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# Trinity *Tidings*



'Beacon of Hope' Belfast  
Photo by Rev'd. Nick Collison

February 2023

...all are welcome in this place!



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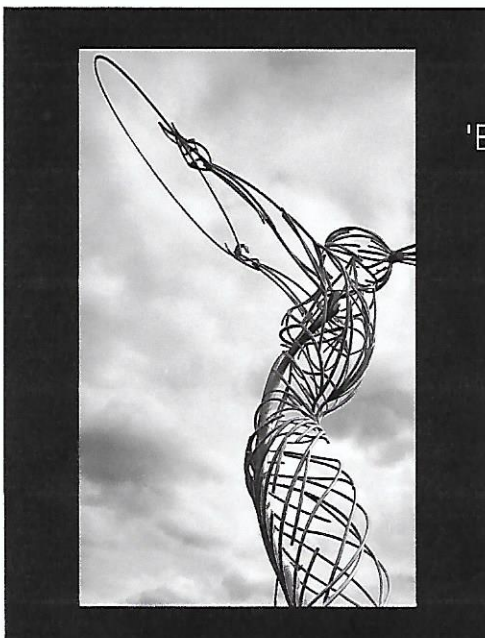
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**Front Cover Photograph:**



**SABBATICAL...ON LOCATION**

*"Spirituality in Photography" - Taking pictures with a deeper vision!*

**'Beacon of Hope', Belfast Photo by Rev'd. Nick Collison**

"The photo is of the 'Beacon of Hope', set in Thanksgiving Square in Belfast. She is made of stainless steel and cast bronze and holds aloft the 'Ring of Thanksgiving'. The sculpture is by Andy Scott and stands 64ft high on the banks of the River Lagan.

The female figure represents themes associated with hope, aspiration, peace, and reconciliation and is derived from images from Classical and Celtic mythology.

The aim of the sculpture is to bring people together and to change hearts and minds and to make bridges across the divides of the Belfast community and the world."

Nick



Dear Friends,

I was given some money for Christmas and with some of it I have bought a book. The title of the book is 'The Edge Of The Plain' and is about how borders make and break our world. Obviously I will be able to elaborate on it a little more once I have read it!

It is written by a Scottish author called James Crawford, who was born in Shetland and is an acclaimed historian, publisher and broadcaster. The book came to my attention when I heard the author talking about it on the radio, which struck a chord with some of my own thoughts about how we carve-up the earth, building borders to either keep people out or to keep people in. How we become territorial and sacrifice vast armies to hold onto our own piece of dirt.

I'm reminded of the wall Donald Trump proposed to build to keep out refugees from Mexico attempting to make their way into the USA. The war currently being waged in Ukraine is fought on the same basic principles of rightful ownership of territory. In 2016 I was fortunate enough to witness for myself the daily border ceremony at Wagah between India and Pakistan, where the Indian border guards and the Pakistani Rangers try to outdo each other with their posing and their posturing as the national flags are lowered and the border gates are slammed shut for the day.

In the introductory 'blurb' of my new book it says:

*'A border is such a simple idea. Step across a line, whether you can see it or not and you are somewhere else. The landscape may look exactly the same, one blade of grass to the next, but you are in another place, another country. Perhaps people speak another language. Their cultures, practices, laws and ideas may be completely different'.*

Sadly nationalism around the world seems to be on the rise again and countries are seeking to make their borders more impenetrable. But churches too can become very territorial in the way they think of themselves and the above sentence from the book makes me think of some churches I have known. We too can become very territorial in the way we desperately seek to hang on to our familiar culture, our familiar practices and our familiar language. In our case (although the same can apply to any denomination) Methodism can become the fortress from which we refuse to budge.

In an age where fewer people identify as Christian (particularly in this country), to say you have to fit into a very narrow way of being in order to join us seems to make no sense. To say I'm not doing this or I'm not doing that because it isn't part of my practice or tradition, seems to me to be counterproductive.

God's Church, in the same way as God's world, is made up of such a rich diversity of expressions (and there's room for them all), not to experience something simply because it isn't familiar, because it isn't 'our way', is akin to not experiencing life to the full.

May we all experience the rich tapestry of life and church in all its fullness and instead of building higher walls, may we always be moved to build longer tables.

Blessings to you all,

*Nick*



# PRAYER CORNER

We remember in our prayers Liz potter, Les Fuller, Margot Stanton, Betty Norman, Josephine Seremwe, Kate Ralph, those on the Prayer Vine and people we know who need the love, comfort and the knowledge of Christ's presence with them.



We send our Love and Prayers to Pauline Wilkinson who will celebrate her **90<sup>th</sup>** Birthday on 28<sup>th</sup> February.



During the month of February, please remember in your prayers,  
the people and places in the area of Kidderminster known as Larkhill.

## Larkhill

## February

St Mary's Church

Trinity Methodist Church and the congregation  
of Baxter URC

The Salvation Army

St Mary's School and Nursery

Kidderminster Mosque

Retail

Residential homes (including the new housing  
development and those families moving in)

Orchard Street Sheltered Accommodation



## From the Editor...

Dear Friends,

The other evening at about 4.00pm I watched several groups of gulls flying northwards and was interested to see how they flew in a 'V' formation. The 'V' formation in many groups broke up, and they circled for a few seconds before forming the 'V' and setting off again. It is quite a remarkable sight, and it made me wonder why they do it, and it is only large birds which adopt this method of a long. I found the answer in the latest RSPB magazine, which I have reproduced with permission. I hope you find it interesting and informative.

### In Formation

It's a familiar but breathtaking sight - a flock of birds flying in a V formation, perhaps against the setting sun. the beauty and order of the flocks elevate ordinary birds into art forms - it even makes Canada Geese look marvellous, despite their noisy honking. Apart from geese, formation flying is seen in ducks, swans, cranes, cormorants, waders, ibises, pelicans and gulls.

But why do they do it? It's not for aesthetics, but it has a biological purpose, and that is to help the flock members save energy. They can fly further than they would alone, and tire less.

The reason that the V formation is so effective, for large birds at least, is to do with the airflow created by a bird's wing tips. As a bird ploughs forward, its wing tips produce turbulence in the form of rotating vortices. Immediately behind the bird the air plunges down, but off to the side there is strong upwash and it is this that the following bird is riding. The same applies to any flock member slightly behind and to the side - hence the adoption of a 'V' in its various forms, which are not always symmetrical. The best position to follow in large birds is about a meter behind and to the side of the wing-tip of the bird in front. Young birds often weave all over the place, having not yet learned the perfect formations.

One question often asked about V formations is: What about the poor leader who is doing all the work, and the direction finding too? There is no doubt that the bird in front is working the hardest. But not surprisingly the leader is always temporary, and in all V formations everyone moves around; It would be interesting to know whether birds 'volunteer' to lead, and if so, who decides, and who is the 'map-reader', so to speak? Do some individuals fail to co-operate? On a long flight an argument could be serious!

