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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,  
and to Jon Skitt for putting the magazine online each month.

Dear Friends,

This month's minister's letter is slightly different in as much as it is more of a 'thank you' letter.

As many of you will know it was Diane's and my ruby wedding anniversary on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May and we were overwhelmed by the cards, gifts, beautiful flowers and good wishes that came our way, so 'thank you' from the bottom of our hearts.

In order to help celebrate it we decided to book a B&B room in a little village called Harberton, just a short drive from Totnes in Devon (for anyone who knows the area).

The room was very comfortable and the lady who kept it had a dog (a rescued 'street dog' from Bulgaria) called Bella, who befriended us, especially at breakfast time!

Although the weather wasn't necessarily what we would have chosen it didn't stop us from doing what we wanted to do.

We spent some time walking along the Southwest Coastal Path, as well as visiting Becky Falls, where we walked at the side of the river and the waterfalls.

We travelled to Dartmouth, Salcombe, Plymouth and Kingswear, to name just a few places.

We caught the steam train from Paignton and back again, visited Greenway (Agatha Christie's summer residence) and travelled from Dartmouth Castle into the town via the small ferry.

We also spent some time exploring Dartmoor as well as paying a visit to Buckfast Abbey, home to Roman Catholic Benedictine Monks.

All in all we had a lovely time, even though for some of it we did look a lot like drowned rats!

As it is for everyone, it is just nice to have a break and have a change of scenery. And of course we were very lucky with the timing of it (the easing of lockdown etc), because many haven't been able to celebrate special occasions over the last fifteen months because of the coronavirus.

Whilst on the subject of thanks, of course my thanks in particular go to Diane who has had to put up with me for the last forty plus years!

I can't begin to list all the things I have to be grateful for because of her. One side of A4 certainly wouldn't be big enough to list everything.

Therefore I will just end the way I began by saying 'thank you' to everyone for helping to make our special anniversary even more special.

Blessings to you all,

*Nick*

# PRAYER CORNER

We remember in our prayers Liz potter, Les Fuller, Lyn Jones, Margot Stanton, Barbara Lee, Ruth Palmer and her sister Anne, and all those on the Prayer Vine.

We are sorry to report the death of Gordon Park, and that Betty is now in Holmwood Care home. We pray for Betty and the family at this sad time.

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## Thanks...from Pauline Pinner

I would like to thank all my friends for the cards, presents and birthday wishes for my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. I was overwhelmed!

It was very lucky that some restrictions had been lifted, so my son David and his fiancée Carol were able to travel from Devon to spend the day with me and take me out for lunch.

Thank you for making my day special.

*Pauline*

During the month of June, please join in prayer and remember the area of Kidderminster known as Spennells and Hoobrook.

### Spennells and Hoobrook

### June

Spennells Primary School and Nursery

Heronspark Nursing Home

Kidderminster Covenant Church

Residential Housing

Retail Units and Trading

Small Businesses





## From the Editor....

Dear Friends,

You don't need me to tell you that we have had some unseasonably cold, and wet days through the month of May, we seem to have had April showers a month late. It has made me wonder whether the numbers of migrant birds flying up from Africa have been affected by the cold northerly winds we have had. Perhaps many will have given up the effort and stayed around the Mediterranean coasts. Certainly when they arrive here there would have been fewer insects than usual because of the cold weather, especially at night. We had swallows on three days flying in and out of the down platform shelter, but they do not appear to have nested even though there has been little disruption. The house martins have not nested on the house again so far. If the weather warms up, and settles down to something like normal there might be a chance yet. I am still feeding the birds, keeping the feeders full which shows that there are not as many insects yet. I have had bird on the peanut feeder which I did not expect, it is a jay. As soon as I move he flies off in a panic, but it is good to see it. Plants in the garden are also growing slowly, and some show no signs of flowering yet. The weather forecasters seem to be indicating some warmer, drier weather at the end of May, and into June. Let's hope they are right!

I wrote in probably the last letter about the disturbed badger setts. The whole affair has escalated involving the police, the Badger Trust, and others. The police have a lot of evidence, but much of it would not stand up in court, although they know exactly what has happened. My son said that is just like Midsomer Murders but no-one has been murdered – yet! "Investigator found dead in a badger sett" - sounds like the beginning of a story.

David

Hooray! The sun is shining and it is warm!





**Offertories for April and May 2021 are as follows**

	<b>Envelopes &amp; Bank Transfer</b>	<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>Standing Orders</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
April	1070.00	Nil	2659.00	3729.00
May	871.90	50.00	2759.00	3680.90

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.

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**SERVICES DURING JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST, ALL AT 10.30AM**

June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Albert Wilkinson
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Mike Dernie
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Ray Lee
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Philip Bridgewater
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Rev Nick Collison -- Holy Communion
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Albert Wilkinson
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Dr Ken Mothersdale
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mr David Skitt
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mr Richard Goodman
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Rev Nick Collison -- Holy Communion
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Janet Murray
August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rev Peter Levitt
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Rev Nick Collison -- Holy Communion

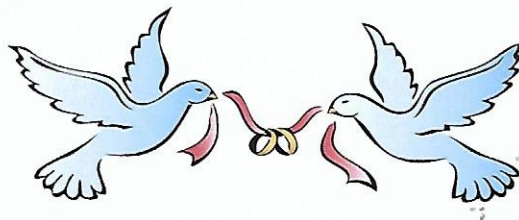
**THURSDAY LUNCHTIME SERVICES**

It is hoped to start the Thursday Lunchtime services again beginning on July 8<sup>th</sup>. This is provided that there not any further restriction imposed. Each service begins at 12.30am, and lasts for half an hour. If we are able to start again, we shall not break for August but continue through the month. We are not sure yet whether we shall be able to serve tea, coffee and biscuits





A photograph of Nick and Diane who have just celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. They are holding one of the many gifts they received, a rose, which appropriately is called 'Ruby Wedding'.



Do you know the names of each year's Wedding Anniversaries?

