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As the Bishop writes on p17, “Lent is a strange idea for Christians”. Take a look at his article and you’ll probably agree, but by no means does that let us off the hook!

This edition is well-sprinkled - if not entirely *saturated* - with ways to use Lent as a special time for growth and revelation, through reading, praying and, perhaps, generally becoming more aware and in touch with everything: not least yourself.

Look for the sections labelled *Pointers for Prayer*

Jude Curtis, Editor

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Martin writes . . .

Dear Friends,

*“I’m not asking a tenner; I’m not asking a fiver;
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Instead of giving up something for Lent, I urge all church members to do something extra that is very easy indeed. **Start LISTENING to (not reading) the Bible every day.**

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listened to the WHOLE Bible!

Time, I think, that YOU download
the App right NOW!

Yours sincerely,
Martin Tanner

Pointers to Prayer

Lent Studies

Ash Wednesday is 2 March.

Embrace The Middle East have launched their usual series of **Lent Reflections**. These are based on the 5 phases of biblical lament and can be accessed for free by signing up on their website - **embraceme.org**.

The **printed version - Lent Study Guide - Days to Lament** - is also available from the **Embrace Shop** on the same website, which offers more in depth exploration of the weekly themes and costs £2.

... And if you don't have a smart phone or tablet ...

but are still intrigued by the idea of **a Bible to listen to rather than read** then go online on your PC or laptop and discover the many other formats that the material comes in: all available at different prices, but all sharing David [Poirot] Suchet's brilliant voice.

And if all Hi Tech is anathema ...

then do like me nearly ten years ago and invest in a **Bible In One Year** as an **actual** book. My 2011 edition is shabby in the extreme, gaping at the spine, covered in scribbled [but

dated] notes - something I would never have dared do to a Bible before. In the years since, those have been vital to chart the changes in my thinking and understanding - in some cases embarrassingly so. Ed.

But if you are able to go on line ...

Bishop Donald has released a series of recorded talks that can be accessed on the **new Diocesan Website**, <https://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/>.

These include a 15 minute introduction to the Gospels, and a 30 minute take on each Gospel, and end with 15 minutes on the reliability of the Gospels.

On **Saturday 12 March** The Bishop is holding an on-line **Bishop's Bible Day** from 9.30-11.30am. This will include a live online morning of worship, two workshops and the opportunity to quiz the Bishop. This event is targeted at anyone who uses the Bible in their ministry in church, in school, at work, in the community or at home.

Booking for this is essential, again through the new website.

Those gates . . .



I'm fascinated by gates. Drawn to them and by them as if they're magnets. Some are impenetrable : some just plain awkward. Some are semi-permeable, and what's on the other side is not entirely clear. Others are tangibly solid and front the totally unknown. In my recent 'discovery' of Northamptonshire And Bedfordshire Around Rushden - NABAR: let's pronounce it as 'Neighbour' - I've encountered hundreds.

OK, I've just made the acronym NABAR up, but not my appreciation of what it represents as a life-changing discovery.

Gates. I've hammered on them, peered through them, opened and/or unlocked them, walked through them and run through them barely noticing they were there. In extremis I've climbed over them - that's usually around Caldecott and involves cows.

Life is full of them - a metaphor for how we approach challenges: some gates we walk through that we didn't even notice were gates - like the threshold between childhood and becoming an adult.

Others stopped us in our tracks, held us back from decisions, in some cases for years. They keep making their presence felt: nagging challenges to our ability, courage or openness to the unknown.

Some of us have grown old retaining gates that still confound us: that virtual list of things we can't do - which is just another way of saying we've stopped trying.

A lot of us are conscientiously keeping an open mind about the future at the moment: and that's a very good look when thinking about, any or all of: the future trajectory of the Covid pandemic; Government; what Russia gets up to next; or of our own Church.

What a good job that our Father God knows what's beyond every single, solid, impenetrable gate, as well as the ones that we don't see as barriers at all. Sometimes I think he puts them there to tease and encourage us as much as to protect us.

In the last twenty-odd years since I moved back to Rushden and started attending St Mary's I've been often, subconsciously, aware of half-open

tempting gates and those of deep - even sinister - mystery. Yet there are solid no-go gates, not to be touched with a barge pole, which on later inspection become permeable and for which I am so grateful.

