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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

70 Glorious Years

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

Crowned by the Holy Spirit...

Dear Friends,

This year marks the 70th year of the Queen's reign and as a nation we are celebrating her Platinum Jubilee.

As it so happens the celebrations fall the same weekend that as churches we celebrate Pentecost – the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. As we know this was the moment when, through the power of the Holy Spirit, the disciples were propelled from the safety of the upper room out into the streets of Jerusalem to tell anyone who would listen to them the good news of Jesus. We also know they never looked back and went on from there to take the message of the good news into all the world.

The disciples were not self-conscious or afraid. They didn't feel unworthy or inadequate to carry the message of faith with them. They just knew that Jesus was God's anointed, God's Son and that everyone the world over needed to know the truth that God in Jesus had rescued them from all the wrong things they had done and could begin again.

When I was thinking about the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and our celebrations as churches for Pentecost, I started wondering if there were any similarities between the coronation of our Queen and the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples. For those of you who will be in church on Pentecost Sunday you will hear this more fully but I started to wonder whether the coming of Holy Spirit is a coronation-type event.

We all know that with a coronation comes a lot of pageantry. Although I wasn't there at the time of our Queen's coronation (I know most of you were and it was probably the first televised event you witnessed) I can imagine what the event and the atmosphere was like. The Queen arrived at Westminster Abbey to be crowned to a fanfare of trumpets announcing her arrival so that the crowds that had gathered knew the moment had come. In the same way when the Holy Spirit came on the disciples, her arrival (the Holy Spirit in the bible is always described in feminine terms) was announced with a sound from heaven that sounded like a strong wind blowing. It may or may not have been heavenly music played like a fanfare of trumpets but the sound filled the whole and caused a crowd to gather outside.

Then at the coronation of our Queen, Elizabeth was anointed with holy oil and the crown was placed on her head. In the same way the disciples were crowned with the Holy Spirit as each person's head was touched with what looked like tongues of fire and each disciple was anointed by the Holy Spirit as each person there started to speak in other tongues.

Finally, at the coronation the newly crowned Queen was announced to the public and in a well-known and loved ceremony our Queen was presented to her people on the balcony at Buckingham Palace. In the same way the disciples were presented to the community of Jerusalem as the disciples were propelled out into the streets to meet the crowds.

Both days were days to remember and since then both events have been talked about. Everyone knows what they were doing on the day of the coronation and in the case of the disciples the message they carried has continued to influence and encourage people the world over for the past 2,000 years.

And this Pentecost the gift of the Holy Spirit is offered to each of us once more. Each of us can remember the moment that we accepted Jesus into our hearts and chose to accept him as Lord and Saviour, and we can probably remember moments in our lives where the Holy Spirit has come and filled our hearts and minds with the knowledge and wonder of God. Each of us has done things for the good news of Jesus because of the strength we have received from God. Each of us has been crowned.

So let's this Pentecost live in the power of the Holy Spirit and let's shake off our fears, and live with hope and the promise of new life.

Happy Pentecost to you all,

Andrew

PRAYER CORNER

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

THANKS...

Eileen Whitfield and family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, thoughts and cards following the death of Les. Donations in lieu of flowers at Les's Memorial Service amounted to £807 for Trinity's Roof Fund.

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

<u>Spennells and Hoobrook</u>	<u>June</u>
Spennells Primary School and Nursery	
Heronspark Nursing Home	
Kidderminster Covenant Church	
Residential Housing	
Retail Units and Trading	
Small Businesses	

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FROM THE EDITOR...

Dear Friends,

Recently I sat on a bench in the garden, enjoying some warm spring sunshine. It was quiet, there were no trains expected and there were no sounds of people or lawnmowers or cars. All I could hear were the sounds of bees finding which spring flowers which were open; birds singing and the sounds of chicks in their nests entreating to be fed. There were one or two swallows practising their aerobatics. I could hear the soothing sound of the wood pigeon, all of them almost saying that it was good to be alive.

As I sat comfortably in the sun, I remembered the words of a saying:

'Sometimes I sits and thinks, and sometimes I just sits.'

It is good at times to sit and let your mind wander, and be surprised at the odd thoughts that come to mind. One thought did occur to me, and that was what a wonderful world God has created for us to share. As I looked over the garden I could almost see the plants growing, some more than others – especially the bindweed. Yet God made that and ground elder too. Were they one of his jokes I wonder? But we should be so grateful to God for this wonderful world, and we should be doing all we can to preserve its beauty.

Then the first lines of a hymn came to mind:

'Awake, awake, to love and work,
The lark is in the sky.'

I think that is the end of my peaceful reverie, and I must find something to do.....or perhaps I will just sit for a few more minutes, and do nothing at all.

