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Didn't someone once say, "We live in interesting times" ?

Well no, not exactly, and it can be seen as both curse and promise depending on where you're standing - which is why the Summer beach shoes on the front cover are overshadowed by [allegedly] illegal immigrants, and reference our Government's intention to send people to Rwanda, to an internment camp built and then evacuated some time ago by the Israelis, because even they deemed it unworkable.

Both life and grapevine this Summer may prove to be a mixed bag and it's up to us how we negotiate its pitfalls and rewards.

The good news is that from 4 July - now there's a date to conjure with - we shall have a new leader in Rev Tom King. He introduces himself on the following pages.

Beyond that this edition has the usual mix of reportage, resources and a wide variety of Diary entries: hopefully sufficiently wide-ranging to find something to suit everyone.

Jude Curtis, Editor

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Tom writes . . .

Hello everyone! It is good to be able to write and greet you all informally here, ahead of my licensing and installation at St Mary's on Sunday 3 July. I look forward to meeting those of you who are able to come, and thank you in advance for your support.



Vikki and I are very glad to be here in Rushden, where we are looking forward to settling in. We would like to thank all those who have helped and contributed to our arrival – in prayer, in practical ways and in dropping by to say hello. Our move to Rushden has been remarkably smooth in a lot of ways. God's providence through the Diocese, the timing, the availability of school places and so on, all have contributed to show us that we are certainly in the correct place.

As you may already know, we have come to Rushden with our four children, and we look forward to getting to know people better over the coming months as we find our way around Rushden and beyond. This is not an area of the country we know well, although we have lived in quite a few different places before now.

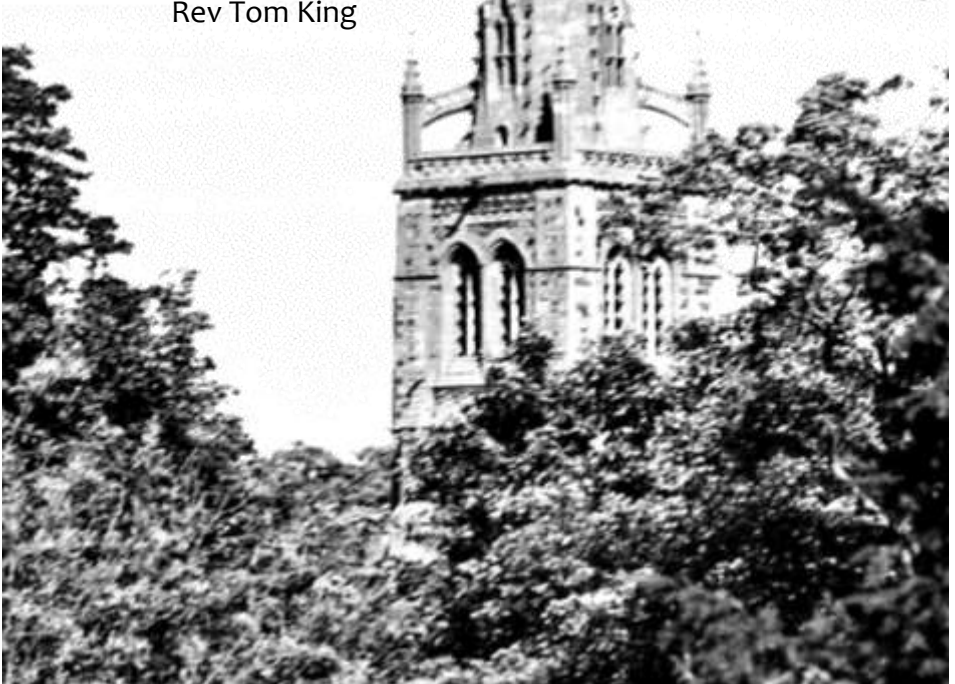
One remarkable thing that I have noticed here, is the number of churches around that have steeples. Historically these were undoubtedly built for many reasons, but the most obvious one seems now to be that it shows people from afar where the church, and therefore the village or town are. In an age of GPS navigation, perhaps this is not so crucial, yet this architectural feature is not found so much in other regions. As styles of church buildings change across the country, it also shows how churches have adapted themselves to the local landscape and the needs of different communities.

