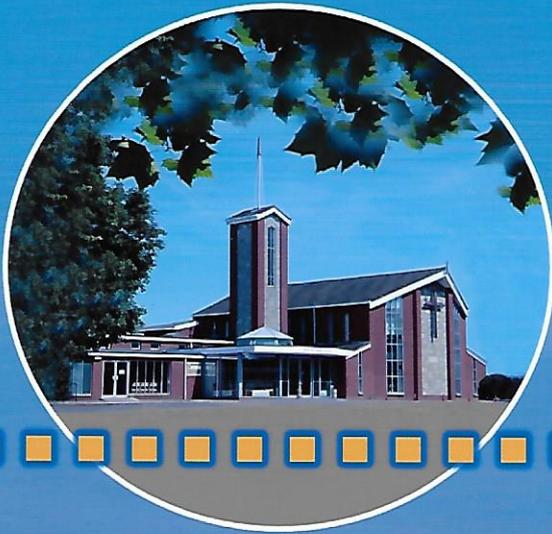


Trinity Methodist Church, Kidderminster



# Trinity Tidings

July & August 2020



The beauty of God's world in Summer...

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Dear Friends,

I hope you are well in these continuing difficult times, even though many things are getting back to something vaguely approaching normal.

This month I want to bring your attention to a very well known passage in the bible we lovingly refer to as the 'beatitudes' (Matthew Ch 5 Vs 1-7).

The word 'beatitude' comes from the Latin 'beatitudo', meaning 'blessedness', and that is something we all like to feel and wish upon others. We may at the moment feel very blessed, on the other hand we may feel this state of blessedness has passed us by for the last three months or so, and is very distant from us. We might even wonder, in a world that is still suffering the effects of the global pandemic that has affected us all, how could 'blessedness' still exist? But it does, in fact it exists in abundance! Even though, when we see some of the antics of the large groups that have gathered recently, either on Bournemouth beach, or those who congregated to demonstrate in favour of, or against, various statues that stand around the country, it does make you wonder.

Anyway to prove to you it does abound I want to share the following with you. Below is something I have blatantly stolen, which is credited to Dave Walker and Jayne Manfredi (hopefully that lets me off the hook for any copyright misdemeanour). Please read and enjoy.

Every blessing,

*Nick.*

## BEATITUDES FOR A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

BLESSED ARE THOSE  
WHO STAY INDOORS



FOR THEY HAVE  
PROTECTED OTHERS

BLESSED ARE THE  
UNEMPLOYED AND THE  
SELF-EMPLOYED



FOR THEIR NEED OF  
GOD IS GREAT

BLESSED ARE THE  
CORNER SHOPKEEPERS



FOR THEY ARE THE  
PURVEYORS OF SCARCE  
THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE DELIVERY  
DRIVERS AND THE POSTAL  
WORKERS



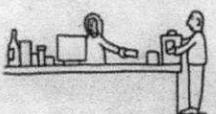
FOR THEY ARE THE  
BRINGERS OF ESSENTIAL  
THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE HOSPITAL  
WORKERS, THE AMBULANCE CREWS,  
THE DOCTORS, THE NURSES, THE CARE  
ASSISTANTS, AND THE CLEANERS



FOR THEY STAND BETWEEN US AND  
THE GRAVE, AND THE KINGDOM OF  
HEAVEN IS SURELY THEIRS

BLESSED ARE THE  
CHECKOUT WORKERS



FOR THEY HAVE PATIENCE AND  
FORTITUDE IN THE FACE OF  
OVERWORK AND FRUSTRATION

BLESSED ARE THE  
REFUSE COLLECTORS



FOR THEY WILL SEE  
GOD DESPITE THE  
MOUNTAINS OF WASTE

BLESSED ARE THE  
TEACHERS



FOR THEY REMAIN  
STEADFAST AND  
CONSTANT IN  
DISTURBING TIMES

BLESSED ARE THE CHURCH  
WORKERS: THE DEACONS,  
PRIESTS AND BISHOPS



FOR THEY ARE A COMFORTING  
PRESENCE IN A HURTING  
WORLD AS THEY CONTINUE TO  
SIGNPOST TOWARDS GOD

BLESSED ARE THE SINGLE  
PARENTS.



FOR THEY ARE COPING  
ALONE WITH THEIR  
RESPONSIBILITIES AND  
THERE IS NO RESPITE

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO  
ARE ALONE.



FOR THEY ARE CHILDREN OF  
GOD AND WITH HIM THEY  
WILL NEVER BE LONELY

BLESSED ARE THE  
BEREAVED.



FOR WHOM THE WORST HAS  
ALREADY HAPPENED. THEY  
SHALL BE COMFORTED

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO  
ARE ISOLATED WITH THEIR  
ABUSERS



FOR ONE DAY - WE PRAY-  
THEY WILL KNOW SAFETY

BLESSED ARE ALL DURING THIS TIME WHO HAVE PURE HEARTS:  
ALL WHO STILL HUNGER AND THIRST FOR JUSTICE; ALL WHO  
WORK FOR PEACE AND WHO MODEL MERCY



MAY YOU KNOW COMFORT. MAY YOU KNOW CALM. AND MAY THE  
GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND  
THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE WITH US ALL. AMEN

# PRAYER CORNER

We remember in our prayers, Les Fuller, Liz Potter, Margot Stanton and many more who need our love and prayers Nigel and Jacquie Galton.

We are sorry to report that June Hemmings died recently. She had been a member at Trinity for many years. Rev Julia Skitt took her funeral service.

Roy Baynton would like to thank everyone for his birthday cards, good wishes, and the unexpected musical interlude outside his house. It was a lovely surprise.

