# Early Summer Newsletter June - July 2025



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# **Mission Matters**

#### "What's it all about?"

What is 'church'?

When we use that word we are often referring to the building or a denomination such as 'The Church of England', but of course, "church" is primarily about people. The Greek word for it, 'ekklesia', has the literal meaning of 'a calling out' and speaks of God calling out those whom he has purposed to be his own children and his witnesses to the world. Amazing!

Lea and Petra Williams, Church Mission Society members working in the Czech Republic, are seeing God's blessing on their ministry as they make time for people. They write, 'As a church, we are learning the value of simply walking alongside people week after week - praying together, investing in one another and growing as a community of faith. Together we are learning what it means to live as God's people in this place. Over months and years we are seeing how lives are transformed.'

The example of Jesus inspires Lea and Petra to reach out to people in this way. They remind us that, 'His ministry was full of unhurried encounters: meals shared with strangers, conversations on the road, stories told in everyday settings. Walking alongside people, meeting them where they were.' They themselves seek to walk alongside those from many different backgrounds, whether students exploring faith for the first time, long-term workers making a home in Brno, Lea and Petra's city, or refugees rebuilding their lives after fleeing war.

They value our prayers for their work in the Czech Republic. Much more information can be found on the Church Mission Society's website, including their latest newsletter, 'Link Letter 9'.

If you do not have access to the internet and would like to know more, please do contact me, via the church office.

Sue Eagles
For more information please visit churchmissionsociety.org



# St Mary's News

#### Summary of APCM meeting held on Sunday 18 May 2025 in the Church Hall.

Apologies from Jean & Gerald B, Dr Peter T, Mel S and Peter & Paula W.

Minutes from the previous APCM were proposed by David R, and seconded by John A, which was accepted unanimously.

Renewal of Electoral Roll which Helen A proposed acceptance, and Sam N seconded and the acceptance was unanimous.

Finance, the figures speak for themselves. We have insufficient income to meet our outgoings, despite the various activities taking place throughout the year and the generosity of our congregation and community. We can no longer assume that legacies will be bequeathed, as in the past, and our deposit-based reserves are dwindling.

However, we should, in my opinion, continue to seek the love and light of Christ which is still present in our current situation and harness the power of prayer to strengthen our resolve to manage the income we receive responsibly and with His ministry and mission. God will provide if we place our trust in Him, but we must be prepared to listen and adapt our practices if we feel He is calling us to do so.

Above all, we should be joyful. Joyful that we are part of St Mary's church family, joyful that we enjoy the privilege of the income we do receive and joyful that He loves us all unconditionally.

Our top priority should be to tell others about Jesus. We need new people to come to Church to know Jesus. Disappointment was voiced regarding Mission giving but hope that that would be revisited. An appointment of Auditor for 2025-2026 was agreed unanimously to appoint existing Huntingdon-based auditor, if we had fulfilled all our commitments regarding the Parish Share and Tithe the deficit on the Unrestricted Account would have been £39,000. The parish Share was reduced by £19,000 and the Tithe would have been £11,100.

Sides persons/Welcome Team list was revised, and list to be published with corrections, all unanimous acceptance.

The reports were accepted and adopted as published. The choir report was read out by Tom. The safeguarding and Secretary's reports were given, and the rector's report. Tom thanked all those who had given their time, prayers, and expertise over many years. Tony S was given a particular thanks by Tom for his many years of service.

#### Flower Rotas

# Behind the Communion Table June

- 1 Paula Williams
- 8 Julie West
- Dorothy Jones (arranged by Jude Curtis)
- 22 Cathy Calder
- 29 Ellen Inwood (Graham's birthday)

#### July

- 6 Marion Bates
- 13 Barbara Coxon
- 20 Julie West
- 27 Ellen Inwood (sister's' birthday)

#### **Memorial Chapel**

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

James M and Helen S would remain as Deanery Synod representatives and it was agreed unanimously.

Bob B, Peter Co, and David R were elected unanimously to the PCC.

