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This is the bit where we step into the unknown: or at least revisit what we once took for granted as if for the first time.

It's going to feel awkward, uncomfortable, scary - at the very least a bit weird. There's going to be a certain nervousness around hugs for a while!

Bishop Donald, on the button as ever, encourages us to take a break this summer - find some pastures new and return to our ordinary lives with fresh eyes and insight. And that includes all of us, not just the clergy!

If you can't get away far take the opportunity to look at what's on your doorstep with new eyes - I suspect that's what I'll continue to do although a Coach Trip to NE England is, at least, at the back of my mind. Ed



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Sunday 15 August*

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Phil writes . . .

What does ministry look like?

In 1956 a young, passionate, American Christian missionary called Jim Elliot went to evangelise a native people group in Ecuador. Tragically, along with his four fellow missionaries, he was martyred. It all seemed like a tragic waste!



So often our service of God can feel like it doesn't bear the fruit we would hope for. Whether it's amongst family, friends, or work colleagues, we can often find that despite our best efforts and prayers, most don't come to any sort of faith. That can be difficult to process - especially given that, as Christians, we believe that God is the God of the whole universe. If that's the case, why isn't everyone a Christian?

Jesus helpfully addresses the reality of kingdom work through some insightful parables in Mark's Gospel chapter 4. It's helpful to reflect on those for a minute to consider what ministry looks like and what the expectation should be.

Firstly, though, it's important to clear up a common misconception. Many Christians think that ministry is for full time paid people who are set apart to serve God in that way. That's not what the Bible understands by ministry. Yes, some people are set apart in that way but, if we are a follower of Jesus, God has called all of us to serve him in some way or another - and that is your ministry! The Bible believes in every-member ministry!

However, whatever our ministry might be, it won't always bear the fruit we might hope for. But if we feel discouraged we should remember that that's nothing new. Jesus, God incarnate in human flesh, had a ministry that by all appearances at the time seemed to be fruitless and unsuccessful. Many people rejected him and even conspired to kill him. At the end of his life there were only a few loyal followers who had stayed with him till the end.

Much like in the parables in Mark 4, the seed that was sown didn't yield fruit every time. In the parable of the sower in fact, it only seems to yield a *quarter* of the time. But the problem isn't with the seed - that is the Gospel - but rather the soil that it lands on, which represents the hearts of those

who receive its message. And so, just as in Jesus' day, when he told the truth, many people rejected it, although a few believed.

And it's just the same today in our service of God. It's likely that many will not be interested, but there will be some who believe and commit. Some of our seed will be scattered on good soil!

And the great news is that some of the scattered seed lands on good soil and can grow up to produce a great crop, some multiplying 30, 60, or even 100 times!



The famous American evangelist Billy Graham became a Christian through the gracious and patient witness of a man from his local farming community. That particular man may not have seen anywhere near the fruit that Billy Graham did, but he dropped the seed that led to Billy Graham coming to faith. Who knows? We may be the one planting the seed in the next great evangelist or Bible teacher, or it might even be that God works in us to grow us into that very person ourselves!

And just as with the parable of the mustard seed in Mark 4, although kingdom work is often small and unnoticeable, hidden and decidedly unglamorous, God is doing great things below the surface that we can't see or even imagine.

Although that American missionary, Jim Elliot, tragically died in God's service, other missionaries followed after him who had great fruit in reaching that tribe for Christ. That initial service of seed scattering laid the foundation for other missionaries to build upon, which lead to many more souls coming into the kingdom of God.

So we should have confidence that as we faithfully scatter the seed of the gospel through the ways God has called us to in serving him, our kingdom work will bear encouraging fruit in time, even if we don't necessarily see it immediately or even in our own lifetimes. For God will build his church, and not even the gates of hell shall prevail against it!

Phil Nightingale

Weather



As everyone knows Britain is notorious for not having - like most of the known world - a Climate, and instead has to make do with Weather.

March 2021 came in like a lamb, built to a lion of gales and struggled out like a lamb again. My greenhouse took an involuntary leap in the air and slipped its moorings. No problem: there was nothing in it at the time. The parasol also leapt free of constraint [a literal vertical take-off with a bit of extra centrifugal force!] and managed to hit precisely nothing in its trajectory across my 'compact but bijou' yard. Entirely my own fault for continuing to believe that black electrical tape is a viable structural material.

April was as dry as a bone: May the wettest and coldest in many years: didn't it snow?! I don't need hydrometers or hygrometers or anything sophisticated at all to tell me this. My multipurpose piece of survey equipment is Granddad Walker's Bird Bath. Silva, Tonto and Co [the semi-resident Wood Pigeons] were quick to pick up on the 'spa' opportunities it offered [as well as its life-saving supply of drinking water, as footpaths deteriorated into crazy paving].

More extraordinary, at one point, I watched the unlikely cooperation between Tonto and one of the Jackdaws from Five Pot End politely taking turns to use the facilities. The resting bird stood patiently on the Salzberg Lady's head [top right] while ablutions were undertaken and then they swapped. Not just once but over a concerted period. Drinking and bathing in the same water obviously wasn't an issue.