Occasionally I've opened ones I definitely shouldn't have, and found aspirations shattered and learned a few more lessons about life. Whatever I might have thought when I was younger, that anguish doesn't actually stop with advanced years.

Sometimes we actually have to go through that experience of disappointment to discover what is good for us - otherwise we'd always wonder about what we've never tried.

Up to now God has preserved me from irreparably damaging decision-making. I'm quietly confident He always will.

I'm told - fairly reliably - that in Scandinavia 'gate' or 'gatte' means both a 'gate' and a 'way'. It's both a barrier and a route. I do so like words with double meanings, and it works - if you think about it - in English too. Gates are definitely barriers, but also ways *into* something or *through* something.

Another Scandinavian word for gate is 'port', which, if you think again, has the same double-meaning. A port doesn't just let people or materials into a country from the surrounding seas, but acts as a barrier to the undesirable versions of both.

What about the 'gate' on The Back Page? Is it a block, a step over, a boundary marker or a short leap into the unknown? You'll never discover unless you give it a try.

I'll leave you with a 'starter gate' to ponder. It's only a hop and a skip from St Mary's, nestling in Hall Park, and many of you already use it often, when exercising the dog. Try and look at it with different eyes and while the dog is having a literal field day, contemplate some of the *Pointers To Prayer* liberally sprinkled through this Lent edition of grapevine.

Jude Curtis, Editor



St Mary's News

From the Registers

Baptism

Sunday 30 January 2022

Rex Martin Lee Johnson

St Mary's Church Office is now regularly open on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10.00 to 12 noon.** We ask you, please, to still be alert to current Covid regulations and avoid gathering inside the office.

PCC Meeting - 1 February 2022

18 members of our PCC met on 1 February 2022.

Our two wardens, as part of a panel, will be interviewing in early March for the post of our new incumbent. Continued prayer is asked for this process and a positive outcome.

Despite a difficult Covid year, our finances are satisfactory. Pete Squires will have addressed both services on February 6 for Stewardship Sunday, to encourage us in our giving.

Our halls sub committee held an initial meeting and made a list of various issues that need attention.

Other subjects discussed were the south porch, website, lockdown

review, DBS checks and Easter Holiday Club which will take place on Monday 11 April in Holy Week.

Our substantive topic for discussion was **Children & Family ministry**, with many ideas raised and discussed.

Date of the next meeting is **Tuesday 1 March at 7.30pm:** thereafter meetings will be held [experimentally] every 2 months.

Jennie Bone, PCC Secretary

Craft and Coffee

The next craft and coffee meeting is on **Tuesday 1 March**, 10.00 to 12 noon in the Church Hall. Admission is £1.50 which includes refreshments and watching the demonstration. This month the group will be making **Glitter Balls.**



For more information give Lynne a call on 01933 353655 or email lynne@lateralflow.co.uk

St Mary's Ladies' Group

The Ladies Group is on course to start again on **Wednesday 9 March** at 2.15pm in the Church Hall. This meeting will have a very short AGM and then Linnet has very kindly agreed to come and speak. Her talks are always well worth hearing. The programme and prayer cards

will be available at this meeting so I would urge our members to come along. It would be lovely to see everyone again and I hope and pray that we will be able to continue our meetings in the future. *Cynthia Brown*

Thank You!

Many, many thanks for the cards and presents we received on the occasion of our **Platinum [70th] Wedding Anniversary**. We are really grateful.

Sheila and Derek Tansley

World Day of Prayer

WDP this year is on **Friday 4 March at 2.00pm in St Mary's Church, Rushden**. It's open to anyone in the Community. We would love to see many of you joining us this time.

Refreshments will be served in the church hall after the service. The title this year is **'I know the plans I have for you'** and has been prepared by the Christian women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

We would also like some help, especially giving out the service booklets on the day. If you can help: talk to Helen Allan.

March 2022

Behind the Communion Table

There will be no flowers behind the Communion Table in March as Lent begins on **March 2 with Ash Wednesday**. Flowers will be given out as usual on **Mothering Sunday 27 March**.

