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# grapevine - June 2022

In this edition Bishop Donald strikes a balance between a national celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and 'getting on with business'.

It's the time of the year for Garden Fetes, Barn Dances, Parties in the Park, Concerts - you name it - you'll probably find it on the following pages.

Our new Rector isn't inducted till Sunday July 3 but we have all the anticipation and preparation to enjoy as we welcome the family to Rushden.

I have a feeling all the events of the summer may pass in something of a blur this year. And there is still the madness of the War in Ukraine to contend with, and remind us life is not all roses.

I'm very happy to say Tom has undertaken to introduce himself to the grapevine readership in the July/August edition.



*Jude Curtis, Editor*

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## Tony writes . . .



Unless you are an octogenarian you will find it difficult to answer the question, “Where were you on the morning of 6 February 1952?”

For myself I can readily reply, that I was in bed, suffering from influenza and listening to the radio.

In mid-morning there was a sudden break in the BBC broadcast, as in solemn tones an announcer read a bulletin reporting the death of King George. On that day Queen Elizabeth began her 70 year reign.

This year on the first Sunday in June our nation will be celebrating the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. In the calendar of the Christian Church we will also be celebrating the Feast of Pentecost. These coincidental celebrations have their origins in events that took place on landmark days that are nearly 2,000 years apart, and yet I believe that there is a significant link between them.

On her accession the Queen inherited the title ‘Defender of the Faith’ - originally bestowed on Henry VIII by the Pope before the controversy that, among other things, resulted in the establishment of the Church of England.

At her Coronation the Queen promised to “maintain the Church of England, the Laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel” and, as Defender of the Faith, “to forward, as much as within me lies, the Church of England in its work of preaching the Gospel and building the Church, which is the Body of Christ”.

In celebrating the Jubilee we have the opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for the example of how a Christian can live up to promises made.

In her Christmas broadcasts the Queen invariably mentions Jesus. Over the years as our nation has increasingly turned its back on

Christianity and embraced a secular narrative, the Christian Gospel has become ever more evident and pivotal to her Majesty's message. She sets us - as members of Christ's Church - a good example to follow.

Speaking at a meeting of the Church of England Synod she said, "What matters is holding firmly to the need to communicate the gospel with joy and conviction in our society". She went on to recall the sacrificial life of servant Jesus.

So where is the link between events nearly 2,000 years apart? In a book of prayers specially compiled for the Queen's own use in the weeks preceding her coronation there is the following prayer that suggests the link.

"Come Holy Spirit, and daily increase in all of us, and in me thy humble servant, thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength; the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and fill us, O Lord, with the spirit of thy holy fear, now and forever. Amen"

The Queen prayed for the Holy Spirit to fill her life and at Pentecost we are reminded of the gift of the Holy Spirit offered to all believers.

Praying this prayer may be something you will wish to do, as we celebrate Pentecost and the influence of the Holy Spirit during the 70 year reign of the Head of the Church of England.

With my love and prayer

*Tony Smith*



## Ascension: the Editorial . . .

This piece was promised for the May edition to celebrate Ascension - sandwiched as it is between the 'Big' festivals of Easter and Pentecost, but it applies to this entire series of celebrations. All are saturated with supernatural events: with some of the most opaque narrative in the church calendar.



We don't have the same access problem with Christmas and Epiphany - those are loaded with everyday images and events: the birth of a child; people bringing gifts; flight from evil intent. All good, solid, tangible stuff we can relate to from our own experience. Stuff that is still happening all the time in our own world.

According to my NIV Study Bible, The Ascension is only found in one of the Gospels, Luke 24. 44-49, and referenced in Acts 1.3-10. I always get it confused with the Transfiguration: a similar cast of characters, close disciples, a lonely mountain, light, wonder, and the supernatural in Spades. And some very typical over-thinking of the situation from Peter.

What struck me this year is the stream of acts of kindness and intimacy that connect the Resurrection to Ascension. The character of the Christ portrayed here is so full of what we now call, oddly really, 'humanity'. These precious meetings are quintessentially intimate, casual and domestic. For me the best of these concerns the glorious cooked breakfast on the shores of Lake Galilee in John 21.9.