Mary Webber will celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on 21<sup>st</sup> July. We send our love and best wishes to her, with grateful thanks for all she does to enhance worship at Trinity. May she continue for many more years!

We are delighted to hear that Nigel Galton has at long last received a kidney transplant and everything is going well. We thank God for healing and reassurance for Nigel and for the skill of the surgeons. He would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and care, especially also for the support given to Jacquie who was unable to be with him while he was in Hospital.

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During the months of July and August, please remember in your prayers, the areas of Kidderminster as named below.

<u>Foley Park</u>	<u>July</u>
Churches - Foley Park, Holy Innocents	
Foley Park and Sutton Park Schools and Nurseries.	
Retail and Businesses	
Brintons' Park	
Residential Homes	

<u>Birchen Coppice</u>	<u>August</u>
Birchen Coppice School and Nursery	
Retail Units and manufacturing	
Industrial Trading estates	
Wyre Forest Glades Leisure Centre	
St Peter's RC Church	
W.F. District Council Office	
Residential Homes	
Wyre Forest Crematorium	
Fire and Rescue Headquarters	



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### **From the Editor...**

I hope that you are keeping well, and keeping safe. Perhaps we can see a light at the end of the tunnel. Let's hope that it isn't another train coming towards us! I hope that we have all coped reasonable well, and perhaps did things that we have been putting off, or developed a new interest, and read books that we had always intended to read but never got round to. I am sure that we have kept in regular contact with friends and family through the internet and telephone. We should be at this time in the middle of the railway's 'Step Back to the Forties' events, and I have missed meeting up with good friends I have made over the years, and dressing up as a vicar to officiate at the 1940's wedding. As Vera Lynn famously sang, "We'll meet again....."

To change the subject, I have sparrows nesting in the corner of my open verandah, right over the door. The chicks are being fed and they make a very unmusical noise, but then grown sparrows can't sing, just chirp. There are blackbirds, blue tits and robins nesting, but sadly, this year no swallows or house martins. Under the Arley station shop canopy, there is a wooden trestle table, and a chair. Just the place to sit and have a cup of coffee and contemplate the world. There is also a devious, thieving crow, and in the last few weeks it has stolen, off the table, an almost full pack of pipe tobacco, a small pack of Thornton's Special Toffee, which it dropped, then pecked open and flew off with a piece of toffee in its beak. I have also lost my set of station keys, which I remember putting on the table. I wonder if the crow had seen them sparkling in the sunshine and made off with them. So if you see a crow with a smoker's cough, looking slightly diabetic and jingling a bunch of keys, you will know where it has come from.

One final thought, if you are able to print a copy of Trinity Tidings, perhaps you would like to do so and give it to someone who is not on the internet. I am sure it would be appreciated.

David

## **CORONAVIRUS AND CHURCH OFFERTORIES**

Although Sunday services have been suspended for the time being, Trinity still has to meet substantial running expenses without the benefit of receiving income from members who give via the envelope scheme or in loose cash.

It would be most helpful and much appreciated if folk would continue donating in one of two ways, please.

By cheque, payable to Trinity Methodist Church, sent to the Church Treasurer, Iestyn Davies, 4, Osprey Park Drive, Kidderminster DY10 4BN.

or

By bank transfer direct to the church bank account. To use this method please contact Iestyn Davies for details on 01562 740429 or by email to [iestyn.davies@btopenworld.com](mailto:iestyn.davies@btopenworld.com)

Thankfully, we are still receiving offertories from members who give by standing order. During the month of May £2509 was received by standing order and £745 by bank transfer and in cash. Details of receipts for June will not be known until the bank statement is received, around 10 July.

Many thanks to everyone who continues to support Trinity financially.

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A new boy started school. He was asked by his teacher some questions to make him feel at home. She asked him where he lived, and where they had moved from.

She asked him about his mother, and whether she worked or was at home. The boy replied that she worked in a shop. The teacher then asked about the boy's father. Did he work.

'Yes', said the boy, 'he is a magician, and he does lots of shows.'

'What is his best trick?' she asked.

'Sawing someone in half.' the boy said.

Next the teacher asked the boy if he had any brothers or sisters.

'Yes I have,' he answered, a brother and two half-sisters.'

Margaret Bolton sent this item which was in Blakedown Parish magazine. It takes a lot of 'puzzling, out. You will find the solution towards the end of the magazine.

## **FIND THE 30 HIDDEN BIBLE BOOK NAMES IN THIS PARAGRAPH**

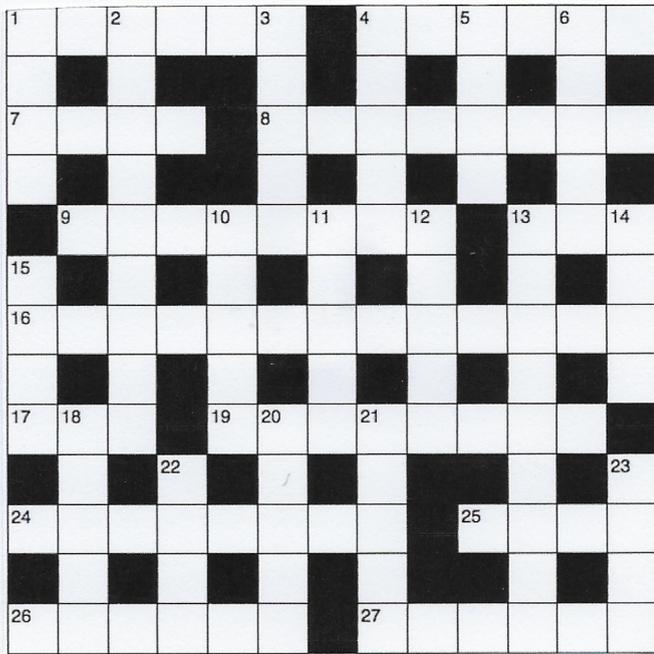
This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, 'The books are all right there in plain view hidden from sight.' Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus: there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.