Jude Curtis has agreed to take over from Ellen Inwood to oversee **decoration for the major church festivals: Easter, Harvest and Christmas**, and is hoping that many of those who contribute at present will continue to do so. Newcomers, however, very welcome. Contact Jude via missjudecurtis@btinternet.com if you are able to help.

A huge thank you is due to Ellen, and, indeed, Julie West too, for many years of looking after the special days in the Church Calendar. They are still hoping to be active around Remembrance time!

Memorial Chapel

There are no flowers this month: if you would like to give flowers in memory of loved ones please contact Brenda Dixon: 01933 358982

News continues over the page ...

St Mary's News cont . . .

Children Society - John's new Quiz titled 'There's No Place Like Home' is now on sale. Price £1 from Anne Riley, Pam Bailey, Mary Hadley and Joy Holloway on 01933 318415.

Double Congratulations ... were around in February - for **Joy Holloway on her 80th birthday** on **February 11** and ... **Martin and Liz Cromwell**, who celebrated their **Golden Wedding anniversary** on **February 12**. Liz and Martin say "we are very grateful for the cards and gifts received on the occasion of our Golden Wedding, thank you very much!"

Joan Earthy, for many years a faithful member of **St Mary's Church and the Mothers' Union** died on 17 January this year at the age of 103.

Parish Stewardship 2022

During the Covid pandemic it has not always been easy for us to meet together and continue our usual programme of Services, Events and Meetings. Church Income is just one of the many things that have inevitably suffered as a result.

There are still quite a number of people who are not comfortable coming to church while Covid



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 19 March

9.30am—12noon

St Mary's Church Hall

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measures are in place, but still feel part of St Mary's family, and are accustomed to contributing towards its financial security.

We are therefore asking that, if that concerns you, then please contact the Church Treasurers, Bob & Marion Bates, and ask for the new Stewardship leaflet and a Response Form.

Contacts: Bob &
Marion Bates -
01933 358005



...and Good To Know

Newton News

Flower Rota - Altar Flowers

No flowers during Lent

There will be a
Cowslip and Fritillary Weekend
on Sunday/Monday 17/18 April
from 2.00-4.00pm.

Rushden and Newton WI

The next meeting will be at **The Windmill Club, Glassbrook Rd, Rushden, NN10 9RP at 7:30 pm on Thursday 10 March.** The speaker is **Margaret Fuller on 'My Grandad's Legacy.'**

Visitors are always welcome, please come along and give us a try!
Contact is Julia: 01933 317846

Neighbourhood Watch

This year celebrates the Fortieth Anniversary of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) and note the temporary logo change above! [and in glorious colour on The Back Page, Ed]



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Meet the Congregation - Shona Adams

Shona was born in Scotland on 14 May 1963 and is the eldest of four children. She has two sisters - Alison and Jennifer, and a brother, Graham. Many of you will know Tom Milligan, her father, and remember Janice her Mum. Tom still comes to the Morning Services at St Mary's on Sundays.

When Shona was eleven her father was offered promotion and the family moved down to Rushden. To begin with this meant living in Prospect Avenue and obviously settling into a new school. Their Scottish accents soon disappeared as they attempted to blend in, but Shona remembers being asked the time a lot, and didn't realise it was because people were fascinated by her accent!

She went to Chichele Girls School, which is now Rushden Academy, and was there for seven years until she completed her A Levels. She left school for Nottingham Trent University. Unsure what she really wanted to do she chose to read her favourite subjects: Geography and History. It wasn't until she shared a house with some students, studying to be teachers that she became interested.

Her Mum and Dad used their church connections - Bob Whitworth at Denfield and David Clarke at Alfred Street School, to get her some work experience... And then she was 'hooked' and the rest was an easy decision!

She's now been teaching for thirty seven years: a career covering a wide variety of roles from Supply Teacher to Job Share; Part Time to Assistant Head and one crazy year when she was Head Teacher overseeing the amalgamation of a local infant and junior school! Despite all the huge pressures on teachers, she is convinced it is the most rewarding job in the world!!

St Mary's Church has played a huge part in her life ever since the family arrived in Rushden. She even met her husband, Paul, at Pathfinders. In those days the group met in the old Rectory.

Shona and Paul have two married sons, Cameron and Alexander, who were both baptised at St Mary's. They are also the proud grandparents of one year old Lydia [pictured above right].

