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# Trinity *Tidings*



...all are welcome in this place!

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Thanks to John Harris for designing the front and back covers,  
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Dear Friends,

I have for a long time now fancied owning an olive tree, the sort you might see in garden centres in a large pot. The disadvantage with that is, I'm not green-fingered at all so any long term prospects of such an excursion may not end well.

I remember once a few years ago whilst on holiday in Corfu in the hotel where we were staying, sitting by the pool under the shade of an olive tree, reading my book and thinking, 'I could get used to this!'

Anyway, following a recent trip to Spalding to take Diane's mum and dad home and a quick visit to some friends whilst we were there, Diane and I were given a belated Ruby Wedding anniversary present which was . . . you've guessed it, an olive tree in a pot.

It will be a few years yet before I can sit under it and read my book in its shade, but I'm hopeful. However in the meantime I've just got to make sure I don't kill it off.

But olive trees, especially in the area of the Mediterranean, have been around for thousands of years and as well as being significant in Ancient Greek Mythology they often feature in the bible.

The first mention of them in the bible is in Genesis Ch 8 Vs 11, where Noah sends out a dove to see if the waters had subsided from the earth and the bird eventually returns with a freshly plucked olive branch in its beak, signalling that life on land could begin once more.

Since then the olive branch, or leaf, has become a symbol of peace and reconciliation, representing new life and new beginnings.

I would like to think that the acquisition of the olive tree we've been given is very timely and represents the opportunity to move on from the circumstances we have all been plagued with over the last sixteen months or so. But I hesitate to use the words 'to return to normal'.

When I hear people speak about getting back to normal I am reminded of the words of the award winning poet and author Sonia Renee Taylor who recently wrote:

*"We will not go back to normal. Normal never was. Our pre-corona existence was not normal other than we normalised greed, inequality, exhaustion, depletion, extraction . . .*

*We should not long to return, my friends, we are being given the opportunity to stitch a new garment. One that fits all of humanity and nature."*

If as a result of this pandemic the world (and therefore the Church) is being given the chance to 'stitch a new garment', or to put it as the gospel writers put it, being offered new wine to drink, let's not try to fit it into old wineskins, because we know what happens when we do.

In order to make room for the 'new' we have to accept that some of the 'old' will not return, but I believe this is the Church's calling and should be leading the way on this.

Friends, we may be a long way from building the 'New Jerusalem', but together at least we can make a start!

Blessings to you all,

*Nick*



# PRAYER CORNER

We remember in our prayers Liz potter, Les Fuller, Lyn Jones, Margot Stanton, Barbara Lee, Betty Norman, Ruth Palmer and her sister Anne, those on the Prayer Vine and all those we know who need the love, comfort and the knowledge of Christ's presence with them.

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During the months of July and August, please join in prayer and remember the people and places in the areas of Kidderminster as named below.

| <u>Foley Park</u>                                 | <u>July</u> | <u>Birchen Coppice</u>             | <u>August</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Churches - Foley Park, Holy Innocents             |             | Birchen Coppice School and Nursery |               |
| Foley Park and Sutton Park Schools and Nurseries. |             | Retail Units and manufacturing     |               |
| Retail and Businesses                             |             | Industrial Trading estates         |               |
| Brinton Park                                      |             | Wyre Forest Leisure Centre         |               |
| Residential Homes                                 |             | St Peter's RC Church               |               |
|                                                   |             | W.F. District Council Office       |               |
|                                                   |             | Residential Homes                  |               |
|                                                   |             | Wyre Forest Crematorium            |               |
|                                                   |             | Fire and Rescue Headquarters       |               |







## Church Flowers

Now we are back in church and flowers are very much part of church life I am drawing up a new rota for donors starting in September, running from September to August.

If you have a Sunday in the year that you would like to donate the flowers please contact Diane

on:

07756 402805 or 01562 823300

### **SERVICES IN JULY & AUGUST**

|                       |       |                                     |
|-----------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| July 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30 | Rev Nick Collison -- Holy Communion |
| July 11 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30 | Mr Albert Wilkinson                 |
| July 18 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30 | Dr Ken Mothersdale                  |
| July 25 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30 | Mr David Skitt                      |
| Aug 1 <sup>st</sup>   | 10.30 | Mr Richard Goodman                  |
| Aug 8 <sup>th</sup>   | 10.30 | Rev Nick Collison -- Holy Communion |
| Aug 15 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30 | Mrs Janet Murray                    |
| Aug 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | 10.30 | Rev Peter Levitt                    |
| Aug 29 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30 | Rev Nick Collison -- Holy Communion |

Lunchtime service each Thursday at 12.30pm

### **Offertories for the past five weeks are as follows**

|          | Envelopes | Loose Cash | Standing Orders | Total   |
|----------|-----------|------------|-----------------|---------|
|          | £         | £          | £               | £       |
| 06.06.21 | 128.00    | 10.00      | 649.75          | 787.75  |
| 13.06.21 | 288.00    | 70.00      | 649.75          | 1007.75 |
| 20.06.21 | 183.00    | 27.50      | 649.75          | 860.25  |
| 27.06.21 | 143.00    | 25.30      | 649.75          | 818.05  |
| 04.07.21 | 288.00    | 6.00       | 649.75          | 943.75  |

The amount of any offertories donated by bank transfer is not known at this time and will be reported in the next issue of Tidings.

The amount received for the World Mission Fund (the Easter Offering envelopes) was £371.25.

Due to the uncertainty caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic it is extremely difficult to estimate the amount of offertories needed to meet expenses. In past years we have relied heavily on income from room hire but that has ceased, except for some receipts from the NHS Blood Service. Currently, it seems that offertories would need to be in the region of £1550 per week to break even.



From the Editor....