One afternoon a female blackbird carved out her own special quiet time in the hectic pace of Casa Crabbo's ornithological population for a personal Spa experience. We eyeballed each other at a respectful distance but nothing was going to stop her joyous display of splash, shake, thrum and total immersion. Female blackbirds are, as you all know, usually brown. By the time she'd finished and was having a final shake out on the path she was black!

There seemed to be a pattern of behaviour emerging here that meant the highest level of altruism occurs [and this is SO counter-intuitive!] during

levels of acute anxiety and the biggest deprivation - drought, deluge, bitter cold etc. When conditions are more 'normal', criteria on shared usage of resources are stricter. There is a lot about this occurrence in human affairs in Martin Tanner's chosen book for this month, Viktor E Frankl's *Man's Search for Meaning* but like him I'm not going to give the game away.

Enough to say that when conditions improved Silva & Co went back to believing they own the place outright. Blackbirds are still tolerated but not at the same time. I'm treated as an honorary Corvid and they no longer fly away on my approach. I wonder whether I should worry about that?



In the past I've been sternly warned off this tendency to interpret bird behaviour in human terms - to become anthropomorphic. Received wisdom says Social Anthropology is entirely inappropriate for anything 'below human' in Linnaean charting. But having observed avian behaviour at a minute level during lockdown, not to mention taking on board Merlin Sheldrake's masterly *Entangled Lives* [and his calculated disregard of Linnaean categories] I find that impossible. I think it's just outdated to conduct intricate studies of meerkat behaviour whilst downgrading equally complex relationships in the sociology of birds. Try reading Sue Monk Kidd's *The Secret Life of Bees* if you want to *really* learn about the finer points of a non-human society.

What I am beginning to wonder though is if stress [whether occasioned by climate or plague] instead of rendering us anti-social and ineffective brings out the best in us. Answers on a postcard - or better still in an email.

I do know I've spent longer on the landline in the last year than at any other time in my life; that my interactions are longer, a tad less self-centred than usual, and sometimes I remember to use listening skills. Sometimes it's with people I hardly know, and I put the phone down genuinely feeling I've made a new and valuable connection with someone, maybe a new friend. Silver linings come to mind - or should that be Silva linings?

Jude Curtis, Editor

St Mary's News

St Mary's Church Office ... is now open on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10.00 to 12 noon** as usual. We ask you, please, to still wear a mask and avoid gathering inside the office.

Friends of Refugees

The next meeting of **Friends of Refugees East Northants** is on **Thursday 1 July at 7.30pm**. This is a Zoom meeting so please contact Andrew Presland [andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com] if you would like to be sent the link.

Cleaning the Church Hall

"We had a great work force on 12 June (I was there!) and the Church Hall has had a good Spring Clean ready for whatever we are able to do over the next weeks and months. Thanks to all those who scrubbed, cleaned and dusted (those masks work well for allergies, too!)"
Steve

Summary of the Meeting of the St Mary's PCC - 1 June 2021

The Church Fete Committee has agreed the date of the **Church Fete** is **Saturday 11 September** (see below)
Finance: Thanks were expressed for the thirty two response forms which have been returned following the Stewardship campaign (see also article pages 8-9) . £151 was sent to

Christian Aid for the collection in May.

Lockdown and Future Planning: It is still unclear how soon we can move forward after Covid and easing of current restrictions. We are awaiting guidance and further instructions.

Parish Away Day: **Archdeacon Richard Ormston** has agreed to be our guest speaker for a **Parish Away Day in October**. Further details in due course.

Belated Birthday Greetings

to ... Janet Denny, who reached **80 on 14 June** and **Ruth Webster**, **90 on 4 June**. We send love and best wishes to both from all at St Mary's, and also to **Nicky Sutton** - a very **Happy 50th Birthday on 1 July**.

The Church Fete has been set for **Saturday 11 September** from **2.00-4.00pm**, running on the same day as **Heritage Day and Ride and Stride**. Full details in the **September** edition and on the website over the summer.

Jean Tombling's Thanksgiving Service is due to go ahead as planned on **Saturday 10 July at 2.00pm** although there may be restrictions on the number of people enjoying refreshments afterwards.

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St Mary's News

From the Register

BLESSING

of the Marriage of
**Blessing Chigocho Joseph &
Chehono Oniko Uziewe**
in Lagos, Nigeria on
25 February 2020
St Mary's, Rushden
12 June 2021

Daily Bible Readings

The Bible Readings which have been included in grapevine during lockdown have now ended. For those who feel the loss and do not have an alternative in place, we have two distributors of Bible reading notes in our church family.

Scripture Union notes may be ordered through **Edna Wadsworth** [01933 357253] and Bible Reading Fellowship notes through **Susan Collins** [01933 353956]. Either would be happy to speak with you about what is available, and show you typical material.



