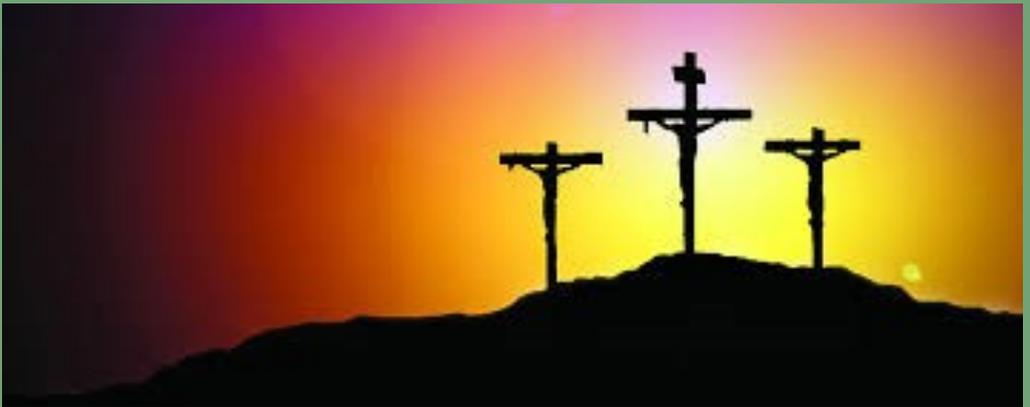


The **Shared Church** *in Ringstead*

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3



Newsletter April 2022

Please send your articles for the May edition to
ringsteadnotices@gmail.com
by 26th April.

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Programme - April & May 2022

Sundays in April

In church and by zoom

Services are led by Revd Rick Preston unless otherwise stated:

3rd	10.30am	Communion Service
	6.00pm	Tea Time Talk (in church only)
10th	10.30am	Palm Sunday Morning Service
14th	10.30am	Good Friday service and walk to the Community Garden for Act of Witness with friends from St Mary's
	11.00am	
17th	6.00am	Easter Day Sunrise Service (outside only)
	10.30am	Easter Sunday Communion Service
24 th	10.30am	Morning Service

and in May:

1st	10.30am	Communion Service
	6.00pm	Tea Time Talk (in church only)
8th	10.30am	Morning Service
15th	10.30am	Morning Service
22th	10.30am	Morning Service
29 th	10.30am	Morning Service



Throughout Lent—Wednesdays @ Eight

on Zoom only

The "*Unanswered Prayer*" course April 6

We call it "Good Friday," but no one standing there that day would have called that Friday "good." The best man that history ever knew was nailed to a Roman cross and murdered. For His enemies it was a victory of sorts; for the soldiers it was simply another day's work; for His followers it was the death of their brightest hopes and greatest dreams. But no one would have called that Friday "good."

That is true of many "bad Fridays" if you consider them apart from Resurrection Sunday. They make life seem futile—without purpose and meaning. But God's most striking victories rise out of the graves of apparent defeats.

God's Word tells us that because of Adam's fall sin entered the human family. Because God is holy, some-thing would have to be done to take away sin if man was to be restored to fellowship with Him, and God desperately wanted that relationship restored. But the only way seemed the worst possible scenario. Jesus, who was God in the flesh, alone lived a perfect life and could open the way to God. The living and true God, sent His own Son to die in our place.

But whatever you believe about the crucifixion, whether it was the ultimate sacrifice, whether it was a the penalty of sin paid to a God who demanded payment, whether it was an act of the greatest love possible, or whether it was the ultimate consequence of a selfless life, if it ended there it would have been incomplete. A great gesture maybe but then what?

Cont.....

From our Minister cont.... 2 of 2

In his book Countdown, G. B. Hardy offers thought-provoking questions about the resurrection: "There are but two essential requirements: (1) Has anyone cheated death and proved it? (2) Is it available to me? Here is the complete record: Confucius' tomb—occupied. Buddha's tomb—occupied. Muhammad's tomb—occupied. Jesus' tomb—empty! Argue as you will, there is no point in following a loser."