God Bless.

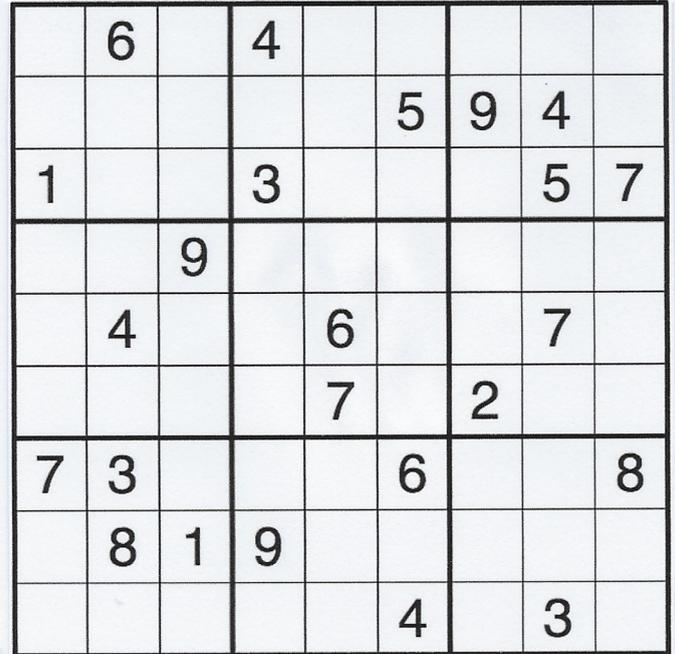
*This quiz was sent to us by Phil and Lynne Harris.*

1. What was the name of the volcano that destroyed Pompeii in AD 79?
2. Who was Henry VIII's last wife?
3. Who discovered penicillin?
4. In what year did Queen Elizabeth II come to the throne?
5. In 1990 who created the World Wide Web?
6. Which British archaeologist discovered Tutankhamun's tomb?
7. Who invaded England in 55 B.C. and in 43 A.D.?
8. What was the name given to the survey of England carried out on the instructions of William the Conqueror?
9. Who were the rival factions in the Wars of the Roses?
10. What was the last Beatles record released by all living members of the Beatles to make it to number 1 in the British pop charts?
11. The town of Middlesbrough lies by which river?
12. Which organ of the human body is connected to the lungs by the Pulmonary Arteries?
13. Which 1990s boy band took their name from the postcode of their home town Walthamstow?
14. In which sport is Jess Thirlby the current England Coach after succeeding Tracey Neville in 2019?
15. What is the title of the person who presides over the count in a British election?
16. With a maximum leg span of 28cm, the Goliath Bird Eater, is the largest variety of which creature?
17. How many hearts does an octopus have?
18. If you dug a hole through the centre of the earth starting from Wellington New Zealand, in which European country would you emerge?
19. Henry VIII introduced which tax in England in 1535?
20. Who entered a contest to find his own look-alike and came third?

Parish Pump Crossword



Sudoku puzzle (medium)



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**Across**

- 1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)
- 4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)
- 7 'Praise the Lord, O my — ' (Psalm 103:1) (4)
- 8 See 5 Down
- 9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)
- 13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)
- 16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)
- 17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)
- 19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)
- 24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)
- 25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)
- 26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)
- 27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

**Down**

- 1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)
- 2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)
- 3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)
- 4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)
- 5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards — ' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)
- 6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
- 10 Trout (anag.) (5)
- 11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)
- 12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
- 13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)
- 14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who — bread into the bowl with me'" (Mark 14:20) (4)
- 15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)
- 18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)
- 20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)
- 21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)
- 22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)
- 23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)

## Lockdown

In the beginning, of course, are the first 3 words in the Bible, words we should keep in mind. We are currently in the middle(?) (nobody knows the end) of one of the worst tragedies mankind has ever known, the Corona virus has devastated everybody. The world will never be the same again, we have to hope for a new world in the morning. We, of course, have our faith and with our churches gradually re-opening our belief and love in God will see us through, we will come together. We believe in miracles and through our prayer one day that vaccine will come (with a little help from science).

Everybody has suffered from this terrible pandemic. We will all have a story to tell. We have all endured the lockdown, what's a few weeks compared with what my Dad had to put up with. 19 years old and straight into France at the out-break of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. He was part of the rear-Guard action that held off the German army to allow thousands of troops to evacuate at Dunkirk in 1940. Captured, He was to spend the rest of the war in a prisoner of war camp in Poland. 5 years he spent in lockdown, finally released on V.E. Day in 1945. Him and thousands of others would have loved 10 weeks or so locked in their own homes. Many men found God during their time behind the wire of a P.o.W camp. My father didn't. He rarely spoke of his time in the camps and the Church, to him, was merely weddings, christenings and funerals. He got hold of an accordion while in the camp and often entertained the officers and prisoners, forming a band. He played by ear and could play anything. It's nice to think he might have played the hymns for the camps Sunday services. He was to play the accordion for the rest of his life, wartime favourites? No problem. Let's face it, 5 years of lockdown in Poland, he had time to rehearse. Thank God he got back to Blighty but he wouldn't recognise it.

