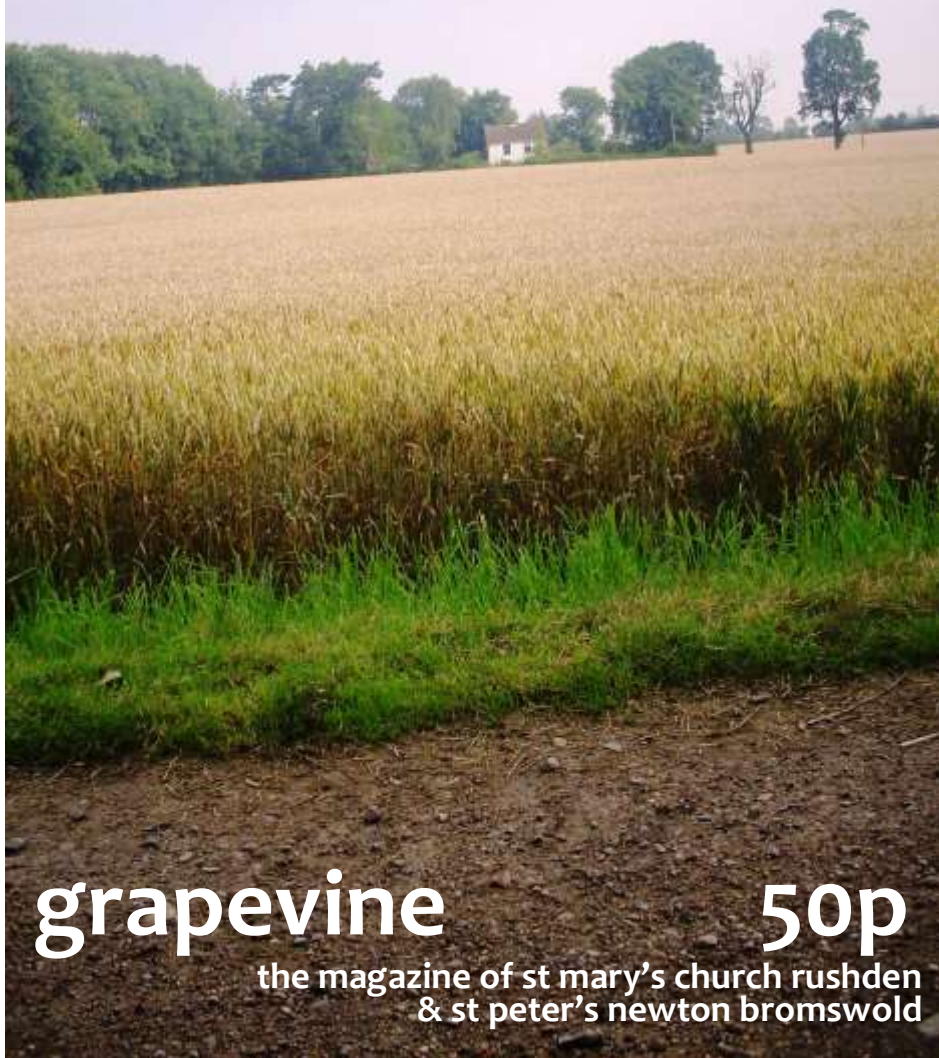


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Nothing lasts for ever except the Love of God, and this edition

is crammed with fresh starts, open minds, new initiatives and fond farewells.

We are encouraged from multiple platforms to open ourselves to a fresh world from the Bishop downwards, and that attitude in itself can be so invigorating. It's no coincidence that the academic term starts in autumn - even the iconoclastic Open University have joined that timetable since I studied there.

But one change that stumped some of the grapevine readership is locating the latest grapevine PDF on line. If you follow the link to 'grapevine' the last edition displayed is April 2022.

Worry not! Stay on our website face page, and just scroll down, and the last three editions will be revealed. With their download buttons.

There, that wasn't too hard, was it? OK, I'll be honest - it stumped me for a month or so. Just proves there is at least one genius in the Church Office. Thank you, Pam.

Jude Curtis, Editor

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October edition should be sent by

Sunday 11 September

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missjudecurtis@btinternet.com

Tom writes . . .

Hello once again.

It is strange to think that I have now been here working for St Mary's for over a month. Someone reminded me only this morning to make the most of the years we have, so it won't do to wish the time away. However, it has been a very full month – full of meeting people, discovering rhythms, unpacking history, learning names, and not least finding out which key does what from the 15 that I have been furnished with! The big cast iron one is fairly obvious, at least. So, after a month, I think that I now know my way around sufficiently not to confuse Irchester with Irthlingborough, and I have learned how to pronounce 'Nene.'



