

**Autumn Newsletter  
October - November 2024**



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St Peter's, Newton Bromswold**

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## Glyn Ackerley writes . . .

I love Autumn when the leaves on the trees turn many different shades of copper and gold. Then falling to the ground where they rustle and crunch underfoot. I love the aromas of our church's harvest festivals. I look forward to bonfire night each year and the preparations for Christmas. So Autumn is a sensory delight of perfumes, noises, feelings and tastes. We have dark evenings in the Autumn. In my prayer times in winter, I often light a candle to remind me that Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8v12.



The Bible has much to say about darkness and light. For example, Jesus says in John 3:19, "Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil." I believe he's talking about himself as 'the light of the World,' and people wanting to continue in their sin rather than finding forgiveness through faith in Him.

In Jesus teaching 'light' and 'darkness' seem to be about us choosing and receiving him as our 'light' or just continuing in spiritual darkness. John 1:5 says, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." The word 'overcome' can be translated as 'understood' or 'comprehended.' If we receive the truth of Christ and his light shines in our darkness, the whole of life begins to increasingly make sense.

## The Wildlife Trust

### Foraging in Autumn

There's nothing quite like a delicious meal of free foraged food. As summer turns to autumn, hedgerow fruits ripen, providing a valuable food source for many species. Probably the most familiar of our autumn fruits is the blackberry or bramble, but there's plenty more to tempt the palate: elderberries and rosehips in the hedges, chestnuts and hazelnuts in the woods, and bilberries on the moors. Think wild fruit jelly and jam, roasted chestnuts, and of course what winter would be complete without a nip of sloe gin...



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# Mission Matters

“That’s disgusting!”

I was a new missionary, adjusting to life in a bush village in Upper Volta (now called Burkina Faso), West Africa. At breakfast one morning, as I gazed sleepily out of the window, I noticed a person, some distance away, wandering around as if searching for something on the ground. Then they found it - a suitable spot at which to squat and defecate! (Bon appétit, Susan!)

Another day, a mother came to our compound carrying a cleft stick which held a sizeable worm. “My child vomited this worm” she told us as she asked for medicine.

These stories, and many others which I could relate, are disgusting - disgusting because in this day and age millions of people still live without proper sanitation and millions of children get sick and die through lack of access to clean water.

Tearfund (The Evangelical Alliance Relief Fund) exists to help bring about transformation to the lives of those living in extreme poverty. This poverty may have been brought about by a number of inescapable factors, including conflict and injustice, natural disasters, climate change and pollution.

Tearfund’s work is carried out in more than fifty countries around the world, never in a paternalistic way but in close collaboration with the local church. It says, “We believe that the global church is God’s Plan A for transformation.” I am so glad that we at St. Mary’s are part of that plan, and that a portion of our tithe is always designated to Tearfund.

If you would like to find out more about Tearfund and the ways in which local churches are, in Jesus’ Name, becoming instrumental in bringing impact and change to their communities do look online at [tearfund.org](http://tearfund.org) - and please pray!

Sue Eagles, for the Mission Committee



# St Mary's News

## Summary of PCC meeting held on Monday 9 September 2024 in the Lower Vestry Hall.

Present: Archdeacon Alison, Rev Glyn A, Kate W, Marion B, Martin C, Rob B, James W, James M, Louise S, Peter C, Helen A and Jennie B. Apologies Rev Tom K, Helen S, Tony S, Rev Linnet S.

Alison was elected chair for this meeting, in Tom's absence.

**Finance.** Louise presented her report on finances. We should be mindful that reducing our parish share should be short term only and we must work with the diocesan authority. St Mary's is not alone in this situation and the Diocese are well aware of the struggles we all face.

Alison to investigate the situation with the rectory in Rectory Road. The most recent rectory at Meadowsweet Road would likely be rented out and used for a future incumbent.

Any new landlord/rental legislation is being looked at carefully so that our position as landlord is safe.