Two pleasant surprises during last month. The first one was that I heard a cuckoo early one morning, in the first week in June. This was the first time I had heard one here for three years. The curious thing is that many years ago a documentary film about the life of the cuckoo was made less than half a mile away from where I live, on Pound Green Common.

The second surprise was that in the second week of June house martins rebuilt the nest on the house, and now there are two young ones almost ready to fly. I wonder if they will have a second brood?

The saga of the badgers seems to have come to an end and all is quiet - at the moment.

My garden looks very untidy, as I still have not mowed the grass, but the time is coming soon! The wild flower patch is full of flowers, and attracts a lot of bees and other pollinators.

As I write this we are in the middle of our 'Step back to the 1940's' weekends. I have a sign in my garden in the vegetable patch which says 'WANTED - LAND GIRLS' Sadly I have to say that I have not had any offers!

David





## Eco- Church

At Trinity we are trying to become more ecologically aware and are striving to reduce our carbon footprint.

This month we thought we would focus on one room in our homes and perhaps at church...the kitchen.

1. Wash Dishes the **Green** Way. ...
2. Cook Smart. ...
3. Don't **Be** Fridge Foolish. ...
4. Bring **Your** Own Shopping Bags. ...
5. Buy Products with Less Packaging. ...
6. Recycle, Recycle, Recycle. ...
7. Plan Ahead to Minimize Trips to the Shops. ...
8. Eat Red Meat Less Often.



### 1. Wash Dishes the Green Way

It's estimated that washing a load of dishes in a dishwasher uses 37% LESS water than washing dishes by hand. However, if you fill one side of your sink with soapy water and the other side with rinse water -- and don't let the tap run - you can use maybe half as much water as a dishwasher does. (This really only works when you have a small load of dishes to wash.)



When you do use your dishwasher, wait until you have a full load to run it. Running one load with a full dishwasher uses a lot less energy and water than running two loads with a half-full dishwasher.

If your dishwasher has this option, use the Eco setting. If you can turn off the heat dry option in your dishwasher, do that and let the dishes air-dry instead.

### 2. Cook Smart

Instead of always using main oven for cooking small dishes, switch to microwave, the top oven or slow cooker to use 30% less energy.

It is estimated that microwave ovens use around 50% less energy than conventional ovens. (For heating large meals, however, the cooker is usually more efficient.)





When you do use the cooker top, think about exactly what food you'll be cooking, use the smallest pot or pan to do the job, and match the pan size to the hob size.

And you know how when you boil pasta, you can see the steam coming up from the pot? That means heat is escaping. Cooking without lids can use up to three times more energy. So keep a lid on it; as a bonus, your food will be ready more quickly.

You really don't need to preheat it if you're broiling or roasting. When you do need to preheat, try to minimize the time

### 3. Don't Be Fridge Foolish



Don't browse in front of the refrigerator. Keeping the door open for long periods wastes energy.

Also, make sure your fridge door closes securely.

Is there an old refrigerator or freezer in your garage? Older appliances can be real energy guzzlers.

### 4. Bring Your Own Shopping Bag

We tend to do this now, as a matter of course.



### 5. Buy Products With Less Packaging

The less packaging you buy, the less rubbish you create. So look for ways to avoid excess packaging. For example, buy large bottles of juice; get large sizes of products rather than individually wrapped ones (portion them out into reusable containers when needed); and consider buying items like nuts and beans in bulk from a health food store.

It's difficult to avoid food packaging completely, so when you find yourself with boxes and plastic trays, recycle them. Just fold up the boxes so they lie flat in your recycling bin.

### 6. Recycle, Recycle, Recycle

You can make it easy to recycle in your kitchen by finding a convenient spot (perhaps under or next to the sink) where you keep a small rubbish bin to collect recyclables. Every day or two, a family member can bring the recycling from the kitchen to the larger

member can bring the recycling from the kitchen to the larger bin or can outside.



## 7. Plan Ahead to Minimize Trips to the Market

Keep your kitchen well stocked so you don't have those make those last-minute grocery runs that waste both fuel and time.

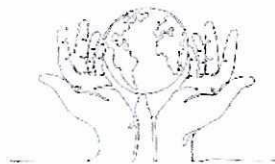
And be open to using ingredient substitutions in your recipes when possible.

## 8. Eat Red Meat Less Often

The raising and eating of livestock not only pollutes water, air, and soil, it's responsible for 18% of global greenhouse gas emissions -- a higher share than transportation emissions.

So even if you're not ready to cut out red meat completely, cut down on the number of times a week you eat it.

Any questions please don't hesitate to ask one the Eco- Church group.





*Some more films you can watch more than once.....*

|                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Twelve Angry Men</b>        | Set in a juror's room at a murder trial. A magnificent performance by Henry Fonda as he tries to convince fellow jurors of the accused's innocence.                                                                                                       |
| <b>Went the Day Well</b>       | A WW2 story of the attempted invasion of England by Germany. Winston Churchill praised it as great piece of British heroism.                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Lawrence of Arabia</b>      | The film which launched the career of Peter O'Toole. An Oscar winner.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>1917</b>                    | An amazing story of WW1 where two young soldiers are sent to prevent a disastrous attack.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>The Darkest Hour</b>        | Churchill's first days as Prime Minister. Gary Oldman deservedly won Best Actor Oscar.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>A Bridge Too Far.</b>       | A 'tour de force' by director Richard Attenborough. Mostly true to the history of the attempt to take the bridge at Arnhem.                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Raiders of the Lost Ark</b> | The first Indiana Jones film                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Jour de Fete</b>            | Jaques Tati as a rural postman trying to match the speed of American postmen. One of the funniest films ever made.                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Zulu</b>                    | The story of the battle of Rourke's Drift and the heroic stand of a small garrison of the British Army against the Zulu army.                                                                                                                             |
| <b>The Dam Busters</b>         | A great performance from Michael Redgrave as Barnes Wallis the inventor of the 'bouncing bomb' A wonderful theme tune by Eric Coates.                                                                                                                     |
| <b>A Night to Remember</b>     | The sinking of The Titanic, true to the actual events, and much better than the later film.                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Stan and Ollie</b>          | The story of Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy's last tour together which happened to be in Britain. a true story, including some the duo's funniest routines beautifully played by the two main actors. Many scenes filmed at the Black Country Living Musuem |
| <b>The Great Escape</b>        | A large cast, based on the true story, (not always accurately) and of course one of cinema's most memorable film scores.                                                                                                                                  |