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## Offertories for the eight weeks ended 22 January 2023 are as follows

	Envelopes	Loose Cash	Standing Orders	Total
	£	£	£	£
04.12 & 11.12.22	186.00	113.00	1409.50	1708.50
18.12 & 25.12.22	261.00	107.41	1409.50	1777.91
01.01 & 08.01.23	239.00	105.00	1483.50	1827.50
15.01 & 22.01.23	675.00	110.00	1483.50	2268.50

These amounts give a weekly average of £948

For the current church year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 it is estimated that offertories of £1250 per week will be required to break even.

The offertories at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning services raised £200 for Action for Children and the Christmas card scheme raised £300.85 for KEMP Hospice.

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### SERVICES in FEBRUARY

February 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Rev Nick Collison -- Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Mrs Janet Murray
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mr David Stewart -- Joint service with Baxter
	6.30pm	Rev Andrew Mann-Ray -- Cafe Worship
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mr Albert Wilkinson
	6.30pm	Rev Sue Levitt
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30pm	Mr Mike Dernie
	6.30pm	Mr Ray Simpson

### THURSDAY SERVICES at 12.30pm

February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rev Nick Collison -- Holy Communion
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Rev Andrew Mann-Ray
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Rev Peter Levitt -- Holy Communion
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rev Andy Piggott





## **Letter from Andrew Mann- Ray --- Facing uncertainty with confidence...**

Dear Friends,

During the initial few weeks of this new year I have been reflecting on the theme of uncertainty. Many church members and churches I visit feel very fearful about the future and to some extent feel very unsettled by what is going on both in the life of the church and the wider world.

I have to say that I have a lot of sympathy with this because the world feels like it's in a mess right now with the war in Ukraine, the rising cost of living, the struggles faced around heating our homes and the topsy-turvy nature of the climate makes us all feel a bit unsettled. Added to this the decline of our churches feels like it has accelerated with the latest census information declaring that the Christian population of the UK now stands at less than 50%. We find ourselves questioning what is going on and where is God in all this?

In the United Reformed Church we are also facing upheaval with the reduction in Ministry of Word and Sacrament that we have access to and a change in the way we relate to the wider church. For those of you who don't know the United Reformed Church operates a congregational model of ecclesiology (church structure) where each congregation, under the authority of the Church Meeting, makes decisions around its pastoral care, mission and ministry independently of each other, and although there is a structure to the denomination where geographically churches are grouped by Area, then Synod and then the General Assembly, each local church thinks of itself as separate from others. Hence the challenge of decline means that churches now have to share more limited resources with each other, which is a new way of thinking. And that has bearing too on how we in Kidderminster relate ecumenically to others. I am so glad that Baxter has such care and support given to its church family from our friends of Trinity Methodist Church and it is so good that we are working ever more closely together.

But with everything going on at the same time both in the church and the world we all feel very uncertain. But in such moments we need to be reminded that God hasn't abandoned us but is walking alongside us each step of the way. God shares with us in the highs and lows of life and God wants to delight in our company not just when we are struggling but all of the time.

Most church members in both our fellowships have experienced times of upheaval like the times we are living through now and on those occasions I am sure that they can look back with thankfulness to the fact that they were able to come before God, lay their troubles at the foot of the cross and know that God would deal with them. The fact that we are still here proves God's faithfulness to be true and although tough times came and went God always has remained true to us.

The same is true now and although we may be feeling uncertain about the future, we again must commit everything we feel into God's loving and faithful care. In a meeting I attended recently some church members were complaining that I as an Area Minister and the other Synod Officers just didn't get it and that if we'd just listen to God then the uncertainty they felt would be different. I reminded them that I and the Synod Officers they were complaining about felt just as uncertain as they did but that we were prayerfully trying to discern the best way forward. I said if we believed in the power of prayer and had committed our concerns and worries to God with confidence that he would sort things out, we must trust in the answers we had received. But it is only by walking with God into his future that we will see his plans and purposes laid out for us. But it begins with faith, trust and prayer.

So let's commit this time of uncertainty in God's hands and let's lean on his strength alone so that we can face the future with confidence knowing that in God's time we'll receive the many blessings God wants to give us. For as God says "I know the plans I have for you. Plans to prosper you and do no harm"

Yours in Christ,      Andrew





## BritishRedCross Ukraine Crisis Appeal

**Months of the Ukraine conflict: Unimaginable toll on civilians!**

It's been many months since the escalation of the conflict in Ukraine, and the level of death, destruction, and suffering inflicted on civilians is beyond comprehension. No one in Ukraine is left unscathed by the ongoing conflict. Within many destructive months, 13 million people have been forced to leave their homes. Hundreds of thousands of people lack food, water, heat, electricity, and medical care.

Civilians in Ukraine urgently need respite from violence and humanitarian aid.



### How is the Red Cross helping in Ukraine now?

The Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal has reached more than 5 million people with life-saving aid, within Ukraine and neighbouring countries. Our response grows daily - each hour that passes has a terrible human cost. Our priority is to assist people during this time of heightened tension.

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement together, have supported 3.6 million people so far.



### Keeping healthcare going: a new clinic serves more than 100,000 displaced people...

Ukraine's healthcare system has been heavily disrupted by the escalation of conflict in February 2022. In the months since, Red Cross volunteers have provided mental health and psychosocial support, first aid, health care, hygiene items, child-friendly spaces, and access to clean water, but the longer the conflict continues, the more extensive the health needs will become -

We are looking at a health crisis that will last for years.



### Providing shelter and meeting immediate needs...

From the beginning of the conflict, the Red Cross has been supporting people with immediate needs, including shelter, food, clothing, medical and first aid, as well as mobile SIM cards so that families and loved ones can reconnect. To help support people in both the short and longer term, the Red Cross is also providing emergency financial assistance. This enables people to pay for day-to-day essentials.

These needs still exist, and we continue to work around the clock to reach and support people in need.

“As the conflict evolves and escalates, the anguish and fear people have endured over the recent days deepens. We are extremely concerned that the conflict is affecting very populated areas.

As we have seen before, when neighbourhoods become the frontline, the consequences for people - including children, the sick, the elderly - are simply devastating.”

Florence Gillette  
International Committee of the Red Cross  
(Head of Delegation in Ukraine)

**The situation in Ukraine...** is incredibly tense, dangerous, and distressing for people. Red Cross volunteers and teams in Ukraine and the border countries are providing essential aid. Donations are helping us to achieve this.

**Please support the Church Project if you are able,  
in support of The Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal**

Thank you

### Church Project Envelopes:

Church Project dated donation envelopes are available to make it easy to support this Church Project initiative on a regular basis.

The Envelopes are available from: Roger Smith - Tel: 01562 67778






# TRINITY CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH

There will be a Bring and Share Lunch  
Further details will be posted on the Church  
Notice Board

God grant that I may  
never live to be useless!

John Wesley

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## Faith at Work in Worcestershire

### ROLE ADVERTISEMENT

### Treasurer & Trustee (Volunteer)

For the Ecumenical Charity, Faith at Work in Worcestershire (FWW)

The trustees wish to appoint a trustee and treasurer, to advise and lead the financial oversight and management of the charity. The treasurer will work closely with the charity's staff, including the Admin and Comms Officer who undertakes all day-to-day bookkeeping duties, and report quarterly to the Board of Trustees.