**Fabric.** We discussed sub groups to take forward any concerns and tasks that need attention. Findings would be brought back to the PCC for decision making. Sub groups should have at least 1 PCC member. The lift was repaired on Friday 13

September.

Alison explained the Quinquennial inspection is every 5 years by an architect (Mr Ringrose has been appointed), report comes to the PCC as the church fabric etc is the PCC's responsibility. Report lists works to be done as urgent (during the next 12-18 months).

**Family worker.** Holiday club took place over 3 days. Lighthouse resumed September 1. Helen S to re-engage in schools, Newton Rd, South End Infants & Juniors. Churches Together to work jointly especially leading up to Christmas Experience. Wraparound care at Newton Rd school being explored. CU at Rushden is developing, probably because of Illuminate. One example of the positive outcomes of Illuminate, results not always readily visible or quantitatively. **Illuminate** taking a break for a couple of weeks so that new Year 7s get embedded and then can lead into their involvement. Helen mentioned a Reunion Party, ideally once a week where volunteers would be needed.

**Safeguarding.** No issues, Helen A reminded members of the domestic abuse course.

**The Next PCC Meeting is on Monday 7 October at 7pm in the Lower Hall.**

## Flower Rotas

### *Behind the Communion Table*

#### **October**

- 6 Peter White (arranged by  
Jude Curtis)  
13 Barbara Coxon  
20 Paula Williams  
27 Judy Perkins (arranged by  
Jude Curtis)

#### **November**

- 3 & Remembrance  
10 Arranged by Ellen Inwood  
and Julie West  
17 Marion Bates  
24 Mary Hadley

#### **Memorial Chapel**

#### **November**

- 3 Mrs Kelland and Mr Craddick  
(in memory of Mr and Mrs  
Craddick)  
10 Remembrance Sunday

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

**Peterborough Diocesan Guild of  
Church Bellringers Annual Quiz** - in  
aid of the Guild Bell Fund. Five  
different sections (not ringing  
related) so suitable for all. Closing  
date 28 February 2025. £1 from Pam  
in the Office/Belfry or 01933 313195.

## THE REGISTERS

### Thanksgiving

**Monday 2 September**

The Reverend Eric John Tye [87]

### Interment of ashes

**Thursday 22 August**

Glyn Muncey

#### **Children's Society Quiz**

John's next Quiz titled '**Ending in S**'  
is still available from Pam: 01933  
313195, Mary: 01933 315383,  
Joy: 01933 318415 and Samantha  
in the Church Office. Price £1.  
Closing date 31 October.

John's present Quiz titled '**Name  
the Place**' will be on sale from the  
middle of November. Price £1 from  
Sam at the Church Office or from  
Pam on 01933 313195. Also available  
from Mary on 01933 315383 or Joy  
on 01933 318415. Closing date  
30 April 2025. This will be our  
penultimate Quiz. Thank you to  
everyone who supports us with  
Best Wishes from Joy.

#### **Congratulations are due to ....**

Tracey Cave who celebrates her  
Sixtieth birthday on 23 November,  
and also to Maureen Trustler who  
celebrates her Ninetieth birthday  
on 26 November.

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.

**Crafts/Coffee and Tea** In September we made Gift Tags (please see pictures).

If you would like to join us our next meeting is **Tuesday 1 October 10am to 12noon** where we will be making 'Button Art'. Also **Tuesday 5 November 10am to 12noon** where we will be making 'Hanging Felt Birds'. For further information contact Helen: 07814 226614 or [hfallan22@gmail.com](mailto:hfallan22@gmail.com)



**The Ladies Group** will meet on **Wednesday 9 October** and **Wednesday 13 November** at 2.15pm.

WHO LET THE  
**DADS**  
OUT?

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.

**Saturday's**  
**19 October & 16 November**

9.30am - 12noon

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**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 held on a Wednesday evening from 7pm for an hour. Interested! Please contact Kathy on 07990 836217 or email [kathchris@btinternet.com](mailto:kathchris@btinternet.com).