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| 3.  | Leather  | 4.  | Linen    |
| 5.  | Wooden   | 6.  | Iron     |
| 7.  | Copper   | 8.  | Bronze   |
| 9.  | Pottery  | 10. | Tin      |
| 11. | Steel    | 12. | Silk     |
| 13. | Lace     | 14. | Ivory    |
| 15. | Crystal  | 20. | China    |
| 25. | Silver   | 30. | Pearl    |
| 35. | Coral    | 40. | Ruby     |
| 50. | Gold     | 60. | Diamond  |
| 65. | Sapphire | 70. | Platinum |
| 80. | Oak      | 85. | Wine     |
| 90. | Stone    |     |          |

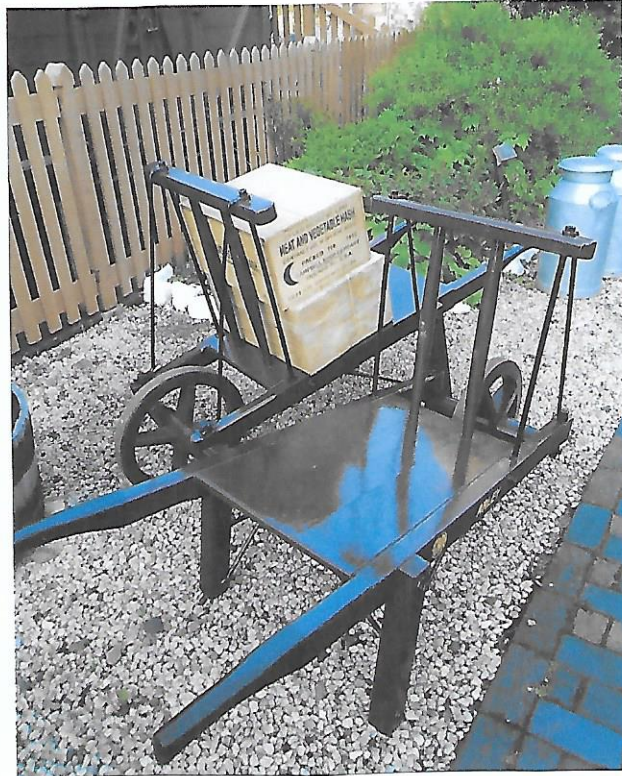


On the platform at Arley Station we have two Great Western single wheeled barrows.

They have recently been repaired and repainted so they can be used again for the work for which they were designed.

I am sure you will be interested to know that the spindles at the back of each barrow were turned for us by **Les Fuller**. We have not got a wood turning lathe, so Les did them for us.

Thank you Les, we are very grateful. I am sure there will be other jobs which need doing.



**Gwenda Parsons gave us these two stories:**

Eleven people were hanging on a rope under a helicopter, ten men and one woman. The rope was not strong enough to hold them all so one of them must fall off otherwise the helicopter would be brought down and they would all perish. The woman spoke up and made a touching speech, saying that she would let go off the rope to save them all. As a woman she was used to making sacrifices for her husband and family and for men in general with little or no return. When she finished, the men were so touched by her speech that they all began to applaud.....

An American on vacation was inside Westminster Abbey when he noticed a golden telephone mounted on the wall with a sign which read '£10,000 per call'. He asked a priest what the telephone was used for. The priest replied that it was a direct line to heaven and that for £10,000 you could talk to God.

The American later was in Ely, and saw the same telephone with the same message. Again he was told that for £10,000 you could speak directly to God.

He then travelled to York, Durham and Liverpool, and in every cathedral he was the same golden telephone with the same message - '£10,000 per call'.

He then went on to Scotland, and went into Edinburgh cathedral. Sure enough there was the same golden phone, but the sign beneath said '50 pence per call'.

He was surprised so he asked the priest about the sign. He told him he had seen the same phone in England with the message '£10,000 per call', and that it is a direct line to heaven. 'Why,' he asked 'is it only 50p here?'

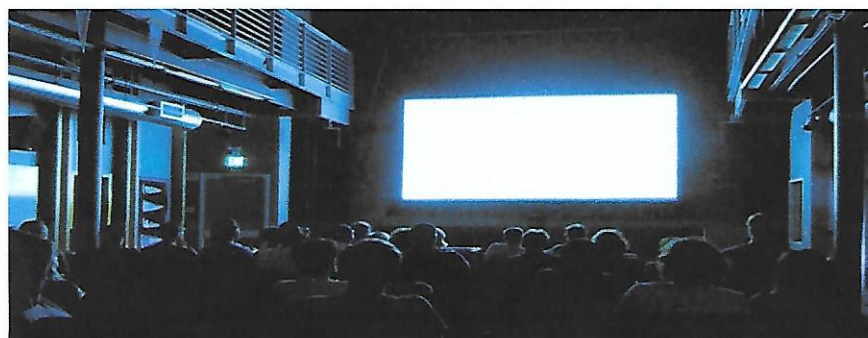
The priest smiled and answered 'You're in Scotland now, it's a local call.'



Twelve of my favourite films, that is films I can enjoy watching several times.