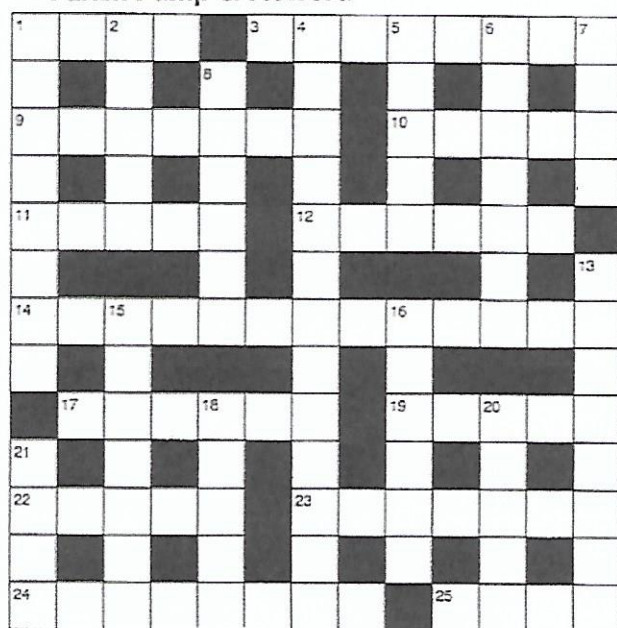
## Quiz -- where would you find the following?

1. The Needles
2. Cleopatra's Needle
3. A proscenium arch
4. A sternum
5. A Thesaurus
6. A Mercator Projection
7. An ISBN
8. A pillion
9. An orca
10. A sepal
11. QWERTY.....
12. A Plimsoll Line
13. An ammonite
14. A molar
15. A Quill
16. A bufo bufo
17. The Pentateuch
18. The source of much of Birmingham's water
19. The standard gauge
20. A penguin
21. A polar bear
22. The Valley of the Kings
23. The highest building in the world
24. St. Anne's Well
25. A bridge on a musical instrument
26. A besom
27. An anchor escapement
28. A metronome
29. A hallmark
30. An ampersand





### Parish Pump Crossword



### Sudoku puzzle (easy)

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

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Sent out three times on a reconnaissance mission from Noah's ark (Genesis 8:8-12) (4)
- 3 'The vilest — who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives' (8)
- 9 Described by the 19th-century MP Sir Wilfred Lawson as 'the Devil in solution' (7)
- 10 'Whoever — his life for my sake will find it' (Matthew 10:39) (5)
- 11 King of Gezer (Joshua 10:33) (5)
- 12 Gideon's home town (Judges 6:11) (6)
- 14 The area under the jurisdiction of a primate, for example, Canterbury, York (13)
- 17 To him God promised that David would be king (1 Chronicles 11:3) (6)
- 19 A descendant of Aaron who was not allowed to offer food to God (Leviticus 21:20) (5)
- 22 'If any of you — wisdom, he should ask God' (James 1:5) (5)
- 23 I gain me (anag.) (7)
- 24 Relating to the armed forces (1 Chronicles 5:18) (8)
- 25 Title given to 2 Down (abbrev.) (4)

#### DOWN

- 1 Greek coins (Acts 19:19) (8)
- 2 Church of England incumbent (5)
- 4 What Epaphroditus was to Paul (Philippians 2:25) (6-7)
- 5 Mother of David's sixth son (2 Samuel 3:5) (5)
- 6 'We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in — ' (2 Corinthians 4:8) (7)
- 7 It destroys treasures on earth (Matthew 6:19) (4)
- 8 It threatened Paul in Jerusalem (Acts 21:35) (3,3)
- 13 Well-known Reference Bible that espoused dispensationalism (8)
- 15 Where the choir sits in a parish church (7)
- 16 Real do (anag.) (6)
- 18 'Martha, Martha... you are worried and — about many things' (Luke 10:41) (5)
- 20 'One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day — ' (Romans 14:5) (5)
- 21 A place with twelve springs and 70 palm trees where the Israelites camped (Exodus 15:27) (4)

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### Notes to self

- It's probably my age that trick people into thinking I'm an adult.
  - Never sing in the shower! Singing leads to dancing, dancing leads to slipping, and slipping leads to paramedics seeing you naked. So remember ... don't sing!
  - I see people about my age mountain; I feel good getting my leg through my underwear without losing my balance.
  - I'm getting tired of being part of a major historical event.
  - Don't worry about your smartphone or TV spying on you. Your vacuum cleaner has been collecting dirt on you for years.
  - If you can't think of a word, say "I forgot the English word for it". That way people will think you're bilingual.
  - I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I missed my exit.
  - We all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it..
- Anonymous.*