We are all suffering but with our faith and belief we will make it. Our places of religion will open again, believe me Worship's coming home. "In the beginning" will be our new beginning surely better than the last word of the Bible "Amen".

*Mike*

(Mike Knott, Stourport Wesley)

## DONKEY RIDING

The humble donkey is mentioned 153 times in the bible, not top of the charts though. Sheep get 410 mentions, goats 169, horses 166 (I lost count of the camels). Donkeys always seem to get a name, though not in The Bible. Get on to Weston-Super-Mare beach, they have their names on hats. There's always a 'Neddy' but the rest of them get name changes with the times. Now they're Justin, Kylie, Boyance, Robbie and of course, Boris. I've never been to a donkey Christening; do they hold them in a stable? One donkey who never got a name of course was the character in the film "Shrek", he was simply known as donkey; however, he could talk. Not the first of course. Once again The Bible was in at the beginning. Over 3,000 years ago, in the Old Testament there was a talking donkey and he belonged to a man called Balaam.

Now Balaam was a soothsayer, or perhaps a diviner, but most of all he was a prophet. Definitely a Prophet for it seems he had a direct line to God. No mobile phones in those days – God would be talking through a donkey. (Alexa – once again The Bible was first). Once again, of course, the Children of Israel are up to trouble. Frustrated on their journey to the promised land, they are up to fighting, this time it's the Moabites. Balak, king of the Moabites, sends to Balaam to ask him to put a curse on the Israelites. At first he refuses but then changes his mind and travels to Moab on his donkey. The donkey isn't happy, he turns off the road, tries to crush Balaam then turns into a field and sits down. Balaam beats the donkey each time. The donkey however, can see Balaam is doing wrong and so God speaks to Balaam through the donkey. This was the way for God to show

Balaam that he was doing wrong. He could not speak and do things for himself; he must do them through God. He could only speak for God, words that God would give him. He actually ends up blessing the people he was meant to curse.

God speaks through The Bible and if it means using a donkey, so be it. The Bible helps us understand. If you want to live as a Christian, The Bible will help you to do it, even if some of the things come from the mouth of a donkey.

*Mike*

(Mike Knott, Stourport Wesley)

Mike's Smile Lines - Schoolboy Howlers

- Q. What are steroids?  
A. Things to keep carpet on the stairs.
- Q. What is the major export of Brazil?  
A. Nuts – but only at Christmas
- Q. Name a famous Scotsman  
A. Jock
- Q. Name something you put on walls  
A. Roofs.
- Q. Name a food that can be brown or white.  
A. Potatoes.
- Q. Name a paint that protects wood.  
A. Brown
- Q. What is an exporter?  
A. Someone who used to have a job carrying cases at a railway station.
- Q. What do you get from a pine tree?  
A. Pineapples.
- Q. What are “Glaciers”?  
A. People who fix windows when they’re broken
- Q. Name a cow that gives a lot of milk  
A. Daisy
- Q. What was the name given in Greek mythology to the creature who was half man, half animal?  
A. Buffalo Bill.
- Q. Name one of the Marx brothers.  
A. Karl
- Q. With what do you connect the name Baden-Powell?  
A. You connect it with a hyphen.

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
1 Samuel 24

God chose Saul to be the King of Israel, but Saul chose to disobey Him. God said that the next king would not be Saul's son.

Saul didn't know that God had chosen David to be the next king.



A black and white illustration showing two men, Saul and David, standing and talking. Saul is on the right, taller, with a crown-like headpiece. David is on the left, shorter, with a beard.

David was very successful as a fighter and very popular.



Saul became jealous and angry.

A black and white illustration showing Saul and David. Saul is on the right, pointing towards David. David is on the left, looking back at Saul.

David had to go on the run and hide.



When he wasn't fighting the Philistines, Saul tried to catch David.

A black and white illustration showing a person (David) hiding in a cave. The cave entrance is on the right, and the person is on the left, looking out.

One day, Saul and his army were in En-Gedi. Saul needed to pee, so he went into a sheep fold built next to a cave...

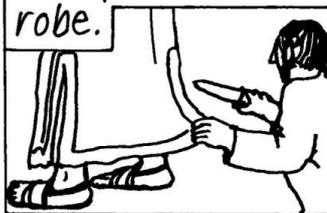
David and his men were hiding at the back of the cave!



God has given you a chance to kill him!

A black and white illustration showing David and his men hiding in a cave. They are looking towards the entrance of the cave.

David crept over and cut a piece off Saul's robe.



Saul didn't notice.

A black and white illustration showing David cutting a piece of fabric (Saul's robe) from a larger piece of fabric.

Then David felt bad.



He is God's chosen king. Having the chance to do something doesn't make it right.

A black and white illustration showing David with a thoughtful expression, his hand to his chin.

David waited until Saul was far enough away then he shouted to him.



A black and white illustration showing David shouting towards a distant figure (Saul) in a landscape.

Your majesty, I could have killed you today, but I knew it was wrong. I want to prove to you I'm not trying to harm you.



A black and white illustration showing David speaking to Saul, who is looking back at him.

David, you are better than me. I would have killed you but you were kind.



A black and white illustration showing Saul speaking to David, who is looking back at him.

Now I know you will be the next king, but please look after my family.

