

Newsletter

August - September 2026



(From Catherine Porter Harpist cheese & wine concert)

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From Rev Dr Glyn Ackerley...

Is Christianity based on myths? A lot of people in our increasingly atheistic society think so. In recent open discussions I've had with atheists, they've expressed a great deal of skepticism about Jesus and the Christian faith that has been picked up from 'popular' atheist authors and critical TV programmes. You may have had similar conversations with atheist friends and family.



Before I retired, I missed a Sunday morning at Church due to illness. On that morning I did something that most Christians would have missed: I watched a television programme questioning the reliability of the Bible. It was an episode of BBC's *The Big Questions* presented by Nicki Campbell. This series of programmes was aired at 10 am on Sundays, when the majority of Christians across the country are in church.

In this particular episode, one of the participants was my former Bishop in Rochester, Michael Nazir Ali. Bishop Michael and one or two of the other Christians present were trying to present why they believe the Bible in the face of great skepticism from other members of the panel and also the audience. One panel member, a historical theologian from Exeter, presented her view that we can't trust the Bible. In her view, King David, who according to the Bible wrote many of the Psalms, was unlikely to be a true historical figure. The programme got even more interesting when they moved on to the reliability of the gospels. It was suggested that Christians who lived many years after Jesus had suppressed the truth about him by only accepting the writings included in our Bibles as being reliable. They rejected a number of strange accounts of the life of Jesus written by people we know as the Gnostics. Those writings were rejected by the church because they were not in line with the teaching of the apostles, which was recorded in the accepted books that eventually went into the New Testament.

In a short letter like this there isn't space for me to present a full argument of the reliability of the scriptures. I can only raise questions about some of the so-called evidence of sceptics regarding the historical accuracy of the Bible.

Just to point to two examples:- Until 1993, not a shred of evidence could be found anywhere outside the Bible that David, the king of Israel, ever existed, and so it had become fashionable in some academic circles to dismiss the David stories as mere invention. The critics' verdict was that David was "nothing more than a figure of religious and political mythology." [Jeffrey Sheler, *Is the Bible True?* (1999), pages 95-96].

Well, their skepticism regarding David collapsed overnight in 1993 when a nearly 3,000-year-old inscription was unearthed in Israel mentioning David the king of Israel. This was a tremendous discovery and helped verify, for the first time outside the Bible, that David was an actual historical figure.

Every week in our church services we state our faith by reciting one of our creeds i.e. statement of faith. These normally contain a reference to a Roman leader called Pontius Pilate. We say about Jesus that, “for our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.” The New Testament authors tell us that Pilate was the Roman governor of Judea at the time of Jesus and oversaw Jesus’ trial. He then sentenced Him to death by crucifixion (**Matthew 27:2; Luke 3:1**).

In the first part of the twentieth century, sceptics claimed that Pilate was a legendary figure. There was no historical record of him. This cast doubt in some people’s minds about the accuracy of the gospels until, in 1961, a team of Italian archaeologists was digging in Caesarea, on the shore of the Mediterranean Sea in Israel. While clearing away the sand and overgrowth from the jumbled ruins of a Roman theatre, these archaeologists made an astonishing find. They uncovered a limestone block that bore an inscription in Latin dating to the early part of the first century that mentioned “Pontius Pilate, Prefect of Judea.” This inscription verifies that Pontius Pilate was an actual historical person, that he reigned in the very position ascribed to him by the Gospels, and as prefect he would have had the authority to condemn or pardon Jesus, just as the Gospel accounts report.

Archaeologists have again and again reinforced the historical reliability of the Bible. So I want to say to you the Bible is a reliable foundation for faith in Jesus Christ. People wriggle out of accepting the claims of the Bible and particularly the teaching of Jesus about himself, so they point to the so-called absence of historical evidence. As time goes on, they are increasingly proved wrong.



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 August & 19 September

9.30am - 12noon

St Mary’s Church Hall

Adults £5; children free

Just turn up!