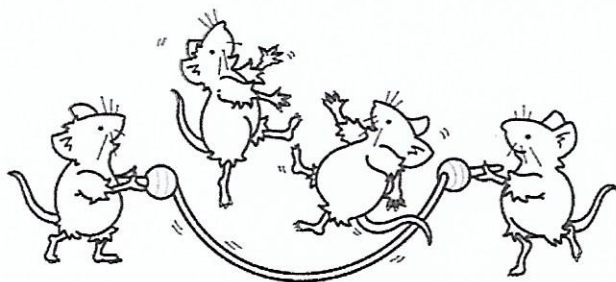
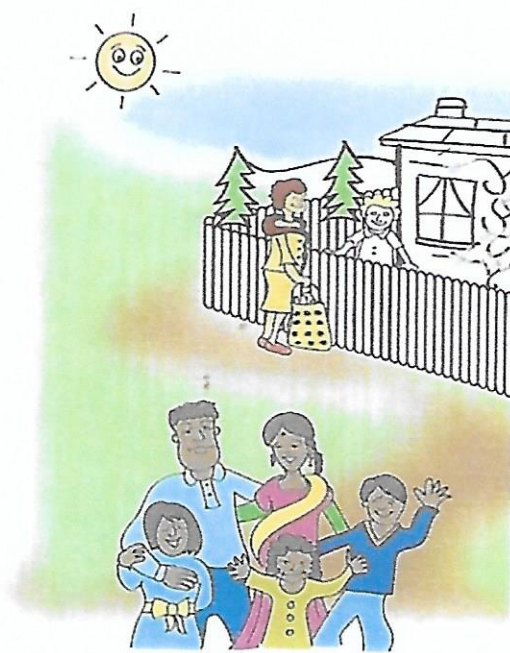


### Time to care

*(with acknowledgement to WH Davies' poem, Leisure)*

What is this life if, full of care,  
We've too much time to stand and stare.  
But wait a bit, this isn't true!  
There's much more time for me and you.  
Time to talk upon the phone  
And share the news from us at home.  
Time to look and see the trees  
And marvel at the gentle breeze.  
Time to be grateful for the friends  
Who shop for us till lockdown ends.  
Time to appreciate our homes  
And share ideas with those alone.  
Time to know our neighbours well;  
Friendships will last, as time will tell.  
Time to value those who care,  
And risk so much to keep us here.  
A good life this if we can care,  
It means so much, just to be here.

*Barbara Wing, Reigate Trefoil Guild.*





## GARDENING NOTES FOR JULY



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



*Two more articles this month from our friend Mike Knott, Stourport Wesley .....*

### Good Samaritans

The actual date of Jesus's birth is not known but it's guessed at around 4BC. Not a lot is mentioned about His early life but He seemed to have had a normal upbringing and had several siblings. He may have worked with His father as a carpenter. Not much is said about Joseph, His father; did he die when Jesus was young? We do not learn about His early life but when He was around 30 His Ministry began and what a fantastic last 3 years of His life He had. What a lasting impression on the world, still growing today. We are still being Baptized with the Holy Spirit as John the Baptist predicted.

Jesus's teachings were obviously based on the Old Testament but what made Him different was He changed the presentation. He made things easier for people to understand, simple stories of everyday life. Most of all He put them into Parables and everyone recognised them, most of all in the present day. Who can fail to see the Good Samaritan shining through the pandemic, days of lockdown and isolation? It was a new world, suddenly everybody helping everybody else. Complete strangers helping complete strangers. We began to love our neighbours. Shopping was no problems to help those who couldn't get out. Feed my people was the cry and we responded. Whow! Didn't the Food Banks come into their own? That parable certainly came into its own. Who wouldn't have crossed the road to help a friend? Does it need disaster and tragedy to spur people on? Can this pandemic mean a New World in The Morning? Love one another as I have loved you. We need to look again at those Parables, Jesus's simple messages to us.

Do we have the spirit of The Good Samaritan? Will these do good things, help thy neighbour disappear when the pandemic is over? Will we be willing to once again come out of our comfort zones and help the brokenness of the world? Let us live by the Parable of The Good Samaritan. Help one another. Listen to the words of Graham Kendrick ...

“God of the poor, friend of the weak  
Give us compassion we pray.  
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain  
Come change our love  
From a spark to a flame.”

*Mike*

### All Hail the Power

Remember when the Sun newspaper used to advertise “Holidays for £9.50 each”, they actually were in those days. Self-catering, £9.50, no extras, a weekend or Monday to Friday. Was there a catch? Well, you had to pay for 4 people, £38 for the break, even if 2 of you went, but still a bargain. So me and the wife find ourselves in the Southwest Pontins or Butlins, can't remember which, but it's a break. However, stepping from the car we get a wonderful welcome, not actually directed to us but to all and sundry comes the cry “All hail the power”! As we make our way to reception, we are greeted many times with the shout “All hail the power”. Lovely, I think we have joined a religious convention, sadly I was wrong. Not a week of prayer and praise, it was the British darts championship!

Now, darts players all have nicknames, “The Power” being 16+ times World Champion Phil (The Power) Taylor. I had a wonderful week walking the beach or town crying “All hail the power” without a care in the world. Ok, the wife walked on the other side of the road. (Social distancing? I was well ahead of the time). Plus I never shouted it at anybody in a kilt in case it was Jocky Wilson! Did anyone else know the significance of those words “All hail the power”? I doubt it, as



Jesus would have said "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing". But I knew what they meant. Did they know that the 3 darts, or arrows as they called them, could represent the 3 nails that held Jesus on the cross? I don't know whether Phil (The Power) Taylor won but I doubt they were all singing "Crown Him, Crown Him, Crown Him, Crown Him Lord of all"! So no I didn't buy the "All Hail the Power" T-shirt, I didn't like the colour. Yes it's quite possible to use a quote from the Bible and not know its origin, would you Adam and Eve it!

You could mistakenly go to a Genesis concert expecting the Garden of Eden to be revealed, instead getting Phil Collins beating hell out of a set of drums. Or how about reading Leon Uris's book Exodus expecting to find all about Moses. It's all about troubles of Israel and Palestine, a never ending story (well it was last week). People say it is Shakespeare who is most quoted, for me it's the Bible. By the way, if you would like to see yourselves in print, write something for Trinity Tidings, don't hide your light under a bushel. (Now where did that come from?)

