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FREE GIFT!

As we celebrate Pentecost this month **The Back Page** has transformed itself into a self-assembly **Bookmark** to remind us of the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit. The wind turbines are there to make sure you read Steve's piece on p4!

Services for June have shifted to p30 so you don't have to destroy these.

Just fold along the dotted lines, tuck in the margins and add a dab of Glue Stick or sticky tape. And there you are!

*Items for the
July/August grapevine
should be sent by
Sunday 16 June*

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
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submission in case we need to
contact you.*

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From Steve Prior ...

Dear Friends,

You don't have to go very far (only as far as Chelveston or Burton Latimer!) to see wind turbines in our countryside. While some people dislike them intensely (and no technology is perfect) I have always seen them as a pretty good example of humanity using its creative ingenuity to harness energy while living in harmony with its environment. Hundreds of years ago our landscape was dotted with windmills for grinding corn into flour. I wonder if anyone objected to them?



My thoughts are turning with the sails of wind power because I am thinking about our celebration of Pentecost. The verses from Acts come to mind.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2.1-2

Notice that the author – probably Luke - says that it is a sound “like the blowing of a violent wind.” Luke is using imagery to try to describe the ultimately indescribable. There are a number of other images also used to help us to understand the nature and work of the Holy Spirit: fire, a dove and water.

But how can the image of a powerful wind enable us to understand the nature and work of the Holy Spirit?

First, it's an image Jesus used.

The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit. John 3.8

God is sovereign and so is his Spirit. We cannot control His coming or going, we can only decide whether or not we will open ourselves up to Him.

As individuals—or as a church—we sometimes close ourselves off to the Holy Spirit ... because He can be disruptive (i.e. he can change things). The great David Watson used the image of a room grown hot and stuffy, a bit like our lives and our churches can sometimes be! We grow comfortable and content with doing things our own way (the way “it’s always been”!), drowsily carrying on without listening to God’s voice or going out of our way to help others.

Finally, we realise how stifling the air is as we try to be God’s people without his refreshing Spirit and we throw open the windows! But what happens? All the neatly stacked papers on the desk get blown around, so we slam the window shut again.

We must allow God to be in control, to be sovereign in our church and in our lives, and so we must be ready for change (and even a *bit* of disorder) when we open ourselves up to the person of the Holy Spirit.

Secondly, the Holy Spirit, like the wind, can be powerful. Unlike the wind, however, He is never destructive. When you hear that a ‘move of the Spirit’ has brought division to a church, you must look to sinful individuals and groups instead of the Holy Spirit. Our own impatience, pride and greed are usually at fault: do not speak evil about the Spirit of God.

The people of God need the power that the Holy Spirit provides—and there is power! On my recent trek along Offa’s Dyke, we were fortunate to have the wind at our backs. On one occasion I could really feel it pushing me along on the way. Humanity has been harnessing the wind for millennia to drive boats, windmills and—more recently—wind turbines, which generate power in the form of electricity. Goodness knows, the church needs the power and energy of the Holy Spirit to enable us to undertake the mission we have been given.

As Jesus’ followers, we have been told to proclaim the Good News of eternal life through repentance and faith in Jesus (*Luke 24.47*); and to live in our community like the one “who came not to be served but to serve.” (*Matthew 20.28; Mark 10.45 and John 13.1-17*)

For that ministry of proclamation and service we will need all the inspiration and energy we can get. Open the window! Let us pray together, “Come, Holy Spirit!”



A Prayer Cycle in the Anglican church is a collection of prayers with a particular subject or target, set in a time frame which covers the Church Year. It might have a world-wide vision or home in on something local or particular - imagine a Prayer Cycle aimed at agriculturalists which fits round the seasons and the farming year.

The Peterborough Diocese website carries a Cycle of Prayer alongside its Events Calendar, which allows you to virtually join in prayer with individual churches within the Diocese *and* the wider world, by sharing the same daily prayer topics.

Now put all that out of your mind . . .

My Prayer Cycle was passed on to me by my Auntie a few years ago. To be polite it is not in the first flush of youth. It's fixed and equipped with milometer, speedometer and timer. It initially graced my sixteen foot bathroom but soon succumbed to being a humble clothes horse and was eventually banished to my 'shop' - that useful appendage to most of Rushden's artisan terraces, where shoes used to be made 'out the back'.

Then in March this year It and I reconnected and the shop was hastily rechristened "The Gym". I began spending longer and longer periods peddling away in the company of a couple of hundred ramekin dishes, some of my Grandad's woodworking tools and a rusting Z-Bed.

Despite one visitor suggesting that calling it a Gym contravened Trade Description's legislation - she cited the gloom and the Miss Havisham-sized cobwebs - I persist, and am quietly learning to love it. In fact the machine and its strange surroundings are now my preferred prayer space. It is my Prayer Cycle.