This process of adaptation has not yet finished; it won't before Jesus returns. I am certainly looking forward to this process of adaptation continuing through us, the benefice of St Mary's and St Peter's.

As we seek God's vision for how he wants us, the church in this place, to best serve the local community, to declare the Good News of Jesus and the wonders of his Kingdom, I am confident that He will lead us in discovering always more of the riches of his grace.

Just as steeples and spires used to guide people around the countryside, I look forward to being part of a place where the church can still be a witness to the community, pointing to God and guiding people with his Good News through a confusing landscape of many ups and downs.

Rev Tom King



Teenage Angst . . .

Much as I love poetry I'm getting increasingly bad at delving into my long term memory banks to retrieve quotations. Beyond the opening lines of G K Chesterton's 'Lepanto' - but that belongs to another story entirely - the first quotation I can conjure up at a stroke is, rather weirdly, from D H Lawrence's *The End*.



Sometime during my somewhat frustrated teenage years I seem to have adopted it as a working mantra. I only went back to check on it yesterday and I seem to have transposed it into first person rather than third person, and largely misremembered both context and content. Despite that I'm perfectly capable of conjuring up this corrupted version, whilst having no idea where I left my new reading glasses. Isn't cataract surgery such a mixed blessing? One friend now refers to it as her 'catapult op'.

Ever the drama queen I remember around the age of 15 deciding to become an academic, for the entirely laudable reason that they get the longest holidays. If you put together an unblinking demand for personal freedom, self-determination and a mind-set geared towards saving the world, it is a miracle that I ended up back at St Mary's after a gap of well over thirty years with an embarrassingly varied set of life skills and academic qualifications and absolutely no idea of what being a Christian actually entailed.

Since some of them are still alive and still attend St Mary's it would be both inflammatory and probably physically foolhardy to blame any of that on my Sunday School teachers. Neither did I have any idea that YPF was meant to further my religious education: I thought it was simply a social club and certainly used it as such.

But the culture shock of university life was profound and inevitably defined the Church as an alien and uncomfortable world of set rituals and socially acceptable behaviour which I'd already rejected, while the real world around me was more politicised and divisive than I'd ever imagined as a child.

*“And have not longer any hope
To heal the suffering, or to make requite,
For all your life of asking and despair
I own that some of me is dead tonight”*

D. H. Lawrence, *Selected Poems*, Penguin, 1966 [1950]*

So, thank you, Father God, for Alpha in particular, for totally rearranging my brain, and also for the provision of new generations of clergy and lay ministers whose patience and knowledge continue to amaze me. In my case they come from a whole range of denominational backgrounds and styles of worship. A while back I was quite fiercely drawn to the Pentecostal mind set of another Acorn Christian Listening Tutor - particularly the emphasis on songs: on a bad day, when our church is definitely not singing off the same hymn sheet, the silence of the Quakers becomes seriously appealing. The winter migration to The Church of Scotland for many years gave me yet another perspective on worship and belief.

The bottom line is, though, that wherever and whatever churchmanship I embrace, it's irrelevant. Since 30 March 2000 I cannot, whatever happens, say, with any truth, “I have not longer any hope”! It's the complete opposite.

Jude Curtis, Editor

*The book itself, according to my somewhat self-conscious ‘Architect’s handwriting’ was bought from the newly opened Penguin Book Shop on the Liverpool University campus, price 3/6, and has, for some reason, survived the periodic and wholesale disposal of my library.

St Mary's News

From the Registers

25th Anniversary Renewal of Vows

Saturday 4 June 2022

Terry & Corinne Edwards

Funeral

Tuesday 7 June 2022

Andrew Emmanuel Daniel [39]

the local community enjoying browsing through the different stalls, and many purchases were made. The church was open, and during the afternoon **Rosemary played the organ** which was enjoyed by many.

