

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

**36 High Street, Ringstead, NN14 4DA**

**[www.ringsteadsharedchurch.org.uk](http://www.ringsteadsharedchurch.org.uk)**



## **July 2025 Magazine**

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

**[ringsteadnotices@gmail.com](mailto:ringsteadnotices@gmail.com)**

**by 25<sup>th</sup> July**



## From our Minister



I was sat thinking the other day of all the different Clubs and groups I belong to. Some to do with interest, some work related, some because I feel I should. That got me to thinking about the commitment to those groups and what I contribute.

So what about church? Have you ever asked the question: What is the point of Church membership? Lets face it membership of the church itself has not and never will get anyone into heaven.

But this doesn't mean it's unimportant to be committed to a local church. In fact I am of the firm opinion that every believer should join a local church. Yet I still hear people say things like “But we are not joiners,” or “I’m happy just coming.”

It seems to me that such responses are contrary to the teaching of the New Testament. True, the Bible doesn't command believers to ‘join’ a church, because they are already members of *the* Church, the body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23). But the Bible does instruct Christians to be actively involved in a local group of believers. This includes identifying with Christ and His people through baptism, the Lord's Supper, exercising one's spiritual gifts, studying God's Word, fellowshiping, praying together, and being accountable to one another.

Each local church is the body of Christ in miniature. So, the church is more than an organization; it is a living organism, manifesting Christ to the world (see 1 Cor. 12:12-31).

## From our Minister - Cont'd

Commitment to and active fellowship in a local church is biblical. Christ willingly identified with us by bearing our sin in His own body. Shouldn't we be willing to identify with Him by uniting with a local group of His people?

There is a long tradition of Baptists worshipping here in Ringstead, with our congregation consisting of a mixture of new and old: our ages, our Christian experience, our time within the fellowship, our music. Yet I firmly believe that God has called each one of us here, called us all together to fulfil the purpose of the Kingdom, not just in the past, but also looking to the future, what is it God is asking of us next?

So now is the time, and this is the place to be the people of God. So if you haven't yet become a member what about it? And if you are a member are you really playing your part? But most of all, what is God asking of us now?

The church, a living body, containing all the parts-  
It lives, it moves, it functions, and touches many hearts;  
When each part is committed to do the Saviour's will?  
His members are united, His purpose they fulfil. - *Fitzhugh*

Rev Rick



# Shared News

## **Cliff Harris**

We are very sad to learn of Cliff's passing, most of you will have had dealings with Cliff and know what an affable and knowledgeable man he was. For many years he served Ringstead Parish as a Councillor and also as the Church Warden of St Mary's (the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary). Many people will have spent time chatting to Cliff as he was out and about, walking his dog, checking the Council's property & land and looking after the affairs of the Church. We ask for your prayers for Sue and family as they navigate through the processes required following a death, we also pray for God's Love and Comfort to be with them through this incredibly sad time. The whole church family of Ringstead will undoubtedly offer love and comfort to them all.

## **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.

There is currently a list in the schoolroom. Please sign by 6 July if you will be coming.

## **Axe & Compass Quiz**

The next quiz is scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> July, I'm told that the questions will be easier than those used in the last quiz, I'll believe that when I see it! If you're interested in taking part then please let Rick know.

## **Wednesday Prayers**

Wednesday prayers (on Zoom only) will be on Wednesday July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm. Zoom details are at the back of the magazine.

# Shared News - Cont'd

## **Time Together**

Wednesday 9 July at 7:30pm in the Schoolroom. Do come ... it's your opportunity to input into this Church's life together.

## **Knit and Natter**

The funeral service for Cliff Harris has been scheduled for 2:30pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July so knit and natter is cancelled for this month. See you on August 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm

## **Songs of Praise**

Songs of Praise in the Schoolroom on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 6:00pm. Bring a favourite hymn/song, reading or thought to share.

## **Wedding News**

Love and blessings to David Smith and Tess who are being married quietly in the Shared Church at the end of the month. Their livelier celebration will be at Tess' home in August!

## **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.

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

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

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.



**The Axe and Compass,  
Ringstead, Quiz Night  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 at 19:30 hrs**

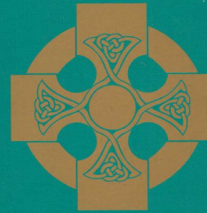


**Would you like to make up a team with Rick?**

**Please contact Rick**

**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.

**First Wednesday Prayer by Zoom  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 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 ?

### Shepherd's Cottage

The 1838 tithe records identify this building as a cottage and allotment occupied by Weekly Ball. The 1841 census shows that the head of the household was a shepherd named William Ball, Weekly was his son who was a butcher. One of his daughters, Ann, looks to be working as a servant in the 'Vicarage' located in Upper Carlow (now demolished). Weekly is also referred to as William Weekly in census records and in the 1840s he moved into a newly built cottage next door (No 20). In 1851 William, his father, had retired and his son, John, who was also a shepherd was now the head of the household. The 1861 census returns show that John Ball was a butcher and still living in the cottage, by 1871 John was a butcher farming 43 acres and employing a labourer and had moved to Shop Street (High Street). The occupants of this cottage from 1871 - 1881 cannot be definitively identified from census records. The cottage started off as a single residence, which looks to have been split into three cottages at some point after 1861. It is now two properties, numbers 16 & 18.