There is something very special about the first meal [preferably breakfast] eaten after near-disaster: particularly where boats are involved. I remember making landfall on Jura, having been driven out of the Strait of Islay by appalling weather. A Russian tanker had tried to deter us entering by hooted signal, but we carried on anyway. But a natty little cat-rigged ketch is not really built for nasty places like that, in those conditions.

We came to our senses a mile or so in and went about, but a less casual look at the chart would have showed a shoreline on both sides littered with shipwrecks. I won't go into the panicky and, at that time, entirely uncommon, prayers that I was sending into the storm whilst clinging to the aft mast sealed below decks.

The wind finally dropped approaching Jura and we beached on gentle shingle - a lifting keel helps with this! No one much lived around there

*“When they landed, they saw  
a fire of burning coals there,  
with fish on it, and some  
bread.”* John 21. 9

then – this was the early ‘80s. George Orwell/Eric Blair had left quite a while before. A Guardian article from 8 June 2019 on the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the publication of his book, 1984, gives the total human population as 196 and stresses there are more Red Deer than people around, and it was indeed curious deer crunching over the shingle and bumping on the side of the boat that woke us the following morning, rather than a human rescue party. It is the company of the deer and the slowly and exhaustively prepared breakfast that I remember so clearly: not the moments of sheer, unmitigated terror in the height of the storm. After trauma we tend to pay inordinate attention to everyday stuff and it is this that stays in the memory.

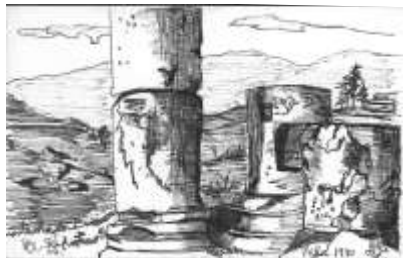
Then on my birthday in 1990 I think all those associations were going through my head. I was in the ruins of Pella in Jordan, looking into Israel from the outside, with the slow curls of the River Jordan way below and the Sea of Tiberius/Galilee twinkling in the distance. It’s a beautiful spot.

The guide made tea in little thimble cups on a spirit stove, and I sketched scattered Roman remains with my back against a warm rock – very Gertrude Bell or Lady Hester Stanhope, I know! I was trying hard in those days.

Somewhere along the way both the biblical breakfast and the Jura one drew together with the hot, scented tea into a conflated and complex moment of peace, trust, hospitality and human kindness.

Those moments of companionship related in John 21 conjure all this up, and are immeasurably precious to me. Do you find it easiest to relate to and fully understand what you are reading when the storyline has some connection with your own experience? I know I do. I’m constantly in search of that moment of epiphany when you realise, yes, I can connect with this: I’m beginning to understand.

*Jude Curtis*



# St Mary's News

## From the Registers

### Funeral

**Monday 9 May**

Sandra Joan Rowthorn  
Gibson [70]

### Interment of Ashes

**Monday 18 April**

David & Margaret Clarke

### Tuesday 3 May

Fifteen members were present. Paul welcomed new PCC members: Peter Coxon and Bob Bates. Finance report was given.

Paul had met with our new vicar Tom King and amongst other topics, they discussed the Children & Youth Ministry.

Contents of the South Porch will be reviewed to allow best use of the new doors once fitted.

**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.

### PCC Meetings

There have been two short PCC meetings recently:

### Tuesday 19 April

Nineteen members were present. Paul Adams was again elected as Vice Chairman, Louise Skinner as Treasurer, Jennie Bone as Secretary and sides people for 9.30 service: Ida and Pete Brooksby, Peter Chamberlain, Paul Cox, Michelle Smith, Julia Emtage and Martin Compton: 11.15 service Sue Eagles, Janet Ward, Ann Harris and Barbara Coxon.

A new safeguarding officer, Helen Allen, is to take over from Brenda Dixon who was thanked for her many years of service in this post.

Church heating is switched off at present as boiler fume extractor fans need repairs. Quotes for hall improvements are underway.

Rev Tom will start at St Mary's on 3 July with a service at 3.00pm followed by afternoon tea in church.

### David and Margaret Clarke

We've recently placed Mum and Dad together in the Garden of Rest. We have been supported during this sad time by the many lovely comments we've heard from people about their own memories of them. We'd like to say a particular Thank You to Linnet, the choir, Rosemary,



and Marion and Bob Bates. We're delighted to say that people kindly donated nearly £1,200 to mum and dad's favourite charities, being St Mary's, Mothers' Union and The Children's Society.