*(Not in any particular order)*

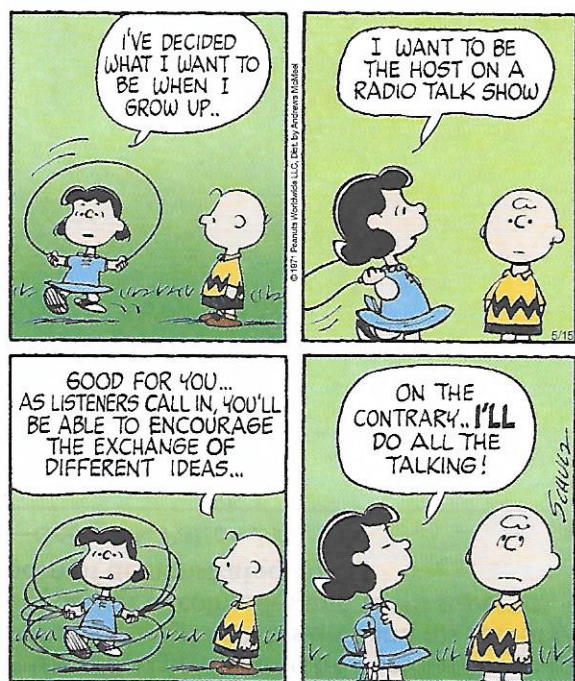
<b>Singing in the Rain</b>	Never fails to cheer me up, especially Gene Kelly singing and dancing the title song.
<b>Oliver</b>	Another musical, wonderful dance sequences, and catchy songs. Reasonably true to Dickens' story. An Oscar winner
<b>Monsieur Hulot's Holiday</b>	Written, starring and directed by Jacques Tati. He introduces us to the accident prone M. Hulot. A classic humorous film.
<b>Kind hearts and Coronets</b>	Probably the best of the Ealing Comedies, with a wonderful performance by Sir Alec Guinness playing 8 different parts.
<b>Bridge on the River Kwai</b>	Alec Guinness again, in a film showing endurance, heroism and the futility of war. Another Oscar winner.
<b>Oh Mr Porter</b>	Will Hay at his best in a classic comic film.
<b>The History of Mr Polly</b>	From the novel by H.G. Wells and one of the few adaptations which remains faithful to the book.
<b>Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.</b>	The first animated Disney feature film, and still one of his best.
<b>Some like it Hot</b>	Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis as jazz band players escaping from a gangster mob. They masquerade as women and join an all girl band. It also stars Marilyn Monroe.
<b>The Titfield Thunderbolt</b>	Another Ealing comedy, in which the village of Titfield tries to keep its railway station and the line which were due to be closed.
<b>Brief Encounter</b>	A very British stiff-upper-lip love story.
<b>Casablanca</b>	Another great love story with some memorable quotes. An Oscar winner





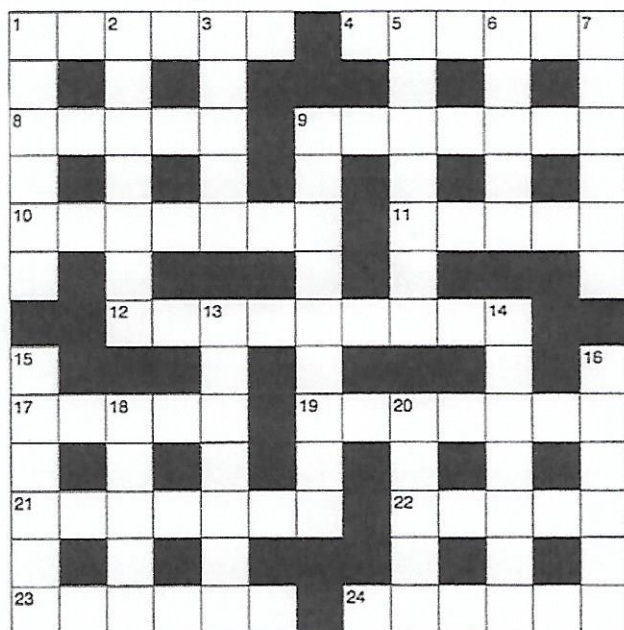
## Another 'Allsorts' quiz.

1. What happened to R101?
2. Why in World War One were tanks called 'tanks'?
3. What, reputedly, did the orchestra play as 'Titanic' sank?
4. In World War Two, what was the Mosquito fighter/bomber made of?
5. In what year did Mrs Thatcher become Prime Minister?
6. Jacqueline Du Pre made a superb recording of which composer's cello concerto?
7. Where is the Worcestershire Beacon?
8. Which river rises in the hills above Plynlimon?
9. What was known as 'Sabrina'?
10. What is a spinet?
11. What is the highest male singing voice?
12. In which year did 'Coronation Street' begin?
13. In which year did 'East Enders' begin?
14. In which year did 'The Archers' begin?
15. Which radio programme did Nicholas Parsons chair for 52years?
16. What does J K stand for in J K Rowling's name?
17. Who wrote 'There are more things wrought by prayer than this world dreams of'?
18. Which actor was the first James Bond?
19. Which athlete was the first person to run a mile in under 4 minutes?
20. Who wrote 'The Book of Household Management'?
21. Which Welsh town in Powys is renowned for its book shops?
22. How far is it from Lands End to John O' Groats?
23. Which is Britain's highest mountain?
24. How many books are there in the Bible?
25. Name the General whose finger points at you in the poster 'Your Country Needs You'?
26. Who was 'Ike'?
27. Which fictional character spoke of his wife as 'she who must be obeyed'?
28. Johnny Weissmuller played which fictional character on screen?
29. What did the first four notes of Beethoven's 5<sup>th</sup> symphony come to represent in WW2?
30. Who wrote, and sang, 'Mad Dogs and Englishmen go out in the Midday Sun'?





## Parish Pump Crossword



## Sudoku puzzle (easy)

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### Clues across:

- 1 Military tactic used by Joshua to attack and destroy the city of Ai (Joshua 8:2) (6)
- 4 Place of learning (6)
- 8 'When Moses' hands grew —, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it' (Exodus 17:12) (5)
- 9 Unpleasant auguries of the end of the age, as forecast by Jesus (Matthew 24:7) (7)
- 10 Stronghold to which girls in King Xerxes' harem (including Esther) were taken (Esther 2:8) (7)
- 11 Where Saul went to consult a medium before fighting the Philistines (1 Samuel 28:7) (5)
- 12 Propitiation (Hebrews 2:17) (9)
- 17 Turn away (Jeremiah 11:15) (5)
- 19 So clear (anag.) (7)
- 21 'I have just got —, so I can't come': one excuse to be absent from the great banquet (Luke 14:20) (7)
- 22 Long weapon with a pointed head used by horsemen (Job 39:23) (5)
- 23 Musical beat (6)
- 24 What the Israelites were told to use to daub blood on their door-frames at the first Passover (Exodus 12:22) (6)