Flower Rota

Behind the Communion Table

July

- 4 Julie West
- 11 Ellen Inwood
- 18 Lynda Sandiford
- 25 Marion Bates

August

- 1 Ann Harris
- 8 Ellen Inwood
- 15 Lynda Sandiford
- 22 Mary Hadley
- 29 Jude Curtis

The church is open on Friday and Saturday from 9.30 - 11.00am. Please check for times of weddings and funerals. Also contact Bob Bates [358005] for your expenses to be reimbursed.

Do you enjoy arranging flowers? If so, please contact Ellen Inwood [312874], Marion Bates [358005] or leave a message [412235] or e-mail stmaryschurchoffice@btinternet.com.

Memorial Chapel

July

- 25 Mrs Brenda Dixon

August

- 22 Mr Peter White in memory of Andrew

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

St Mary's News

John's autumn quiz for The Children's Society is now on sale, entitled "This England" and price £1 with 3 prizes of £10. It can be obtained from Anne Riley, Mary Hadley, Pam Bailey and Joy Holloway. Thank you to all who buy this quiz in support of the society.

Kathleen and Christine

Mackenzie ... "wish to thank everyone at St Mary's for the lovely cards and gift presented to us in church, and for the other kind gifts and good wishes received on the occasion of our **Seventieth Birthday**. We are so very thankful." K&C

Canon Ink Cartridges

The Church Office has unused ink cartridges: **Canon PIXMA black 540 and colour 541** opened in error and rendered unreturnable. **If they fit your printer contact the office on 01933 412235.**

Manton

Does anyone have insight into the name 'Manton' – as in Manton Spinney and Manton Road. I'm guessing it's a local family but have nothing definite to prove that. Please let me know on missjudecurtis@btinternet.com.

Update for prayer

The appeal on behalf of the local

family against the Home Office decision to not grant them refugee status that was made on 10 May was unsuccessful. A further appeal is likely to be made. Thank you to everyone who has donated towards the cost of their accommodation so far.

ENCS Newsletter

Congratulations!

... to **Ann and John Beal** on the occasion of their **Diamond Wedding Anniversary on June 24**. With love and our very best wishes from all of us at St Mary's.

St Mary's Gardeners ...

... were the subject of a **Love Rushden** post on line on **June 9** and received a mammoth round of applause by way of responses, which include: "Beautiful x well done every one x"; "They do an amazing job", "Thank you for all your hard work. You'll never know how much its appreciated". A round of applause from us too!



continued ...

“Thank you ... to St Mary's for the card and lovely flower arrangement from everyone for our **Diamond Wedding on June 3.** Thank you also for the many other cards and messages that we received.”

From *Janet & Roy Presland*

Footpath Guides & Green Lungs

This is top of my agenda now I have a break from grapevine over the summer. The launch of ‘Tanglewood’ and ‘The Big Field’ is imminent and now is just the right time to try both.

Tanglewood has ‘keck’ [cow parsley for the uninitiated] as high as an elephant’s eye and the paths haven’t been mowed so it is [delightfully] easy to get lost and disorientated - who would think you could do that half a mile from St Mary’s and in a space a third the size of Hall Park [if you don’t count the Rugby Pitches]? I know this because I was up there the other morning at 5.00am - I know, what happened to the old Jude? I was the only human soul there but got to share it with about twenty ‘wabbits’ in two families, frolicking fit to bust in and out of the vegetation and running rings round the rugby pitches. What a treat! *Ed*

Newton News

Flower Rota July

- | | |
|----|-----------------|
| 4 | Helen Mayes |
| 11 | June Clarke |
| 18 | Mrs Dangerfield |
| 25 | Abigail Clarke |

August

- | | |
|----|--------------------------|
| 1 | Mrs Beeby |
| 8 | Helen Mayes |
| 15 | Mrs Hollis & Mrs Sargent |
| 22 | Julie Allen |
| 29 | Helen Lines |

Village Fete

The Village Fete has been postponed due to the Covid regulations not being eased. Further dates are being considered and we will let you have news about that later in the year.



Church Bike Ride

The Church Bike Ride takes place as usual on **Saturday 11 September** from 10.00am to 6.00pm and Newton Church will be open during these times. The sponsorship raised from participates will be split 50:50 with Newton Church. If you would like to participate, please contact Helen Lines for forms.

Church Finances - How are we doing?

On Stewardship Sunday in early May, and again when the Church Accounts were presented at the Annual Meeting, a rather large deficit was reported which has raised questions and would probably benefit from being more fully explained.

When the PCC approved the budget for the coming year last November, it included a deficit of £28,000. We were just coming to the end of a year that was difficult financially, as well as in so many other ways, because of the pandemic. Many of our costs are ‘fixed’ (the Parish Share, insurances, etc). The PCC decided it wanted to maintain its aim of giving 10% of its general income to Missions (both home and foreign). We also wanted to maintain our contact with children and young families by continuing with our plan to take on Helen Smedley as part-time Children and Young Families Worker. In many creative ways, Helen has been able to reach out to this group with a variety of online and outdoor activities. By December, we thought that the worst of the lockdown was behind us... How wrong we were!

