

The **Shared Church** *in Ringstead*

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October 2025 Magazine

**Please send your articles for the November edition
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From our Minister



I remember when I was young; it seemed that my mother and I had a strange spiritual connection. She would know when something significant had happened to me, even if we were miles apart. It would seem too that she could sense when things were wrong. On one occasion, when I was particularly upset, she asked me what the matter was. I was about to answer the normal teen answer ‘Nothing’

when she said “I’m your mother. I gave birth to you, and I know you better than you know yourself, I know something is wrong!”

In an even deeper way, God knows us inside out too! King David wrote in Psalm 139, “You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar” (vv. 1–2). God’s knowledge of us is so complete that David exclaimed, “Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain” (v. 6). Yet instead of feeling exposed, David found comfort—there’s nowhere we can go where we’re beyond God’s love and care (vv. 7–12). “Even there your hand will guide me,” he wrote (v. 10).

David also marvelled at the mystery of life itself. Long before modern science explained the body’s complexity; he celebrated God’s creative power: “You knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made” (vv. 13–14). Everything about us—our bodies, our stories, even our hidden places - is known by the One who made us.

From our Minister - Cont'd

Knowing this should change the way we think about ourselves and how we pray. We can find comfort knowing that no matter where we are in life, when we call out to God in prayer, He'll offer us the love, wisdom and guidance we need. We can bring our blind spots, struggles, and joys to Him, knowing He already understands and welcomes us. And like David, our response can be awe and gratitude: "Your works are wonderful" (v. 14). Today, pause and rest in the truth that you are fully known and deeply loved by the God who created you.

Prayer:

Lord, I thank you that you know me completely and loving me without condition. Help me to rest in Your care, to trust You with my struggles, and to see myself through Your eyes. May my heart overflow with awe and gratitude for the wonderful work You have done in creating me. Amen.

Rev Rick



THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 5 October at 10.30am
Morning Service and Communion

Thursday 9 October following Lunch Club
(approx 2.00pm) Short Service in church only

Sunday 12 October at 6.00pm
BMS Harvest video on zoom only

Gifts of tins and packets of food items will be welcomed
and will be donated to the Raunds Food Bank

Money donations will be sent to the
BMS World Mission Harvest Appeal

To join on zoom go to
www.ringsteadsharedchurch.org.uk
and click on the link on the home page



Shared News

Axe & Compass Quiz

The next quiz will be held on October 7th, if you are able to come then please let Rick know! It's always a fun evening and you never know we might possibly win it!

Wednesday Prayers

There are no Wednesday prayers this month but on Wednesday 15th October there will be a Link Missionaries' video on Zoom at 7:30pm. There will be no evening prayer session in November. The following evening prayer session will be December 17th at 7:30pm for a Zoom in before Christmas. *The pattern may change again in January, so pay attention!*

Harvest Thanksgiving

Services will be held on Sunday 5th October and Thursday 9th October after Lunch Club. The BMS Harvest video will be shown on Zoom on Sunday 12th October at 6pm.

Zoom Quiz Night

The next Zoom Quiz night is planned for Friday 31st October at 7:30pm. In order for this to happen we need plenty of questions so if you're able to offer a round then please let Angela know, her email address is treasurer@ringsteadsharedchurch.org.uk.

Study Groups - Who'd be a Baptist

It's a good question, as Christians we all believe similar things and worship in similar ways. Yet our denominations do have their differences. As a Baptist Church we are part of the Baptist denomination and we have a certain way of managing church life based on certain perspectives of theology. This series of studies helps explain what it means to be part of the Baptist church, looking at our history, structure and practice; including topics such as church membership, believer's baptism and the Lord's Supper (Communion).

Shared News - Cont'd

Starting Monday 15th September we are planning to run these studies each week on a Monday afternoon and then repeated via Zoom Thursday evening (starting Thursday 18th September).

Congratulations

We are thrilled to learn that Julie Inness has been awarded a Doctorate. A suitable reward for her many years of studying, Paul and Jackie are absolutely delighted!