We were pleased that the **Royal British Legion** joined us again with their stall, and this year Andrew from the **ENCS [now Encompass see article on p12]** had a stall showing details of their excellent work in the community.

Overall it was a celebration of all ages spending time together, enjoying the Church grounds and being free to soak up the atmosphere of the day, fun and joy.

We are very pleased to say we made a profit of £850.51 which will be divided between Church Mission Funds and ENCS/Encompass. At least 150 grown ups paid the entry fee: not counting children. It was really buzzing!

We would like to thank all who helped to achieve this amazing result. Whatever contribution they made, however small, we really appreciated it.

A big Thank You to all

Edna, Martin & Paul

St Mary's Church Office is open on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10.00 to 12 noon.**

We ask you, please, to remain alert to Covid, and avoid gathering inside the office.

PCC Meetings

The next two Meetings of the PCC are on **Tuesday 5 July** and **Tuesday 6 September.**

Church Fete

On **Saturday 11 June** we held the Church Fete - our continuation of the **Jubilee celebration.** The Fete was opened by special members of the Church Family - Sheila and Derek Tansley - who have been married for 70 years and our celebration began and proved to be a very successful afternoon in every way.

Dry weather, a bit windy, but with sunshine, with church members and

Crafts and Coffee/Tea

The July meeting is on Tuesday 5 from 10.00 - 12

noon. We will be making **Seaside Mosaics**. The cost is £1.50, plus the cost of materials. Everyone welcome.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday August 2** and **Brenda Dixon** will be leading the session and making jewelry.

For more information give Lynne a call on 01933 353655 or email lynnelateralflow.co.uk

Belated Congratulations

... To Joy Cartwright on the occasion of her **80th Birthday** on **Monday 13 June**. Love and best wishes from all at St Mary's, and ...

Congratulations to Pat Bugby, also 80 on 15 July and William White who turns 70 on 19 July.

More congratulations ... to

Rob and Marion Bates who celebrate their

Golden Wedding Anniversary on July 15 - the proof is on page 20.



July 2022

Behind the Communion Table

- 3 Jude Curtis
- 10 Lynda Sandiford
- 17 Paula Williams
- 24 Ellen Inwood
- 31 Julie West

Memorial Chapel

- 10 Jude Curtis in Memory of Don & Phyll Curtis
- 24 Brenda Dixon

August 2022

Behind the Communion Table

- 7 Ann Harris
- 14 Mary Hadley
- 21 Marion Bates
- 28 Ellen Inwood

Memorial Chapel

- 21 Peter White in memory of Andrew

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

Children's Society

John's new quiz - 'Anything Goes' - is now on sale. Price is £1 and it is available from Anne Riley, Pam Bailey, Mary Hadley and Joy Holloway.

News continues over the page ...

St Mary's news



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.

**Saturdays 16 July &
20 August**

9.30am - 12noon

St Mary's Church Hall

Adults £5: children free

St Mary's Ladies' Group . . .

met again on **Wednesday 8 June** and we were indeed fortunate to have the very enthusiastic Events Coordinator of **The Chester House Estate, Tom Jolley**, to speak. He gave an extremely detailed account of how this local tourist attraction came into being.

His timeline indicated the transformation the site has undergone since 2004, when it was bought by the [then] NCC, and included both triumphs and setbacks - especially when the house itself burnt down in 2010!

Using an insurance pay out and funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, restoration was completed in October 2021, and the site now offers many facilities and attractions - as well as its primary purpose as a Roman Archaeological 'living' Dig. The site itself tells what Tom described as, 'A 10,000 year old story'.

Some members present had already visited and agreed Chester House makes an excellent day out! The facilities include shops, a beautiful café and free car parking - although Tom agreed access still leaves much to be desired, particularly the safety issues associated with leaving the site and accessing the A45. He encouraged us all to write letters to the appropriate authorities asking for improvements!

