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Monthly event for dads, stepdads, granddads or male carers and their younger children [0-6 yrs]. Children enjoy a range of toys including bouncy castle, sit-on cars and inflatable ball pool.

Saturday 18 May

9.30am—12noon

St Mary's Church Hall

Adults £3; children free

Just turn up!

Items for the
June grapevine

should be sent by

Sunday 12 May

to Jude Curtis

either by email:

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or [as a last resort] left in the letterbox outside the office

Please include your name and phone number with any submission in case we need to contact you.

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A New Heaven and a New Earth

Revelation 21.1-5

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes and there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!”

Often in life something is just too far gone to be restored. Despite its natural beauty the Bible portrays our world as a lost world, because of its rejection of God and His ways. This might sound bleak but it is actually a wellspring of hope. It is in that very brokenness and ‘fallenness’ of this world that God declares in the passage above, ‘I am making all things new.’ His promise is a new world where, as it reads, ‘there will be no more death, or mourning, or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away’.

It means Christians always live with one foot in our current, decaying world and the other in the new world to come. Just as Jesus wept at the tomb of Lazarus in the face of death, yet gloriously resurrected him, so those who trust in Christ in this life have that same wonderful hope beyond death. Death is the end and also the beginning. And for believers there is the further glorious promise of the coming new



creation: where all those who put their hope in God will be raised to new life. And that doesn't mean just to an infinite length of life but a life of infinite quality: a life without the pollution of the present world's selfishness, greed and corruption: one where we love and **are** loved perfectly, both by God and each other. It will be a world remade.

In His boundless love and mercy God offers total forgiveness. Far from seeking to tidy us up we are made completely new in Christ, which is the glorious message of both the cross and resurrection that we have just remembered at Easter.

Because of Jesus' dying for us we can be forgiven and made new. This is truly the free and eternal gift of God, 'There will be no more death, or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'

Amen to that.

Phil Nightingale





Who would have thought in those first harrowing moments on the evening of Monday 15 April, as the steeple of Notre Dame Cathedral collapsed into itself with such devastating speed, that, against all the odds, this was not going to end in total disaster.

For once it was *not* a case, as Phil talks about on p4, of things reaching such a point that they are ‘broken beyond our ability to repair them’.

There is so much to be grateful for.

- The structure remains sufficiently intact to be rebuilt - hopefully without that irreplaceable and now eco-unfriendly ‘Forest’ of timber in the main nave roof.
- Not only is President Macron committed to reconstruction but the overwhelming generosity of an extraordinary range of donors *will* make it happen. Maybe doing it in five years is a tad optimistic.
- No lives were lost - amazing in a blaze of such ferocity.
- An extraordinary number of relics, artefacts and artworks have been rescued.
- The blame-game in the media has been pleasantly and unusually muted.
- In a climate where attacks on faith centres have become horribly predictable this event seems entirely accidental.
- The dignified and silent solidarity of Parisians and visitors has been astonishing.
- As the media have accurately reported in the last few days Notre Dame is not just a building, nor just a place of worship, but part of society's heritage. Where else but in Paris would a post-Revolutionary Emperor choose a Roman Catholic Cathedral for his coronation? And I'm sure Napoleon wasn't being ironic.
- In the face of such visible solidarity the phrase “We live in a secular



world” has, not surprisingly, been largely absent from the reportage.

- It demonstrates yet again that a common religious heritage is not far below the surface. There are still many believers of many faiths in our world.
- What most impressed me was the lack of individual group identity. European society - perhaps particularly British society - is becoming increasingly fractured over tinier and tinier issues. It was good to see sadness and hope mirrored in so many faces : a fit celebration of our common humanity.

It does indeed look as if Notre Dame will rise from the ashes: that’s the reason why I chose this photograph of the building intact, along with some of the millions of visitors who enjoy it every year. *Jude Curtis*

briefing

Priest Banished

A Russian orthodox priest has been exiled into service in a remote village ... because his wife took part in a beauty pageant during Lent. Sergei Zotov was dismissed from his post after his wife, Oksana, who runs a beauty salon won the Miss Sensuality prize at the contest.

i newspaper, 16 April 2019

A grandmother is a woman, who has no small children of her own, so she loves the boys and girls of other people. Grandmothers have nothing to do, they only have to be there. If they take you for a walk, they go slowly past beautiful leaves and caterpillars. They never say ‘Come along quickly’, or ‘Hurry up for goodness’ sake’. They are usually fat, but not too fat to tie up your shoe laces. They wear spectacles and sometimes take out their teeth. They can answer any question, for instance why dogs hate cats, and why God is not married. When they read to us, they never leave anything out. They do not mind if it’s always the same story. Everyone should have a grandmother, especially those who do not have a television. Grandmothers are the only grown ups who have plenty of time. *Thanks to AG*

St Mary's News

Ladies' Group

After opening with prayer the delayed **AGM** ran smoothly through reports and Treasurer's accounts. Thanks were expressed to all who helped the group in any way to continue to thrive.