Something happened during this protracted static journey [180 miles so far] that encourages regular breathing, isolates me from background noise [and all other stuff], but by constant movement prevents falling asleep and brings its own particular peace.

Like most people I've rarely settled into a regular prayer pattern. My conversation with God is well-nigh continuous: a sort of sub text [or

should that be super-text?]] to everyday life. The major snag is that God is a much better listener than I am and I'm tempted into turning prayer into a protracted - and entirely unnecessary - debriefing. As if He didn't already know *everything* that is going on in my heart and life!

The Prayer Cycle exists in another dimension where I recognise that I should do the listening, without any planned agenda. In the combination of repetitive activity, the white noise of whirring wheels and steady breathing with eyes closed - don't even *think* of doing this on a *real* bike or a public road! - things happen.

I'm convinced that I hear God laugh at me [for being too serious and pretentious usually] and smile with me. Sometimes my head is filled with an entire, counter-intuitive solution to a question I haven't even asked, but the moment I 'hear' it, I know it's an instruction not a hint. Any trouble that results from my not 'hearing' properly is entirely my own fault!

I don't expect many will be tempted to join my blissful discovery - this is NOT an invitation. But it is always worth considering refreshing your own prayer life with a little experimentation.

Jude Curtis, Editor



Stop press

Celebrate Rushden 2019

8-16 June is Celebrate Rushden week and St Mary's will be hosting a FREE concert of Ted Newton's Jazz Friends [a 6 piece band playing Goodman to Basie] on Monday 10 June, starting at 7.30pm. **BUT . . .** We would also like the church to be clearly **OPEN TO VISITORS** during the whole week. Signs will be displayed but **Linnet is signing up volunteers** to man the church. If she - and her clipboard - haven't found you first, you can contact her on 01933 311706 or at rev.linnet@talktalk.net

The Word One to One

This is a new initiative at St Mary's which encourages people to read the Bible together, and with their non-Christian friends.



It recognises that we live in a biblically ignorant age and works with it. The resource is designed to walk you and your friends through the Good News found in John's Gospel.

There will be a big Evangelical Event at Peterborough Cathedral on Monday June 10 at 7.00pm. Great to bring a guest or friend to!

If you think you would like to read with someone then contact Phil Nightingale and he will set it up. [contact details on p2]

St Mary's News

Ladies' Group

The Ladies' Group enjoyed hearing about the **history of Beekeeping**. We had a fascinating Power Point presentation all about the folklore to do with bees and the medicinal remedies associated with honey.

We are pleased to welcome **Rev Catherine Lomas** on **Wednesday 12 June**. She will be able to tell us all about developing Christian ministry as she works with the new community of Stanton Cross outside Wellingborough.

For further details contact Cynthia: 359590

The Lent

Collection this

year was in aid of **Tearfund** and has **so far raised around £825** - if you have not yet returned your box or jar of change please let Bob Bates have it soon.

Church-based Toddler Groups

June is the national month for prayer for Church-based Toddler Groups. This links in with the **Thy Kingdom Come** initiative too. All the groups in Rushden and Higham have arranged a **Prayer Evening for Wednesday 5 June from 7.30-8.30 pm at Park Road Baptist Church**. It is primarily for churches to pray for their toddler groups.

There will be several prayer stations around the Church and a map of Rushden and Higham pinpointing all the groups in the middle. We will begin and close with a song and invite people to visit the stations and pray as they do the activity there.

Do come, it will be a lovely hour well spent.
Sue Merrifield

Craft and Coffee

A new crafting group will be starting on **Tuesday 2 July** at 10.00am. More details in the St Mary's Notice Sheet and the July/August grapevine.

United Pentecost Service: St Mary's Church Sunday 9 June 6.00pm.

It is our turn to host this united service: come to support and to receive a blessing from our God who loves it when we join together in unity. This year's speaker is **Stefan McNally**, formerly of LICC and currently a pastor at The People's Church, Banbury.

Congratulations ...

to Dan Whiteman on the occasion of his **Ninetieth Birthday** on **4 May**.

Thank You All . . .

for cards and flowers but most of all for your prayer support during the last difficult months of Barrie's life.

Susan Collins and family



St Mary's News

Bumps and Babies ...

are having a 'Name the Teddy' stall at the **Church Fete on Saturday 8 June**. If you have any teddies or other soft toys that need a new home could you please put them in the box at the back of the Church or ring me on 01933 358218 and I will come and collect them.

Sue Merrifield

Parking at St Mary's

Church attenders are now able to park in **The Wheatsheaf car park** on Sunday mornings by kind permission of the pub manager.

This has been arranged by Helen Smedley and offers a neat solution to our congested rear car park. Please make good use of this new facility.

