

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

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**June 2025 Magazine**

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

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



## From our Minister



Pentecost is upon us, the 50<sup>th</sup> day of Easter hence the Greek name "Pentecost" which means "fiftieth". When we think about the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The bible tells us that disciples were all gathered together to celebrate the day of Pentecost, which was the Jewish festival of Shavuot. It is a harvest festival that commemorates the giving of the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai and occurs 50 days

after the first day of Passover. But this time the disciples were to receive something more:

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:1-4)

God poured out the Holy Spirit to give the disciples the confidence to go into the 'world' and spread the message of the Gospel.

Today that same spirit encourages us also to be in the world, and sharing the Good News -Jesus is alive, and is with us. Let us pray today that we too can be filled with the Spirit of God. That we will receive the encouragement, and confidence that the Holy Spirit can give us. That we too may be messengers of the Good News.

Rev Rick

# Shared News

## Avril Burrell

Avril's family have expressed their gratitude for all the kind messages they have received since Avril passed away and have shared details of the Thanksgiving Service for her life:

**Tuesday 17 June, 11.30am at Irthlingborough Methodist Church.**

They add:

It would be lovely if you could come wearing something pink or purple as they were her favourite colours. After the service we will be serving a light buffet and we will be attempting to recreate some of some of Avril's sweet treats, so please stay and join us and share your stories of her. *Ideas of numbers attending for this would be useful for catering.*

No flowers please, but if you'd like to make a donation in memory of Grandma, Action for Children and The Guide Dogs for The Blind were her chosen charites - we will be creating a donation page in due course or if you would rather by cheque or cash to Katherine (her daughter) at the service, we will then split the total between them.

Grandma was also a big supporter of local Irthlingborough based charities including Irthlingborough Food Bank. In honour of this we would also like to encourage anyone who can to bring a food bank donation on the day, that we can then donate in her memory.

*Please reply to [avril823@btinternet.com](mailto:avril823@btinternet.com)*

## An Invitation

On Sunday 3 August Peter and Angela will be celebrating two events:

Angela's 80<sup>th</sup> at the end of July and their 60<sup>th</sup> (Diamond) Wedding Anniversary early in August.

All will be welcome to join us for our normal morning service (10.30am) followed by refreshments at the Social Club.

Later in June there will be a list in the schoolroom. Please sign by 6 July if you will be coming.

# Shared News - Cont'd

## Message from Jackie Inness

Thank you for all the kind enquiries about my health!

- Bullous controlled by steroids
- Pacemaker working well

Still waiting for the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford to tell me if I can have a new aortic valve fitted by TAVI (Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation) procedure. Also waiting for cataract op.

Thanks again, Jackie.

## Axe & Compass Quiz

The next quiz is scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> June, we are again missing three of the regular team members so check your diaries and support your Church team. If you're interested in taking part then please let Rick know.

## Armed Forces Day in Ringstead

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June from 11am—5pm will be the Anglo-American Armed Forces Day Fête in Ringstead. This will be raising money for the Royal British Legion, an American nominated veterans charity and Help for Heroes. There are a lot of activities organised as detailed on the leaflets shown later in the magazine. Please come along to support the day and have some fun!

## Wednesday Prayers

Wednesday prayers (on Zoom only) will be on Wednesday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Zoom details are at the back of the magazine.

## Wit and Helen - Saturday 14 June at 6:30pm

Our mission partners, Wit and Helen Boondekhun, will be on leave during June and will be visiting us from 6:30pm on Saturday 14 June. We will be sharing a thia themed meal and a short presentation from Wit and Helen. Then we will have time for informal chat, question and answer.

## Shared News - Cont'd

Please can we urge people to join us for what will be a great evening, and let Alexandra know if you are able to come to assist with the catering. We have heard that Helen has had to have a knee operation due to an injury so please hold her in your prayers for a swift recovery.

### **CPR**

Ringstead WI are now meeting regularly in the Shared Church schoolroom the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm.

The topic in June (9<sup>th</sup>) will be CPR, organised by Karen Toseland and a local GP. Visitors (male as well as female) will be welcome. Cost £5.

### **Our thoughts and prayers of thanks to God.**

Please continue to pray for Phil Stockton and Ian Bell who are undergoing treatment for cancer, we also pray for the clinicians treating them to give them the best care possible. We are pleased to report positive news about Phil who is showing some improvement. We are also delighted to hear that Mark Russen has now been given the all clear for his throat cancer.

Prayers continue to be needed for Jackie Inness who is awaiting news on a couple of outstanding procedures, we pray for the medical team who are currently treating her. As you will

have seen, Jackie is grateful for the kind thoughts and prayers of all her friends and also of the medical care she has received.

We continue to pray for Ange's Granddaughter, Sky, that she will be able to receive the help and support she needs.

Please pray for Sue and Cliff Harris as they struggle to get the treatment that Cliff requires, we pray that this is soon resolved.