Then **Trisha, the Post Lady**, revealed to us the fascinating details of delivery rounds in Wollaston and then Bozeat. She loves her job and thrives on the communication between herself and the lovely, interesting people she meets every day. Some tales she told were amusing and some heart-warming. Her ten mile hike covers the everyday life of ordinary *and* extraordinary people!

We welcome **Wendy Potts on May 8** to speak about "**Origin, Folklore and Honey Remedies**". Have a purse handy because there may be items for sale. Contact Cynthia [359590] for further details

Wendy Muncey

tearfund

The Lent Collection

this year was in

aid of **Tearfund** : please remember to return your box of loose change to church asap. More about Tearfund in Sue's article on p19.

The Children's Society

You are invited to a **Coffee Morning on Saturday 11 May** in the church hall from 10.00am - 12noon. Admission 50p. **All are welcome to our events**



Mary Hadley

Congratulations!

... to **Jean Lathwell** on her **Ninetieth Birthday** and **Rex and Jean Charles** on their **Diamond Wedding Anniversary**.

A Big Thank You

... to my friends at St Mary's for the lovely cards and kind gift received on the occasion of my recent **Eightieth Birthday**. The exuberance of the Tombling 'boys' in the Family Service and afterwards in the Church Hall, gave the day a lively spirit!

Ann Beal

T&C

These regular Thursday coffee mornings are going from strength to strength. Some people come in when they attend the Thursday Communion service, but it's even more rewarding when we have people arriving who are not members of the church but we later discover have gone on to attend other church events.



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We have a regular team of coffee makers and 'minglers' who welcome everyone: age is no barrier! So come and join us and enjoy good company, friendship and [oh, yes] homemade cakes.

Ann Harris

Extra excitement was added to T&C proceedings recently when the whole crowd presented a super basket of especially nice things to Jean Robertson ahead of last Saturday's Wedding to Gerald Bass. You can see Jean happily accepting everyone's good wishes on The Back Page



Congratulations to all those involved in the success of WLTD0 which [unbelievably] celebrated its **Fifth Anniversary on April 16.**

"Just
a thought . . ."

"I like to be gently steered
away from things I have my
heart set on!" BG

Flower Rota

May 2019

Behind the Communion Table

- 5 Mr & Mrs John Bettles
- 12 Mrs Josie Tingey for Mrs Joan Walker
- 19 Mrs Julie West
- 26 Mrs Linda Inwood-Rogers

Contact: **Jean Tombling: 418072**

Memorial Chapel

- 5 Mr Peter White in memory of Dorothy
- 19 Miss Jude Curtis in memory of her Mum.
- 26 Mrs Kelland in memory of Mr & Mrs Craddick

*If anyone wishes to give flowers in memory of loved ones please contact me, **Brenda Dixon, 358982***

From the Registers

Baptism

Sunday 14 April 2019

Mia-Rose Cameron

Weddings

Saturday 30 March

Kimberley Harriet Smith &
Darren Lee Knight

Saturday 13 April

Jean Robertson
& Gerald Bass

St Mary's News

REPORT OF ST MARY'S Annual Meetings - 2 April

From the Vestry Meeting

Don Merrifield and Kate Woodfield were re-elected to the post of church warden for their second year.

From the APCM of the same date

- **Electoral Roll:** Mr M Compton reported that there are 200 members on the electoral roll. During the year there were 8 new members and 8 members left.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurers reported that although we accounted for a deficit we ended the year with a surplus.

Election and Appointment of Sides people: The following were elected:

- **9.30 am All Age Service** Mrs Ida Brooksby, Mr Pete Brooksby, Mr Peter Chamberlain, Mr Paul Cox, Mrs Sue Merrifield, Mr Don Merrifield, Mrs Michelle Smith, Mrs Helen Allan, Mrs Pam Wheatley, Miss Julia Emtage.
- **11.15 am Morning Service** Mr

Hubert Dickens, Mrs Sue Eagles, Mrs Ann Harris, Mrs Janet Ward

- **6.00 pm Evening Service** Mrs Jose Smith, Mrs Edna Wadsworth, Mr Mick Wadsworth, Mr Tony Coles, Mrs Gillian Coles

Election to the PCC

There were five PCC representatives to be elected with five nominations made, therefore no voting was required.