From the Registers

Funeral

Wednesday 1 May

Barrie James Collins [86]



Flower Rota

June 2019

Behind the Communion Table

- 2 Ellen Inwood
- 9 Linda Sandiford
- 16 Dorothy Jones arranged by
Jude Curtis
- 23 Jose Tingey
- 30 Ann Harris

Memorial Chapel

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



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 15 June

9.30am—12noon

St Mary's Church Hall

Adults £3; children free

Just turn up!

St Mary's News & Events

REPORT OF ST MARY'S PCC

7 May 2019

- **Storage and Car Park** The Faculty Application pack from the DAC has been received and the required Public Notices are in the North Porch and on the public notice board. After 28 days the Faculty application can be submitted to the DAC and that will enable us to schedule the Storage project. A board explaining the need for extra storage and displaying the storage plans, together with the relevant permissions, can be viewed in the Church office.
- **The policy for working at heights** As recommended by the Ecclesiastical Insurance visit last year the Working at Heights policy has now been implemented.
- **Temporary removal of a pew** The pew has now been removed providing space for people with wheelchairs and pushchairs so they can be at the heart of the service. The space has been used on several occasions and was well received.
- **AGAPE** M. Compton reported that sixty people attended AGAPE and the surplus of £62 was donated to Tear Fund. The

communion service and light supper were enjoyed by all.

- **Party in the Park** The event will be taking place on Saturday 13 July and a double pitch has been booked.

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.

ALL ARE INVITED

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 in St*

Fathers' Day Service
Sunday 16 June
9.30am
In St Mary's Church

You might like to know . . .

"Just
a thought . . ."

"To live is to change
and to be perfect is
to have changed
often"

Cardinal John Henry
Newman, quoted by Canon
Peter Garlick

Suggestions for this spot
warmly welcomed, Ed



With the congregation depleted by the bug
that was going around, it suddenly dawned
on Roy that he wouldn't be able to get away
with just miming to the hymns this week

FEEDBACK



**Feedback welcome:
good or bad!**



"We laughed at
'Grandmother' and agreed
about not leaving anything out when
reading" PW & the HG

"I really loved your Editorial on Notre
Dame - very good. And a great front
cover picture" DW

"Did the fire at Notre Dame start to
suit your editorial? Well done on
that." JW

"....I am so impressed by the life in
your church. I am also indebted for
the book review searching for a gift
for our 87 year old neighbour I have
ordered the Alan Tichmarsh book as
our neighbour grew up in Yorkshire
and loves reminiscing." BG

"[Sorry, Ed, you missed] ... the Good
Friday Contemplative service ... [we]
both enjoyed [it] and Ruth has such a
way when she does this type of
service" J & W

"Thank you for the Easter Holiday
Club and especially for Sue
[Merrifield]. Mine came back with
loads of new confidence" DG

You might like to know ...



Prayer Corner

Peace to the End

The peace of God to dwell with you,
The peace of Christ to dwell with you,
The peace of Spirit dwell with you,
And peace dwell with your children too.

From the day we have here to-day
To the last day of your life's way,
Till come the day that ends your way.

*From Poems of the Western Highlanders,
with thanks to Parish Pump and in
celebration of the Trinity.*



FOSM's last event Grand Concert

Saturday 15 June
More details in Diary on
p29

Thebibleproject.com

*The Bible Project - Visual
Storytelling meets the Bible*

Check out this project online
at the website above – it is a
FREE resource with an
amazing array of interesting,

accessible and

important

information to help

you read the Bible

as “one unified

story that leads to

Jesus.”

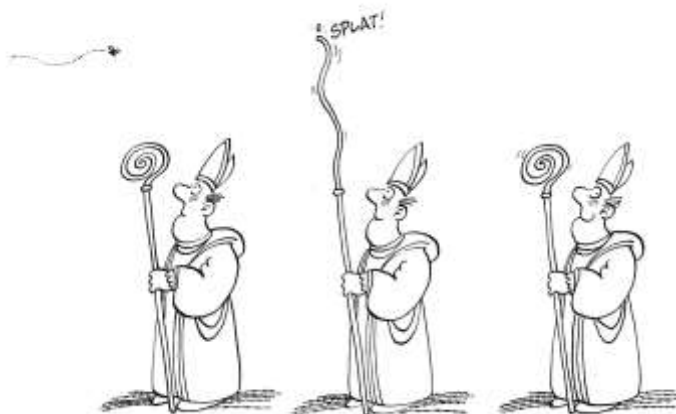
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**Al Jazeera English
news channel**

returns to Freeview,

Channel 235

on 30 May 2019



News from Newton

Changes to Sunday Worship

Please note the new arrangements for Sunday worship times are now in place. Please check the Service Timetable on p30.