New  
  
**Choir Members**  
Welcome!

# Newton News

## Remembrance Sunday

A service to mark Remembrance Sunday will be held at 10am at St Peter's Church, Newton Bromswold

## Reverend John Tye

Reverend John Tye's funeral service was held at St Mary's on Monday 2 September with the service being taken by Reverend Glyn Ackerley. Rev John Tye was an integral part of Newton for many years and involved himself in all aspects of the Church and Village life. John took services for 30 years from 1987 to 2017, when he retired due to ill health and was greatly missed by our congregation. Our prayers are with John's friends and family at this time.

## FLOWERS

### October

- 6 Mrs Beeby
- 20 Mrs Sargeant

### November

- 3 Mrs Beeby
- 17 Sophie

## THE REGISTERS

### Funerals

**Thursday 6 June**

Patrick Savage [90]

**Friday 7 June**

June Wothers [83]



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## Reminder

The Clocks go backward

**27 October**





## Tempus Fugit ... Time Flies

**T**empus Fugit' quipped Bond as the exploding watch was propelled across the floor towards the evil Blofeld. Well you don't need to work for the British Secret Service to know that one minute you're in your teens enjoying all of life's firsts and the next you've been there and got the t-shirt. Life goes quickly and the police are definitely looking younger.

So it was only five minutes ago since the schools joyfully broke up for the summer hols and now the new term is on the horizon. September is the time for new beginnings. Children join a shiny new class; teenagers head off into the scary world of work or the carefree (and expensive) world of university; the rugby season bursts into life at Franklin's Gardens, the home of the Premiership Champions; and churches crank up their kids' groups, home groups, social lives and community contact.

Tempus Fugit. Time flies. So let's make the best of it. Verse two of the old hymn, Awake my Soul, says:



*Redeem thy mis-spent time that's past, and live each day as if thy last; improve thy talent with due care; for the great day thyself prepare.*

Or in plain English:  
Make the most of every day and use your God-given gifts for Jesus, because one day we meet him.

Enjoy the new beginning that September brings; use your time wisely and well; be creative and sparky in your discipleship; and delight in every opportunity to serve the Lord Jesus.

Tempus Fugit  
... enjoy!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R Ormston'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a short horizontal line.

The Venerable Richard Ormston  
Archdeacon of Northampton

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## **Reverend (Eric) John Tye** **by Rev Dr Glyn Ackerley**



John became a Christian during his teenage years, influenced by Rev Tom Hughes. Initially he attended St Peter's church Rushden, where he and Christine were married. John and Christine (or Chris as she was known) joined St Mary's when they started a family. They both became very involved with the church, particularly the Missionary committee. They held Missionary Meetings at 24 Lodge Road. These meetings were so popular the overflow had to sit on the stairs and they had a downstairs bathroom built to cope with the numbers.

Later in life, John felt called to the ministry and was advised to become a non-stipendiary minister. He started training for ordination on the St Albans Ministerial training scheme. It was challenging, as he had to juggle his job and family responsibilities while traveling to Welwyn Garden City twice a week for lectures.

During this period, John was involved in a horrific car accident and was not expected to survive. I remember being called to an emergency meeting to pray for him that evening. After much prayer, he gradually recovered. His lecturer brought his coursework to him, which proved to be a blessing as he had plenty of time to study. Eventually, John was able to return to his studies, thanks to the support of many parishioners from St Mary's who helped transport him to and from the station.

John was ordained a Deacon in 1981 and a Priest in 1982. He assisted at St Mary's and served as Priest-in-Charge at St Peter's, Newton Bromswold, for over 20 years perhaps more. Plus he was padre to the Rushden branch of the Royal British Legion.

John 1:1-14 was one of his favourite readings. When John was doing his theological training, it is fashionable to suggest that John's gospel was written later than the others because of its beauty, depth of language and complexity. People even doubted that John the Apostle wrote it. Especially this chapter 1 which has been described as one of the most complex philosophical writings in history. John the young Galilean fisherman who was one of the very first to follow Jesus, could he have written it? In the book of Acts chapter 4v13 John and Peter were described as "unschooled, ordinary men."