David

Leisure.

What is this life, if full of care
We have no time to stand and stare?

No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep and cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

No time to turn at beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this, if full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

W.H.Davies

Offertories for the past six weeks are as follows

	Envelopes	Loose Cash	Standing Orders	Total
	£	£	£	£
17 & 24.04.22	260.00	123.50	1502.00	1885.50
01 & 08.05.22	331.00	121.00	1256.40	1708.40
15.05.22	201.00	20.00	628.20	849.20
22.05.22	115.00	117.45	628.20	860.65

In this current church year it is estimated that offertories of £1200 per week will be required to break even.

SERVICES IN JUNE.....

June 5 th	10.30am	Rev Andrew Mann-Ray -- Joint service with Baxter
	6.30pm	Mrs Janet Murray
June 12 th	10.30am	Mr Mike Dernie
	6.30pm	Mr David Skitt -- Service with guests from Husum in Germany and their hosts.
June 19 th	10.30am	Dr Ken Mothersdale
	6.30pm	Rev Peter Levitt
June 26 th	10.30am	Mr Albert Wilkinson
	6.30pm	Mr David Skitt -- Café Worship
July 3 rd	10.30am	Rev Sue Levitt -- Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Mr Phillip Bridgewater



FINAL UPDATE: June 2022

Trinity Methodist Church Kidderminster



NEW Roof Project...

'Thank You!'

*A big 'Thank You' to everyone who has supported the New Roof Project in so many various ways!...
...by generous donations, interest free loans, fund raising initiatives and prayerful thoughts.*

The Work is well under way with an estimated completion date in early June 2022

Once again our sincere 'Thanks to everyone!'

The Property & Finance Committee



Removing old coverings to lounge roof

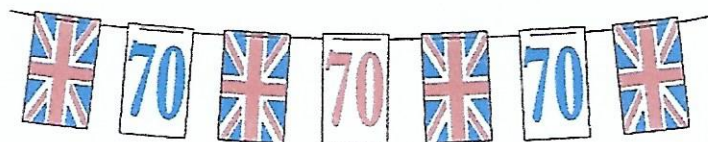


New Roof over the Hall



Scaffold in place for the work



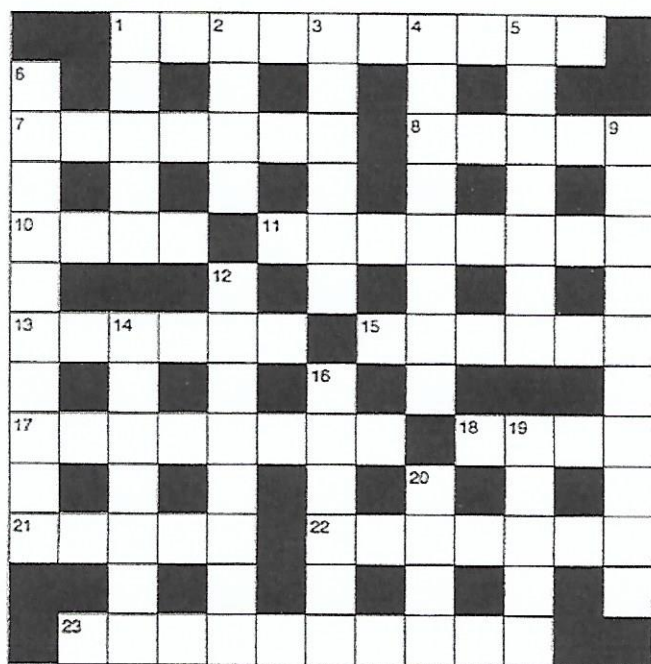


A Royal Quiz.