Altar Flowers For May

- 2 Mrs Burt
- 9 Mrs Dangerfield
- 16 Mrs Coulson & Abby
- 23 Mrs Hollis & Mrs Porter
- 30 Mrs Sharman

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 [2 children, 2 adults] £5 and Adult £3.

Village Fete

The 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 - and Simon our organist - 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 - price includes food



Higham Deanery Social

Beer & Hymns

In the garden of the Swan,
Newton Bromswold

Monday 24 June

8.00-9.30pm

ALL WELCOME

Requests will be taken.

Rushden & Newton Bromswold WI

Thursday 13 June

**Ruth Thomas: Old
Northamptonshire**

*Competition: A shoe
American Raffle - £1 per ticket*

Saturday 15 June

**Lace day at
Wymington village hall**

Thursday 11 July

Chloe Markevics: Emmaus
Competition: Something French

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...



Have you got the bottle?

‘The bottle’ is a small green and white plastic bottle. Inside are two stickers: one to stick inside your back door and one to stick inside your front door.

Also in the bottle is a form which can be filled in - by you or your doctor. On this form is written all the medication you are on, next of kin etc. These bottles are then placed in the fridge. Then if a paramedic is called out, they know to go to the fridge and find the information needed.

These are supplied free to vulnerable people. I will place some at the back of the church.

Marion Hollis for Rushden & District Lions Club

Richard Beadon Lecture

Want to find out more about Evangelism and Discipleship in the Church of England? Then book in to hear Rev Canon Dave Male on Saturday 22 June, 2.00-5.00-pm at the Gleneagles Anglican Church at Redwell Junior School in Wellingborough [NN8 5LQ]. He will talk about “**Equipping and releasing People for evangelism**

and discipleship in the whole of their lives” – More details from <https://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/news-and-events/events/details/2488>

Deanery Synod Open Meeting

The next open meeting is on **Tuesday 11 June** at 7.30pm at **Great Addington Church** with Canon Sarah Brown – Canon Missioner from Peterborough Cathedral.

Together in Prayer & Praise

The next meeting is on **Sunday 16 June** at 7.30pm at **Highfield Community Baptist Church**



*There was a hold up while they looked
for the pen*

He has called you by name

Amongst the greatest joys of being one of your bishops is the privilege of leading Confirmation services. It's exciting to hear people's stories of how God has met them and how he's changing their lives. While the congregation pray "Come Holy Spirit", I have the thrill of laying hands upon their heads and praying "Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit".

Just before this moment, the bishop makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate (sometimes with holy oil) and says their name, followed by "God has called you by name and made you his own".

Our name is very precious to us. It is striking that when Jesus meets Mary Magdalene in the garden on that first Easter morning, all he needs to say is "Mary" and her life is transformed for ever.

The phrase in the Confirmation service is taken from a beautiful passage in the book of the ancient Hebrew prophet Isaiah, which for many centuries has given comfort and reassurance to those going through trouble. It speaks of the depth of God's amazing love and care for his people:

*But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are
mine.*



*When you pass through the waters I will
be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not
overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not
be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you...
you are precious in my eyes,
and honoured, and I love you.
Isaiah 43:1–4a*

God bless,

+ 

+John
Bishop of Brixworth

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A Diamond Jubilee celebration

A special service will be held at St Matthew's Church, Northampton on Saturday 8th June to celebrate Canon Peter Garlick's 60 years of ministry. We recently caught up with Peter to ask him about this incredible achievement.

60 years of ministry is an amazing achievement, Peter. How do you feel having reached this milestone?

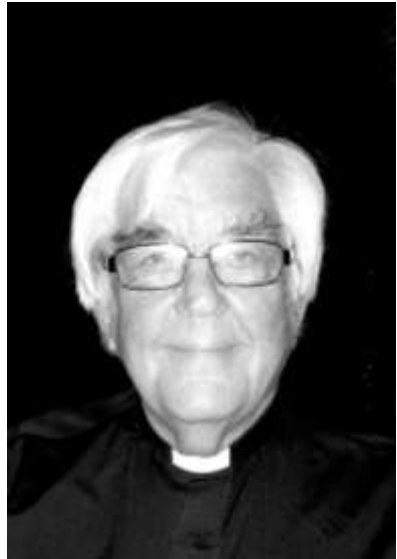
I feel thankful that I have been called to be a priest, for my life of 85 years, my marriage to Chris for 57 years, and for our two daughters and two sons. And also grateful to all those living and departed who have enriched my life.

Is it nice to be acknowledged in this way?

In the same way one marks wedding anniversaries and other significant times in life, it is a reminder of the Lord's provision on my life ("who has called me from my mother's womb"). It's also a time when I remember those with whom I have ministered and those to whom I have ministered.

How have things changed since you started preaching in 1959?

