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Trinity *Tidings*



We will remember them...

...all are welcome in this place!

November 2022

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

Dear Friends,

Toward the end of August, when I reappeared following my sabbatical, Diane and I went on a coach trip to Oberammergau. We should have gone in 2020, but for obvious reasons the trip wasn't able to go ahead that year and was postponed to this year. We went with a group of people, predominantly from Lincolnshire, our friend who organised it was living in Horncastle at the time. On the day we set off, after a couple of taxi journeys shared with our friends Trish and David from Spalding, we caught a coach at Grantham and then travelled down the A1 to the exchange point where we caught another coach that would become our transport for the next nine days. We crossed the English Channel from Dover to Calais, then journeyed toward Brussels where we would spend our first night on the Continent. After Belgium we entered Germany and headed southwest toward Munich and Oberammergau, enjoying the increasingly mountainous scenery as we went. We eventually arrived at our destination, the highlight of our trip, the 'Oberammergau Passion Play'.

For anyone who is unfamiliar with the story behind the Oberammergau Passion Play, it all began, according to legend, back in the 17th century when the bubonic plague was devastating communities across Europe. Oberammergau remained plague free until 25th September 1633, when a man named Kaspar Schisler returned home after working in a nearby village. Over the next thirty three days eighty one villagers would die, half of Oberammergau's population. On the 28th October 1633 the villagers vowed that if God spared them from the plague they would perform a play every ten years depicting the life and death of Jesus. Nobody died of plague in Oberammergau after that vow and the villagers kept their word to God by performing the passion play for the first time in 1634. There have been occasions since then when the play has been unable to take place, mainly due to various conflicts of one kind or another, such as in 1940 due to the Second World War!

The production of the play involves over two thousand people, actors, musicians, stage technicians and others, all residents of the village. And for anyone thinking of going, the play is set in German, with the words of the actors available in various languages in a book that comes with your admission ticket. But the play is easy to follow if you are familiar with the passion story. The play is made up of spoken drama, musical and choral accompaniment and various tableaux's depicting scenes from the Old Testament. The only criticism I could make is how long you are sat for. Even with a cushion the seats get very hard after a couple of hours, even with a break in the middle.

Whilst in Bavaria we also crossed the border into Austria and visited places like Innsbruck and Salzburg. Salzburg being the place where the film 'The Sound of Music' was set. We even got to watch the film on the coach, with all us passengers singing along with Julie Andrews to the very familiar songs!

We all had a wonderful time, the only irony was that, having visited a play which was originally initiated in order to keep a plague at bay, most of us on the coach came home with Covid 19!

Every blessing,

Nick.

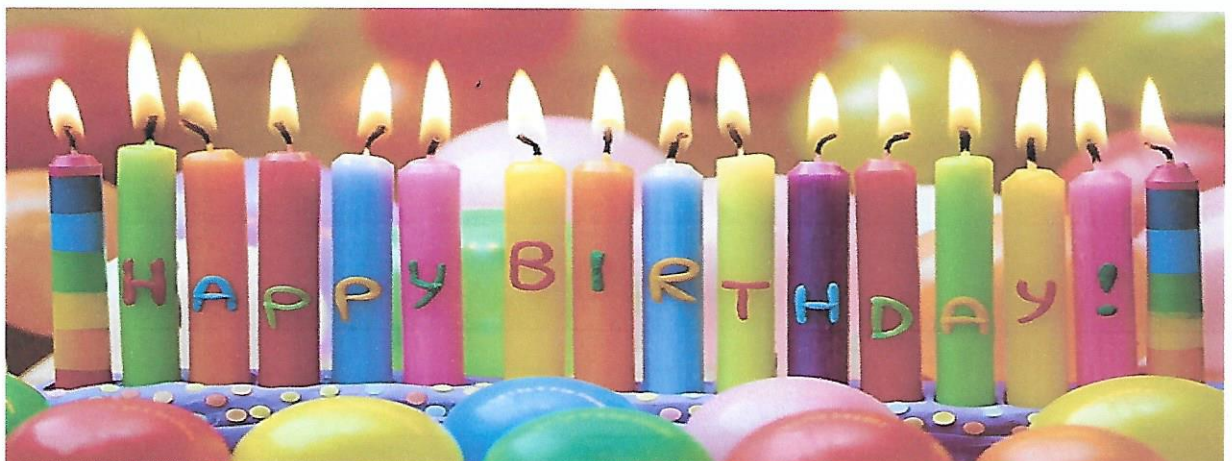
PRAYER CORNER

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



Beryl Cutts will be **100** years old on 24th November. Everyone at Trinity sends their congratulations and love to Beryl, a lovely lady with a great sense of humour.