In 1891 William Peacock, a shoemaker, was living in the cottage on the left, Benjamin Roberts a shoemaker was living and working in the middle cottage and Jabez Abbott, also a shoemaker, was living in the cottage on the right. In 1911 it was the home of Alfred Mayes and his three sons who made hand sewn army shoes. Benjamin Roberts was



Margaret Thatcher's Grandfather and he had moved across the road into a larger house (No7) by the time Alfred Roberts (Margaret Thatcher's Father) was born. Alfred was the fifth of seven children! The photograph shows Benjamin Robert in front of the cottage.



THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

# Lunch Club

**Thursday 10 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!**

[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 19 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**

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



## Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has already taken a Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal leaflet for this year's appeal and if you haven't

yet had a leaflet, they are available in the Schoolroom or from us.

Our Coffee Morning in support of the appeal will be held in the Schoolroom on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00 am to 12 noon (ish). As in previous years, we will have items suitable to go into either a Family or Elderly Persons Shoebox. Simply take anything that you need and leave a donation. This will enable us to pack extra shoeboxes and if you just want to come and have a cup of coffee and a piece, or two, of cake, that's fine too. This is always a very friendly and sociable event and we do hope that you will be able to join us.

If you have not packed a box before or need further information, just get in touch with one of us and, as always, thank you for your support

Carol, Alan and Agnes

Team Shoebox

## Book Club

'Maurice and Maralyn' by Sophie Elmhirst. Tired of their hum-drum life in Derby Maurice and Maralyn embark upon a voyage, in a small boat, to New Zealand. The journey begins in March 1972 and is one of spiritual and physical endurance and enduring love.



Our last meeting before the summer break

**Venue: The Watermill Tearooms, Ringstead**

**Date: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

**Time: 12:30pm**

**Book: The Husbands by Holly Gramazio**

June.

SUPPORT NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S BEAUTIFUL CHURCHES

# 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 - July 2025

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

Services are led by Revd Rick Preston unless otherwise stated:

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

10:30am Communion Service  
Revd Laura Staves

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July

10:30am Morning Service  
6:00pm Songs of Praise

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July

10:30am Morning Service

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July

10:30am Morning Service



## and in August

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

10:30am Morning Service

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August

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

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 7:30pm

Zoom in and share! - See Zoom link elsewhere in this newsletter.

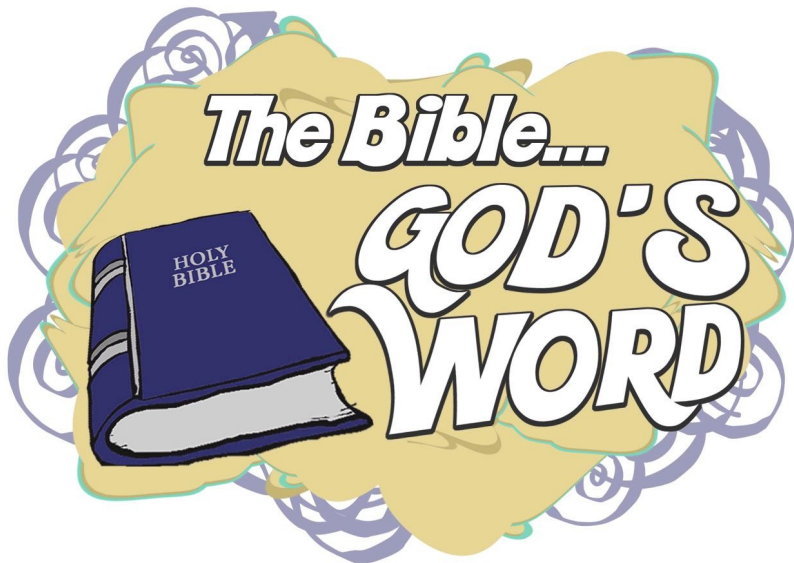
If you would like to lead, or share in leading, one of these evenings please get in touch with Revd Rick.

# Readers & Readings

## Rota for Scripture readings

6 July 2025	Peter	Luke 10.1-11, 16-20
13 July 2025	Louise	Luke 10.25-37
20 July 2025	Chris	Luke 10.38-42
27 July 2025	Carol	Luke 11.1-13
3 August 2025	Agnes	Luke 12.13-21
10 August 2025	Mike	Luke 12.32-40
17 August 2025	Christine	Luke 12.49-56
24 August 2025	Angela	Luke 13.10-17
31 August 2025	Alan	Luke 14.1,7-14

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.



# 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](http://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=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

### QR Code

