

Summer Newsletter

August - September 2025



2nd St Mary's Rainbows trip to Brighton
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Glyn Ackerley writes . . .

We continue to examine the statements in the Nicene Creed, specifically the part that speaks of the Holy Spirit, which says,

"We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets." So, he is given to us by the Father and the Son, and he is worshipped with them as one God.



People might ask which scriptures reveal that the Holy Spirit is God? Alongside many verses that speak of the Spirit of God, there are some clear indications, most notably, the incident in Acts 5 concerning Ananias and Sapphira. Annanias sold some property to give the money to the church, but with his wife's full knowledge, kept some of the money for themselves while giving the impression they were giving everything. The Apostle Peter says to Ananias in Acts 5:3, "Then Peter said, 'Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?' And in verse 4, Peter says, "What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God." So, Peter equates the Holy Spirit with God.

Throughout the Bible, in both the Old and New Testaments, the Holy Spirit is at work. Right at the beginning in the creation. Genesis 1v2 tells us that at the beginning "the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." In this verse, 'Spirit' is the English translation of the Hebrew word 'Ruach', meaning the wind or the breath of God. So, the Spirit of God was there in creation.

The Apostle Paul in Colossians 1:16-17 speaking of Jesus says, "For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Did the Holy Spirit play a part in creation? Well yes, he was there and if we believe he is one with the Father and the Son, he must have shared in creation.

Continued over...

Often in the New Testament we have the Father, the Son (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit mentioned as one, for example in our Matthew 28 reading, Jesus tells his followers to, "go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Also, I'm sure you remember the Father and the Spirit were both present at Jesus' baptism, you know the voice from heaven saying this in my beloved Son and the Holy Spirit descending like a dove. All four gospels record that.

Having said all that, the Holy Spirit can be a bit of a mystery to Christians. Many wrongly think of the Holy Spirit as a 'thing or a force.' However, the scriptures make it clear that He is a person. I'll come to that in a moment.

An important question is, why do we need the Holy Spirit to be active in us and the church to fulfil God's purposes? Let me say first of all that anyone who truly believes in Jesus Christ, whether they know it or not, has the Holy Spirit dwelling within them. The Apostle Paul in Romans 8:9 tells us, "If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ." So, Christians who have committed their lives to Christ must have the "Spirit of Christ" within them.

The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you." Now, the person who lives with them at that point is Jesus, but Jesus is saying that when the Holy Spirit comes, he will be in them as the 'Spirit of truth.' Does that make sense? Jesus could not have stayed as a physical man on earth. All the millions of Christians on earth and through history could not have encountered him personally as a human. Instead, they know him by the Holy Spirit, The Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ dwelling in them. What does the Holy Spirit do? Well, Jesus says in John 16v8 that when the Holy Spirit comes, "he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment." In other words, he will challenge the people of the world about their commonly held views about Sin and Salvation. To be counted righteous by God and free from Judgment, we need to believe in God and believe in Jesus. Our faith in Jesus is what saves us. This is the good news that we are justified before God by grace through faith, not by works.

It is he who teaches us, who helps us to remember and apply the scriptures. This is most important! We will hunger for the word of God, if we desire more of the Holy Spirit to fill us. He will help us to understand

the Bible and apply it.

As we have faith in Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes and puts a seal on us. This seal is not a physical mark, but rather a spiritual reality that assures believers of their place in God's family and their future with Him. We are marked as belonging to God, guaranteed eternal security, and given the Holy Spirit as a down payment on our future inheritance. It's a declaration of ownership, protection, and the authentication of our salvation. That's good news, isn't it!

You know the Holy Spirit should, indeed, must be involved and at the heart of our worship. In John chapter 4v24 Jesus says to the woman at the well in Samaria, "God is Spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." To worship in the Spirit suggests that we should let Him guide and direct our worship. It can't just be going through a form of words; we must personally engage with him in our worship. This is about heart engagement with God. Many times, I've felt the Holy Spirit's power come on me. It's been like breathing him in. Deep inside, this has been most often in worship. He wants to do the same with all of us. In the passage from John 4, where Jesus meets the woman at the well, he likens the Holy Spirit to living water that we can drink in. You know if we think of ourselves as a sail, he fills our sail and blows us in the right direction.

