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## May 2022

### Such Good News!

“The **Rev Tom King**, currently Assistant Curate of the Bridgnorth and Morville Team Ministry in the diocese of Hereford has been offered and accepted the invitation to become **Rector of the Benefice of Rushden with St Peter, Newton Bromswold**.

“Tom will be instituted and inducted on **Sunday 3 July in St Mary’s, at 3.00pm**.

“Please pray for **Tom, his wife Vicky, and their children, Anastasia, Keridwen, Jennifer and Elijah** as they prepare to move to Rushden, and for all at St Mary’s and Newton as we prepare to welcome them.”



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## Linnet writes . . .

Dear Friends

Soon another name will be added to the list of Rectors of St Mary's. The list is long! There has been a Rector of Rushden since 1230.

Some of us remember several of them. I remember Michael Wilson, Alan Smith, Barry Morrison and, of course, Steve Prior. All four of them were godly men. All of them led us well and cared for us lovingly. And all four were different and blessed us in different ways.

But none of them was perfect!

And our new Rector will follow in their footsteps and in the footsteps of the fifty six men who served the church and the town as Rector before him - but he won't be perfect! Because none of us is perfect.

The only perfect person to have ever lived is Jesus, and when we compare ourselves with Him, we have to admit that we are not perfect - we are human beings with faults and failings.

This might sound like bad news, but it is not! Several wonderful things are also true ...

The Bible teaches us that God loves us and accepts us as we are despite our imperfection. It was for imperfect women and men that Jesus died, demonstrating God's amazing love for all human beings. God knows us through and through and still loves us to bits!!

God is at work in us to bring us to perfection, to re-make us in the likeness of Jesus. That is the work of the Holy Spirit whose coming we celebrate in a few weeks. As we cooperate with Him, He changes us and makes us more like Jesus. We don't just sit back and accept our imperfections: we ask for forgiveness for them and work with God's help to overcome them.



And as we hope that other people accept us and our faults, so we learn to accept other people, allowing for their foibles. Remember that Jesus told us not to try to take a speck of dust out of someone else's eye, while there is a plank in our own eye. And if we find the speck in their eye irritating, the answer is to pray for them and ask God to help us to see them as He does, as a much loved son or daughter.



I recently saw the film 'Phantom of the Open', the story of Maurice Flitcroft, 'the worst golfer in the world'. He scored the highest ever score in the British Open in 1965, never having played a round of golf before. His motto was, "The road to perfection is practise." We are not going to be perfect until we reach heaven but let's seek to practise in the here and now as we experience God's acceptance, love and forgiveness and the power of the Holy Spirit and let's practise offering that love to other people.

With my love and prayer,

*Linnet Smith*



## Our response to Ukraine ...

On **Wednesday 13 April** a few people met in church to discuss how we can respond to the ongoing situation in Ukraine.

To keep it as simple as possible, we thought the best way forward would be to partner with groups or charities, who are further down the road in their support and relief efforts. A number of people have contacts with individuals or groups who are already involved, so they are going to speak to those contacts and report back to the group in 2-3 weeks' time, so that we can continue to discern where and how best to respond.

We know that many people have contributed financially already, but if you want to make a donation there are a couple of recommended organisations to go to. Please speak to Paul or Kate to find out which those are.

**Please also read the following extracts from a Testimony written by a Pastor in Ukraine**, about the amazing things that God is doing there! It is written by a colleague who spent three years in the same class at Kyiv Bible Institute.

“The Pastor concerned also met his wife at the Bible College, and they and their four children live in Bucha: experiencing the first two

weeks of Russian occupation.

“... They saw and felt huge explosions nearby in Hostomel, and ... over thirty helicopters full of Russian Special Forces landing, and in the main street of Bucha. They were hoping it would all be over soon: that Russia would realise that they were causing so much suffering, or that the West would intervene. Instead it just got worse and worse. They saw houses bombed everywhere: even the house next door was set on fire by an explosion.

“Because they had a cellar about fifteen neighbours came to shelter with them ... But they got much more than physical shelter!

