

The **Shared Church** *in Ringstead*

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June 2026 Magazine

Please send your articles for the July edition to

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by 24th June

From our Minister

These are exciting times at church. Over the past few months, we have welcomed several new people into our fellowship, and on Sunday 14th June we will witness a believer's baptism during our morning service. We will also be receiving two people into full church membership.



This naturally raises the question: what is church membership, and what is the point of it?

Let's be clear — membership of a church has never saved anyone, nor will it ever get anyone into heaven. Salvation comes through faith in Jesus Christ alone. However, that does not mean commitment to a local church is unimportant. In fact, I firmly believe that every Christian should belong to a local church fellowship.

Yet I still hear people say things such as, "We're not really joiners," or, "I'm happy just coming along."

It is true that the Bible does not specifically command believers to "join" a church, because every Christian is already a member of the Church — the body of Christ (Eph. 1:22–23). Nevertheless, Scripture repeatedly encourages believers to be actively involved in a local fellowship of God's people. This includes identifying with Christ and His people through baptism and the Lord's Supper, exercising spiritual gifts, studying God's Word, praying together, sharing fellowship, and being accountable to one another.

Each local church is, in a sense, the body of Christ in miniature. The church is therefore far more than an organisation; it is a living organism through which Christ is made visible to the world (see 1 Cor. 12:12–31).

From our Minister - Cont'd

Commitment to, and active participation in, a local church is thoroughly biblical. To become a church member is to make a formal commitment to a recognisable local body of believers who have joined together for God-given purposes. These purposes include receiving instruction from God's Word (1 Tim. 4:13; 2 Tim. 3:16-17), encouraging one another in the faith, and working together in the service of Christ.

Church membership also means becoming an active participant in the vital task of sustaining the congregation and passing on the faith to future generations. In Baptist churches, it also means taking a responsible part in the life and government of the church, since members share in the process of prayerfully making decisions together.

Christ willingly identified Himself with us by bearing our sin in His own body on the cross. Should we not then be willing to identify ourselves with Him by committing to a local fellowship of His people?

So, if you have not yet become a church member, perhaps it is time to consider it seriously. And if you are already a member, are you truly playing your part?

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 Savior's Will,
His members are united, His purpose they fulfil. - *Fitzhugh*

Rev Rick



Calendar for June

Every Weekday 9.00am 20 minutes of Prayer on zoom

Study Groups

Deepening Faith

Mondays June 1, 8, 15

2.00pm in the schoolroom

Thursdays June 4, 11, 18

7.30pm on zoom

Wednesday 3 2.30pm Knit & Natter

Sunday 7 10.30am Communion Service

Thursday 11 12.30pm Lunch Club

Sunday 14 10.30am Morning Service with Believer's Baptism

Monday 15 7.30pm Deacons Meeting

Wednesday 17 7.30pm Pray Together on zoom

Saturday 20 10 – 11.30 Coffee Cake and Chat

Sunday 21 10.30am Morning Service
6.00pm Café Church in the schoolroom

Saturday 27 CBA Assembly at Welwyn Garden City

Sunday 28 10.30am Morning Service

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! ♥

Mark Russen



Well done Mark, who has now completed his 10 km (6 mile) swim in aid of Cancer Research UK

in recognition of the all clear he was given from cancer. He contributed over £1,000 towards an overall total of just under £700,000 that was raised by everyone taking part. Thanks to all of you who made donations.

The giving page for donations can be found using the following link: -

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

Knit & Natter

Wednesday June 3
2.30pm at The Shared Church



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

THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

Lunch Club

Thursday 11 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!

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Shared News

Axe & Compass Quiz

The Quiz will not take place during the summer months and we have no information as to when, or if, it will restart.

Study Groups

The Study Groups are continuing this month on Mondays 1st, 8th and 15th June in the School Room, we continue to look at who Jesus is from the viewpoint of the Gospel of Mark. These three remaining sessions will also be 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.

Sad News

May proved to be a particularly sad time for the families of two well known characters in the village.

Colin Livesey who was well known by attendees at the Shared Church Lunch Club and also a member of Ringstead Village Social Club has passed away, his funeral will be at St Mary's Church at midday on 12 June.

We have also lost Dennis Redhead, who for very many years was the treasurer of Ringstead Village Social Club, his funeral will be held on 2nd June at 11 am in St Mary's Church.

We pray that their families will be comforted by many happy memories of times shared and that they will know the love and comfort that comes from God.

Believer's Baptism

We look forward to welcoming people to the Church on 14th June for the Baptism. This is an important event and it will be good to see many of you there.

Shared News - Cont'd

Wendy

We send our best wishes to Wendy as she sets up her new home in Desborough, we will miss her at the morning service but she assures me that she will remain connected via Zoom.

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 Nikki and were sorry to hear that April's operation was cancelled due to other health concerns. The operation has been rescheduled to June and we pray that the operation will take place and be successful.

Ange's Granddaughter, Sky, continues to suffer with her health and also her Niece, Grace. 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.

THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

Our service at 10.30am
on Sunday 14 June
will include

Believer's Baptism

by total immersion

Everyone will be welcome at this
and all our worship services.

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to share in the service by zoom
go to the church website and click on the link on the home page.

Did you know ?

Ada Salter (1866 - 1942)

Ada Salter née Brown was born in Raunds on 20th July 1866 and was an active member of the Methodist Church there, she was also a member of the Liberal Party and a member of its radical wing. She lived at Thorpe House in Raunds and moved to London at the age of 30.

In London, Ada joined the West London Mission in Bloomsbury to work as a 'Sister of the People' in the slums of St Pancras. Ada was committed to working for the poor and needy. In 1900 she married Alfred Salter, a brilliant doctor, who was much influenced by Ada's beliefs, he went on to set up a medical practice in Jamaica Road and charged poorer patients only a small sum and the very poor nothing at all. Alfred was an agnostic when he met Ada and she converted him to Christianity.