Nothing stands still in this world. Change and God's creativity go hand-in-hand. As Cardinal John Henry Newman said, "To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often". So there's plenty of changing to be done!!!!Significant changes have been secularisation,



the loss of 'folk religion' and the state taking over much that the Church provided in the past in the social setting. The terms and conditions of ordained ministry and provision for retirement and housing have also changed. Also, the priest now is not seen as being above others, but rather among others (the example of Christ himself).

What are the most impactful moments from your 60 years of ministry?

- A choir scholarship to All Saints' Choir School in Clifton, where I learned the foundation of a priest's life through the Daily Office, the practice of silent prayer, intercession, retreat and pastoral ministry.
- My training at King's College London and St Boniface

College, Warminster.

- Two spells living in Lancashire where I learned the meaning of 'a spade being a spade'!
- 14 years out of 15 in Duston living with depression.
- Two years of analysis with Wendy Robinson, who helped me face the person I am and know that God loves me as I am (and that I have some gifts).
- The ordination of women to the threefold ministry of the Church.
- Retirement at 60, freedom from responsibility, but a new chapter as a spiritual director to people.

Are there any funny stories from your time in the pulpit?

As a National Service Education Sergeant in Germany, being *told* by the Colonel to take a Sunday parade service as the chaplain was ill. He said, "I believe you wish to go into the Church!" A Bible, *The Book of Common Prayer* and shaky knees were the preparation for preaching that day! I also had five years in the parish of Swindon with Canon Cratchley. His words to me before ordination were "Laugh and pray – and don't throw that collar away!"

What are your hopes for the future? Do you aim to carry on preaching?

I am hoping to be able to preside at the Eucharist as long as possible, and to be useful when asked. For the wider Church, there must be more listening to the Holy Spirit, who speaks not just through the Church, but often in challenging the Church and its message. As Lao Tzu (the Chinese philosopher) said, "When I let go of what I am, I become what I might be".

The service to celebrate Canon Peter Garlick's 60 years of ministry will be held at St Matthew's Church, Northampton (NN1 4RY) on Saturday 8th June at 1.00pm.



Northampton St Matthew

'Motivating the Million' – The 2019 Richard Beadon Lecture

The 2019 Richard Beadon Lecture will be held on Saturday 22nd June, and will be given this year by Revd Canon Dave Male, Director of Evangelism and Discipleship for the Archbishop's Council. Entitled 'Motivating the Million', the talk is aimed at equipping and releasing people for evangelism and discipleship in the whole of their lives.

Dave Male is looking forward to the day. "I am really excited about delivering the Richard Beadon Lecture on 'Motivating the Million'," he said. "I really hope everyone who attends will realise they have a key role in God's mission – plus, that God can and will use them in this adventure we call mission. I want it to be an encouraging, affirming, motivating and equipping day for everyone who attends."

The talk will be held at Gleneagles Anglican Church in Wellingborough (NN8 5LQ), starting at 2pm.



Dave Male

Refreshments will be available and the event is free to attend. To book a place, email bookings@peterborough-diocese.org.uk or telephone Sally Crossley at Bouverie Court on 01604 887049.

June events

Sat 1 June: Relaunch of The Diocesan Library at Bouverie Court. 10.30am to 2.30pm. Free.

Sun 9 June: Newton Bromswold Open Gardens. 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Adults £3, family of four £5.

Mon 10 June, Why It's Worth Looking at the Bible at Peterborough Cathedral. 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Free – all are welcome

Wed 12 June: Young Artists' Recital Series at Uppingham

Parish Church Hall (LE15 9QH).

7.30pm. Adults £20, concessions £15, 18s and under £10. For tickets, call 01572 820820.

Mon 17 June: Open surgeries with Historic Churches Support Officer at St John the Baptist, Northampton (NN2 8SF). 9.30am to 5.00pm. To book an appointment, call 07732 894457 or email jon.breckon@peterborough-diocese.org.uk.

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

Mission Matters



Church Pastoral Aid Society - School Ventures

Did you go to Sunday School, Pathfinders, YPF, or some other Christian group when you were young? Many of us of a certain age will answer ‘Yes!’ to that question.

Times have changed! John Dunnett, General Director of CPAS, quotes statistics put forward at a recent General Synod meeting:

- 36% of C of E churches have no-one under the age of 16 [‘young people’] present at Sunday Services
- A further 29% have less than 5 children or young people present.
- Only 30 churches have more than 100 children/young people in church on Sunday.

CPAS are keen to help address this problem and ask us to pray for its School Ventures Initiative. The first school Venture took place in 2016, when 65 primary school children stayed at a residential centre, enjoying a full programme of exciting activities and learning about Jesus [also exciting!] Now, three years on, more dioceses have become involved, and the Gospel has been shared with many more children.