FWW operates a Safer Recruitment policy for all posts, including volunteers. Expressions of interest are invited from any qualified person. Deadline: Monday February 20<sup>th</sup> (12:00 noon). An informal interview will take place on or about March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

To submit an expression of interest, or for more information, role description and person specification, please email [enquiries@faithatwork.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@faithatwork.org.uk) or phone 07946 655450.



Bewdley Methodist Church  
*"Music in the Chapel"*  
WORLD PREMIERE OF



*A Fantasia for Piano*

**composed and played by Tony Bridgewater  
in celebration of the Church's 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Programme will also include**

*Bach – E Major Suite*

*Schubert – Sonata in A Major*

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 2.30pm**

*Tickets £10 to include light refreshments*

**To book tickets please contact:**

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# Bible Month 2023

## – a Revelation for us?



Bible Month is a tried-and-tested way to promote biblical literacy and build cohesion across a Christian community as everyone comes together to focus on one book of the Bible.

This year Bible Month focuses on **Revelation** – a complicated, apocalyptic book with its wild imagery and promise of salvation. **But what has it to say to us today? How will we respond?**

Our Circuit is embracing Bible Month this **June**, with themed preaching each Sunday in all five churches – plus opportunities for further study and discussion in home and church groups.

There's a helpful booklet available for everyone who is interested – and you are invited to join our Local Preachers who will be using it to study Revelation at two of their open meetings (see below).

To request a **free copy of the Bible Month 2023 booklet** please contact Mike Dernie ([mikedernie@aol.com](mailto:mikedernie@aol.com) or phone 01299 400284).

**Come and join our Local Preachers, Worship Leaders and Ministers as they get to grips with Revelation at two open study evenings:**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

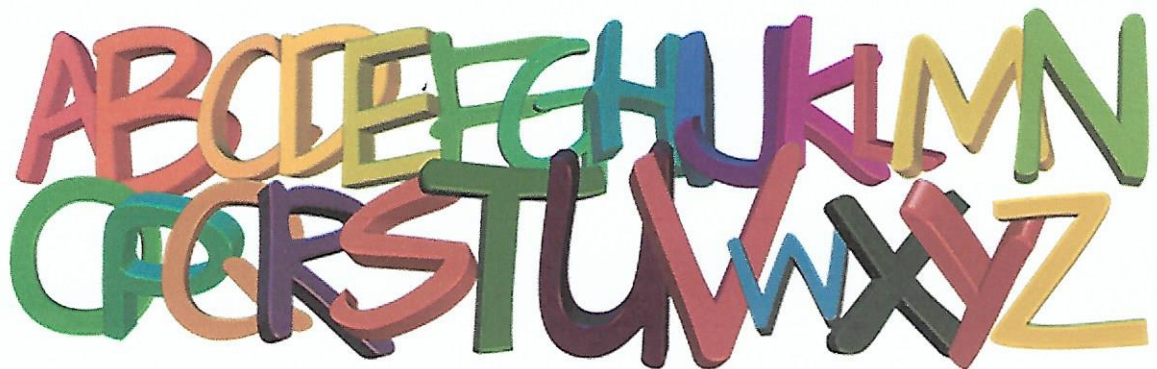
Both meetings are at Trinity and start at 7.30pm with tea, coffee and biscuits(!), finishing no later than 9.30pm. All are very welcome.

  
**The Methodist Church**  
Kidderminster & Stourport Circuit



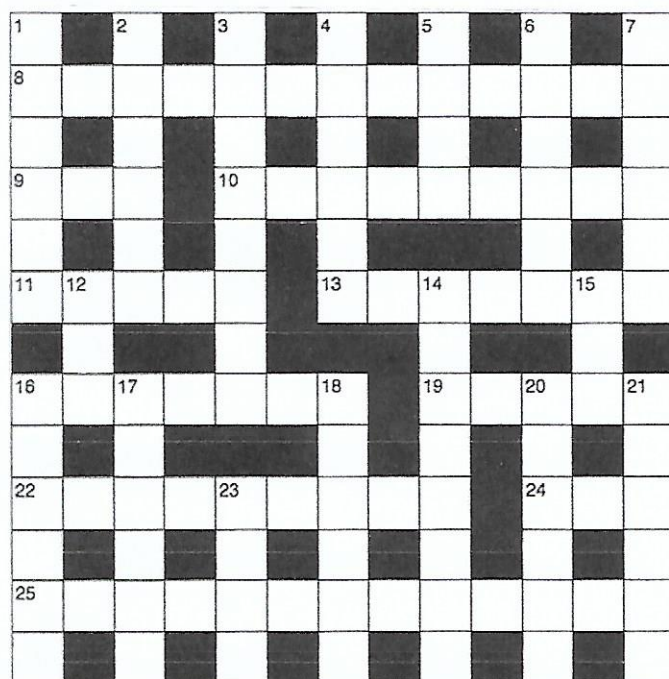
These are the names of 35 well-known people from various walks of life. Do you know what the initials in their names stand for?

1. W. G. Grace -- Cricketer and Doctor
2. W. S. Gilbert -- Lyric writer For the Gilbert & Sullivan light operas
3. J. K Rowling -- Author, Harry Potter books
4. Jerome K. Jerome -- Author 'Three men in a Boat'
5. C. S. Lewis -- Author, 'The Chronicles of Narnia'
6. Dwight D Eisenhower -- U.S. President
7. P. D. James -- Author of detective stories
8. J. R. R. Tolkien -- Author, 'Lord of the Rings'
9. A. A. Milne -- 'Winnie the Pooh'
10. H. G. Wells -- Author -- 'The Invisible Man' etc.
11. D. H. Lawrence -- Author 'Lady Chatterley's Lover' etc.
12. Dorothy L. Sayers -- Author, Lord Peter Wimsey detective stories.
13. G. K. Chesterton -- Author, Father Brown detective stories, etc.
14. Arthur C. Clarke -- Science Fiction author
15. F. Scott Fitzgerald -- Author 'The Great Gatsby' etc.
16. P. G. Wodehouse -- Comedy author, Jeeves and Bertie Wooster etc.
17. W.C.Fields -- Comedian and film actor
18. J. M. Barrie -- Author, 'Peter Pan' etc.
19. J. D. Salinger -- Author 'The Catcher in the Rye'
20. John F. Kennedy -- U.S. President
21. Franklin D. Roosevelt -- U.S. President
22. Harry S. Truman -- U.S. President
23. Cecil B. DeMille -- American film producer 'The 10 Commandments', 'Cleopatra' etc.
24. T. S. Eliot -- Poet
25. T. E. Lawrence -- Soldier, aka Lawrence of Arabia
26. W. H. Auden -- Poet
27. A. E. Housman -- Poet, 'The Shropshire lad'
28. W. Somerset Maugham -- Author
29. A. S. Byatt -- Author
30. J. B. Priestley -- Author, playwright, broadcaster, 'An Inspector Calls', etc.
31. W. B. Yeats -- Poet
32. C. S. Forester -- Author, The Horatio Hornblower sea stories etc
33. Samuel L. Jackson -- American Film actor
34. D. W. Griffith -- Early film director, 'The Birth of a Nation'
35. P. T. Barnum -- American owner, with James Bailey, of a large touring circus.





