

Early Summer Newsletter

June - July 2024



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Tom King writes . . .

As we enter this new Spring, seeing God's creation flourish, and once more celebrating Pentecost – remembering the birth of the Church and the new, transformed life that is possible in Jesus – I am thankful for God's provision and grace in the world around us and in my own life.



We know, however, that there are many places around the world where God's blessings and provision seem much less evident. So, we continue to pray for places and people fractured in war and trauma, and those now bearing the brunt of a changing climate. We know that even close to home here in Rushden, the warmer weather is welcome, but people struggle with the cost of living, a lack of employment, with health challenges or as victims of crime.

These struggles, set against the renewal of life heralded by spring, throw in to relief the urgency of the Gospel message that we, as Christians, are to proclaim to the world. Finding life is possible, there is light to guide us out of darkness; Jesus is rescuing people. As Christians we witness, telling others that God has done precisely these things in Jesus' death and resurrection, and his Holy Spirit is here with us now to give us confidence, boldness and power to tackle this task, come what may. I pray that we all know a renewed sense of God's presence with us this Spring, reinvigorating our energies, giving us a sense of purpose, showing us the wonder of life in all its fullness when we walk with him.

Blessings,
Tom

THANK YOU

A Message from Our Friends in the North

Thank you so much for the very generous cheque which we received from you, via Louise, on her recent visit to us in Newcastle. We are deeply touched. Our 11.5 years in Rushden were very special and we remember our friends at St Mary's with gratitude. We miss you all. We are settling in to our new home and area, which we love. When the weather gets better we will be able to get out more and explore. With all our love and prayers,

Ron and Jenny



St Mary's News

Summary of APCM meeting held on Sunday 12 May 2024 in the Church.

46 were present at the meeting. Rev Tom King opened the meeting with a reading from Ephesians. The Vestry meeting started at 1.20pm. As there were no nominations for church wardens, Tom is going to seek advice and liaise with Archdeacon, Alison.

The minutes from last year's APCM were accepted as a true record, proposed by Gerald Bass and seconded by Tony Smith. The electoral roll was accepted and proposed by Bob Bates and seconded by Dr Peter Trenchard.

Deputy Wardens, James Woodfield and Helen Smedley agreed to remain in post for the coming year.

Louise gave the financial report...

The PCC had voted to propose we halve our share giving. We have a 5 year plan to increase our giving by 20% each year. The position would be reviewed regularly. Please do not be disheartened.

We agreed to accept the accounts. The accounts are with our new external auditor in Huntingdon, this was proposed by Peter Coxon and seconded by Dr Peter Trenchard. The sides people would continue to

serve and the Team were thanked for all that they do.

A discussion of the finances took place and questions were answered. Tom thanked our retired clergy for their assistance.

Reports from the various groups were acknowledged and all were thanked. Louise Skinner proposed and Josie seconded their approval.

We had decided at last year's APCM to reduce the PCC to 10 members, and some members are standing down, the new PCC is made up of:-

Rev T King
Revd Dr Linnet Smith
Revd Dr Glyn Ackerley
James Woodfield - Deputy Church Warden.
Helen Smedley - Deputy Church Warden and Synod Representative.
Louise Skinner – Treasurer
Jennie Bone - Secretary
James Mellor - Deanery Synod
Tony Smith - Deanery Synod
Helen Allan - Safeguarding
Kate Woodfield
Peter Coxon
Marion Bates
Bob Bates
Martin Compton
No other nominations, and so this was accepted unanimously. We would like to give thanks to those members standing down from the PCC for all their hard work,

Continued over...



Flower Rotas

Behind the Communion Table

June

- 2 Julie West
- 9 Kathy & Christine
- 16 Dorothy Jones (Jude)
- 23 Paula Williams
- 30 Barbara Coxon

July

- 7 Mary Hadley
- 14 Kathy & Christine
- 21 Helen Smedley
- 28 Ellen Inwood (in memory of my sister's birthday)

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

prayer and support over the past year (years in some cases!). No Any Other Business. The APCM closed at 14.12 with a reading from Ephesians.

Vice Chair of PCC would be discussed at next PCC.

