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The death of Queen Elizabeth II and succession of

Charles III was certainly not one of the changes I was imagining in the last grapevine. But it has happened, and been marked, mourned and, equally, celebrated in a very British way, with characteristic attention to detail and a welcome absence of over-the-top demonstrations of public and corporate grief.

It feels, bizarrely, more like a family occasion than a state affair: one of which we are all a part, with maximum flexibility to mark this passing in any way that feels appropriate to each individual.

May Her Majesty rest in the peace of the Lord.

Jude Curtis, Editor



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Tom writes . . .



Hello all,

September has already proven a momentous month, with changes coming thick and fast. First of all, the loss of Queen Elizabeth II, who led and guided our country for so long, and the accession of King Charles; then the change of Prime Minister (again); then the volatility of the economy; then the official confirmation of the warmest summer ever recorded.

With so many changes in such a short time, it is easy to think that this is an especially difficult time. But of course, this is not so; difficult times can occur at any point. This has certainly been shown in the retrospectives on the life of the late Queen, who oversaw massive social and economic changes across the span of her reign.

Yet as it was for her, so it can be for any of us: it is our Christian faith that is always best placed to offer a remedy and a solution to the riddle of human struggles. The late Queen's dedication to duty and leadership was founded on this premise and this helped her through significant trials.

Faith in Jesus, who by his sacrifice on the Cross and resurrection from the dead has overcome the human distortion of God's will in us, ushers in the profound hope that our struggles now are being, and shall be, transformed by the glory of God's presence with us forever.

And this hope is present now, as well as being in the future. God's Holy Spirit empowers us to live as he calls us to – when we trust him and when we let him. The direct consequence of this faith, therefore, is two-fold. First, it imparts the call ever to be faithful to God as Jesus was, and as God is faithful to us in him. Second, it also requires of us that we not keep this to ourselves.

As we saw with the late Queen, faith, and faithfulness, inspires duty; but acquitting duty by itself is not faithfulness. Nor is faithfulness

*'God abides in those who
confess that Jesus
is the Son of God, and they
abide in God.'*

(1 John 4.15 NRSV)

merely the repetition of service. Faithfulness does not mean battenning down the hatches so that, come what may, we preserve the content of our faith. Do we believe that our faith is so fragile that we cannot risk engaging with those beyond our community of believers? No; Christian faith and faithfulness are dynamic, living things because they come from God himself.

Christian faithfulness is a constant and abiding relationship with our God, our Lord and Saviour, who loves us, and gives of himself to us. The Christian obligation to witness to Christ thus involves the whole of our lives, what we say as well as what we do. We need to proclaim in word and deed, to those near and far, that it is Christ who has transformed our lives, from sin and fear to joy and healing.

'God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God,' said the Apostle John. It is for the purpose of rediscovering this deep sense of abiding, in the love God bears for us, and the enthusiasm of joy and healing that springs forth, that we at St. Mary's have embarked on a process of prayer and discernment. The future of the church in every age, and so especially now our own future, depends on our seeking the will of God in this moment, seeking how we should order our lives in true faithfulness.

Through this process we refocus on allowing God to share every moment with us. We acknowledge his sovereignty that guides us in confessing Christ, in witnessing most effectively to Christ, in living and ministering for Christ, and abiding in Christ forever.

Rev Tom King

More change . . .



As many of the contributions in last month's grapevine stressed - we are all embarking on a period of change and I am no exception.

Who would have thought just those brief weeks ago that the change that we are now, inevitably, focussed on is, of a different order entirely? The death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and the succession of her son, Charles III has commanded our attention to the exception of nearly all else since the announcement of her illness and then, shockingly soon after, of her death on Thursday 8 September.

The BBC are providing an almost seamless stream of information, commentary and images as the complexity of such an event becomes apparent. Structures of government and loyalties between peoples are being revealed at baffling speed, alongside that unique British ability to take just about everything in their stride, and be revealed as pre-prepared for all eventualities.

What a refreshing and gloriously restrained but genuinely felt reaction. I have to strategically forget that it was exactly that restraint that made me rebel in my teenage years and beyond. Very rarely, but very felicitously, advancing age and infirmity allows you to command some degree of restraint.

Which brings me, rather clumsily, to another change. You will see in the PCC Notes - for those few of you who read those and not this Editorial first - that I am finally planning a retirement from the editorial desk of grapevine.