“Every day, and often a few times a day, they prayed and recited Psalm 91 [the ultimate promise of God's protection] and they sang. When a rocket landed in their garden a few metres from the house, it DID NOT explode. Everyone literally saw God's protection.

“In the first week Russians destroyed the phone masts, so they had no signal. The situation was getting worse every day. On a single working phone they heard official announcements about green corridors for civilians. One



day the message was that people should go to the Central Train Station and there would be buses to collect them. But the Pastor prayed for the Lord's guidance and reassurance and, miraculously, his phone rang: a fellow Pastor from Irpin. He told them to go towards Irpin - not to the train station. Completely the opposite direction!

"In four minutes they were ready to leave with a few necessities. They walked through streets littered with rubble, burnt tanks and corpses of

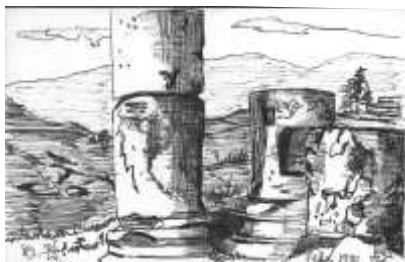
Russian soldiers, while neighbours were crying and asking them to stay as the family seemed to be the last hope people had. They went in the opposite direction to everyone else: crossed a broken bridge and found Ukrainian soldiers waiting for them. They were safe!

"Later they discovered that all the buses full of people trying to escape Bucha were forced to turn back by the Russians. Their fervent desire for all of us is to keep our prayer life alive: don't let fear win, and trust the Word of God. His Word is full of living, genuine promise!"

*Paul Adams*

## Ascension: the Editorial . . .

... returns in the June Edition with a little Lectionary time travel, and includes the Sea of Galilee, Pella on the Jordanian side of the Jordan river [sketched sometime close to 14 March 1990], The Strait of



Islay, a small herd of Red Deer, and the advantages of a lifting keel on a cat-rigged ketch. What do they have in common?

Mostly the power of breakfast, particularly when eaten out of doors and involving fish - see Luke 24: 44-49

# St Mary's News

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

**Sunday 27 February**

Jerome Daniel Tosh Antwi  
Dior Amore Jordan

### Blessing of the Marriage of

Janice & Steffan Rigoulet  
**Friday 8 April 2022**

### Funeral

**Wednesday 30 March**  
Margaret Kathleen Buckley [66]

We were fortunate in that there was no major expenditure during the year but there will be a Quinquennial inspection in 2023 which may result in repairs having to be made to the church fabric.

Thank you once again for your continued support which is much appreciated.

*Bob & Marion Bates, Treasurers*

### Crafts and Coffee

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 3 May**, 10.00 to 12 noon in the Church Hall. The cost is £1.50, plus the cost of materials. The craft this time is Ceramic Painting. Everyone welcome!



For more information give Lynne a call on 01933 353655 or email [lynne@lateralflow.co.uk](mailto:lynne@lateralflow.co.uk)

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

### A Note from The Treasurers

We would like to thank those who have been able to give generously over another difficult year and we understand those that have been unable to contribute because of the situation. 2021 was quite a difficult year for St Mary's finances but now that restrictions are not so severe, we hope that at long last our financial situation will return to a more secure position.

### Children Society

**John's Summer**

**Quiz**, entitled

'Anything Goes', will be on sale from **Saturday May 7**, price £1.



Quizzes can be obtained from Mary, Anne, Pam or Joy: phone number 01933 318415.

Closing date for this quiz is **Monday October 31**. Thank you to everyone who buys this in support of The Children's Society. *Joy*



## Thank You!

I would like to thank Rosemary and the choir for the lovely presents and the certificate marking my **50 years in St Mary's Choir**.

It was quite a surprise at the end of the Mothering Sunday 11.15 Service! I especially like the touch of gold in the Certificate's lettering to mark a Golden Anniversary! *Cathy Calder*

**The proposed Sports Event** hosted by **St Peter's, Midland Rd**, and mentioned in the April grapevine will not now go ahead: there was insufficient interest shown by other churches.

## St Mary's Ladies' Group

We have had a lovely afternoon on Wednesday 13 April for a fascinating presentation by Maureen Trusler, which began with a brief introduction to **Joyce Grenfell** and continued to entertain with several of her monologues.