It has been lovely and encouraging to start getting to know various folk from St Mary's and Newton. I recognize that I have not yet been able to meet you all personally, and if I haven't learned your name yet, don't worry, I shall keep plugging away. It was also good to have been provided with photos of many of you, since that helps enormously.

Of course, as well as meeting people and finding my way around, one of the things that has kept me and the other leaders of the church busy this month is planning for the future. I wrote in the last edition about how churches adapt themselves to local situations; elsewhere in this edition I have also spoken about some positive changes to this end happening for Newton¹, and I am looking forward to seeing how these develop.

For St Mary's, from September, we will be embarking on this process in a season that deliberately makes time and space available to listen to God and his leading. At St Mary's, on Sunday 11 September, we will be joining together as one congregation for worship at 10.30am. This will be followed by a shared lunch, and during the week thereafter we will be calling on the church to support prayer for 24 hours a day, over seven days. In this way we begin a new season where we always need to begin - with God. There will be opportunity to sign up and share in this work of prayer, for an hour at a time – or more if the Spirit leads!

Following on from that week of intensive prayer time we shall, as a church – between September and April 2023 – be seeking to discern God's

will for his ministries and mission through us. There are many questions that we can be asking God in prayer at this time, so many worthwhile causes for our attention. So, I am praying already that God will lead us, in the same way that he led Paul into Macedonia (Acts 16), into a clear understanding of what he wants us to focus on; the ministries that he is calling us to.

Many blessings, Tom

Rev Tom King

Sunday Evenings from September

Hello again! From 11 September we at St Mary's will be embarking on a new season of prayer and discernment. We want to seek God, to hear from him and discover what he is leading us into as a congregation over the coming years.

As part of this, there will also begin a weekly time of teaching for the church, and any from the church are welcome to attend. Our sessions will begin at **6:30pm on Sunday 18 September**. Each evening session will begin with a meal together, followed by teaching and discussion, finishing formally at 8:30pm and closing by 9:00pm.

The purpose of these sessions is to allow the church to explore topics that will be raised during the concurrent Sunday morning preaching series. It will hopefully also provide for the church substantial knowledge about matters of faith, to reflect upon during the months we are dedicating to prayer.

The notion of teaching faith and life in Jesus Christ within the church is an ancient and highly valued one. It can be found in Acts Chapter 2 as the primary ministry among Jesus' original followers, the Apostles. In the earliest church, teachers of the faith were among the most prominent members of the community because they also stood in continuity with the command of God to his people, that we should teach to one another the things of God (see, eg, Deuteronomy 6:1-12).

Therefore, in the here and now, you are welcome to come along from the 18 September to explore and delve into the fascinating and great riches that God has in store for us, those who believe.

I look forward to seeing you there.

God bless, Tom

Change and decay . . .

Why do I call Tanglewood, 'Tanglewood', instead of 'The Rugby Club' or 'Manor Park'? Well, neither of its official names convey an ounce of its history, or present delights. It is a tangle: one that has an intriguing/frustrating habit of changing on a weekly, if not daily basis. Once the Spring overgrowing was underway I could not find the camp site - complete with well-used fire place and conveniently placed mattresses in low hanging trees: I've only just rediscovered it - albeit with sleeping arrangements removed and a general tidy up complete.



On the other hand, with one sweep of a mower a new pathway is created and within a few days it looks as if it's been there for a year. Then, again, someone with imagination might respond to a dilemma of wildlife management and it disappears.¹

The connection with Nathaniel Hawthorne and the quote opposite I carried in it's official unveiling in the grapevine edition of October 2020. Then it was all new to me. I'd got rid of my car; driving licence and passport were both expiring. Covid had taken a stranglehold on freedom. My palette of exploration was suddenly rendered very small: goodbye Lake Nasser¹, Petra and downtown Beirut: hello . . . Manor Park? How long was that going to last before I'd go stir-crazy?

But Hawthorne's idea that landscape and nature, seen and explored often, has a stronghold on our ability to make memories, drew an affirmative response from readers back then. World famous sites and monuments tend to stay in the mind as a single, iconic image: captured with one blink on the retina. On the other hand, he's saying, that homespun, accessible, close, but constantly changing, and almost domestic, scenery captures the imagination in a much more personal and durable way.