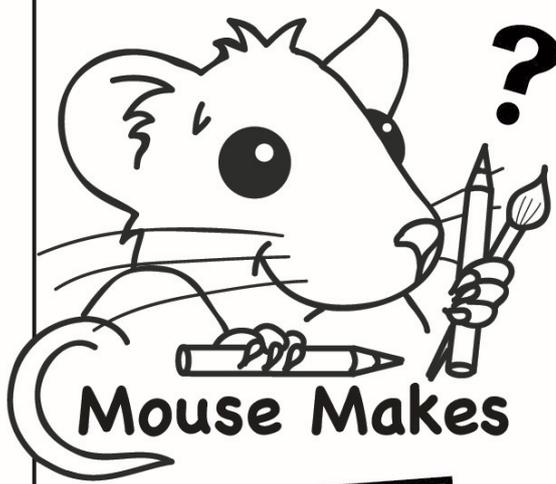


A black and white illustration showing David speaking to Saul, who is looking back at him.

David promised, and Saul and his army went home.



A black and white illustration showing Saul and his army leaving, with David watching them go.



### WHO AM I?

The last letter of one name is the first letter of the next name.

P			L	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wrote 13 New Testament letters</li> <li>He wrote the third Gospel</li> </ul>				M
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mother of John (Luke 1:3)</li> <li>Sarah's servant (Genesis 16:21)</li> </ul>			
H				
		R		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joseph's mother (Genesis 29:35)</li> <li>His wife turned to salt (Genesis 11:31)</li> </ul>				T
S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paul's friend (2 Corinthians 8:27)</li> <li>A brother of Jesus (Matthew 13:55)</li> </ul>			
	N			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ruth's mother-in-law. (Ruth 3:1)</li> </ul>				-

**IT'S A PUZZLE!**  
 God sent 9 plagues on Egypt...  
**What were they?**  
 Change each letter to the one after it in the alphabet to find out.

AKNNC  
 EQNFR  
 FMZSR  
 EKHDR  
 CHRDZRD  
 OKZFTD  
 GZHK  
 KNBTRSR  
 CZQJMDRR

### FIND THE MISSING HUSBANDS

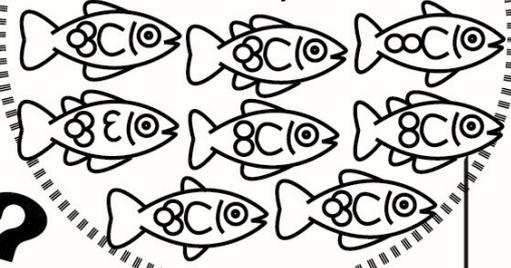
Match the wife to their husband

- |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| MARY      | BOAZ      |
| SARAH     | JACOB     |
| RUTH      | ZECHARIAH |
| REBEKAH   | JOSEPH    |
| RACHEL    | ABRAHAM   |
| ELIZABETH | ISAAC     |



### FIND THE FISH

The Disciples have been fishing and have caught TWO fish the same, can you find them?



Colour in all the shapes with a DOT to find out what Jesus want us to do

Roy Baynton sent us these three 'puzzles'

HOW IS YOUR ALGEBRA?

Let  $A = B$ . Multiply both sides by  $A$ . Then  $A^2 = AB$ . Subtract  $B^2$  from both sides. Then  $A^2 - B^2 = AB - B^2$ . Factorise both sides. Then  $(A + B)(A - B) = B(A - B)$ . Divide both sides by  $(A - B)$ . The  $A + B = B$ . But  $A = B$ . Therefore instead of  $B$  we can write  $A$ . Then  $A + A = A$ . Or  $2A = A$ . Divide both sides by  $A$ . then  $2 = 1$ .

THE SOLUTION TO ALL TRINITY'S FINANCIAL PROBLEMS!!!

The true answer is that this impossible because if  $A = B$ , then  $A - B$  equals zero. So whilst there is nothing wrong algebraically, you cannot say that  $2 \times 0 = 1 \times 0$  and then divide both sides by zero saying that they are still equal.

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Yesterday is NOT Sunday, Wednesday, or Friday

Tomorrow is NOT Tuesday or Thursday

Today is NOT Friday or Tuesday

WHAT DAY IS IT? (Be careful with Yesterday and Tomorrow. It is quite easy to go the wrong way.)

The answer is SUNDAY

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In the early 1980's, the B.B.C. had a massive programme to install Local Radio Transmitters at sites all over the country. My company had the contract to supply the bulk of these as they were required. As Broadcast Transmitter Systems Manager, it was my responsibility to look after this order.

In May 1982, Pope John Paul II was due to visit this country and was scheduled to speak at York. The B.B.C. rushed through the installation of a local radio transmitter at a village called Fulford, some two miles south of York. The transmitter was prepared, but the frequency on which it was to transmit had to be allocated by the Home Office.

This required much calculation, to ensure that neighbouring transmitters did not interfere with each other, particularly in fringe areas.

In due course the allocated frequency arrived, and much to our surprise it was-----

6 6 6 kilohertz

Despite comments about the suitability of this frequency, the Home Office were adamant that it could not be altered, and to this day, that Radio Station still transmits on -----

6 6 6 kilohertz.

## GARDENING NOTES FOR JULY 2006.



July is the first month of what, in meteorological parlance, is known as 'High Summer'.

The sun has now commenced its journey southward toward the equator, the nights once more beginning to lengthen. However, the sun's power is still intense at this time of year, the heat build-up within greenhouses very evident, even on a dull day. Moving plants outdoors will be beneficial, preventing them from baking and the effects of scorching. 'Damp down' on hot days and ventilate to maximum to keep the temperatures down.

Pelargonium and fuchsia cuttings can be taken at this time of year to give them ample time to root around the pot before winter conditions are upon us.

Ideally, water in early morning or late evening to avoid scorching of leaves. The near Continent will be a very warm source for any air coming into the UK from the south, southeast or east. Even a westerly breeze across the country with high pressure to the south will bring very pleasant summer weather, with characteristic blue sky and broken fair weather cumulus.

