

The **Shared Church** *in Ringstead*

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July 2026 Magazine

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From our Minister

A Church at Prayer.



One thing is becoming increasingly clear at the moment: God is moving in Ringstead Shared Church. We have been encouraged by our Vision Day and the desire to see mission become a high priority. We have celebrated a baptism and welcomed new people into the church. We sense the Spirit of God moving us into a place of expectancy. There is an excitement in the air!

As a congregation, we also need to be open to God moving within us personally - to deepen our discipleship and prepare us for the future that God is calling us into. In other words, we need to be ready as God moves among us. The key must be ensuring that our relationship with God is as close as it can be. This doesn't just mean individually, but corporately as well. As a community, we should be building our relationship with God and with one another. But what is the best way to do this?

As I read the Scriptures, what strikes me most about the early church is the amount of time they spent gathered together in prayer. In fact, Acts 1:14 tells us that they "were constantly devoting themselves to prayer", and many of the stories in Acts take place as believers travelled to and from their places of prayer. Before Pentecost, the disciples were gathered in prayer. When Peter was imprisoned, the church prayed earnestly for him. Before Paul and Barnabas were sent out in mission, the church prayed and fasted together. Time and again in Acts, prayer comes before growth, guidance and transformation.

Paul also constantly reminds us to pray. In Ephesians 6:18 he writes: "Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints."

I believe this is an important part of church life that we need to continue to emphasise: prayer.

Prayer is the foundation of our relationship with God. It enables us not only to bring our needs, concerns and thanksgiving, but also to spend

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time listening to what God has to say to us. Prayer is about being in God's presence. It is through prayer that we learn to trust more deeply, align ourselves with God's will and receive the strength and wisdom we need for daily life.

So when and how do we pray? Currently, we offer several opportunities to gather together with the sole intention of prayer: our daily Morning Prayer at 9.00am each weekday (for around 25 minutes) and our bi-monthly *Praying Together* prayer meeting. We pray during our Sunday services and regularly encourage people to bring prayer requests. We are also beginning to incorporate prayer into our more social times together. Then, of course, there is personal prayer too—praying at home, at work, or wherever we are, intentionally spending time with God.

Prayer is a chance not only to deepen our relationship with God but also to encourage and support one another. Some people find it especially helpful to meet with just a few friends to pray. After all, we often eat together or socialise together, so why not pray together as well?

As we look to the future, I would love our church to become known as a place of prayer—a church that seeks God faithfully and expectantly, and from which prayer spills out into our community. Imagine what God might do if each one of us committed ourselves afresh to prayer, both individually and together.

Could I encourage you to take one small step? Perhaps join us for Morning Prayer, or our *Praying Together*, gather with a few friends to pray, or simply set aside a little more time each day to be with God. Every prayer matters.

If we want to see God move in our church and community, prayer must not be our last resort—it must be our first response.

Prayer is vital to the life of the Church. Let us commit ourselves afresh to this gift God has given us and pray together as we seek God's kingdom and purposes for Ringstead Shared Church

Rev Rick

Calendar for July

Every Weekday 9.00am 20 minutes of Prayer on zoom

Wednesday 1 2.30pm Knit & Natter

Sunday 5 10.30am Communion Service

Thursday 9 12.30pm Lunch Club

Saturday 11 10.00-4.00 Art Group Exhibition

Sunday 12 10.30am Morning Service – Revd Dr Ted Hale

Tuesday 14 2.30pm Book Club at Carlow Road

Wednesday 15 7.30pm Time Together in the schoolroom

Saturday 18 10 – 11.30 Coffee Cake and Chat

Sunday 19 10.30am Morning Service
6.00pm Café Church in the schoolroom

Wednesday 22 6.30pm Ringstead Community Group Meeting

Sunday 26 10.30am Morning Service

Knit & Natter

Wednesday July 1
2.30pm at The Shared Church



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

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

THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

Lunch Club

Thursday 9 July 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!