Lydia is already demonstrating how like her Gran she is. Her first word was book!

Shona's favourite pastime is to curl up with a book, a bar of chocolate and a cup of tea! But she also loves walking and they have an added incentive in their bouncy Labrador, Amber, who needs a lot of wearing out!

Shona is grateful to St Mary's for all the love, support and teaching she has received there over the years! She prays that, as we welcome a new Rector, all of us at St Mary's will continue to serve the Town of Rushden and provide a beacon for God's love in our ever changing World!

Roving Reporter.



GOOD FRUIT OR BAD FRUIT?

Jesus said:

"No good tree does not produce bad fruit,
nor does a bad tree produce good fruit. Each
tree is known by its own fruit..."

...Good people bring good things out of the good
they stored in their hearts. But evil people bring evil
things out of the evil they stored in their hearts.
People speak the things that are in their hearts."

- Luke 6: 43-45

During LENT ask God to help you through His Holy Spirit to turn your hate to **love**, your
impatience to **patience** and your unkindness to **kindness**, so we can be like a good tree that
grows good fruit.



READ
Luke
6: 27-45

How did Jesus
say we should
treat others?

Look up
Luke 6:31

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L A F G I V E O H
E Y O O H E A R T
S P R O D U C E R
S A G D A B H D E
B R I N G O W N E
A E V I L O V E V
D R E P E N T E K

Do

to everyone
who asks you
Luke 6:30

to those that
hate you
Luke 6:27

for those who
are cruel to you
Luke 6:28

those who
curse you
Luke 6:28

and you will be
forgiven
Luke 6:37

Find these words from **Luke 6** in the word search above.

GOOD • BAD • FRUIT • TREE • HEART • EVIL • EACH • OWN • STORED
PRODUCE • BRING • SPEAK • REPENT • FORGIVE • LOVE • BLESS • PRAY • GIVE

Pointers to Prayer. . .

The Church of England's 'Everyday Faith' portal

Everyday Faith offers bitesize, yet in-depth, resources on topics relevant to you, that will help you find and follow God in everyday life. The portal was launched in January 2022 and has the aim of attracting 100,000 users within the first full year.

Featuring **reflections, prayers, and guidance** it is designed to help you to more fulsomely find, and follow, God in everyday life. A key aim is to express how the **Five Marks of Mission** are foundational to personal and corporate witness in the world, and how these find expression. The portal is personalised to people's interests and contexts so that diverse resources can be more easily discovered and shared.

It features in-built connectivity to diocesan resources and offers a mechanism for direct delivery of these. It has also been developed to integrate with **A Church Near You** to reinforce connection to local worshipping communities and to better enable churches to use the portal as a key tool in their formation and equipping work. The portal can be accessed at <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/everyday-faith-portal>.

Andrew Presland

Don't Ask - Listen

Personal prayer is not like prayers of intercession in Church where we ask for God's help in specific ways. Private prayer is more about making ourselves receptive to what He wants to tell **us**!



Take this tree. Do you see it as empty, bare, stark, leafless and fruitless? Or do you see it as a blank canvas onto which God may pour his blessings of fruit, new growth, and life.

Silence, calm and receptiveness are the key. Find a private space and sufficient time to wait in gentle patience for whatever the Lord wants to tell you. *Ed*

Book Review

COSMIC CHEMISTRY

by John C. Lennox

(Lion Books: 2021)

Lennox is Emeritus Professor of Mathematics at the University of Oxford. He has lectured and debated extensively around the world on the relationship between Science and Religion and written a number of books on the subject. This is his most recent publication.

As a committed Christian, he offers his response to the question, “Is the rigorous pursuit of scientific knowledge really compatible with a sincere faith in God”?

I suggest that this is an important and timely book because he examines afresh the plausibility of a Christian theistic worldview in the light of some of the latest developments in scientific understanding.

The worldview that currently prevails in our society is no longer Christian. It might be described as ‘atheistic by choice’ - a choice founded in considerable measure on the uncritical acceptance of philosophical views formed in the eighteenth century and conclusions drawn from the biological theories of the nineteenth century. There is now strong evidence that we

should review the evidence on which we base our current attitudes and behaviour.