Mary led us in prayer, and I was so pleased that Christina was able to come and play for us. We were able to sing 'My Song Is Love Unknown' together. The reading was 'Jesus

**May 2022**

### ***Behind the Communion Table***

- 1 Chris & Kathy MacKenzie
- 8 Hilary & John Bettles (arr by Jude Curtis)
- 15 Julie West
- 22 Paula Williams
- 29 Susan Collins (arr by Ann Harris)

### ***Memorial Chapel***

- 1 Mr Peter White in memory of Dorothy
- 15 Mrs Kelland and Mr Craddick in memory of Mr and Mrs Craddick
- 22 Jude Curtis in memory of Phyll Curtis

*If you would like to give flowers in memory of loved ones please contact Brenda Dixon: 01933 358982*

Anointed in Bethany' from Matthew 26. 6-10 and at least 35 ladies attended.

The Group has a full programme up to October inclusive, and will be hosting a stall at the Garden Fete in June.

If you would like to join us, talk to me: Cynthia Brown - 01933 359590

**News continues over the page ...**

## News cont . . .



*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 21 May**

9.30am—12noon

St Mary's Church Hall

**Adults £5; children free**

**Just turn up!**

### **Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship**

#### **The next Quarterly On Line**

**meeting** for DEF members, will be taking place on Zoom from 12.30 to 2.00pm on **Monday 16 May**. Prayers will be for a range of topics, including the work of the Frontier Centre.

Andrew Presland (01933 316927) has more details.

### **Ascension Day**

There will be an **Ascension Day Service of Holy Communion** at **St Peter's, Midland Rd**, on **Thursday 26 May** at 7.30pm

### **Rushden and Newton WI**

**Meetings** are held on the second Thursday of the month at **The Windmill Club, Glassbrook Rd, Rushden, NN10 9RP** at 7:30 pm.

On **Thursday 12 May** we will be **'Discussing Resolutions'** with **Malvina Keech** with a **Fish & Chip Supper**. The competition is **'Something beginning with E'**.

The next meeting is on **Thursday 9 June** with **'Baby Basics'**. The competition will be **'Something Beginning With F'**.

**Visitors are most welcome.**

Please come along and give us a try! Contact is Julia: 01933 317846



## Newton News

### **Flower Rota**

- 1 Mrs Burt
- 15 Mrs Turner
- 29 Mrs Hollis and Mrs Sargeant

# Good To Know



## Cyberstreetwise.com

You run your whole life from your smartphone, tablet or computer. Follow these simple steps to keep your devices secure from hackers and viruses:

- **Always download the latest software updates.** Don't ignore those little messages reminding you to download software updates. You may think they don't make a difference but software updates contain vital security upgrades which help protect your device from viruses and hackers.
- **Use three random words to create a strong password.** Numbers and symbols can still be used but three random words is the key to creating a strong password. Be extra careful with important accounts such as emails and online banking. Access to these gives a hacker a lot of scope to disrupt your life.

- **Install security software on all devices.** Any computers, tablets and smartphones can easily become infected by viruses or malware. Installing internet security software like antivirus helps protect your devices.

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## Embrace the Middle East

[EME] ... works through local Christian partners in many parts of the Middle East, and **Anafora** is one such project. Bishop Thomas, Coptic Orthodox Bishop of El Qusia & Mir and Founder of Anafora says, "[Here] we understand the words 'the Big Us'. There is me, there is you, and there is us, as human beings. But there is a 'Big Us', and that is God within us, in all of us. More information about the charity and its partners go to [embraceme.com](http://embraceme.com)

## Drought continues in Somalia

As Somalia faces what experts call its worst drought in a decade, children are bearing the brunt. Parents are struggling to feed them, with nearly half of the country's under-five population likely to suffer from acute malnutrition by June.

