

# *The* **Shared Church** *in Ringstead*

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## **Newsletter February 2024**

**Please send your articles for the March edition to**

**[ringsteadnotices@gmail.com](mailto:ringsteadnotices@gmail.com)**

**by 24<sup>th</sup> February**



## From our Minister



### **'Not by bread alone'**

When I was a child, I was often 'encouraged' to eat my meals with the words 'well you can always just have bread by itself'. Not that I don't like bread, especially a nice crusty loaf or a French stick. But the threat of missing out on the variety of flavours and textures, to be replaced with bland sliced white, usually did the trick.

One day, when Jesus was fasting and faint with hunger, Satan approached Him and tempted him to satisfy his hunger by creating bread. Jesus countered by quoting from Deuteronomy 8:3: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).

Of course this wasn't the same scenario, bread alone wasn't an 'encouragement' in quite the same way. Jesus' words didn't mean that we were to only eat bread, rather he is stating a fact: We are spiritual beings and thus can't exist on material goods alone; we also need spiritual nourishment.

You see this was one of the three temptations that Jesus faced during His 40 days in the wilderness. Coming straight from the 'High' of his baptism where God declares Him His Son, Jesus is now tempted to use, or abuse, that status with the words 'If you are the Son of God' use your power/status to Satisfy your own needs! Come on prove God's love with a miraculous stunt, and why not bring about God's kingdom by power and become its dictator.

Yet to each of these, Jesus, referring back to scripture, reminds himself that He is serving the Father, not Himself.

## From our Minister - Cont'd

During Lent, Christians traditionally fast, possibly using the idea of the forty days Jesus fasted, as an example. These days the fast is often watered down to giving up a luxury or pleasure (often chocolate!). Yet just to give something up, especially something we can do without anyway, may be missing the point. As we approach Lent and Easter, maybe we too should be reminding ourselves of our own call to follow Jesus. To remind ourselves that it is the Father we serve and not ourselves. If we can do that by not eating chocolate then fine, but we may be better using it as a period of renewed devotion instead. Maybe set aside a few (more) minutes each day for prayer or study? Try reading a devotional book or take yourself away for a period of retreat?

Whatever works best for you, let's all decide this Lent, to focus not on ourselves, but on the Father, and take one step closer to Jesus.

Rev Rick



# Shared News

## Gretton Baptist Church celebrates

A year of special events is planned by Gretton Baptist Church to celebrate the bicentenary of its building. The first event will be a Songs of Praise afternoon on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm. and we are all invited.

## Ladies Night

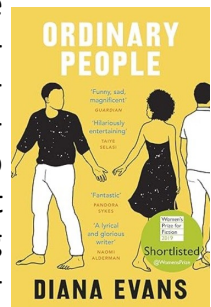
Ladies only, make a note of this date, and keep it clear, Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April. The venue is the Ringstead Social Club, and plans for an enjoyable 'ladies only' evening are well in hand, and will be announced shortly.

## Our thoughts and Prayers of sadness, of hope and gratitude

We think of Trudy who will be laid to rest this week, and Karl who cared for her so lovingly throughout a very painful and debilitating illness. We thank God that Mike is recovering from serious medical procedures, and pray he will, with God's help and the support of his loving family, be restored to full health. We think of Patrick and Janet, as they care for a beloved sister, and plan the best way forward for her. We continue to think of Beryl, Wendy, Janet Gaunt, Avril, and anyone known to us who needs that extra love and care that only Jesus Christ can give.

## Book Club

Members enjoyed a very relaxed and enjoyable January meeting at June's home, when we discussed 'The Mitford Girls' and selected the February choice which is 'Ordinary People' by Diane Evans, and promises to be a really good read. Do come along to our next meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> March at Joan's house if you enjoy reading, and discussing books. Give me a ring 01933 624640 for more details – we are a friendly chatty group, and the tea is always good.



## Did you know ?

### Waste Carpet

If you've had a new carpet fitted recently you will be aware that most companies dispose of the old carpet for you. You may be curious to know what happens to it after you've bid it a fond farewell? The chances are that it will go to a Northamptonshire company called Innovate Recycle!

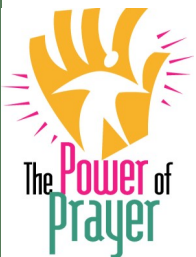
Over 35 percent of the fibres in carpets are made of Polypropylene and Innovate Recycle has developed a process to remove polypropylene from carpets and convert the polymer into pellets for use in injection moulding machines. The pellets are then sold and utilised in the manufacture of many products including car bumpers, storage boxes and as feedstock for 3D printers.



During processing Calcium Carbonate is also recovered which is widely used medicinally as an inexpensive dietary calcium supplement for gastric antacid to relieve heartburn, acid indigestion and upset stomach.

The company has ambitious plans for the process it has developed and over the next ten years the team plan to build a network of carpet recycling facilities across the UK. This will lead to a significant reduction in carpet waste ending up in landfill sites. The Northamptonshire plant has capacity to process around 20,000 tonnes of waste carpet per annum.