Cosmic Chemistry presents some carefully argued evidence supporting a renewal of the debate on the relationship between Science and Christianity. Lennox shows that in various ways we are using a 200 year old construct to shape our lives and that this can and should be challenged beneficially.

He believes, in important ways, that the popular worldview is not working well, and is, in fact, contributing to the malaise and discontent that affects so many aspects of life.

If you do not feel motivated to buy and read this book of nearly 400 pages, I recommend that you borrow a copy and read the short epilogue. In it Lennox lists twenty pieces of evidence to support his assertion that “the universe and life in it appear to be the products of a divine Mind - no explanation that does not involve a mind seems to work. There is a strong case that science and God together form a rational explanation”.

Tony Smith

A Season of Penitence

Lent is a strange idea for Christians. A “penitential season”, when we are encouraged to examine ourselves thoroughly for every lapse, even though we should know full well that God’s mercies and forgiveness are new every day, and that our sins are cast as far from us as the east is from the west. A season of self-discipline, even though the whole Christian life should be that. (Although maybe the secular “dry January” or “veganuary” are replacing Lent in that respect in our world today.) A season of prayer and Bible study, when those things should be our daily or at least weekly staple. A time to walk “the way of the cross”, when that is really just another name for the Christian life. A time when we refrain from over-indulgence, which we shouldn’t be doing anyway. In short, a forty-day period in which we call ourselves to live as Christians.

Of course there is great value in Lent too. A focussed season with more time and energy consciously directed to prayer, study, discussion, self-examination, serving others, finding ways to follow Christ in our own lives and communities. A time to challenge ourselves, encourage others, and seek God. A time to support each other in self-discipline without advertising it to the world. A time to rethink our commitments, our volunteering, our calling as disciples.



I encourage you this Lent, not to give things up (other than things you should give up whether it is Lent or not), but to consider what you might take on (not just for Lent, but longer-term): supporting a neighbour in some way, volunteering in church or in the community, regular Bible study, joining a group of some sort, giving regularly to a good cause, a regular daily prayer slot, a new habit of saying Thank You to someone each day ... write your own list and choose one or two items that will help you walk with Jesus.

God bless you this Lent.

+Donald
Bishop of Peterborough

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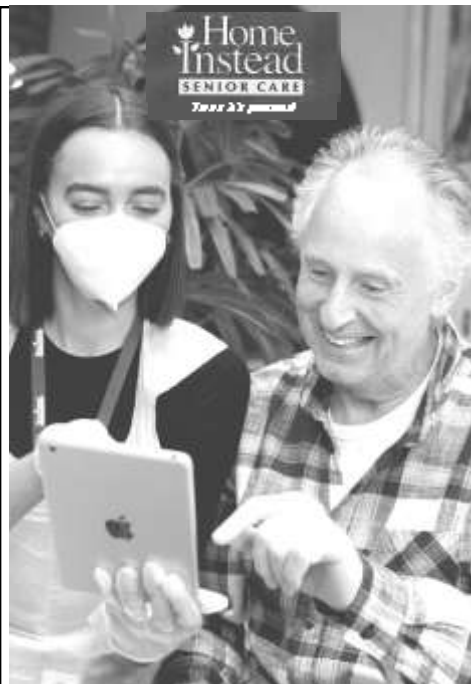
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Looking Back at Parish Magazines

50 years ago

March 1972

Teamwork

One of the joys of our fellowship at St Mary's is that we work as a team. I find this increasingly true. This magazine delivered through hundreds of letterboxes in our parish is the product of a team, those who write, our editors and magazine secretary, the distributors [and of course the printers!] When at the start of the electric power emergency we decided late on Friday night to bring forward the Sunday Evening Service from 6pm to 3pm it was another team who within 24 hours had sent the message into 400 homes with great speed and efficiency. When practical work is needed to be done in or around the church, the thought is barely into words before the task is completed ...

Rev Michael Wilson
Rector

St Mary's Magazine 1972

25 years ago

March 1997

Deanery Synod - with a difference

The Higham Deanery Synod met in St Mary's Church Hall on Sunday 26th January. It was a synod with a difference because a talk and question-answering session by Bishop Ian Cundy [the new Bishop of Peterborough] replaced the usual agenda.