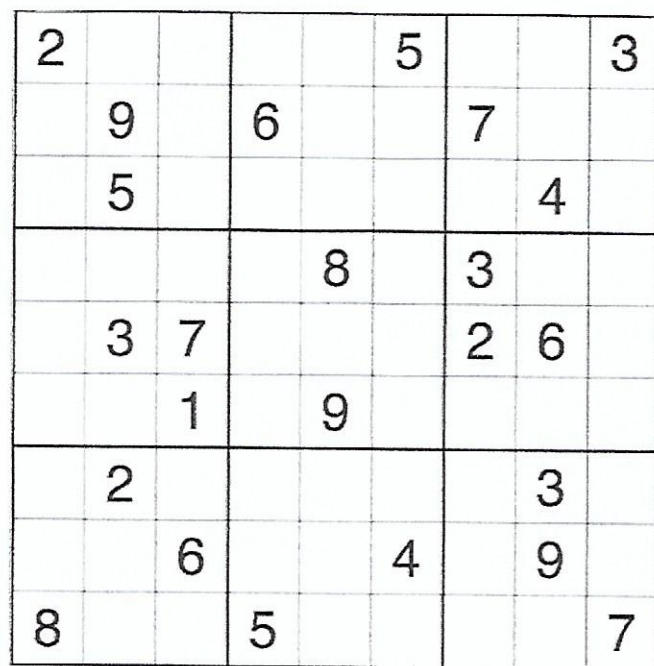
1. How many wives did Henry VIII have?
2. Can you name them in order?
3. Which king reluctantly signed the Magna Carta?
4. Which king was beheaded under Oliver Cromwell's regime?
5. Which future king hid in an oak tree at Boscobel?
6. How old was Queen Victoria when she died?
7. Where was Queen Victoria's husband born?
8. Who ensured that the Great Exhibition of 1851 took place?
9. Why did the Royal family change their surname in 1917?
10. What is unusual about British postal stamps?
11. For how long did Edward VII reign?
12. With which disability did King George VI struggle?
13. Where was Queen Elizabeth when her father died?
14. What was Diana's maiden name?
15. Which language did Prince Charles unsuccessfully start to learn?
16. For which emergency service did Prince William work?
17. Which regiment did Prince Harry join?
18. Which year was the Queen's "annus horribilis"?
19. Which football team does Prince William support?
20. Who wrote the words of our National Anthem?
21. Who wrote the tune?
22. What does it mean if the Union Jack flies upside down?
23. When is the Queen's birthday?
24. What does OHMS mean?
25. Which branches of the armed services did Prince Charles join?
26. Where is the royal yacht Britannia berthed?
27. Where does the Queen open parliament?
28. Which nurse rhyme king 'sent for his pipe and he sent for his bowl...'?
29. Which fictitious queen often shouted "off with his/her head!"?
30. What is the proper name of the Severn Valley Railway's purple engine?



Parish Pump Crossword



Sudoku puzzle (medium)



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Across

- 1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
- 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
- 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
- 10 'We are hard pressed on every—' (2 Corinthians 4:8) (4)
- 11 Fraud (2 Corinthians 6:8) (8)
- 13 'His troops advance in force; they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
- 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
- 17 'Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
- 18 Nomadic dwelling (Genesis 26:25) (4)
- 21 'As for man, his days are like—, he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
- 22 Or I live (anag.) (7)
- 23 Those guilty of 1 Across (Romans 13:4) (10)

Down

- 1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
- 2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)
- 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
- 4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
- 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
- 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
- 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10)
- 12 Put in jail (Acts 22:19) (8)
- 14 Aceturn (anag.) (7)
- 16 Discharge (Acts 21:3) (6)
- 19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)
- 20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!' (Revelation 19:7) (4)

WISE WORDS FROM JOHN WESLEY *(Taken from his diary and writings)*

If you were going to set up political party, you would need a manifesto. You could say that this is John Wesley's manifesto that we all should follow. In italics after each one is a modern version.

1. Be ye ready to distribute to everyone according to his necessity.
Reduce the gap between rich and poor.
2. Wickedly, devilishly false is that common objection: they are poor only because they are idle. Find them work. They will then earn, and eat their own bread.
Seek to ensure full employment.
3. How many are there in this Christian country that toil, labour, and sweat, but struggle with weariness and hunger? Is it not worse for one, after a hard day's labour to go back to a poor, cold, dirty, uncomfortable lodging, and to find that there is not even the food needful to repair his wasted strength?
Introduce measures to help the poorest, including a living wage.
4. Beware of that common, but accursed way of making children parrots. Regard not how much, but how well and to what purpose they read. The end of education is to understand as much as we are able.
Offer the best possible education.
5. I continue to dream of a time when the potential of each person can be unleashed.
Empower individuals to feel that they can make a difference.
6. Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart though we are not of one opinion?
Promote tolerance.
7. May not women, as well as men bear an honourable part. You, like men are rational creatures. You, like them were made in the image of God.
Promote equal treatment for women.
8. In seeking happiness from riches you are only drinking from empty vessels. Let them be painted and gilded ever so finely, they are still empty!
Create a society based on values and not on profits and consumerism.
9. Let none serve you but by his or her own act and deed. Do to everyone else as you would he should do to you.
End all forms of enslavement.
10. War: what further proof do we need of the utter degeneracy of all nations from the plainest principles of reason and virtue?
Avoid engaging in wars.
11. The whole world is my parish.
Avoid narrow self-interest and promote a world view.
12. Lead us beyond an exclusive concern for the well-being of the birds in our yards, the fish in the rivers and every living creature on the face of the earth.
Care for the environment.



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 21st 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. L.