Its Education and Community Department also opens up the site to learning - interns are part of the staff. There is also a School for Young Adults with individual needs with encouragement through Job Counselling and it is also a new venue for Adult Education provision. Altogether a very interesting afternoon: supported by Christina on piano, Maureen's prayers and Cynthia's introduction and Bible reading. *Ann Smith & Jude Curtis*

Newton News

Flower Rota

July

- 3 Mrs Hollis & Mrs Sargent
- 10 Rosemary Coulson & Abby
- 17 Mrs Burt
- 24 Abigail Clarke
- 31 Mrs Beeby

August

- 7 Mrs Turner
- 14 Mrs Dangerfield
- 21 Wedding
- 28 Helen Lines

Platinum Jubilee Lunch - see The Back Page

Newton celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Lunch on **Sunday 5 June** with over 80 people sharing lunch in Church Lane. We were very lucky with the weather. Grace, Charlie and William won the best Jubilee Hat; Mary's Grandchildren won the Treasure Hunt and Tom Sanders won the Jubilee Quiz.

Thank you to June for organising and to the extended team of cake bakers, furniture removers, bunting hangers, quiz writers and flower arrangers.

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.

Church Bike Ride

Church Bike Ride takes place on

Saturday 10

September from 10.00am to 6.00pm and Newton Church will be open during these times.

The sponsorship raised from participates will be split 50:50 between Newton Church and **Northants Historic Churches Trust.**

If you would like to participate, please contact Helen Lines for forms.



Good To Know



The next Leaders' Lunch will be taking place at the Frontier Centre from 12 noon on **Wednesday 6 July**, including a number of short reports and followed by a buffet lunch. All welcome.

Details from Andrew Presland andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com or 01933 316927).

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 14 July - Humour and Music, Ken Nokes**. The Competition is 'Something beginning with G'.

On **Thursday August 11** there is no meeting but a social outing is to be arranged. This is followed on **Thursday 8 September** by a talk by **Jo Parish on Queen Victoria's Wardrobe**. The Competition will be 'Something beginning with H'.

Visitors are welcome: do come along and give us a try. Contact Julia: 01933 317846

We are really pleased to let you know that we are changing our name! Our charity number remains the same, and we will have a long

transition period as we adapt to our new name to make it as smooth as possible. If you are donating to us already online, this will stay as it is. If you make out a cheque, this should be payable to 'Encompass'. Keep an eye out for our emails! They will now all come from email addresses under our new name. Similarly, we will also have a new updated website.

Going forward, you will also receive emails from Encompass to keep you, as one of our supporters, updated on the work we are doing and the outcomes we are achieving. If you do not wish to receive this email, please email us and let us know.

What we have achieved

We have also produced an impact report for what Encompass (formerly ENCS) achieved in 2021. You can find that on our website here - <https://encs.org.uk/about/our-impact/> - which also gives full contact details and how to find their new premises.

Any questions?

Let us know by emailing us at info@encompasscharity.org.uk

Thank you for all your ongoing support. *Jo Burns*

Good to Know continues on page 15

Food for thought and prayer

BRF (Bible Reading Fellowship) **Bible reading notes – why bother? –** **the following statement from BRF:**

It's said that if a ballet dancer doesn't practise for one day, she notices. If she doesn't practise for two days, the class notices and if she doesn't practise for three days, the whole audience notices. It might not be so immediately obvious if Christians don't read the Bible every day but, sooner or later, it *will* be noticed.

Different Christian traditions give different weight to the habit of daily Bible study, but all are agreed that it's an important discipline: a practice to be fostered, along with prayer, worship, reflection and service, if faith is to grow deep roots.

Our enthusiasm for Bible reading may wax and wane: life becomes busy or difficult, we drift away and don't know how to return, scripture no longer seems to 'speak' to us, we get bored, distracted or discouraged until daily Bible study becomes a joyless 'ought', another niggly, guilt-inducing 'should'.