## Parish Pump Crossword



### Across

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)  
 9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)  
 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)  
 11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)  
 13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)  
 16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)  
 19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)  
 22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)  
 24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1) 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

### Down

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)  
 2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)  
 3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)  
 4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)  
 5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)  
 6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)  
 7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)  
 12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)  
 14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)  
 15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)  
 16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)  
 17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)  
 18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)  
 20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)  
 21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)  
 23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

## Sudoku puzzle (easy)

1	9					5		8
	2	6		3	8	1		9
8				7		4		
				9				6
3	4		8		6		1	7
2				1				
		4		8				1
7		3	9	2		6	5	
6		2					8	3



## GARDENING NOTES FOR FEBRUARY

With the winter solstice of December 21<sup>st</sup> now well behind us, the sun is on a daily climb up towards the equator for the spring equinox on the 21<sup>st</sup> march. Hours of daylight will be lengthening from now on and the sun's strength will be growing in intensity, although it is often the end of February before we appreciate that 'first warmth' in prolonged sunshine.

February can be a very variable month weather-wise, sometimes wet, often very dry. If characterised by anti-cyclonic conditions, February is often cold and settled. The words 'Scandinavian High' from the lips of a meteorologist is not something any horticulturalist wants to hear. An anticyclone positioned over Scandinavia can be very slow moving, often remaining stationary for weeks on end, a bitterly cold and frequently strong easterly breeze bringing air directly out of the Continent or Western Russia. Any precipitation falling out of the sky will be of a wintry nature, with the threat of more significant snowfall to southern Britain should low pressure attempt to push milder air into 'the mix' as it approaches from the south. Frost, under clear skies and light winds within a mid-winter area of high pressure, can be severe and intense - precautions must be taken to limit the damage.

If, however, the 'throw of the dice' is completely different and mild, wet and unsettled conditions predominate, plants in the garden respond with growth and an early sign of spring. Personally, I'd go for somewhere in the middle, preferring to protect now rather than seeing soft growth which could get 'clobbered' by spring frosts later on.

When the weather conditions are favourable, and the ground is in a fit state to work on, it is still okay to plant out within certain limitations. If the weather has recently been windy please do check newly planted subjects for the effects of any loosening by wind-rock or frost action, re-firming where necessary.

Later in the month it may be possible to prune back summer flowering varieties of clematis. A 'hair-cut' back to a foot or so above the ground to within two strong buds on recent growth will be fine. After winter jasmine (*Jasminum nudiflorum*) has flowered it should be pruned back to keep it tidy and encourage new growth.

Containerised roses may be planted out if the conditions allow, but don't even think about it if the soil is waterlogged, dry or frozen solid. If you haven't already done so, clear away all remaining dead foliage of herbaceous plants as soon as possible. As mentioned earlier, plants will be responding to increasing light levels and the gradual warming of the soil with Spring-flowering bulbs emerging. Winter-flowering subjects prominent this month include:- *Daphne mezereum*, *Garrya elliptica*, Mahonia, cyclamen *coum*, crocus, *chinodoxa*, *Iris reticulata* and muscari, to name but a few.

Witch Hazels (*Hamamelis*) are wonderful for mid-winter colour and delightful fragrances, with some varieties having the added advantage of spectacular autumn colour. Being fully hardy in all but the severest of winters, Witch Hazels are ideal for medium and larger sized gardens. Requiring a moderately fertile, moist but well drained, acid to neutral soil, they are adaptable to either full sun or partial shade, but do avoid aspects that are windy or exposed. A couple of my favourites include:- *H.x intermedia* 'Arnold Promise', a beautiful bright yellow flowered variety, *H.x* 'Pallida' which produces clusters of large sulphur-yellow flowers. All the *intermedia* varieties tend to be 'V' shaped with upward ascending branches and have delicate fragrances from flowers carried on bare branches. If you prefer something a bit darker then choose *H.x intermedia* 'Jelena', which bears coppery-orange coloured flowers and has good autumn hues. Get planting!



Two other subjects that I would heartily recommend can be planted in any sized garden, are invaluable for mid-late winter colour and they are perennial favourites too, namely Hellebores and (if you can get them to establish) Snowdrops. Hellebores have developed a fanatical following, to the extent that each year new introductions are eagerly awaited. Their popularity seems as strong as ever! Hellebores are members of the *Ranunculacea* family (the buttercup) and are extremely tolerant of most aspects, as long as the ground isn't too dry or waterlogged, preferring a sheltered, semi-shaded position. Being deep rooted, Hellebores need plenty of nutrients, so dig your soil as deep as possible and mix in plenty of humus in the form of leaf-mould, spent mushroom compost or well-rotted manure. They are hungry feeders so during mid-summer a mulch of spent mushroom compost would be beneficial. Around mid-December all the old foliage of garden hybrid varieties should be removed to allow the development of new shoots, although in severe weather it may be best to delay this task till later. If foliage is damaged or shows signs of disease then, to be on the safe side, remove it as soon as possible. Regular feeding and mulching will produce healthy strong plants. Although slug, snail and greenfly damage can be apparent at times, Hellebores are generally trouble-free. Spraying with a systemic fungicide on an occasional basis would also be a beneficial precaution.

Hellebores look superb when planted on a sloping bank, either amongst deciduous trees or a woodland environment, and associate well with hardy cyclamen *coum* and snowdrops. Planting hellebores on a sloping bank has the added advantage of being able to view these delightful flowers from 'underneath', revealing all their glory.

Snowdrops (*galanthus*) are available to plant out as a dry bulb during the autumn, although they do establish better when purchased 'in the green'. Ensure that any purchased are from nursery grown stock and not collected from the wild, which would be illegal.

The common snowdrop (*galanthus nivalis*) is a familiar sight, spreading a brilliant white carpet of flowers during early spring across banks and beneath trees. *Galanthus* will thrive in any good garden soil that is humus rich and moisture retentive, but somewhere that doesn't dry out completely in summer. Deciduous woodland is their prime habitat.

Let's hope that February is kind and allows us to get out and about to enjoy the winter spectacle and tackle some of those gardening tasks.

Whatever you're doing, enjoy your garden; it's the only one you've got!

Bob





# WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR THE

## Joint CTiK / Council Easter Hunt

At **Brinton Park** on **Easter Sat 8th April 2023**

**10.30am - 12 noon**

**Set up & help needed from 8.15am**

We are expecting over 2000 people from the area to visit the park with 450 children (under 12's) completing a trail based on the Easter Story including the Cross, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus.

We have balloon modelling, face painting, colouring, Peter Cooper's Circus Skills etc Teen Challenge and refreshment tent courtesy of Wyre Forest Youth for Christ'

**NB. If it's wet or too windy we will move to Holy Innocents'**

It's a wonderful opportunity for you to engage with your community as a **STEWARDS** a **FACE PAINTER** or **YOUR OWN STALL** -

We also need help collecting and setting up tents, tables, chairs etc  
**PEOPLE REALLY APPRECIATE THE EVENT..**

### **An Opportunity to advertise your church activities**

We will be giving out 200 **BAGS OF HOPE** which will contain scripture/gospel booklets, colouring sheets and leaflets & flyers from your churches advertising upcoming events particularly for children and families,  
Or Courses eg Exploring Christianity, mental health e.g. Kintsugi Hope, Alpha Courses etc.