So what makes up this deficit?

A large portion, but by no means all, of the deficit can be accounted for by the restrictions that have been on our worship, use of the Church Hall, etc, imposed by the pandemic.

	2019	2020	Loss
Open plate giving	£ 6,611	£ 2,064	- £ 4,547
Events and Activities	2,149	500	- 1,649
Church Hall Lettings	7,957	2,055	- 5,902
Wedding and Funeral Fees	3,929	1,681	- 2,247
Dividends and Interest	2,845	2,341	- 504
Total			- £ 14,849

Roughly £15,000 was lost due to the effects of the pandemic. Of more long-standing concern is the loss of approximately £9,000 in regular giving

through people moving away, moving church or dying. Replacing these regular givers will be crucial to maintaining the mission and ministry of our church.

What about this year?

The year began badly, with the church in another lockdown from January through March. Hall lettings are just beginning again. With no events having been held yet and very few weddings booked for this year, we can expect another year of loss from the items mentioned above.

The good news is that several large one-off donations totalling £7,600 (including tax reclaimable) were made to the church which will help to offset a substantial portion of the deficit. There has also been an increase in regular giving of £2,000 per year following Stewardship Sunday. (If you have not yet returned a 'Response Form' please try to do so over the next few weeks – it really helps us to plan!)

Looking ahead, encouraging new and existing church members to give through the Parish Giving Scheme will be crucial to the financial health of our church and its ability to fund its mission and ministry. When autumn arrives and next year's budget is set, it will have to take into account whatever losses we may have suffered as a result of this year's Covid restrictions – but whatever "belt-tightening" is done must not come from those areas that promote the further growth of the church and the Kingdom of God in Rushden.

Steve Prior
Robert and Marion Bates

Children activities at St Mary's are now live instead of on Facebook:

Monday 10am - Bumps&Babes@Church – meeting outside with songs, prayers, crafts and activities

Sunday Club during the 9.30 am Sunday morning service (except for Parade Sundays)

Buggy Buddies is also available to parents and guardians with children under 5: a socially distanced walkabout and natter.

Slots can be booked for this with Helen on 07495 304974. We are hoping to run a **Summer Holiday Club** on the **26-28 July**; hopefully in the church, in person, but if not possible by then, online.

Helen Smedley





Top Tips to ensure your holiday booking is safe

- **Do thorough research** on accommodation, flights, cruises, package holidays or pilgrimages advertised via private ads, to check they're authentic.
- **Check that accommodation really exists** by finding it on Google Maps and looking for independent reviews and recommendations. If you can, call and speak to the owner/agent directly. If the number is not provided, email and request it.
- **Check reviews** on TripAdvisor or similar sites.
- **Never pay for holidays or travel by bank transfer.** If you do and it's a fraud, you may never see your money again. Paying by credit card means more chance of getting your money back if something goes wrong.
- **Make sure** travel agents and tour operators you book through are members of trade associations such as **ABTA** or **ATOL**, by checking on these bodies' websites.
- **Before paying online or providing any confidential details**, type in the website address you know to be correct (instead of following a link), and ensure the payment page is secure (begins with 'https' and has a locked padlock in the browser window frame).
- **Be wary** of unusually cheap holidays or high deposits.
- **Check terms and conditions** prior to making any payment.
- **Keep confirmations and payment receipts**, and check statements for irregular entries.
- **Be wary of unsolicited approaches** claiming to be from travel firms, insurance companies or claims specialists offering to arrange a refund for a holiday or travel cancelled or postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these look very authentic, and play on your desire for a refund so that you can book another holiday.

For the full story, visit

www.getsafeonline.org, select 'Protecting Yourself' and then 'Holiday & Travel Booking'

Chris MacKenzie



... and ways of getting involved



CAN - Community Action

Northants - is designed to create volunteering opportunities in Northamptonshire. More details at communityactionnorthants.org.uk Want to see further details and example of opportunities? Visit **Serve** at their new offices at 8 West Street Rushden.

Parachute plunge

Four **Recovery House** supporters will be taking the plunge at **Sibson Airfield on 22**



July: a current service user, two volunteers and Deputy Manager Dean Webb. They are doing it to bolster their outings budget after a tough fifteen months in which the guys have been housebound for the majority of that time. They are trying to raise £1,000 to try to get out and about throughout the summer and beyond. Please visit <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/parachutejump> if you'd like to support them.

Recovery through enterprise – making a difference

North Northamptonshire Council is providing information on several ways in which job creation

enterprise can be used to help the economic recovery following the pandemic. Details are available at recoverythroughtenterprise.co.uk and at the 'Made in Northamptonshire' shop at Rushden Lakes.