We have to let him have his way in our worship to receive those things. Another thing the Holy Spirit does is empower us to be witnesses. Jesus says in Acts 1v8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." He empowers us to share our faith with others, that they, too, may know God.

The Holy Spirit also increases love in us, among us and for those who are lost without faith. As the Apostle Paul writes in Romans 5v5, "God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."

Throughout the book of Acts, the Holy Spirit is received by the laying on of hands. If you've read the book of Acts, you will know that. This is not just for confirmation by a bishop we need to receive the Holy Spirit regularly.

So we need to ask for the Holy Spirit to enable us to fulfil God's purposes and live for Jesus. One way to receive more of the Holy Spirit is to pray for each other regularly, laying hands on each other. God wants to take hold of us as a church and direct and guide us into the future.

Mission Matters

Can you remember? the first time you heard that God loves you and that Jesus died for you?

If you had Christian parents, you will undoubtedly have grown up with this knowledge, or if you belong to my generation, you probably attended Sunday School and heard the Gospel there.

How times have changed! Thankfully, churches such as ours are still committed to sharing the Good News with children and teenagers, but in today's largely secular society it's evident that fewer young people get to hear and respond to the Christian message.

Once again this year our church's patron, the Church Pastoral Aid Society, is organising holidays for children and teenagers. These 'Venture' and 'Falcon' holidays are designed to be great fun, offering an amazing range of activities, games, sports and crafts, and at the same time giving opportunities to make good friends and to explore life with Jesus.

The 'Falcon' holidays are designed to suit those who may face disadvantage or difficult circumstances in their daily lives and who might not otherwise have a holiday. They are subsidised so that cost is not a barrier to anyone wishing to attend. Leaders speak of the positive impact of these special times on many of the young people who have experienced them.

The majority of those of you reading this will already know about what has been written in this article. If so, do please receive it as a reminder for all of us to pray that the Lord will use these holidays to draw those taking part to himself in a way that will have an impact upon them for the rest of their lives and into eternity.

Thank you.

Sue Eagles



St Mary's News

Summary of APCM meeting held on Monday 21 July 2025 in the Church Hall.

Tom K (chairman), Helen S, Peter Co, Kate W, Marion B, Bob B, David R, Dr Glyn A, Martin Co, Dan S, and Jennie B.

Apologies from James M.

Matters Arising Wheatsheaf application - no update yet, possible HMO. BT Fibre - difficult to get responses, so decision to unplug, leave for a couple of weeks and see what transpires. Mays Electricals had been contacted, a certificate was needed, and electrics were a priority.

Fabric Quinquennial - Jennie B to compile a list of jobs to be undertaken at the working party on Saturday 26 July. Helen S and Bob B to look at the necessary supplies to undertake said jobs.

The lead on the roof will cost £1905.12 (inc. VAT) was proposed by Bob B, and seconded by Dan S.

Hall Door - no reply yet. The faculty form was sent to Emily and to be discussed at DAC this week otherwise would be chased for a decision.

Consultation responses to ramp, a discussion ensued. All agreed this must happen, details are to follow. £650 has been received from the Diocese.

Safeguarding Emily would be taking over as Safeguarding Officer with support from Vikki K. All agreed and all groups needed to have policies in place and risk assessments completed.

Budget Income: There is a considerable drop in the total of giving income due to the death of members and some members of the congregation leaving.

Expenditure Tithe: We have allocated a 5% tithe based on the 2024 accounts, and another 5% to be allocated to help to pay the salary of the Children and Family worker (as agreed at a previous PCC meeting).

Parish Share: The actual Parish Share should be £81,946. We are paying 50% and the direct debit has been changed to reflect this from 1st July 2025. We have advised Peterborough that we will review our financial situation at the year end and if possible, contribute more.

Younger Church: Helen's projected budget is quite high mainly due to the Easter and Christmas Experience. Since other churches participate in these events, we suggest that other churches contribute to the cost.

Pension: Neither Sam nor Helen have so far joined a pension scheme despite this being on their

Flower Rotas

Behind the Communion Table

August

- 3 Julie West
- 10 Helen Smedley
- 17 Jude Curtis
- 24 Kathy and Chris
- 31 Paula Williams

September

- 7 Marion Bates
- 14 Ellen Inwood
- 21 Jude Curtis
- 28 Mary Hadley

Memorial Chapel

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

contracts. CALM Accounting advised us that to cover employee and employer contributions from the beginning of their appointments to date will cost £3,500. Our contact, Elaine, at CALM has contacted the Church Workers Pension Scheme and is trying to get it sorted out. We will update you when we have further information as it will require approval from the PCC.

