

The **Shared Church** *in Ringstead*

36 High Street, Ringstead, NN14 4DA

www.ringsteadsharedchurch.org.uk



May 2026 Magazine

Please send your articles for the June edition to

ringsteadnotices@gmail.com

by 25th May

From our Minister

Re-Imagining Mission!

At our recent Vision Day, one comment about the vision for church was: “To fulfil God’s will for us in Ringstead.” While recognising



that we’re not just about Ringstead, but also the surrounding areas, the next question has to be: *what is that will?*

To discover this, we only have to look at our Bibles. There we find not only the example and teaching of Jesus, but also that of the disciples and the early Church. It’s here that God’s will for his people is revealed. One clear summary of all this, it

seems to me, is found in Matthew 28:19–20:

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Jesus offered a way back to the Father. He taught that the kingdom of heaven was at hand, and that his followers were part of that kingdom. The disciples went on to preach Christ crucified for the forgiveness of sin, reconciling us to God. They travelled from town to town, preaching and demonstrating that reality in people’s lives.

Maybe—just maybe—we are called to a similar mission?

From our Minister - Cont'd

Both as a fellowship and as individuals, we are called to bear witness to God—to “make disciples”. Paul reminds us, “We are ambassadors for Christ” (2 Corinthians 5:20). What a thought! It’s our task, and our privilege, to help others find their way to him, so that they too may become citizens of God’s kingdom.

The recent Vision Day was a starting point for re-imagining how we might do this together, and there are many possibilities to explore. But our individual witness is just as important—if not more so. Only a small portion of our time is spent at church (honest!), but our whole lives can be lived with God. Only a fraction of our time is spent in organised mission, yet people are constantly able to see our witness in everyday life—at home, at work, in conversations, and in the small acts of kindness that often speak the loudest.

Of course, if we are to share our faith with confidence, we need to be growing in it ourselves. That’s why our next study groups will be focusing on a course called Deepening Faith. This will be a chance to explore, reflect, and strengthen our relationship with God—giving us a firmer foundation and helping us feel better equipped for the mission we’re talking about. I’d really encourage you to come along if you can; it’s for all of us, wherever we are on our journey.

I’m really excited about the years ahead for The Shared Church in Ringstead and its mission. But more than that, I’m excited to be a Christian—to be living as part of an ever-expanding kingdom. It’s this citizenship that shapes who we are and defines how we live here on earth.

Rev Rick

Every Weekday 9.00am 20 minutes of Prayer by zoom

Study Groups Deepening Faith

Mondays from May 11 2.00pm in the schoolroom

Thursdays from May 14 7.30pm on zoom

Sunday 3 10.30am Communion Service

Wednesday 6 2.30pm Knit & Natter

Sunday 10 10.30am Morning Service

Monday 11 7.30pm Deacons Meeting

Thursday 14 12.30pm Lunch Club

Saturday 16 10.00am Coffee Cake and Chat

Sunday 17 10.30am Morning Service
6.00pm Worship Together in the schoolroom

Wednesday 20 7.30pm Time Together

Sunday 24 10.30am Morning Service

Sunday 31 10.30am Morning Service

**The Axe and Compass,
Ringstead, Quiz Night
Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 19:30 hrs**



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

Knit & Natter

**Wednesday May 6
2.30pm at The Shared Church**



**Bring your knitting or sewing
or just come to natter and have a cuppa!**

Gospel of Mark Study Groups

A SMALL GROUP STUDY

DEEPENING *Faith*

*"Who do
you say
I am?"*

MARK 8:29

Explore who Jesus is—
and who He is calling you to be.

A 5-session journey through the Gospel of Mark



IN PERSON

Every Monday

2:00PM

The Shared Church
School Room

Starting Mon 11th May



ONLINE

Every Thursday

7:00PM

Starting
Thurs 14th May



UNDERSTAND.
REFLECT. DISCUSS.
GROW TOGETHER.



ALL ARE
WELCOME

Come as you are.
Leave encouraged.

FIRST SESSION: MONDAY 11TH MAY AT 2PM

We'd love you to be part of it! ♥

Shared News

Axe & Compass Quiz

The Axe & Compass Quiz will be held on Tuesday 5th May at 7:30pm, this is a fun evening and if you are able to come then please let Rick know. It may be possible to field two teams this time if we have enough people come forward, suggestions for team names are welcome!

Study Groups

Starting on Monday 11th May in the School Room we will be looking at who Jesus is from the viewpoint of the Gospel of Mark. This five session study is also available online every Thursday evening. Full details can be found near the beginning of the magazine so please come along, it will be very interesting.