We wish you a very Happy Birthday.



From the Editor,

Dear Friends,

Now that the clocks have gone back, we really feel that winter is upon us, and although the weather is unseasonably warm as I write this, who knows whether we shall have a cold winter, or a mild one. I hope we shall all be able to keep warm as the days and nights become colder. I still have an open fire, and a multi fuel stove. (I do have full central heating – I am not quite living in the Stone Age!) The problem with the fire is that I can no longer buy house coal, so I have smokeless 'coal'. This is despite steam engines going past the window burning 'proper' coal. The smokeless coal takes a while to really get going, and it is not as hot as house coal. If wanted to use a toasting fork and toast a slice of bread it would take a while. The railway has managed to get coal for the engines, but it comes from Khazakstan and costs almost £500 a tonne.

At this time of the year my friendly toads make their appearance. If I leave the door open they come in the house, usually only small 'baby' toads. They don't cause any trouble, so I pick them up and put them back outside. They are not as quick as frogs, and are not slimy to touch. I think they live under a wooden box in the verandah, where it is cool and damp. At least if they get hungry they will eat the spiders which seem to be everywhere.

If I feel lonely I can always talk to a baby toad, and the good thing is that they don't answer back!

I am thinking of calling my house Toad Hall, but didn't someone else think of that first?

David

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SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Nov 6th	10.30am	Rev Peter Levitt
	6.30pm	Circuit Service at Foley Park Their 60 th Anniversary
Nov 13 th	10.30am	Rev Nick Collison - Remembrance Sunday
	6.30pm	Rev Nick Collison – Café Worship
Nov 20 th	10.30am	Rev Nick Collison – Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Rev Andrew Mann-Ray
Nov 27 th	10.30am	Dr Ken Mothersdale
	6.30pm	Mr Albert Wilkinson

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Sad News....

We are sad to hear that Rev John Palmer died on Saturday 22nd October. He was the minister here from 1995 until his retirement in 2004. Please remember Pat and all the family in your prayers.

Some news of our finances

Activities for the church year to 31st August 2022 were more like the pre-pandemic level. There was a marked increase in income from room hire, on which we depend heavily, and car parking fees increased slightly. The General Fund used for the day to day running of the church recorded a small deficit.

Collections decreased by over 4% as several of our members passed away which also affected Gift Aid tax refunds. Together, these income sources did not cover Trinity's £60k contribution to Circuit funds and this is an obvious cause for concern in the coming year and beyond. With regard to the forecast for 2023, an increase in giving of around 16% will be needed to break even.

A few expense items increased substantially and energy costs are worth mentioning in the present climate. Electricity was double that of the previous year because the supplier, Scottish Power, had previously underestimated the monthly direct debit payment. The "catching-up" will continue in 2022/23. Gas consumption increased substantially because it was necessary to run the hall radiators permanently during part of the Winter period because the cold, damp conditions were lifting the block flooring. Also, in mid- 2021 the price of electricity and gas increased by 7% and 4% respectively as our energy contracts came to an end. Fortunately, at that time, we entered into fresh contracts, price-fixed for three years, thus avoiding the huge cost increases of 2022.

A Roof Fund was set up towards the end of 2021/22 to deal with the need for essential repairs highlighted by the quinquennial inspection and here there is good news. Due to church members' generosity, grants and fundraising, sufficient amounts were raised to complete the works and replace old guttering on a large part of the building. We are particularly grateful to our Circuit for a generous grant of £20k. In all, the roof repairs and guttering cost just under £83k and there will be a fund balance of over £10k after the retention payment is made in November. Much of this will be required to meet the cost of some expensive repairs to the church flat to deal with a serious condensation problem.

During the year we supported many good causes to the tune of £3k, mainly by retiring collections and a modest amount from church funds. In addition, this was the final year of the Church Project's support for the Wyre Forest Talking Newspaper which received just over £1500.

The Church Council is extremely grateful for all your support throughout the year.

Advance notice

Our treasurer, Iestyn Davies, will be retiring at the end of the current church year on 31st August 2023. If anyone wishes to take on this interesting job please have a word with John Bacon, Iestyn Davies, or any member of the Property & Finance Committee. Thank you.

Offertories for the past six weeks are as follows

	Envelopes	Loose Cash	Standing Orders	Total
	£	£	£	£
25.09 & 02.10.22	601.00	150.00	1298.15	2049.15
09.10 & 16.10.00	354.00	156.30	1176.80	1687.10
23.10 & 30.10.22	195.00	196.50	1176.80	1568.30

These amounts give a weekly average of £884. The break-even requirement is £1250.