With rising pressure and light winds it can soon become extremely hot under clear skies. With little in the way of wind to erode them, sea breezes will develop keeping the coasts fresher. Inland temperatures rise rapidly, often to levels well into the mid 80's, not falling below an uncomfortable 65F overnight.

Eventually moister air off the Atlantic gets drawn into the circulation and where the Continental and Atlantic air meet along a frontal boundary there is inevitably great instability. We often find that this advancing cooler air is held back at the surface due to friction with the ground. However, whilst surface conditions are still extremely hot, away from surface friction the cooler air is advancing aloft. With hot humid air at the surface, cumulus clouds rapidly grow in height, growing into huge cumulo-nimbus with that characteristic thunderstorm anvil shaped head and fibrous cirrus plume. Violent thunderstorms often characterise the end of a 'heat wave'; nothing really seems to have altered over the centuries, King Charles II remarking, "The English summer consists of three fine days and a thunderstorm".

Colder and fresher Atlantic air is never very far away and soon breaks through bringing a normal regime once more. Sometimes the 'European Monsoon' which develops during mid-June extends its influence well into July, a series of quite deep low-pressure systems giving heavy rain and strong winds and un-typical summer weather.

Fortunately we do, in the main, experience a mix of conditions so typical of a British summer. July is the month when you should be able to sit back and relax to enjoy the benefits of all your hard work. Although before you start heading for the deck chair, there are still a number of tasks that require attention.

Take time to ensure that hanging baskets, tubs and containerised plants are kept well watered in dry spells. Tall perennials will require staking if not previously done. If basket plants look a bit tired, they can be trimmed back and fed to encourage re-growth. Herbaceous perennials, such as delphiniums, lupins and geraniums, which have flowered can be cut back to give a second flush of flowers. Start collecting seeds from summer flowering annuals such as poppy, love-in-a-mist and calendula.

Mulching borders will help to retain moisture and keep the weeds down; do mulch after rain for maximum benefit. Talking of weeds, perennial weeds are best removed now whilst in active growth. Large weeds are best 'zapped' with a non-selective weed killer at this time of year, although they can still be dug up. Remember, non-selective weed killers will kill everything that spray drifts on to, including choice varieties, so be careful when applying. Alternatively use a gel-based product to apply directly to the leaves of large weeds.

It's harvest time on the vegetable patch, potatoes, salad crops, carrots, beets and spinach all coming 'on line'. Regular watering will help prevent bolting, aid development and hinder diseases. Hoe weeds off in dry weather to prevent re-growth. Autumn and winter salad crops can be sown now. Keep an eye out for potato blight and tomato blight; sunken brown patches on tomatoes are a sure sign of blossom end rot, a result of irregular watering.



Bob

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What do we really know about Mary Magdalene?

Fake news is not new. Perhaps one old example is the assertion that Mary Magdalene was a prostitute. Back in the 6th Century, Pope Gregory is said to have confused her with two other women in the Bible. Medieval Bible scholars also attempted to name an unidentified sinful woman who had washed and anointed the feet of Jesus. As Mary Magdalene is mentioned in the next chapter, they regarded her as the same person! After this, many classical artists painted Mary in various stages of undress, perpetuating a falsehood.

So what do we really know about Mary? The Gospels tell us that she came from Magdala, a town in Galilee, and Jesus healed her by casting out seven evil spirits. After this she followed Jesus, with other women, on His ministry providing resources. Later, Mary watched Jesus die on the cross, and having cared for His needs while He was alive, wanted to care for Him after His death. It was when Mary went to anoint the body of Jesus at the tomb that the risen Jesus appeared to her. He told Mary to go to His disciples and tell them about His return to Heaven. She was obedient and became the first emissary of the resurrection. In those days, the witness of a woman was worthless. Despite ridicule, Mary had the courage to speak about Jesus in a place of great disbelief. We have to ask ourselves do we have the same courage as Mary? How prepared are we to stand our ground to share Jesus with others in the face of those who mock and scoff at us? Although we usually associate Mary with the Easter story, this month on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, the Church celebrates her Feast Day. In this snapshot of Mary's life we know she had experienced great distress and suffering. After Jesus healed her, Mary expressed her gratitude by being utterly committed and devoted to Him.

Jesus can give everyone a new start; a new purpose and direction in life. Like Mary we can thank Him for blessing us, loving us and forgiving us and moving into practical forms of service. Only Jesus can transform our lives so that we can glorify God in all that we do.

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Peter Crumpler, a Church of England priest in St Albans, Herls, and a former communications director for the CofE, considers the effect of coronavirus on our lives.

Local is back!

Odd things have been happening to my world in these past weeks of lockdown.

It's got bigger. I've been speaking regularly via the web with friends in Australia and the United States. Worshippers from Canada and South Africa are taking part in our online church services.

Other churches are telling the same stories, with increasing numbers of people logging on.

It's got smaller. Even with the relaxation of regulations, many people are still working from home, home-schooling and mostly exercising within walking or cycling distance from where they live. It's got faster. Arrangements for a funeral in my family were speeded up, with registration and funeral planning carried out over the phone. A doctor's appointment by telephone significantly cut down waiting time.

It's got slower. Shopping takes longer with queues that people would have complained about before the lockdown. The shops have done a great job to keep the shelves stocked and maintain social distancing.

I've been thinking about what the long-term impact of the Covid-19 lockdown might be. One of the key outcomes is that local is back.

For decades, we've been hearing about globalization, and how the world is a much more connected place. It is, and the internet has kept many vital businesses running these past weeks. But we've also come to value what's on our doorstep and in our local streets.

