

Midsummer Newsletter

June - July 2023



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Items for the
August/September
Newsletter should be sent
by
Sunday 16 July
to
St Mary's Church Office

Tom King writes . . .



Hello again! I am sure many of you, like me, were watching the Coronation of Charles III on 6 May. Perhaps you were struck by the splendour, the pageantry and the vividness of colours. The previous Coronation of the late Queen Elizabeth II was the first to be broadcast on television, but of course it was in black-and-white. To see it this time in the same vibrancy of colour as those who were in the Abbey was a first and connects us even more clearly to the spectacle of the event. It was also striking to be reminded that the whole event took place in the context of an act of worship. The language and the traditions, some of which date back to the tenth century, are intrinsically bound up with the Christian faith, witnessed to primarily by the anointing of the King for his service and his call – a particular feature that is deliberately biblical in its allusions.

Indeed, so much of the symbolism is caught up in biblical imagery that these can easily convince us of the rightness of such a setting. We may then forget what a difficult relationship it is that exists between temporal power and spiritual authority. In this Christian setting, the anointing of the monarch speaks of the calling on them to act, think and rule in like manner to the true Anointed One, the King of Kings, who sets for us all the pattern of right living before God and in our dealings with other people. Yet Jesus, that true King, to whom all authority and power have been given, is the same one who emptied himself of divine prerogative, humbled himself as a servant to all, and repudiated all trappings of worldly wealth, power and acclaim for the sake of the least important. Instead, he was born into poverty, lived a very ordinary life in youth, suffered utterly humiliating pain and death, and bore in himself the consequences of human rebellion against God's love and authority. If the Coronation of King Charles were conducted in that manner, we would presumably have had none of the colour, the gold and jewels - as evocative as they are of God's glory and splendour - or the trappings of government or state.

So, for us here in Rushden, followers of Christ who wish to be 'godly and quietly governed,' let us continue to pray for King Charles. He now inhabits a space of tension: of duty and service in the pattern of the Master, and of temptation to be drawn aside by the things of this world. Pray for him, that God would strengthen and equip him to be the ruler of this nation in true justice, grace and steadfast faith in imitation of Jesus. And for all of us pray that Jesus himself, our risen and exalted Saviour, would continue to show us too how we might deal justly, mercifully and humbly with one another and so fulfil the law of Christ. Blessings, Tom

St Mary's News

Summary of APCM meeting held on Sunday 16 April 2023 at 1.30pm

At the vestry meeting held on Sunday 16 April, Paul Adams and Mike Gaul were **elected church wardens** and Helen Smedley and James Woodfield **elected deputy church wardens**. Revd Tom King thanked Kate Woodfield for her support and dedication as outgoing church warden.

Minutes of last year's APCM were read and the **electoral roll of 180 members adopted**.

Financial report presented by Marion Bates. Rector's, Secretary's and Safeguarding reports were approved and agreed.

Deanery Synod representation was discussed. We are allowed 4.5 so Carolyn Wignall, Helen Smedley, James Mellor, and Tony Smith will remain as representatives. PPC - uncontested, so Liz Coleman, Martin Compton, Lynne Prior and Kate Woodfield were duly elected.

Motion to reduce PCC in 2024 from 15 to 10. Other matters were discussed including Home groups, Signing and Inclusivity, Music styles and Worship. Meeting ended with a prayer and The Grace.

PCC meeting followed

As the working group from previous PCC meeting had met to discuss future of investments, the PCC agreed to the wholesale transfer to current provider IFSL CAF.

Paul Adams elected Vice Chair, Louise Skinner as Treasurer and Jennie Bone as secretary.

Children's Society Quiz

The new **Summer Quiz** entitled '**The Phrase Game**' is now available from Pam Bailey 01933 313195, Sam (Church Office), Mary Hadley and Joy Holloway.

Thank you all for taking part in our Winter Quiz. We made a profit of £282.50.

The Three winners were:-

Mrs J Joyce of Wellingborough,
Mrs L Knight of Chelveston and
Mr Walsh of Bristol.
All received £10 each.