Mark Russen

I'm pleased to report that following his recovery from cancer Mark is taking on a 10 km (6 miles) swim in aid of Cancer Research UK. The giving page for donations can be found using the following link: -

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/marks-giving-page-201163>



Swim 10k
Challenge in
May

Mark's Giving Page



Shared News - Cont'd

Time Together

This takes place on Wednesday 20th May at 7:30pm in the School Room, please come along and make your views known.

Our thoughts and prayers of thanks to God

Prayers continue to be needed for Maureen and Vanessa Windust as they suffer with various medical concerns, we ask that God's love and comfort be with them at this difficult time and also for guidance to be given to the medical teams treating them.

We continue to pray for those suffering from cancer and we particularly think of Colin Livesey and Phil Stockton, who are known by many people in our community. We ask for God's Grace to be on them and for them to know the love, comfort and peace that comes from our Father God. We were pleased to hear that after many months of prayer, Ian Bell, has been given the all clear from cancer and that Chris Kinsey is now in remission.

We continue to pray for Nikki and were sorry to hear that April's operation was cancelled due to other health concerns. We pray that the operation will take place soon.

Ange's Granddaughter, Sky, continues to suffer with her health and also her Niece, Grace, is awaiting test results. We ask for them to know God's love, comfort and peace.

We continually pray for people known to us in our morning prayer sessions and are pleased that God has chosen to answer our prayers in many ways. If you need prayers for a friend or family member then please let Rick know.



Lunch Club

Thursday 14 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!

www.RingsteadSharedChurch.org.uk

Did you know ?

Ringstead Post Office

Ringstead Post Office was moved from a building on the opposite side of the road next to Coleman's Bakery in the early 1930s, the building was finally demolished in 1969. The old Post Office had been established by



Noah Green in 1854 after moving from the draper's store in Chapel Street.

The current building is interesting architecturally in that the original stonework can be seen on the ground floor and it is probable that this started off as a single storey 18th Century stone cot-

tage. In the 19th Century the building was extended upwards by the addition of a two storey brick structure on top of the existing cottage. Other buildings nearby show signs of having been converted from single storey to two storey properties. This probably reflected the growing industrialisation of the village and the need to have workshops in the houses.

The building originally held two stores and the section where the counter now is was a Barber's shop with a general store next to it.



The photo on the right hand side taken in the early 1900s shows two doorways into the building. The left hand doorway led into a general store and the right hand doorway into a Barber's shop.

THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

Our regular 3rd Saturday

Coffee, cake and chat



Saturday 16 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

www.RingsteadSharedChurch.org.uk

Shoebox Appeal 2026

Yes, its that time of year again when our thoughts turn to the Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal. Although it may seem that everything has gone quiet about the appeal, work never stops in our support and all through the year we continue to collect suitable items to be put into Shoeboxes, including knitted items.

We have registered for the Appeal again in 2026 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. Last year, thanks to your generosity, we were able to pack and send 105 shoeboxes, 65 knitted or crocheted knee blankets and a donation of £100

Sincerely, Carol, Alan and Agnes

Comments from a recent letter from Link to Hope.....

We want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who took part in the 2025 Shoebox Appeal. As many of you are aware there are two of us in the office who plan and run the Appeal. Thankfully however, there are thousands of volunteers all around the UK who help us in so many ways. It is so wonderful that everyone is unique and can bring different skills to the jigsaw that is the Shoebox Appeal – packing, donating, giving financially, skilled in crafting and creating, bulk buying, repairing, praying and encouraging others. Thanks to your incredible support, 25,281 shoeboxes were sent to families and elderly people across Eastern Europe. Each box carried practical items, but also a powerful message of care, dignity and hope. For many recipients these shoeboxes arrived at a time of great need and were a reminder that they are not forgotten.

Lisa Hector, General Manager, Link to Hope

Worship Together
in the schoolroom
Sunday 17 May
6.00pm



Start your day with prayer



Each weekday morning at 9am we share together in
Online Morning Prayer.

This is a simple 20min or so prayer using the Daily office from the Northumbria
community (www.northumbriacommunity.org/offices/morning-prayer/)

All who wish to join can do on the
Shared Church Zoom link:

Clickable zoom link via church website:
www.ringsteadsharedchurch.org.uk

Shared Church Zoom:



Meeting ID: 846 0729 3457
Passcode: 143365

Book Club

Last month's book "Enough Said" by Alan Bennett

We were excited at the prospect of reading Bennett's latest book, however we were divided in our opinions.