Jonathan Clarke

**Julie West** was recently awarded the **BEM** and accepted it on **May 5** from Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, James Saunders Watson, on behalf of the Queen. This was followed by attendance at the **Queen's Garden Party** on **May 11**: as you will see on The Back Page she and Ellen's spirits were unsubdued by the weather!

**Hubert Dickens**, long term **sidesman** at St Mary's later Morning Service, and **President of the Rushden Town Bowls Club** was **99** in April. As it says on Facebook, "Hubie can still deliver the quality of bowls to make his opponent quiver". His father bowled to the age of 104 and to match, or surpass this, is Hubie's goal.

## Crafts and Coffee

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 7 June**, 10.00 to 12 noon in the Church Hall. The



**June 2022**

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

- 5 Marion Bates
- 12 Ellen Inwood
- 19 Dorothy Jones (arranged by Jude Curtis)
- 26 Barbara Coxon

### ***Memorial Chapel***

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

cost is £1.50, plus the cost of materials. The craft this time is Origami - try making a Flower and a Corner Bookmark. Everyone welcome!

**The July meeting is on Tuesday 5** and there will be a guest leader: Brenda Cooper.

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



**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 18 June**

**Saturday 16 July**

9.30am - 12noon

St Mary's Church Hall

**Adults £5; children free**

### Children's Society

John's quiz: 'There's no place like

home' raised £268 for the society.



The 3 winners were Mrs D Murdin, with 92 correct answers, second, with 90 answers, Mrs D Blundell - both from Northampton, and, with 89 correct answers, Kath Walsh from Heysham, Lancs. Thank you to everyone who bought the quiz.

John's new quiz - 'Anything Goes' - is now on sale. *Joy Holloway*

### St Mary's Ladies' Group . . .

met again on **Wednesday 11 May**. With the help of Christina, Jose and Mary we were able to sing, pray and read the Bible together and were then treated to a fascinating talk by **Ann Smith on the subject of 'Pollen'**: gently subtitled the **Sex Life of Bees!**

The whole business came down to indiscriminate 'bribery by nectar' - the pollen [from an insect's point of view] is incidental! It was a wholly enjoyable and incredibly informative afternoon.

The Group has a full programme up to October 2022 inclusive, and will be hosting a stall at the Garden Fete in June. If you would like to join us at these meetings talk to Cynthia Brown - 01933 359590

### 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.**

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

**We meet again on 14 July for Humour & Music with Ken Nokes. Visitors welcome, come and join us.** Contact Julia: 01933 317846

## Newton News

### Flower Rota - June

- 5 – Helen Lines
- 12 – June Clarke
- 19 -- Helen Mayes
- 26 – Julia Allen

### Cowslip and Fritillary Days

The weather was warm for the Cowslip and Fritillary days over Easter and the Churchyard looked lovely.

Overall £463.85 was raised. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the weekend.

### Village Fete

The Village Fete will be held on **Saturday 2 July** starting at 2.00pm. There will be the usual variety of stalls and games.

Afternoon tea will be served and both the Mission Band and Simon, our organist, will be providing the music in Church.

### Barn Dance

Our Barn Dance will be in Newton Bromswold on Saturday 9 July starting at 7.00pm. Ticket only event. Adults £10 and children £5. Price of tickets includes food. Tickets are available from June on 07703 476689.

## Good To Know

### God's Creation Initiative

The **second national conference as part of this Initiative** takes place on **Saturday 18 June**, to help churches to play their part in achieving the Church of England's goal of 'net carbon zero by 2030'.

It takes place via Zoom from 10.00am until 1.00pm. Anyone is welcome to attend but clergy, churchwardens, parochial church council members and churchgoers are particularly welcome: the keynote speakers are diverse and impressive.

The programme has been put together by a steering group from the eastern cathedrals - including Peterborough. Information and resources emerging from the conference will remain online afterwards as a reference point.

Attendance is free of charge but registration in advance is essential. Full details and registration links are available on the Sustainable Living Conference website here:

**[www.sustaininggodscreation.org](http://www.sustaininggodscreation.org)**



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## ... and more Good To Know



**Neighbourhood Watch** are celebrating **their first 40 years, with a party in the Walled Garden of Hall Park, Rushden on Saturday June 25** from 1.00 - 5.00pm.