But what if, instead of thinking of it as a duty, we think of it as a gift: a

lovely opportunity to sit in God's presence, focus on his word and keep the channels of communication open?

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Kathy MacKenzie



God's Church for God's World

The Lambeth Conference 2022

After a two-year postponement I'm looking forward to this summer's Lambeth Conference when hundreds of Anglican bishops from around the world will gather at Canterbury for prayer, bible study, conversation, fellowship and sharing (July 26th -August 7th). We are hoping to welcome our three link bishops from Korea. During the event, we will discuss various topics, including mission and evangelism, peace and reconciliation, the environment and sustainable development, discipleship and inter faith relations.

In preparation, over the past year I have been part of two online groups, meeting monthly with bishops from Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Chad, the Congo, Egypt, India, Ireland, Mauritius, Melanesia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Scotland, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania and the West Indies. It's been wonderful to begin some very rich new friendships and reconnect with old friends.

The overall theme is "God's Church for God's world" and the three major strands, which match the Archbishop of Canterbury's priorities are; reconciliation (walking together), evangelism (witnessing together) and prayer (listening together).

In our bible studies we will be reflecting on the First Letter of Peter. I'm very happy to recommend the excellent conference study guide co-written by scholars from around the world (1 Peter Commentary edited by Jenn Strawbridge).

Archbishop Justin has called us to pray: "The Conference theme of 'God's

Church for God's World', reminds us that we are called upon as Christians to pray for the needs of the world. There are many calls

upon our prayers at this time: World peace, the global climate crisis, the effects of the pandemic – to name but a few. I invite you to call all those in your care to pray for the Lambeth Conference. Please pray that as we meet and consider our shared mission and ministry, that we may hear the call from God. In turn, that we might add our voices to call others to make a difference for Christ in the world."

There is a really helpful prayer guide for those wanting to support the conference, easily downloadable from the Conference website.

Pour down upon us, O God, the gifts of your Holy Spirit, that those who prepare for the Lambeth Conference may be filled with wisdom and understanding.

May they know at work within them that creative energy and vision which belong to our humanity, made in your image and redeemed by your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



+John
Bishop Of Brixworth

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Good to Know . . .

Peace of mind when going on holiday



- Make sure your home looks occupied. Ask a trusted neighbour or friend to look after your home e.g. push mail through letter box, water plants, feed pets etc. Let them have the spare keys but don't put your name/address on them.
- Don't leave curtains closed in the daytime. Use automatic timer-switches to turn lights on when it goes dark. Cancel regular deliveries such as newspapers or milk. Avoid discussing holiday plans where strangers may hear your plans to be away.
- Cut the lawn before you go and trim back any plants that burglars could hide behind. Consider leaving important documents and valuables with family members, a bank or in a safe. Don't put your home address on your luggage when travelling to a holiday destination.
- Consider putting valuable items from shed or garage, like bikes, into the house and avoid putting

valuables on view from the window such as TV, laptop, DVD player etc.

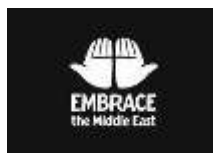
- Photograph all valuables items as a record, make sure household insurance is up-to-date. Remember to lock all external doors and windows, pull out plugs, cooker off. If you have a burglar alarm, make sure it is set. Last check for passports, tickets or other documentation.

Chris MacKenzie

Embrace The Middle East ...

publish **Prayer Diaries** throughout the year - available to download from **embraceme.org**. The subject matter is varied but concentrates on the wide variety of projects their community partners are involved in.

As an example the **prayer for 3 July** is: "Please pray for the students at the Nazareth School of Nursing, training to provide the highest level of care for their future patients. Embrace is helping the school to buy training manikins so the students can perfect their skills".