The five new PCC members elected are: Mr Gerald Bass, Mr Martin Cromwell, Mrs Louise Skinner, Mr Pete Brooksby and Mr Richard Toosey.

Rev Steve Prior thanked everyone for working together so well and spoke about the vibrant mix of services and activities at St Mary's.

Mrs Sue Prior thanked John and Carol Allen for all their hard work with Friends of St Mary's over the last 13 years.

Mrs Diana Smith thanked the church for the removal of the pew for wheelchair access.

Looking ahead

A Parish Picnic Afternoon will take place on **Saturday 31 August** in the

church grounds. There will be games, including volleyball, and a BBQ supper.

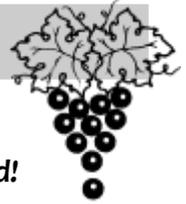
You might like to know . . .

The Germinate Lecture 2019 - one of the main national events for rural churches – will be taking place on our doorstep: **Salt, Light and Feet of Clay: celebrating the ministry of lay people:** with George Dunn CEO, Tenant Farmers' Association on **Wednesday 15 May**, 10.00am-2.00pm. £20 (including refreshments and lunch). At the John Kirkham Hall King's Park Conference and Sports Centre, King's Park Road, Northampton, NN3 6LL: <http://germinate.net/training/germinate-leadership/germinate-leadership-lecture/>



I am stockpiling, just in case...

FEEDBACK



Feedback always welcome: good or bad!



Where did you get that hat? Look forward to seeing the new edition. The mindfulness connection worked in well, especially with Easter joy and prayer. JW

I love [April's] Editorial ... I also liked your link with phenomenology and mindfulness. BG

Do you want a cake for 8 June? Lemon drizzle? CK.

Can you use some empty jam jars EW



Apologies to the anonymous creator of Lil&Lol. Our Publisher Spell Checker did not include "Rushdun" - but from what I hear people still got the joke! Ed.

Prayer, Praise & Presence

*Please join us for a time of informal contemporary worship, intercessory prayer and prayer ministry at 7.45pm on the **Third Thursday** of each month: **next meeting 16 May***

Briefing...



Local Events

Used Book Sale

If you get your hands on **grapevine** early there is still a chance you'll catch the regular **Book Sale at St Mary's Knox Rd, Wellingborough** on **Saturday April 27**. More details on their website.

Chichele College in Higham Ferrers

has a rolling programme of events for the coming months from Art Exhibitions to Live Music. It is also just a lovely space to enjoy peace, quiet and some unexpected open space in Higham.

They are holding a **Garden Fair on Saturday 25 May** with plants and gardening items for sale, horticultural advice available and craft demonstrations, plus an exhibition to celebrate the Town Charter.



Prayer Corner



A Prayer for Ascension Day based on Luke 24. 44-53

Scriptures fulfilled,
Minds opened,
We followed him to Bethany.
And there was joy in the
blessing

Of our risen Lord,
Jesus, God on earth.

And in the blessing
Was the leaving,
And in the leaving
Was the blessing –
His Spirit of life and power
To witness to the world
Of our ascended Lord,
Jesus, man in heaven.

By *Daphne Kitching*
© *Parish Pump*

News from Newton

Changes to Sunday Worship

Please note the new arrangements for Sunday worship times start with this May's schedule - check the Service Timetable on p31.

Altar Flowers For May

- 5 Helen Lines
- 12 Helen Mayes
- 19 June Clarke
- 26 Mrs Allen

Cowslip and Fritillary Weekend

The Cowslip and Fritillary weekend raised £711 despite the cold weather. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the event.



Open Gardens

Newton Bromswold will be opening its gardens on **Sunday 9 June** from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Teas will be served in the Village Hall. Admission is Family £5 and Adult £3.

Village Fete

Village Fete will be held on **Saturday 6 July** starting at 2.00pm. There will be the usual variety of stalls and games. Afternoon tea will be served and the Mission Band will be providing the music.

Barn Dance

The Barn Dance will be on Saturday **13 July** starting at 7.00pm. Tickets Adults £10 and children £5.



Rushden & Newton Bromswold WI

Thursday 9 May
Resolutions, Discussions and Fish & Chip Supper

Competition: A limerick

Thursday 13 June
Ruth Thomas: Old Northamptonshire

Competition: A shoe

All meetings unless otherwise stated held @ 7.30pm at Rushden Town Bowls Club, Northampton Road, Rushden, NN10 6AN

Visitors welcome £3.50 includes refreshments

Contact 01933 317846

You might like to know...