The School Ventures are led by trained leaders, along with volunteers recruited by CPAS, often from local churches, and staff members from the children’s churches. One leader writes, “These residentials are really something special. It’s not like being at school or even at Sunday school for the children. We get to be fully immersed with them from when they wake up until the go to sleep, as they learn about the Gospel and process it all ...”

And some quotes from the children after being ‘detectives’ investigating the empty tomb and describing the ‘best thing about our investigation’ -

“... Made loads of friends and cracking the case of the Empty Tomb” “... I didn’t believe in Jesus, but now I do.” “... Finding out things I didn’t no [sic]”

Do, please, pray for these School Ventures, as well as for the CPAS Venture and Falcon Holidays, and for all our children and teenagers, that they may discover that God loves them and offers them eternal life through Jesus.

Sue Eagles, for the Mission Committee

[Sue Eagles, Martin Compton, Josie Smith, Sue Prior, Edna Wadsworth]

Meet the Congregation—Helen Smedley

Helen is St Mary's Diocesan Echo Intern , working alongside other ministers and workers to gain a practical understanding of parish life and work.

Born in September 1992 in Hereford County Hospital, Helen was the first child of Tim and Cathy Simcock. Mum was a Secondary School Teaching Assistant as well as a seamstress and Dad was a farmer. She also has two younger sisters and a brother. Her pre-school memories are of feeding baby lambs - which she loved - and of the geese, who were bigger than her, and vicious!



Her Auntie made sherry trifle for high days and birthdays and Helen remembers finding herself with the trifle bowl within reach and managing to eat it all. At a very young age she was as high as a kite! Alcohol was quite a feature of family life as when anyone had toothache whisky was rubbed on their gums!

Helen went to Kington Primary and loved it. She was a real bookworm! At eleven she moved on to Lady Hawkins School where her mother worked. Here she enjoyed all the sciences and PE: reaching County level in Cross Country, 15000 metres and Hockey. At one point she chipped a bone in her neck and she was advised to slow down.

She left school for Gloucester University where she studied Sports Therapy for three years and gaining a 2.1. It's there she met Dan and their friendship progressed gently until he finally asked her to marry him on New Year's Day 2013, just before he went to work in Scotland.

Meanwhile Helen had been managing a pub called the Stag Inn [yes it is a double 'g'] and stayed there for over two years before they were married at St Peter's, Titley, on 14 November 2015 , followed by a 'mini moon' in the Lake District and later in the year a skiing holiday.

At first the couple lived on site at Rock UK in Irthlingborough and then found the nearest house they could to St Mary's in Park Place. She then

got a job at The Stag at Great Doddington, while building up her freelance practise in Sports Therapy. She gave all that up when she was offered the internship at St Mary's .

At St Mary's she is involved in work in schools: particularly with youngsters encountering problems. She set up the Saturday Night Takeaway and has done the homily at Thursday Communion a few times. She is also a regular in the T&C kitchen on Thursday mornings and helps Phil with the Wayfinders.

Along the way Helen has collected the nickname Minty from the commercial where everything good is balanced by something a bit scatty. She is the one who could be smart, but then put her foot in it . [You have to see it to understand!] If you really want to embarrass her ask about The Stolen Handbag!

She now attends regular Diocesan Training days, so life is quite hectic . Helen and Dan's best piece of news is the forthcoming arrival of a baby in mid November.

Helen assures us St Mary's is one of the nicest churches she has ever attended and she feels part of one big family!

Roving Reporter

Those questions

Person with most influence?

Mum - she was a superwoman and my hero!

Hobbies?

Running, jigsaws, animals [I have a cat and chickens], drawing and painting

Guest to dinner?.

My Nan & Grandad who are no longer with us. Nan brought up nine children and Grandad was in the navy.

What would you serve?

Roast beef and all the trimmings: when we were young we only had it on birthdays. Rhubarb crumble for afters

Favourite Place?

Top of the hill at Hillgate Farm where I can see seven counties!

Proudest Moments

My hockey achievements

Special Treat?

Dippy eggs with soldiers

Favourite Bible verses?

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord."

Ephesians 5.8a

Looking Back at St Mary's Magazines

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June 1969

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Rev Michael Wilson

SOUTH END SUNDAY SCHOOL

This year we again entered a team in the Diocesan Children's Quiz. In the first round we managed to beat St Columba's at Corby but we were knocked out by St

Peter's, Rushden. The team was Keith Shouler 8, Mandy Graham 9, Hilary White 10. Christopher White was the reserve.

25 years ago

June 1994

BELTING IT OUT!

GREENBELT, the annual Christian festival of music and the arts, is now booking for its 21st season. Greenbelt 94 - Roots, Rhythm, Redemption - is back for the August Bank Holiday weekend at what the organisers describe as 'our best-ever site', Deene Park in Northamptonshire.