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## ... and more Good To Know

### Homes for Ukraine Support Network

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- Meet up with others who are applying/have applied to house individuals and families coming from the Ukraine
- Share your experiences and socialise
- Free use of computer facilities to help you with your application
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- Refreshments provided (small charge for this)

Monday 25 April 2.00 - 3.00pm

Wednesday 4 May 2.00 - 3.00pm

Saturday 11 June 11.00 - 12.00pm



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### Embrace the Middle East Alternative Gifts

If you're a reader and love books, a really good **alternative gift** this

Spring is Embrace The Middle East's gift: "Love of Books".

£20 will fill a library in the heart of a refugee camp with books, providing a safe space of inspiration for children and teenagers.

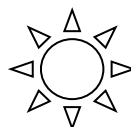
Their website [embraceme.org] also offers real books too - notably **Christy Lefteri's The Beekeeper of Aleppo**, described as 'a beautiful testament to the triumph of the human spirit'. Having visited - and quickly learnt to love - Aleppo, just



before the Arab Dawn, it was once suggested to me that perhaps every refugee or migrant looks back with affection at their homeland and exaggerates its beauty. My outburst then was probably extremely ill-mannered, but truly heartfelt.

Many more ethically sourced and thoughtful suggestions can be found on the website including Olive Oil from Palestine and many other culinary goodies.

The alternative gifts are truly inspiring: providing an insight into a world which is now largely closed to us and constantly under the threat of attack. Ed



# Food for thought and prayer



“[Looking back on Lent] we recognise that our praise should extend beyond the walls of our churches and homes. Our ‘praise’ is not simply our time at a Sunday service but is expressed in mission. Our praise is expressed in giving, in advocating, in campaigning. In this way out of our own lament, we can be the means of the renewal of others’ hope in God”

*Embrace ME: Lent Reflection*  
*Week 6: Promise Praise*

Part of maturing in faith is discovering that prayer is more than just ‘asking for stuff’.

## **Galatians 6:9**

<sup>9</sup> Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

## **Colossians 4:5-6**

<sup>5</sup> Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. <sup>6</sup> Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

## ... and more Good/Bad To Know

### **Ukraine war risks millions starving elsewhere**

"Don't make us take food from children that are hungry to give to children that are starving," pleads the UN's **World Food Programme** (WFP).

Soaring food and fuel costs, together with budget cuts in some traditional donor countries, have forced the WFP to halve the amount of food it is giving to millions of people in Yemen, Chad and Niger.

In December 2021, the UN made a record appeal for \$41bn (£31bn) to help 273 million people this year.

As aid workers stress, these are not people who will be made a bit more comfortable by help from the UN. They are people, particularly children, who will probably die without it. But that appeal was made before Russia invaded Ukraine. Both countries used to sell grain to the WFP.

## Introducing the Archdeacon of Oakham

**O**n 6 February 2022, I became the Archdeacon of Oakham, living in Peterborough and serving the parishes of 6 Deaneries – Peterborough, Oundle, Higham, Kettering, Corby and Rutland. I must be new as I'm still counting my time in weeks – rather than months!

This is not a part of the world which I know as I've spent the last 10 years as the Vicar of between 5 and 9 villages in East Leicestershire, which I really enjoyed, I was near the retreat house, Launde Abbey, shared between Leicester and Peterborough Dioceses, so I still feel at home when I go to Launde Abbey, although life generally now has less village life about it, less in the way of fetes and village events, less working out how to get the large Christmas Tree into the small Church building and less sheep from my upstairs windows.

I am someone who loves being outside, particularly in the countryside. I'm happiest when walking long distances – a good day is about 15 miles on a fresh, sunny and not too hot day – if there is a coffee and cake somewhere then so much the better. On the rare occasion that the weather is too wild for me to be outside (I really do most weathers – all you need is good kit!) then I can be found at my sewing machine – I made my daughter's prom dress with her and the

waistcoats for my youngest son's wedding with him as well as one or two jackets for myself which you'll spot me wearing when I'm out and about.



I'm settling into Archdeacon's life and getting out into our parishes. Being out on a Sunday morning and midweek evenings meeting people is one of my favourite parts of the role.

I have a heart for Mission - having a background particularly in Mission and Evangelism with young people, and in rural places. I enjoy leading collective worship in schools and there's nothing better than the danger of standing in front of a primary school class and asking 'any questions?'