Saturday 4 May, 2.00pm: the 2019 **bluebell event** on and near **Midshires Covert:** Andrew Presland's land near Harrington, including a walk to see the hopefully impressive carpet of bluebells in Johnson's Covert, the ancient woodland nearby, as well as opportunities to sample food cooked on the camp fire, walk or simply relax. All welcome: Andrew Presland has more details (01933 316927). Let him know if you plan to go!

Wednesday 1 May, 11.30am for 12 noon--The next **East Northants Community Leaders' Lunch** is taking place at the Frontier Centre, off Addington Road, Irthlingborough, NN9 5UF. The meeting room is on the first floor of the main reception building. The lunch follows three short talks:

- **Helen Cameron**, will encourage those who are involved in serving their communities, as well as sharing about her role within the Methodist Church and the wider community
- **Denise Evans** will talk about the

wellbeing café that she and others have established at St Giles' Church, Northampton,

- An update following the visit of **Redeeming Our Communities** to the county last Autumn – an initiative seeking to make positive differences .

As ever, those present will have an opportunity to talk briefly about **any new activities/projects** that they are developing, and a **buffet lunch** will be provided alongside welcome drinks and refreshments. There will also be lots of time for catching up with others and **networking**.

What does it cost? Although there is no charge for this event, we suggest a donation of £5 on the day to cover food and other costs associated with the setting up of the lunch.

Who is this event for? **Anyone who is interested**, whether or not an official leader of anything

Places can be booked online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/east-northants-community-leaders-lunch-tickets-60326456054>.

Loss of Direction?



I write this in early April, just back from a week of House of Lords duty: saying prayers at the beginning of each day's debates, taking part in those debates, acting as chaplain to the peers. Brexit has been the main topic, including nearly 12 hours of it on the Thursday (4th April). But, as I write, I still haven't the faintest idea, or even a good guess, as to whether we will still be in the European Union by the time you read this in late April or early May.

The road to Brexit is a bumpy one. The direction is unclear. Achieving (or avoiding) Brexit is far from straightforward. We could end up in any of a great variety of places as regards our future relationship with the EU and with other allies and trading partners. The news changes from day to day, and there is no clear voice – only speculation, rumour and guesswork. Contrast the bumpy

road, and the lack of clarity about our direction, with the wonderful words of scripture as brought to musical life in Handel's *Messiah*. I've calmed myself down from the frantic confusion of Parliament by listening again to this wonderful music, and giving a talk on it in one of our parishes.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness:

*Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for
our God.*

*Every valley shall be exalted, and every
mountain and hill made low;
the crooked straight and the rough
places plain.*

*O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,
get thee up into the high mountain;
O thou that tellest good tidings to
Jerusalem,*

*lift up thy voice with strength;
lift it up, be not afraid:
say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your
God!*

*Arise, shine, for thy light is come,
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon
thee.*

In the political uncertainties of our world, we can find real certainty. Our future is bright with Christ. We have good news to tell. We can have confidence instead of fear.

With best wishes,

+Donald
Bishop of Peterborough

'Messing about on the river...'



Two curates from the Diocese of Peterborough will be taking part in a unique challenge on the River Nene over the May Day weekend. Tim Smith – Curate of St Giles, Northampton – and Tom Houston – Curate of St Mary the Virgin, Burton Latimer – will be paddling the length of the river in an open canoe, starting from Bouverie Court on Sunday 5th May and finishing at Peterborough Cathedral on Tuesday 7th May.

We caught up with Tom to ask him more about this fundraising feat:

What has promoted you to take on this challenge?

Both myself and Tim have a great love for canoeing, and when we began our curate training we talked about paddling the Nene together. I remembered that Kane Taylor (from

Weldon with Deene) and his fellow curates completed the same challenge of paddling from Northampton to Peterborough in 23 and a half hours over three days during his curacy. We decided we would attempt the challenge – and perhaps attempt to beat his time!

How many miles will it be?

The River Nene flows through many of the parishes in the Diocese of Peterborough, and Bouverie Court and Peterborough Cathedral are both linked together by this river with 61 miles in-between. This will take about 23 hours to paddle by canoe – however, we will split this over three days from Sunday afternoon to Tuesday, with the majority of the paddling on the Monday. We are looking to carry the canoe into Peterborough Cathedral late on the Tuesday afternoon.

What was it particularly about Kane's effort that prompted you to follow in his footsteps?

I used to work with Kane at the Frontier Centre in Irthlingborough, and when he left to become ordained, I loved his idea of joining together canoeing and his calling to ministry in the diocese. We have since reconnected since I began training, and both love the idea of the next generation of curates completing the same challenge.

What training have you undertaken so far?