**To advertise your Church events in the BAGS OF HOPE**  
**PLEASE DELIVER 200 of your A5 flyers by Mon 27th March**  
**To 2 Hamilton Rd, Kidderminster, WORCS, DY11 6NL**

**PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN COME AND HELP WITH :-**

- **TRANSPORTING SET UP / SET DOWN OF TENTS TABLES etc)**
- **FACE PAINTING** (over 18 years old) - training will be given for those who have never done it before
- **STEWARDS** around the Trail to help people with questions
- **SERVING REFRESHMENTS**
- **YOUR OWN STALL** (you need to bring everything you need with you)

**Contact me Jane Pollard on :- 07949968276**

**or [pollardjane@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pollardjane@yahoo.co.uk)**

**(ASAP but by end of Feb at absolute latest please)**



## Recollections May Vary

Well, the World Cup is over but at least it brings all religions together in peace. Of course, it messes up the TV schedules and, as usual, it's "Songs of Praise" that suffers. One of its broadcasts was timed when we were all in church! I now know where Qatar is. As for the Capital, I've been singing it for years. You should all know it well, "Doha, a deer, a female deer, ray, a drop of golden sun"!

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One man, who was a Philistine warrior, could have helped any team out. He had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot. (2 Samuel 21 v20). Difficult to find him a pair of gloves to play in goal.

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In ancient times, in fact during Bible times, water, our main principal of life, was not very healthy. In fact, if you drank it you could have many health problems. Most water was stored in cisterns and the easiest way to purify it was to add wine then it was fit to drink. Wine was a great form of disinfectant. One of the main terms of Methodism is the banning of alcohol, yet it was a lifesaver in biblical times. In the 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> century there was still no pure drinking water in England, so people drank gin. No wonder there was alcoholism. It was no fault of their own. Wesley preached against it and he won. As he did against gambling. Methodism was the way forward for English people.

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The 4 gospels are supposed to portray the life of Christ, but the Last Supper was recorded some 10 years before the Gospels were written, in Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> letter to the Corinthians. Paul also quoted, in Acts 20v35, a saying not mentioned in the Gospels "It is more blessed to give than to receive". Is there another book that runs parallel to the New Testament that we don't know about? Lying on the bottom of the Dead Sea.

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We are Christians but it was not always so. Following Jesus was not known as Christianity till long after His death. During that time it was known as 'The Way'. See acts, which describes how it was known in Jerusalem. The disciples of Jesus were known as Nazarenes. See Acts 24v5. The name Christians was given to them in Antioch, South Turkey. It was probably a form of mockery or abuse.

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"How Great Thou Art" is regularly voted the most popular hymn in Britain. Written in 1885, it wasn't until 1950 it was given a new tune, the one we know so well today. It was written by Stuart Hine, a musician and Country & Western artist. The song was picked up and recorded by a Country band, "Sons of the Pioneers". They sang mainly cowboy songs on the radio and movies. One of the members was singing cowboy Roy Rogers and Trigger (a horse, not the person from Fools & Horses!). It became a top Country & Western song before being picked up by religious groups. It became the signature song of all Billy Graham's campaigns, eventually making its way into Hymn books. So when you sing "How Great Thou Art" next time, imagine you're singing along with Dolly Parton.

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It is always supposed there are 12 Tribes of Israel. This is wrong, there are 13 tribes. The tribes originally came from Jacob's 12 sons, but Joseph was replaced by his sons Ephraim and Manasseh, giving you 13. These were known as half-tribes which, of course, brings the number back to 12. (See Numbers 1, 20-43)

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Surprisingly, the book of Esther is the only book in the Bible that doesn't mention God by name. It doesn't stop here, Esther makes the Guinness Book of Records, It contains the longest verse in the Bible, 72 words in the NIV (Ester 8 v9). We look to John 22, v35 for the shortest verse, simply 2 words, "Jesus wept".

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You enjoyed your carols, but did you know one was almost banned. It came about in 1936 at the time of the abdication of Edward VIII. Local children picked it up before most of the country and their little ditty went nationwide, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Mrs Simpson's pinched our King". Of course, it was soon forgotten and children went back to their marbles. It was actually mentioned by Clement Attlee in Parliament. Eventually Mrs. Simpson did pinch our King and the herald angels kept on singing.

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Talking about Hymns, why not finish with a Hymn? We're looking at the 17<sup>th</sup> century, the 16 hundreds. There was a child prodigy, one Isaac Watts. Studied Latin when he was 4, mastered Greek when he was 9, French at 11 and Hebrew when he was 13. OK, he didn't have a television, phone, computer to distract him, but he was to become the father of English Hymnody. Aged 15, he said to his dad, who was a deacon, "why do you sing all these monotonous Old Testament Psalms?" "Son, if you can write them better, please do". 15 minutes later he was back with a Hymn (all songs are written in 15 minutes or less, ask The Beatles). It was "When I survey the wondrous cross". They don't write 'em like that anymore. Sing it with gusto this Easter.

*Mike*

(Mike Knott, Stourport Wesley)

### **Open for All**

One of the most common phrases in religion today is 'Why does the Devil have all the good music'? Of course, it's a joke. The same as why do the Anglicans have all the good churches? However, this is true. See all those magnificent buildings built for the love of God, towering up to the sky. Oxford alone has fantastic churches, hence the name "City of dreaming spires". Where are the Methodist spires? Jealous? No. You don't need a magnificent building to become a worshipper of our Lord. In fact, you don't need a building, just a place somewhere. Peace and quiet and open air, hold my hand and I'll take you there. Wow! I'm getting carried away. This is true, of course, of John Wesley who preached mostly outdoors in all weathers.

Of course, the majority of most churches were Anglican, with Roman Catholic coming in behind. The increased toleration of other religious groups towards the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century led to a new religious zeal. The Methodist movement was to the fore. They did not need large churches as such, with tall spires etc. They simply needed large ornate buildings and many chapels built, they provided large accommodation. The main thing they had to have was an altar, that would be the focal point, the pulpit was to become less dominant. The best Methodist example of this is, of course, our own Stourport Wesley. One of the best parts of Methodist heritage in the Country. This marble and alabaster work is a sight worth seeing. Drop in sometime and also wonder at the wonderful Nicholson organ. Antiques Roadshow stay away. The great thing about these modern-day places of worship is they have become part of everyday life for the community, unlike the old churches, sometimes standing alone and away from the congregation.

Worcestershire alone has many historic Anglican churches, some dating from Anglo-Saxon times. If you want to see one dating from Norman times try St. Peters at Astley, over the bridge from Stourport. There's a beautiful memorial to one Harriet Winford, who died in 1801, bitten by an adder. The adder that killed her is shown curled around her arm. One of the Rectors of St. Peters was William Havergal, from 1816-1841. He was the father of Frances Ridley Havergal, singer, author and hymn writer, and is buried in the churchyard. Her most famous hymn was "Take my life, and let it be", No. 577 in Singing the Faith. If Charles III wants a hymn for his coronation, this is the one. "Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King;" They don't write 'em like that



anymore, though Charles Wesley can threaten 'em. It would be worth spending a summer holiday wandering around the churches of Worcestershire, of course most of them are never open. You could find sanctuary or go for a quiet prayer 24 hours a day, but sadly those days are gone. You have to arrange for someone with a key to show you around. Be thankful that Wetherspoons haven't got there yet! Hopefully, our churches and chapels will stand forever; a beacon for all worshippers. Let them all become the centre of the community again.