I am looking forward to the places I will get to visit in the next few months with all their variety, and the people I will be meeting – I am sure there will be exciting new places, challenging new questions and things I can't even imagine!

Alison Booker  
Archdeacon of Oakham

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## Gardening Notes for May

Since the new apple trees have been planted, I have checked them each week, and am pleased to report that new shoots are beginning to show.

Three weeks ago, we had a very enjoyable time as all four of us were able to work together weeding and tidying up the bed with the Queen Elizabeth roses in. We started at the end near the steps and by 12 o'clock we had reached the North Porch end. It was very pleasing as we rarely work all together and even if I say so the bed looked



nice. Even with this hard work Peter found the time to cut the grass of the Garden of Rest.

The following week was not so good because it rained but we were able to plant a rose tree for John Monaghan in memory of Nancy. We managed to find a space where rose trees had never been set so hopefully it will flourish and produce lots of yellow blooms.

On 5 April we started the mammoth task of weeding the border from the west gate to the Vestry Hall. Peter and Mick started at the Vestry Hall end and I started near the west gate, while Julia weeded the Garden of Rest. By 12 o'clock we still couldn't see each other so that task will be continued next week and possibly many more. The area where we intend to set Auntie Madge tomato plants is now ready and the plants are growing strongly in my greenhouse along with the cosmos, snapdragons and tobacco plants.

The famous hyacinths are now in full bloom along with the grape hyacinths which we thought we had removed. No chance! BB

# Book Review

## ***Mere Christianity* by C S Lewis, Fontana [1952]**

I suspect that in most people's minds today C S Lewis's name will be associated with his popular Narnia books. For discerning Christians the library of books that he wrote on the Christian subjects of apologetics, ethics and theology, in which he addressed topics related to belief and Christian conduct, may be even more treasured than his fables.

I read this book for the first time nearly 50 years ago. In my opinion it speaks to seeking minds as powerfully and relevantly today as it did when it was first published in 1952. The book has its origins in a series of talks by the author that were broadcast by the BBC during World War II.

In the Preface Lewis claims that what he has written is a defence of the belief that has been common to nearly all Christians at all times. He expresses his view that theological disputation should be confined to those who have already come to believe that there is one God and that Jesus Christ is his only Son. Lewis believed that discussion of disputed theological points has no tendency at all to bring an outsider into the Christian fold: a warning that would seem to be relevant at a

time when making disciples is such a difficult task in the secular society in which we find ourselves.

*Mere Christianity* comes in four parts: *Right and Wrong*; *What Christians Believe*; *Christian Behaviour* and *The Doctrine of the Trinity*. In less than 200 pages Lewis leads the reader through the core traditional teachings of the Church.

I recommend this book as a trustworthy textbook for anyone entering into the process of conversion and commitment to the Christian faith, but it can equally provide a "refresher course" for any believer who feels under pressure from the secular world view that tends to dominate our society and which expects us to dance to its tune. Tony Smith



Also recommended: C S Lewis, *Reflections on the Psalms*, Fount, 1977 [1961]. An un-scholastic and very helpful introduction to the construction and recurring themes of the Book of Psalms. Ed.



# Mental Health Chaplaincy

**Richard Kellow joined St Andrew's Healthcare in Northampton as an Honorary Chaplaincy Assistant in May 2021 and has recently been appointed as a Mental Health Chaplain with Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Trust (NHFT).**

He writes: "I had been ordained in the Church of England for eight years when I had a period of poor mental health which ultimately led me to re-evaluate my life and its direction. Out of that ... came a calling to Chaplaincy. As part of my course ... I undertook a 200 hour placement at St Andrew's Healthcare. I'll be totally honest, I was somewhat apprehensive about doing my placement there – mainly because I thought my calling was to acute healthcare chaplaincy ... But St Andrew's Lead Chaplain, Philip Evans, immediately said they would be delighted to have me! So that was it . . . I'm enormously grateful to St Andrew's for the experience I've gained and all that I have learned. I have found satisfaction in pretty much every minute of my time there – from a wonderful group of chaplains hugely committed to the patients that they care for, to the wide variety of patients that I have met and had the privilege of walking alongside ... from the very dedicated teams of staff that care for patients day in day out on the wards, to the multidisciplinary teams of professionals who strive to work together for the good of the patients. I have found St Andrew's to be a place of care and hope, even in very difficult circumstances.