Both myself and Tim have been paddling for years, so we have continued to practice in preparation for the paddling challenge. But it won't be easy. It took Kane and his team three days to paddle the 23 hours. To beat the time, we will need to take fewer breaks and keep up a faster pace, sustaining this for the whole time. The weather could cause major problems, especially if the wind is against us.

What causes are you raising money for?

We are both in our second year and love the churches that we are being trained in. I am currently at St Mary's, Burton Latimer, and we are raising money to build a servery in our church in order to open the church up to the local community. The money raised will go towards the £10,000 needed for the project. Tim is at St Giles and is also looking to raise money for the church's ministry.

Back to it!



Where will you be staying over during the challenge?

The Frontier Centre has generously offered us free accommodation for the Sunday and we will be staying with another Curate in Oundle on the Monday night.

With it being such a tough challenge I imagine that you will be grateful for support

Yes, indeed. We have received offers from clergy, laity and possibly even Bishop John to join us for small stretches of the paddle, as well as from people who wish to greet us along the way. Tim Alban Jones has offered to meet us at the Cathedral to celebrate the achievement. We would be honoured if others from the diocese would be able to join us in supporting this event in some way.

To donate to Tom and Tim's challenge, visit <https://www.facebook.com/donate/2619751158066760/2619751218066754/>.

The Diocesan Advisory Committee – Observations from Sue Ratcliffe (Assistant Diocesan Secretary)

On Tuesday 19th March I found myself sitting around the table with the members of the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) for the regular review and progression of current live cases. As a relative newcomer to the diocese (I joined in January 2018) I appreciate I have a long way to go to fully understand how the various parts of the diocese work – indeed, I doubt I will ever reach the ‘fully understand’ stage! However, I do seek to improve my knowledge at every opportunity.

So this meeting was a baptism in DAC business from an observer point of view. The first inkling I had of the breadth (and volume) of work undertaken by this committee was the arrival, by email, of the Agenda. It covered, one matter arising, 20 reports on applications from the previous meeting; 20 new items submitted under rule 3; one faculty application; 15 items relating to quinquennial surveys; and a number of other miscellaneous matters covering correspondence, grants and a report from the Historic Churches Officer.

I make no apology for being so specific on the number of items discussed as it soon became clear that each case like this requires a good deal of discussion, debate and decision making. The discussions are steered to conclusion by Sally van der Sterren (DAC Secretary), assisted by a good number of experts in the room with a huge

level of knowledge and wisdom – from architects to organ experts, a whole range of expertise was covered. No wonder then that each item was subject to a level of scrutiny and debate which, even in my relative ignorance, gave me complete reassurance that the work the DAC do is conducted with the highest possible attention-to-detail – thus protecting the Church Estate for future generations.

Sally is currently managing the DAC workload single-handed; her knowledge and attention-to-detail evident in each of the cases discussed. Since Josh Jackson left last summer (a part-time post), there have been attempts to replace him with a full-time Assistant DAC Secretary – we acknowledge that the workload requires two full-time posts – but this is proving a difficult task due to a lack of suitably-skilled applicants coming forward. However, not to be deterred, we started a process again in April in the hope that we can fill the vacancy soon.

In the meantime, I would ask us all to keep Sally in our prayers for the difficult task she has; that we can all be compassionate and understanding. I have certainly had my eyes opened from the limited amount of time I spent observing. While resourcing issues (which are being addressed) are proving to be a difficult barrier to overcome at this time, the desire to provide an effective and efficient DAC service is absolutely still there.

Visit: www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/events
to find events happening near you.

*“Where does the money actually go?” “Do they spend a lot on admin?”
“We’ve been giving for years, but they’re still poor!”*

Sometimes, understandably, people are wary about charitable giving, so it’s good to know that **The Evangelical Alliance Relief Fund - Tearfund** - is a well-established Christian organisation which we can support with confidence, both financially and prayerfully.

If, by any chance, you still have the September 2018 **grapevine** you will find an article referring to its launch in 1968, its Christian vision and ethics, and its work over the last fifty years. Its credentials are impeccable.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, writes, “The more I found out about Tearfund, the more inspiring it was. I think in essence, it’s because Tearfund does not do things to people but *with* people. They work through partnership.”

Over the years, God has used the charity to touch the lives of millions of people. Poverty, hunger, and lack of clean water and sanitation, have been tackled. Local churches have been trained to help their communities. Children have been able to receive education and wrongs perpetrated against women and marginalised groups have been challenged. Victims of disasters have been helped and injustices highlighted. Also the issues of climate change and clean energy have been addressed. The list goes on . . .

Justin Welby, when asked what he believes is the greatest global challenge facing the world today replies, “I think it is the lack of a sense of God’s compassion for the poor, the inward-turning of groups, the sense that we have to look after ourselves before we can look after anyone else. That comes from a lack of generosity of spirit which is the gift of God.”