I'm tempted to think that only Rushden could re-imagine the Town Tip - out of bounds to me as a child, and, earlier I'm told, redolent with the smell of burning leather scraps from the shoe factories - as a viable Wild Life Area. As plans stand for Rushden East, the Rugby Club and its playing fields will relocate over the bypass to a new Sports Centre and the space released used for around 450 new homes. There is hope that

*“A few summer weeks among mountains,
a lifetime among green meadows and
placid slopes, with outlines forever new,
because continually fading out of
memory – such would be my
sober choice”*

Hawthorne, Nathaniel, *A Wonder Book and Tanglewood Tales*: Didactic Press.

Tanglewood on its fringes remains, so it's worth following the ongoing planning application and developments on local websites so that we make sure this precious habitat is not snatched away.

During the hottest weather my visits got earlier and earlier: after my landline moved to Alexa my first question each morning became, “Alexa, when is sunrise today?” Deduct maybe 45 minutes and that's the time to hit the Bedford Road into a mixed message of lightening sky and car headlights. By 6.00am the dog-walkers have arrived and the rabbits taken cover for the day but at 4.30am in June it was a miniature paradise of shifting clouds, flowers that weren't there yesterday, the ubiquitous kites, not to mention ‘crooks and rows’² and ... Those migrating footpaths.

4.30am now, at the tail end of August, is more or less pitch black - how quickly autumn creeps up on us!

Jude Curtis, Editor

The photo is sailing south on Lake Nasser heading for Wadi Haifa.

¹One such decision now protects a badger sett but I won't say where.

²Locally the rooks and crows are so interbred they easily become ‘crooks and rows’.



St Mary's News

From the Registers

Wedding

Saturday 30 July 2022

May Jamieson &
Wayne Michael Norman

Funerals

Thursday 21 July 2022

Dorothy Alice Lily Bull [86]

Monday 15 August 2022

Barbara Margaret Hogarth [89]

meeting every second Thursday for 6 months. The idea is to listen, pray and plan.

To note: our new safeguarding officer is Helen Allan. Thanks to Brenda Dixon for all her hard work.

Louise Skinner is our new Treasurer, with Bob and Marion Bates assisting the transfer after many years of dedicated service. [See note below for clarification of responsibilities]

The next PCC meeting will be on **Monday 5 September** at 7.00pm.

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 unnecessarily inside the office.

PCC Meetings

One PCC Meeting was held during the summer on Tuesday 5 July when 19 members were present, with 4 apologies.

Tom chaired his first PCC meeting of St Mary's PCC as our new Rector. As the substantive topic on the Agenda, he set out his vision for our church; in particular, the period of discernment starting with a joint service on Sunday 11 September at 10.30am, followed by a week of prayer, and a prayer & praise

Change of Church Treasurer

To enable a smooth change over please contact **Bob Bates** (358005, robertbates1947@btinternet.com) for **Gift Aid and Church Fees** enquiries, and **Louise Skinner** (07837 437663; l4skinner.65@gmail.com) for **General Account** enquiries.

Thank you, *Louise and Bob*

Crafts and Coffee/Tea

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 6 September** from 10.00-12noon and we will be **Card Making with Cut-Outs**. **The October meeting is on Tuesday 4** and is entitled **Therapeutic Colouring** - there will not be a charge for materials at this



session: just £1.50 admission.

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

Belated Congratulations

... to **Pat O'Rourke** on the occasion of her **80th Birthday** on **4 August** ...

... and **Thank You** from **William White** for the kind thoughts, best wishes and lovely book he received from St Mary's for his **70th Birthday** in **July**.

Ladies' Badminton

... takes place every **Wednesday morning** from 9.00am in the Church Hall. We are a mixture of Church Members and friends, and any ladies are welcome - regardless of ability. Pop by on a Wednesday and introduce yourself or give Brenda a call on 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.

Ride & Stride

Please contact Martin Compton [01933 418136] for application forms and more



September 2022

Behind the Communion Table

- 4 Julie West
- 11 Ellen Inwood
- 18 Harvest Decorating Team:
reredos: Barbara Coxon
- 25 Marion Bates

Memorial Chapel

- 4 Peter White in memory of Dorothy who would have been celebrating her 90th Birthday
- 18 Julie West

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

information. The church will be open on **Saturday 10 September** from **10.00-4.00pm** for Church tours and the Church records will be out on display.

If you require a lift for the Joint Service on Sunday

September 11 or can offer one please add your name to the list at the back of church, or if you are not able to get into church to do so, speak to the team at Church Office: 01933 412235.

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.

Saturday 17 September

9.30am - 12noon

St Mary's Church Hall

Adults £5: children free

Just turn up!

St Mary's Ladies' Group . . .