*Mike*

### Mike's Smile Lines

A teacher is talking about hygiene and asks the children what their parents say at the table when they share food. "My Mom always says "Go and wash your hands before you eat" says Mary. "My Mom always says not to play with my food" says little Jimmy. "That's correct" says the teacher "and what about you Davey, what do your parents say to you before you eat"? "Order something cheap" says Davey, a little downcast.

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A man was passing a house and saw a sign saying "Please ring the bell for the caretaker". He rang the bell and an old man appeared. "Are you the caretaker?" he asked. "Yes I am" was the reply. "What do you want?" "I just wondered why you couldn't ring the bell yourself", said the man.

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Up in court today was a man who was accused of shoplifting. He had stolen a calendar. He was given twelve months.

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They're putting a clock on the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Quite right. What's the point of having the inclination if you haven't got the time?

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Dave: My Wife's a kleptomaniac

Pete: Is she taking anything for it?

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Young Boy: Grandad, were you in the ark?

Grandad: Course I wasn't

Young Boy: How come you didn't drown then?

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When you slide down the banister of life may the splinters never point in the wrong direction!

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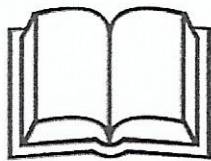
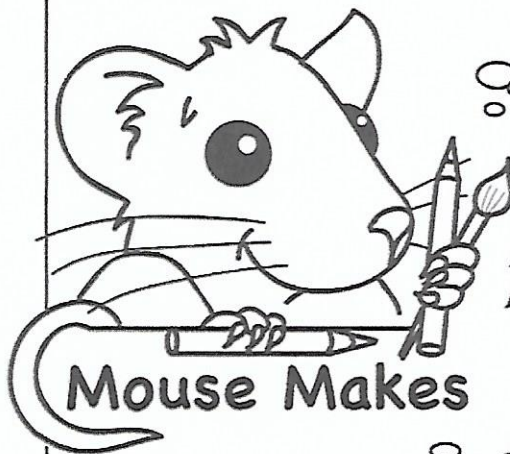
Notice outside a church: "God loves all sorts".

Graffiti underneath: Except the coconut ones.

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On Palm Sunday a minister was handing out palm crosses. "I want you to put the cross in the room of your house where your family argues the most. When you look at the cross remember God is watching". Shaking his hand, a woman says "I'll take five".





Read the full story in  
Luke 10:25-37

## The Parable of the Good Samaritan

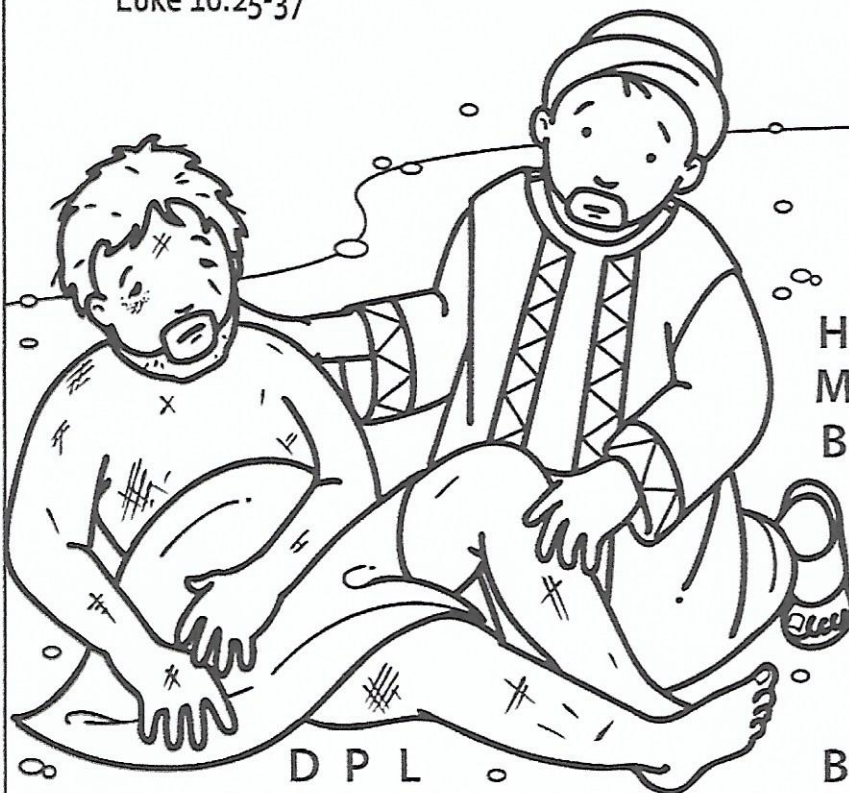
A man asked Jesus "Who is my neighbour?"  
and Jesus replied with this parable:

A man was attacked by robbers, they tore his clothes, beat him and left him almost dead. A priest saw him but walked by on the other side. A Levite saw him but walked by on the other side.

A Samaritan saw him and took pity on him, he poured oil and wine on his wounds and then bandaged them. He lifted the man onto his donkey, took him to an inn and cared for him.

The next day he gave the innkeeper two denarii to look after the man until he returned.

*Which of the three travellers do you think was the neighbour to the man who was attacked?*



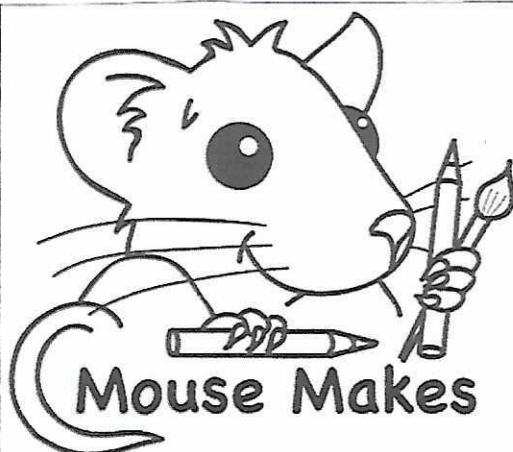
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## Mouse Makes for August



The **PSALMS** are hymns of **PRAYER** and **PRAISE** to God.