Helen gave a presentation about her work as **Children & Family worker.** The APCM ended at 2 pm with a prayer.

#### PCC meeting, May 18 2025

A short meeting of the new PCC took place following the APCM.

# THE REGISTERS

# **Funerals**

**Tuesday 29 April**Roy Presland [94]

Tuesday 8 April
Carol Ann Rolfe [81]

# Thanksgiving Monday 19 May

Joseph Alfred Michael 'Mick' Wadsworth [89]

The PCC comprises Rev Tom
K, Chair Kate W, Vice Chair Dr Glyn
A, James M Deanery Synod rep,
Helen S Deanery Synod Rep and
Deputy Warden, Dan S Church
Warden. Marion B, Bob B, Martin C,
David R, Peter Co, Jennie B
Secretary, Nuala Treasurer.

Finance group to meet prior to the next PCC in July and report. The meeting ended with the Grace.

The PCC Away day is on Saturday
14 June.

#### **Children's Society Quizzes**

The 'Name the Place' Quiz raised £246.90 for the Children's Society. The winners were Mrs D Blundell (Moulton), Mrs L Knight (Chelveston) and Mr J Bowen (Swansea). Congratulations to them all.

#### News

John's next Quiz titled 'About Time', which is the Final Quiz, is now available from Pam: 01933 313195, Mary: 01933 315383, Joy: 01933 318415 and Samantha in the Church Office. Price £1. 3 prizes of £10. Closing date 30 October 2025. Joy wishes to thank everyone who has supported these quizzes since 2003 when John first started to compile them. It is very much appreciated.

Congratulations are due to .... Evelyn Fitch who celebrates her Eightieth birthday on 7 June and to David Hawker on his Eightieth birthday on 12 July. Also to Alan and Evelyn Fitch who celebrate their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary on 17 July. Love and best wishes from all of us at St Mary's.

Do you love to SING? Why don't you join St Mary's choir. You do not need to read music, a good ear is helpful. Come along to choir practice on Wednesday evenings at 7pm for an hour. Try us out without obligation. Meet the friendly bunch of choristers. All ages from 8yrs are welcome!

Crafts/Coffee and Tea If you would like to join us our next meeting is Tuesday 1 July 10am to 12n0on making 'Zentangles'. For further information contact Helen: 7814 226614 or hfallan22@gmail.com



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

# Saturdays 21 June & 19 July

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

Ladies Group is on Wednesday 11th June at 2.15-3.45 pm when speaker Nicola Lee will be talking about 'Cry' (Cardiac Risk in the Young). For ladies of all ages who meet in the Church Hall for fun and fellowship. On Wednesday 9 July we will be celebrating Summer with a Gateaux Afternoon and a Flower Quiz. All welcome. For more information please contact Tracey on 07805 566991

#### **Newton News**

Barn Dance will be held on Saturday 12 July starting at 7pm. Band is Kelly's eye with food and a bar. Tickets cost adult £12.50 and children £5. Please contact June for tickets on 07703 476689.

Village Fete will be held on Saturday 5 July starting at 2pm. The Mission Band will be playing and Simon will be playing the Church Organ. There will be the usual stalls and games. Ice creams and Afternoon Teas will be served. If you would like to help at the Fete, please contact Helen Lines 01933 315864.

# **FLOWERS**

1	June 2025
8	June 2025
15	June 2025
22	June 2025
29	June 2025
6	July 2025
13	July 2025
20	July 2025
27	July 2025



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# "I know I always can trust you"

owards the end of my recent sabbatical leave, I went to Lee Abbey on the North Devon coast for a Prayer Retreat to reflect upon retirement later this year. One of the wise guides suggested it would be good to choose a "theme song" for this next stage in life. At first I didn't think this was a very good idea! Then I remembered that on a previous visit, fifteen years ago, before my interview to be one of your Bishops, I sang a hymn on my prayer walks.