... has met twice since the last edition of grapevine.

On **Wednesday 13 July** - a very hot day! - we were pleased to welcome 29 members for a social afternoon of quizzing. Cynthia made us all welcome and read a very relevant and thought-provoking passage from Colossians 3.

There were three Quiz Challenges! After much discussion and effort the answers were eventually read out - to much sighing and groaning,

and a winning table found - and then it was time for tea and cake.

Wednesday 10 August was another very hot afternoon for the guest speaker, Linda Mitchell, from the charity **Deaf Connect**.

We learned that 12.5 million - about 1 in 5 of the population - have some degree of hearing loss. Our show of hands as sufferers bore that out.

Deaf Connect is an organisation which seeks to give support, information and aid research into issues of hearing loss and/or tinnitus.

Linda stressed how our hearing affects our general health from the points of view of safety, reading our environment and our social life.

She also gave many useful tips for communicating with friends and family who cannot hear clearly, and encouraged us never to say to people who haven't heard us, 'It doesn't matter!' It does matter!! We should always be willing to repeat what we've said slightly more slowly, more clearly, perhaps using different words - but never shouting, which only distorts the sounds. A talk full of fascinating insights.

Ann Smith & Jude Curtis

Newton News

New Service Times at Newton Bromswold

Hello to you all! I hope that your summer has been restful and rewarding.

I'm writing to let you know of an encouraging development in the ministry of St Peter's, Newton Bromswold. Service times there will be moving to **10.00am** on a Sunday morning. This will begin from October, so the first service at the new time will be **2 October 2022**.

Together with the PCC this change was agreed for several reasons. Firstly, it is hoped that through it we can better serve the families of Newton Bromswold and the Court Estate. The present 11.00am meeting was begun as a one-year trial, before Covid struck – and has remained that way – yet this has not proven helpful for several families who have subsequently ceased attending.

This change to a 10.00am Sunday service also enables St Peter's to develop their ministry to the local community more widely, thanks also to the help of Rev Glyn Ackerley. He will be focussing more time there, and helping to oversee St Peter's ministry, from August onwards.

We are looking forward to seeing how God grows the work and blessings of the congregation through his consistent ministry.

Lastly, the change allows for a regular monthly pattern of services to happen. The first Sunday of each month will be a Family Service, followed by Holy Communion and Morning Prayer on other weeks, with a Family Communion service on the fourth Sunday. Watch this space for announcements for fifth Sundays!

If you would like more information about goings on at Newton, do get in touch.

Blessings, Tom
[Rev Tom King]



Not everyone has a natural gift for rural ministry

Newton News continues over the page ...

Newton News

Flower Rota September

- 4 June Clarke
- 11 Helen Mayes
- 18 Julie Allen
- 25 Mrs Hollis & Mrs Sargent

Church Service Times.

The Rector and PCC have agreed that from the beginning of October, **Church Services will start at 10.00am - see Tom's statement on p11.**

This years' 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 participants will be split 50:50 with Newton Church. If you would like to participate, please contact Helen Lines for forms or view the link on www.nhct.org.uk



Harvest

The Harvest Festival Service will take place on **Sunday 9 October** at 10.00am and the **Harvest Sale** will take place in **The Swan on Tuesday 11 October at 7.30pm**, where Glyn will be acting as auctioneer. Gifts of Harvest Produce welcome.

Quiz Night

A Quiz Night will be held in **The Swan on Sunday 11 September starting at 7:30pm, to raise funds for Marie Curie.** Entry fee £10 for team of 4 - winning prize 4 bottles of wine.

The Village Fete

Newton Bromswold Fete was held on Saturday 2 July and raised £1,846.52 for Church Funds. The Rushden Mission Band provided the music for the afternoon.

Mayor of Rushden, Cllr Adrian Winkle and the Mayor's consort, Mrs Tracey Winkle attended the Fete and the Mayor judged the Children's Fancy Dress. The winner was Grace as cat girl.

There were afternoon teas being served, stalls and games, including the coconut shy and the Bell Tower. Lola and her cousin Izzy raised £22 doing strawberries and cream.

A special thanks goes to everyone who helped and supported this event.

Barn Dance

A good evening at our recent Barn Dance raising £400.45 for Friends of Newton Church. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

Good To Know

Egyptian Christian Family

An evening to **support - and be updated about** - the Egyptian Christian family currently living in Higham Ferrers, as they seek refugee status, will be taking place from **7.30pm on Tuesday 6 September** at the Bridge community office in the grounds of Whitefriars Primary School (NN10 9HX).