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Book Review

The Gratitude Diaries

Janice Kaplan

Yellow Kite Books (Hodder & Stoughton), 2016

Janice Kaplan lives in New York with her husband, a doctor, and her two sons. She has a happy marriage, interesting and well-paid work and close friends, but one New Year's Eve she realised that she paid more attention to what was wrong with her life than what was right. What, she asked herself, would make her feel happier the next time the countdown to New Year began? Janice had just completed overseeing a national survey on gratitude and this had started her thinking about positive attitudes. She realised that how she felt about the year would have less to do with what had happened and more to do with her attitude to it. This book tells how she turned from grumpy to grateful in a year.

The book is divided into the four seasons of the year, each section devoted to particular areas of her life. During the year, she speaks to many people about their research in these areas, from doctors to neurologists, whilst also noting her own efforts to find something about which to be grateful – and write it down – every single day. Come the next New Year's Eve, she realised that she'd had the happiest year she could remember.

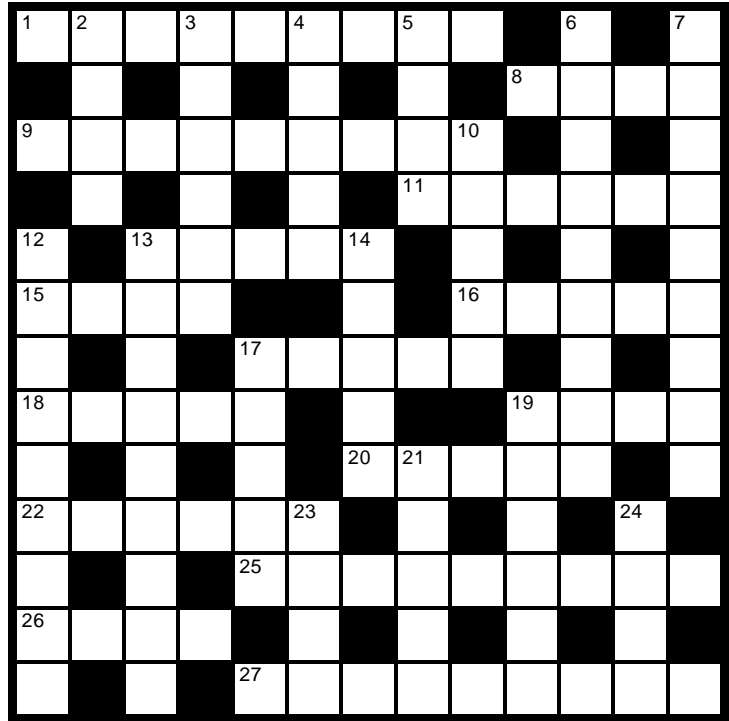
This book is accessible, easy to read and should be read by all of us. Bridget St John sang almost 50 years ago, 'please remember what you have and not what you might lose'. We, even the poorest of us, have so much others can only dream of, but our society is not a happy one. Learning to be grateful will not only make us happier, but would be transformative in society as a whole. Why not try Janice's 7-Day Gratitude Challenge? If we all did we could change the world!

Anna Kingsmill-Vellacott

Crossword No 357

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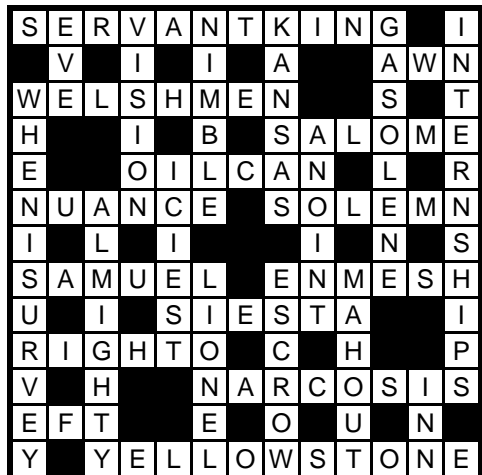
- 1 '--- Mary had a baby boy', (hymn) (3,6)
 8 Society promoting Christian fellowship (3,1)
 9 Speak irreverently (9)
 11 Faith (6)
 13 Investigation (5)
 15 Sacred (4)
 16 Icon (5)
 17 Scriptures (5)
 18 Pepper (5)
 19 Sell (4)
 20 Quick (5)
 22 Remove obstruction (6)
 25 Distortion of the truth (4,5)
 26 Scene of Jesus' first miracle (4)
 27 '--- is o'er, the battle done', (hymn) (3,6)



DOWN

- 2 'There is a green ---', (hymn) (4)
 3 Church robing-room (6)
 4 Father of Hadadezer (2 Samuel 8.3) (5)
 5 Metrical foot (4)
 6 Incited (9)
 7 'We plough --- and scatter', (hymn) (3,6)
 10 Weird (5)
 12 '---'s one foundation', (hymn) (3,6)
 13 Simple melody (9)
 14 --- days, (fast-days) (5)
 17 Intolerant person (5)
 19 Winner (6)
 21 Map book (5)
 23 Pavement (4)
 24 German count (4)

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Belfry Gossip

After Easter we started teaching a new recruit and in the few lessons so far Kaylee is progressing really well, is enjoying it, and is interested in what makes up bellringing.