Finally I can report that 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.



## Shared News - Cont'd

### Letter from BMS World Mission

Dear Angela,

It's John Settatee here, BMS World Mission's Church Engagement Manager. I've been in my role for around a year now, which means I have first-hand experience of the difference Ringstead Shared Church has made through your faithful giving. We really treasure every penny of the £1,000.00 you gave in 2024, as well as your prayers. It's been amazing to witness lives transformed because of you: believers sharing the gospel in Bangladesh, refugees welcomed in Lebanon and mothers delivering babies safely in Chad, just to name a few examples!

There's one story in particular that has really encouraged me from the start of this year, and I wondered if it would be an encouragement to your church family to know that your generosity touches real lives like Charles'.

"I was always uncertain about the future," Charles says, talking about raising his family in Uganda. "This caused me to live in fear," he continues, "and I could not take any step of faith in changing the status quo." I'm sure you can imagine the undercurrent of fear Charles lived with: will there be enough food on the table today? Will it be nourishing enough to stave off malnutrition and expensive doctor's bills, or will one of the children fall ill? Charles felt completely stuck. "We never had enough at home," he explains. "I felt a sense of helplessness".

Amazingly, your generous giving has enabled Charles to access special training that mobilises churches to help those around them. The training helped Charles to see himself as a person made in God's image, with God-given resources to help his family. In short, it completely changed his perspective – much better than any temporary hand-out. Charles talks about the training affecting every area of his life. And wonderfully, he's just one of the many, many people you've helped this year all around the world.

Every blessing,

John Settatee

Church Engagement Manager

BMS World Mission

**The Axe and Compass,  
Ringstead, Quiz Night  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 at 19:30 hrs**



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

# Knit & Natter



**Wednesday  
4 June  
at 2.30pm  
at The  
Shared Church**

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

**First Wednesday Prayer by Zoom  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm**



**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.**



## Did you know ?

### The Old Smithy

The smithy was originally located where the Methodist Chapel now stands in Chapel Street. It was moved from there prior to 1838 as tithe records show a blacksmith's shop and shed located on the corner of Chapel Street and High Street where Nos 2 & 4 Chapel Street now stand. An auction of the workshop and plot at the Axe & Compass in 1838 identifies Richard Tibbs as being in occupation, the property was purchased by Henry Bateman. These houses (Nos 2 & 4 Chapel Street) were probably built in the late 1850s and the blacksmith's workshop was relocated to its current location in the High Street at around the same time.

In 1841 John Jeffrey was the Blacksmith residing at the White Swan, by 1851 the business has been taken over by 24 year old William Brad-



shaw who was possibly living in Chapel Street. William was still the Blacksmith in 1861 but has also taken on a grocer's business and was the Parish Clerk, he was employing a journeyman blacksmith named as John Fairy to assist him. In 1871 William was described as a parish clerk & sub postmaster, 22

year old Frederick Bradshaw a master blacksmith was now running the workshop. They were almost certainly related to each other and were living in the newly constructed houses at what are now Nos 2 & 4 Chapel Street. Frederick was still the Blacksmith in 1881 employing 1 man, William Coles from Swineshead. In 1891 Frederick was employing his son, William in the smithy. Work must have been plentiful as George Brown is also identified as a blacksmith living in the village but it's not clear where he worked.

In 1901 Silas Davis was the only blacksmith in Ringstead working on his own account, a sign perhaps that people were turning towards mass produced cheaper products made in factories outside the village. The business was taken over by Freddie Davis, who was the last blacksmith in Ringstead and the smithy ceased operations in the 1940s.

## Book Club

Last months book was 'The first wife's shadow' by Adele Parks. A series of unusual incidents compelled us to finish the book but we all felt the writing lacked finesse and the outcome was not convincing.



**Venue: 11 Carlow Road**

**Date: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

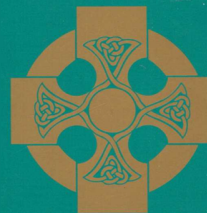
**Time: 2:30pm**

**Book: Maurice and Maralyn by Sophie Elmhirst**

June.

## 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.

THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

# Lunch Club

**Thursday 12 June 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](http://www.RingsteadSharedChurch.org.uk)

**THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD**

*Our regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday*

## **Coffee, cake and chat**



**Saturday 21 June**  
**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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**ARMED FORCES DAY**  
**28 JUNE 2025**

# Children's Art Competition

Along with the rest of our Armed forces day celebrations, we are running a children's art competition & Exhibition.

All entries will be on display, during the village Armed forces day events on 28<sup>th</sup> June, at :

## **The Shared Church in Ringstead**

(on the footpath between the High Street and Back lane)

We would like children and young people to create a drawing, painting or collage on the theme of 'Heroes of Peace' we are not looking for images of war, but rather images of hope.