That hymn was "Father, I place into your hands the things I cannot do" by Jenny Hewer and it has been a special favourite ever since. It's a wonderful reminder of God's trustworthiness in the face of life's challenges. The verses cover the whole range of anxious questions; "What will I do?" "Where will I go?" "Who will I be?" "What about my family?" and "How will I cope?" The final verse focusses on walking close to God and loving his people, the Church; "Father, I want to be with you and do the things you do, Father, I want to speak the words that you are speaking too,

Father, I want to love the ones that you will draw to you." It's a lovely call to pastoral leadership and it continues to



inspire me after 39 years of ordained ministry.

But my wavering loyalty to God is overwhelmed by his faithfulness to me. In response to an enquiry about faith during a Question & Answer session with school children at the Cathedral, I said; "Faith is less about what you believe, more about who you can trust".

This month I celebrated the Golden anniversary of my Confirmation.

After over 50 years of following

Jesus, "I know I can always trust him."

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The Rt Rev John Holbrook Bishop of Brixworth

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# Joseph Alfred Michael 'Mick' Wadsworth

Mick was born on 13 December 1935 which he was told was a very cold winter in Higham Ferrers where the only heating was coal fires. Mick's brother Trevor followed 18 months later. They were so alike many people thought they were twins; however, they were different in so many ways.



Mick attended Higham Ferrers Infant School, and he had so many memories as most of the time was during the war. He attended Higham Methodist Church morning and afternoon. He had many memories of Sunday School, several Church members and the Minister at the time. He moved School after passing the 11 Plus exam so attended Wellingborough Grammar School but with no great success. He left school at 16 and took a job with the Inland Revenue before doing his National Service in the RAF, after which he joined the local shoe material company WW Chamberlain & Son in Wood Street Higham Ferrers. Mick had several girlfriends before National Service until his brother who knew Edna introduced Mick to her when he was on leave from the RAF on a weekend in the summer of 1956.

Their friendship proved a great success, and they were married in 1958 at St Peter's Church, Midland Road although Mick continued to attend Higham Methodist Church where he helped in the Sunday School until the arrival of their daughter Joanne in 1960 who was born at their home in St Margaret's Avenue, Rushden where the family lived until they moved to Hillary Road.

Mick and Edna's son Renny was born in 1963. Mick continued to work for Chamberlains but with promotion. He also took on responsibility as Commercial Manager at Chelveston and for one of their Factories in Lancashire travelling two days week, a job which he really loved.

John Tye who worked at Chamberlains encouraged Mick to attend St Marys with Edna. After some time, Mick became a member of the PCC and became friends with John Dixon and Tom Milligan and Mick and Edna's friendship with John and Chris Tye grew. Both Edna and Mick

helped to look after the Pathfinders and later he took the position of Church Treasurer after Philip Ackroyd. Mick of course was Churchwarden at St Marys from 1987 until 1999 alongside David Clarke. This was while Alan Smith and latterly Barry Morrison were Rectors here. Mick felt without question it has been a privilege to be a member of St Marys and to be associated with so many friends who have been a very important part of his life.

Mick was also, as many of you may know, has also been a great Cricket follower and regularly went to Test Matches with John Dixon. His favourite places were Lords Cricket Ground and Trent Bridge. His Proudest moments were the births of Joanne & Renny. His favourite Food was Fish and Chips & his Mother-in law's Lemon Meringue Pie. In retirement he did voluntary work helping youngsters with learning disabilities do manual work. He was on the working party and committee for St Matthews housing in Park Road Rushden. With Edna, Mick used to go prison visiting regularly on Tuesday evenings. He was also a Meals on Wheels deliverer and a Royal British Legion Member and Treasurer. I got to know Mick pretty well from the mid 70's onwards and particularly doing door to door visiting with Mick that Tom Milligan organised. I've always known Mick as a person of true faith.

By Rev Dr Glyn Ackerley

# VE Day Eightieth Anniversary

Thank you to those who came out to be part of an evening of reflection and celebrations in Hall Park yesterday evening for the VE Day Eightieth Anniversary.

We were entertained throughout the evening by the Rushden Mission Band.

The beacon was lit by Air Vice - Marshal White, Deputy Lord Lieutenant and the Town Mayor, Cllr David Coleman.