Free Admission and bring your own picnic! Entertainment from **The Candy Bars** and opportunities to meet with representatives of Neighbourhood Watch, Police and Air Ambulance.

Contact: [christine.mackenzie@northants.pnn.police.uk](mailto:christine.mackenzie@northants.pnn.police.uk)



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**30 Days Wild sign-up is now OPEN!**

Take on the UK's month-long nature challenge - all you need to do is make time for nature every single day throughout June. You might be having breakfast with the birds on Monday, feeling the grass between your toes on Tuesday, and watching wildlife webcams on Wednesday. Whatever you do, make sure it's **WILD!** Search WLT on line.

**Northampton Bach Choir** are joining with the **Wellingborough Singers** for a concert entitled **The Jubilee Proms**, celebrating Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee on **Sunday 12 June at 7.30pm** at **The Royal & Derngate, Northampton.**

Ticket prices range from £14-£27, with children's tickets £7 and students £9. Book seating at the Box Office: 01604 624811. The Programme includes **Sullivan's Festival Te Deum** and **Last Night of The Proms favourites.**

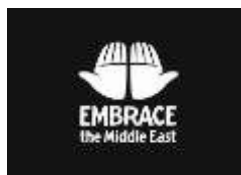
### **Olives**

The replanting of olive trees and Embrace olive picking

trips have always been an important part of the work of Embrace in Palestine.

When you buy from their Olive Tree Collection, you're not only enabling Palestinian farmers to retain their land, but this beautiful symbol of peace will keep you mindful of the ongoing need to pray and work for peace in this region.

Go to [embraceme.org](http://embraceme.org) for a range of olive-related goodies and find out more about the current situation in Israel/Palestine.



## Food for thought and prayer



### A Prayer for the Queen

Gracious God, we give You thanks  
for the reign of Your servant  
Elizabeth our Queen,  
and for the example of loving and  
faithful service  
which she has shown among us.  
Help us to follow her example of  
dedication  
and to commit our lives to You and  
to one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### BRF (Bible Reading Fellowship)

Founded by Leslie Mannering in 1922 and now in its Centenary year, BRF is a Christian charity. Their vision is to enable people of all ages to grow in faith and understanding of the Bible.

The most popular material published is ***New Daylight & Day by Day with God***

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*Kathy MacKenzie*

## ... and more Good To Know

### Leathery Lap

Even if you're not able to enjoy the **Leathery Lap on Sunday 12 June from 10.30am**, because you're in church, you might well know someone else who is free.

**The three mile Whitefriars Walking Group walk** will cover sites relating to Rushden's boot and shoe industry **and will make a short break for reflection halfway**

**round**, including thoughts on what motivated the town's many non-conformist Victorian shoe manufacturers.

For start point and joining information contact Andrew Presland by email on [andrew.presland.58harborough@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.presland.58harborough@gmail.com)

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## A month of celebration

**S**eventy years on the throne: our Queen is an amazing woman, totally committed to duty, honour, country and commonwealth, and to her Christian faith. Although her accession to the throne was in February, this is the month of celebration, and the time for us to honour our Queen and to thank God for her.

Some people find public celebrations very easy, and love big events, street parties, mega concerts, and so on. Others prefer a quieter life. However, this is a unique national occasion, and we ought all to find ways to honour such a remarkable person and all that she has brought to our national life from the first weekend of the month to the last.

June is also the month when we ordain new deacons and priests in the Cathedral. Not every parish is directly involved, but it should be a great cause of rejoicing for all of us that men and women, younger and older, are continuing to offer themselves for ordination in healthy numbers.

Our selection process is quite rigorous, training takes several years, plus at least three years of on-the-job training as curates. It usually takes around eight years from someone first offering until they can be in charge of a parish or in an unsupervised chaplaincy role. Even

through lockdown, we have had a steady stream of good candidates, and the future looks promising in terms of the availability of future clergy.



In the middle of June - among other things - I will be presiding at confirmations, instituting a new vicar in a parish, dedicating major refurbishments in another church, spending a day in a rural multi-parish benefice including a school visit, and spending a morning with the group of people training to be licensed as Lay Ministers and Readers later in the year.