### Clues down:

- 1 Fasten (Exodus 28:37) (6)
- 2 Art bite (anag.) (7)
- 3 'The people of the city were divided; some — with the Jews, others with the apostles' (Acts 14:4) (5)
- 5 Contend (Jeremiah 12:5) (7)
- 6 Possessed (Job 1:3) (5)
- 7 Sheen (Lamentations 4:1) (6)
- 9 'You love evil rather than good, — rather than speaking the truth' (Psalm 52:3) (9)
- 13 Large flightless bird (Job 39:13) (7)
- 14 They were worth several hundred pounds each (Matthew 25:15) (7)
- 15 'A — went out to sow his seed' (Matthew 13:3) (6)
- 16 How Jesus described Jairus's daughter when he went into the room where she lay (Mark 5:39) (6)
- 18 The part of the day when the women went to the tomb on the first Easter morning (John 20:1) (5)
- 20 Narrow passageway between buildings (Luke 14:21) (5)





## GARDENING NOTES FOR JUNE

June can be a month of contrasts, often beginning dry, sunny and very warm to locally hot, the mid-month period however unseasonably cool and unsettled, 'The European Monsoon' setting in around the second week.

The sun will be at its most powerful during this month, the summer solstice taking place around the 21<sup>st</sup> when the sun will be directly over the 'Tropic of Cancer'. The clear blue skies and warmth of an early summer anticyclone are something to savour, before the humidity associated with later in the season arrives.

Early June is favourable for a spell of fine and settled weather, usually the result of an extension of the Azores High which has a tendency to take up a more northerly position in Mid-Atlantic. An 'unseasonably' cool and unsettled spell during mid-June onwards is often referred to as the 'European Monsoon'. Atlantic low pressure systems and their associated bands of rain and showers seem to power their way across the UK in an almost never ending stream. Fortunately June on the whole is characterised by a mix of both fine, settled, sometimes hot, weather and refreshing cooler showery conditions; 'all good growing weather' as they say!

If the weather conditions are forecast to be dry for any length of time, then keep in mind that prolonged draught is bad news for the lawn. Whilst I am no advocate of irrigating a lawn during dry weather, it is better to take preventative measures now whilst the soil and lawn is still moist. Spiking the lawn after rain when the soil is moist will have great benefit, allowing subsequent rainfall to penetrate deeper into the soil. Also remember to raise the mower blades slightly so as not to cut too short; mowing little and often is key to keeping the lawn in check.

There are a number of plants which can be pruned once they have finished flowering, these include:- *Clematis Montana*, Privet, *Chaenomeles*, *Choisya*, *Berberis* and *ribes*.

June is an ideal time to give a light feed to herbaceous plants, either a liquid manure or general fertilizer such as Rooster.

Deadhead early flowering subjects such as lupins; this should ensure you are treated to another flush of flowers later in the season. *Delphiniums* will require staking to prevent wind damage when in full flower.

Roses will be in full bloom now and will need regular checking for aphid or fungal attack. Spray as required with appropriate systemic insecticide or fungicide.

Weeds will be 'on the rampage'. An hour spent weeding now will pay dividends later in the season, remember the old saying "one year's weeds is seven year's weeds". Regular hoeing and hand weeding is the best method to deal with annual weeds. Hoe as soon as the weeds are surfacing. Ideally hoe or weed in drier weather, as any weeds left on the surface have a lesser chance to re-grow. Perennial weeds are best dug out completely as chemical control is often difficult or not practicable. Most perennial weeds are 'creepers' and will re-grow from the smallest piece of root fragment; regular removal will eventually weaken the weed. Weed growth can also be suppressed by the addition of a mulch of bark chippings, coco shell or well-rotted compost.

Plant out hardy fuchsias and put bedding plants and hanging baskets into position.

With the garden full of soft lush growth, slugs will be a major problem for most of us. Slugs attack a wide range of plants from ornamentals, vegetables and seedlings. Damage is especially noticeable when the weather is moist, the tender young growth damaged or completely eaten away, primarily during spring or early summer. Slugs are particularly active during warm, damp weather and come in a variety of sizes and colours ranging from black, brown and yellow-grey! Control of these 'little devils' is not easy, as we know, although there are preventative measures which can be taken. Good housekeeping will help; remove garden debris, leaves, unused pots and any hiding holes where they may be lurking. Encourage predators into your garden; hedgehogs, frogs, toads and birds will all help control the slug population. Copper tapes, moisture-absorbing granules, jam jars full of beer, scooped out half-oranges, grapefruits and melon skins have all been put forward as methods of slug control, with variable results. Slug pellets are useful and perfectly safe when used as directed, a liquid slug control is available, both based around methaldehyde. There is a non-chemical control available in the form of a nematode or eelworm which enters the slug's body and infects it with a bacteria leading to its death. Applied in solution, this appears to be particularly effective on well-drained soils when conditions are moist and the soil temperatures are around 60f.

Watering is of prime importance this month; tubs, hanging baskets and containers will dry out rapidly in hot weather. Don't water 'little and often' as this tends to encourage surface rooting leading to rapid dehydration in hot weather. A thorough soaking twice a week would be of greater benefit.

Blanket weed may become a problem in garden ponds from now on; remove it as soon as possible. This applies to floating weeds such as duckweed as well; both can be composted.

Let's hope the sun shines. "What ever you are doing, enjoy your garden; it's the only one you've got!"

*R. B. P.*

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## I DON'T BELIEVE IT

The Bible missed a great chance of publicity in the media when Megan and Harry chose Oprah Winfrey to do their big interview. Why, you ask? Simply because Oprah Winfrey was to be baptised with the name Orpah, Sister-in-Law to Ruth in the Bible, but the midwife put the letters in the wrong place so Orpah became Oprah.

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Not a believer in star signs but would like to be a sports person? Born in March under Aries were Sir Roger Bannister, Chris Hoy, Steve Redgrave, Donald Campbell, Mo Farah. Born just a couple of weeks earlier was the ladies 1966 Worcestershire 200m champion, a 16-year-old called Julie Walters. Wonder what happened to her?