We hope you enjoy the new quiz.
- Mrs. Joy Holloway

Crafts and Coffee/Tea

The next meetings are on **Tuesday 6 June and 4 July**. On Tuesday 6 June they will be '**Knitting for Charity**'. For further information contact Lynne: 353655 or lynne@lateralflow.co.uk.



Flower Rotas

Behind the Communion Table

June

- 4 Kath & Chris MacKenzie
11 Ellen Inwood
18 Dorothy Jones [arranged by
Jude Curtis]
25 Julie West

July

- 2 Ann Harris
9 Barbara Coxon
16 Julie West
23 Mary Hadley
30 Ellen Inwood

Memorial Chapel

July

- 16 Miss Jude Curtis in memory
of her parents
30 Mrs Brenda Dixon

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memory of loved ones please
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**Church Pastoral Aid Society -
Bookings are open!** Once again,
CPAS is preparing holidays for 8 -
18s, full of great activities,
friendship and fun with the
opportunity to explore life with
Jesus. Please pray for all who will
organise, lead and help over the
summer, and ask that many young
people will benefit from these
holidays and open their lives to the
Lord.

THE REGISTERS

FUNERALS

Tuesday 4 April

Gloria Close [70]

Wednesday 5 April

Margaret Philomena Smith [93]

Thursday 4 May

Councillor Clive Wood [84]

Wednesday 10 May

Melanie Britchford [62]

Friday 12 May

Paul Michael Slater [73]

St Mary's Mission Group - Thank
You to everyone who supported
the quiz on Saturday 13 May and
made donations for cake on
Sunday morning. We managed to
raise £105 for Christian Aid.

Congratulations are due to

Shona Adams who celebrated her
60th birthday on 14 May. Love and
best wishes from all of us at St
Mary's.

**Ladies Group - Wednesday 14 June
2.15pm** Meet in the Church Hall, this
month's topic is My Favourite
Things with Will Osborne.

Continued overleaf

St Mary's News

T&C (Tea and Chat)

Come and join us on any **Thursday morning** in the large hall between 10.00am and 12noon. We are a group of friendly volunteers who will serve you with refreshments and homemade cakes. This is also an opportunity to chat and make new friends. Everyone will be made very welcome.

Hospitality is a 'Gift of the Spirit' and our aim is to serve with love in Jesus' name.

Jean Bass, Welcome Team



Monthly event for dads, stepdads, granddads or male carers and their younger children [0-6 yrs] with a range of toys including bouncy castle, sit-on cars and ball pool.

Saturdays

17 June & 15 July

9.30am - 12noon

St Mary's Church Hall

Adults £5: children free

Just turn up!

Newton News

FLOWERS

June

4 Helen Lines

11 June Clarke

18 Sarah

25 Julie Allen

July

2 Helen Mayes

9 Helen Rees-Bidder

16 Mrs Turner

23 Abigail Clarke

30 Mrs Beeby

There will be a **Barn Dance** on **Saturday 8 July** starting at 7pm. Tickets cost £12.50 for adults and £5 for Children. For tickets please phone June on 07703476689

The Village Fete will take place on Saturday 1 July starting at 2pm. There will be the usual stalls, games and teas. The Rushden Mission Band will play. The Children's Fancy Dress will be judged at 3:10pm. Please join us.

Donations of books, cakes, bottles for the hook a bag stall, unwanted gifts, white elephant and raffle prizes would be gratefully received. Contact Helen Lines 01933 315864.

We belong together

I am writing this in the final few days before the coronation whilst attending a meeting from which Archbishops and Senior Bishops keep slipping away to take part in rehearsals for the great event! It's all very exciting and strangely moving.

The part of the service that touches me most is the only part that most of us won't actually see; the anointing of His Majesty the King with holy oil, conducted behind a special screen, symbolising his private covenant with God.

In confirmation services we anoint the candidates with holy oil, using words from the Old Testament; "God has called you by name and made you his own". God is our God and we are his people. We belong together.

At the coronation, King Charles will pledge himself to serve us and all his subjects. For the first time, we shall all be invited to pledge our loyalty to him. He is our new King and we are his people. We belong together.