In addition to our Sunday morning Service ringing, two quarter peals were also attempted around Easter but unfortunately the half-muffled one on Good Friday wasn't successful, but the town did have a reminder of the occasion with three quarters of an hour of ringing. St George's Day was celebrated with a successful quarter peal in the early afternoon.

As mentioned last time, we entered a band in the Peterborough Guild's Spring Festival and 6-bell Sunday Service striking competition held at Cotterstock near Oundle. During the afternoon seventeen teams from around the diocese competed for the honour of looking after the shield for the next year: probably the highest number of bands that have ever entered during the lifetime of the competition. Fortunately, the organisers had arranged for off road parking otherwise the village would have been at a standstill. The Guild Master (Simon) ensured that each band was in place ready to ring on time and kept everything flowing smoothly. Many stalwarts remained near the church to listen to the different bands ringing their test pieces while others took advantage of tea being served in the village hall by the locals. Following the ringing a short meeting was held where a grant was approved for work on the bells at Weedon Bec before the judge was introduced and the results of the afternoons competition announced. We were told that the ringing was of a good standard throughout, before certificates of achievement were presented to each band. The band from Towcester were judged the winners, and taking the shield, while we (Rushden) were placed in equal third place with Rothwell. The team from Nassington were given special mention because four of the band only learned to ring last year during the Ringing Remembers campaign ready for ringing on the 100th anniversary of the ending of WW1 last November. Ringing continued for a while at Cotterstock before people dispersed.

Due to the date of Easter the Wellingborough Branch of ringers have not held any practices which coincide with Belfry Gossip, the last one previously mentioned and the next yet to take place.

Tintinnabulum

Diary

June

- 5 **Wednesday: 7.30-8.30pm--Prayer Evening for Church-Based Toddler Groups.** Park Road Baptist Church. More on p8.
- 8 **Saturday: 2.00-4.00pm —St Mary's Church Fete** in the church, hall and gardens. Adult admission £1 - children free
- 9 **Sunday: 2.00-5.00pm--Newton Bromswold Open Gardens.** Teas in the village hall. Admission per family £5. Adults £3
- 10 **Monday: 7.30pm--Tad Newton's Jazz Friends** in St Mary's Church as part of **Celebrate Rushden** week. Free event
- 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 now at £10 [£8 for Friends] inc glass of wine and nibbles. Music from Clarinet Choir, Flute Choir, Wind Dectet, String Quartet and much more. **This is FOSM's last production after 13 years!**
- 24 **Monday: 8.00-9.30pm -- Beer & Hymns, Newton,** see p13

July

- 2 **Tuesday: 10.00-12noon--A New Crafting Group** starts today in St Mary's Lower Hall - check Notice Sheet for more details
- 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

September

- 7 **Saturday: 10.00-12noon--Jumble Sale** in the Church Hall
- 11 **Wednesday: 2.15pm--St Mary's Ladies' Group** in the Church Hall: Rev Kim Shorely, *A visual aid to help us engage with The Lord's Prayer*
- 21 **Saturday: Peterborough Guild Bellringers' Summer Festival**
- 28 **Saturday: 5.30-7.15pm--Saturday Night Takeaway (SNT)** Exciting evening event for families with junior-school aged children.



Services for June 2019

St Mary's
Rushden

St Peter's
Newton Bromswold

2 June - Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

9 June - Pentecost

9.30am	All Age Service		
11.15am	Holy Communion	11.00am	Family Communion
6.00pm	Ecumenical Pentecost Service		

16 June - Trinity Sunday - Fathers' Day

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

23 June - First Sunday after Trinity

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

30 June - Second Sunday after Trinity

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

Also Weekdays @ St Mary's

Mondays 10.00am Bumps & Babies @ 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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The number of church buildings is also substantially higher than other key public buildings in the UK compared to 14,300 supermarkets operated by grocery retailers, 11,500 post office branches, 7,500 bank branches and 3,600 public libraries.

An increasing number of churches are also becoming local 'community hubs', hosting children's nurseries, senior citizen lunch clubs, concerts and exhibition venues. Some even house post-offices, GP surgeries and farmers' markets. Around 6,000 of the UK's approximately 32,000 polling places are located in church buildings.

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Trinity



Sunday
16 June

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