A discussion on Bishop John leading the PCC Away Day on Saturday, May 4th, followed and ended at approximately 15.40.

Church Flower Trail/Fete will be on Saturday 29 June, stalls, flowers and refreshments, all welcome!

The Ladies Group will meet on Wednesday 12 June and Wednesday 10 July at 2.15pm.

THE REGISTERS

Funerals

Tuesday 2 April

Grant Quentin Anstee [65]

Thursday 4 April

Margaret Rose Ord [89]

Interment of ashes

Thursday 18 April

Margaret Ray

Baptisms

Sunday 14 April

James Daniel Holmes

Weddings

Saturday 6 April

Timothy Michael Norris and Holly Siobahn Mitchell

Children's Society News

Thank you for your support in taking part in John's quiz 'All Abroad' which made a profit of £206 for the society. Winners who each receive £10 were—with an all correct score Mrs L Knight of Chelveston. 99 correct, Mr D Walsh of Bristol, and after a draw for 98 correct Mrs J Morrison of Wolverhampton. We hope you enjoy John's new quiz 'Ending in 'S' which is now on sale for £1 from Mary, Pam, Joy and the Church office.

Crafts/Coffee and Tea In April we made very pretty gift bags. If you would like to join us our next meeting is **Tuesday 4 June 10am to 12noon** where we will be making **'Barge Paintings'**. Also **Tuesday 2 July 10am to 12noon** will be **'Bracelets'**. For further information contact Helen: 07814 226614 or hfallan22@gmail.com



Congratulations are due to ...
 Glyn Muncey who celebrated his Ninetieth birthday on 8 May.
 Also to Carol Allen who celebrates her Eightieth birthday on 8 July.
 Love and best wishes from all of us at St Mary's.

Interested in flower arranging?
 Have you noticed the beautiful flowers arranged by willing volunteers behind the Communion table. Would you like to belong to this elite Group . You do not need to be skilled in flower arranging, just love flowers. Commitment only once every two months. Interested? Contact Kathy on 07990 836217.



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 15 June & 20 July

9.30am - 12noon
 St Mary's Church Hall
Adults £5: children free

Just turn up!

Calling on all who enjoy singing and would like to join St Mary's Church choir. You don't need to read music, just have a good ear. Enthusiasm and commitment are more important. All welcome, any age from 8 years and over. Choir practice usually twice a month for an hour from 7pm on a Wednesday night. Interested! Please contact Kathy on 07990 836217 or email kathchris@btinternet.com.



Newton News

Thy Kingdom Come Pilgrimage

Thy Kingdom Come is a global wave of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost that invites all to deepen their own relationship with Jesus, to pray for others to come to faith, and for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness.

This year Peterborough diocese wanted to expand on this opportunity with a focus on effective witness through sharing our stories of faith and helping others to share theirs. From 9 to 19 May two teams walked the boundaries of the Diocese, starting in Peterborough Deanery on Ascension Day and meeting back together in Brackley Deanery on Pentecost.

On Sunday 12 May, Alison Booker, joined the congregation at Newton Church for coffee as part of Thy Kingdom Come Pilgrimage. Alison walked from Hargrave and when she left Newton, Alison was walking to Knotting and then Rushden and lastly Irchester for a deanery event.

Barn Dance Saturday 20 July – starting at 7pm with band Kelly's Eye. Tickets costs Adults £12.50 and Children £5 and are available from June on 0770 3476689.

FLOWERS

June

- 2 Mrs Dangerfield
- 9 Rosemary Coulson and Abby Standard
- 16 Mrs Sargeant
- 23 Sophie
- 30 Mrs Hollis

July

- 7 Julie Allen
- 14 Mrs Turner
- 21 Abigail Clarke
- 28 Mrs Beeby

Newton Bromswold Open Gardens

Sunday 9 June from 2pm to 5pm – Newton Bromswold are pleased to open a variety of our village gardens. Refreshments in the Village Hall. Admission Family (2 Adults and 2 Children) £5 and Adult £3.