In 1906 she left the Liberal Party when it failed to honour a promise to grant the vote to women and went on to become a member of the Independent Labour Party (ILP). In 1908 Alfred followed suit and founded a branch of the ILP in Bermondsey. In 1909 she stood in the Bermondsey Borough election and became its first Labour Councillor as well as first woman, she was also one of the first woman councillors in London.

She continued to work for the Women's Labour League (WLL) which she co-founded with the wife of Ramsey MacDonald in 1906. The WLL carried out research into social housing, seeking to replace the London slums with model council housing, it also campaigned to provide green spaces for the residents and to fight air pollution.

Ada was also very much involved with the trade union movement and in 1910 helped to recruit women into the National Federation of Women Workers which organised a strike in 1911 which led to improved working conditions for the women.

As a committed pacifist the 1914 war was a catastrophe for her and after the war, in 1919, she was re-elected to Bermondsey Council and became Lord Mayor in 1922, the first female Lord Mayor in London. She continued to extol her green socialist ideals and was a prime mover in the establishment of London's Green Belt in 1938. In her honour, Raunds Town Council has established an Ada Salter Garden.





Shoebox Appeal 2026

The Ringstead Shoebox Team is now working hard, collecting and gathering as many items as we can for the Appeal and thank you to everyone who have already taken

leaflets ready to pack their own boxes.

Later in the year we will be holding our customary Coffee Morning, where items will be ready for you to take to pack.

Another part of the Shoebox Appeal is knitted goods and also knitted or crocheted knee blankets. These are well received by elderly people when the weather is extremely cold and they have little or no heating.



Everything we receive will be on display at our Dedication Service in early October. Once again, thank you. Your response to the Appeal is wonderful and we are so grateful for your support.

Carol, Alan and Agnes

Book Club

Last month's book 'When the cranes fly south' by Lisa Ridzén was beautifully written and a poignant story about an elderly man who was nearing death and parted from his dog.

Our next meeting

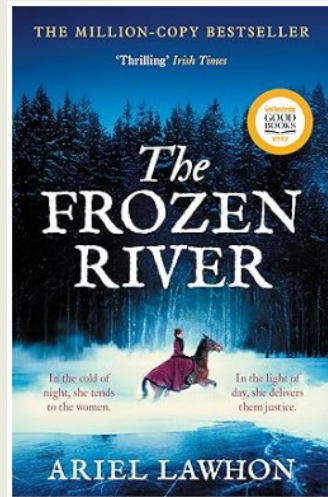
Venue: 11 Carlow Road

Date: Tuesday 16th June

Time: 2:30pm

**Book: 'The Frozen River'
by Ariel Lawhon**

June.



Praying Together by zoom

Wednesday 17 June

7.30pm

Praying for the world



THE SHARED CHURCH IN RINGSTEAD

Our regular 3rd Saturday

Coffee, cake and chat



Saturday 20 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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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

Café Church

Sunday 21 June

6.00pm

In the schoolroom



Central Baptist Association

2026 Assembly and AGM

Saturday 27 June at Welwyn Garden City

“Partners in Mission – God’s Mission to and through the Nations”

Full details from Patrick

Programme - June 2026

Services in June (In church and by Zoom)

Services are led by Revd Rick Preston unless otherwise stated:

Sunday 7th June

10:30am Communion Service

Sunday 14th June

10:30am Morning Service including Believer's
Baptism

Sunday 17th June

10:30am Morning Service

7:30pm Pray Together on Zoom

Sunday 21st June

10:30am Morning Service

6:00pm Café Church in the schoolroom

Sunday 28th June

10:30am Morning Service



and in July

Sunday 5th July

10:30am Communion Service

Sunday 12th July

10:30am Morning Service

Revd Dr Ted Hale

To share in the morning services through Zoom see the website

www.RingsteadSharedChurch.org.uk

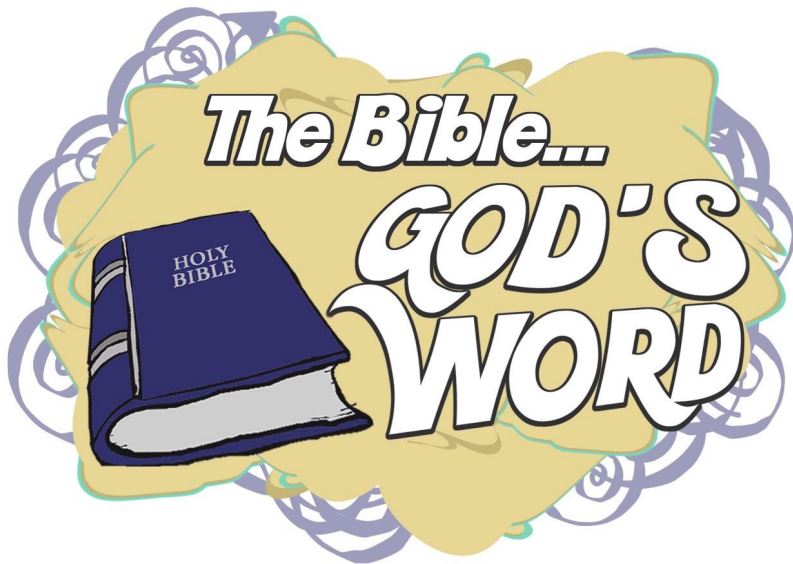
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Readers & Readings

Rota for Scripture readings

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| 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.



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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=L1F0Szd0Z1I2R1RvNVlCc0VsTVA1Zz09>

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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