This will include an update on the legal processes involved and on how to support them through prayer, by contributing to their accommodation costs or in other ways. There is no need to book, but details are available from Andrew Presland (01933 316927) or Glyn Ackerley (07595 171748).



Would you like to know more about issues that matter to evangelicals in the Church of England at a national level? Do you feel well informed about how best to pray for evangelical lay leaders, clergy and bishops? Do you want to know how you could help influence the future direction of the Church of England?

The **Church of England Evangelical Council (CEEC)** was founded by John Stott and others with a heart to address all of the above. And, in order to help you to be better connected and informed, CEEC has recently launched a regular e-bulletin accessible at <http://www.ceec.info/e-bulletin.html>.

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 8 September when Jo Parish talks about Queen Victoria's Wardrobe.

The competition is 'Something Beginning with H'.

On Thursday 13 October we hold our **AGM and welcome as speaker, John Wood talking about 'Funny Girls'**. The Competition is 'Something Beginning With I'.

Visitors are welcome: we are a small friendly group - do come along and give us a try. Contact Linda: 01933 411437.



Good To Know continues on p16

Reading the Bible



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A Favourite Month

People sometimes ask which is my favourite month, or season. On balance, just, I'd go for autumn as the season, and probably September as the month. August is great (holidays and birthdays – mine, my brother's, one daughter's) but for me September tops even that.

Second helpings of summer and the first tastes of autumn: the glory of creation with the initial reminders that it is cyclical and nothing lasts for ever. A new academic year (I used to love going back to school.) September has it all: endings, beginnings, harvest appearing, the most temperate month of our temperate climate.

The reminder that nothing lasts for ever, combined with the satisfaction of harvest home – even Elton John singing “Circle of Life” – is so important. Not just because of my personal circumstances, or with the diocese facing endings and a new beginning, but because this is an essential part of creation, of the way things are, in this life.

I suspect that in the new creation, when we discover it, the cyclical nature of things may be no more, but in this world it governs everything. Day and night, the weekly sabbath, the moon and monthly reproductive and tidal cycles, the seasons and the years: these frame the way we live.



Life comes and goes, as do youth, vigour, maturity, wisdom. Everything passes, and everything is renewed or replaced.

September is a great reminder of that.

We need to be aware of this, and to live wisely in this circle of life: not to cling onto the old, but hopefully to take the best of it into the new; not to grasp at every new thing, but to discern what is worth nurturing for its season. We can rejoice in the profligacy of creation and re-creation, and not shed too many tears when the natural harvesting or culling takes its course.

But that new creation, to which Christians look forward, hopefully like St Paul with eager longing, will be different. The energy of youth and the maturity of age will combine forever in each of us: no more tears or tiredness, ageing or loss; no more reminder of mortality; no more Septembers.

For now, in this life, happy September!

+Donald
Bishop of Peterborough

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Good to Know . . .

A New Sensory Garden has recently opened in Hall Park.

Rushden Matters tells us that it was created ‘as the result of an idea put forward by councillors and the public, and enabled by the ENC Empowerment Fund from the late Councillor Ron Pinnock.’

They continue, ‘Phillip Reed and other craftsmen have created a glorious sensory garden’, totally in keeping with the park and fully accessible to all. An interactive guide to the garden is under development and will be launched later in the year. Meanwhile you can find this new, quiet, sheltered experience tucked into the corner where the compost used to be made.

From the High St South Entrance keep to the main drive and start looking to your right after you cross the bridge over the brook. As the vista opens up start heading across the grass [before you reach the Hall itself] and you’ll find the garden clustered round a venerable and massive tree trunk complete with owl nesting box and a resident/squatter pigeon in the hole above. No steps or awkward bits involved and a very welcoming seat. A lovely multi-sense break between shopping and home. *Editor*

Community Safety Charter

– NHW has launched a national Community Safety Charter enabling local businesses and individuals to stand up against crimes. **Pledges for the Charter are:** **Promote** a culture that does not tolerate harmful language, antisocial behaviour and hostility toward others. **Enable** others to identify and take an active stance to prevent harassment, antisocial behaviour, hate crime and intimidation within their community.



Report – actively encourage and support others to report harassment, antisocial behaviour and intimidation and share intelligence about these crimes with the relevant authorities. **Support** those affected by harassment, antisocial behaviour and intimidation and refer victims to the appropriate support agency. Bystanders can safely intervene and support victims in accessing where to get help, how and who to report to. The Charter enables everyone to take a positive and proactive approach when witnessing or experiencing confrontation, hostility, or harassment. Signing up to the Charter is quick and easy, visit ourwatch.org.uk/charter.