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!



A Season of Transition

July is a season of transition. For many of our young people it's time for a well-earned break after exams and the anxious wait for results – with all that can mean.

For others of us, it may be time for a holiday; or finding space to recharge our batteries.

For a few in our churches, those being ordained deacon or priest, it marks both an end and a beginning: the conclusion of a long period of preparation, study and formation; and then coming to terms with a new role, new expectations and new responsibilities.

Whatever July means for us personally, in the Church's calendar it's just a fragment of ordinary time; with none of the drama we associate with Christmas or Easter, or Pentecost, (just as of course, for many of us, July will not bring any respite from our regular routine).

Nevertheless, God is with us in the ordinary moments as well as in the times of crisis, he is with us in

stability as well as in change. When we rest, he is the still point of the turning world, when in times of change or trial he sustains and upholds us.

As the psalmist puts it: 'If I take to the wings of the morning and settle in the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me and your right hand shall hold me fast.' (Psalm 139: 9-10)

Whatever July means for you, may you find Christ's peace at the heart of it all.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Dalliston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Very Revd Chris Dalliston

Belfry Gossip

We had a visit from an engineer to service the clock and oil the gears. The bells were rung down so the engineer could climb around the bells and frame more safely.

On 17th May, which coincidentally was Bell Sunday, we had 3 visitors for service ringing, who enabled us to ring some lovely 7 and 8 bell methods: Stedman Triples, Yorkshire Surprise Major and Little Bob Major. One ringer watching in belfry described the Stedman Triples as beautiful and the Yorkshire as excellent. We wondered whether listeners outside would wonder why our ringing had improved!

We supported the Branch Practice at Ecton. Some churches with kitchen facilities provided us with tea and Ecton was no exception - plenty of sweet delights after doing our best on heavy-going bells.

We had a new learner, Esther, join us on the 5th June and each week since. Mainly Alan has been teaching her about ringing theory and bell handling. Early signs are she is progressing well, and very enthusiastic, which is excellent news given the challenges of recruiting ringers felt across the country.

We held the Guild AGM locally, at St Katharine's, Irchester. A thoughtful service was led by Right Reverend Debbie. The meeting was mostly uneventful, but several new vacancies in addition to some already vacant means we are looking for volunteers in a lot of capacities and will have to see what the year ahead holds with any new interest. The delicious and extensive buffet tea had significant contributions from Rushden ringers - happy to do our part when we see everyone enjoying the fruits of our labours.

We had a striking competition at Stanwick. They are very light bells and most were not used to this. There was an array of sweet treats provided with refreshments. The competition was very well attended with 11 teams entering, more than many previous years. Judges comments for the Rushden band were *Settled and kept good steady pace throughout*. We came 1st by half a point with 9 faults. For comparison 11th place had 48

faults from a total of 120 changes. Certificates were presented to the teams taking part and the trophy is hanging on the wall in the Belfry until next year's competition.

It's excellent to see so many bands taking part, including some very new ringers. Our win is both recognition of our dedication and the significant experience and skill within our band.

Two Rushden ringers attended a Branch practice at Grendon making 6 ringers for 6 bells so just enough to ring a variety of methods. The bells are fairly heavy and are rung very infrequently so were relatively hard going and hot work.



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St Mary's News

Summary of PCC meeting held on Monday 20 July 2026 in the Vestry Hall.

Attendees: Rev Tom K, Helen S, Dan S, Martin Co, Bob B, Marion B, Peter Co, Kate W, Tracy C and Dr Glyn A

We discussed the APCM with Rev Tom and agreed that all the reports will be made available the two Sunday's prior to APCM. We plan to hold the APCM during the Sunday service in 2027.

Church Burglaries the police reported that a number of churches had been burgled in the East Northamptonshire area. We had a visit from the Crime Prevention office and we agreed on crime prevention measures.

