: 26-27; 16:4b-15
26 May 2024	Peter	John 3: 1-17

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=L1F0Szd0Z1I2R1RvNVlCc0VsTVA1Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84607293457?pwd=L1F0Szd0Z1I2R1RvNVlCc0VsTVA1Zz09)

Meeting ID: 846 0729 3457

Passcode: 143365

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