*"I will proclaim your greatness, my God and king; I will **thank you**: I will **praise you** for ever and ever."*

*Psalm 145:1-2*

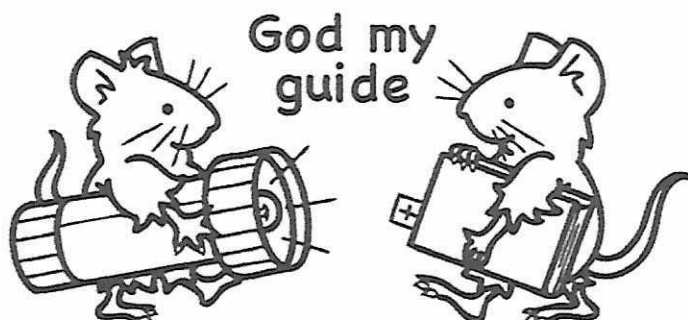
### Glory to God



*"How clearly the sky reveals God's glory! How plainly it shows what He has done."*

*Psalm 19:1*

Cut out and colour these cards to help you to **thank** and **praise** God.



*"Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path." Psalm 119:105*

### God's World

*"The world and all that is in it belong to the Lord: the earth and all who live on it are His."*

*Psalm 24:1*



### Praise the Lord!

*"Let everything that has breath, **praise the Lord**."*

*Psalm 150:6*



### Give thanks!

*"Your constant love is better than life itself, and so I will **praise** you. I will give You **thanks** as long as I live; I will raise my hands to you in prayer."*

*Psalm 63:3-4*





# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
2 Samuel 11: 1-12: 25

Kings normally led their armies to battles  
but David had sent his army with his  
commander, Joab, to fight the Ammonites.

David was strolling on his  
palace roof when he saw a  
beautiful woman.



Who is she?

She is Bathsheba,  
the wife of Uriah.



Have her  
brought to the palace!

Later, Bathsheba  
sent a message to  
King David.

I'm pregnant!  
B x

David tried to cover up what he  
had done. He sent a note to Joab.

Send Uriah to me now  
D

When Uriah came, David sent him  
to his home, but he didn't go.

Why didn't you go home?



How can I go home  
to my wife when my  
fellow soldiers can't?

David had Uriah  
stay to dinner and  
got him drunk.



But he still  
didn't go home.

So David wrote a letter  
to Joab

Put Uriah at the  
front of the  
fighting where he  
will be killed. D

He gave it to Uriah to give  
to Joab.



Joab did what was asked.

Bathsheba was now  
a widow and David  
married her.



But God was angry and He  
sent Nathan the prophet  
to David.

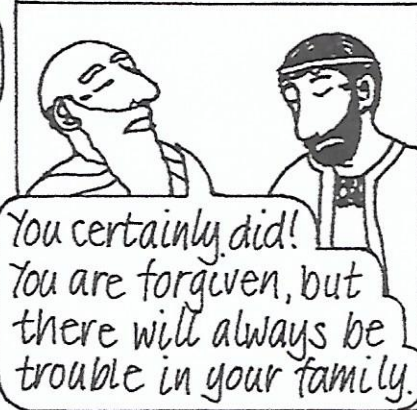


God says He  
chose you to be king  
of Israel and kept you safe.

You took Uriah's wife and  
then you murdered him by  
having him killed.



I disobeyed God.



You certainly did!  
You are forgiven, but  
there will always be  
trouble in your family.



*Tony Horsfall considers the challenge of change*

### **Time for a change**

I have had my walking boots for a few years now, and they have been faithful companions. We have walked many miles together during that time, on my daily walks as well as on holiday. They are partly responsible for my physical recovery after Covid-19, so they have a place in my heart. They fit me very well, and we have adjusted to one another. But they are very thin now on the soles and heels, and it is reluctantly time for a change.

So, one recent Saturday I bought a new pair. They are clean and smart, and fully waterproof. The soles are strong and new. There are no signs of wear and tear. But I know that change is never easy. They will take some time to wear in. They may rub and I may get a blister or two. Occasionally I will long for my old boots, and wonder, 'Did I make a mistake?' Hopefully, they will become as much a part of me as my old ones as we tread the miles together. But there is always a risk with something new, Isn't there?

Change is never easy in whatever form it comes. But change is inevitable because life does not stand still, and we have to keep adjusting and adapting and being open to fresh winds of the Spirit. Never more so than in these present, troublesome days.

Strangely enough as I have been meditating on this, my reading this morning (Isaiah 9) contained a reference to 'Every warrior's boot used in battle ... will be destined for burning (v5).' Oh dear. I'm sure like me, warriors were fond of their boots too and found it hard to part with them.

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Research has found that one in six children aged 5 to 16 in England reported a probable mental health disorder last year – up from one in nine in 2017.

Anxiety and depression have escalated beyond anything seen before in the NHS. And so, the NHS plans to have 400 mental health support teams working across 3,000 schools in England, offering support to almost three million pupils by 2023.

Sir Simon Stevens, chief executive of the NHS, said: "Coronavirus has taken its toll on us all, not least children who have been stuck at home unable to see their friends and without the routine of school life." It had been for many, he said, "a year of turmoil."

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### **What will you miss about lockdown?**

More than half of us admit that we will miss some aspects of the Covid-19 restrictions, especially spending more time at home with our family, and appreciating the quieter roads.