Well, I think along with an increasing number of theologians think John's gospel was not a late addition to the New Testament books and was written in the same time period as Mark, Matthew and Luke. The young Galilean fisherman as an apostle was engaged in many missions in the Greek/Roman world. He had to learn to communicate to that culture and would have learned to write and to understand their way of thinking. That was easily attainable in 20-30 years after the resurrection. If you read the whole gospel that describes Jesus, deep teaching to the inner group of disciples, Jesus reveals his divine nature by referring to himself as "I am" the name of God many times as he does in the John 14 reading. "I am the way, the truth and the life."

John 1 says that through Jesus – the word, the world and in fact everything was created. This Jesus is the light who shines in our lives that we might see the truth. John the Apostle says that people did not receive Jesus, but to those who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, **He** gave the right to become Children of God. And that's what he does for us today as well as we put our faith in Jesus. He gives us the right to become children of God.

Reverend John Tye must have meditated on this many times and put his trust and encouraged many others to believe in Jesus name.

The John 14 reading gives some insight into the heavenly realm, which Jesus describes as his Father's house. He says to the disciples that he will prepare a place for them. He says he is the way and we can come into the presence of the Father only through him. That we are forgiven and made right with God, despite our many sins, through faith in Jesus and his saving death and resurrection.

I'm sure that John Tye believed in this throughout his life and held onto the truth of Christ in his last moments. He will know now what the heavenly realm is truly like, he will meet with Christine there and many friends who have gone before. Of that I am sure.

# Belfry Gossip

Through the summer holidays the belfry has been a little quieter than usual, and ringing has been on smaller numbers of bells, as some of our regular ringers took a well-earned break.

We managed to ring a successful quarter peal during Quarter Peal Week – showing that even in the quieter months, we remain committed to our craft.

Simon and Cathy escorted a group of youth ringers from the wider local area around London for a bellringing competition and a chance to try ringing at a few different towers. Exhausting but a good day out.

Our summer barbecue, hosted by Brenda, was a huge success, with a great turnout from Rushden ringers and friends. We took our own meat or alternative and Alan did a superb job cooking it all to perfection – thank you! We all contributed to a shared buffet which gave a delicious selection to fill our plates and bowls. Special thanks to everyone who contributed to the feast and helped with the setup!

In addition to our own event, a few of us were lucky enough to attend the branch barbecue at Bozeat. It was a great opportunity to catch up with fellow ringers, swap stories, and of course, enjoy more good food including some lovely salads. Notably after last year's rain, a gazebo which had been erected was not needed and it was a lovely sunny afternoon.

We had a fantastic open event at Stanwick Lakes, featuring a mini ring of bells and a Wombel (which is a flat wooden bell but weighted to feel just like ringing a real bell) for visitors to try. Other attractions included handbell ringing, a “Guess the Length of the Bell Rope” competition and some fun children’s activities. Real pleasure came from seeing people engage with the bells and learn more about the traditions of our craft. There was enthusiasm from members of the public and we hope it sparked an interest in a few potential new recruits!  
Until next time.

*Tintinnabulum*

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# Bonfire Night Safety Tips

## Firework Code

Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114 - Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks – Keep fireworks in a closed box – Follow the instructions on each firework – Light them at arm's length, using a taper – Stand well back – Never go near a firework that has been lit – even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode – Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them – Always supervise children around fireworks – Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves – Never give sparklers to a child under five – Keep pets indoors – Don't let off fireworks after 11pm.

## Bonfire Safety Tips

Warn your neighbours beforehand – so they are aware and can make necessary preparations – Only burn dry material, do not burn anything which is wet or damp, this causes more smoke – Check there are no cables (telephone wires etc.) above the bonfire – Build the bonfire away from sheds, fences and trees – Don't use petrol or paraffin to start the fire it can get out of control quickly.