Time Together

The next Time Together will be held on Wednesday November 12th at 7:30pm to discuss church business and help plan for the future. Please put it in your diary.

Our thoughts and prayers of thanks to God.

We 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. Prayers of thanks to God for Chris Kinsey and her recent improvement, we pray that this continues.

We continue to pray for Ange's Granddaughter, Sky, and ask for God's healing hand to be on her as she starts a new round of medication.



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.

Knit & Natter



Wednesday
October 1
at 2.30pm
at The
Shared Church

Come to knit or sew
or just come to natter!

The Axe and Compass,
Ringstead, Quiz Night
Tuesday 7th October 2025 at 19:30 hrs



Would you like to make up a
team with Rick?

Please contact Rick

THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

Lunch Club

Thursday 9 October 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)

Followed by a short Harvest Service

DO COME!

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Did you know ?

1851 Religious Census

In 1841 the first comprehensive census of the population of Great Britain was taken and has been taken every ten years since. In 1851 a Religious Census was also taken at the same time as the population census; the first and only time this has been achieved and each church had to submit details about the church building and the numbers of people attending each church service.

The population of Ringstead in 1851 was 727.

The Religious Census for Northamptonshire has been archived and the figures for the three churches in Ringstead make interesting reading.

CHURCH. An ancient parish church. Consecrated long before 1800. Free sittings*

On 30th March 1851. In afternoon General Congregation 104, Sunday Scholars 73.

*Remarks: Afternoon service always numerically superior to morning. Average about the same as above return in the afternoon. *Free sittings and pews are by general custom are so mixed as to render it difficult to separate them. Room for 450.*

Signed T H Wilkins, Assistant Curate, Ringstead House (now the Manor House).

Thomas Hodsall Wilkins was assistant curate at Ringstead and Slipton. His father, also Thomas Wilkins, is recorded in the census as a Landed Proprietor and one of Her Majesty's Justice of the Peace. The Wilkins family were living in Ringstead in 1841 and 1851

WESLEYAN CHAPEL. Denomination Wesleyan Methodist. Erected 1814. A separate and entire building. Used exclusively for worship. Free sittings 70; other sittings 70. On 30th March 1851 In morning Sunday Scholars 27; in afternoon Total Congregation 64, in evening Total Congregation 110. Average attendance during previous 12 months, in morning General Congregation 180, Sunday Scholars 28. Signed Robert Childs, Trustee Ringstead near Thrapston

Robert Childs is described in a local directory as 'Shoemaker'.

BAPTIST MEETING. Denomination Particular Baptist. Erected before 1800. A separate and entire building. Used exclusively for worship. Free sittings 150; other sittings 190. On 30th March 1851

In morning General Congregation 109, Sunday Scholars 66, in afternoon General Congregation 159, Sunday Scholars 66, in evening General Congregation 183. Average attendance during previous 12 months, in morning General Congregation 110, Sunday Scholars 66, in afternoon General Congregation 170, Sunday Scholars 66, in evening General Congregation 00.

Signed William Kitchen, Minister, Ringstead, near Thrapston

THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

Our regular 3rd Saturday

Coffee, cake and chat



Saturday 18 October
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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Shoebox Appeal 2025

Thank you

to everyone who supported our Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal Coffee Morning on Saturday 27th September. It was a very friendly and sociable event, much tea, coffee and glasses of Irn-Bru were drunk, several pieces of cake were eaten and lots of conversations took place as well as people taking items for their shoeboxes. The total raised was £174.00 and this will enable us to pack extra boxes and send a donation to Link to Hope.

Our next event will be on Sunday 19th October when our Shoeboxes, blankets and knitted goods will be blessed and dedicated during our Morning Service at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome and we do hope that you will join us. We need to have your packed shoeboxes by this date as they will be taken to the Collection Point in Northampton in the following week, but please feel free to bring your boxes as soon as you have them ready.

This year, Link to Hope has asked if we can consider removing as much packaging as possible as people who will receive a box have almost no facilities to recycle materials. We are also asked to include a Christmas card and/or a photograph of yourself. You do not have to give your details if you don't want to but it is felt that people like to see who has sent them a box.