In addition, churches and other local community organisations are providing support. This includes **Rushden Salvation Army**, who are looking for volunteers to help with their E+ local project - Helping people to find work and stay in work. More details are available from salvationarmy.org.uk/volunteer.



"Due to our failure to secure a holiday-relief organist, the next hymn will also be sung to the tune, *Chopsticks*."

Book Reviews

Viktor E Frankl, *Man's Search for Meaning*

It is always good to read a great book by a great man. Without doubt, “*Man's Search for Meaning*” is one of the most remarkable books of the last 75 years. It is only 84 pages long but has sold over 9 million copies!

As a teenager, it made a profound impression on me. Fifty years later, it is still very moving and full of insight. It offers a timeless formula for survival.

Viktor Frankl (born Vienna 1905) was a Jew who survived three years in Dachau, Auschwitz and other Nazi concentration camps until liberated in 1945. He then lived to 1997 as a Professor of Neurology and Psychiatry. While imprisoned, his interest in psychology made him ask and explore the question, “Why do some survive and others give up and die?”

His answer is straightforward and easy to understand and gives one the mental strength to live through times of adversity in any era. A prescription for everyone! But I am not going to tell you. Read it for yourself! Second-hand copies are available on eBay and Amazon.

It is one good thing to come out of the Holocaust. *Martin Tanner*

Francis Spufford, *Light Perpetual*

In this, his second novel, Francis Spufford has written what amounts to a social history set in England in the period between the latter stages of the Second World War and the present day.

This time span closely corresponds to my lifetime and as a consequence his narrative evokes many memories. *Light Perpetual* is a story of the everyday with its mixture of the mundane, of triumph and failure, of good and bad, of miracle, of changing values and of enduring values.

Spufford sees events with a forensic eye for detail. This characteristic enhances his story telling and makes this novel a compelling read. In the opening chapter he describes what happened in the fraction of a second that it took for a bomb to explode when it crashed through the roof of a Woolworth store in South-East London in November 1944. The horror of the event is captured in his comment that the eyes of the victims of the explosion saw the bomb crash through the roof but that there was not enough time for the image to be processed by their brains; a graphic illustration of the phrase “they would not have known anything about it”



The remainder of this book explores what might have happened if five of the children had survived and lived through the unforeseeable changes of the next sixty-five years.

The narratives of the five life histories are a reminder of the different pathways that always exist in society, so we encounter Mods and Rockers, Skinheads, the thuggery associated with the BNP, the anti-social behaviour of Millwall supporters and the ghastly behaviour of landlords like Rachman in the 1960's. However, we also encounter in these seven imagined lives stories of lives lived well, of lives redeemed, of human kindness and of lives lived in the service of others. For my generation this is the story of our times, celebrating the gift of life.

Tony Smith



Launde Abbey



New Warden for Launde Abbey

Launde Abbey, the Retreat & Event House supported by the Dioceses of Peterborough and Leicester is to have a new Warden.

If you visit their website [www.laundeabbey.org.uk] you can get a feel for the place.

I've been there many times, alone and in company, and love it dearly.

The new Warden is Rev Alison

Myers, who introduced herself on June 15, via YouTube. You can probably source the podcast by searching YouTube for 'Launde' or you could try keying in [youtube.com/watch?v=Wz5LYfbMDpc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wz5LYfbMDpc)

She packs an amazing amount of positivity and innovation into her 3.24 minutes, and is brimming with enthusiasm for her new role. *Ed*

Summer Holiday

I am writing this in early June, before the government announces the level and timing of the final relaxation of covid restrictions. Even at this stage, though, relatively unrestricted travel is allowed to a few countries, and people have started booking and taking their Mediterranean and other holidays. I don't begrudge that. We live in a pressured world, and a good break from work is really necessary. I have encouraged our clergy to make sure they take one.

However, I have a challenge for all of us who fly, for whatever reasons. Flying is very, very, heavy in its carbon cost. Why don't we all consider offsetting the damage we are doing to the planet when we book a flight? If you look at this online, through one of the sustainable travel or carbon capture websites, you will find that for between £25 and £50 you could plant enough trees to offset the carbon cost of your return flight to any short or middle distance destination. We are doing this as a diocese when we visit our link diocese in Korea (long-distance, about £75 per head to offset), and I will suggest it to those who travel with me on pilgrimage to the Holy Land (less than £50 per head). In practice, it comes to around ten percent of the cost of the flight.

One of the remarkable things about holidays away from home is that God's creation can actually re-create us. The beautiful world we live in, whether it is the Lake District or the Scottish hills



which I enjoy, or the Mediterranean sunshine which blesses others, somehow enables us to relax and unwind, then re-energises us. Thank God for this wonderful provision.

This shouldn't be a surprise. "Holiday" is "holy day", originating from the pilgrimages of the Old Testament, running through the saints' days of medieval Christendom, through to our bank holidays and summer breaks today. The human spirit needs refreshment and renewal, and our wise creator provides for this.