Neighbours have become more important. We're valuing local shops, pubs and restaurants, parks and open spaces. All the people working hard to keep local services going.

Christianity is now a major global religion, with billions of followers around the world. But it began local. It began with Jesus Christ, travelling by foot, preaching and healing around a small area of the middle east. From its local roots, the faith spread around the world.

Today, churches around the world are deeply rooted in their local communities and are seeking to follow Christ's example of love and caring.

Each of us is rooted into our family, into our key relationships and into where we live.

During this pandemic, each of these has grown in importance.

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As fine silver...

Malachi 3:3 says: "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver.,,"

This verse puzzled some women in a Bible study. They got to wondering what this statement meant about the character and nature of God. One of the women offered to find out the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible Study.

That week, the woman called a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver.

As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest, so as to burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot, and then she thought again about the verse that says: "He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver." She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined. The man answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed. The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?"

He smiled at her and answered, "Oh, that's easy —when I can see my image in it."

If today you are feeling the heat of the fire, remember that God has His eye on you and will keep watching you. His aim is not to abandon or destroy you, but to refine you — until He sees His image in you.

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The new absolutely-must-have item for your kitchen

Here is a curious winner in the coronavirus crisis: the humble egg cup. It has been flying off the shelves in recent months, as more of us find solace in a cooked breakfast.

At one point, John Lewis had sold out of most of its egg cups, with even the most expensive lines selling out. (Such as Le Creuset's set of six egg cups for £45, or Emma Bridgewater's set of six for

27.95.)

As Nicola Hattersley, tableware buyer for John Lewis, explained: "One positive from being at home more is taking the time to make mealtimes more of an occasion.

"The humble egg cup — something many of us haven't used since childhood — is gracing tables once again and hopefully we'll see a new generation becoming familiar with 'soldiers' and debating the best way to smash open a boiled egg."

## All in the Month of July

It was:

175 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1845 that Thomas Barnardo, Irish humanitarian and philanthropist was born. He founded Barnardo's, a charity which cares for vulnerable children and young people. Also 175 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1845 that Charles Grey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl Grey, British Prime Minister (1830-34) died. Earl Grey tea was named after him after he was given a gift of tea flavoured with bergamot oil. It was known as the Earl Grey's blend.

150 years ago, on 18<sup>th</sup> July 1870 that the Vatican issued the declaration of Papal Infallibility. It preserved the Pope from the possibility of error when he defined a doctrine concerning faith or morals to be held by the whole Catholic Church.

100 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1920 that Kenneth Wolstenholme, British football commentator, was born. Best remembered for his famous commentary at the 1966 World Cup Final: "Some people are on the pitch...they think it's all over.... It is now!" — as the last goal was scored.

90 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> July 1930 that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, British writer who created the detective Sherlock Holmes, died.

80 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> July 1940 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 1940: The Battle of Britain took place. British victory.

75 year ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1945 that WWII leader Winston Churchill lost the British General Election to Clement Attlee's Labour Party.

70 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1950 that Israel's Knesset passed the Law of Return, which granted all Jews the right to immigrate to Israel.

65 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1955 that the song 'Rock Around the Clock' by Bill Haley and His Comets reached #1 on the Billboard chart in the USA. It remained there for eight weeks.

Although not the first rock & roll song, it is considered the song that brought rock & roll into the mainstream. 60 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> July 1960 that Aneurin ('Nye') Bevan, Minister of Health (1945-51) who led the establishment of the National Health Service, died.

30 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1990 that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein threatened to use force against Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates to stop them driving down oil prices. On 24<sup>th</sup> July Iraq sent tens of thousands of troops and hundreds of tanks to the border with Kuwait, ahead of an invasion on 2<sup>nd</sup> August which led to the Gulf War.

25 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1995 that Amazon.com opened its website to the public.

20 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2000 that an Air France Concorde crashed outside Paris shortly after taking off for New York. All 109 people on board were killed, as well as four people on the ground. 15 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2005 that the IRA ended its 30-year armed campaign in Northern Ireland and ordered all units to dump their weapons. Its leadership stated that they would continue their campaign exclusively through peaceful means.

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### Remembering the man who founded Barnardo's

It was 175 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1845, that Thomas Barnardo, the humanitarian and philanthropist, was born in Dublin. He founded Barnardo's, a charity which continues to care for vulnerable children and young people.

The son of a furrier, he worked as a clerk until converted to evangelical Christianity in 1862. He moved to London, intending to study medicine and become a missionary in China. He never qualified as a doctor — despite being known as Dr Barnardo — and soon decided that his real calling was to help poor children living on the streets of London, where one in five children died before their fifth birthday.

He opened his first home for boys in 1870 and soon vowed never to turn a child away. Most Victorians saw poverty as shameful, associating it with poor morals and laziness, but

Barnardo refused to discriminate. He made sure boys were trained and found them apprenticeships.

When Barnardo died in 1905, he left 96 homes caring for more than 8,500 vulnerable children, including those with learning difficulties. Because he believed that children should ideally grow up in a family setting, in 1887 he introduced an early form of fostering—boarding out children to host families.

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Buttercups — treasure in our countryside

Buttercup! What a delicious name! Rumour has it that, as they were frequently to be found in meadows where cows grazed, they were responsible for butter's yellow colouring. So the name was an obvious choice.

However, since buttercups are poisonous and therefore are avoided as far as possible by our four-footed friends, this is somewhat unlikely. But surely, we all remember having a buttercup held under our chin to see whether the reflection proved that we liked butter! The shiny surface of the petals actually has two real purposes. Firstly, to help attract insects and secondly to act as a kind of mirror to aid the temperature regulation of the plant's reproductive organs.