Our thanks, once again, to Mike Knott of Stourport Wesley for the following articles and Smile Lines.

This Book Belongs To

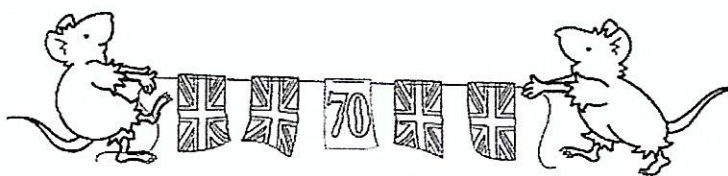
"This novel is entirely a work of fiction. The names, characters and incidents that are portrayed in it are the work of the author's imagination. Any resemblance to actual persons living or dead, events or localities is entirely coincidental. No part of this publication may be reproduced without the permission of the author or the publishers." Buy any book today and that's what it will say inside the fly leaf and of course it protects the copyright. Steal any bits of it and we'll see you in court. Ok, I often pinch a few lines for the Trinity Tidings, but I acknowledge it and that's alright; and that's as far as it goes.

Now take The Bible, the biggest selling book of all time. OK we all own a bible but we don't often buy a new one. Yes, they all tot up but it's the block buying of big institutions that put up the sales. Take London for instance, just 2 churches, St. Pauls and Westminster Abbey. Not for them the odd bible or two. Perhaps a couple of thousand each at a time. Multiply this by all the churches and religious groups in Britain and you're on your way to an easy million. (Do they give gold discs for a million sales of bibles?). What I'm getting at here is the difference between the bible and normal books. Open your bible, (I'm using the N.I.V. translation here) What does it say? Look at the first page "The N.I.V. text may be quoted for non-commercial use in any form (written, visual, electronic or audio) up to and inclusive of 500 verses without express written permission of the publisher, providing the verses quoted do not amount to a complete book of the bible nor do the verses quoted account for 25% of the total text of the work". Do not let it be said that I am selfish. I would love to meet the prophets and Gospel writers and pay them any number of shekels for their work (well, Trinity Tidings will pay). The thing here is to quote it and shout it aloud. Join our ministers, preachers and worship leaders, don't be afraid, there's nothing to pay. (and feel free to quote me but don't mention my name!). Most of all read your bible.

It's easier today because it's all in chapters and verses. Originally it was just one long script, it wasn't until printing presses came into being around the 15th century that the book was divided up, however, the story never changed. The bible is for you, truth about who God is and how much He loves you. So of course it's how He wants to speak to you today. "Listen, do you want to know a secret?" So sang Billy J Kramer but it's no secret. "It's no secret what the Lord can do" (I'm drifting again. That was the Salvation Army Group 'The Joy Strings', BBC Top of the Pops, February 1964), back to reality, it's the way I tell 'em.

God speaks through the Bible. It's not a book of rules, you've already had that in the 10 commandments. If you're hungry for love, this is it. If you want to live as a Christian, this is it. The Bible is yours. No fear of prosecution, you can quote to your heart's content. Look at the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and we can see the one God behind it all. At the end of the day there's no copywrite. Feel free to put it everywhere, but don't write it on the walls – Banksy has the copywrite – but God would see the difference.

Mike



Waterways

Just below Trinity and in the shadow of St. Mary's Church lies one of the most picturesque views of Kidderminster, of course, it's the canal basin. Originally the canal was to make its way to Bewdley but they didn't want that "stinking ditch" so it was diverted to Stourport. Not a bad idea for Telford, a straight, flat run to Stourport, better than drilling a 1000 metre tunnel from Park Butts through to Catchems End, Bewdley! (I joke). The canals, of course, are part of history, a vital part of the Industrial Revolution, especially in the Black Country and The Midlands. Those days are gone. Today the canals are looked at as a pleasure boat ride for holidaymakers, however, the reality is quite different. In fact, the canals provide homes for thousands of people and it's a hard knock life.

You can rent a long-term mooring in a marina or alongside a canal or river where allowed. Or simply you have a cruising licence, where you move on after 14 days. Sadly, you don't get a postcode and this can discriminate against boaters. No postcode and you can't register with a GP, open a bank account, vote in local elections and you would have trouble in getting a passport or taxing a vehicle. As I said, it's a hard knock life. Things on the water are exactly the same as those on land. People become sick, suffer bereavements and marriages break down, and these lead to a loss of income. This is where waterways Chaplains come into play.

They visit the waterways on a regular basis offering friendship and a listening ear. Boating communities are good at caring for each other. They look out for each other, provide meals and help in times of trouble. Though sometimes it's nice to have someone to talk to, Chaplains have a place in providing pastoral support and care. They support people of all faiths.