Wedding brochure the revised wedding brochure was distributed to the PCC for their review. We agreed on the fees to add a sentence that they are subject to change. The brochure states that the married couple have to apply for the wedding certificate after marriage service.

Finance the 2025 Accounts have been examined, passed and have now received the signed Independent Examiner's report. We are now able to send all the information to the Charity Commission. We will be sending all the paperwork we have to Bouverie Court at the beginning of next week so hopefully we will have an up-to-date report for the September PCC meeting. As agreed at PCC, we transferred £6,563 from the CCLA Restricted Fabric deposit account to pay the 50% deposit for the clock repair. Smith of Derby

came on Wednesday 22 July to measure up for the work.

We were going to pay £1,700 as a deposit for the hall doors but this did not happen because the DAC have still not approved it, even though it has been 2 years since the application was put in.

CCLA sent a client update form for all four accounts which has been filled in and returned.

TSB requested that a "Know your business" form be completed to ensure that the account stayed open. This was finalised in June.

We are still no nearer to getting correct invoices from Ecotricity.

The Expression of Interest form for a grant to help pay for the updating of the church electrics, has been rejected.

We had an email from the Historic Buildings charity explaining why it failed. Apparently, the minimum amount for a grant is £10,000 and we applied for less and also it was a "stand alone" claim and not part of a wider project.

In view of Bob and Marion's wish to stop being treasurers by May 2027, it is important that any changes needed to the bank signatures and access to accounts should be seriously thought about.

Safeguarding we discussed training for PCC members and investigating how to get in person training for the Co course. To allow the diocese to review the safeguarding, they have created a safeguarding portal access dashboard. The dashboard will have the training and will be highlighted in red if not

Flower Rotas

Behind the Communion Table

August

2	Jude Curtis
9	Julie West
16	Jude Curtis
23	Ellen Inwood
30	Marion Bates

September

6	Paula Williams
13	Ellen Inwood
20	Mary Hadley
27	Julie West

Memorial Chapel

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

completed and green when training has been completed. The safeguarding officer and Rector will manage the dashboard.

Safeguarding Hub will list out all the training courses and resources that the diocese have available to complete the training.

Youth work Helen S reported the following; the youth work is currently taking a summer break. St Mary's will not be holding a children's holiday club this year due to increase works load from the Rushden Life Mission. We will be looking to hold either a Christmas or Easter experience and not both in the same year in the future. We discussed the Rushden East development that we may need to have a church plan

THE REGISTERS

Funerals

Monday 3 August

Geoffrey Wothers [86]

in the area. We are expecting more information in September.

Fabric the 28 day notice for the new church hall door will expire on 24 July and the DAC will be advised. We have not received any objections.

Disabled Access we contacted Adrian R who has provided a plan for a sloping pathway from the North Porch to the North Gate. This would require building up the level to allow for slope to be acceptable for a mobility scooter or wheelchair. When we have received a quote, we will be provided with a contact at the diocese who can assist how to get a grant to contribute towards the cost.

Quinquennial Electrical work the DAC have advised that they need a plan of the church that will include the locations of the sockets, light switches, circuit board and lights. National grid inspectors will have the "cut off" replaced soon.

Church Clock Automatic Winders (AW) Smiths of Derby will measure the AW's on 22 July.

Church Hall Inventory Dan S confirmed that the logs and terrier and are all up to date.

Church IT systems we discussed how we can improve the storage of church correspondence, PCC meetings, Accounts, warden updates and other items on the church office servers.

News

The church currently has a one drive. We could use cloud providers and store information on the church website.

Any Other Business Helen S confirmed that the masonry paint around the edges of the church steps will be repainted white in the next two weeks.

Date and time of next meeting the next meeting will be taking place on Tuesday 1 September 2026 at 7pm.

Congratulations are due to ...

Tracy Kalina who turned 60 on 18 July, Love and best wishes from all of us at St Mary's.