My involvement in running the Church Office up to 2012 followed very smartly upon the end of my highly significant Alpha course and re-joining St Mary's church family after a gap of some 30+ years, back in 2000. At that point my day job was a freelance artwork consultancy and - guess what - I'd just happily folded the free, local, listings magazine I owned, called Barfly, which carried events and information on what was happening in local entertainment venues, theatres, pubs, clubs and all places west. This had been created using Serif DTP software on a learning curve for which I'd [foolishly] allowed three weeks in, I think, 1993. Barfly survived successfully through a pulmonary embolism, and, a year later cancer, right to December 2019 when I took off for the

Galapagos and an unscheduled sighting of Mick Jagger in a bar in Cartagena - I know: too much information - but you couldn't make it up!

Becky Hatfield - then our Children and Family Worker - introduced me to Publisher software and I never looked back. The office took back printing grapevine from the commercial printer, Steve, who had, entirely coincidentally taken over my father's printing business [and his beloved Heidelbergs] quite a few years earlier.

Margaret remained grapevine editor until late 2004, when, under a tad of pressure from diocese and the then Rector, grapevine was relaunched in the format it has today - which, entirely coincidentally of course, bears a startling similarity to Barfly.

2012, and my retirement as Office Administrator and the church office's move from the hut to the church hall instantly improved printing and general quality. Circulation is still growing and grapevine is read from USA to Australia as well as serving as an aide memoire and reliable [usually] source of information for the current congregations. The March 2020 editorial on the Ayrshire sunset, which narrowly presaged Covid arriving in Britain, was read out on early Sunday morning's BBC Northampton in its entirety. I'm inordinately proud of that - although it did seem to go on a bit!

In fact I'm very proud of what grapevine has achieved: of its many contributors and the variety of its points of views. But for it to continue help is needed! Are you computer literate, used to working with Publisher and willing to learn more? Do you already have ideas about developing content and presentation? If so then please get in touch - via email is best, but I'm happy to be flagged down for a chat.

More than one person would probably be a bonus: creating ten editions a year that are accurate, good to look at, and contain interesting and relevant content is inevitably time-consuming and stressful. I'm just being realistic here, but there's nothing quite like the feel of the first copy off the press after a week of late nights, eye strain and total exhaustion.

Jude Curtis, [current] Editor

- hopefully, soon to be 'emerita'.



St Mary's News

From the Registers

Baptisms

Sunday 28 August

Esther Grace Smedley
Thomas George Smedley

Weddings

Saturday 27 August

Hayley Papworth &
John Thompson

Saturday 3 September

Charlotte Louise Williamson &
Lee Anthony Pinnock

Funerals

Tuesday 23 August

Iris Everitt Gilbert [97]

Tuesday 30 August

Paul Robert Burton [75]

Monday 12 September

Dorothy Lee [82]

broken toilet and pigeon netting, have been carried out.

Louise Skinner, as Treasurer, updated the PCC on our finances.

A **key amnesty** was agreed in order to locate all previous keys and fobs.

C1 level of safeguarding is to be undertaken by all PCC members and the policy will be on display in the office, hall and church, once finalised.

Other matters discussed included **risk assessments, retirement of Jude as editor of Grapevine and the employment of a part time administrator.**

The Teaching series was explained and discussed as well as the **discernment period through to the end of March 2023.** Details of the schedule for the discernment period following the week of 24/7 prayer will be communicated in the weekly notices and website.

Much needed **accessibility changes** to the church entrance, Wi-Fi issues and office equipment were also discussed.

Date of next meeting: Monday November 7, at 7.00pm in the Lower Vestry Hall.

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

Summary of PCC Meeting held on **Monday 5 September 2022** at 7.00pm when 18 members of the PCC were present. Various **maintenance works**, including a

Crafts and Coffee/Tea

The next meeting is on Tuesday 4

October 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 lynne@lateralflow.co.uk

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.