Could you be a waterways chaplain? Sadly, I can't. I get dizzy walking over Bewdley bridge!

Mike

Mike's Smile Lines

Be careful when reading health magazines. You may die of a misprint.

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The secret of a happy marriage is to do what your wife tells you.

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What's another word for Thesaurus?

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If a pig loses its voice does it become disgruntled?

**

If you find a £50 note, go shopping. The change will do you good.

**

If you want to see what nothing is, peel a balloon.

**

Noah didn't use candles in the Ark, he used flood lighting.

**

A trifle is a gun with 3 barrels.

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Romeo met Juliet on the balcony, he couldn't get seats in the stalls.

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She was so ugly, boy scouts used to whistle at her as their good deed for the day.

**

Believe me I'm not deaf. At my age I've heard everything worth hearing.

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Husband: I've done all the shopping on your list, bread, milk, potatoes but what in heaven's name is trees?

Wife: I couldn't spell broccoli.

**

I've been to a few sales recently. I bought a table top and a car boot.

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I bought a raffle ticket the other day in Kidderminster. Second prize was a car, first prize was a parking space.

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Mother: Eat your cabbage son, it will put colour in your cheeks.

Son: I don't want green cheeks.

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Mary: What do you think of Red China?

Sarah: Well, it would look good on a white tablecloth.

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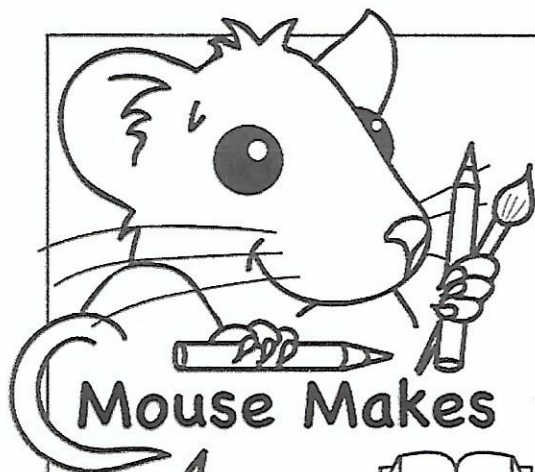
Noah says to his son Ham who is fishing "go easy on the bait, remember I've only got 2 worms.

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Man: Give me a one-way ticket to the moon.

Official: Sorry sir, the moon is full.





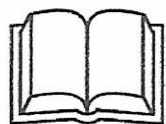
It was the **festival** of **Pentecost**, **fifty days** since **Passover** and **Jews** from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to **celebrate**.

The **Apostles** and other believers were all **together** in one place when they heard a **sound**

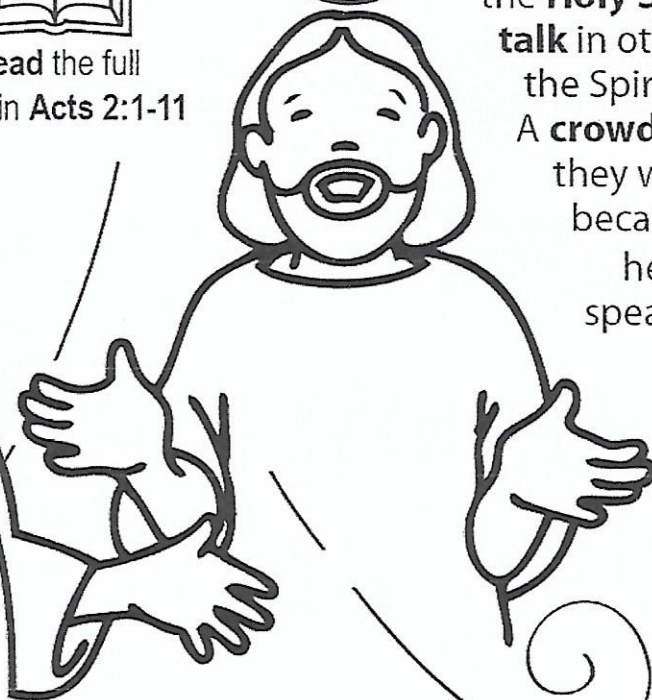
like a strong **wind** and **saw** what looked like **tongues** of **fire** which spread out and **touched each** person.

All of them were **filled** with the **Holy Spirit** and began to **talk** in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them.