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Andre Previn was sacked from his first after school job playing the piano for silent films in his local cinema. While accompanying a film, set in the 1920's, but which had biblical flashbacks, Mr. Previn started playing The Charleston. Unfortunately, he failed to keep looking at the screen. When he did, he discovered he was playing "Twelfth Street Rag" to the crucifixion!

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William Hartley, leader of the orchestra on The Titanic is reputed to have played "Nearer My God to Thee" on his violin as the ship went down. Almost 100 years later in his home town of Colne, Lancs., a pub was opened and named 'William Hartley' in memory of him. Thank you to Wetherspoons, but they didn't do their homework. Mr. Hartley was a fervent Methodist and strictly tee-total.

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Immortalised in the Oscar winning film "Chariots of Fire", gold medallist Eric Liddell was later to become a Christian Missionary. A few days after he was born, his father, The Rev. James Liddell, went to register his birth. When told he was to be Christened Henry Eric, the Registrar paused and said "He's going to have a hard life with the initials HEL". His father immediately reversed his name to Eric Henry.

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In St. Thomas's churchyard in Winchelsea, East Sussex, is a gravestone with some famous last words. "I told you I was ill". This is the last resting place of one of Britain's greatest comedians, Spike Milligan. He had caused great controversy earlier in his life when he said that he hoped his best friend, Harry Secombe, died before him. (It didn't bother Harry) The reason was, he didn't want Harry singing 'Cwm Rhondda' at his funeral; "It's not an anthem it's 'Bread of Heaven' and no way am I having that". Sadly, Harry died first and so Spike was spared the singing, or so he thought. At Spike's Memorial service, as they left the church, the whole congregation burst out laughing; over the P.A. system came, guess what? Yes, the voice of Harry Secombe singing 'Bread of Heaven'. Spike would have loved it.

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Celebrating a birthday is wonderful, especially someone becoming 60. Strange but true but on your 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, if you had been getting 8 hours sleep a night you would have slept for 20 years. Think about it.

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Marnie Nixon is one of the finest Hollywood singing stars ever. You don't know her? She sang for Deborah Kerr in 'The King and I', Audrey Hepburn in 'My Fair Lady' and Natalie Wood in 'West Side Story'. She was in 'The Sound of Music' but obviously did not have to sing for the fantastic voice of Julie Andrews. Instead, they gave her the part of a Nun, Sister Sophia. Enjoy her singing 'live' to 'How do you solve a problem called Maria'? Magic, well earned.

*Mike*

(Mike Knott, Stourport Wesley)



*Here's another article from Mike .....*

### The Power of Faith

So the Pandemic goes on, though there's light at the end of the tunnel. We will get there but suddenly why are many people questioning God. Yes, there is a decline in churchgoing but that doesn't mean there is a decline in believers. In fact, there has been a remarkable increase. People asking if God loves us, why all the pain and suffering? Suddenly a whole nation of Christians. It's marvellous how in every time of trouble people turn to or blame God. He exists every day of your life, God's for life not just for Christmas and Easter. But some people do put their trust in God and Jesus. So I say to everyone believe and pray during these times of suffering. The word 'push' has come into religion (I thought it was in the script for 'Call the Midwife'). Apparently, it stands for "Pray until Someone hears" I think, but you get the meaning. It could stand for 'Pray Until Someone Helps', and believe me someone will. Let's go to the Bible. It's Mark, Chapter 5. You think a year of pain from the Pandemic is bad? Here is a woman who suffered for 12 years. Can you imagine 12 years of disease, away from your family, out of society. However, this woman was full of faith.

She was unclean and everybody thought that if she touched them they would become ill. The chance of avoiding contact was impossible, there were no lockdowns. She had to hide herself away. Then she heard Jesus was visiting her village, she had heard of Him and His miracles and was desperate to see Him. Her one hope. She believed if she could just touch His clothes she would be healed, and she was. She fought her way through a crowd to touch Him, a fantastic act of faith and she became well again.

Jesus wasn't angry, He merely said "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering" (Mark 5 v34). This is what we must have during this pandemic. We may not be able to touch Jesus, but we can certainly feel His Spirit and Love through our prayers. It was her faith that made this woman well. When we act and pray in faith, it brings us closer to Jesus. And so it will be during this Pandemic. Jesus felt power had gone out of Him when that woman touched Him and so we will feel a power from Jesus when we touch Him in prayer.

*Mike*

### Mike's Smile Lines

Man: First Class ticket to jeopardy if you please.

Station Master: There's no such place as Jeopardy.

Man: Well, I'm unemployed and it says in my paper there are a million jobs in Jeopardy.

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A careful driver is one who has just seen a speed camera.

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Two tonnes of human hair used for making wigs was stolen today. Police are combing the area.

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The Americans quickly proved that the moon was uninhabited because the first thing the astronauts did was dig a hole. Since no one came to stand around and watch they knew no one lived there.

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Doctor: How's the patient this morning?  
Nurse: He keeps putting out his right arm.  
Doctor: Good, he's turning the corner.

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Do Arabs dance Sheik to Sheik?

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Man: This lamb is very tough.  
Waiter: Sorry Sir, but the butcher said it was Spring lamb.  
Man: Then I must be eating one of the springs.

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A man is walking past a restaurant and sees the sign 'Chicken Dinners 90p. So he goes in and orders one. The waiter gives him a plate of corn.

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It was so quiet down the bowling alley last night you could hear a pin drop.

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Knock, Knock – Who's there? – Control Freak, now this is where you say "control freak who?"

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A man was leaving a shop with a large bath. "Do you want a plug?" said the shop assistant. "Why?" asked the man "is it electric?"