St Mary's Ladies' Group . . .

will meet again on **Wednesday October 12** at 2.15pm in the Church Hall when the speaker will be **Rev Tom King**. For more information about joining the group contact Cynthia Brown: 01933 359590

October 2022

Behind the Communion Table

- 2 Peter White [arr. by Jude Curtis]
- 9 Kathy and Chris MacKenzie
- 16 Paula Williams
- 23 Mary Hadley
- 30 Judy Perkins [arr. by Ann Harris]

Memorial Chapel

- 2 Mike Gaul in memory of Judy

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

Ride & Stride and Open Church - Saturday 10 September

The attendance for **Ride and Stride** was low this year, but we did have a number of people looking at the **Church records** and looking round the church generally. Not surprisingly the death of The Queen did have an impact on attendance.

Martin Compton

Mission Quiz 2022

Peter Chamberlain's latest quiz is now available at £1 for Mission funds, from Peter in church or at cephasxwords@gmail.com or 01933 386826.

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 15 October

9.30am - 12noon

St Mary's Church Hall

Adults £5: children free

Just turn up!

Ladies' Group

Our meeting on **Wednesday September 14** started with in an appropriately sombre mood as Cynthia led two minutes of silence. We then joined in singing the National Anthem for our new King.

Brenda lead us in prayer, and Christina accompanied a beautiful hymn, and we heard a reading from Matthew 6.

Sue Eagles was our speaker - who had titled her talk, "Stuff & Nonsense"! Aged only 9 she gave her life to Jesus, and not long after watched some African tribesmen on TV. She quickly realized they hadn't

heard about Jesus and remembers thinking, "Someone ought to tell them!"

Years later, in 1977, she travelled to West Africa as a Christian Missionary - destination Upper Volta - now known as Burkina Faso, where she came to work with, and for, the Birifor tribe. Sue lived in a tiny bush village: one of the poorest places in one of the poorest countries in the world. These people lived in simple mud houses, owning very little and really only eating when the unpredictable weather allowed. There were dry and rainy seasons, but often 'hungry seasons' if the rains failed. Children often didn't live beyond five, with many diseases, insufficient food, coupled with contaminated water making their poor lives even harder.

Sue did cause a ripple of laughter telling about the man who proposed to her! She turned him down - but said he'd had a lucky escape as she would have been hopeless at carrying wood and water on her head!

She concluded - to lengthy and well-deserved applause - that we should all strive to be thankful and more content with what we are, remembering that all our gifts come from, and belong to, God.

Ann Smith

Newton News

Queen Elizabeth II (1926-2022)

As a nation, we are coming to terms with the sad news of the death of Her Majesty the Queen, our longest reigning sovereign. Her life has been an example of Christian duty, charity and service and The Queen will remain an inspiration to all those who seek to do good in the world. She has been The Queen for longer than most of us have been alive and she leaves us a rich legacy.

Following the announcement of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8 September 2022, a period of national mourning began and St Peter's Church was open for prayer, and a picture of the Queen and a book of condolences was available to sign. On Sunday 11 September prayers were said for the Queen and for Charles III and the national anthem was sung to mark his accession.

Church Bike Ride

The Northants
Historic Churches
Trust Church Bike

Ride took place on **Saturday 10 September** and it was a lovely sunny day for it this year. Newton had visitors from Hargrave, Higham Ferrers and Stoke Doyle.



From the Registers

Baptisms

Sunday 4 September

Arthur Eric Andrew Coulson

Weddings

Saturday 20 August

Alice Savage &
Nicholas Altham*

Harvest Festival and Harvest Sale

The Harvest Festival 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 Ackerley will be acting as auctioneer. Gifts of Harvest Produce welcome.

Quiz Night

The Quiz Night on Sunday 11 September raised £175 for the Marie Cure Charity. Thank you to Sam and Mike for hosting the Quiz Night and for all your support.

Abi and Sophie

Flower Rota - October

- 2 Mrs Beeby
- 23 Mrs Rosemary Coulson

* See photos on The Back Page:

Alice had always wanted to come to church by tractor. She attended Pete's Pack from the age of 3.

Good To Know

Main points from the update meeting about the Egyptian Christian family currently living in Higham Ferrers, held on Tuesday 6 September:

- About a dozen people attended - including the family: Therese, Mobi and Lilly.
- Glyn Ackerley reported on the events that had affected the family so far, following their arrival in Northampton in January 2019. This included various concerns about the way in which the family's case for asylum had been considered by Home Office officials and the generosity of Christian Concern in providing a barrister to fight the case.
- The next step, following a recent successful appeal, was for the legal process to start again, with a second lower tier hearing, scheduled for 25-26 October in Birmingham. A decision should then be announced within three months
- Donations already pledged by many generous local people would allow the family to stay in their current accommodation until the end of January if needed - but more would be required if the family had to stay later than that, or if utility

costs etc increased by more than had been forecast.