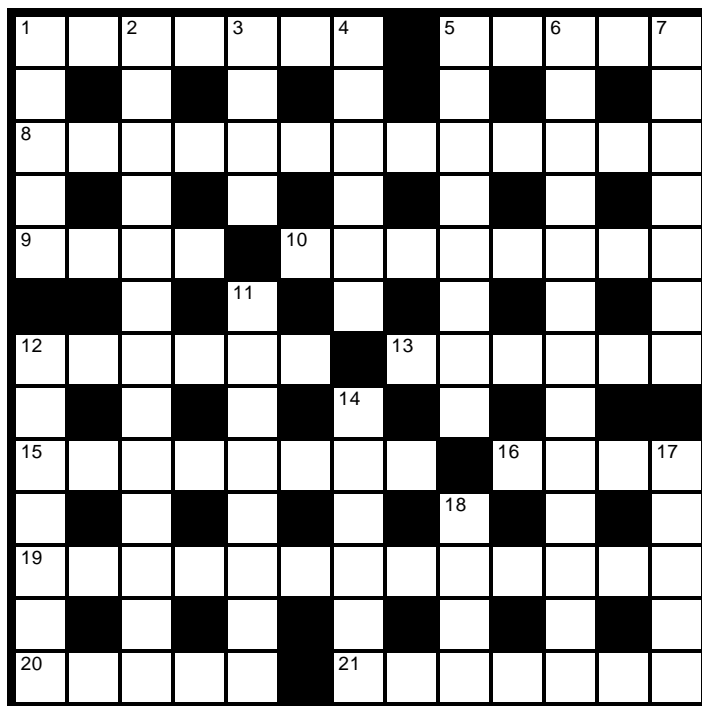
The Bishop's talk began with him saying that he believed that deaneries formed a good basis for mission: they were neither too remote nor too parochial. He highlighted four areas as being of particular importance in the life of a deanery: corporate worship to be at the centre of the communities, mission, collaboration in ministry and resources.

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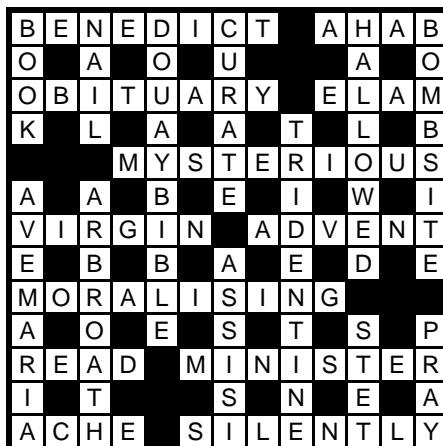
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 13 Icy (6)
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 16 Second man (4)
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 2 'Rejoice ----' (hymn) (3,4,2,4)
 3 Assistant (4)
 4 Town in Somerset (6)
 5 'If I were a --', (carol) (8)
 6 All methods permitted (2,5,6)
 7 Lazy (7)
 11 Baptise (8)
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 14 Edible nut (6)
 17 Book preceding Habakkuk (5)
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Belfry Gossip

We continue to ring for Services and practices and some of us are now going out to ring with neighbouring towers again. We thank everyone who comes from other towers to ring with us, both for practices and occasional Sundays.

Although we didn't have additional special ringing for the Queen's Accession anniversary, we did have some very good service ringing that weekend, and we have learned and rung special methods for the occasion - Jubilee Delight Minor and Jubilee Court Bob Triples.

Our tower AGM was postponed due to holidays, but will have taken place before you are reading this.

The Wellingborough Branch holds its meetings on the third Saturday of the month so at the time of writing they have yet to take place.

I will write about them next time.

Tintinnabulum



...I haven't the heart to tell her the bishop went home 20minutes ago!

Mission Matters

Sunday 27 March 2022 - A day in the Church calendar

Mothering Sunday! A special day when we give grateful thanks for our Mothers for their patience, guidance and comfort in our lives. I remember dear David Clarke informing us that, many year ago, this was the day that young adults - mostly girls who were in Service in local large houses - were given a day off to visit their Mother. On the way they picked wild flowers and presented them to her with love and a hug.

