

The
Shared Church
in Ringstead

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Newsletter March 2024

Please send your articles for the April edition to

ringsteadnotices@gmail.com

by 26th March

From our Minister



I hate supermarket car parks! They are out to get me. I am convinced that they work in a similar way to crab or wasp traps: there is an easy way in, but no way out! I have been known to drive around a car park several times before finding the all elusive exit. Now just when I have found my way out of Tesco at Kette-



ring they are altering theirs and I'm lost again! It should be easy, just follow the EXIT sign. But either I don't always spot them, or completely misunderstand them!

In our Christian life signs are important too. They point us to Christ and to the Father. Easter is full of such signs, as we can see through our Lent studies. Then we have Holy week, with the entry to Jerusalem, the last supper and of course the crucifixion and resurrection. Each important signs for us to follow, but (like those exit signs) sometimes easy to miss.

This is why it is important sometimes, to stop and take stock, or pause to look again at the significance of those events.

In the past we have paused on Maundy Thursday to think about the events of the last supper. This year we are changing things a bit and are inviting you to pause instead on the Saturday – traditionally known as Holy Saturday, when Jesus' body lay in the tomb.

We are going to hold an extra coffee morning, but also open the main chapel for reflection; there will be prayer stations with multi-sensory items to help you reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross and grave. There will also be a printed guide/reflection booklet to help your meditations, which you can then also take away.

I hope that in combination with our Lent groups this day will help you reflect on the Easter signs, and allow you space to (re)connect with the Father.

Rev Rick

Shared News



Welcome to a new baby

We thank God and welcome the safe arrival of Wendy's great-grand daughter Marion, and send congratulations and best wishes to all the family.

Ladies night out – no men allowed

A new venture which should be fun, a dinner and games evening on Wednesday 3rd April, just for the ladies, at the Village Social Club – more details on another page.

Our thoughts and prayers of thanks to God.

Thanking God for holding Patrick and Janet close in his loving arms as they continue planning a comfortable future for their frail sister. We thank God for His encouragement of Mike and Sue who are cheerfully supporting each other through major medical issues, and for Beryl and her loving family who continue to care patiently for her, we thank our Father God who knows our needs.



Social calendar

All our social events and clubs are flourishing, and being enjoyed by lots of enthusiastic folk. There is something for everyone – From Knit and Natter afternoons, or delicious meals at the Lunch Club, or monthly brain testing Zoom Quiz evenings, a regular book club for readers, monthly coffee and cake gatherings (the cakes are always yummy) and our most



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recently formed gathering, which is for all ages and is growing rapidly, is the Saturday afternoon club when members gather for sessions of table games for all tastes, from chess to snakes and ladders. You can be assured of a friendly welcome and a chat at any of these events.



And of course there's the 'jewel in the crown' event of our church, the 10.30am Sunday service, which regular attendees know, we always share with each other a warm welcome to an hour or so of joy, music, love, inspiration, words and a sprinkling of humour offering an enveloping sense of belonging, all hosted by the strong protection and love from our Father God. If you haven't tried it yet, why not come along one Sunday morning and see for yourself, we will be waiting to welcome you.



Did you know ?

WEEE Collection

Here in Ringstead we are fortunate that every week our bin men pick up small household WEEE items left next to the wheeled bin in a carrier bag. North Northamptonshire is one of the few councils in the country that offers this service.

The term 'WEEE' means waste electrical and electronic equipment. This is anything that runs off electricity whether it be battery or mains powered. Small household items can range from hairdryers to mobile phones but larger items such as microwave ovens are not collected and should be taken to the local household waste recycling centre.



Waste electrical equipment often has components made of Lead, Mercury, and Cadmium which when placed in landfill sites can leach into groundwater. Eventually such pollution will find its way into the seas surrounding our coast and damage aquatic ecosystems.



In addition to the pollution risks associated with this waste it also contains metals that can be reused. Typically Gold, Silver, Platinum, Palladium, Copper, Nickel, Cobalt, Aluminium and Steel can potentially be recovered. An average Smartphone is estimated to house around 0.034g of Gold, 0.34g of Silver, 0.001g of Platinum, 0.015g of Palladium, 25g of Aluminium and 15g of Copper.

A mobile phone network company recently commissioned research that indicated there were possibly 55 million phones hidden away across the UK which would yield around 1.87 tonnes of Gold. This is worth nearly £100,000,000 in the current market.

So what happens to all the small electrical items that we put out for collection? These are sent to a company in Norwich for shredding and the shredded waste is then sent onto a specialist company for processing. This involves very strong magnets being used to remove certain metals and a two-stage acid leaching process provides bulk separation of Copper and Gold. The remaining plastic granules are charged using a triboelectric charger, and then fed into an electric field for deflection and categorisation ready to be recycled.