A **crowd** gathered outside, they were all excited because each of them heard the believers speaking in their **own**



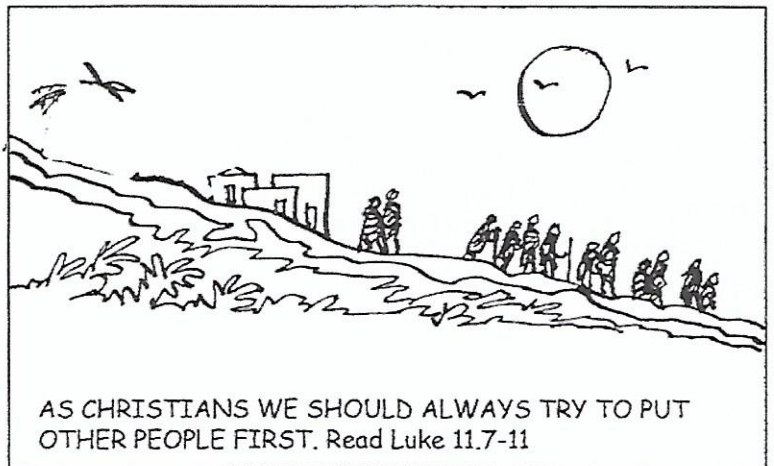
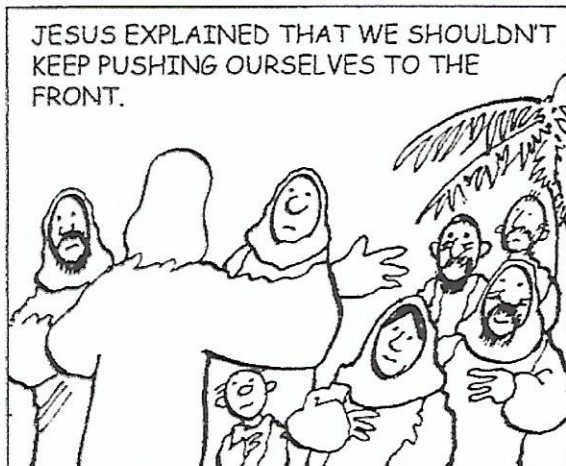
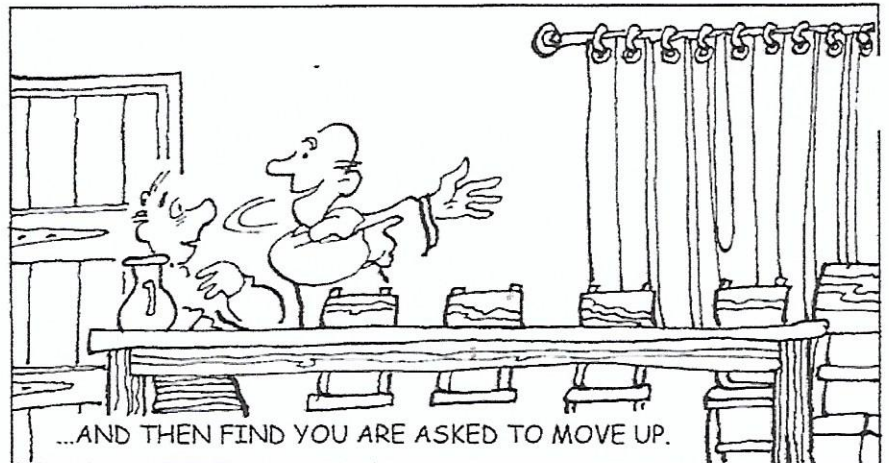
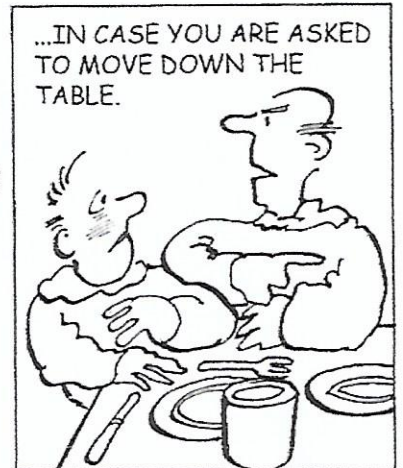
Read the full story in Acts 2:1-11



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language about the great things **God** had done.

About 3,000 people **heard**, **believed** and were **baptised** that day!



Pentecost – not a Ghost but a Gift

We used to call it Whitsun – ‘White Sunday’ because long ago children marched to church in white on that day. No processions nowadays, and we’ve even changed its name. It’s now ‘Pentecost’, which is more accurate but needs explaining.

Pentecost marks a vital event in Christian history. It is celebrated 50 days after Easter. The year Jesus was crucified (which took place at the Passover), the remnant of His followers, just 120 of them, were together in an upper room in Jerusalem. They were afraid to show their faces in case the authorities arrested them. But on the day of Passover, they had an amazing collective experience.