Sadly in our Prison population many have lost contact with their Mother, or maybe have never met her. **Prison Fellowship** helps many Prisoners in many ways giving practical and prayerful help. One of their Projects - Angel Tree Mother's Day Card - is funded by donations and gives Offenders the opportunity to get in touch with their Mother via a card and a small gift voucher of £5.00.

An all too familiar story: a young Offender hadn't been in touch with his Mother for two years, so he had a word with the Chaplain who arranged with Prison Fellowship for a card to be delivered to his Mother. The response? His Mother was pleased; asked for a visit, and their relationship was renewed. The boy started his life again on the right track.

As you may be aware we have a large Prison on our doorstep: Five Wells at Wellingborough, where men will be guided and helped to live a life free of crime. Not an easy task for all concerned: Staff and Men. Prison Fellowship support a regular Prayer Group, who have met, and will continue to meet, to bring together all who live and work at Five Wells. Please remember the Governors and Staff and especially the Chaplaincy Team in your Prayers, that they will be guided and encouraged in their daily contact with the men doing their time in prison.

*Edna Wadsworth
on behalf of St Mary's Mission Committee*

Church Diary

March

- 1 **Tuesday: 10.00-12noon - Crafts & Coffee/Tea** meets in the Church Hall, This month they will be making Glitter Balls. Further information from Lynne Prior on 01933 353655 or lynne@lateralflow.co.uk.
Tuesday: 7.30pm - PCC Meeting in the Lower Church Hall.
- 2 **Wednesday: 7.30pm - Ash Wednesday Service of Holy Communion** at St Peter's Church, Midland Rd. Open to all.
- 4 **Friday: 2.00pm - World Day of Prayer** in St Mary's Church, Rushden. More information on p9.
- 5 **Saturday: 5.00pm - Concert: Purcell's King Arthur with the Wellingborough Singers** and others, Wellingborough United Reform Church. Tickets at £10 available from www.ticketsource.co.uk in advance.
- 9 **Wednesday: 2.15pm - Ladies' Group** meet in the Church Hall - AGM & **Speaker: Rev Linnet Smith**
- 12 **Saturday: on-line Bishop's Bible Day from 9.30-11.30am.** More on p5
- 19 **Saturday: 9.30-12 noon - Who Let The Dads Out?,** in the Church Hall: see Box on p10
Saturday: Litterpick organised by Higham Deanery at Irthlingborough Lakes - more details from Andrew Presland: 01933 316927 or andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com

April

- 2 **Saturday: Litterpick organised by Higham Deanery at Stanwick Lakes** - more details from Andrew Presland: 01933 316927 or andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com
- 5 **Tuesday: 10.00-12noon - Crafts & Coffee/Tea** meets in the Church Hall, Further information from Lynne Prior on 01933 353655 or lynne@lateralflow.co.uk.
- 11 **Monday: Easter Holiday Club** - Church Hall: check posters for more information nearer the time
- 13 **Wednesday: 2.15pm - Ladies' Group** meet in the Church Hall - **Speaker: Maureen Trusler: "Joyce Grenfell"**
- 16 **Saturday: 9.30-12 noon - Who Let The Dads Out?** in the Church Hall: see Box on p10
- 17/18 **Sunday/Monday: 2.00-4.00pm - Cowslip & Fritillary Weekend at Newton Church**

Services for March 2022

St Mary's
Rushden

St Peter's
Newton Bromswold

Sunday 6 March - First Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday 13 March - Second Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday 20 March - Third Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday 27 March - Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday

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

Midweek Services in St Mary's Church

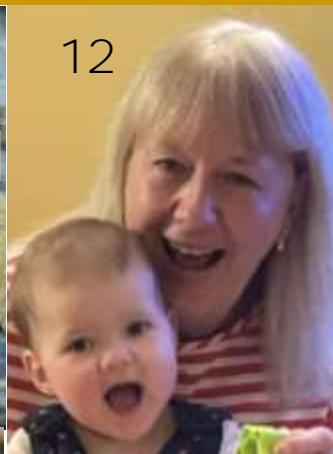
Thursdays March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 10.30am - Holy Communion [BCP]

Live-Streaming

Both St Mary's Sunday Services - at 9.30 and 11.15am - are now live-streamed. They can also be found later through our website on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/stmarysrushden>.



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