Newton Bromswold Village Fete

will take place on Saturday 6 July at 2p., Rushden Mission Band will be playing the music and there will be the usual variety of stalls and games. Afternoon teas will be served. The Children's Fancy Dress competition will be judged at 3.10pm. If you would like help at the fete or have items for stalls, such as books, cakes, second hand goods, new goods, please contact Helen Lines on 01933 315864.

Summer Thanksgivings

As we approach the 80th anniversary of D-Day, I visited the lovely Church of St James, just off the main street in Grafton Underwood near Kettering, to see the memorial window for members of the United States Air Force who flew from Northamptonshire to take part in supporting the Normandy landings and helped free Europe from evil tyranny in World War II. The very striking window, entitled "Coming Home", shows a plane returning to base from a mission, but is primarily in honour to those who never made it home. On this most recent anniversary, it's good to remember with thanksgiving those who gave their lives for others.

Since 2022, the Church has also been beautified by the installation of three new sets of remarkable windows by the leading stained-glass artist of our time, Thomas Denny. A gift by the former Lord Lieutenant David Laing who died this year and his wife Mary, their family motto is "Let your light shine". The light truly shines

through the glass, warming the chancel with a rich depth of colour. Their themes are sun and moon, darkness and light, pilgrimage, the Sower, the walk to Emmaus, and Jesus the light of the world. They feature butterflies and planets! I think they are absolutely stunning. It is a beautiful witness to Christ and his transforming light.

St James's is open every day and well worth a visit for a few hours of reflection. I cannot recommend it highly enough. And as a bonus, the story of the windows' creation is told in a fascinating 30 minute film available at

www.thomasdenny.co.uk

With my love, thanks and prayers



Bishop John Holbrook
The Bishop of Brixworth

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Mission Matters

James Hawksworth
(Church Army Pioneer Evangelist, Suffolk Centre of Mission.)

“Hearing good news from a distant land is like a drink of cold water when you are dry and thirsty. (Proverbs 25:25 GNB)”

This Bible verse popped into my mind after reading James Hawksworth’s recent newsletter. OK - James works in Ipswich, not in a “distant land”, but I certainly felt refreshed and uplifted by his news. The Lord is really blessing his ministry to teenagers and children there!

James gives one-to-one pastoral support to children who attend Sprites Primary School. He writes, “It is such a joy to be able to support these young people. I love it when the staff tell me of the changes they see in them after meeting with me - that they are more settled and that their behaviour has improved both at school and at home...”

The “Greenfinch Youth Community”, a recently formed youth group with which James is also involved, has thirty members and a growing waiting list. James says, “This has been a fantastic way of supporting young people with relationship problems, worries and concerns and just having a bit of fun with them.” Next year, another set of young people will be wanting to join the group, but there is not room to accommodate them. Please pray that a solution to this problem may be found very soon.

James’ ministry to students at Suffolk One Sixth Form College continues and is also going well.

This gives a brief insight into some of James’ work as he comes alongside young people, many of whom have deep needs. He demonstrates Jesus’ love for them and is able to point them to the Saviour. He is very thankful for our support. Let’s continue this, remembering him, his family and his work for the Lord in our prayers.



Sue Eagles, for the Mission Committee.

Easter Experience

For a week and a half in March, we invited 4 different schools to visit St Mary's for an Easter Experience. We set up a trail around the church telling an interactive Easter story, as well as providing crafts for all the children to do. On the Saturday we invited families to come along for the experience where we played games and songs as well as an Easter Egg hunt to finish. In total 330 children, plus their teachers and grown ups came to St Mary's, to hear the good news of Easter, to hear that Jesus is alive, and to hear that God loves each and every one of them.

A huge thank you to all of the leaders that took part and gave up their time to make this happen. Thank you to all who offered prayers and support for this event.

Looking forward to the future, we have a Summer Holiday Club on the 19, 20 and 21 of August called Landlubbers, based on Paul's letter to the Philippians.

We will also look to invite the schools back for an Experience Christmas, dates of which are to be confirmed.



Afternoon Concert

by our very own resident organists
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(Light refreshment included)

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the church office
(Mon-Thurs 10am-12noon)
or contact Kathy 07990 836217

Belfry Gossip

We've had a busy few weeks in the tower.