Chris MacKenzie

Book Review - Tony Smith

What's So Amazing About Grace. by Philip Yancey (2002) [1997]

In the Church we often speak and sing about grace. Philip Yancey in this book asks if we really understand what grace is and is not, and, more importantly, whether we truly believe in it, and let it shape our lives. He poses the challenging question, "Do our lives proclaim it as powerfully as our words"?

Yancey recounts the story of events at a conference held many years ago where experts were debating if there is any belief that is unique to the Christian faith. Speakers pointed out that various religions also had gods appearing in human form and of the dead returning. When asked for his view as to whether there is any belief that is unique to Christianity, C S Lewis responded "Oh, that's easy. It's grace."

Reflecting on the teaching of Jesus on the subject in the Gospels Yancey says that Jesus talked about it often, yet he never analysed or defined it. Instead, he told about grace through the stories we know as parables. Jesus saw grace everywhere. Do we, too often, fail to acknowledge its presence in our lives?

In this book the author asks us to consider with him what grace - God's love for the undeserving - looks like in action in the world. He also asks how we are getting on at lavishing grace on a world that knows far more of cruelty and un-forgiveness than it does of grace and mercy. In every chapter there are practical examples of how grace can combat a wide variety of the world's great and enduring problems.

Yancey insists that grace does not excuse wrong but it treasures the wrongdoer. True grace is shocking, scandalous. It will shake our conventions by insisting that we get close to evil and touch it with God's mercy and hope. We are called to be ministers of God's amazing grace.

I recommend this book and hope that you will read it: that it will graciously bless you and motivate you to be a herald of God's grace in our troubled world. Personally I find that John Newton's hymn "Amazing Grace" always encourages me to meditate on just how amazing is this gift from God. It needs no embellishment or explanation. As we savour its message it assures us that God was and is still gracious to us.

Tony Smith

Mission Matters

“I feel a sense of excitement in my chest whenever I go to work.”



Snakes, stag beetles, birds of prey, nature walks and beautiful villages - these are all to be found in or around Ipswich, the home of our Mission Partner, James Hawksworth and his family. It is about six months since he took on his assignment as Suffolk Centre of Mission Evangelist, and he, Laura, Sam and Becky are settling in well to their new surroundings. James has observed more affluent areas of the town as well as poorer ones and has been made aware of drug use, a few local gangs and some knife incidents, which, as he says, “show the desperate need for community action and God’s loving kindness to be present.”

His ministry in Ipswich is still in its early stages, but he has been encouraged to see good pioneering Christian work going on around him and is very glad to be sharing in what the Lord is already doing. With the support of a dedicated team of church members and the Chaplain of the local schools, he is beginning to take over the leadership of an after school club. This is called ‘Kintsugi Café’ and meets midweek at the local church, St Francis’. Twenty young people attend, and, as James says, it “has been fun and challenging at the same time!” A good relationship has developed between the helpers and the club members, which has led to a further meeting on Sundays.

James is still waiting for access to the schools, Chantry Academy and Suffolk One. This has been delayed by staff shortages and the vetting process, but both schools are happy for him to work with their students. Please pray that he will be able to begin his ministry there in September.

He is very grateful for our continued support. The closure of the King’s Lynn Centre and the enforced termination of his ministry there affected him very deeply. Now, though, he says, he is feeling very blessed. He tells us, “I feel like I have my passion for my ministry back and I feel a sense of excitement in my chest whenever I go to work.”

That is so good to know, isn’t it! Praise the Lord!

Sue Eagles, for The Mission Committee

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... Good To Know

Coming in the October grapevine ...

We have had donated a number of items of technical and sports equipment which might be repurposed as Christmas presents? Look out for them in the October edition and let missjudecurtis@btinternet.com know if you have items you would like to offer.

We will choose one of the charities we support to receive the proceeds.

A Note From Sue Prior

The Greenhouse is up! [see The Back Page] Sue writes, "It sits at the top (going uphill) of the garden with

Steve's raised beds in front of it. It's only been finished a week or so ... it was a generous gift from St Mary's for which we are very grateful."