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SAT 11th July



ART EXHIBITION

Ringstead Art Group

10 am to 4 pm

At Ringstead Shared Church

Free Admission

Refreshments Available



Shared News

Carlene - Believer's Baptism

Over the past few months we have been pleased to welcome Carlene to the Shared Church. It was particularly satisfying to hear that she felt ready to be welcomed into God's family through Baptism. Her Baptism took place on the 14th June and she explained that she had come to know God over a year ago and was now ready to take this important step.



Rick recalled the Baptism of Jesus during the service and how the Holy Spirit had descended on him.

Jesus traveled from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by his cousin, John the Baptist. John had been baptizing crowds as a symbol of repentance, but when Jesus asked to be baptized, John hesitated. Knowing that Jesus was without sin, John initially refused, feeling he was the one who needed to be baptized by Jesus.

Jesus insisted, explaining that this act was necessary "to fulfill all righteousness". By stepping into the water, the sinless Jesus chose to identify entirely with the human condition and set an example of obedience to God's will.

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Immediately after his baptism, as Jesus came up from the water, a miraculous series of events occurred:

- The skies parted.
- The Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove and rested upon Jesus.
- A voice boomed from heaven, declaring, *"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."*

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 Phil Stockton, who is known by many people in our community. We ask for God's Grace to be on him and for him to know the love, comfort and peace that comes from our Father God.

We continue to pray for Carolyn and Nikki. Nikki's operation has been cancelled yet again and this is very upsetting to them both. We pray for God's love and comfort to be on them and that they will know the peace that comes from our Father God. We also pray that the operation will take place soon and be successful.



Ange's Granddaughter, Sky, continues to suffer with her health and also her Niece, Grace, is subject to regular monitoring, we thank God that her condition is currently stable. 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.

Book Club

Last month's book 'The Frozen River' by Ariel Hawhon celebrates the life of Martha Ballard, a midwife living in Maine as the USA becomes independent.

In the story the author honours the memorable life of an outspoken woman who fights for truth and justice in her community. A compelling story mixing mystery with history.

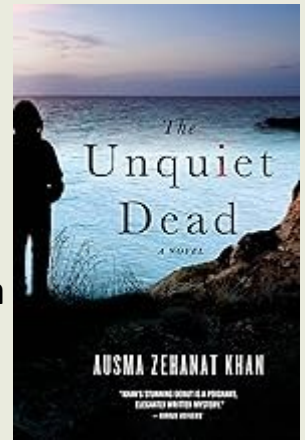
Our next meeting

Venue: 11 Carlow Road

Date: Tuesday 14th July

Time: 2:30pm

Book: 'The Unquiet Dead' by Ausma Zehamat Khan



June.

Time Together

Wednesday 15 July at 7.30pm
in the schoolroom

*Your opportunity to be involved in shaping the
life and future of this church*

Did you know ?

Archaeological History of the Kinewell Lake site

The history prior to the Anglo Saxon period can be read from the archaeological record starting with the Mesolithic / Neolithic periods with the discovery of worked flints including axe heads and other tools. The majority of these items were found in the area now occupied by the Kinewell Lake Local Nature Reserve. Habitation of the site continued through the Bronze and Iron Ages. Evidence has been found of cremation pits and possibly a Round Barrow, also a late Bronze Age / early Iron Age vessel has been found. Two round houses were also likely present in this area.

The arrival of the Romans in Britain led to an increase in development. The remains of a Roman Villa was found in Yeomans' field and this had been built on the site of one of the round houses, the original wooden round house was found to have been reconstructed in stone and then incorporated into the villa complex. This suggests a British family adopting Roman ways who were presumably quite influential in the area. A second significant settlement was established on Ham Hill; there was a major road that linked this to the villa and the road looks to have continued out to the Roman Settlement at Raunds.

Several Roman burials have been discovered in the area as well as the remains of a Roman Pottery Manufacturing Site on Slade Farm land.