On Easter Sunday we rang an 1/8th peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. If you're interested what that means...

-Cambridge is the name of the method. Methods are set pieces of ringing and often written in numbers and/or lines.

-Surprise is one of the 2 main type of methods we ring (the other is Plain). The lightest bell in any piece is called the treble and in Plain methods it changes places with the other bells one by one, moving to the back then the front again. In Surprise methods the treble swaps 3 times with each bell forming a 'dodge' – which makes for a much more complex and longer piece of ringing. This is shown by the lines which start at the top left in each example image.

-Minor means there were 6 bells making changes.

We hosted a Branch Surprise practice which 17 people attended and rang a wide range of methods on 6 and 8 bells. Our numbers were boosted as some ringing elsewhere had to be cancelled last minute.

On St George's Day we celebrated with a Quarter Peal.

We rang in a striking competition on a beautiful spring day – fortunate it was good weather as there were a record number of towers enter a band, due to a new centenary trophy for the call changes competition, and it felt like we took the tiny village of Cold Ashby over for a few hours.

At Guilsborough twelve teams rang call changes, including Ecton who are from our branch – they came joint second – very well done.

We rang in the method competition at Cold Ashby and came 5th of 9 teams. We had a mark of 79% accuracy. The judge described some unevenness and a mistake which upset the rhythm. The winners were Towcester, who often win, with 95% accuracy.

Everyone amassed at the village hall for an incredibly substantial spread of sweet and savoury buffet catering to all tastes. Then back to the church for the results and Guild meeting.

Until next time.



Cambridge



Plain Bob

Garden security!



Make your garden as secure as it can be with substantial fencing, walls or gates and lock them with a good quality padlock. Look for a Secured by Design or Sold Secure standard. Consider prickly planting near windows or around your fence, but make sure hedges don't give burglars a place to hide.

Make sure your rubbish bins or ladders can't be climbed onto to access upstairs windows that might be left open to air the home. Some people swear by noisy gravel to hear people walking about. If you are working in the back garden, make sure the front of the house is secure, lock windows and doors. Put away items that could be taken like bicycles, lawn mowers or tools.

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Gardening

It has been just over a year since I wrote about our gardening exploits and I can start this one as I ended the last one. Unfortunately, we are now even older and although we continue to enjoy each other's fellowship, the gardening and chatting to anyone who walks through we find that the coffee breaks are getting longer.

At the beginning of this year, we were unable to do a great deal because it was so wet but this did encourage the weeds to grow. We are doing our best to keep on top of the weeding. The roses were all pruned and are beginning to come into flower (mind you some of the rose trees are older than us!). Once again, the hyacinths gave a good display which was much appreciated by the wedding party in early April and this was followed by the bluebells, unfortunately they are not the English variety but still look nice. We could not compete with the snowdrop display at Chelveston but maybe in a few years as ours increase in number.

Our main project this year has been to clear the area where a tree has been removed and to make it into a wild flower garden. We cleared the area and sowed lots of wild flower seeds but all that seems to have grown is bindweed. John worked very hard to clear the bindweed but three weeks later it has reappeared. You may have noticed this when you have walked through the churchyard.

We do try to keep the Garden of Rest looking its best. Our grass cutter in chief, Tony, does a good job. Recently we have had three internments of ashes two of long-time church members and the third of a church member who many years ago moved to the USA. The two apple trees are still looking healthy and both had a good showing of blossom so we look forward to a few apples.

We have had to allow the garden from the west gate to the Wheatsheaf go wild as we are unable to do all the work.