In the past it was only members of the House of Lords who pledged themselves, now all citizens are included. We all share in his calling to serve each other and those in need. I believe in this way we can serve the purposes of God and advance the coming of his Kingdom.



Above the altar in Westminster Abbey are written these words; "The kingdoms of this world have become the Kingdom of our God and of his Christ".

May God save the King and all of us.

With my prayers and best wishes,

+John
Bishop of Brixworth

Mission Matters

Lea and Petra Williams (Church Mission Society - Czech Republic.)

Something very special took place on Easter Sunday at the Anglican Church in Brno. Its first baptismal service was held! And the person baptised spoke powerfully of what the Lord Jesus had done for him. This small, but growing church, whose congregation includes a high percentage of students, now needs larger, more suitable premises. Lea, its Vicar, and Petra long for it to keep growing, not only in numbers but also in faith and discipleship, so that it may be a loving, hospitable fellowship which reaches out to others with the Good News of Jesus.

Do pray with Lea and Petra and for them. Lea still has a part-time job in order to supplement the family's income. Petra is very involved with an organisation which gives help to Ukrainian refugees. Olivia (11) and Ted (10) are growing fast and each needing their own space, which their present home does not provide.

James Hawksworth. (Church Army - Suffolk Centre of Mission, SW Ipswich.)

James has a God-given gift of ministry to young people, which he is using in Ipswich. He has now been invited to work amongst the pupils of Sprites Primary Academy and has been encouraged by the children's positive response. They come to talk to him and some, from very difficult backgrounds, are able to share their problems and find support. James asks us to pray that he will be able to hire a church hall in which a weekly youth group for 10-12 year-olds can be held.

James' work amongst teenagers is also going well, and numbers have been increasing. Due to a shortage of volunteer helpers, two after-school groups are merging, and, in September, most of these young people will be attending the local 6th form college, at which James runs a lunch club. Please pray with James that people will be led to volunteer as helpers and that God will show the way forward for this vital ministry.

Thank you, on behalf of our mission partners, for your prayerful support.

Sue Eagles, for the Mission Committee.



Belfry Gossip

Our learners have been progressing well and all rang (some with help) for the King, on the dedicated Friday ringing prior to the coronation. As well as ringing, cakes and a loyal toast formed part of the evening celebrations. Congratulations to all. On the Sunday following the Coronation, between the two services, Kaylee successfully rang her first one-eighth Peal - this was 600 changes of continuous ringing (22 minutes) - also in celebration of the Coronation. Congratulations Kaylee. Unfortunately, the quarter Peal attempt in the afternoon failed after about 15 minutes, but this meant there was lots of celebratory ringing over the weekend for the Coronation.

Also, since last time we rang a Quarter Peal of Grandsire Triples for Mothering Sunday, and another Quarter Peal of Grandsire Triples specially to celebrate Brenda's 80th Birthday.

Our tower also entered the Peterborough Guild 6-Bell Striking Competition, which was held at Orlingbury, and were placed third (only half a mark different from the band placed second). The competition was won by a band from Towcester. Better luck next time!

Several of us have also joined the Wellingborough Branch ringers in ringing at Wilby, Earls Barton, Ecton and Grendon during the last two months.

We are missing Pam and wish her a speedy recovery.

Tintinnabulum

Higham Deanery Evening

**Higham Deanery Synod
Beer and Hymns Evening**

12 July 2023 at 7pm
The Swan Newton Bromswold
Please come and join us



Children's Church - Lighthouse

Changes to our Children's Church

We have relaunched 'Sunday Club' at St Mary's and are now known as **Lighthouse**.

We are blessed to know that Jesus is the light who helps us grow and he keeps us close every day.

Our numbers are growing and our children and young people range in age from 3 to 14. Following the word of God, we meet to learn through stories, songs, activities and games in the church hall. Please keep us all in your prayers.

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Coronation Celebration -

Newton Bromswold Village celebrated the Coronation with a special service on Sunday 7 May led by Dr Glyn Ackerley.