Book Review - Tony Smith

Free to Fail by Russ Parker

Triangle SPCK, 1998

‘Everyone fails – including Christians who have been touched by the healing power of God’. This insightful comment is printed on the cover of this book.

Russ also writes, ‘I have learned to accept that not every failure is explained and that *not knowing why* is something we have to live with. The important thing is to walk with God and stay open to him. The purpose of this book is to explore our experiences of failure as Christians and to see some of the ways God has called us to handle this’.

In **Free to Fail** we are given insights into how by God’s grace we are free to fail. Experiencing failure is not the worst experience we can have. We are invited to explore some of the pressures to succeed that are to be found among Christians, and to see if there is a Gospel which embraces and, to some degree, makes sense of failure.

Russ has spent many years as a leader in the healing ministry of the church, both in the UK and abroad. I have known him for 30 years and on occasions have had the privilege of sharing ministry with him and

learning much from him. His wide experience of healing ministry enables him to speak with authority on many aspects of that ministry and in this book he explains how a wrongly understood and practised healing ministry, that is not based on a sound understanding of Scripture, can be so destructive and harmful.

For example he is critical of forms of healing ministry where healing is separated from a wider proclamation of the Gospel, a practice contrary to Biblical teaching (see Luke 9). Where expectations and the promise of success are unrealistic this can result in making challenging situations worse by engendering feelings of guilt and despair when prayer appears, to all concerned, to end in failure. A quotation from a Ugandan Christian Russ met who was badly disfigured after being severely injured by guerrillas can help to put failure into a Christian perspective: “God never promises us an easy time. Just safe arrival”. It is surely salutary to heed Russ’s comment that the Bible is full of failures as well as triumphs. This is the real world in which we are called to live as true disciples of Jesus.

Tony Smith

Mission Matters

Update from Lea and Petra Williams. (Our Church Mission Society Link Partners in the Czech Republic.)

When, last September, the Williams family moved to the Czech Republic they could not foresee how coming events in Eastern Europe would impact so many lives or that refugees from the war in Ukraine would be fleeing to Brno and even living next door to them. As all of this took place, Lea and Petra prayed that the Lord would use them in whatever way he chose to help those who had been displaced. Since then, Petra has been working with an organisation which distributes clothes, toiletries and other essentials to the refugees. The Williams children, Olivia and Ted, have made friends with the Ukrainian children next door, who come to play with them and their rabbit and hamsters. The language barrier does not seem to get in the way!

Meanwhile, Lea and Petra have been praising the Lord for answers to prayer. He has given them the ideal meeting place which they needed. The first service held there was on Easter Sunday and was a wonderful occasion. New people, especially international students, are joining them. Then, after postponements and a long wait, Lea was licensed on May 15th. And, also in answer to prayer, Olivia and Ted are very much enjoying attending a local school which is experienced in integrating children from other nationalities, and have already made strong friendships there.

It's so good to see how the Lord is working through Lea and Petra and their family. They tell us how thankful they are for our prayers and our friendship. It really is a privilege and a joy for us to be linked with them and to stand with them as they serve him in a spiritually needy part of the world.

Sue Eagles, for The Mission Committee



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Foot Steps

On **Thursday 12 May 2022** I hit my personal target of walking **3,000 miles since the beginning of Lock Down** [23 March 2020 in case you've forgotten]. This week the total was 3,142 miles: which I've just learned from Amor Towles book was exactly the 1924 length of **The Lincoln Highway**. That's one route I didn't walk/hitch along in the summer of 1970 - although I did traverse the TransCanada Highway which is 4,645 - so maybe that should be the next target?

To be honest, targets of any kind were not remotely in my head when I started - 100 miles looked pretty much insuperable. Stopping driving may have contributed some

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incentive towards this, but mostly it has just been pure pleasure - and a total surprise.

The local walking and footpaths maps [and possible spoken versions] are still a work in progress but I hope to move those forward a tad during my own summer break from grapevine.