**Once the bonfire is lit**, make sure you: Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose nearby – in case of emergencies – Don't leave the bonfire unattended – Keep children and pets away from the bonfire – Don't throw any fireworks into the fire – Don't burn aerosols, tyres, canisters or anything containing foam or paint – this could produce toxic fumes and some containers may explode, causing injury – Once the bonfire has died down, spray the embers with water to stop reigniting.



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- 1 **Tuesday: 10.00-12noon - Crafts & Coffee/Tea** in the Church Hall - Button Art, contact details on p7.
- 2 **Wednesday: 7-8pm - Choir Practice** in Church
- 3 **Thursday: 10-12noon - Tea and Coffee** at St Mary's Church Hall
- 6 **Sunday: 11.30am-1pm - Deep** The Youth Group Deep will meet every first and third Sundays of the month (term time) 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.
- 7 **Monday: 10am-12.30pm - 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.  
**Monday: 7-9pm - PCC Meeting** in the Lower Hall
- 9 **Wednesday: 2.15pm - Ladies Group** - Meet in the Church Hall  
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- 14 **Monday: 10am-12.30pm - Bumps and Babes and Beans Club** in Church  
**Monday: 6-7.30pm - Ignite Kids Club** On the 2nd and 4th Mondays for School years 1-6 are invited to come and play games, crafts, cooking, trips out and more. £1.50 per session, plus extra for tuck. Further information please contact Paula 07505 381389.
- 16 **Wednesday: 7-8pm - Choir Practice** in Church
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- 19 **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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- 20 **Wednesday: 7-8pm - Choir Practice** in Church
- 21 **Thursday: 10-12noon - Tea and Coffee** in the Church Hall
- 25 **Monday: 10am-12.30pm - Bumps and Babes and Beans Club**  
**Monday: 6-7.30pm - Ignite Kids Club**
- 27 **Wednesday: 7-8pm - Choir Practice** in Church
- 28 **Thursday: 10-12noon - Tea and Coffee** in the Church Hall

# Services for October 2024

St Mary's  
Rushden

St Peter's  
Newton Bromswold

## Sunday 6 October - Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

	Church Across the Morning	10.00am	Family Service
10.30am	Café style in the Hall		
11.15am	Civic Service		

## Sunday 13 October - Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

	Church Across the Morning	10.00am	Family Service
10.00am	Morning Prayer		
10.30am	Worship and Word in the Hall		

## Sunday 20 October - Twenty First Sunday after Trinity

	Church Across the Morning	10.00am	Family Service
10.00am	Holy Communion		
10.30am	Café style in the Hall		

## Sunday 27 October - Last Sunday after Trinity

	Church Across the Morning	10.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Morning Prayer		
10.30am	Worship and Word in the Hall		

## Midweek Services in St Mary's Church

Thursdays - October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
at 10.30am - Holy Communion [BCP]

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# Services for November 2024

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Rushden

**St Peter's**  
Newton Bromswold

## Sunday 3 November - All Saints Day, Fourth Sunday Before Advent

Church Across the Morning      10.00am      Family Service  
10.00am      Morning Prayer  
10.30am      Holy Communion in the Hall

## Sunday 10 November - Remembrance Sunday, Third Sunday Before Advent

Church Across the Morning      10.00am      Remembrance  
10.30am      Worship and Word in the Hall      Service  
10.50am      At the War Memorial  
11.30am      Remembrance Sunday

## Sunday 17 November - Second Sunday Before Advent

Church Across the Morning      10.00am      Family Service  
10.00am      Holy Communion  
10.30am      Worship and Word in the Hall

## Sunday 24 November - Sunday Next Before Advent, Christ the King

Church Across the Morning      10.00am      Family Service  
10.00am      Morning Prayer  
10.30am      Worship and Word in the Hall

### *Midweek Services in St Mary's Church*

Thursdays 10.30am on November 7, 14, 21 and 28  
- Holy Communion [BCP]

## Live-Streaming

St Mary's Sunday Services at 10.00 will continue to be live-streamed  
and can also be found later on YouTube:  
<http://www.youtube.com/user/stmarysrushden>.