Chaplaincy is often misunderstood. [Basically] Chaplains are there to connect with both staff and patients of faith and no faith through the ups and downs of life... We also run services and pray for people, but chaplaincy is so much more than 'just' those things: it's helping people to find peace, connection and meaning, often at a time when those things are extremely hard to find. Spiritual care makes a significant positive impact on mental health ... and through it all I have found that the desire for human connection runs very deep indeed – through confusion, through past abuse, through past mistakes. In many senses I don't think it would be an exaggeration to say that it feels as though I have had more pastoral impact in my time at St Andrew's than the rest of my ordained ministry put together."

So, thank you St Andrew's and thank you to all of the patients that I have had the privilege of walking alongside

*Richard Kellow*

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## Last Minute & Looking Ahead

The **Bluebell event on Saturday 30 April** is due to involve people gathering at **Midshires Covert** at about 2.00pm for a walk to the nearby bluebell wood, followed by food on the camp fire at about 4.00pm.

More details in the Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/250829575354>



**30 Days Wild** is a fun, feel-good challenge run by **The Wildlife Trusts** every **June**.

Back for its eighth year in 2022, it brings people closer to nature where they live, taking small actions that can collectively have a big impact. From little things such as watching a bee from your window or feeding the birds, to giving up single-use plastics for a month or digging a pond in your garden: every Random Act of Wildness counts.

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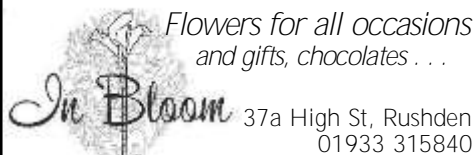
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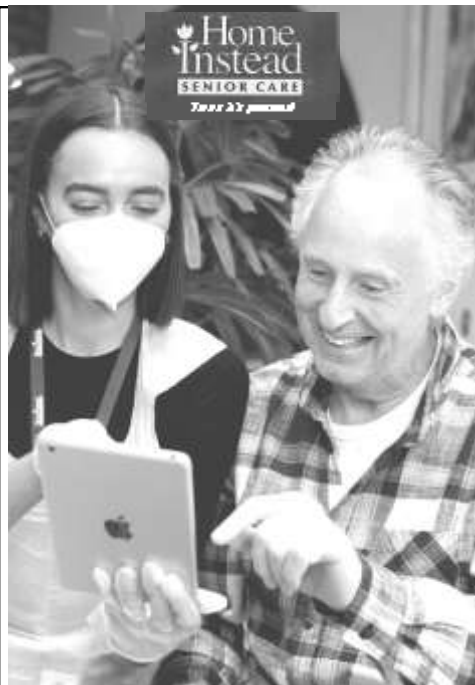
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# Looking Back at Parish Magazines

50 years ago

May 1972

## The Annual Meeting

Approximately 100

attended . . . But what happened to the other 450 odd who are eligible to attend . . .? There must be many reasons but one can hardly be critical of what the church does if its Annual Meeting is not representative.

... The Treasurers pointed out that expenditure is increasing annually but income is decreasing. Only 27% of our income is from Stewardship and Covenant Scheme members.

There was a break in the middle [of the meeting] for tea, biscuits and natter: also a slide show depicting parish events - most enjoyable.

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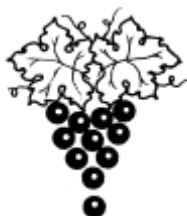
## What is Ministry?

... To be truthful scripture reminds us that ministry is not just the people at the front: in fact Christians are all in ministry! We are all part of the body [1 Corinthians 12] and the strength of a church is not in individuals but how we work together.

Many people may feel they don't have much to offer in terms of talents, but in God's eyes what we have, however undramatic it seems to us, is incredibly special and of eternal value to him.

Alastair Kaye,  
Curate of St Mary's and  
Whitefriars Church.