- Although the family's basic allowance of £110 per week covered the basic costs, such as food, those present identified several other ways in which the family could be supported, such as getting Mobi's ID card updated, using the local food bank for some items and by providing a calculator for Lilly to use at school.
- The need for some other types of support was also identified: such as further support for Lilly as she navigates the needs of secondary school, and support for Therese as she seeks a job in a local care home - one of the types of work that she is permitted to do.
- The next meeting is likely to be a prayer meeting a few days before the hearing on 25 and 26 October: details to be finalised.

In the meantime, please contact Bob Bates (01933 358005) about donating towards accommodation costs, or Andrew Presland (01933 316927) or Glyn Ackerley (07595 171748) on anything else.



Good To Know

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 13 October when 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.



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- A great way of making a strong password is by combining three random words
- Never share account credentials with anyone no matter who they claim to be
- Consider using a reputable password manager if you have multiple accounts
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- Use a credit card or trusted payment provider when making online purchases
- Never accept requests to pay by bank transfer, vouchers or Paypal Friends & Family
- Always remember to sign out of the account when finished
- Close old or dormant online accounts that you no longer use

Chris MacKenzie

Good To Know continues on p16

Reading the Bible

*“Every man will sit under his own vine
and under his own fig tree,
and no-one will make them afraid,
for the Lord Almighty has spoken.”*



Perhaps we all have favourite passages of Scripture: just those one or two verses we know by heart - that follow us around as eternal sources of comfort or challenge. I'm probably not alone in finding most in the New Testament, but one of mine is Micah 4.4 above – and I still haven't entirely fathomed why it has such a strong emotional attraction, and speaks to me so strongly. I just have to accept it – and commit to nurturing the fig tree and the vine in my backyard until I do work it out!

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Bishop John spent two weeks of the summer at the Lambeth Conference in Canterbury and the Bank Holiday Weekend at the Greenbelt Festival in Boughton near Kettering.

He reflects on these two experiences;

“Lambeth was wonderful. Everything I had hoped for and more, with very little of the trouble many had feared. Over one thousand Christian leaders from all over the world gathered to pray, read the bible, worship, discuss important issues and share each other's lives. There was astonishing diversity, yet we largely agreed on the important questions. When we disagreed, it was with respect and mutual understanding. Archbishop Justin's leadership was magnificent and magnanimous – contributing towards the health of the gathering.

It was also utterly fascinating, meeting people from such different places and hearing their stories of faith. We formed some precious new friendships across the globe and for me it was super to meet our Korean link bishops who afterwards visited Northampton and Kettering. We also had great fun, an episcopal conga and singing “Take me home, country roads” to the Bishop of West Virginia with a group of American bishops before the closing service in the Cathedral were highlights. So was the raucous cheer of recognition from the Canterbury volunteers when the Archbishop tried to arrive incognito at the final barbeque!

We were very aware of the prayers of God's people for the success of our gathering and I was much encouraged by a card from the Little Gidding Quiet Day. Alongside the major theme of the Environment and tackling the global Climate crisis, we heard moving stories from Indigenous or First Nation Christians from Aotearoa (New Zealand), Australia and North America. Since the conference I've been using one of their prayer books as it has a beautifully simple way of reading the bible. It suggest 3 questions; ‘What word, idea or sentence stands out for you in the reading?’ ‘What is Jesus saying to you?’ and ‘What is Jesus calling you to do?’ These questions also helped make sense of another great Greenbelt Festival – what stands out, what is Jesus saying and what is Jesus asking us to do? 10,000 mostly younger Christians gathered to wrestle with the deep discipleship questions – what does it mean to follow Jesus today and many of us were inspired for Christian living.

It's been a good summer. More details of the Conference and Festival are available on their websites. I pray that you may be inspired to walk in Jesus' footsteps this autumn.”

With my love, prayers and best wishes,



+John
Bishop of Brixworth

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Good to Know . . .