May we, at St Mary’s, continue to open ourselves to God’s spirit of compassion and look outward with generous ‘agape’ love to the needy world around us.

Sue Eagles, for the Mission Committee [Sue Eagles, Martin Compton, Josie Smith, Sue Prior, Edna Wadsworth]

more detail, stories and pictures at
www.tearfund.org Ed



Meet the Congregation—James Woodfield

James was born on 14 August 1994 to Adrian Woodfield, a train driver, and Kate, who works for the NHS and has just been reappointed as one of our church wardens. He was followed in 1998 by his sister Laura. At this time they lived in Farnham Drive before moving to Kendal Close in 2003.

James attended Whitefriars School, where one of his teachers was Shona Adams. He enjoyed school, particularly Maths and Science subjects. He tended to be very accident prone and most years included a trip to Hospital. He also belonged to the Salvation Army Scouts.

After Whitefriars he moved on to Bishops Stopford School, alongside James and Alex Gaul. Again he enjoyed Maths and Science and played in the Rugby team, travelling with them to Singapore and Malaysia.

Whilst at school he gained 12 O levels and three A levels which enabled him to go to Nottingham University which he left with a Masters in Theoretical Physics. During his time there James went to occasional Scripture Union events and sometimes to St Mary's in Nottingham, though not regularly.

After university he began working at Wetherby's Racing Bank in Wellingborough, compiling VAT returns for racehorse owners. He enjoyed his time with them, but last December moved on to Booker Cash and Carry's Head Office, also in Wellingborough. Booker have nearly two hundred branches throughout the country and he is part of a team who decides what each warehouse needs, as different things are popular in different areas of the country.

James loves nothing better than to go cycling. Last year he racked up over 10,000 miles. He has raced against National, Olympic and World Champions!



At St Mary's, James is on the PCC, helps with the sound desk and computer projector and assists with the Sunday School once a month.

He loves being part of St Mary's, the joyful songs they sing, and the friendliness!

Roving Reporter



Those questions

Person with most influence?

My Dad, who encouraged me to cycle and being part of a fit family

Hobbies?

Cycling ... And in the past I played guitar

Guest to dinner?.

Gino Bartali, who used cycle-training as a cover to smuggle documents for the Jews in WW2

What would you serve?

Spicy chicken pasta with a couple of beers, followed by Cheesecake

Favourite Place?

Any countryside with an open road!

Proudest Moments

Competing in the Red Bull 25 Hour Timelaps Race and my friends and winning two years running

Special Treat?

Chocolate digestives ... Or better still a cycling holiday in the French Alps.

Favourite Bible verses?

John 10.10

“I have come that you might have life and have it to the full!”

Proverbs 3.16

“In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight!”

Looking Back at St Mary's Magazines

50 years ago

May 1969

BOOKSTALL NEWS

"Books for Adults"

An excellent book which I have read recently is the new book by Michael Green, "Runaway World". In this book Mr Green considers whether Christian belief is escapism or running away from reality. He discusses whether Jesus ever lived and whether science destroys belief. He tells some astounding facts based on actual historical and archaeological evidence.

Please do read this and then pass it on to a non-Christian friend.

COPY FOR THE JUNE
MAGAZINE

It would greatly help the editors if contributors would indicate the approximate number of words their article contains.

St Mary's Magazine, May
1969

25 years ago

May 1994

CHILDREN'S TV IS FOUND WANTING

A survey of 60 programmes on BBC1 and ITV, monitored during one week, found that 15% of the programmes on both channels included unruly behaviour.

The survey, carried out by members and supporters of the Viewers & Listeners Association, did find that 26.5% of BBC programmes 'set a good example to children' slightly more than ITV at 25%.

On the other hand 30.3% of ITV's children's programmes included violence [BBC 26.4%] while 14.7% of BBC programmes portrayed disrespect for those in legitimate authority [ITV 6%]

The monitors also notes 'some occult involvement' in 14.7% of BBC programmes [ITV 9.2%]
Grapevine May 1994

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Book Review

Alan Titchmarsh
When I was a Nipper
BBC Books, 2011

Subtitled 'A Personal Journey through disappearing Britain' this is Alan's very personal take on life in the 1950s and 60s when he was growing up in Yorkshire. The landscape of Post War and pre-internet life is radically different in so many ways but, Alan argues, the personality of the nation is probably much the same.