Church Cleaning volunteers are needed to join the church cleaning rota, male or female. We have a rota of volunteers who clean the church in teams of two or three, each team is only needed every

four months. The church is cleaned once in a month, for example team A will clean the church once in January, May and September.

Interested in flower arranging?



Have you noticed the displays regularly produced by our team of volunteers behind the Communion Table?

Would you like to join this special group?

Commitment only once every two months

Interested?

Contact Kathy on 07990 836217 in the first instance.

Newton News

Village Fete It was a lovely sunny enjoyable day for the Fete with the Rushden Mission Band and Simon our organist providing the music. Rushden Mayor Janet Pinnock judged the fancy dress. Thank you to everyone who supported the fete by attending and the many helpers who made this event possible. In total, we raised £2089.65 for church funds.



(Rushden Life Concert at Newton Church)

Newton News

Rushden Life Concert held in Newton church - Beauty, Brokenness, Joy and Hope was sold out. The Pang family followed the gospel story woven through music, while reflecting on treasured memories, familiar places and moments from our lives. The High Sheriff of Northamptonshire came along to support the concert. As one of England's oldest Royal appointments, dating back to Anglo Saxon times, it was a real honour to welcome him.

Ride and Stride Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust

Church bike ride will take place on Saturday 12 September 2026 and Newton Church will be open from 10am to 6pm. If you would like to participate, please contact Helen Lines - helen.lines@me.com



FLOWERS

August

2 August Mrs Beeby
9 August Julie Allen
16 August Mrs Turner
23 August Mrs Burt
30 August Mrs Sargeant

September

6 Sept Sophie
13 Sept Helen Lines
20 Sept June Clarke
27 Sept Sarah

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Have you ever imagined...

What it would have been like to live in the days before the invention of the telephone, radio, television or internet? Knowledge of faraway places and people would have been gleaned from the accounts of the minority who had visited distant lands.

How times have changed! Long haul travel is commonplace. News from abroad can reach us as it is breaking. The world seems a much smaller planet due to modern means of communication. When we are made aware of conflict and disasters they seem much more real. The question, “Who is my neighbour?” becomes more pertinent than ever as we witness the suffering of our fellow human beings around the world.

At the time of writing, the full horror of the Venezuelan earthquakes is still unfolding. Many bodies still remain buried under piles of rubble which were once their homes. Survivors are injured, traumatised, grieving and lost. It is good to know that Tearfund, as a member of the “Disasters Emergency Committee” is working as part of a coordinated effort of church networks to offer food and shelter, medical care and trauma support to survivors.

As you may know, even before the earthquakes, Venezuela was experiencing a prolonged time of crisis, politically and economically. In recent years, almost 8 million people, including skilled professionals, have left the country, and just under 8 million of those remaining have been needing humanitarian aid. This is a country which needs our prayers and our practical help, and will do so well into the future. If you feel that God is asking you to respond to this need in any way, more information can be found at tearfund.org, or donations may be sent to Tearfund, 100 Church Road, Teddington, Middlesex, TW11 8QE

Sue Eagles



Other News and Events

As a follow up from Rushden Life we will be hosting a 321 Mission Course on Monday evenings commencing on Monday 13 July at 7pm for five weeks in the church hall at St Mary's Church, Rushden.



321 is a course that invites you to see life the way Jesus does. 321 is designed to help you think about God, the world and yourself through immersive videos and thoughtful illustrations. It's designed to be something you can do on your own (if you're away over summer) or together here in Rushden. It's flexible and engaging.



The Bible Course will be commencing at St Mary's Church, Rushden on Monday 7th September at 7pm. The Bible Society's The Bible Course is an eight-session course designed to help people understand the Bible as one connected story, from Genesis to Revelation. It's intended for anyone, whether they're completely new to the Bible or have been reading it for years.