Increasingly, as life begins to return to previous patterns of normality, the other walkers I've met have thinned and refined themselves into fellow enthusiasts who need contact with nature, solitude and a heavy sprinkling of rabbits.

We are all, obviously, seriously challenged to be doing this at all, but getting more well-balanced by the mile.
Jude Curtis



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Looking Back at our Parish Magazines

50 years ago

August 1972

A very happy occasion last month was the wedding of Rob and Marion Bates, at which John Tombling officiated, so it was quite a family occasion.

Rector's Letter

A former curate of mine in Bradford, now St Mary's link missionary with SAMS, remarked to me one day when I was very busy doing his work for him, "Michael, the graveyards are full of indispensable people!" Since then I have tried to heed the message and proof, if proof were needed ... can be seen in the success of the Children's Craft and Flower Festival.

Sponsored by the Young Wives, this was organised by parents and leaders of our Family Service, Sunday Schools, Youth Movements and children's work - and I did not attend one meeting in connection with it!

Rev Michael Wilson Rector

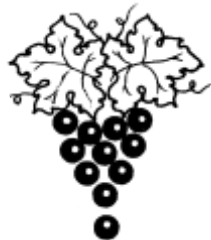
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July 1997

Spring Harvest '98

There will not be a Parish Weekend next year although it is hoped one will be arranged for 1999 so long as you lobby now your Wardens and Church Council representatives.

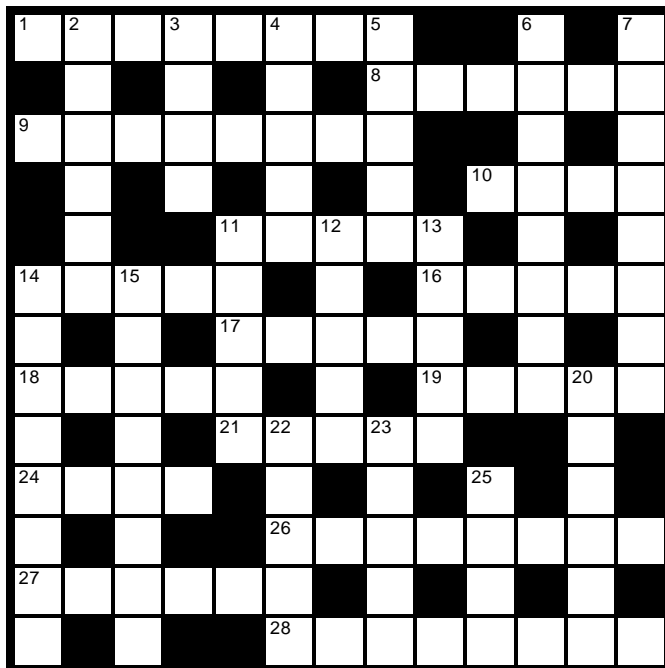
One way of filling this impending void is to consider going as a Parish to Spring Harvest at Butlin's during the period Tuesday April 14th to Sunday April 19th 1998. This is always an uplifting experience and an opportunity to deepen your personal faith through worship and teaching



Crossword No 390

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- 1 Six-winged beings (8)
 8 Rome is (anag.),
 atomic nucleus (6)
 9 Bishoprics (8)
 10 Home of Goliath (4)
 11 Biblical giant (5)
 14 Forbidden (5)
 16 Ball-shaped (5)
 17 Queen of --, (1 Kings
 10:1) (5)
 18 Passageway in
 church (5)
 19 – Antonius,
 procurator of Judea (5)
 21 Stunk (5)
 24 Mope (4)
 26 Sunday (5,3)
 27 Marinate (6)
 28 Surround (8)



Solution to No 389

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- 2 Elijah's successor (6)
 3 Curved structure in church (4)
 4 28th OT book (5)
 5 So dim (anag.), act wrongly (5)
 6 O come, O come, --', (hymn) (8)
 7 Greek or Russian church (8)
 11 Aaron's brother (5)
 12 Church land (5)
 13 Transplant (5)
 14 Wing of a church (8)
 15 RC church (8)
 20 Name given to Jacob (6)
 22 Skirmish (5)
 23 Ode (5)
 25 Russian emperor (4)