Accounting Fees: The amount in the budget is the cost for CALM and Nuala. It could be more than the budget.

THE REGISTERS

Funerals

Tuesday 17 June

Pamela O'Rourke [83]

Friday 27 June

Richard Herbert Woodcock [80]

Weddings

Saturday 12 July

Graham Abraham and
Gemma Hunter

Wednesday 23 July

Duane Wilkins and Emily James

Interment of ashes

Thursday 29 May

Joan Walker

Thursday 17 July

Joseph Alfred Michael 'Mick'
Wadsworth

Thursday 31 July

Michael David Hill

Children and Family Worker: We have used the £4,166 remaining in the Designated Funds to offset the cost.

Energy Basket Our contract through Parish Buying expires 30 September 2025. In reply to an e-mail from them we have belatedly sent a letter of interest to them, but as yet, there is no pricing information although they have

assured us that it will be coming by the end of July. In addition to this we have had communications from 2Buy2 Energy, and Northern Utilities but until the PCC make a decision of whether we should send copies of the invoices from Total to these companies no further action can be taken.

Family & Children's worker

Holiday Club - Wonders of Creation, 17 children have signed up so far. Longer provision planned for 2026 to accommodate working parents. Local schools are on board more, South End juniors are looking to be more involved than previously. The work done by Helen and her team has seen growth. Also, some adults have come to worship at St Mary's, the Spirit is evident here in Rushden. The Christmas Craft Day will combine visits inside the church, and getting to know more about us, and Jesus.

Ministry A Season of lament for 4 weeks from September. Being honest in front of God. After 4 weeks, we will bring it before God and then let it go. Investigating/action/letting go.

Pete Squires will be training as an Ordinand, mentored by Tom K. Dan S as Church Warden is to investigate solar panels. Josh Coulson to quote on continued care/maintenance of hall toilets/kitchen.



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

16 August & 20 September

9.30am - 12noon

St Mary's Church Hall

Adults £5: children free



Interested in flower arranging?

Have you noticed the beautiful flowers arranged by willing volunteers behind the Communion table?

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Commitment only once every two months. Interested?

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Date of Next meeting Change of date to Monday, September 1 2025

Newton News

Village Fete

The Village Fete raised £2439 for Church Funds, which was approximately £500 more than last year. We were very lucky with the weather this year. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on Fete and to everyone who supported. The fancy dress was won by Esme as a Lion.

Barn Dance

The Barn Dance was a wonderful evening raising £627.40 for Friends of Newton Church. Thank you for your support.

Church Bike Ride

The Church Bike Ride will be held on Saturday 13 September from 10am to 6pm. Newton Church will be participating in the Church Bike Ride. If you would take like to take part please speak to Helen Lines. Money raised will be split between Newton Church and the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust.



FLOWERS

August

- | | |
|----|-----------------|
| 3 | Helen Lines |
| 10 | June Clarke |
| 17 | Mrs Dangerfield |
| 24 | Mrs Sargeant |
| 31 | Sophie |

September

- | | |
|----|------------------------------------|
| 7 | Helen Mayes |
| 14 | Sarah Cran |
| 21 | Helen Rees-Bidder |
| 28 | Rosemary Coulson and Abby Standard |

Yard Sale

On the 23, 24 and 25 August from 10am to 4pm, Marion Hollis will be holding a Yard Sale at 54 Avenue Road Rushden NN10 0SJ. Monies from the sale will go to Rushden and District Lions.

Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 28 September at 9:30am Harvest Sale will be on Monday 29th September at 7:30pm in The Swan, Newton Bromswold. Reverend Glyn Ackerley will be the auctioneer for the sale.

On Sunday 24 August, the Church Service will be held at 9am, due to clergy shortages.