The value and quantity of archaeological finds suggests that the Roman settlements were abandoned in a hurry with the latest coins dated to around 409 AD. This indicates that abandonment coincided with the decision by Roman Emperor; Flavius Honorius in 410 AD to withdraw Roman troops from Britain. His famous message, the 'Rescript of Honorius', advised the cities of Britain to take up arms and defend themselves. It's not known what happened to these families but presumably the fact they left much of value behind suggests that their departure was a hasty one.

There is no evidence of further occupation in this area until the 6th Century when Anglo Saxon farmsteads appeared further East in the area where Ringstead Village now stands. The Kinewell Lake area was farmland and the name suggests a place where cattle were watered and fed.

THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

Our regular 3rd Saturday

Coffee, cake and chat



Saturday 18 July
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

Shoebox Appeal 2026



We are steadily working away to prepare for this year's Shoebox Appeal and thank you to everyone who is collecting, knitting and making Shoebox items.

Many of these will be available at our Shoebox Coffee morning which will be held on Saturday 19th September in the Schoolroom. Just come along and collect what you need to put into your Shoebox and leave a donation. We have empty shoeboxes and wrapping paper too, if you need it, and if you have never packed a shoebox and would like to, then just speak to us.

Our Dedication Service will be held on Sunday 18th October. We do hope that you will join us for these two events.

The Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal brings practical help, dignity and hope to families and elderly people living in poverty across Ukraine and Eastern Europe – not just children.

We are pleased to support this work and give thanks for all the hard work that goes into making our part of the appeal such a success.

Carol, Alan and Agnes



Programme - July 2026

Services in July (In church and by Zoom)

Services are led by Revd Rick Preston unless otherwise stated:

Sunday 5th July

10:30am Communion Service

Sunday 12th July

10:30am Morning Service

Revd Dr Ted Hale

Sunday 19th July

10:30am Morning Service

6:00pm Café Church in the schoolroom

Sunday 26th July

10:30am Morning Service



and in August

Sunday 2nd August

10:30am Communion Service

To share in the morning services through Zoom see the website

www.RingsteadSharedChurch.org.uk

and click on the link on the home page

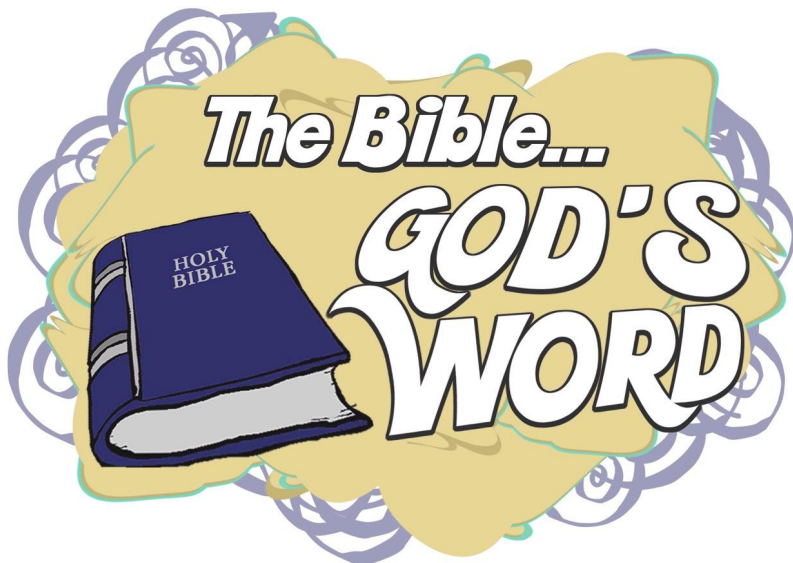


Readers & Readings

Rota for Scripture readings

5 July 2026	Peter	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
12 July 2026	Mike	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
19 July 2026	Chris	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
26 July 2026	Carol	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
2 August 2026	Agnes	Matthew 14:13-21
9 August 2026	Mike	Matthew 14:22-33
16 August 2026	Christine	Matthew 15:10-28
23 August 2026	Angela	Matthew 16:13-20
30 August 2026	Agnes	Matthew 16:21-28

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>

Meeting ID: 846 0729 3457

Passcode: 143365

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7895 or 0131 460 1196

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