The knitted WW11 heartfelt creative Street Tea Party Scene to the era was also unveiled. Thank you to Rushden Yarn Bombers for all your hard work, time and dedication.



Rushden Town Council

# **Belfry Gossip**

Spring has brought plenty of ringing opportunities and a few less belfry ladybirds!

Simon was part of the Towcester band for a 12 Bell Striking Competition; they came 4th which was a great result against some excellent teams.

We entered a Rushden band for the Guild Striking contest. There were 2 contests: 9 teams of beginners ringing rounds and call changes at Twywell, and 10 more advanced teams ringing methods at Great Addington. Rushden band entered the methods competition ringing Grandsire Doubles.

When we weren't ringing it was enjoyable listening to the other bands as so often we are inside the tower and don't get to hear from outside.

We met at Islip village hall for a delicious tea, competition results, a short Guild meeting and an opportunity for further open ringing. We came a respectable joint 3rd with Rothwell. The winners were from Peterborough Cathedral.

We rang a Quarter Peal of Plain Bob Minor for St George's day.

We rang another Quarter Peal, of Buxton Bob Minor, to celebrate Alan's 80th and Simon's 60th birthdays.

The clock hammers have been serviced which is good news for the bells as they announce the time to the town.

We also rang a Quarter Peal of Grandsire Triples for the 80th Anniversary of VE Day with support from ringers of a local Quarter Peal group. It was nice to ring all 8 bells as often we only have enough ringers for 6 bells.

We haven't rung much with Cathy recently as she focuses on her health after a very busy Guild Anniversary year, but we are thinking of her and wishing her well.

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# Neighbourhood Watch Keep Your Child Safe on the Internet

Talk to your children about their internet use. If you know little about technology then just take an interest in what your child does online, either on a computer or a mobile phone. Being involved is the best way to keeping your child safe so that they feel they can turn to you if they run into problems.



What a child can do on the internet: 1. Find information, research topics for coursework or homework. 2. Get in touch with others, the best known ways, using Emails, Instant Messaging and Chat rooms where it is possible to swap files, films or music, enter discussion groups, play interactive games. 3. Interactive games online is where you can download a game from the website or visit a website to play with others. 4. Buy online. Children can buy books, games, CDs, videos, toys etc. although you usually need a credit card to do this.

The risks: Chat rooms are particularly popular with children and teenagers. Friendships can start just by having a shared interest like football. Paedophiles or sex abusers might pose as children or an adult may be honest about their age but there is no guarantee of their good intentions. 'Grooming' is when a relationship builds up between older men and children. Children can unwittingly give away personal details such as where they live and give email addresses that increase the risk of unwanted emails, that are known as spam. A vast majority of material on the internet is legal, decent and honest but it is easy to find or stumble across images that may be unsuitable for children. This may include pornography, violence, racism or harmful in some other way. Encourage your child to realise, that you would not give out personal information to a stranger in the street so don't do it in a chat room, you do not know really who you are speaking to. Children should not be tempted to have a one-to-one conversation with someone, (known as 'whispering'). They should stay in the public area of a chat room where everyone can see the conversation and where they should be safe. Not a good idea to arrange a meeting with anyone that was met online unless in the company of a responsible adult and meet in a public place. There are many websites for further information for example: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online.safety/

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# **Church Diary - June 2025**