Avoiding peak-time use could cut energy bills

What time do you tend to cook, put the washing on or use the dishwasher? Later in the afternoon and into the evening by any chance? If you can minimise or avoid using high-power appliances during peak hours of 17:00 and 20:00, it could soon lead to discounts on electricity bills. National Grid ESO is launching a scheme ... which reportedly could help save as much as £6 per kWh and is likely to apply to homes that have smart meters installed. Watch out for further announcements.

Embrace the Middle East

The latest edition of the **Embrace ME** magazine is out and downloadable at **embraceme.org**. It concentrates on the Fifteenth Anniversary of the **Gaza Blockade**, the impact of which, they say, 'is devastating, particularly in Gaza's health sector ... The Mobile Medical Team, [are] ...'bringing much-needed medical aid to people under siege'



and a growing membership. If you've not already done so, go to Slow Ways [**slowways.org**] to catch up on the latest from this brilliant initiative.

Pakistan floods

Don't forget the tragic situation in Pakistan following the recent devastating flooding. The **British Red Cross** is one of fifteen charities involved in an emergency appeal. If you want to donate go to **redcross.org.uk** for more information.



Weeks after the Pet's Service, nobody had claimed the monkey

Book Review - Tony Smith

***Design and Natural Selection: a Comparative Study*, Richard Toosey** (Michael Terence) 2022

'I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.' Familiar words to all Christians. Surely, they can only be said with integrity if we believe them to be the truth? Atheists, of which there are many in our society, cannot give - nor wish to give - their assent to these words because, in their view and in their wish, there is no God, and it therefore follows that we cannot have been created by Him.

Richard Toosey, is the second St Mary's author to publish a book in recent months. It is clear from the profusion of his references that he has studied many of the books that show the current state of the debate on the subject of creation.

He shows that there is now a wide body of informed opinion in the scientific community and in the wider academic world that rejects Darwin's theory of evolution as not credible or proven. The current debate is not between science and religion. The focus has shifted to well-founded criticism of Darwin's science, but, of course, what is now being discussed, has major repercussions for Christianity and

for the world view that is pervasive in our society today.

Richard writes 'Conceived as a general theory of design, natural selection assumes small [changes] that favour survival, while unfavourable changes do not survive, but how far does this work as a design method? Can it be tested?'

This is a very relevant question because the requirement for experimental proof is a fundamental requirement of the scientific method, something that was emphasised to me in a conversation with the theoretical physicist John Polkinghorne FRS, former Professor of Mathematical Physics at Cambridge University. (Sorry about the name-dropping).

Richard also writes 'An analysis of the different elements of systematic design and their susceptibility to discovery by unguided incremental steps, forms the central study of this book' I hope that you will take up the challenge to engage with the overview of the current controversies over creation that this short book provides. If you wish to discuss the contents of his book I believe that Richard will be happy to do so. *Tony Smith*

Mission Matters

Church Army - A bigger picture

When we think of Church Army we maybe call to mind members whom we knew in the past. Some of us will recall Sister LeLerre, who worked here at St Mary's, and who, clad in her severe grey uniform, seemed very formidable to me as a young Pathfinder, but who was, in fact, a kind and rather shy person, as I discovered later. In recent years, it has been so good to meet and support Yvonne Desroches and now James Hawksworth, as he became involved in 'Centres of Mission' in King's Lynn and now Ipswich.

The ministry of Church Army, though, reaches out to many people in many ways. There are numerous 'Centres of Mission' in the UK and Ireland - each one unique, and tailored to the specific needs of its area.

Also, there are a number of 'Frontline Projects'. Ty Bronna works with homeless young people in Cardiff, providing them with accommodation and supporting them into independent living. In Cardiff, there is the Amber Project which supports young people who have experience of self-harm. In London, the Marylebone Project is the largest women's - only hostel in the capital, providing a life-changing service for homeless women, many of whom have reached a crisis point in their lives.

The Church Army seeks to show God's compassion and love in very practical ways and to share with everyone the wonderful Good News of new life through Jesus. If you are able, please do look on line to learn more of their inspiring work and to read about their great appreciation of their late Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

Sue Eagles, for The Mission Committee



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... A Prayer for The Queen

Almighty God,

The one whom is endless love, who is overall and in all.

You are the creator of all life.

We give you thanks for your servant, Queen Elizabeth II,
to whom you granted a long and fulfilling life, and for her
unwavering sense of duty to this nation.

Shine upon her your grace and the light of your heavenly
company.