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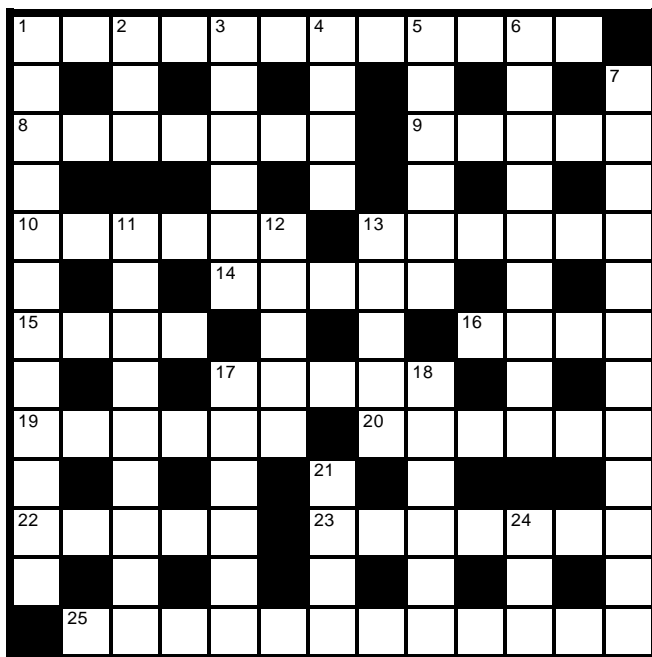
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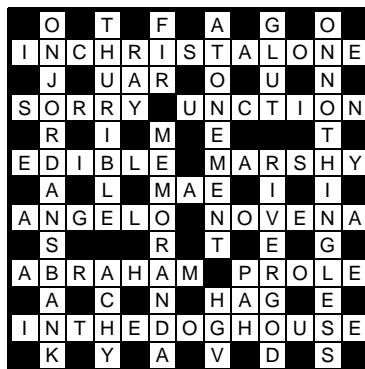
- 1 'From heaven You came, ---', (hymn) (8,4)  
 8 Hymn sung after epistle (7)  
 9 Enthusiasm (5)  
 10 'The --', weekly RC newspaper (6)  
 13 Attack strongly (3,3)  
 14 Father of Leah and Rachel (5)  
 15 Paradise (4)  
 16 Poetic name for the Cross (4)  
 17 King of Edom (1 Chronicles 1.50) (5)  
 19 Rota (6)  
 20 Resort near Middlesbrough (6)  
 22 Group of herons (5)  
 23 Last OT book (7)  
 25 '-----' what a name', (hymn) (3,2,7)

## DOWN

- 1 'Lift -----, the love of Christ proclaim' (hymn) (4,3,5)  
 2 Grassy area (3)  
 3 Bay tree (6)  
 4 'Ye are the -- of the earth' (Matthew 5:13AV) (4)  
 5 I be gnu (anag.), member of a Christian brotherhood founded in Flanders (6)  
 6 Diocese (9)  
 7 '----- of His creation', (hymn) (3,3,6)  
 11 Southern limit of Palestine in biblical times (9)



## Solution to No 387



- 12 Absalom's sister (2 Samuel 13:1) (5)  
 13 Ishmael's mother (5)  
 17 To this place (6)  
 18 Trader (6)  
 21 Book following Joel (4)  
 24 Bill and -- (3)



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# Belfry Gossip

Service and practice ringing continues, mostly on six bells but when numbers permit, all eight bells are rung. We thank everyone who comes from other towers to ring with us. We are continuing to ring the Jubilee methods ready for a quarter peal for the celebrations in June along with other methods, and Kaylee is making very good progress with Plain Bob Doubles.

Mothering Sunday was celebrated with a nice quarter peal of St Clement's during the afternoon. Hopefully we will be able to have a few more quarter peal attempts as time goes by.

The Wellingborough Branch of ringers have held practices at Ecton (6 bells), Finedon (8), Earls Barton (8) and Yardley Hastings (6) which were pretty well attended by members from around the area, and we also had visitors from neighbouring branches and one from Shropshire. It was good to see some fresh faces coming to these again.