“Our Shared Calling”

July is the season of ordinations—a time to celebrate those who have been called to special ministries in the life of the Church, as deacons and priests, but also an opportunity to reflect on what God is calling US to be and to do. For us at the Cathedral, the ordinations come hot on the heels of our patronal festival when we remember St Peter, that rather unlikely hero of the Christian faith, who so often seemed not to be the ‘rock’ that Jesus had nick-named him! Nevertheless, Peter managed to come to terms with his past failings, and respond to Christ’s forgiveness, and the call to “feed my sheep”. It’s surely true that none of our new priests and deacons are the finished article either. Like Peter, like all of us, they will have much to learn about themselves, their role and the communities they serve and every new experience and challenge offers all of us an opportunity to learn and grow, if we are humble enough to accept it in that way.

This year the ordination service has a particular resonance for me as I will have just celebrated 40 years as a priest. A lot has changed since the

summer day in 1985 when I was ordained.

Shops were still closed on Sundays; the ordination of women was still to happen; there was no ‘internet’ mobile phones or social media; it was still likely that people would apologise for not going to church – rather than express amazement that anyone still does!



But in the midst of that, I know I’ve changed and hope that I will continue to do so. Not in the strong sense of calling that I still feel, but in recognising that in a changing world, while the message of Christ’s love remains constant, how that love is to be lived out and the good news of it shared has and will continue to change and develop. All of us are called by the one Spirit of God. May we seek to follow that call and live it out, wherever it leads us.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Chris Dalliston". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a light-colored background.

The Very Revd Chris Dalliston
Dean of Peterborough

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A Year in the Garden

Another year has passed and the gardeners grow older but not necessarily wiser. One has had a broken wrist so was unable to garden for several months but we hope to welcome him back fully fit. While he was recuperating the gardeners met one Wednesday at his home to celebrate his 80th birthday. Most of the other gardeners are reasonably fit.

The apple trees were mentioned in the last gardening report and despite their youth produced quite a few very nice apples. Hopefully the crop will be as good as last year's. If you haven't seen them then take a walk around the churchyard to find them.

We are able to keep the Garden of Rest tidy thanks to Tony who cuts the grass. This hasn't been an easy job during the last few weeks due to the hot and dry weather as the grass hasn't grown much. Most of the border between the West gate and the Vestry Hall is now looking tidy and for the moment almost weed-free as is the Queen Elizabeth rose border (we think that some of the roses are older than we are). The hyacinths, bluebells and bearded iris gave splashes of colour during Spring and early Summer.

If you have walked through the churchyard from Park Place or parked your car you may have noticed a new flower bed where once there was a tree and a few bushes which were completely covered with bindweed. Miraculously all the bindweed has disappeared and John has transformed it into a wild flower garden interspersed with tobacco plants, cosmos, and snapdragons. These should self-seed next year to produce another colourful show. You may have also noticed a big change in the gardeners' shed. It is no longer covered with ivy but is now naked, but we are sure that the ivy will get its own back and regrow.

During the last year it has been an honour for us to dig holes for the interment of ashes for church members who have passed away. Thanks to Mick, Peter, John, and Tony for their hard work week by week. We hope that everyone walking through can enjoy the garden throughout the year.



Belfry Gossip

We have continued to focus on Carlisle Surprise Minor as our special method and are becoming more competent in it as a band - when we can consistently ring it well, we will add it to our repertoire of regular methods and choose a new method to learn together.

The two clock faces became misaligned, displaying different times, and it appeared one had been jammed by a piece of fallen masonry. The hour strike motor was also faulty. Both have been repaired.

A band of mostly Rushden ringers took part in the Branch Striking Competition amongst 9 teams in total; we came a very respectable second place, behind Easton Maudit and ahead of Irthlingborough (Pam also supported the Irthlingborough band). We were pleased to come after Easton Maudit who have some advanced ringers. Paul received a special mention for excellent tenor ringing.

At the Guild AGM, Cat was voted in as Youth Officer for the Guild - hopefully any youth developments across the area will have a positive impact locally too. Although in Rushden we have a complete absence of youth ringing at this time, hopefully we can engage some new young energy whilst we still have a band to teach them!

Some of our ringers attended a 10 bell practice at Higham Ferrers - although we don't have 10 bells at Rushden it is enjoyable, an opportunity to try different methods and a slightly different skill ringing on 10 bells.

We rang to celebrate the wedding of Gemma and Graham - it was also Party in the Park so hopefully our music rang out across the park to reach a wide audience.