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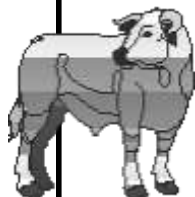
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Belfry Gossip

We celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by ringing here with a Peal, a special piece of 70 changes, and a Quarter Peal during the Jubilee weekend. Most of us also helped at other local towers so they too could celebrate by ringing the bells, along with as many churches in the diocese as possible.

Some of a Quarter Peal at Mears Ashby was also recorded by the BBC, with Cathy being interviewed about ringing for the Jubilee weekend, and this was shown later on BBC Look East News, during their roundup of events in the region. Congratulations to all who took part.

The Wellingborough Branch has had ringing meetings at Yardley Hastings (6 bells) and also at Mears Ashby (6) during the last month, both successful.

The Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Bellringers held its AGM at St John's (8) in Peterborough this year with ringing at St Mary's (8) and the Cathedral (12), with a Service and tea at St John's. Members who had died since the last AGM were remembered in prayer during the service.

At the meeting several 50-year membership certificates were prepared but the recipients were not at the meeting, so they will be presented in due course. Following the minutes of last year's meeting, the Annual Report and Accounts for 2021 were accepted before the secretary advised a list of dates for events for 2022/23.

The election of Guild Officers for the next year then took place - there were no changes and Simon remains the Guild Master with Cathy the 100-Club organiser and Public Relations Officer. A lively and very lengthy discussion took place on outline plans of a proposed development in Northampton taking in St Peter's church and the Old Black Lion area as a ringing meeting, conference and training centre, but, without enough information from the Developers, answers could not be given to questions, only suggestions made.

A few items of Any Other Business were announced or discussed before the meeting ended; by which time it was too late to ring again.

Tintinnabulum

Church Diary

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, This month they will be making 'Seaside Mosaics'. Further information from Lynne Prior on 01933 353655 or lynne@lateralflow.co.uk
- 5 **Tuesday: 7.30pm - Meeting of the PCC**
- 9 **Saturday: 7.00pm - Newton Bromswold Barn Dance** - more details on p11
- 12 **Tuesday: 7.00pm - Deanery Beer & Hymns** evening in The Swan, Newton Bromswold
- 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 IS NOWCANCELLED**

August

- 2 **Tuesday: 10.00-12noon - Crafts & Coffee in the Church Hall.** This month Brenda Dixon will be leading the session and making jewellery. Further information from Lynne Prior on 01933 353655 or lynne@lateralflow.co.uk
- 10 **Wednesday: 2.15pm - Ladies Group** meets in the Church Hall for a talk by Linda Mitchell about 'Deaf Connect',
- 20 **Saturday: 9.30-12 noon - Who Let The Dads Out?** in the Church Hall: see Box on p10

September

- 7 **Wednesday: 7.00pm Special Choir Practice** - John Wardle of the RSCM will be taking a practice using the music planned for the Peterborough Festival in October. St Mary's Choir will be joined by members of other local churches.

Services for July 2022

St Mary's
Rushden

St Peter's
Newton Bromswold

Sunday 3 July - Third Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Holy Communion	11.00am	Family Service
11.15am	Morning Prayer		St Peter's Sunday
3.00pm	Induction and Institution of Rev Tom King		[Patronal Festival]

Sunday 10 July - Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 17 July - Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 24 July - Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 31 July - Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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

Midweek Services in St Mary's Church

Thursday July 7, 14, 21, 28

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>.

Services for August 2022

St Mary's
Rushden

St Peter's
Newton Bromswold

Sunday 7 August - Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 14 August - Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 21 August - Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 28 August - Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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

Midweek Services in St Mary's Church

Thursday August 4, 11, 18, 25

at 10.30am - Holy Communion [BCP]

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