Each chapter looks at a specific area of life, from school to work and from farming to everyday life in the villages and towns and more. It's an easy read and something which can be picked up and put down without worrying about where you've got to in the narrative. Many of us will find much gentle joy in remembering things we'd forgotten, and those younger will find much both to amuse and startle them about their parents' lives – my granddaughter's horrified 'you wore knitted swimsuits' comment just about sums it up.

An ideal book to take to the garden with a cup of tea on a warm afternoon and 'remember when...'

Anna Kingsmill-Vellacott



"...and then, as the organist hits us with a cool hip-hop riff, you kick off the wedding vows in a smokin' rap style..."

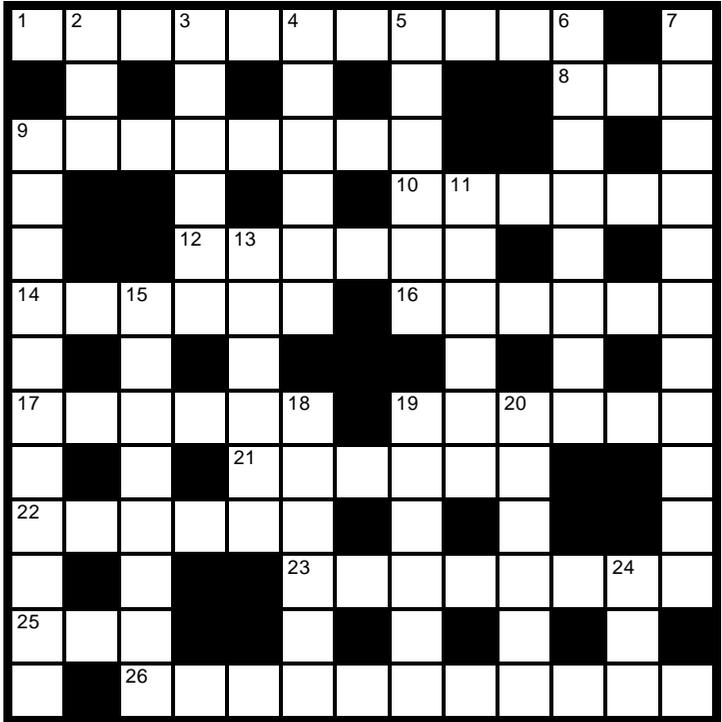


The Choir took the scenic route

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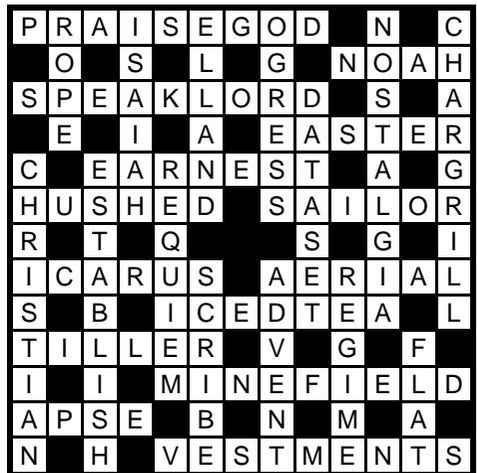
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8 Beard of barley (3)
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21 Afternoon nap (6)
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23 Drowsiness (8)
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DOWN

- 2 Adam's wife (3)
3 Dream (6)
4 Agile (6)
5 Sunflower state (6)
6 Petrol in USA (8)
7 Periods of work experience (11)
9 '--- -- the wondrous cross', (hymn)
(4,1,6)
11 Consecrate (6)
13 Frostiest (6)
15 Omnipotent (8)
18 Rabbi -- Blue, religious broadcaster
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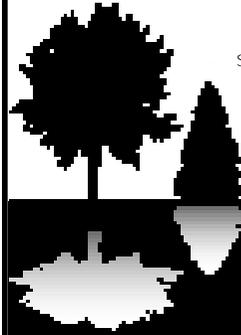
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Belfry Gossip

Since last time we have had enquiries from two people who would like to learn to ring the bells. They will be coming to see how it is done quite soon and find out all about bellringing and have an initial pull on the ropes to see if it is something they would like to progress with. We hope so - and that they will find it interesting and carry on with the training.



Vlad is progressing well, and it is really good that he is again able to ring most Sunday mornings. Pam's organisation meant that we rang a quarter peal for the evening service on Mothering Sunday, with others already arranged.

Since the last Belfry Gossip the Wellingborough Branch of ringers have held practices at Ecton (6 bells) and an afternoon at Orlingbury (6). Many of our ringers joined others from around the area to ring things to everyone's ability. Those that were at Orlingbury all had plenty of opportunities to consolidate what they knew or have a go at something different or novel, but it would have been good if more learners from around the branch had been able to come and take advantage of the practice.