Baxter letter from Andrew Mann-Ray
Awe and Wonder...

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles... And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2: 42 - 47

Dear Friends,

At a recent day conference I attended we were reflecting on life in the church following the pandemic and considered what the current and future life of the local church looked like. We concluded that although the pandemic had given us many opportunities to share the good news of Jesus in fresh and exciting ways through the use of technology, now that the church had returned to 'normal' congregations were feeling vulnerable and despondent. 80+ year olds who had acted as 70+ year olds before the pandemic were now feeling their age, 70+ year olds who had acted as 60+ year olds before the pandemic were now feeling their age too and in fact as we looked through the demography of the church there wasn't an age group who didn't feel changed by the last 2 years. The conference reflected that although there were still many opportunities to share the gospel, confidence was at an all-time low.

So what should we be doing as churches? The conclusion of the conference suggested that we should be focussing on our discipleship and seeking to build our confidence and faith in the gospel. The church has spent the last 20 years or so telling us that we need to do more to attract new people in to join us and so grow the church numerically, but if we think about it because we're feeling weak and vulnerable we're not going to be very attractive to new people to check us out.

The church should be filled with awe and wonder and be celebrating the amazing relationship that God offers us through Jesus. This is what made the early church so attractive in the book of Acts and as people gathered and celebrated, so the Holy Spirit moved amongst them making the church a very charismatic and attractive place to be. But if we feel weak and despondent then we're not going to convince ourselves let alone anyone else that Jesus matters to us.

In the United Reformed Church we have tried to focus our energies into what we receive of God's love through our Ministry of Word & Sacrament (in the Methodist Church Presbyterian Ministry) but with our ministers stretched over more and more local congregations the charisma of the Holy Spirit that we hope our ministers are imbued with can only take us so far. We need to recognise that ministry and discipleship is a calling that we all possess and that Jesus calls us all to a royal priesthood of all believers.

This means that we need to refocus our faith and energy into what really matters. That is to say all of us have a responsibility to nurture our faith, energy and discipleship so that we can each grow more deeply in love with Christ and in so doing become more confident of who we are and whose we are. This means we've got to nurture our prayer life and our study of scripture. We've got to start talking to each other about why Jesus matters to us and encourage each other to give testimony to where we see God powerfully at work in our midst.

So when we meet together whether in worship or bible study or luncheon club or at a coffee morning Jesus needs to be at the centre of our gathering. I have been a minister of Word and Sacrament for 15 years and in all that time the places where I have heard Jesus talked about (other than worship) have been outside of the church. When I was a bus chaplain and a community minister I had many more conversations about why Jesus matters than I ever have had in the church. I wonder why this is?

The church should be a place of security where all the barriers are down and we can talk freely about what matters in our Christian lives without judgement. But we need to develop free and easy ways in which we can talk about our faith. I don't have the answer but we've got to try to change our culture and our confidence and then perhaps our churches will become the charismatic and attractive places they once were to those outside our church families.

Let's commit ourselves to encourage each other's discipleship. Let's try to nurture each other's faith and let's seek to talk Jesus to each other so that our testimonies can fill our spiritual home with awe and wonder and so be a place that the Lord adds daily to the number of those being saved.

Yours in Christ,

Andrew

During the month of November, please remember and pray
for the area of Kidderminster known as
Habberley and Blakebrook

Habberley and Blakebrook

November

St John's Church

Sheltered accommodation

Kidderminster Hospital

Police Station

KEMP

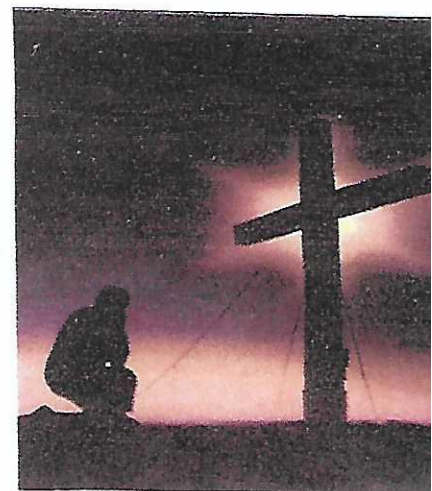
Shops

Residential housing

Gables, Bryden House, The Firs, Coombe House, Holly
Fields and Brookdale Nursing Homes