Here are the competition details:

- ✱ One A4 size piece of artwork per child or young person.
- ✱ Art pieces can be created at home or within school.
- ✱ Write your child's name and age on the back of the picture.
- ✱ The Shared Church will be open from 10am-12noon on 21 June 2025 to submit entries. (or can be brought to school before Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June)
- ✱ There will be three age categories: ages 4 - 7, ages 8-11 and ages 12 - 17.

If you have any questions about the competition, please email:

[minister@ringsteadsharedchurch.org.uk](mailto:minister@ringsteadsharedchurch.org.uk)







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# ANGLO-AMERICAN CHARITY ARMED FORCES DAY FÊTE

THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE AND INCLUDING KINEWELL LAKE, ST MARY'S CHURCH  
THE SHARED CHURCH & THE WATERMILL TEAROOMS.

**SATURDAY 28TH JUNE**

**11AM - 5PM**

- STALLS • STREET FOOD • LIVE OUTSIDE BROADCAST BY BEAT ROUTE RADIO •
- WARTIME SING-A-LONGS & POETRY • THEMED COMPETITIONS •
- ANGLO-AMERICAN TUG-O-WAR • MILITARY MACHINERY & HARDWARE DISPLAYS •

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# RIDE+STRIDES

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

between 10am and 6pm

**a day in the open air ... plan your own route**

350+ stunning churches and chapels to visit -  
many of them open and welcoming



All sponsorship money received will be divided equally between  
the NHCT and the church or chapel chosen by you

**Sponsorship forms and a list of open churches and chapels are  
available from your local organiser: -**

**Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust**

Registered Charity No 1021632

For more details see our website: [www.nhct.org.uk](http://www.nhct.org.uk)

# Programme - June 2025

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

Services are led by Revd Rick Preston unless otherwise stated:

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June

10:30am Communion Service

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June

10:30am Morning Service

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June

10:30am Morning Service

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

10:30am Morning Service

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June

10:30am Morning Service



## and in July

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July

10:30am Communion Service

To share in the morning services through Zoom see the website

[www.RingsteadSharedChurch.org.uk](http://www.RingsteadSharedChurch.org.uk)

and click on the link on the home page

## First Wednesday Prayer by Zoom

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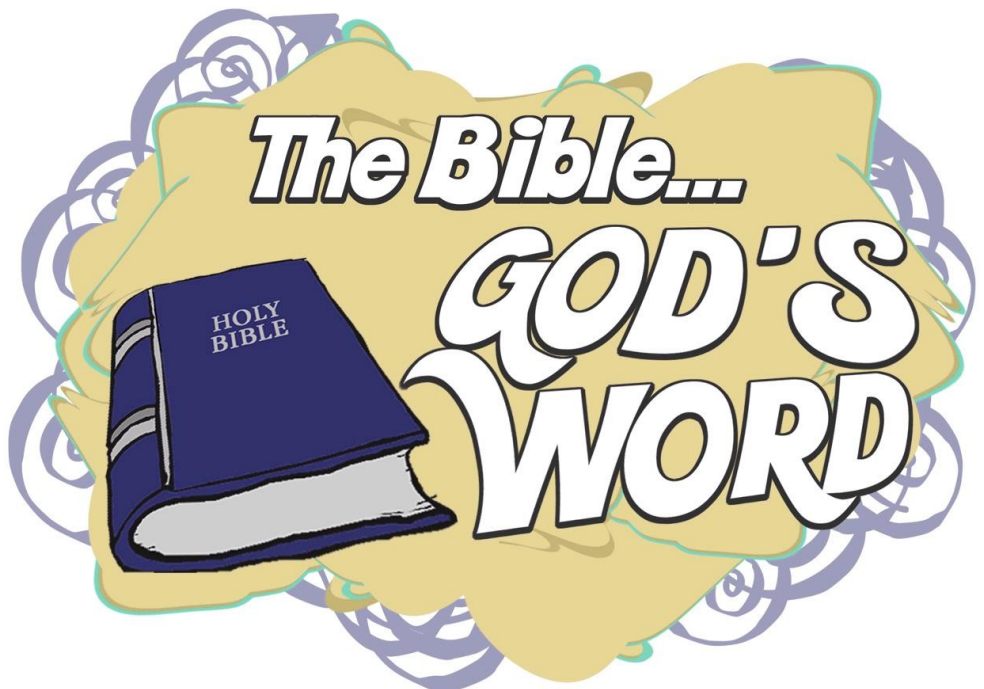


# Readers & Readings

## Rota for Scripture readings

1 June 2025	Mike	John 17.20-26
8 June 2025	Peter	John 14.8-27
15 June 2025	Christine	John 16.12-15
22 June 2025	Angela	Luke 8.26-39
29 June 2025	Alan	Luke 9.51-62

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=L1F0Szd0Z1I2R1RvNVlCc0VsTVh1Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84607293457?pwd=L1F0Szd0Z1I2R1RvNVlCc0VsTVh1Zz09)

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

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