In one way, these are just standard, “bread and butter” activities in my diary: but they are also signs of a church that is truly alive. That is something more to celebrate.

Praise God!

With best wishes

Bishop of Peterborough

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# Good to Know . . .

## Rowan Williams Podcast

Find out more about the origins of **Middle Eastern Christianity** in a Podcast from **Dr Rowan Williams**, former Archbishop of Canterbury. It's accessible from the **Embrace website** [embraceme.org]

## Launde Abbey

“It may be that it is with hope that your thoughts are turning to wonder when you might visit Launde Abbey again and share in our daily rhythm of prayer . . .” writes Launde Abbey’s new Warden, Alison.

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## Extra Prayers

We pray for the family of Palestinian Christian, **Shireen Abu Aqla**, following the killing of the Al Jazeera correspondent, and the appalling behaviour of the Israeli police at her funeral.

In **East Jerusalem YMCA** works with survivors of political violence. Through psychological, medical and practical support, they help people to improve the quality of life in the aftermath of trauma. One year on

**NURSE CAME IN AND SAID DOC, THERE'S A MAN IN THE WAITING ROOM WHO THINKS HE'S INVISIBLE, WHAT SHOULD I TELL HIM? THE DOCTOR SAID TELL HIM I CAN'T SEE HIM TODAY.**

from the escalation of hostilities in the Gaza Strip [10-21 May 2021], we pray for all who continue to be affected by conflict.

We pray too for the continuing situation in Ukraine: that Your hand, Lord, will deter the aggressors and bring peace, stability and healing.



# Book Review - Tony Smith

## **Mark's Gospel by Glyn Ackerley**

New Generation Publishing  
[2022]

Preaching to a congregation that contains many people who have known you for many years can be a daunting experience. Jesus experienced this when he went home to Nazareth to preach in the synagogue. The encounter did not end well after he had told his listeners that “no prophet is accepted in his home town”. He was run out of town.

Initially, when I was licensed as a Reader by Bishop Feaver I was aware of the possibility that being known to my hearers might be an impediment to the message I was preaching. In the event my fellow church members have been supportive and appreciative. For this I am grateful.

I hope that Glyn will receive the same positive response to the message that he presents in this book. As a person born and bred in Rushden, nurtured by St Mary's and with many years of experience as a priest and theologian, Glyn's teaching should I believe be heard and appreciated by us.

I have found Glyn's presentation and explanation of St Mark's Gospel both informative and challenging.

In spite of being a preacher myself for several decades I have still found fresh insights in this Bible commentary. If you have been a Christian for many years I suggest that you too will be blessed by Glyn's teaching on Mark's Gospel.

If reading Bible commentaries is a new experience for you then this book can also speak to you, by helping you to understand the message that Mark presents. The format of the book makes it easy to engage systematically with the text through 63 very readable segments, each accompanied by a prayer and some questions.

I recommend this commentary for personal study or for discussion within a home group. As Glyn says “a careful study of Mark will assure you in your faith and deepen your grasp of the message of Jesus and the earliest Christians”





# Mission Matters

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## Tackling extreme poverty.

It's my guess - and I sincerely hope that I'm right- that no-one reading this has ever gone to bed weak with hunger, and anxiously wondering where their next meal is coming from.

But in today's world, one in ten people live in extreme poverty.

Tearfund works in partnership with local churches and Christian organisations in more than fifty of the world's poorest countries to address this suffering: through sustainable development, and by responding to disasters, and challenging injustice.

At present, parts of northern and eastern Africa are areas in which people are facing drought, as climate change has altered weather patterns. In Kotido, Uganda, there have been no rains for three years. Many people can only eat once a day, and this meal often consists of boiled leaves.

It is reported that some families are eating goat droppings to stay alive. Children are too hungry to go to school. Local water sources have dried up and women and girls are walking long distances to fill their water pots. Tearfund has launched emergency food support for 300 households and these families will receive monthly food parcels until the next harvest.

Tearfund says, "This is an ongoing crisis; please join us as we faithfully persist in prayer. The scale is vast, but we believe prayer changes things. As Tearfund continues to support families across the region, please join us in crying out to God."