We usually keep cool in the belfry whilst it's warmer outside, but even we're feeling the heat within the stone walls, as we stretch and pull (on the ropes!) the heavy metal above us.

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Environmental anti-social social behaviour: includes dumping rubbish, animal nuisance, including dog-fouling and dogs barking, vandalism, property damage and graffiti, anti-social drinking, driving in an inconsiderate or careless way, e.g. drivers congregating in an area for racing/car cruising and arson.

There is too much to say about ASB here but recognising an ASB can help to guide you to reporting. You should contact the Local Authority or your Social Housing Landlord in the first instance or report to the police if you are concerned for anyone's safety – dial 999 in an emergency or 101 non-emergency.

There are many organisations that might deal with a problem e.g. National Domestic Violence helpline free on 0808 2000 247, NSPCC on 0808 800 5000, Victim Support Northamptonshire call Voice on 0300 303 1965, but if you are not sure who to report to, go to asbhelp.co.uk who will advise. Further information can be found as follows: Neighbourhood Watch website: www.ourwatch.org.uk click on the 'Crime Prevention' heading and then on 'ASB and us'.

**ANTI-SOCIAL
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Other News and Events

Crafts/Coffee and Tea If you would like to join us, our next meeting is **Tuesday 5 August 10am to 12noon** making '**Charm Bracelets**'. For further information contact Helen: 7814 226614 or hfallan22@gmail.com

For the Recently Bereaved Family and Friends of: Tom Milligan whose Funeral will be held at St Mary's Church, Little Addington NN14 4BD on Monday 18 August at 12.30 pm.

Congratulations are due to ... Julia Emtage who celebrates her seventieth birthday on 9 September. Love and best wishes from all of us at St Mary's.

PCC Away Day has been moved to Saturday 4 October.

The Mayor's Civic Service will be held on Sunday 5 October at 10:30am.

Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 12 October at 10:30am.

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.

Christingle will be at Candlemass.

Mission - January, What is it ? Who is it for? All building up to **Mission 2026** June to July. Eight or nine events around Rushden, open to all, relational and intentional.

The **Men's breakfast** went very well, there is a third one planned for September 20.

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The Luis Pilau mission is around £13,000 of funding. The aim is for June 2026 and we will be organising different events for each church, taking into account of the population demographics.

Street Pastors is established with the Ascension Trust. Volunteers for being a pastor are coming forward. The trustees have been appointed.

Illuminate a big group meet from 5 different churches, we are encouraged by lots of youth attending and the kids invite their friends and good to see it continue.

Encompass there is a Duck Street homeless project and also Corby Homeless project. The Food banks are in Rushden, Raunds and Thrapston. They are taking over the lease of the old Midland Hart building on High Street South for homeless.

Serving the community a LAP (Local Area Partnership) with North Northamptonshire Council. Katie Sullivan presented at a meeting on 24 June that the council has money available for projects to help Children from deprived backgrounds, mental health and people living on their own in particular carers and the elderly.

LAP funding to engage with LA regarding financial support streams for Street Pastors. Unsociable hours and late Saturdays. We also need Prayer Pastors for those who want to support but unable to go out with the team on the streets

Follow up with Alpha, Christianity Explored, Bible Course St Mary's is looking to host a Harpist recital/cheese and wine evening.