## First Wednesday Prayer by Zoom Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 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.

# Link to Hope



Link to Hope has sent Thank You posters which are on display in the Schoolroom and outside.

Included with the posters was their newsletter which describes how Shoeboxes were delivered and how extra funds are used. It makes for interesting reading. Collecting items and knitting is well under way for 2024. Many thanks for your support.

Carol Alan and Agnes

We managed to pip last year's shoebox figure with a final total of 26,417 Family and Elderly Shoeboxes sent out to Eastern Europe. We were able to send more shoeboxes to Ukraine this year and of course to our project managers in Romania, Moldova and Bulgaria as well. Our delivery trip was to Romania this year and we visited many families and elderly who were thrilled to receive your shoeboxes - please read the Shoebox Delivery Diary 2023 which is now on our website at [www.linktohope.co.uk](http://www.linktohope.co.uk).



## Wood & Stoves

We also want to thank you for being able to help us do #morethanashoebox. With the extra funds we received from part of your £3 shoebox donation, we were able to buy multiple stoves, wood and food parcels for people who really needed them.

One family we mention in the Shoebox Delivery Diary were living in a shed in the middle of a field with two mattresses and no heating. The two little boys were wonderful but they were all freezing. We went and bought a stove for this family and it is portable enough for them to take it with them if they are able to find other accommodation.

**THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD**

**THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY**

**AT 12.30PM**

**JACKET POTATO & PUD**

Please remember to book your place:  
Ring 622162 (Val)  
or 07558 538711 (Christine)  
or text to 07784 162087  
(no voice messages, please)



Cost: £3.50

**EVERYONE WILL BE WELCOME**



Here's the latest news from BMS. If you would like a hard copy then please ask Patrick.

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# Coffee, Cake and Chat

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**Saturday 17 February**  
**10.00 – 11.30**

Time to relax and chat with friends

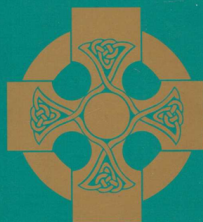
Do drop in .... Everyone is welcome

No charge but any donations will be gratefully accepted

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## 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  
21 February  
at 2.30pm  
at The  
Shared Church

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



## Shared Church Zoom Quiz Night

Friday 23rd February @ 7.30pm

A fun evening for all the family

Will you offer a round of questions?

email Angela at [treasurer@RingsteadSharedChurch.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@RingsteadSharedChurch.org.uk)

To zoom in click the link on the home page of the website:

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# 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!

# Lent Course - February / March 2024

## Not A Tame Lion

### A Lent Course Based on the Writings of C. S. Lewis

This year's Lent course 'Not a Tame Lion' opens up the Bible using the popular Narnia films and their underlying Christian message. There are five group sessions, one on a Tuesday afternoon, in person and one on line on a Thursday evening. During the course we will be exploring the stories of the first two Narnia films: 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe' & 'Prince Caspian'. We will look at the plot and characters as they look forward in hope to Aslan's coming, his arrival, their loss, his glorious return and their inability to contain or tame him.

The five group sessions are

Living in the shadows - Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Feb & Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Feb

Living with the beyond - Tues 5<sup>th</sup> March & Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Living with the unexplained - Tues 12<sup>th</sup> March & Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Living with what we've been given - Tues 19<sup>th</sup> March & Thursday 21<sup>th</sup> March

Living with absence - - Tues 26<sup>th</sup> March & Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

**Tuesday afternoon 2pm, in the school room and one on line on a Thursday evening 7.30pm**



# Programme - February 2024

## Services in February (In church and by Zoom)

Services are led by Revd Rick Preston unless otherwise stated:

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February

10:30am Communion Service

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February

10:30am Morning Service

6:00pm Sunday Special (by Zoom only)

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February

10:30am Morning Service

Peter Hunt

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February

10:30am Morning Service

Revd Dr Ted Hale

## And in March

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

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

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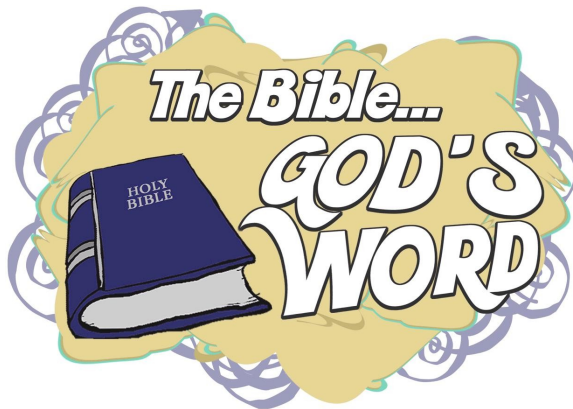
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# Readers & Readings

## Rota for Scripture readings

4 February 2024	Carol	Mark 1: 29-39
11 February 2024	Mike	Mark 9: 2-9
18 February 2024	Christine	Mark 1: 9-15
25 February 2024	Angela	Mark 8: 31-38
3 March 2024	Alan	John 2: 13-22

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>

Meeting ID: 846 0729 3457

Passcode: 143365

**QR Code**