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of the Christian faith. Without it we have no hope for this life nor the life to come. That's why it is important to recognize that our belief in Christ's resurrection is not based on some religious feeling, nor on unfounded rumor, but on his-torical fact with solid evidence to support it.

In the early part of this century, a group of lawyers met in England to discuss the biblical accounts of Jesus' resurrection. They wanted to see if enough information was available to make a case that would hold up in a court of law. They concluded that Christ's resurrection was one of the most well-established facts of history!

But there is more to this than believing it happened. Just to know the truth is not enough. We must accept Him; enter into the new relationship made possible with God. For our faith is a living one, one that is 'new every morning'. Our faith isn't about us changing to try to become 'holy' so that we are 'good enough' for God. But about the God who walks with us, daily, in all our problems, and accepts us. Through this love, through this relationship our lives are transformed.

Historical evidence tell us about Jesus but the real Jesus is only found in our relationship with him. Let us then celebrate this Easter knowing the real Jesus alive in us.

Rev Rick

Tea Time Talk and Quiz Night

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Informal chat
over
afternoon tea

Sunday 3 April at
6.00pm

Everyone is welcome

Zoom Quiz Night

Friday 29 April

7.45pm

A fun evening for all the family

Will you offer a round of questions?

Angela would love to hear from you!

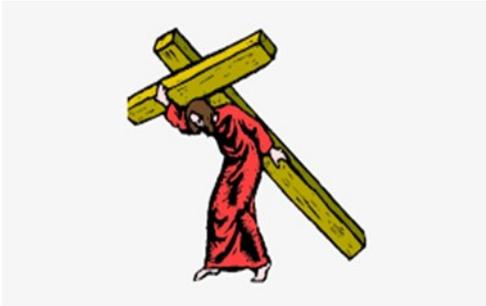


Easter at the Shared Church

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Maundy Thursday

Agape Meal and Communion
6.30pm



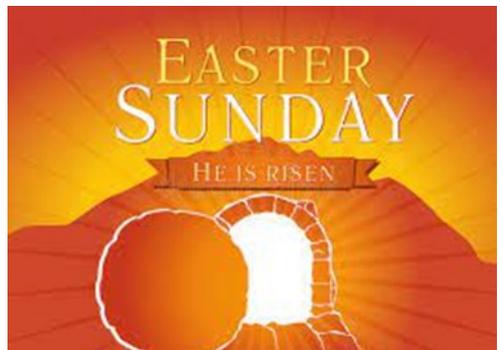
Good Friday

10.30am Short service
followed by walk to the
Community Garden for
11.00am Act of Witness with
the Parish Church

Easter Day

6.00am Sunrise Service at
the Cemetery
followed by breakfast in the
schoolroom

**10.30am Easter Day
Communion Service**



Our Church Family

The main story in March seems to have been the resurgence of Covid, with as many sharing in our Sunday services through zoom as were in the building. Thankfully no one has been seriously ill ... and thank goodness for zoom!

The other big story in March has been the war in Ukraine which has horrified everyone. We decided to raise funds for BMS World Mission who are working on the ground in Poland and for Link to Hope who are in Ukraine, Romania and Moldova. All these countries are at the forefront of welcoming fleeing refugees. We asked for donations at "Coffee, Cake and Chat" and the wonderful sum of £221.87 was raised. There was also an opportunity to give at our morning services, at "Tea Time Talk" and by bank transfer, raising a further £438.13. The final sum of £660 is being split equally between the two charities. We are also thinking about any other practical support we may be able to offer.

The "Unanswered Prayer" course continues on Wednesdays @ Eight into April. We shall then take a break until after "Time Together" on May 18.

We've noticed that the Axe & Compass are starting their Tuesday Quiz Nights again. What about a Shared Church Team? A team can be up to 6 people so there's plenty of room for everyone. (More than 1 team, even!) Let Rick or Angela know if you are interested.