*Mike*

### Mike's Smile Lines.

Chinese medicine is based on the principle that the body is charged with life energy called CHI. That's why Chihuahuas bark so much.

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Teacher: Give me 2 pronouns

Boy: Who, me?

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Look, if I was two-faced why would I wear this one?

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If you got into a taxi and it started driving backwards would the driver owe you money?

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We all know what a chair looks like, but what would it look like if your knees bent the other way?

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Birthdays are good for you. The Government has come to the conclusion that the more that you have the longer you live.

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All of us are a mixture of fools and angels. We rush in and fear to tread.

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Manana is always the busiest day of the week.

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A small boy is in a Post Office when a policeman comes in and sticks up a wanted poster of a man's face. The boy asks "Is this a photo of a man you want?" "Yes", replies the policeman. "We want him urgently". "Well", says the boy "why didn't you arrest him when you took the photograph?"!

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Boy: I'd like to work in a bowling alley.

Advisor: Ten Pin?

Boy: No, permanent.

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A man went into a bank and said "I'd like to check my balance". "Certainly Sir. Can you stand on one leg and balance a football on your head?"

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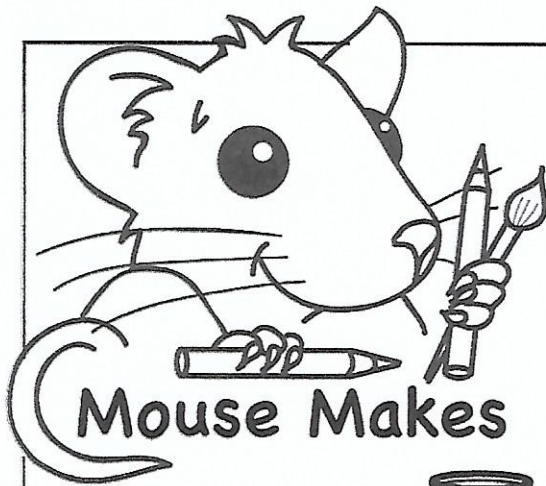
A man lived all his life eating small pieces of metal. It was his staple diet.

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What's the greatest invention? Venetian blinds. If it wasn't for them, it would be curtains for all of us.

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What did Jesus give thanks for and share?

Matthew 26:27

What did Jesus say this represented?

His \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew 26:27-28



SUPPER  
LAMB • LORD  
DISCIPLES  
TOGETHER  
EVENING  
ROOM • JAR  
WATER • TWELVE  
JESUS • CHRIST  
NIGHT • TOOK  
THANKS  
BLESSING  
BROKE • GIVEN  
COVENANT  
DRINK • EAT  
FORGIVENESS  
SINS • HOLY  
COMMUNION  
EUCCHARIST

What was the special meal Jesus was preparing to eat?

Matthew 26:18



What did Jesus take, bless and break?

Matthew 26:26

What did Jesus say this represented?

His \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew 26:26



Jesus instructed his disciples to continue to break bread and share the cup "in

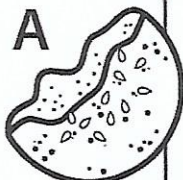
of me."

1 Corinthians 11:24-25



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Find the words from the questions too!



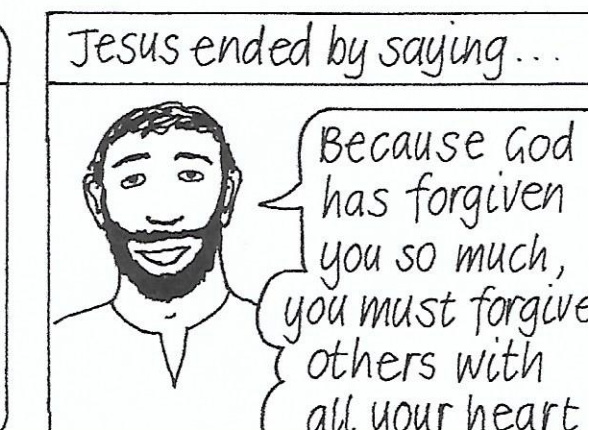
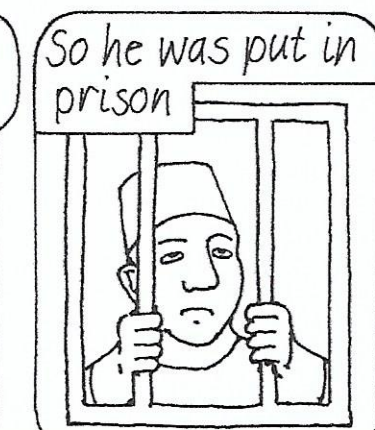
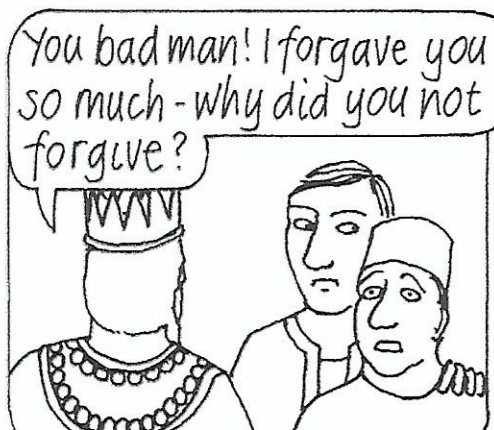
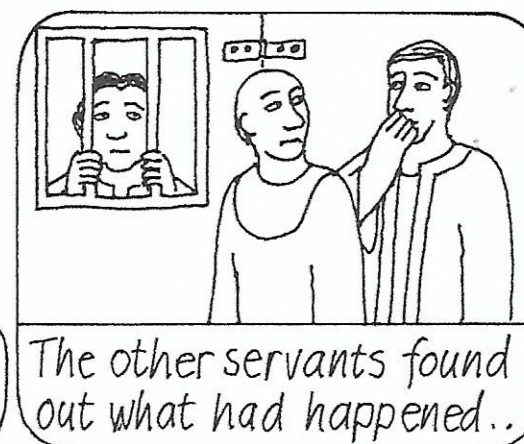
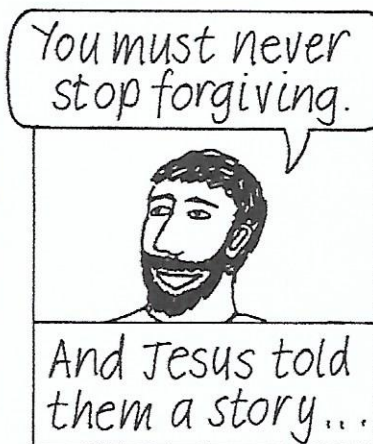


# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Matthew chapter 18 verses 21-35

Jewish teachers used to say you only had  
to forgive people three times before  
before getting revenge, so Peter asked Jesus.