A recent study by King's College London and Ipsos Mori found that around one third of us feel the past year has been similar or better than normal, while 54 per cent of us say that we will miss some of the changes.

Three in ten of us feel closer to our immediate family than we did before the pandemic, while just one in six of us say that we have grown further apart. One in five of us say that our finances are better because of the pandemic.

Overall, it seems that while the public would rather the pandemic hadn't happened, that doesn't mean it's been all bad for everyone, or that people see it as deeply affecting their future lives

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### **Please take my money**

Have you ever tried to use cash in a shop, and been refused? That happened to more than a third of us last year.

But now, in response to widespread protest, supermarkets and high street shops have promised that they will continue to accept cash. Aldi, Asda, Co-op, John Lewis, Lloyds Pharmacy and Waitrose have all joined a pledge organised by the consumer group Which? to protect customers' choice.

Which? is now asking the government to set out when it will introduce laws protecting access to cash, which the Treasury promised in March 2020. A treasury spokesman said: "We remain committed to further legislation to protect cash."

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### **Queen's Platinum Jubilee – a celebration of faith & service – save the date!**

A four-day Bank Holiday from 2-5 June 2022 will mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year. This is an amazing opportunity to bring our communities together for the celebrations, which end on Pentecost Sunday.

HOPE Together, the Church of England, the Methodist Church, Biblica and other key partners are currently planning for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with a specially commissioned souvenir book for us to give away; a new anthem for communities and churches to sing; a '70 Acts of Service' community challenge for us to adapt to use together with churches and other organisations in our area, and lots of resources for children and schools.

Rachel Jordan-Wolf, HOPE's executive director said, "Churches are in an ideal place to bring communities together for national celebrations. We have the tables, chairs, crockery and PA systems – and we love making cakes!

"It is so appropriate that the nation and Commonwealth should be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the same weekend as Pentecost, the day when the church celebrates the gift of God's Holy Spirit."

The anointing of God's Holy Spirit was central to the Coronation and, in preparation for the day, The Queen prayed: 'Come, Holy Spirit, and daily increase in all of us, and in me, thy humble servant, thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and strength; the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and fill us, O Lord, with the Spirit of thy holy fear, now and forever. Amen.'

The beautifully illustrated souvenir book to be published for the celebrations uses rarely seen prayers, which the Queen prayed in preparation for the Coronation, and highlights how God has answered those prayers over the past seven decades.

The 'Platinum Jubilee Celebration of Faith & Service' will build on the successful partnership facilitated by HOPE Together, which enabled local churches to bring their communities together for the Diamond Jubilee and the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. Over the next year HOPE will provide churches across the country with all the resources and ideas they need to run a great all-age community event that will celebrate the Queen's 70 years of faith and service.

We can plan to get our church involved, invite our community to the party, and round off the weekend with a special guest celebration service for Pentecost. Find out more at [hopetogether.org.uk/jubilee](https://hopetogether.org.uk/jubilee)

*Parish Pump 2021*



## **All in the month of JULY**

It was:

100 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1921 that the Chinese Communist Party was founded.

Also 100 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> July 1921 that Belfast's Bloody Sunday took place. Protestant loyalists attacked Catholic enclaves and set fire to homes and businesses, sparking rioting and gun battles. At least 17 people were killed and more than 70 injured. 2,000 people were left homeless.

Also 100 years ago, on 30<sup>th</sup> July 1921 that the hormone insulin was discovered by Frederick Banting and Charles Best at the University of Toronto.

80 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> July 1941 that British Prime Minister Winston Churchill launched his 'V for Victory' campaign.

60 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1961, that Ernest Hemingway, American novelist and short story writer, died. Winner of the 1954 Nobel Prize in Literature. Best known for 'For Whom the Bell Tolls', 'A Farewell to Arms', and 'The Old Man and the Sea'. (Suicide)

40 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1981, that the Toxteth riots broke out in Liverpool.

Also 40 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1981 that the Humber Bridge, linking Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, was officially opened. It was the world's longest single-span suspension bridge at that time.

Also 40 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1981 that the marriage of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer took place at St Paul's Cathedral in London.

25 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1996 that the first cloned mammal was born. Dolly the sheep was born at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh. (Died 2003)

15 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2006 that Twitter, the micro-blogging social network, was launched.

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### Parish Pump Smile Lines

A small boy stunned his parents when he began to empty his pockets of coins. Finally, his mother asked him where he had got all that money. "At church," the boy replied nonchalantly. "They have bowls of it there."

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A woman took her four-month-old baby to visit her neighbour, but the baby began to fuss as soon as they arrived. The neighbour's five-year-old son asked where the baby had come from. "He was sent down from Heaven," the mother replied, above the screams.

The little boy watched the baby crying for a few more minutes, and then turned to his mother. "I bet I know why he was sent from Heaven. God wanted some quiet up there!"

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A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied: "They couldn't get a baby-sitter."





**August 2021**

### **Support your local charity shops**

Are you feeling the financial squeeze just now, but still enjoy shopping? Why not visit some of your local charity shops?

Never have charity shops needed you so much. Coronavirus has meant a huge drop in donations, and many charities face huge financial shortfalls.

The good news is that charity shops are well worth visiting this summer. As a spokeswoman for Oxfam says: "People can expect to find some really great treasures to buy".

It should be very safe to shop, for as Julie Byard of Cancer Research UK, explains, the charity shops put all donated items into isolation before putting them on the shelves. She adds: "We're grateful for all donations and to everyone who volunteers and shops with us."

### **Clare of Assisi – choosing the riches of poverty**

Clare (1194 – 1253) was the famous virgin foundress of the Minoresses or Poor Clares. Born at Assisi of the Offreduccio family, Clare grew up to hear the teaching of St Francis of Assisi, and at 18 she renounced all her possessions and joined him at the Portiuncula, where she became a nun. Soon Francis found her and her companions a small house adjacent to the church of San Damiano, Assisi, which he had so lovingly restored.