- Sunday: 12noon-1.3opm Deep 1st and 3rd 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 more info contact Helen: 07495 304974.
  Sunday: 8pm Zoom Prayer Gathering for a link please email the church office on stmaryschurchoffice@binternet.com
- 2 Monday: 10am-12.30pm Bumps and Babes and Beans Club Where we have a short bible story, colouring and some fun songs. We then move to the main church hall, for craft activities or play with toys, Come and join us. £1.50 per family.
- 3 Tuesday: 10.00-12noon Crafts & Coffee/Tea in the Church Hall Russian Dolls, contact details on p7.
- 4 Wednesday: 7-8pm Choir Practice in Church
- 5 Thursday: 10-12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall
- 6 Friday: 7.30-9pm Bellringing Practice
- 8 Sunday: 8pm Zoom Prayer Gathering
- 9 Monday: 10am-12.30pm Bumps and Babes and Beans Club 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.
- 11 Wednesday: 2.15pm Ladies Group Meet in the Church Hall Wednesday: 7-8pm Choir Practice in Church
- 12 Thursday: 10-12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall
- 13 Friday: 7.30-9pm Bellringing Practice
- 15 Sunday: 12noon-1.30pm Deep Sunday: 8pm - Zoom Prayer Gathering
- 16 Monday: 10am-12.30pm Bumps and Babes and Beans Club
- 18 Wednesday: 7-8pm Choir Practice in Church
- 19 Thursday: 10-12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall
- 20 Friday: 7.30-9pm Bellringing Practice
- 21 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.
- 22 Sunday: 8pm Zoom Prayer Gathering
- 23 Monday: 10am-12.30pm Bumps and Babes and Beans Club Monday: 6-7.30pm - Ignite Kids Club
- 25 Wednesday: 7-8pm Choir Practice in Church
- 26 Thursday: 10-12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall
- 29 Sunday: 8pm Zoom Prayer Gathering
- 30 Monday: 10am-12.30pm Bumps and Babes and Beans Club

# Church Diary - July 2025

- Tuesday: 10.00-12noon Crafts & Coffee/Tea in the Church Hall Zen Tangles contact details on p7.
- 2 Wednesday: 7-8pm Choir Practice in Church
- 3 Thursday: 10-12 noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall
- 4 Friday: 7.30-9pm Bellringing Practice
- 5 Saturday: 2pm Newton Bromswold Village Fete
- **6 Sunday:** 12noon-1.30pm 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.
  - Sunday: 8pm Zoom Prayer Gathering
- 7 Monday: 10am-12.30pm Bumps and Babes and Beans Club where we light a candle, and have a short bible story, colouring and some fun songs. We then move to the church hall, where the children and parents can take part in craft activities or play. £1.50 per family. We also serve beans on toast afterwards 11.30am-12.30pm.
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- 10 Thursday: 10-12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall
- 11 Friday: 7.30-9pm Bellringing Practice
- 12 Saturday: 7pm Summer Barn Dance Newton Bromswold
- 13 Sunday: 8pm Zoom Prayer Gathering
- 14 Monday: 10am-12.30pm Bumps and Babes and Beans Club 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 and more. £1.50 per session, plus extra for tuck. Contact Paula 07505 381389.
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- 27 Sunday: 8pm Zoom Prayer Gathering
- 30 Wednesday: 7-8pm Choir Practice in Church
- 31 Thursday: 10-12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall

# Services for June 2025





Sunday 1 June - Seventh Sunday of Easter					
10.30am	Morning Worship	9.30am	Family Service		
Sunday 8 June - Pentecost					
10.30am	Holy Communion	9.30am	Family Service		
Sunday 15 June - Trinity Sunday					
10.30am	Family Worship and Confirmations	9.30am	Holy Communion		
Sunday 22 June - First Sunday after Trinity					
10.30am	Morning Worship	9.30am	Family Service		
Sunday 29 June - Second Sunday after Trinity					
10.30am	Morning Worship	9.30am	Family Service		
Midweek Services in St Mary's Church Thursdays - June 5, 12, 19, 26 at 10.30am - Holy Communion [BCP]					

For those receiving their copy of the Newsletter by post there will be a small charge of £5 per year: if this applies to you, a note will be included with this edition

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# **Services for July 2025**





#### Sunday 6 July - Third Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Family Service

Sunday 13 July - Fourth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Family Service

Sunday 20 July - Fifth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Family Worship

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 27 July - Sixth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Family Service

Midweek Services in St Mary's Church
Thursdays 10.30am on July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31
- Holy Communion [BCP]

# **Live-Streaming**

St Mary's Sunday Services at 10.30 will continue to be live-streamed and can also be found later on YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/user/stmarysrushden.