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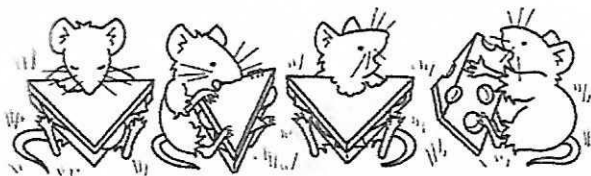
My wife's an Eighth Day Adventist.  
Don't you mean Seventh Day Adventist?  
No, she's late for everything.

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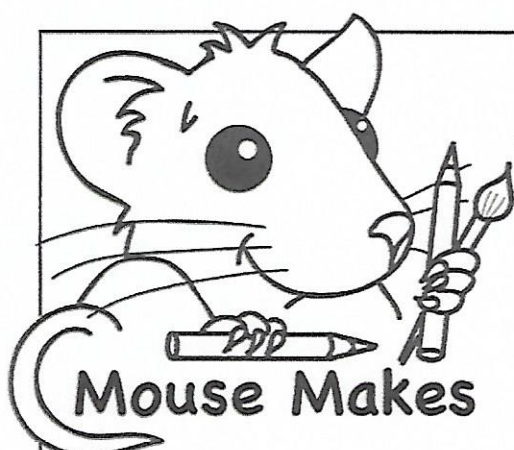
Wife: I've just made the chicken soup.  
Man: Thank heavens, I was worried it was for us.

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Never pray in a field of wheat. It goes against the grain.







## JESUS HEALS

Who was the first person  
Jesus healed?

*John 4:46-54*

Who did Jesus heal  
from fever?

*Mark 1:29-31*

How was the the  
paralysed man  
brought to Jesus?

*Mark 2:1-12*

Jesus healed and  
made the...

SICK	ABLE
DEAD	WALK
BLIND	FORGIVEN
DEAF	ALIVE
CRIPPLED	SPEAK
SINNER	MOVE
MUTE	SEE
PARALYSED	WELL
DISABLED	HEAR



Where did the  
demons ask Jesus  
to send them  
when he drove  
them out?

*Mark 5:1-20*

How long had  
the man by  
the pool been  
disabled?

*John 5:1-15*

What did Jesus say made  
the woman well?

*Matthew 9: 20-22*

"There are **many** things that  
Jesus did. If every one of them  
were written down, I suppose the  
whole world would not have room  
for the books that would be written."

*John 21:25*

How many men were  
healed from leprosy?

*Luke 17:11-19*

What did Jesus heal  
Bartemaus from?

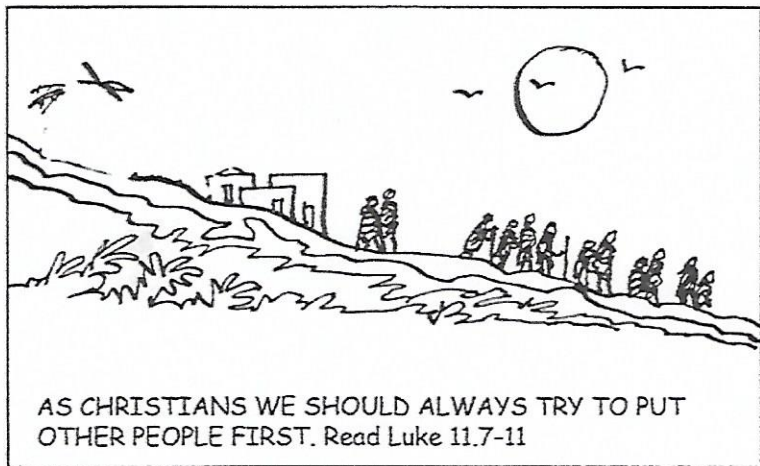
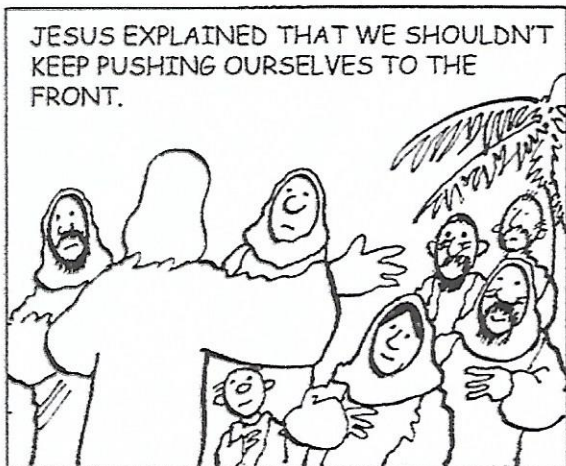
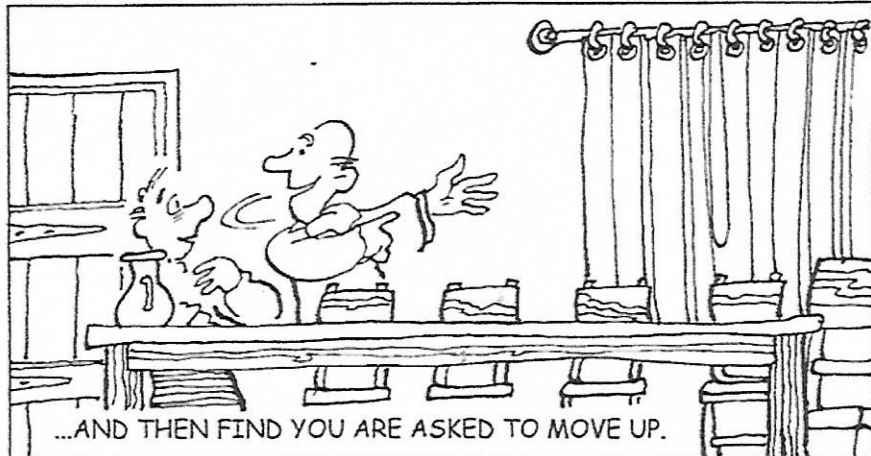
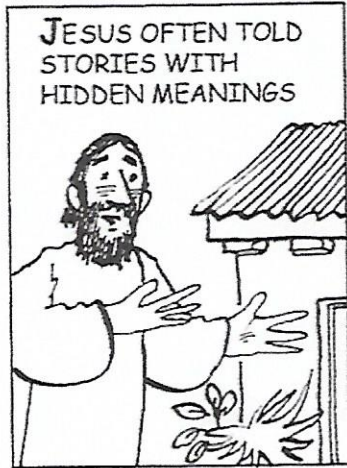
*Mark 10:46-52*

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead,  
how many days had he been buried?