I hope you can get away during this summer. I hope and pray that you will be blessed through that. I suspect you will be even more if you can spend some of that time consciously seeking God's renewal and re-energising in your life.

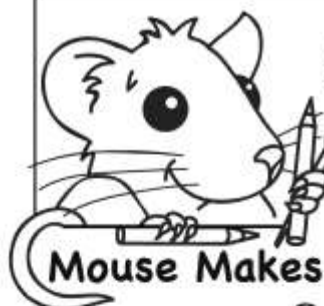
With best wishes

+Donald
Bishop of

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Donald". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

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Read the full story in
Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

A man asked Jesus "Who is my neighbour?"
and Jesus replied with this parable:

A man was attacked by robbers, they tore his clothes, beat him and left him almost dead.
A priest saw him but walked by on the other side.
A Levite saw him but walked by on the other side.
A Samaritan saw him and took pity on him, he poured oil and wine on his wounds and then bandaged them. He lifted the man onto his donkey, took him to an inn and cared for him.

The next day he gave the innkeeper two denarii to look after the man until he returned.

Which of the three travellers do you think was the neighbour to the man who was attacked?



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Meet the Congregation – Mick Wadsworth

Michael - better known to most of us as Mick - was born on 13 December 1935, on a very cold day, in Higham Ferrers. His father was from Westfield Terrace and like so many men in those days worked in the shoe industry. His mother was a full time wife and Mum. Mick's brother was born eighteen months after him and, though they looked very alike - so much so that people thought they were twins - their temperaments were very different.

Mick attended Higham Ferrers Infants School and has vivid memories of that time as it was during Word War II. He also remembers Sunday School and the Minister of Higham Methodist Church.

After passing his 11+ Mick went on to Wellingborough Grammar School where his favourite subjects were Maths and Geography. Mick felt school life didn't really suit him though and left at sixteen, moving on to a job with the Inland Revenue before doing his National Service. After his demob he worked for a local shoe material company - W W Chamberlain in Higham Ferrers.

Mick have several girlfriends before he went into the forces, but none were serious until on a home leave his brother introduced him to Edna, which proved to be a perfect match. He eventually proposed to her on one knee in his Mum's sitting room [with his Mum in the next room!] They were married at St Peter's Midland Rd, and afterwards they had a two-day honeymoon in London - money was tight in those days!

They lived first in St Margaret's Ave and Mick continued to go to Higham Methodist Church where he helped with Sunday School until the arrival of their daughter Joanne in 1960. Son Renny was born in 1963.

Meanwhile Mick continued to work at Chamberlains and was given promotion, becoming Commercial Manager at Chelveston and one of their factories in Lancashire. This involved him travelling two days a week - which he loved! Around then they moved to a house in Hillary



Road and later still to a lovely house on Purvis Rd, which is so tucked away you don't notice it.

In the meantime Edna started attending St Mary's Church. John Tye, who also worked at Chamberlains, encouraged Mick to join Edna at church, which he did. This was during Michael Wilson's time and had a profound effect on Mick's faith. He eventually became a member of the PCC and good friends with John Dixon and Tom Milligan and a friendship with John and Chris Tye also grew.

Together Mick and Edna helped with Pathfinders and later Mick became Church Treasurer following Philip Akroyd, and continued till Bob and Marion took over. He has also been in the Choir for over 35 years!

Mick says that without question, it has been a privilege to be a member of St Mary's where he has made so many friends who have become such an important part of his life!

Those questions

Biggest Influence

Rev Michael Wilson

Hobbies

Cricket

Guest to dinner?

Michael Vaughan

What would you serve?

Fish & Chips followed by
Mother-in-law's Lemon Meringue
Pie!

Favourite Places

Lord's Cricket Ground
& Trent Bridge

Proudest Moments?

When our children were born

Favourite Bible verse ?

"The attitude you should have is
the one Christ Jesus had."

Philippians 2.5

Roving Reporter

Last Minute

What would you quite like to keep after Lockdown?

Not my usual first port of call, but I'm all for inclusivity – **Huffington Post** has a list of twenty-one things we'd quite like to keep after lockdown which range from No 2: "people actually staying at home when they're sick", No 3: "Appreciating nature and vibing with birds like a ...Disney princess", No 5: "People leaving a space behind you in a queue instead of breathing down your neck" to No 1: "Sending surprises in the post and receiving the loveliest things back."