The Axe and Compass Ringstead Quiz Nights

Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 19:30 hrs



Would you like to make up a team
with Rick?

Please contact Rick

First Wednesday Prayer by Zoom Wednesday 6th March at 8:00pm



Zoom in and share! - (See Zoom link else-
where 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 SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

Lunch Club

Thursday 7 March 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)

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

Word Format

https://www.bmsworldmission.org/wp-content/uploads/woocommerce_uploads/2023/09/BMS-World-News-1-24-Word-Doc.docx

PDF Format

https://www.bmsworldmission.org/wp-content/uploads/woocommerce_uploads/2023/09/BMS-World-News-24_1_COLOUR.pdf

Coffee, Cake and Chat

THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

Coffee, cake and chat



Saturday 16 March
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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Knit & Natter



Wednesday
20 March
at 2.30pm
at The
Shared Church

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

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.



Shared Church Zoom Quiz Night

Friday 22nd March @ 7.30pm

A fun evening for all the family

Will you offer a round of questions?

email Angela at treasurer@RingsteadSharedChurch.org.uk

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

www.RingsteadSharedChurch.org.uk

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 27th Feb & Thursday 29th Feb

Living with the beyond - Tues 5th March & Thursday 7th March

Living with the unexplained - Tues 12th March & Thursday 14th March

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

Living with absence - - Tues 26th March & Thursday 28th March

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



Easter

at The Shared Church

Good Friday, March 29 at 10.30am

Short service and walk to the Community Garden for
11.00am Act of Witness with the Parish Church
Followed by Coffee and Hot Cross Buns in the Village Hall

Saturday March 30 from 10.00am - midday

Come for Coffee and Cake
With an opportunity to follow Jesus on his final journey –
to the cross at Easter

Easter Sunday, March 31 at 6.30am

Sunrise Service at the cemetery

Easter Sunday, March 31 at 10.30am

“Christ is Risen”
Easter Celebration Communion Service

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Saturday 30 March
10.00 – 12.00



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Easter Sunday

6.30am Sunrise Service at the cemetery
Followed by breakfast

10.30am "Christ is Risen"
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Ladies' Night Out

Wednesday 3 April

7.30pm at Ringstead Village Social Club

A meal:

Lasagne (meat or vegetable)

Garlic Bread

Salad Garnish

Optional Chips

Followed by chat and games

Skittles, Darts etc

Or bring a board game with you

RSVP by Wednesday 27 March with your order of

Meat Lasagne or Vegetable Lasagne

Also, whether you would like chips

to Angela

treasurer@RingsteadSharedChurch.org.uk

01933 622316

Do come and bring your friends

Programme - March 2024

Services in March (In church and by Zoom)

Services are led by Revd Rick Preston unless otherwise stated:

Sunday 3rd March

10:30am Communion Service

Revd Dr Ted Hale

Sunday 10th March

10:30am Morning Service

6:00pm Sunday Special (by Zoom only)

Sunday 17th March

10:30am Morning Service

Revd Sarah Bingham

Sunday 24th March

10:30am Palm Sunday Morning Service

Sunday 31st March

10:30am Easter Day Celebration Service

And in April

Sunday 7th April

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 6th March at 8.00pm

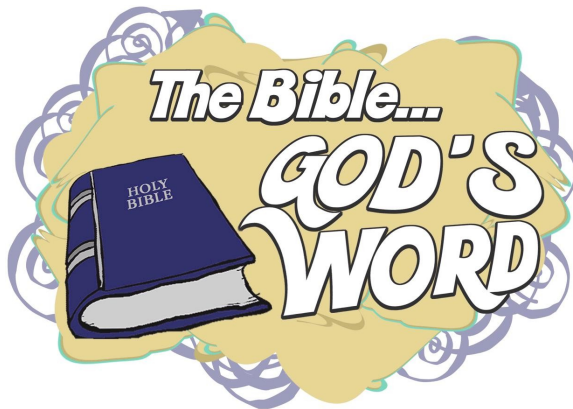
Zoom in and share! - See Zoom link elsewhere in this newsletter, If you would like to lead, or share in leading, one of these evenings please get in touch with Revd Rick.

Readers & Readings

Rota for Scripture readings

3 March 2024	Alan	John 2: 13-22
10 March 2024	Joan	John 3: 14-21
17 March 2024	Chris	John 12: 20-33
24 March 2024	Peter	Mark 11: 1-11
31 March 2024	Louise	Mark 16: 1-8

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

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