Thanks, Sue, that's Good To Know!
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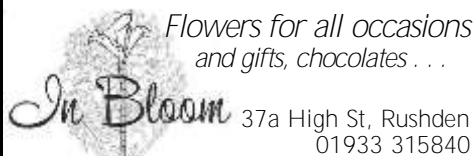
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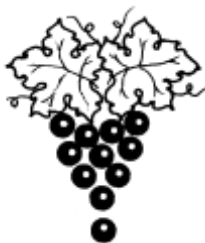
50 years ago

September 1972

From the Rector's Letter

"Mary Whitehouse comes to Rushden on Friday September 29th, to speak at an open meeting in Tennyson Rd Boys Comprehensive School. The Chairman will be Mr. Bert Catlin. Mrs Whitehouse's name must be one of the best known in Britain today and I think it is extremely good of her in a very busy life to come to Rushden. Her strong stand for God and for morality is one desperately needed in our day. Rightly or wrongly I feel that often she is misrepresented."

Rev Michael Wilson



25 years ago

September 1997

From the Curate of St Mary's & Whitefriars

This Summer as other things have slowed down, children's work has gone into overdrive. Dozens of children came through the door of 'In to Win' and 'Going Bananas' the St Mary's and Whitefriars Holiday Clubs respectively. As you read this 'Pete's Pack' at Newton are doing their own Holiday Club. At the end of the holidays there is a special service, barbecue and the re-launch of St Peter's Sunday Club. If you live that side of town - do go along: it's not to be missed!

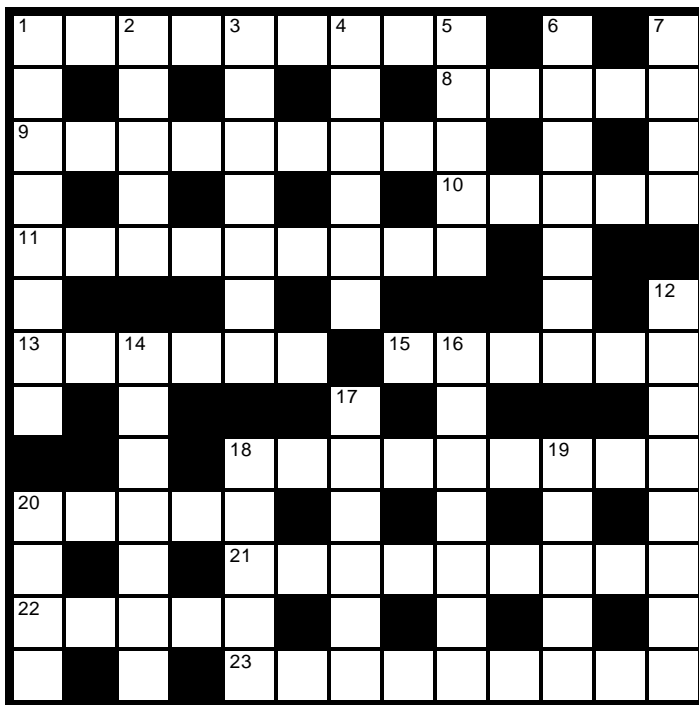
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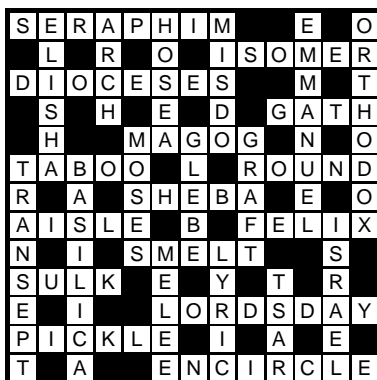
- 1 Third OT book (9)
 8 Son of Abraham (5)
 9 Third anniversary (9)
 10 '--- with me', (hymn) (5)
 11 King in a Christmas carol (9)
 13 Six feet of water (6)
 15 Bewail (6)
 18 Jewish place of worship (9)
 20 Oversentimental (5)
 21 Short story (9)
 22 Set of beliefs (5)
 23 Scrumptious (9)



DOWN

- 1 She was turned into a pillar of salt (4,4)
 2 Rude hand-signal (1-4)
 3 Goal net (anag.) (7)
 4 Cold (6)
 5 Companion of Paul (5)
 6 Biblical sea (7)
 7 God's --, burial ground (4)
 12 Basilica in Vatican City (2,6)
 14 Seducer (7)
 16 Heavenly (7)
 17 Snuffle (6)
 18 Church council (5)
 19 Reach (3,2)
 20 Denomination (4)

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Belfry Gossip

As mentioned last time, we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at St Mary's with a Peal. We now have a new peal board in the belfry which records that event and it is displayed alongside several others which record royal events.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS				
ON THURSDAY JUNE 2nd 2022				
IN 2 HOURS 57 MINUTES				
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR				
Composed by RICHARD I. ALLTON				
SIMON J. DIXON	Treble	PAUL M. MASON	5	
JAMES M. BENCE	2	JAMES F. THORPE	6	
HELENA M. THORPE	3	RICHARD I. ALLTON	7	
KEITH W. BROWN	4	TOBY A. BENCE	Time	
Conducted by TOBY A. BENCE				
RUNG TO CELEBRATE THE PLATINUM JUBILEE OF				
H. M. QUEEN ELIZABETH II,				
FIRST OF BRISTOL: 8.				
Rector: Interregnum				
Church wardens: PAUL ADAMS, KATE WOODFIELD				

To welcome new Rector Tom King and his family to Rushden, we rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples following his induction service so all around could hear. Welcome Tom and family.