Luke McGrath - Rushden Street Pastor's Prayer coordinator
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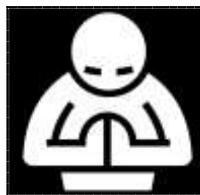
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Through our neighbourhood policing teams, we aim to deliver a truly local policing service, where officers are a visible, accessible, and trusted presence within their communities.

Neighbourhood policing teams work proactively to tackle local issues. They work closely with partner agencies and the local community to improve local conditions and help create stronger, safer communities in our towns and villages.

By working together, they aim to identify issues early and find long-term, sustainable solutions to local problems, while maintaining a wider focus on reducing crime across their policing area.

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Church Diary - August 2026

- 3 Monday: 7pm-9pm - 321 Mission Course - Discover Life According to Jesus.** As a follow up from Rushden Life we will be hosting a 321 Mission Course on Monday evenings commencing on Monday 13 July for five weeks in the church hall (more details on page 13).
- 4 Tuesday: 10.00-12noon - Crafts & Coffee/Tea** in the Church Hall - CD Suncatchers, Contact for the group is Helen Allan 07814 226614.
- 5 Wednesday: 7-8pm - Choir Practice** in Church
- 6 Thursday: 10-12noon - Tea and Coffee** in the Hall
Thursday: 7.30pm - Prayers with Glyn in the Pemberton Chapel
Glyn will be leading prayers for St Mary's every Thursday
All welcome.
- 7 Friday: 7.30-9pm - Bellringing Practice**
- 10 Monday: 7pm-9pm - 321 Mission Course - Discover Life According to Jesus.**
- 12 Wednesday: 2.15pm - Ladies Group with guest speaker Lindsay Brown from Rushden Library** - For ladies of all ages – meet in the Church Hall on the second Wednesday of the month for fun and fellowship.
For more information please contact Tracey on 07805 566991.
Wednesday: 7-8pm - NO Choir Practice
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- 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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- 21 Friday: 7.30-9pm - Bellringing Practice**
- 26 Wednesday: 7-8pm - Choir Practice** in Church
- 27 Thursday: 10-12noon - Tea and Coffee** in the Hall
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- 28 Friday: 7.30-9pm - Bellringing Practice**

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- 1 **Tuesday: 10.00-12noon - Crafts & Coffee/Tea** in the Church Hall - Jewellery
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Thursday: 7.30pm - Prayers with Glyn in the Pemberton Chapel
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- 4 **Friday: 7.30-9pm - Bellringing Practice**
- 7 **Monday: 10am-12.30pm - Bumps and Babes and Beans Club** in the Hall
We start in the church hall, where the children and parents can take part in craft activities or play. We then have a short Bible story, and some fun songs. £1.50 per family.
Monday: 7-9pm - The Bible Course in the Hall. Join us as we explore the Bible together in greater depth. All course materials are provided. You can book your place through St Mary's website.
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Services for August 2026

St Mary's
Rushden

St Peter's
Newton Bromswold

Sunday 2 August - Ninth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Family Service

Sunday 9 August - Tenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Family Service

Sunday 16 August - Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Family Service

9.30am Family Service

Sunday 23 August - Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 30 August - Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Family Service

Midweek Services in St Mary's Church

Thursdays - August 6, 13, 20 and 27

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

Non-subscription copies of this Newsletter are routinely made available at the back of church. If you would like to contribute towards their printing costs please put whatever seems appropriate into the old Grapevine slot by the Hymn Books in St Mary's Church.

Services for September 2026

St Mary's
Rushden

St Peter's
Newton Bromswold

Sunday 6 September - Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Family Service

Sunday 13 September - Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Family Service

Sunday 20 September - Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Harvest Festival and Baptisms

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 27 September - Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Family Service and Baptism

9.30am Harvest Festival

Midweek Services in St Mary's Church

Thursdays 10.30am on September 3, 10, 17 and 24

- Holy Communion [BCP]

Live-Streaming

St Mary's Sunday Services at 10.30am will continue to be live-streamed
and can also be found later on YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/stmarysrushden>.