Grant that she may be wrapped in your loving presence in
your eternal kingdom.

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in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
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50 years ago

October 1972

Rushden Crusade

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St Mary's Girl Guides

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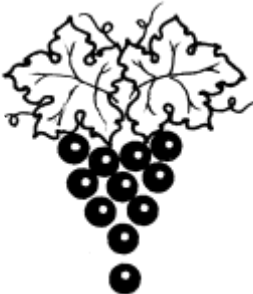
At The Institute

Friday October 6th

7.30-9 p.m.

Admission 10p[including refreshments]

Children 5p



25 years ago

October 1997

Ringling In 2000

More bellringers are needed to help ring in the Millennium.

People are already in training in readiness for a special service to be held at noon on New Year's Day 2000 in as many churches as possible across the country.

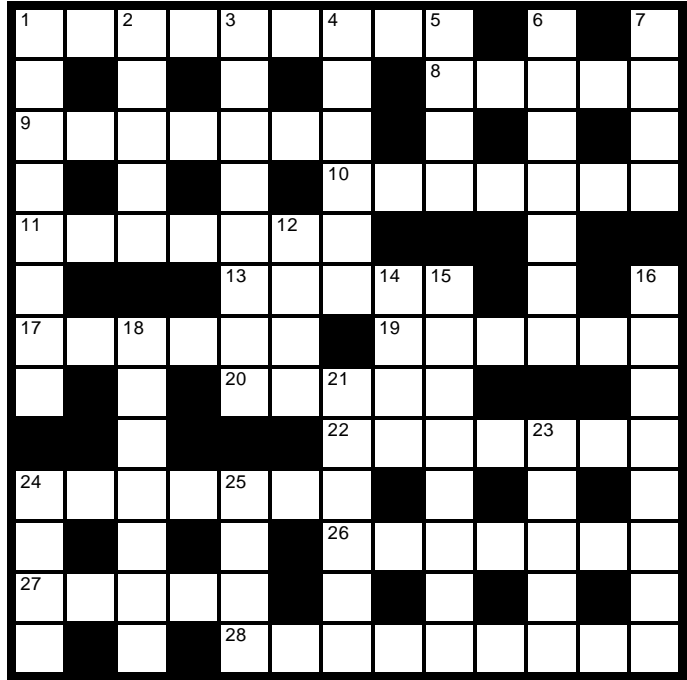
The plan, being arranged by the Open Churches Trust, is that every service on that day should begin with five minutes of bellringing.

Bellringing societies have been brushing up their skills during the past year in readiness to train new bellringers. It takes time to learn bellringing, so a national recruitment drive has been launched.

Crossword No. 392

ACROSS

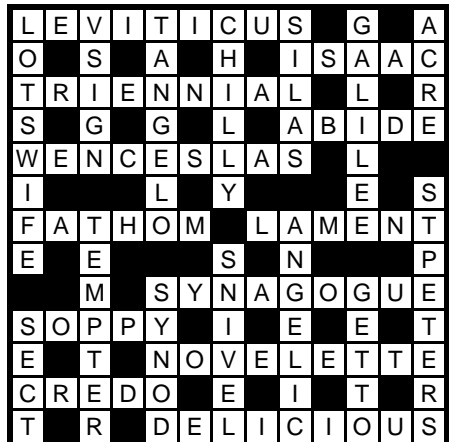
- 1 Very small man Jesus saw up a tree (Luke 19) (9)
 8 NT king (5)
 9 Town west of Galashiels (7)
 10 Two NT books (7)
 11 Relievo (anag.) (7)
 13 Heart artery (5)
 17 Coming of Christ (6)
 19 Liturgical heading (6)
 20 OT king (5)
 22 NT letter (7)
 24 One using sleight-of-hand (7)
 26 Creation (7)
 27 Find by chance (3,2)
 28 Nanny (9)



DOWN

- 1 Wife of Moses (8)
 2 Greek island (5)
 3 Biblical Palestine (4,4)
 4 Spring festival (6)
 5 Son of Noah (4)
 6 Member of a religious order (7)
 7 Vortex (4)
 12 Jot (4)
 14 Tour (4)
 15 Formal interview (with Pope perhaps) (8)
 16 Retrieved info (8)
 18 Latin version of the Bible (7)
 21 Church attendant (6)
 23 Asset (anag.), girl's name (5)
 24 Gospel writer (4)
 25 King's --, town in Norfolk (4)