*A message from the Parish Pump team: .....*

May God bless you and keep you in the months ahead, as the cost-of-living crisis and the NHS crisis continues. He alone is our refuge and strength when times get tough. May we continue to do our work for Him in the grace which He alone can provide.

Warm wishes

from

Anne Coomes and the Parish Pump Team

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**It's all in the VALENTINE**

For God so loVed the world,

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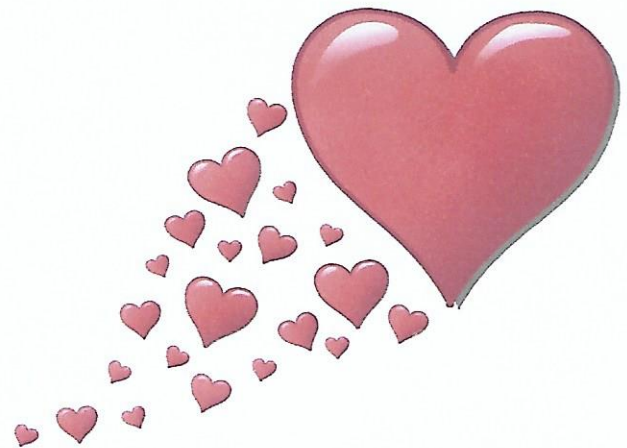
That whosever

Believes In Him

Should **Not** perish,

But have Everlasting life."

*John 3:16*



*Parish Pump 2023*

**Breath deep**

Now here's a trick that you probably haven't tried before: next time you forget something, try taking some deep breaths.

It seems that inhaling stimulates our brain, creating electrical activity where emotions, memory and smells are processed. In a recent American study, individuals were able to identify a face two seconds more quickly if they were breathing in through the nose, rather than breathing out.

The study was carried out at Northwestern University in Chicago, and it may also explain why we breath rapidly when afraid. "If you are in a panic state, you spend proportionally more time inhaling. .... Faster breathing could have a positive impact on brain function and result in faster response times."

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This true story concerns the visit of a visiting preacher to a little village chapel... 'He was a few minutes into his sermon when, without warning, about twenty square feet of thick and decayed Victorian plaster fell from high on one wall and crashed into a group of empty pews below. As the dense fog of dust began to settle, and it became clear no one was injured, the minister prepared to resume his sermon. Then he paused, and looked heavenward and in a slightly pained voice, asked: "Was it something I said?"'

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65 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 1958 that St Claire of Assisi (1194-1253) was declared the patron saint of television by Pope Pius XII – on the basis that she had been too ill to attend Mass, but had reportedly been able to see and hear it on the wall of her room.

50 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 1973 that the US Senate established a select committee to investigate the Watergate scandal. This led to US President Richard Nixon's resignation in August 1974.

40 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 1983 that champion racehorse, Shergar, was kidnapped in Ireland and a £2million ransom demanded. The horse was never seen again.

30 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 1993 that Bobby Moore, British footballer and captain of the England team that won the 1966 World Cup, died.

25 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 1998 that Osama bin Laden issued a fatwa against all Jews and Crusaders.

20 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2003 that the US space shuttle Columbia disintegrated over Texas during re-entry, killing all seven astronauts.

15 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> Feb 2008 that Prince Harry was immediately withdrawn from active service in Afghanistan, after the media revealed he was serving a tour of duty with British troops there.

10 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2013 that the Shard, a 72-storey skyscraper in London, was officially opened. It is the tallest building in the UK and the sixth tallest in Europe.

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### Lost and found

*(A simple poem about a dog, but so often this can apply to us as well!)*

Lost and found, what a wonderful sound  
To a little dog like me,  
I slipped my lead, I gave no heed  
It felt so good to be free.

It's getting dark, I'm lost in the park  
It's cold and starting to rain,  
I should have stayed and never strayed  
I'll never do this again.

Footsteps I hear, 'please do come near'  
On my collar they see my name,  
I'm put in a car, we're travelling so far,  
Will life be ever the same?

A knock on the door, kisses galore,  
Cuddles and pats on the head,  
No more will I roam, I'm now safely home  
And warmly curled up in my bed.

*By Megan Carter*



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## **Remembering Ukraine – one year on**

24<sup>th</sup> February is the first anniversary of the war in Ukraine, which has seen nearly eight million people displaced and thousands killed. This winter is the worst in living memory for most Ukrainians, with medicine, food, water, and heating in short supply. If you would like to mark the first year by helping the people Ukraine, here are some charities from which you might choose:

**The Disaster Emergencies Committee (DEC)** is an umbrella group of UK charities.  
<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

**Christian Aid** was founded in 1945 by British and Irish churches to help refugees after the Second World War. Sadly, with war back in Europe, it is now back at work on the Continent.  
<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal-2022>

**Barnabas Fund** distributes food through local churches to Christians in the poorer areas, both in Kyiv and in rural regions.  
<https://www.barnabasfund.org/gb/latest-needs/help-ukrainian-christians-in-their-hour-of-need/>

**Samaritans Purse** has been airlifting medical supplies into the country, distributed more than 45 million kilos of food, and built water systems providing more than 30 million litres of water.  
<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/idr-crisis/crisis-in-ukraine/>

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## **All in the month of FEBRUARY**

It was:

175 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 1848 that the Communist Manifesto was published in London. It was written by Karl Marx, with the assistance of Friedrich Engels.

150 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 1873 that Thomas Andrews, Irish/British shipbuilder and businessman was born. The naval architect in charge of the plans for the RMS Titanic, he perished along with 1,500 others during her maiden voyage.

100 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 1923 that British archaeologist Howard Carter opened the sealed doorway to Tutankhamen's tomb in Thebes, Egypt. The following day he entered the burial chamber and discovered a wealth of treasures.

65 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 1958 that the Munich air disaster took place. A plane carrying the Manchester United football team ('the Busby Babes'), plus support staff and journalists, crashed while attempting to take off from a slush-covered runway at Munich-Riem Airport. 23 people were killed, including 8 players.

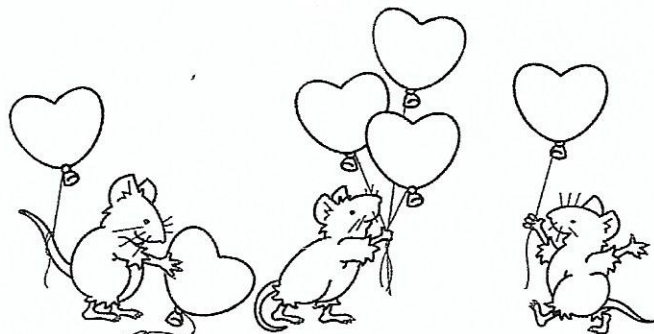


## Parish Pump Smile Lines

*With Valentine's Day in mind...how do you define love?*

*A group of 4-to-8-year-olds was once asked: 'What does love mean?' The answers they gave were surprising for their depth of insight....*

- “When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn’t bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That’s love.” Rebecca – age 8
  - “When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.” Billy – age 4
  - “Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other.” Karl – age 5
  - “Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your chips, without making them give you any of theirs.” Chrissy – age 6
  - “Love is what makes you smile when you’re tired.” Terri – age 4
  - “Love is when mum makes coffee for my dad and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.” Danny – age 7
  - “Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mum and Dad are like that. They look gross when they kiss.” Emily – age 8
  - “If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.” Nikka – age 6 (We need a few million more Nikka’s on this planet)
- “My mummy loves me more than anybody. You don’t see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.” – Clare, aged 6
- “Love is when mummy gives daddy the best piece of chicken.” – Elaine – age 5
- “Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day” Mary Ann – age 4





**IF .... For a Christian (with apologies to Rudyard Kipling)**

If you can stand before false accusations  
And lift your head in Grace and face the lies;  
If you can join in another's celebrations,  
While your life falls in ruin before your eyes.