They described it in terms of wind and fire, a great surge of spiritual energy and confidence. Afraid no longer, they burst out on to the streets where crowds were gathering for the festival, led by Peter they began to tell them about Jesus and His resurrection. As they did so, although many of the people in the crowd were foreigners who spoke other languages, everyone heard them in their own tongue. Peter told them that what they were seeing was the fulfilment of an old prophecy when God would pour out His Spirit on the human race, men and women, young and old.

As a result of His words and the extraordinary spectacle, 3,000 people believed and were baptised in the name of Jesus. They were the nucleus of what in 100 years would be a Church that would turn history upside down. For Christians Pentecost is in effect the birthday of the Church.

Many people find the whole idea of the Holy Spirit mysterious and elusive. It wasn’t helped by the earlier title ‘Holy Ghost’. The spirit is not spiritually a ‘ghost’ but a precious gift.

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The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

This month we celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. She is the longest reigning monarch in British history. Up until recently she attended church every week and still did a full week’s work at the age of 96!

It is her commitment to serving God and the nation which stands out in her life. Even before she became Queen, she made a promise, which she has kept for over 75 years: *‘I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service’* (21st birthday broadcast, 21 April 1947).

What is the secret of the Queen’s consistency of character and service? In 2002 she said this: *“I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God.”* These are wise words from somebody who draws her strength from the Christian Faith and can inspire all of us who want to make our lives count!

The Queen has been an example of joyful, wise, and generous service on behalf of others all her life. Six months before her coronation she asked the nation and Commonwealth to *“pray that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve Him and you, all the days of my life.”* Paul urges us to

pray for all in authority, “that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” (1 Timothy 2:2).

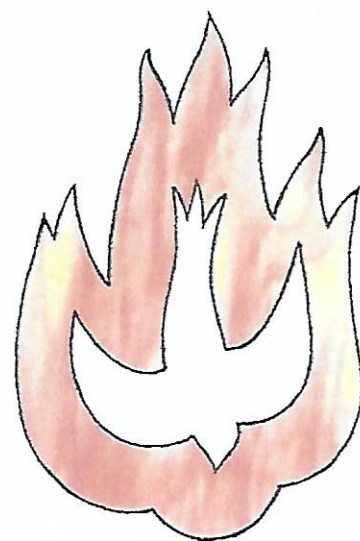
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With Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, in mind, and all that that means, we liked the following....

The U in JesUs

Before U were thought of or time had begun,
God even stuck U in the name of His Son.
And each time U pray, you’ll see it’s true
You can’t spell out JesUs and not include U
You’re a pretty big part of His wonderful name,
For U, He was born; that’s why He came.
And His great love for U is the reason He died.
It even takes U to spell crUcified.
Isn’t it thrilling and splendidly grand
He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?
The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,
and this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.
When JesUs left earth at His upward ascension,
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.
“Now go into the world and tell them it’s true
That the love I have shown is not just for U.”
So many great people are spelled with a U,
Don’t they have a right to know JesUs too?
It all depends now on what U will do,
He’d like them to know,
But it all starts with U.

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What 6000 steps a day can do for you

A recent study has found that doing 6000 steps a day can reduce your risk of an early death, if you are aged over 60. People *under* the age of 60 should aim for between 8000 and 10,000 steps a day.

However, taking more than 8000 steps a day has no particular benefit, and the oft-repeated mantra that everyone should take 10,000 step a day has no grounding whatever in science. (The 10,000 steps idea came from a 1964 Japanese marketing drive to sell pedometers!)

Researchers from the University of Massachusetts Amherst point out that: “Steps are very simple to track, and there is a rapid growth of fitness-tracking devices.”

The major thing to remember is that there is a “lot of evidence suggesting that moving, even a little more, is beneficial, particularly for those who are doing very little activity.”

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Are you a Velcro person or a Teflon person?

How much daily stress do you allow to stick to you? When it comes to coping with stress, David Almeida, a professor of human development at Pennsylvania State University, says that people can be divided into two categories.

‘Velcro’ people allow the stressful moment to stay with them, leaving them irritable and frustrated. ‘Teflon’ people see the moment of stress for what it is, but then let it slide away from them, leaving no effect on their mood.

In a ten-year study, Almeida found that people who become easily upset in the moment and who then dwell on their negative feelings and resentment are much more likely to suffer subsequent health problems such as pain, arthritis, cardiovascular complications, and mental health issues.

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Major world religions – some figures

Not everyone agrees that religion is declining! Once a year the World Christian Database (WCD) issues an article (in the *International Bulletin of Mission Research*) showing the latest global figures on religion.

The latest issue shows that the number of Christian adherents worldwide in 2022 has increased to some 2.56 billion people in total, 32.2% of the global population of 7.95 billion.