The background sound-bites of Boris Johnson's many pronouncements over the last sixteen months may take you back to where you don't want to be but ... find it at huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/things-about-lockdown-wed-quite-like-to-keep-actually



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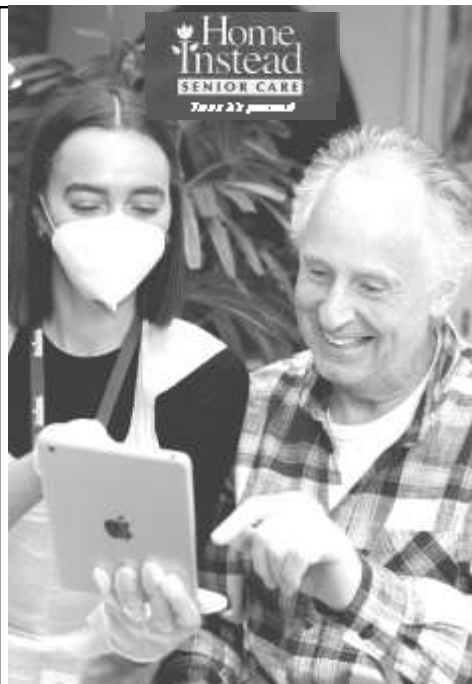
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Looking Back at Parish Magazines

50 years ago

August 1971

Children's Holiday Club

August 24th-27th

Materials needed for four days of handicrafts and model making! The following will be useful: old curtain material, dresses, sheets, tea towels, off-cuts of carpet, wool scraps, cardboard, boxes large and small [including matchboxes], egg boxes, cotton reels, wooden pegs, foam rubber, wallpaper ends, silver and coloured paper, plastic containers, thin wire, offcuts of hardboard, old glossy magazines.

Men's Fellowship

A visit is being planned to Ely in late August ... It will be a half-day outing, including an opportunity to attend Evensong at the Cathedral at 5.30pm.

25 years ago

July 1996

Let us Share

A petition seeking fuller sharing of Holy Communion among the churches of Britain is being launched by the Iona Community. It is being distributed throughout the UK and signatures will be gathered until next Easter.

The Rev Norman Shanks, leader of the Community, which has strong ecumenical commitment and has members of many denominations says, We hope that there will be strong support for this modest initiative towards the fuller sharing across denominational boundaries that so many people in the churches are seeking.

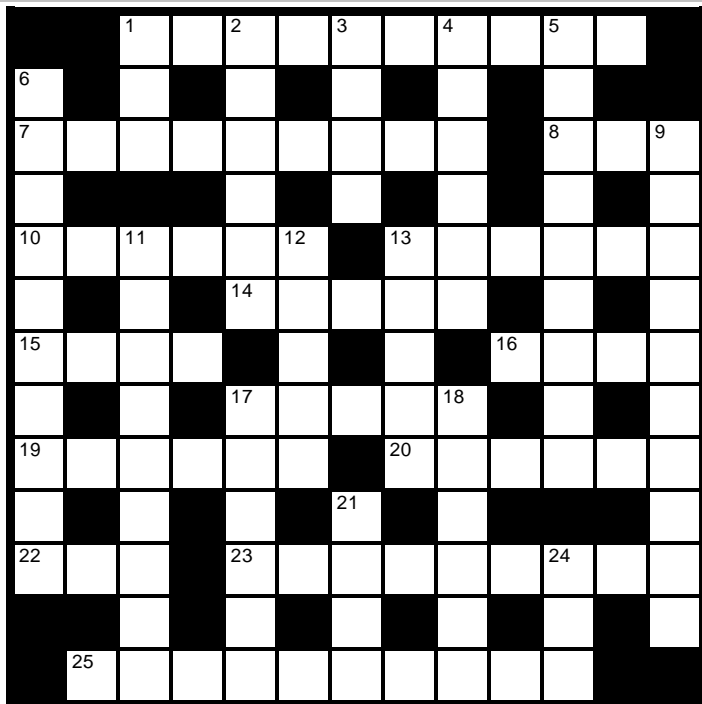
Crossword No 380

ACROSS

- 1 '--- us; o'er the tumult', (hymn) (5,5)
 7 '-----, how broad and far', (hymn) (4,2,3)
 8 New Zealand parrot (3)
 10 Really (6)
 13 Scribble (6)
 14 Took exam again (5)
 15 Animal tooth (4)
 16 Buddhist priest (4)
 17 Parson (5)
 19 Jacob's second wife (OT) (6)
 20 Inexperienced internet user (6)
 22 Ocean (3)
 23 Religious rite (9)
 25 'Peter and John ----', (hymn) (4,2,4)

DOWN

- 1 Aeroplane (3)
 2 Tobacco user (6)
 3 Long story (4)
 4 Devotee (6)
 5 'Led ---- to the slaughter', (hymn) (4,1,4)
 6 Sacred writings (10)
 9 'Name of ----', (hymn) (3,7)
 11 Dry up (9)
 12 Lucifer (5)
 13 Lucifer (5)
 17 Short organ interlude (6)



Solution to No 379

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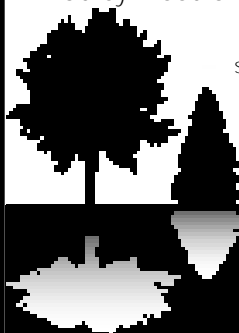
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Mission Matters - James Hawksworth

It was so good to hear recently from James, our Church Army Mission Partner who is Lead Evangelist at the King's Lynn Centre of Mission.