It is much easier for us if the £3.00 delivery charge is taped to the shoebox but if you decide to pay online, please mark your box accordingly so that we know how many boxes we need to account for.

Once again, thank you for your support and please remember that your boxes bring a great deal of joy to a family or elderly people who live in extremely difficult circumstances.

Carol, Alan and Agnes

Book Club

We all enjoyed a summer following our own interests and met in early September to share our varied finds. Here are just a few samples.

"The Story Of A Heart "by Rachel Clarke is a true account of a heart transplant.



"The Place Of Tides" by James Rebank is also a true account of one man's encounter with a woman who collected the feathers of the Eider Duck.

"March" by Geraldine Brooks tells the story of Mr March the father of Jo, Beth, Amy and Meg (the little women in Louise Alcot's novel) and his less than

cosy life as an army chaplain in the American Civil War.

"The Secret Keeper" by Sandra Burke is about Katherine Parr.

And one of our group spent the summer with her favourite Agatha Christie books.

Our next meeting

Venue: 11 Carlow Road

Date: Tuesday 21st October

Time: 2:30pm

Book: "The Life Impossible" by Matt Haig

June.



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



Shared Church Zoom Quiz Night

Friday 31 October @ 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

Programme - October 2025

Services in October (In church and by Zoom)

Services are led by Revd Rick Preston unless otherwise stated:

Sunday 5th October

10:30am Harvest Thanksgiving and
Communion Service

Thursday 9th October

c. 2:00pm (after Lunch Club) Harvest Service

Sunday 12th October

10:30am Morning Service
6:00pm BMS Harvest video on Zoom

Sunday 19th October

10:30am Christmas Shoebox Dedication
Service

Sunday 26th October

10:30am Morning Service



and in November

Sunday 2nd November

10:30am Communion Service

To share in the morning services through Zoom see the website

www.RingsteadSharedChurch.org.uk

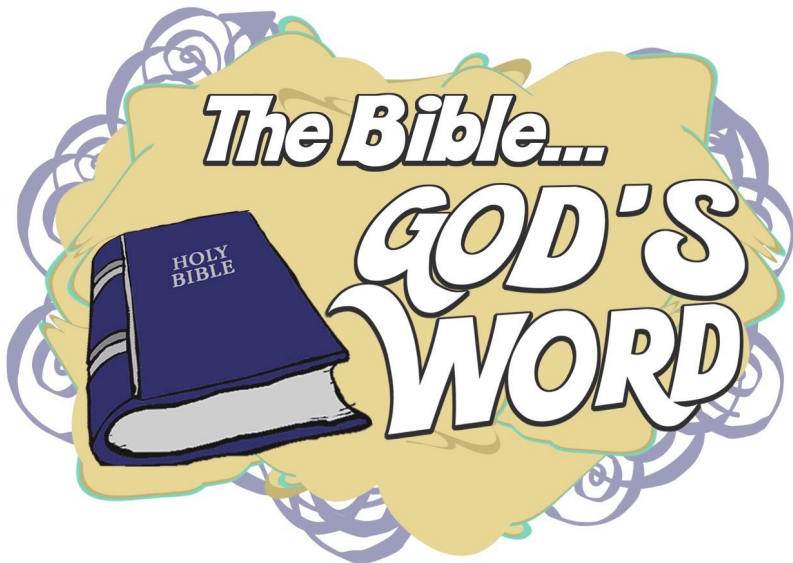
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Readers & Readings

Rota for Scripture readings

5 October 2025	Agnes	Luke 17.5-10
12 October 2025	Mike	Luke 17.11-19
19 October 2025	Christine	Luke 18.1-8
26 October 2025	Alan	Luke 18.9-14

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=L1F0Szd0Z1I2R1RvNVlCc0VsTVVA1Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84607293457?pwd=L1F0Szd0Z1I2R1RvNVlCc0VsTVVA1Zz09)

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Or Dial from any phone 0203 051 2874 or
0203 481 5237 or 0203 481 5240 or 0203 901

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