However, Muslims are increasing faster, numbering in 2022 some 1.96 billion people, 24.7% of the world’s population. Hindus in 2022 totalled 1.07 billion or 13.5% of the world’s people.

Christian + Muslim + Hindu adherents are together 70% of the world’s population in 2022.

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All in the month of JUNE

It was:

250 years ago, on 22nd June 1772 that the Court of King’s Bench ruled that slavery was illegal in England and Wales. But it remained legal in British Overseas Territories and colonies until 1833.

100 years ago, on 10th June 1922 that Judy Garland, American actress and singer, was born. Best known for her films *The Wizard of Oz* and *Meet Me in St Louis*. Died 1969.

65 years ago, on 1st June 1957 that the first premium bond prize draw took place in Britain.

Also 65 years ago, on 27th June 1957 that Britain’s Medical Research Council reported that there was a cause-and-effect relationship between smoking and lung cancer.

40 years ago, on 14th June 1982 that the Falklands War ended. Argentine forces surrendered to the British in Port Stanley and a ceasefire was agreed. Argentine president Leopold Galtieri resigned on 17th June.

Also 40 years ago, on 21st June 1982 that Prince William of Wales was born. Son of Charles and Diana, he is second-in-line to the British throne.

25 years ago, on 12th June 1997 that Shakespeare's Globe Theatre opened in London. It is a reconstruction of the original theatre of 1599.

Also 25 years ago, on 26th June 1997 that J K Rowling's first Harry Potter novel, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* was published in the UK.

Also 15 years ago, on 29th June 2007, that Apple released the first iPhone.

10 years ago, on 19th June 2012 that the founder of Wikileaks, Julian Assange, sought political asylum in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, to avoid extradition to the USA after publishing classified documents. He remained in the embassy for seven years, until he was arrested and imprisoned.

Also 10 years ago, on 24th June 2012, that Lonesome George, the male Pinta Island tortoise died. The last-known member of his species, Lonesome George serves as an important symbol for conservation efforts around the world, and particularly in the Galapagos Islands.

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Parish Pump Smile Lines

Signing the register at a wedding, the groom had difficulty in making his ball-point pen work. "Put you weight on it," said the vicar. So the groom complied: 'John Smith (12 stone, four pounds)'

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A three-year-old put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed the left was on the right foot. She said, "Sam, your shoes are on the wrong feet." He looked up at her and said, "Don't kid me, Mum, I KNOW they're my feet."

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As you get older, you've got to stay positive. For example, the other day I fell down the stairs. Instead of getting upset, I just thought, "Wow, that's the fastest I've moved in years."

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I told my boss that three companies were after me and therefore I wanted a raise from him. My boss asked what companies wanted me. I said "Gas, water and electricity."

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You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?

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The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once.

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I had a ploughman's lunch the other day. He wasn't very happy about it.

Crossword solution:

ACROSS: 1, Wickedness. 7, Harpist. 8, Teach. 10, Side. 11, Impostor. 13, Encamp. 15, Saddle. 17, Ignorant. 18, Tent. 21, Grass. 22, Olivier. 23, Wrongdoers.

DOWN: 1, World. 2, Crib. 3, Entomb. 4, National. 5, Started. 6, Whispering. 9, Harvesters. 12, Imprison. 14, Centaur. 16, Unload. 19, Evils. 20, Give.

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ANSWERS to the ROYAL QUIZ

1. Six wives.
2. Catherine of Aragon (divorced), Anne Boleyn (beheaded), Jane Seymore (died), Anne of Cleves (divorced), Catherine Howard (beheaded), Catherine Parr (survived).
3. King John.
4. Charles I.
5. Charles Stuart, he later became Charles II.
6. 81
7. Coburg in Germany.
8. Prince Albert.
9. Their name was Saxe-Coburg & Gotha. They changed it because the First World War was being fought, and it sounded too German.
10. It does not have the name of the country on it.
11. 326 days.
12. He had a bad stammer.
13. In Kenya on a commonwealth tour with her husband Prince Philip.
14. Spencer.
15. Welsh, during one term at Aberystwyth University.
16. The Air Ambulance as a pilot.
17. The Blues & Royals, part of the Household Cavalry.
18. 1992
19. Aston Villa.
20. The author is unknown.
21. Again, the composer is unknown.
22. It is a coded distress signal. Also it is an insult.
23. 21st April. She was born in 1926.
24. On Her Majesty's Service.
25. RAF, then Royal Navy.
26. Leith, Edinburgh.
27. The House of Lords.
28. Old King Cole.
29. The Queen of Hearts, in 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'.
30. Taw Valley. A West Country class engine.

Sudoku solution

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





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