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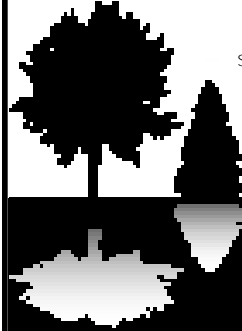
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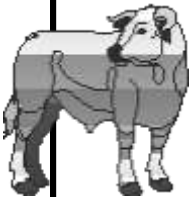


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Belfry Gossip

We are in a period of change. During the last month we have rung joyfully as two couples started their married lives together, we have lost one of our ringers as he moved back to Ipswich, and in the last little while Queen Elizabeth II has died and we have a new monarch, King Charles III.

Just before Roger moved back to Ipswich we rang a Quarter Peal, which he conducted, to wish him well for the future. Roger learnt to ring in Rushden around 1960 and was a mainstay here until he moved away in 1970, but he came to ring with us whenever he visited his parents. Thank you Roger for ringing with us again while you were back in Rushden.

Only a short time ago we were celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with joyful ringing: unfortunately we are now in a period of mourning following her death. The Tenor was tolled for 45 minutes starting at noon on the following day, as most churches in the country were doing, and then the muffles were fitted so that any ringing during the period of mourning would be half-muffled, as requested by the palace.

(Half-muffled is when a piece of leather is fixed to one side of the clapper of the bell in order to create the normal shrill sound on one strike and a quieter sound on the next strike. This creates a kind of echo.)

A Quarter Peal was rung in remembrance, and also ringing the bells prior to Her Majesty's funeral.

We have not forgotten that we now have a new King to celebrate, but we feel that it would be better if ringing for this was delayed a little so it will not conflict with the period of mourning for the Queen.

The Wellingborough Branch has not had any ringing meetings during the last month but an outing to four towers in Bedfordshire was planned to take place in September but as this would have been just before the Queen's funeral it has been postponed to a later date.

The Guild Summer Festival and 8-bell striking competition, in which we will have a Branch team entering, is scheduled to take place in Rutland at the end of September, but more about that next time.

Tintinnabulum

Church Diary

October

- 2 **Sunday: 6.00-9.00pm - Teaching Series** in the Church Hall
- 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 ...
Saturday: 5.30pm - Peterborough Choir Festival at Peterborough Cathedral. More information from Rosemary Nayyar: 01933 418539 or rosemarynayyar@gmail.com
- 9 **Sunday: 10.00am - Harvest Festival at Newton - see p11**
Sunday: 6.00-9.00pm - Teaching Series in the Church Hall
- 11 **Tuesday: 7.30pm - Newton's Harvest Sale in The Swan - see p11**
- 12 **Wednesday: 2.15pm - St Mary's Ladies' Group** meets in the church hall for a talk with **Rev Tom King**.
- 16, 23, 30 **Sunday: 6.30-9.00pm - Teaching Series** in the Church Hall

November

- 1 **Tuesday: 10.00-12 noon - Crafts & Coffee** in the Church Hall.
- 6, 13, 20, 27 **Sunday: 6.30-9.00pm - Teaching Series** in the Church Hall
- 7 **Monday: 7.00pm - PCC meeting** in the Lower Hall
- 9 **Wednesday: 2.15pm - St Mary's Ladies' Group** meets in the Church Hall where **Jude Curtis** will be talking about 'Wanderlust'



"Due to our failure to secure a holiday-relief organist, the next hymn will also be sung to the tune, *Chopsticks*."

Services for October 2022



St Peter's
Newton Bromswold

Sunday 2 October - Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am All Age Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service
11.15am Morning Prayer

Sunday 9 October - Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am All Age Service 10.00am Harvest Festival
11.15am Morning Prayer

Sunday 16 October - Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am All Age Service & Parade Service 10.00am Family Service
11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 23 October - Last Sunday after Trinity/Bible Sunday

9.30am All Age Service 10.00am Holy Communion
11.15am Morning Prayer

Sunday 30 October - Fourth Sunday before Advent

9.30am All Age Service 10.00am Special Service for
11.15am Morning Prayer All Saints and All
Souls

Midweek Services in St Mary's Church

Thursdays October 6, 13, 20, 27
at 10.30am - Holy Communion [BCP]

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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