Before next time we at Rushden will have put a band into the Peterborough Guild 6-bell Sunday Service striking competition being held at Cotterstock against bands from all around the Diocese. Cotterstock, near Oundle, has an 8½cwt tenor and were augmented from five bells to six in 2017 and rehung with new fittings and now go very well so the competition will be good.

Tintinnabulum

On Wednesday 17 April 2019, two days after the devastating fire at Notre Dame, it was Cathedral Bells that were rung to signify solidarity with the people of Paris

Ed.

Diary

May

- 1 **Wednesday: 11.30am for 12noon--The next East Northants Community Leaders' Lunch** - details p14
- 1 **Wednesday: 2.00-4.00pm—The Children's Society Afternoon Tea with Entertainment by 'Just Good Friends'**, St Mary's Church Hall. Tickets £5 from committee members
- 8 **Wednesday: 2.15pm—St Mary's Ladies' Group** in the Church Hall: Wendy Potts, *Origin, Folklore and Honey Remedies*
- 11 **Saturday: 10.00-12noon—The Children's Society Coffee Morning** in St Mary's Church Hall, see p8
- 11 **Saturday: 5.30-7.15pm--Saturday Night Takeaway (SNT)** Exciting evening event for families with junior-school aged children.
- 19 **Sunday: 7.30pm--Together in Prayer & Praise**, Highfield Community Baptist Church
- 25 **Saturday: 11.30am for 12noon —Seniors' Lunch** in the Church Hall

June

- 8 **Saturday: 2.00pm start—St Mary's Church Fete** in the church, hall and gardens.
- 9 **Sunday: 2.00-5.00pm--Newton Bromswold Open Gardens.** Teas in the village hall. Admission per family £5. Adults £3
- 12 **Wednesday: 2.15pm—St Mary's Ladies' Group** in the Church Hall: Rev Catherine Lomas, *Stanton Cross and New Communities*
- 15 **Saturday: 7.30pm—FOSM Concert by NMPAT** in St Mary's Church: tickets available shortly

July

- 6 **Saturday: 2.00pm—Newton Bromswold Village Fete** with Stalls, Games and Afternoon tea and music from the Mission Band
- 10 **Wednesday: 2.15pm--St Mary's Ladies' Group** in the Church Hall: Tea, Cakes & Quiz
- 13 **Saturday: 7.00pm - Barn Dance** at Newton Bromswold. Tickets - adults £10, children £5
- 29-31 **Mon-Wed: Summer Holiday Club** - in Church and Church Hall

August

- 31 **Saturday: afternoon--St Mary's Parish Picnic Afternoon:** games inc. volleyball and a BBQ supper

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EastNorthants
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Hello to Jo

ENCS are delighted to announce the appointment of a new operations manager, **Jo Burns**.



Jo joins us from a national children's education charity, Beanstalk, bringing experience and passion for charity growth and development, with particular knowledge of volunteering. Having grown up and lived in Northants, she is excited about the new challenge of supporting those most in need closer to home and working with a passionate and committed team.

And Goodbye to Helen

We wish a long and happy retirement to Helen Allan, our first ever Operations



Manager, who has done so much to put ENCS on to a firm footing and build up the strong team that Jo will now be managing.

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Services for May 2019

St Mary's
Rushden

St Peter's
Newton Bromswold

5 May - Third Sunday of Easter

9.30am	All Age Holy Communion		
11.15am	Morning Prayer	11.00am	Family Service
6.00pm	Evening Prayer		

12 May - Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am	All Age Service		
11.15am	Holy Communion	11.00am	Family Communion
6.00pm	Evening Prayer		

19 May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am	All Age Parade Service		
11.15am	Morning Prayer	11.00am	Morning Prayer
6.00pm	Holy Communion		

26 May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Informal Fourth Sunday Service		
11.15am	Morning Prayer	11.00am	Family Communion
6.00pm	Reflective Worship		

Thursday 30 May - Ascension Day

10.30am	Holy Communion [BCP]
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Also Weekdays @ St Mary's

Mondays 10.00am Bumps & Babes @ Church – every week in term time

Thursdays 10.30am -- Holy Communion [BCP] – every week

Third Thursday of the month - 7.45pm - Prayer, Praise & Presence

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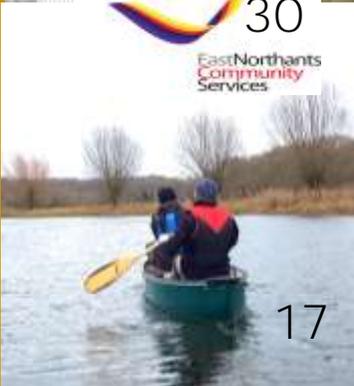


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