If you can grieve with others who are grieving,  
Yet find in Christ a peace beyond all griefs;  
If you can love those who are unbelieving,  
And yet stand firm and sure on your beliefs;

If you can lose all wealth and earthly treasure,  
And count it as the loss of so much dust;  
If you can scorn success by mortal measure,  
Striving for rewards that cannot rust;

If you can put your hand to Christian labour,  
Be buried with Christ, your sins all put to end;  
If every day you can love your neighbour,  
You will receive the crown of life, my friend.

Anon.

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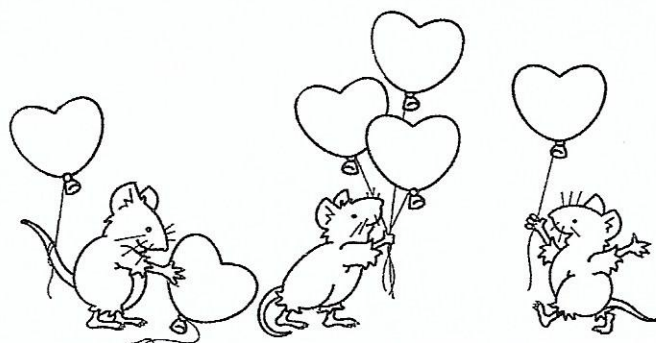
**Words of Wisdom from the Bible Society .....**

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you feel you've hit rock bottom, remember you haven't. The everlasting arms of God are underneath you.

Remember, He promises to always be with us. He walks with us in the good times and through the storms. He sustains and strengthens us. When life feels too hard to cope with, He carries us in His arms.

Remember, God loves us, including those who are hard to love. Remember too, others may find us hard to love.





### Mary Did you Know?

Mary did you know  
that your baby will one day walk on water?  
Mary did you know  
that your baby boy will save your sons and daughters?

Did you know  
That your baby boy has come to make you new?  
The child that you delivered will soon deliver you.

Mary did you know  
that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?  
Mary did you know  
that your baby boy will calm a storm with His hand?

Did you know  
that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?  
and when you kissed your little baby, you've kissed the face of God.

Mary did you know  
The blind will see,  
the deaf will hear, the dead will live again.  
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of The Lamb.

Mary if you knew,  
how wonderful for you that He chose you to bring  
to us The King of Kings.  
God bless you Mary.

Dolly Parton.

**O** Lord, remember not only  
the men and women of good will but  
also those of ill will. But do not remember  
all the suffering they have inflicted upon us;  
remember the fruits we brought, thanks to this  
suffering, our comradeship, our loyalty, our  
humility, the courage, the generosity, the  
greatness of heart which has grown out of this;  
and when they come to judgement, let all the  
fruits we have borne be their forgiveness.'

*Amen*

A prayer found written on a  
piece of wrapping paper in Ravensbruck,  
the largest of the concentration camps for women in  
Nazi Germany.





## Answers to the 'Initials' quiz

1. William Gilbert Grace
2. William Schwenk Gilbert
3. Joanne Kathleen Rowling
4. Jerome Klapka Jerome
5. Clive Staples Lewis
6. Dwight David Eisenhower
7. Phyllis Dorothy James
8. John Ronald Reuel Tolkein
9. Alan Alexandra Milne
10. Herbert George Wells
11. David Herbert Lawrence
12. Dorothy Leigh Sayers
13. Gilbert Keith Chesterton
14. Arthur Charles Clarke
15. Francis Scott Fitzgerald
16. Pelham Grenville Wodehouse
17. William Claude Field - real name was Dukenfield
18. James Matthew Barrie
19. Jerome David Salinger
20. John Fitzgerald Kennedy
21. Franklin Delano Roosevelt
22. Harry S Truman - the S was not a name, it was the first letter, S, of both his grandfather's names
23. Cecil Blount DeMille
24. Thomas Sterns Eliot
25. Thomas Edward Lawrence
26. Wystan Hugh Auden
27. Alfred Edward Housman
28. William Somerset Maugham
29. Antonia Susan Byatt
30. John Boynton Priestley
31. William Butler Yeats
32. Cecil Scott Forester - his real name was Cecil Louis Troughton Smith
33. Samuel Leroy Jackson
34. David Wark Griffith
35. Phineas Taylor Barnum

Sudoku solution:

1	9	7	2	6	4	5	3	8
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2	6	8	4	1	7	3	9	5
9	5	4	6	8	3	7	2	1
7	8	3	9	2	1	6	5	4
6	1	2	7	4	5	9	8	3

Crossword answers: ..

**ACROSS:**

8, Cross-examined. 9, Ash. 10, Apocrypha. 11, Sci-fi. 13, Typical. 16, Visited. 19, Offer. 22, No account. 24, RAC. 25, Sovereign Lord.

**DOWN:**

1, Oceans. 2, Hophni. 3, Islamist. 4, Exhort. 5, Omar. 6, On spec. 7, Add all. 12, CBI. 14, Plotting. 15, Awe. 16, Vanish. 17, Starve. 18, Daub it. 20, Furrow. 21, Recede. 23, Cure.



# TRINITY LUNCHEON CLUB

Trinity Methodist Church, Kidderminster

Every Wednesday at 12.15

Would you like a mid-week meal cooked for you with pleasant friendly company round the table?

Then why not come to our **Luncheon Club** – you don't have to be a church member or on your own, couples are welcome.

Enjoy a delicious main course and pudding with tea or coffee.

**Only £3.00**

## Our main courses include:

Meat Loaf    Salmon Flan    Chicken Casserole

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Cheesecake    Bakewell Tart    Sponge Pudding

Fruit Crumble    Sticky Toffee

Passion Pudding    Bread & Butter Pudding

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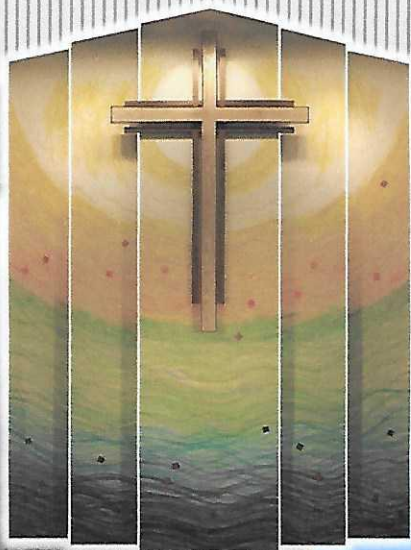
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