And so it was that Clare became abbess in 1216 of a community of women who wished to live according to the rule and spirit of St Francis. The way of life was one of extreme poverty and austerity, but this did not seem to discourage anyone. For like the Franciscan friars, Clare's nuns soon spread to other parts of Europe, especially Spain, Bohemia, France and England, where four convents were founded in the late 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Clare never left her convent at Assisi – she became distinguished as one of the great medieval contemplatives, devoted to serving her community in great joy, and practising Franciscan ideals, including the love of nature.

Clare was considered a powerful woman: when Assisi was in danger of being sacked by the armies of the Emperor Frederick II, Clare, although ill, was carried to the wall with a pyx containing the Blessed Sacrament. At sight of her and the pyx, her biographers say, the armies fled. This is why in art Clare is often depicted with a pyx or monstrance, as on the D'Estouteville Triptych of English origin c 1360. Clare was canonised only two years after her death in 1253. The Poor Clares continue today in many countries as a contemplative order.

All in all, Clare's life was one of extreme self-denial and constant contemplative prayer. So, it is hard to explain easily why Clare has been named patron saint of television. Perhaps there is a TV company somewhere who wants to launch a series called 'Help! I'm a Saint – get me out of here!'



## Musings on Coronavirus

This crisis has in many ways made us more grateful for each other and ... it has shown people at their best – volunteering, helping neighbours, protecting those at greatest risk, pulling together as communities to support one another. – *Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury*

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## The Lockdown Lifts

There's life in the town!  
No longer 'locked down'!  
The people stroll out in the sun  
The majestic trees  
Sway in the light breeze  
Like they wanted to join in the fun!  
Like light after dark!  
We can walk in the park!  
Buy our tea, and sit out on the grass!  
We can chat to our friends  
As our loneliness ends  
And we smile at the strangers we pass!  
Yes there are still queues  
Which cease to amuse  
But things are no longer so black!  
As they sing in that song –  
You miss what is gone,  
But it's great when at last it comes back!  
*By Nigel Beeton*



*Parish Pump 2021*

*A thought from an old 'Friendship Book' 2017*

Samuel Butler, the Victorian novelist and translator, wasn't a man for saying "I can't". But neither was he a man for making great claims as to his ability. "If we attend continually and promptly to the little that we can do," he wrote, "we shall ere long be surprised to find how little remains that we cannot do".

Someone else once put the same thought into more "casual" language.

"Yard by yard, life's awful hard, inch by inch, it's a cinch".



## Quiz, crossword and sudoku answers.

1. The Isle of Wight
2. The Thames Embankment, London
3. At the front of a theatre stage
4. In your body, it is the breast bone
5. On a bookshelf
6. In an atlas showing a map of the world
7. On the flyleaf of a book
8. On a motor cycle
9. In the ocean, it is the killer whale
10. In a flower
11. Top line of letters on a keyboard
12. At the waterline on the side of a ship
13. In a place where you would find fossils
14. In your mouth
15. On bird, it is a large feather
16. Near a pond, it is a toad
17. In the bible, the first five books
18. The Elan Valley reservoir in Wales
19. On a railway, the distance between the rails
20. Antarctica
21. The Arctic
22. Egypt
23. Dubai, United Arab Emirates
24. Great Malvern, partway up the Beacon hill
25. On a violin, or any other stringed instrument
26. In a garden shed, it is a type of broom
27. In a wind-up watch
28. Usually on top of a piano
29. A small mark on gold, silver or platinum to certify its purity
30. In something written, it is '&'

Sudoku solution:

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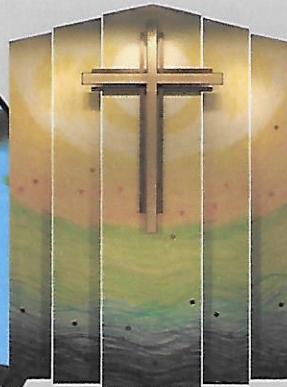
### Crossword answers:

**ACROSS:** 1, Dove. 3, Offender. 9, Alcohol. 10, Loses. 11, Horam. 12, Ophrah. 14, Archbishopric. 17, Samuel. 19, Dwarf. 22, Lacks. 23, Imagine. 24, Military. 25, Revd.

**DOWN:** 1, Drachmas. 2, Vicar. 4, Fellow-soldier. 5, Eglah. 6, Despair. 7, Rust. 8, The mob. 13, Scofield. 15, Chancel. 16, Ordeal. 18, Upset. 20, Alike. 21, Elim.



# Trinity Methodist Church, Kidderminster



## Sunday Service Morning Worship at 10.30am

### Please note:

Until further notice there will only be one service on Sundays due to Coronavirus Restrictions.

Thank you

## Monday

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

**Zumba Gold 12noon - 1.00pm**  
Leader: **Bev Slater** - 01562 639553  
(07810 734222)

## Wednesday

**Luncheon Club 12.15pm**  
Co-ordinator: **Mrs. Jill Green -01562 228016**

**Guides 7.15pm – 9.00pm**  
Leader: **Stephanie Jaye** - 07876 345160

## Tuesday

**Trinity Toddlers 9.30am**  
Contact: **Mrs Stella**  
**Rev'd. Nick**

**Harris/Stanley House**

- **Mrs. Lynne** 01562 743714

**Food and Thought Meeting - 7.30pm - 8.30pm**  
(Second Tuesday of month)

- **Mr. Nigel Galton – 01562 822103**

A time of friendship and food, exploring  
God's word in a relaxed environment.

**DUE TO COVID- 19 ALL WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES  
ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**  
Thank you.

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## Second Sunday of each Month

**6.30pm Café Worship**

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