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!**



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Church Diary - August 2025

- 1 **Friday: 7.30-9pm - Bellringing Practice**
- 3 **Sunday: 8pm - Zoom Prayer Gathering** for a link please email the church office on stmaryschurchoffice@btinternet.com
- 5 **Tuesday: 10.00-12noon - Crafts & Coffee/Tea** in the Church Hall - Charm Bracelets, contact details on p18.
- 6 **Wednesday: 7-8pm - Choir Practice** in Church
- 7 **Thursday: 10-12noon - Tea and Coffee** in the Hall
- 8 **Friday: 7.30-9pm - Bellringing Practice**
- 10 **Sunday: 8pm - Zoom Prayer Gathering**
- 11 **Monday: 9am - 12noon - Wonder Zone Holiday Club**
Discovering Gods wonderful world. Activities for 5-11 year old's. Activities include Bible stories, science experiments, crafts, songs, dance and games.
£5 per day, booking essential, forms available upon request. For more information and booking forms please contact:
stmaryschurchoffice@btinternet.com or 01933 412235.
- 12 **Tuesday: 9am - 12noon - Wonder Zone Holiday Club**
- 13 **Wednesday: 9am - 12noon - Wonder Zone Holiday Club**
Wednesday: 7-8pm - Choir Practice in Church
- 14 **Thursday: 10-12noon - Tea and Coffee** in the Hall
- 15 **Friday: 7.30-9pm - Bellringing Practice**
- 16 **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.
- 17 **Sunday: 8pm - Zoom Prayer Gathering**
- 21 **Thursday: 10-12noon - Tea and Coffee** in the Hall
- 22 **Friday: 7.30-9pm - Bellringing Practice**
- 23 **Saturday: 10am-4pm - Yard Sale** - On the 23rd, 24th and 25th August Marion Hollis will be holding a Yard Sale at 54 Avenue Road Rushden. More information on page 10.
- 24 **Sunday: 8pm - Zoom Prayer Gathering**
- 28 **Thursday: 10-12noon - Tea and Coffee** in the Hall
- 29 **Friday: 7.30-9pm - Bellringing Practice**
- 31 **Sunday: 8pm - Zoom Prayer Gathering**

Church Diary - September 2025

- 1 **Monday: 7pm-9pm - PCC Meeting**
- 2 **Tuesday: 10.00-12noon - Crafts & Coffee/Tea** in the Church Hall - contact details on p18.
- 3 **Wednesday: 7-8pm - Choir Practice** in Church
- 4 **Thursday: 10-12noon - Tea and Coffee** in the Hall
- 5 **Friday: 7.30-9pm - Bellringing Practice**
- 7 **Sunday: 8pm - Zoom Prayer Gathering**
- 8 **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.
- 10 **Wednesday: 2.15pm - Ladies Group** - Meet in the Church Hall
- Wednesday: 7-8pm - Choir Practice** in Church
- 11 **Thursday: 10-12noon - Tea and Coffee** in the Hall
- 12 **Friday: 7.30-9pm - Bellringing Practice**
- 13 **Saturday: 10am-6pm - Church Bike Ride - Newton Church** will be participating in the Church Bike Ride. More info on page 10.
- 14 **Sunday: 8pm - Zoom Prayer Gathering**
- 15 **Monday: 10am-12.30pm - Bumps and Babes and Beans Club**
- 17 **Wednesday: 7-8pm - Choir Practice** in Church
- 18 **Thursday: 10-12noon - Tea and Coffee** in the Hall
- 19 **Friday: 7.30-9pm - Bellringing Practice**
- 20 **Saturday: 9am - Men's Breakfast at Park Road Baptist Church**
Guest speaker Ian McDowell from 'Tough Talk'. £6 per person which includes full English breakfast.
Saturday: 9.30am-12noon - Who Let The Dads Out? - for male carers and their younger children 0-6yrs Adults £5: children free.
- 21 **Sunday: 8pm - Zoom Prayer Gathering**
- 22 **Monday: 10am-12.30pm - Bumps and Babes and Beans Club**
- 24 **Wednesday: 7-8pm - Choir Practice** in Church
- 25 **Thursday: 10-12noon - Tea and Coffee** in the Hall
- 26 **Friday: 7.30-9pm - Bellringing Practice**
- 28 **Sunday: 8pm - Zoom Prayer Gathering**
- 29 **Monday: 10am-12.30pm - Bumps and Babes and Beans Club**
Monday: 7.30pm - Harvest Sale in The Swan, Newton Bromswold.

Services for August 2025

St Mary's
Rushden

St Peter's
Newton Bromswold

Sunday 3 August - Seventh Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Family Service

Sunday 10 August - Eighth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Family Service

Sunday 17 August - Ninth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Family Worship

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 24 August - Tenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship

9am Family Service

Sunday 31 August - Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Family Service

Midweek Services in St Mary's Church

Thursdays - August 7, 14, 21, 28

at 10.30am - Holy Communion [BCP]

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Services for September 2025

St Mary's
Rushden

St Peter's
Newton Bromswold

Sunday 7 September - Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Family Service

Sunday 14 September - Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Family Service

Sunday 21 September - Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Family Worship

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 28 September - Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Harvest

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