As for so many people, the pandemic has been tough for him. His father died from Covid last year and James was furloughed for a time. Now, though, he is once again able to go into Springwood High School to mentor students who live in a deprived area of the town. These young people have many difficulties, which have often been intensified by the pandemic. They face such issues as bullying, loneliness, family breakdown and bereavement. For some, lockdown has triggered social anxiety. James sees that pastoral care within school is more important than ever now.

James trusts that school Lunch Clubs can resume soon, and that two other schools in which he had begun to work before the pandemic will renew their invitations. Do pray with him about these matters.

Please pray too for the local YMCA, as difficult situations arise there.

James is encouraged to have been given charge of the small Youth Group at St Faith's Church. It is his vision to see this grow and for there to be a strong link with Springwood High.

James and his family - wife Laura and teenage children, Sam and Becky - are united in loving and serving the Lord. Do pray for them all, especially Laura who is waiting for surgery. Let us be faithful Mission Partners, trusting God to fulfil all his great plans for them and for this needy area of King's Lynn.

Sue Eagles,

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



Belfry Gossip

How good it is to be ringing again for the service Sundays, and we have also started practices again but both with only six nominated ringers in the belfry at one time. A plan has been sorted out, so everyone gets opportunities to ring at different times and benefits from the practices.

A thing most of us have already found is that after such a long time since regular ringing is our reduced ability to recall and ring the methods we all knew so well, but I am sure this will soon return. We still apply the rules of social distancing while in the tower. It now looks like continuing in this fashion for a few more weeks.

As we are now meeting and ringing together again our practices on Zoom and Ringing Room have been suspended.

The Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Bellringers held another virtual AGM because the Covid-19 restrictions prevented us from gathering and ringing together, about 32 people 'attended'. A video containing prayers and remembered members who had died since the last AGM was shared. 50-year membership certificates will be presented in due course when conditions allow.

Following the minutes of last year's meeting, the Annual Report and Accounts for 2020 were accepted before grants from the Bell Fund towards work on 3 different bell installations were voted on and accepted. The secretary advised a list of dates for events for 2021/22 in the hope that these will be able to take place. The election of Guild Officers for the next year then took place. The only changes were a new Newsletter Editor and Public Relations Officer (PRO), all other officers were re-elected. Simon remains the Guild Master and Cathy the 100-Club organiser and now PRO.

During the Any Other Business an outline plan was shown of a proposed development in Northampton taking in St Peter's church and the Old Black Lion area as a ringing meeting, conference and training centre; before the meeting ended. Thanks to the Guild Officers who worked hard to make this Zoom meeting a success.

The Wellingborough Branch are hoping to start ringing meetings again when restrictions allow.

Tintinnabulum

Services in Church - July 2021

St Mary's
Rushden

St Peter's
Newton Bromswold

Sunday 4 July - Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Holy Communion		
11.15am	Morning Prayer	11.00am	Family Service

Sunday 11 July - Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	All Age Service		
11.15am	Morning Prayer	11.00am	Holy Communion

Sunday 18 July - Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 25 July - Eighth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	All Age Service		
11.15am	Morning Prayer	11.00am	Holy Communion

Midweek Service in St Mary's Church

Thursday July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 10.30am Holy Communion [BCP]

On Line Services

We fully expect **live-streaming** to begin by the end of July, which will mean pre-recorded services coming to an end. The live-streaming will be of the 9.30am service, with the possibility of the 11.15 as well, if we can manage it - watch this space!

Meanwhile access recorded services via our website:
stmaryschurchrushden.org which displays both the **Facebook** and **YouTube** links.

Services in Church - August 2021

St Mary's
Rushden

St Peter's
Newton Bromswold

Sunday 1 August - Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Holy Communion		
11.15am	Morning Prayer	11.00am	Family Service

Sunday 8 August - Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	All Age Service		
11.15am	Morning Prayer	11.00am	Holy Communion

Sunday 15 August - Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 22 August - Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	All Age Service		
11.15am	Morning Prayer	11.00am	Holy Communion

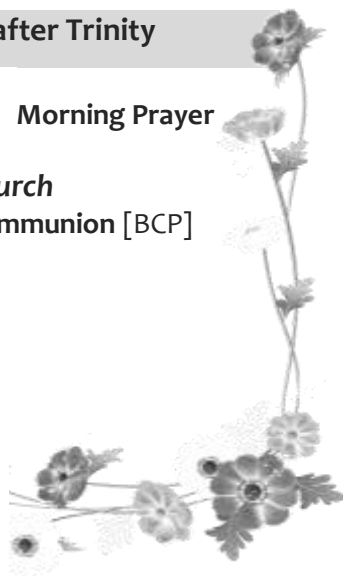
Sunday 29 August - Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	All Age Service		
11.15am	Morning Prayer	11.00am	Morning Prayer

Midweek Service in St Mary's Church

Thursday August 5,12,19,26 at 10.30am Holy Communion [BCP]

Children's Activities have moved to Page 13



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St Mary's contortionist-in-residence