The National 12-bell Striking competition is getting going again after a 2-year layoff, and 17 teams from around the country took part in recent

eliminators at 3 different locations - another team had to withdraw early because of positive Covid cases.

The three leading teams from each location now go forward to the final at Guildford Cathedral in June. Simon rang in the team representing Towcester, which was held at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral, but they unfortunately just missed out of the final by being placed fourth in that eliminator.

Everyone there enjoyed the sunny day while meeting old friends and listening to the very good ringing.

Tintinnabulum



"It comes to something when the state of the pound is such that we *hope* to find lots of foreign coins!"



# Mission Matters

## James Hawksworth (Church Army)

It came as a huge blow to James and his family to learn that the King's Lynn Centre of Evangelism was being shut down through lack of funding. James was deeply concerned for the young people that he had been mentoring and who needed continuing support to face the difficulties in their lives. You may remember his vision and passion as he spoke to us about his desire to see Jesus glorified in King's Lynn. How hard it must have been for him to let go of his ministry there!

Now, though, Church Army has given James a new assignment, in the Chantry and Pinewood Estates in Ipswich. At present, he is still finding out more about the shape his new ministry will take.

He will still be working among young people of secondary school age, and his vision is to help develop new Christian communities among them, in school and outside school, forging links with the local church.

James' work in Ipswich is not such a pioneer ministry as the one in King's Lynn. He trusts that he will be able to meet with pupils at the secondary school, Chantry Academy, and at Suffolk One, the Sixth Form College connected to it. There is a school chaplain, and a youth worker from James' own church, St Francis', who are already meeting with 15-20 young people who have no church background, some of whom are looking into the Christian faith.

James has been very grateful for our prayers and support for him and his family over these past challenging months. He, Laura and Sam and Becky are all doing well now. Please do pray for them all, and for the Lord to guide and enable James as he shares God's love with young people in Ipswich.

*Sue Eagles, for The Mission Committee*

*PS - See a picture of the  
commissioning ceremony on  
The Back Page*



# Church Diary

## May

- 3 **Tuesday: 10.00-12noon - Crafts & Coffee/Tea** meets in the Church Hall. The cost is £1.50, plus the cost of materials. The craft this time is Ceramic Painting. Everyone welcome!
- 11 **Wednesday: 2.15pm - Ladies' Group** meet in the Church Hall - **Speaker: Mrs Ann Smith - "Pollen"**
- 21 **Saturday: 9.30-12 noon - Who Let The Dads Out?** in the Church Hall: see Box on p10
- 26 **Thursday: 7.30pm - Ascension Day Service of Holy Communion** at St Peter's, Midland Rd

## June

- 5 **Sunday: 6.00pm - Council of Churches Pentecost Service** at Park Road Baptist Church
- 7 **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](mailto:lynne@lateralflow.co.uk)
- 8 **Wednesday: 2.15pm - Ladies' Group** meet in the Church Hall - **Speaker: Mr Jack Pishorn - "Chester Lodge"**
- 11 **Saturday: 2.00-4.00pm - St Mary's Church Fete** in the grounds of the Church with a variety of stalls and activities, not to mention Afternoon Teas
- 18 **Saturday: 9.30-12 noon - Who Let The Dads Out?** in the Church Hall: see Box on p10



## July

- 3 **Sunday: 3.00pm - Induction and Institution of Rev Tom King** at St Mary's Church

**Grapevine Editor takes over as Church Festivals Flower Organiser**

# Services for May 2022



**St Peter's**  
Newton Bromswold

## Sunday 1 May - Third Sunday of Easter

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

## Sunday 8 May - Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

## Sunday 15 May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

## Sunday 22 May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

## Sunday 29 May - Sunday after Ascension

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

## *Midweek Services in St Mary's Church*

Thursday May 5, 12, 19, 26

at 10.30am - Holy Communion [BCP]

## Ascension Day

**There will be an Ascension Day Service of Holy Communion at St Peter's, Midland Rd, on Thursday 26 May at 7.30pm**

**St Mary's Sunday Service at 9.30 will continue to be live-streamed and can also be found later through our website on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/stmarysrushden>.**

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Neighbourhood Watch Week :  
30 May - 5 June