The book is a diary which spans eight years, the entries as you would expect are varied and disconnected, at times refreshingly forthright, sometimes hum-drum and occasionally crude. Bennett is now a frail old man and as such he can be emotional when shown a small kindness and grumpy when frustrated but he still can observe those small moments with wit and humour. On a personal note I have not been able to move on from the book and find myself reading it a second time when I am able to be impressed by the relationship between him and his partner and enjoy the tranquil times he spends in the Yorkshire Dales.

Our next meeting

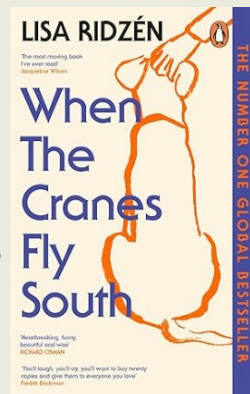
Venue: 11 Carlow Road

Date: Tuesday 19th May

Time: 2:30pm

**Book: 'When the cranes fly south'
by Lisa Ridzén**

June.



Programme - May 2026

Services in May (In church and by Zoom)

Services are led by Revd Rick Preston unless otherwise stated:

Sunday 3rd May

10:30am Communion Service

Sunday 10th May

10:30am Morning Service

Sunday 17th May

10:30am Morning Service

6:00pm Worship together in the School Room

Sunday 24th May

10:30am Morning Service

Sunday 31st May

10:30am Morning Service



and in June

Sunday 7th June

10:30am Communion Service

Sunday 14th June

10:30am Believer's Baptism

To share in the morning services through Zoom see the website

www.RingsteadSharedChurch.org.uk

and click on the link on the home page

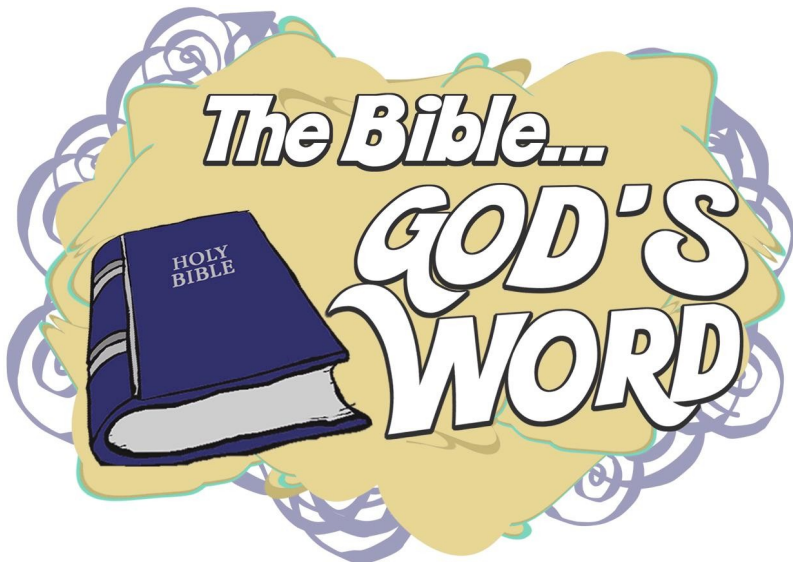


Readers & Readings

Rota for Scripture readings

3 May 2026	Angela	John 14:1-14
10 May 2026	Louise	John 14:15-21
17 May 2026	Agnes	John 17:1-11
24 May 2026	Alan	Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23
31 May 2026	Carol	Matthew 28:16-20
7 June 2026	Chris	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
14 June 2026	Christine	Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)
21 June 2026	Peter	Matthew 10:24-39
28 June 2026	Mike	Matthew 10:40-42

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.



Contacts

Minister: Revd Rick Preston

Email: minister@RingsteadSharedChurch.org.uk

Phone: 01933 626368 or 07961 867786

Secretary: Mr Patrick Smith

Email: secretary@RingsteadSharedChurch.org.uk

Phone: 01933 624677 or 07906 021958

Treasurer: Mrs Angela Davis

Email: treasurer@RingsteadSharedChurch.org.uk

Phone: 01933 622316 or 07746 061084

Deacon & Designated Person for Safeguarding:

Mrs Alexandra Rance

Email: Alexandra_bbcdn@msn.com

Phone: 07808 127676

Church website: www.RingsteadSharedChurch.org.uk

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>

Meeting ID: 846 0729 3457

Passcode: 143365

Or Dial from any phone 0203 051 2874 or
0203 481 5237 or 0203 481 5240 or 0203 901
7895 or 0131 460 1196

QR Code