*Sue Eagles, for The Mission Committee*



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Wildlife Wander & [separately]  
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# Looking Back at our Parish Magazines

50 years ago

Sat June 10th 1972

Annual Garden Party,  
at the Rectory to be  
opened at 2.45pm by  
Mr H. W. Catlin DFC  
[if wet - to be held  
in the Queen St  
Schoolroom]

Stalls - Sideshows -  
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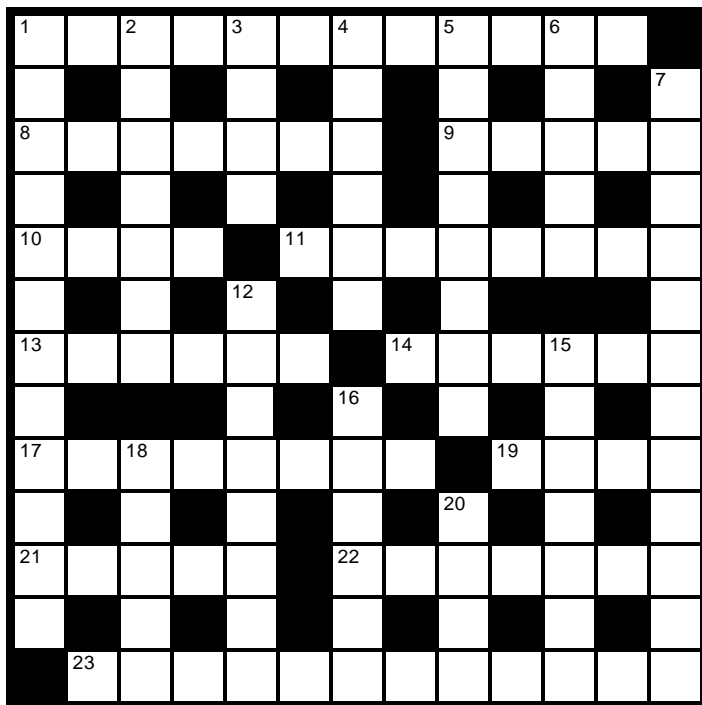
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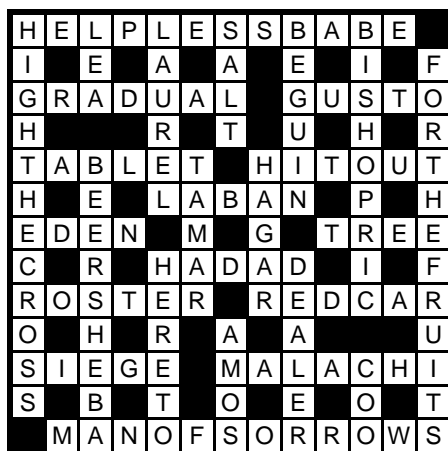
- 1 OT ziggurat (5,2,5)  
 8 Unreliable (7)  
 9 Cult member (5)  
 10 London district (4)  
 11 High RC churchman (8)  
 13 Became void (6)  
 14 Ministers of religion (6)  
 17 Birth of Christ (8)  
 19 Petty quarrel (4)  
 21 Rare object (5)  
 22 -- Duncan, US dancer (7)  
 23 St Matthew to Revelation (3,9)



## DOWN

- 1 City Paul visited in Acts 17:1 (12)  
 2 'O -- the King, all-glorious above', (hymn) (7)  
 3 Boaz's wife (4)  
 4 Beauty treatment (6)  
 5 Rough-haired terrier (8)  
 6 German city (5)  
 7 Plain south of Dead Sea (1 Chronicles 18:12) (6,2,4)  
 12 Omit (5,3)  
 15 Root (7)  
 16 Followers of Zeno (6)  
 18 Crete (anag.), one of the hours of Divine Office (5)  
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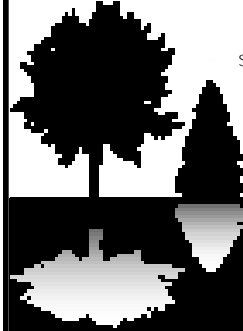
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# Belfry Gossip for the Jubilee

Service and practice ringing continues, and we have also rung two quarter peals (one for St George, the other jointly to mark 25 years since Cathy last conducted a Quarter Peal and for Brenda's birthday) - and as practice ready for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

As many of you will know, on 21 April 1926, Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor was born in Mayfair, later to become the monarch on 6 February 1952. (This was just a couple of years after the formation of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers.)