*John 11:1-45*









### **Richard Baxter, English Puritan church leader**

If Richard Baxter were alive today, he would probably be contributing to the Thought for the Day on Radio 4, because he had a gift for the soundbite. Try these memorable quotes:

*Preaching a sermon to a man with a broken head, and telling him to be right with God is equal to telling a man with a broken leg to get up and run a race.*

*If God be not enough for you, you will never have enough. Turn to Him more, and know Him better, if you would have a satisfied mind.*

*When I compare my slow and unprofitable life with the frequent and wonderful mercies received, it shames me, it silences me, and leaves me inexcusable. I preached as never sure to preach again, and as a dying man to dying men.*

As it was, Richard Baxter lived from 1615 to 1691, and so instead of broadcasting, became a well-known English Puritan church leader, poet, hymnodist, theologian and controversialist. His 19-year ministry at St Mary and All Saints Kidderminster was very influential – he was an impossible preacher to ignore!

As a matter of fact, the BBC would have loved him because he was so outspoken that after the Restoration, his non-separatist Presbyterian approach made him one of the most influential leaders of the Nonconformists, and he spent some time in prison for various religious ‘offences’. He irritated both the Catholics and the Calvinists over various theological views and practices. Yet he was well respected – Dean Stanley called him ‘the chief of English Protestant Schoolmen.’ After the Restoration in 1660, Baxter, who had helped to bring it about, settled in London, and the power of his preaching and his skill as leader was well respected. He had been made a king’s chaplain, and was offered the bishopric of Hereford, but as a moderate dissenter to the C of E, he refused. He was then barred from preaching, but turned to writing, and in all produced some 168 works. He died peacefully in London in 1691.

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### **Beware Japanese knotweed this summer**

This month (June) could see a sudden bumper appearance of the notorious garden pest, Japanese knotweed.

The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) experts have warned that the April frosts either delayed or killed other plants who would have helped keep it in check. Unfortunately, the pest is very hardy, and will not have been killed off.

The plant grows up to 2.1 metres (7ft) tall and can destroy the foundations of houses and run riot in gardens. It can even devalue property, and lead to the refusal of mortgages on the land.

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### **Home alone, wanting a gnome**

Do you yearn for a garden gnome? You are not the only one.

Since last year’s lockdown, garden centres have been reporting a ‘massive upswing’ in ornament sales, due to people being forced to spend more time in their gardens. Gnomes top the list of most-wanted ornaments, with a near 100 per cent increase in sales over the past two years.

There was even a gnome crisis a while back, when the Suez Canal got jammed, and thousands of gnomes on their way to UK gardens could not get through.

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### **Trouble sleeping?**

Try listening to 'sedative music', with a slow tempo, soft volume and smooth melody. Music is less invasive than sleeping pills, and may possibly work for you.

A recent study carried out at a university in Taiwan found that "listening to sedative music can improve sleep by modulating sympathetic nervous system activity and the release of cortisol, thereby lowering levels of anxiety and stress responses."

Listening to music before bed for more than four weeks was found to be especially effective.

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*This month (10<sup>th</sup> June) the Duke of Edinburgh would have turned 100. This article is from the Archbishop of Canterbury's recent tribute to him in the House of Lords.*

### **Remembering Prince Philip**

"We have thanked God for Prince Philip's life of extraordinary service. There are some rare people who bring energy into a room – the Duke of Edinburgh was very much one of those people. His presence lifted a gathering. He might have challenged and interrogated, but whatever he said, he never bored anyone.

"The Duke of Edinburgh had a profound moral imagination, extraordinary foresight and even vision. He saw the world not just as it is but as it could and should be, as worked out in his commitment to young people, especially through the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, to the Commonwealth, to our Armed Forces, and to engineering, technology and design... In Edmund Burke's words, he had an instinctive sense that the social contract was found in the traditions we inherit from the past, in our obligations to the present and in our responsibility to those yet to be born.

"His genuine and deep sense of humility and his service came from the same place, which was his faith... He had a sincere Christian faith absolutely untainted by false piety... He understood deeply how important faith is for the vast majority of the world's population. He engaged the rich diversity of faiths within the UK and the Commonwealth. He was a pioneer in recognising the crucial role that faith leaders play in advocating for creation care. He was literally half a century ahead of his time in this area."

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### **A look at the Methodists today (*Some interesting facts*)**

The Methodist Church of Great Britain (MCGB) was formed in 1932 from a merger of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the Primitive Methodist Church and the United Methodist Church (itself a merger of three groups in 1907), then with a total membership of 840,000 and 7,800 churches. In 2019 the MCGB had some 4,200 churches across England, Wales and Scotland, with membership of 170,000.

In terms of church buildings, it is the second largest denomination in England, second only to the Church of England (with 15,500 churches). There are 30 Districts currently (equivalent to Dioceses) which are sub-divided into Circuits, on average 12 Circuits in each District, but some have just one, like the Welsh-speaking churches, or those on the Isle of Man and Shetlands. The largest is London with 35. Each Circuit has on average 12 churches, or 140 per District (the Church of England has 380 churches per Diocese).

Numerically, Methodist attendance is not very dissimilar to its membership. In 2019 attendance was about 164,000, all but 20,000 attending. As with Anglican churches, they find Sunday attendance declining faster than weekday attendance, and children and young people attendance declining roughly twice as fast as adult attendance.

Individual churches naturally vary in size. A list of all 4,200 churches gave an interesting overview: Methodist churches are quite small, with two-fifths, 38%, having under 20 members per church and a further two-fifths, 39%, having between 20 and 59 members, leaving just under a



quarter, 23%, with 60 members or over. The median size is 28, meaning that half the churches have 28 or fewer members while the other half have more.