Bob Bates



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Church Diary - June 2024

- 2 **Sunday: 11.30am-1pm Deep Youth Group** School years 7 to 13. Meet in the Lower Hall to meet people, eat food, play fun games and learn about Jesus. Contact Helen: 07495 304974
- 3 **Monday: Toilet Refurbishments phase 1 begins** Ladies toilets.
Monday: 10-12.30am - Bumps and Babes and Beans Club Continues on Mondays for all parents, carers and their children. Come and join us. £1.50 per family.
- 4 **Tuesday: 10.00-12noon - Crafts & Coffee/Tea** in the Church Hall - Making Barge Paintings, contact details on p7.
Tuesday: 7.30pm - National Month of Prayer for Toddler groups - Park Road Baptist Church Come and join us for an evening of prayer as we pray for our local Toddler groups, leaders, volunteers and families that attend.
- 5 **Wednesday: 7-8pm - Choir Practice** in Church
- 6 **Thursday: 10-12noon - Tea and Coffee** at St Mary's Church Hall
- 9 **Sunday: 2-5pm - Newton Bromswold Open Gardens** More details on Page 8.
- 10 **Monday: 10-12.30am - Bumps and Babes and Beans Club**
Monday: 6-7.30pm - Ignite Kids Club School years 1 to 6. Play games, crafts, cooking, trips out and more. £1.50 per session, plus extra for tuck. Contact Paula: 07505 381389
- 12 **Wednesday: 2.15pm - Ladies Group** - Meet in the Church Hall
- 13 **Thursday: 10-12noon - Tea and Coffee** in the Church Hall
Thursday: 7.30pm - Prayer, Praise & Presence
- 15 **Saturday: 9.30am-12noon - Who Let The Dads Out?** - Monthly event for dads, stepdads, grandads, male carers and their younger children [0-6yrs]. Adults £5; children free.
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- 24 **Monday: 10-12.30am - Bumps and Babes and Beans Club**
Monday: 6-7.30pm - Ignite Kids Club
- 27 **Thursday: 10-12noon - Tea and Coffee** in the Church Hall
- 29 **Saturday: Church Flower Trail/Fete** More details on page 6.

Church Diary - July 2024

- 1 **Monday: Toilet Refurbishments phase 12 begins** Men's toilets.
Monday: 10-12.30am - Bumps and Babes and Beans Club in Church where we light a candle, and have a short bible story, colouring and some fun songs. We then move to the main church hall, where the children (and parents) can take part in craft activities or play with toys, whilst enjoying a drink, biscuit and a chat. Come and join us. £1.50 per family. We also serve beans on toast afterwards 11.30am-12.30pm.
- 2 **Tuesday: 10.00-12noon - Crafts & Coffee/Tea** in the Church Hall - Making Bracelets, contact details on p7.
- 4 **Thursday: 10-12noon - Tea and Coffee** at St Mary's Church Hall, all welcome!
- 6 **Saturday: 2pm - Newton Bromswold Village Fete** More details on page 8.
- 7 **Sunday: 11.30am-1pm - Deep** The Youth Group Deep will meet every first and third Sundays of the month in the Lower Hall for school years 7 to 13. Meet people, eat food, play fun games and learn about Jesus. For further information please contact Helen: 07495 304974.
- 8 **Monday: 10-11.30am - Bumps and Babes and Beans Club** in Church
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- 20 **Saturday: 9.30am-12noon - Who Let The Dads Out?** - Monthly event for dads, stepdads, granddads, male carers and their younger children [0-6yrs]. Adults £5: children free.
Saturday: 7pm - Summer Barn Dance Newton Bromswold - More details on page 8
- 21 **Sunday: 11.30am-1pm - Deep Youth Group**
- 22 **Monday: 10-12.30am - Bumps and Babes and Beans Club**
Monday: 6-7.30pm - Ignite Kids Club
- 25 **Thursday: 10-12noon - Tea and Coffee** in the Church Hall

Services for June 2024

St Mary's
Rushden

St Peter's
Newton Bromswold

Sunday 2 June - First Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 9 June - Second Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 16 June - Third Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 23 June - Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 30 June - Fifth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am	Joint Service	10.00am	Family Service
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Midweek Services in St Mary's Church

Thursdays - June 6, 13, 20, 27

at 10.30am - Holy Communion [BCP]

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Services for July 2024

St Mary's
Rushden

St Peter's
Newton Bromswold

Sunday 7 July - Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 14 July - Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 21 July - Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 28 July - Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

Midweek Services in St Mary's Church
Thursdays 10.30am on July 4, 11, 18 and 25
- 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>.