This year the 70 years of her reign are being marked in many different ways across the country, particularly over the extended bank holiday weekend in June. We, along with most ringers in the Peterborough Guild and around the country, are marking the year with specially arranged ringing performances.

For example throughout the Guild 60 towers and 240 ringers were involved in ringing to mark her accession in February. This is not an isolated occurrence because over the decades ringers have gathered to ring for a wide variety of occasions, in celebration of births, christenings and marriages of friends and members of the Royal family. Past lives are not overlooked with much commemorative ringing taking place following the deaths of Princess Margaret, the Queen Mother and Prince Phillip, as well as for friends and family who have died.

Anniversaries and Jubilees are always a cause for celebration with a cascade of ringing for the special wedding anniversaries of the Queen and Prince Phillip; and the Silver, Gold and Diamond Jubilees of the Queen's reign. As part of Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, eight bells were cast at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry and led the Thames Pageant of 1,000 boats with a floating belfry from which the bells were rung.

To mark the Platinum Jubilee this year we want to go one step further and ensure that as many bells as possible are rung during the celebrations. But within the Guild with over 1,500 bells and less than 1,000 ringers there is a shortage of people available. Bellringers come in all shapes and sizes - all ages and from all walks of life. Some learn to ring



when they are still at school, others learn later in life when they have more time to spend or after moving to a new town or village and wanting to pick up a new hobby.

What attracts them? For some it is a vocation to be of service to the Church or Community, others appreciate the unique music or the intricacies of complex methods, mental stimulation fascinates many ringers. Others relish the challenge of being able to control a bell, often heavier than themselves. But for ringers around the world there is a sense of companionship and shared purpose.

To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee the Guild, and us, are hoping to train up some new recruits with a 70-day challenge to be able to master a bell to mark the 70 years of the Queen's reign. A trained ringer will also be welcomed at churches across the country.

If interested, come and see us on our Friday evening practice night, or visit the Guild website [www.pdg.org.uk](http://www.pdg.org.uk) for more information.

Since the last grapevine the Guild held its Spring Festival and 6-bell Striking Competition at Wilbarston where ten teams from Churches around the Diocese competed for the Weaver Shield. We from Rushden were Judged Fourth, while the team from Rothwell was declared the winner.

At the short business meeting, grants were awarded to two towers to help with their restoration projects.

Everyone present enjoyed the sunny, but windy, afternoon while meeting old friends and



*Heather looked radiant in white, the details picked out subtly in gold...*

# Church Diary

## 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 on p9.
- 8 **Wednesday: 2.15pm - Ladies' Group** meet in the Church Hall - **Speaker: Mr Jack Pishorn - "Chester Lodge"**
- 11 **Saturday: 11.00-12 noon - Homes for Ukraine Support Network** - Meeting at Irthlingborough Library for those concerned with housing families from Ukraine.
- 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
- 18 **Saturday: 10.00-1.00pm - Net Carbon Zero National Conference on Zoom** - see p11

## July

- 2 **Saturday: 2.00pm onwards - Newton Bromswold Fete** - more details on page 11
- 3 **Sunday: 3.00pm - Induction and Institution of Rev Tom King** at St Mary's Church
- 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](mailto:lynne@lateralflow.co.uk)
- 9 **Saturday: 7.00pm - Newton Bromswold Barn Dance** - more details on p11
- 13 **Wednesday: 2.15pm - Ladies' Group** meet in the Church Hall: for Tea, Cake and a Quiz
- 16 **Saturday: 9.30-12 noon - Who Let The Dads Out?** in the Church Hall: see Box on p10
- 25-27 **Monday - Wednesday - Summer Holiday Club** - provisional dates: confirmation to follow in July/August grapevine

# Services for June 2022



**St Peter's**  
Newton Bromswold

## Sunday 5 June - Day of Pentecost

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

## Sunday 12 June - Trinity Sunday

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

## Sunday 19 June - First Sunday after Trinity

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

## Sunday 26 June - Second Sunday after Trinity

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

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

Thursday June 9, 16, 23, 30

at 10.30am - Holy Communion [BCP]

## **Pentecost**

**There will be a Council of Churches Pentecost Service at Park Road Baptist on Sunday 5 June at 6.00pm - all welcome**

## Live-Streaming

**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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