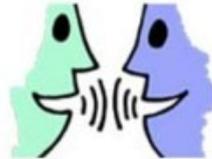
News from friends: We visited Jo and John Williams. They are well and send their love to everyone, as do Carel and Robert Shehane. Carol is in her element with a new little Grand-daughter, Ramona, who was born on 4 January.

Finally We are still looking for a couple of people to help form a catering team to restart Lunch Club. Find out more about what's needed from Angela.

Coffee Cake Chat - Sat 16th April 2022

THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

**Let's get together again
Coffee, cake and chat**



**Saturday 16 April
10.00 – 11.30**

Masks optional
(subject to changes in Government regulations and advice)

Seating outdoors as well as inside (weather permitting)

Drop in Everyone is welcome

www.RingsteadSharedChurch.org.uk

Thank you from BMS

Ukraine

When war broke out in Ukraine, Oksana had no choice but to flee. She begged her family to join her, but when they wouldn't come, she was forced to escape alone. Your support helped her find a safe haven.

Thank you so much for your recent gift of £330 to BMS World Mission's Ukraine appeal. Because you gave, people fleeing Ukraine like Oksana have found refuge with churches in neighbouring countries like Poland, Moldova and Hungary. You've given them essential hygiene products, three meals a day and a warm bed for the night. In the face of the largest-growing refugee crisis in Europe since the Second World War, you're helping people in the most desperate of situations. We are so grateful for the support of Ringstead Baptist Church and the impact it's having in this desperate situation.

Thank you for standing with refugees from Ukraine in the midst of crisis. Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your generosity, and please do keep praying for Ukraine.

God bless you,

Hannah Sanford

Supporter Engagement Team

Direct Line: 01235 517610

Receipt

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of £330.00 from Ringstead Baptist Church

BMS reference No: 1664

Allocated as follows: BMS Ukraine Appeal

Games Afternoon

THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

Games Afternoon



with

Tea and Cakes

Thursday
7 April
2.30pm



Come for a relaxing, fun afternoon

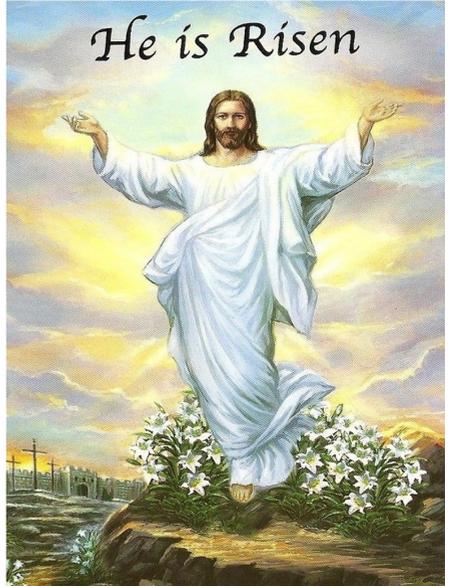
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Amelia's interpretation of Easter

Why we celebrate Easter

Have a great Easter

Every year we celebrate Easter it is the best because we celebrate that Jesus died on the cross and he rose again



Produced by Amelia aged 10.



All about Easter

1. we have Easter egg hunts
2. We go to church
3. We get Easter eggs
4. Have some fun
5. We celebrate what Jesus did for us which is he died on the cross and rose again



Zoom in and Share in April 2022

For video click on the link.

For sound only dial in from any phone. If the connection is poor please hang up and try one of the other numbers.

Sunday Worship

Time: meeting starts at 10.30

Join Zoom Meeting

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Wednesday @ Eight

Time: meeting starts at 8.00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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Sunday Special

Time: 08.00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Quiz Nights

Time: 7.45pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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Please keep all these links and use them from the dates stated and until any new links are sent out.

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Wednesdays 8.00pm Bible Study Via Zoom

Sundays 10.30am Morning worship/teaching
Now in church and on zoom.

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.