At last we have had the wire mesh, which was blown down during the gales at Eastertime, replaced in the window of the bell chamber. The pigeons who had moved in, were chased out before the mesh was installed and we are now pigeon-free. Although we no longer get feathers falling into the ringing chamber each week, and the clock should not slow down again, there is still much cleaning up to do among the bells and around the clock. This will be done when it is cooler.

We recently held our annual BBQ, kindly hosted by Simon and Cathy. Our ringers, families and ringing friends enjoyed what turned out to be nice weather following a damp morning. It took its usual form of bring and share salads and sweets, with your own meat being cooked for you. It was so nice to see everyone there and have plenty of time to chat. Thank you Simon and Cathy.

Since last time the Wellingborough Branch has had ringing meetings at Isham (6 bells), Orlingbury (6) and Ecton (6). These were all well supported and enjoyable because it allows ringers to meet up and ring together, and Ecton had some wonderful cakes for us during a short break and meeting to catch up on news and elect new members.

The proposed striking competition, to be held at Wilby (6), unfortunately had to be called off due to a lack of teams wishing to enter. Hopefully next year there will enough teams for it to go ahead again.

Tintinnabulum

Church Diary

September

- 5 **Monday: 7.00pm - PCC meeting**
- 6 **Tuesday: 10.00-12noon - Crafts & Coffee in the Church Hall.** This month we will be making cards with cut outs. Further information from Lynne Prior on 01933 353655 or lynne@lateralflow.co.uk
Tuesday: 7.30pm - An Evening to Support the Egyptian Christian Family currently living in Higham - full details on p13
- 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 on 8 October.** We will be joined by members of other local churches.
- 10 **Saturday: 10.00-6.00pm [Newton] and 10.00-4.00pm [St Mary's] Ride & Stride** [Northamptonshire Historical Churches Trust] takes place at Newton & St Mary's - specific details in their News sections.
Saturday: 7.30pm - Quiz Night in The Swan, Newton to raise money for Marie Curie.
- 11 **Sunday: 10.30am - Joint Church Service at St Mary's followed by a shared lunch:** more details in St Mary's News on p4 &9
- 13 **Tuesday: 12.30 to 2pm: Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship (DEF) prayer meeting:** Andrew Presland (01933 316927) has more details.
- 14 **Wednesday: 2.15pm - The Ladies Group** meets in the Church Hall for a talk by **Sue Eagles - "Stuff & Nonsense"**
- 17 **Saturday: 9.30-12 noon - Who Let The Dads Out?** in the Church Hall: see Box on p10
Saturday: 9.00 - 12noon - Decorating St Mary's for Harvest
- 18 **Sunday: 6.30 - 8.30pm - Evening Teaching Sessions in the Hall - see article on p5**

October

- 4 **Tuesday: 10.00-12noon - Crafts & Coffee** in the Church Hall. The activity is **Therapeutic Colouring** - there will not be a charge for materials at this session: just £1.50 admission.
- 8 **Saturday: 10.00am onwards - Volunteering Day at Midshires Covert.** Contact Andrew Presland for more details nearer the time.
- 9 **Sunday: 10.00am - Harvest Festival at Newton - see p12**
- 11 **Tuesday: 7.30pm - Newton's Harvest Sale in The Swan - see p12**
- 12 **Wednesday: 2.15pm - St Mary's Ladies' Group** meets in the church hall for a talk with **Rev Tom King.**

Services for September 2022

St Mary's
Rushden

St Peter's
Newton Bromswold

Sunday 4 September - Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 11 September - Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am	Joint Service	11.00am	Holy Communion
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Sunday 18 September - Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity - Harvest Festival @ St Mary's

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

Sunday 25 September - Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Midweek Services in St Mary's Church

Thursdays September 8, 15, 22 & 29
at 10.30am - Holy Communion [BCP]

Please see Tom's note on p12 about plans to change the time for
Newton Services, beginning Sunday 2 October, to 10.00am.

Live-Streaming

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

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