A Coronation Quiz night was held in The Swan on Saturday 6 May, raising £115 for Friends of Newton Church. A Coronation

Afternoon Tea was held on the Sunday 7 May, with a Beetle Drive, Pin the Diamond on the Crown completion and best crown competition.



Dear Heavenly Father

We give thanks for the joy of Spring, new life and sunnier days
Father we give thanks for a roof over our head and food to eat.

Lord, we pray for all the Residents and Staff at Rushden Park

And ask for your blessing on us all

In the name of Jesus Christ

Amen

Karan Harris

Chaplain

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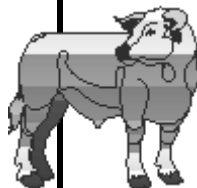
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Church Diary

June

- 6 Tuesday: 10.00-12noon - Crafts & Coffee/Tea** in the Church Hall - contact details on p4
- 8 Thursday: 7.30pm - Prayer, Praise and Presence**
- 11 Sunday: 2.30pm - Park Road Baptist Church** the Ignite team and LZ7 have set a meeting to discuss the youth event in March 2024 and to help us create a bespoke discipleship youth programme for Rushden and the surrounding area. All are welcome to this meeting as we discuss the line up and organise volunteers.
This will be followed in the evening at **7.30pm** by a youth event with LZ7 for local church youth groups with games and music. Speak to Helen Smedley for more info and permission slips (07495 304974)
- 14 Wednesday: 2.15pm - Ladies' Group** meet in the Church Hall, this months topic is My Favourite Things with Will Osborne.
- 17 Saturday: 9.30-12noon - Who Let The Dads Out?** Monthly event for dads, stepdads, granddads, male carers and their younger children [0-6 years old] Adults £5: children free.
Saturday: 7.30pm - Northampton Male Voice Choir in St Mary's Church. Doors open at 6.45pm for light refreshments . Entrance by ticket only - £10 per person. Available from St Mary's church office Tues-Thus 10-12noon or contact Kathy (choir) Mobile: 07990 836217

July

- 1 Saturday: 2pm - Newton Bromswold Village Fete** Rushden Mission Band will be performing and there will be the usual variety of stalls and games. All proceeds go to St. Peter's Church, Newton Bromswold for more information contact Helen Lines 01933 315864.
- 4 Tuesday: 10.00-12noon - Crafts & Coffee/Tea** in the Church Hall - contact details on p4
- 8 Saturday: Party in the Park**
Saturday: 7pm onwards - Summer Barn Dance The Friends of Newton Church in Newton Bromswold £12.50 adults, £5 children For tickets email friendsofNB@yahoo.com or contact June 07703 476689
- 12 Wednesday: 2.15pm - Ladies' Group** meet in the Church Hall, this month we are looking at Old Rushden 1066 with John Holden-Eyles
- 15 Saturday: 9.30-12noon - Who Let The Dads Out?** Monthly event for dads, stepdads, granddads, male carers and their younger children [0-6 years old] Adults £5: children free.

Services for June 2023

St Mary's
Rushden

St Peter's
Newton Bromswold

Sunday 4 June - Trinity Sunday

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

Sunday 11 June - First Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Worship & Word 10.00am Family Service
11.15am Morning Prayer

Sunday 18 June - Second Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Worship & Word 10.00am Family Service
11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 25 June - Third Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Worship & Word 10.00am Holy Communion
11.15am Morning Prayer

Midweek Services in St Mary's Church

Thursdays - June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
at 10.30am - Holy Communion [BCP]

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Services for July 2023

St Mary's
Rushden

St Peter's
Newton Bromswold

Sunday 2 July - Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 9 July - Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Worship and Word	10.00am	Family Service
11.15am	Morning Prayer		

Sunday 16 July - Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Worship and Word	10.00am	Family Service
11.15am	Holy Communion		

Sunday 23 July - Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Worship and Word	10.00am	Holy Communion
11.15am	Morning Prayer		

Sunday 30 July - Eighth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Worship and Word	10.00am	Family Service
11.15am	Morning Prayer		

Midweek Services in St Mary's Church

Thursdays 10.30am on July 6, 13, 20, 27 - Holy Communion [BCP]

Live-Streaming

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