We are fortunate that buttercups do not suffer from the same unpopularity as other poisonous plants, because if eaten, not only do they taste nasty, but the poison will also cause blisters in the mouth of the consumer. Extensive handling can also damage the skin, but presumably the size of bunch that many of us picked as children did not count as 'extensive'. Fortunately, Health and Safety experts do not yet seem to have forbidden this source of pleasure for little people.

Incidentally, the poison is reduced as the plant dries, and hay that includes buttercups is safe for cows and horses to eat.

Buttercups help form the traditional view of the British countryside. Differing varieties range in height from small to quite tall and although at their peak in early summer, the golden blooms can often still be seen in mid-autumn. Jan Struther, who wrote 'Lord of all hopefulness' also wrote a children's hymn entitled 'Treasure' It starts:

Daisies are our silver, buttercups our gold;  
This is all the treasure we can have or hold.

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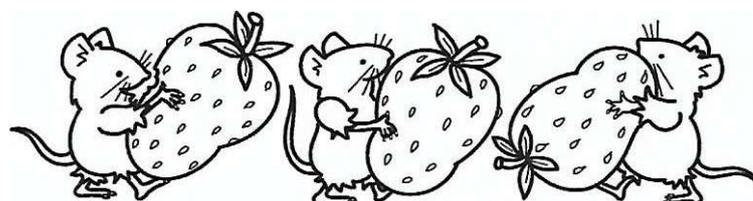
Tidal wave of sales coming

"This summer will be an absolute bonanza for shoppers, and they should be selective and patient... discounting will continue throughout the summer." So says Clive Black, a retail analyst at Shore Capital.

He explains that billions of pounds of winter stock is coming over to the UK in ships, but the retail warehouses are still full of unsold summer stock... "The magnitude of what has happened has never been seen in modern times.'

No wonder, then, that some analysts predict that shops will offer up to 70 per cent off throughout July, August and September.

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## Smile Lines

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, five, and Ryan, three. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the chance for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait,'"

Quick as a wink, Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

Last year, some friends took their six-year-old on a car trip to France. To help pass the time on the way down to the Channel, they encouraged their son to practise his new reading skills by calling out road signs.

He fell asleep just before they entered France. When he awoke, he saw the French motorway signs and rubbed his eyes. In a worried tone he whispered, "I think I forgot how to read while I was asleep."

While waiting in a socially distanced queue early one morning for the supermarket to open for us 'seniors', I was surprised to see a young man saunter along and try to cut in at the front of the queue. A furious old lady waved her cane at him, and he quickly backed away.

A moment later, the young man tried again. He managed to dodge the old lady, but then two old men started shouting at him. Again, the young man backed away.

But he wasn't giving up, and soon the young man approached the queue for the third time. By now, all of us pensioners were ready for him, an angry wall of opposition.

The young man stood there for a moment, and then shrugged his shoulders. "If you people won't let me unlock the door, none of you will ever get in to shop."

I need to practice social-distancing — from my refrigerator.

## **A BRAIN TEASER...**

This is an unusual paragraph. How quickly can you find out what is so unusual about it? It looks so straightforward, you would think that nothing was wrong. In fact nothing is wrong with it! It is highly unusual though. Study it, and think about it, but you still will not find anything odd about it. But if you work ay it a bit, you might find out.

*(The answer is on another page)*

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## **SOLUTION TO THE 30 HIDDEN BIBLE BOOK NAMES IN THIS PARAGRAPH**

### **How many did you manage to find?**

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, 'The books are all right there in plain view hidden from sight.' Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus: there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.

God Bless.

## Quiz Answers:

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Vesuvius                          | 2. Catherine Parr               |
| 3. Alexander Fleming                 | 4. 1952                         |
| 5. Tim Berners-Lee                   | 6. Howard Carter                |
| 7. The Romans                        | 8. The Doomsday Book            |
| 9. The Lancastrians and the Yorkists | 10. The Ballad of John and Yoko |
| 11. The Tees                         | 12. The heart                   |
| 13. East 17                          | 14. Netball                     |
| 15. The Returning Officer            | 16. A spider                    |
| 17. Three                            | 18. Spain                       |
| 19. Beard Tax                        | 20. Charlie Chaplin             |

## Parish Pump Crossword and Sudoku answers:

### Crossword answers:

ACROSS: 1, Riches. 4, Abner's. 7, Soul. 8, Damascus. 9, Statutes. 13, Add. 16, Craftsmanship. 17, Old. 19, Redeemer. 24, Walls are. 25, Wise. 26, Target. 27, Thieve.

DOWN: 1, Rest. 2, Courtyard. 3, Sadhu. 4, Arm he. 5, Nose. 6, Round. 10, Tutor. 11, Timid. 12, Sense. 13, Ashbelite. 14, Dips. 15, Echo. 18, Lhasa. 20, Exact. 21, Erect. 22, Flog. 23, Mede.

### Sudoku Solution:

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



## ANSWER TO BRAIN TEASER....

It does not contain the letter 'e' which is the most commonly used letter in the alphabet

# Trinity Methodist Church, Kidderminster



## Sunday Services

**Holy Communion 9.00am**  
(Second Sunday of each month)

**Morning Worship 10.30am with**

- Creche for babies & toddlers
- Footsteps for children of S...

**Evening Worship 6.30pm**  
(Except Second Sunday of Ea...)  
(Services that include Holy Co...)

## Monday

'Start the Week' - 9.30am - 10.00am. Vestry 1.  
A short time of quiet contemplation and prayer

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Leader: **Bev Slater** - 01562 228016  
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Rev'd. ...

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