The two largest Methodist churches, by congregational size, are Swan Bank, Stoke-on-Trent (465 members) and Wesley's Chapel, in City Road (464 members). Two others are over 400:

Bournemouth Methodist Church (429 members) and Methodist Central Hall in Westminster (422 members).

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### **All in the month of JUNE**

It was:

**175 years ago**, on 28<sup>th</sup> June 1846 that Belgian musical instrument maker Adolphe Sax patented the saxophone.

**125 years ago**, on 4<sup>th</sup> June 1896 that Henry Ford completed his first automobile, the Ford Quadricycle, and gave it a test run around Detroit Michigan. It was a simple frame with an engine, two gears, a tiller for steering and four bicycle wheels. It had a top speed of 20mph. Its success led him to establish the Ford Motor Company.

**100 years ago** on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1921 that Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, was born on a dining room table in Corfu. He was the husband of Queen Elizabeth II.

**90 years ago**, on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1931 that Jesse Boot, 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Trent, British pharmacist and philanthropist, died. He had turned his father's Boots Company into a national chain of chemists.

**65 years ago**, on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1956 that the first European Cup final (soccer) was held, in Paris. Real Madrid (Spain) beat Stade de Reims (France) 4-3. The European Cup is now known as the UEFA Champions League.

**50 years ago**, on 16<sup>th</sup> June 1971 that John Reith (Lord Reith), 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Reith, Scottish business executive and politician, died. He was Manager and Director General of the BBC in its formative years. He also formed BOAC (now British Airways).

**40 years ago**, on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1981 that American tennis player John McEnroe earned the press nickname 'Superbrat' when he threw a tantrum during his first-round match against Tom Gullikson at Wimbledon. He hurled abuse at the umpire, swore at the referee, and popularised the phrase 'you cannot be serious' when he disputed a line call. Nevertheless, he went on to win the men's singles championship that year.

**25 years ago**, on 4<sup>th</sup> June 1996 that the Second Severn Crossing was officially opened. The bridge spans the River Severn and links England and Wales via the M4 motorway.

**20 years ago**, on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2001 that two British schoolboys who murdered two-year-old James Bulger in Liverpool in 1993 were released from secret custody after 8 years. They were given new identities and moved to secret locations.

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### **Where are our birds?**

British birds are in big trouble. 80 per cent of our most popular species are in severe decline, according to recent data from the RSPB's annual Big Garden Birdwatch.

The world's largest wildlife survey has found that 16 out of the 20 most spotted garden birds have been in decline since 2020. There are now concerns about the greenfinch and chaffinch, which were seen in their lowest ever numbers this year.

The top five birds seen in people's gardens were: house sparrows, blue tits, starlings, blackbirds and wood pigeons. Only robins, blackbirds, carrion crows and the song thrush grew in number in 2020.

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## Parish Pump Smile Lines

As the enthusiastic curate was preparing to move on to his first church as a vicar, a parishioner asked him what he thought had been his main contribution to the life of the church. He replied: "People here didn't know what sin was until I came."

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A group of elderly British tourists were touring Holland by bus. They stopped at a cheese farm where a young guide led them through the process of making cheese from goat's milk. She showed the group a lovely hillside where many goats were grazing.

"These," she explained, "are the older goats put out to pasture when they no longer produce." She then asked, "What do you do in Britain with your old goats?"

A spry old gentleman answered: "They send us on bus tours!"

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Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today, it's called golf.

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A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."





## Answers to Allsorts Quiz....

1. R 101 was a British airship which crashed in France. It was filled with highly inflammable hydrogen which caught fire. 45 Passengers and crew died.
2. In order to keep the development secret, the War Department said they were mobile tanks for carrying water, etc. The name stuck.
3. The hymn 'Nearer my God to Thee'.
4. Wood. This meant it was smooth and light, making it very fast.
5. May 1979
6. Sir Edward Elgar.
7. The highest of the Malvern Hills range.
8. The River Severn.
9. It is the Roman name for the River Severn.
10. A small type of harpsichord.
11. Counter tenor.
12. 1960
13. 1985
14. 1951
15. 'Just a Minute'.
16. Joanne Kathleen.
17. Alfred lord Tennyson.
18. Sean Connery.
19. Roger Bannister.
20. Mrs Isabella Beeton in 1861.
21. Hay-on-Wye.
22. 874 miles according to the signs posts at lands End and John O' Groats.
23. Ben Nevis.
24. Sixty-six. 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.
25. General Lord Kitchener.
26. General Dwight D Eisenhower. Supreme Allied Commander at D-Day, and then U. S. President from 1953 - 1961.
27. Horace Rumpole in 'Rumpole of the Bailey' by John Mortimer.
28. Tarzan.
29. The first three notes are short, followed by one long note. This is Morse code for 'V', for Victory, and was used by the Dutch, French and Belgian Resistance.
30. Noel Coward.

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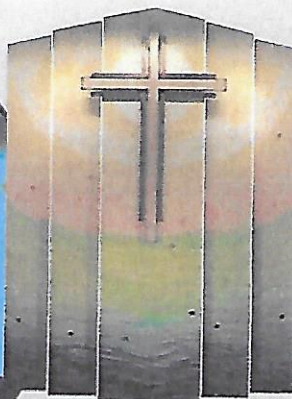
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**ACROSS:** 1, Ambush. 4, School. 8, Tired. 9, Famines. 10, Citadel. 11, Endor. 12, Atonement. 17, Avert. 19, Oracles. 21, Married. 22, Lance. 23, Rhythm. 24, Hyssop.

**DOWN:** 1, Attach. 2, Biretta. 3, Sided. 5, Compete. 6, Owned. 7, Lustre. 9, Falsehood. 13, Ostrich. 14, Talents. 15, Farmer. 16, Asleep. 18, Early. 20, Alley.



# 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 745714

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

*Thank you.*

**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.

## Second Sunday of each Month

**6.30pm Café Worship**

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