St John's School and Nursery, Baxter College and The
Wyre Forest School

Doctors Surgeries





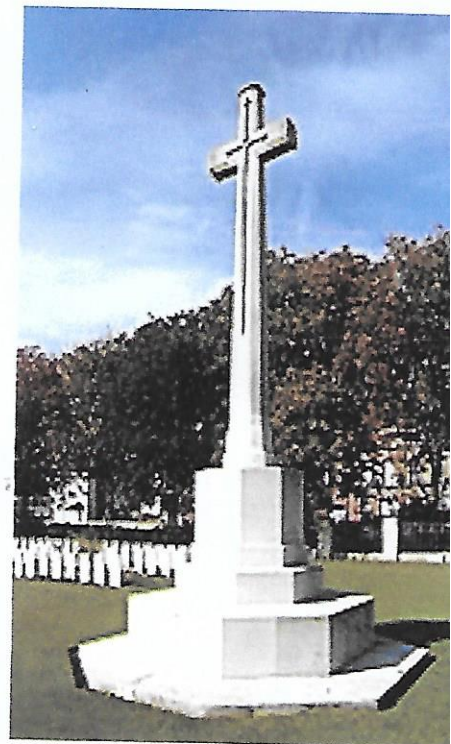
LAMPLIGHT

May Wedderburn Cannan

We planned to shake the world together, you and I
 Being young and very wise;
 Now in the shade of the green shaded lamp
 Almost I see your eyes
 Light with the old gay laughter; you and I
 Dreamed gently of an Empire in those days,
 Setting our feet upon laborious ways,
 And all you asked of fame
 Was crossed swords in the Army List,
 My Dear, against your name.

We planned a great Empire together, you and I,
 Bound only by the sea;
 Now in the quiet of a chilled winter's night
 Your voice comes hushed to me
 Full of forgotten memories : you and I
 Dreamed great dreams of our future in those days,
 Setting our feet on undiscovered ways,
 And all I ask of fame
 A scarlet cross on my breast, my Dear,
 For the swords by your name.

We shall never shake the world together, you and I,
 For you gave your life away;
 And I think my heart was broken by the war,
 Since on a summer day
 You took the road we never spoke of: you and I
 Dreamed gently of an Empire in those days;
 You set your feet upon the Western ways
 And have no need of fame –
 There's a scarlet cross on my breast, my Dear,
 And a torn cross with your name.





Christmas Fair

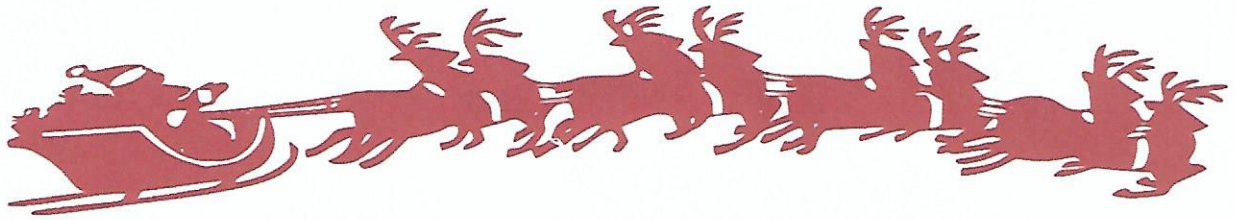
Saturday 19th November 2022

10am—1pm

Trinity Methodist Church, Kidderminster

Gifts/Crafts/Food/Santa's Grotto

For stalls, please contact Sarah at trinitysocialcommittee@gmail.com



ELVES WANTED!!

We need some elves for the Christmas Fair,
Saturday 19th November!

Job role:

- Collecting money for entry to Santa's Grotto
- Helping give out gifts
- Keeping children/parents happy while waiting in line
- Keep Father Christmas in check

Timings:

- Set up is from 9am, with the fair running 10am – 1pm

Uniform:

- Elf ears (provided for you)

Payment:

- Cups of tea
- One bacon/veggie sausage sandwich



Contact: Sarah – 07966949507 or sarah@cobon.co.uk



Trinity Methodist Church

Christmas



Concert by

Highley Colliery Brass Band

Sunday

11th December '22

at

7.30pm

Admission by
'Donation Ticket'

Proceeds to
Trinity Methodist Church



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Three Wise Camels

by *Roger Jones*

Conducted by
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in person

on Saturday
21st January 2023

at 7pm

at

Trinity Methodist Church,

Churchfields,

Kidderminster

Tickets

£7 each

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Katy Cornwell

01562 861023

QUIZ....Where would you find.....

- | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Lintel | 16. Periodic Table |
| 2. Crampon | 17. Kohl |
| 3. Flotsam | 18. Tachograph |
| 4. Jetsam | 19. Timpani |
| 5. Tumulus | 20. Whitecap |
| 6. Auger | 21. Reredos |
| 7. Ingot | 22. Fosse |
| 8. Franking machine | 23. Thesaurus |
| 9. Adze | 24. Sett |
| 10. Cassock | 25. Novella |
| 11. Hassock | 26. Portcullis |
| 12. Spindrift | 27. Plimsoll Line |
| 13. Ketch | 28. Ampersand |
| 14. Kimono | 29. Ohm |
| 15. Cumberbund | 30. Nimbus |

Derek Robson sent these, some of which you may have heard before.

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

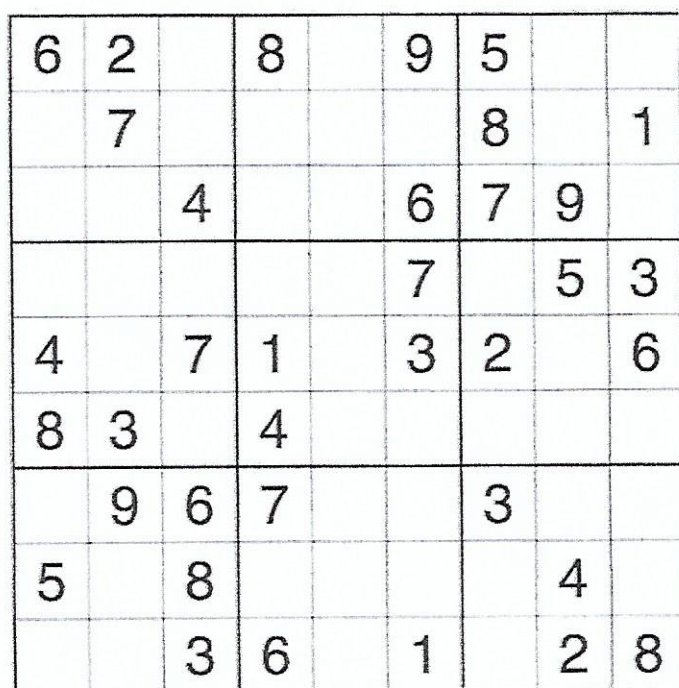
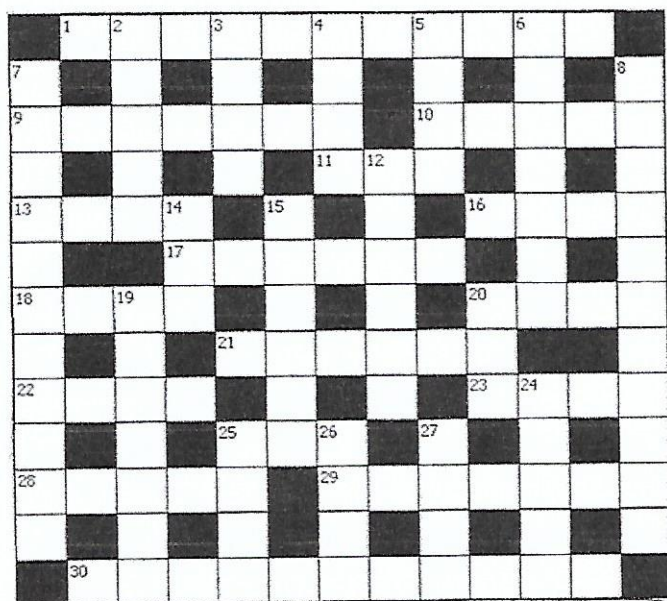
This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Sudoku puzzle



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across

1 and 20 Down ‘Lord of all __, Lord of all __, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy’(11,3)

9 Moses’ question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: ‘Why are you __ your fellow Hebrew?’ (Exodus 2:13) (7)

10 Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline __ (2,3)

11 ‘At even __ the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay’(3)

13 A descendant of Gad (xNumbers 26:16) (4)

16 ‘Do not leave Jerusalem, but __ for the gift my Father promised’ (Acts 1:4) (4)

17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)

18 Peter’s response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: ‘We must __ God rather than men!’(Acts 5:29) (4)

20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, __ Eareckson Tada (4)

21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)

22 ‘Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat __ ‘(Matthew 13:2) (2,2)

23 Infectious tropical disease (4)

25 Tree (3)

28 ‘No fear of me should __ you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you’(Job 33:7) (5)

29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)

30 Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church’s calendar (11)

Down

- 2 'O Jerusalem _ how _ I have longed to gather your children together' Matthew 23:37) (5)
- 3 Way out (4)
- 4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)
- 5 Done (anag.) (4)
- 6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)
- 7 Concerning the study of God (11)
- 8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chápel (11)
- 12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)
- 14 Frozen (3)
- 15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)
- 19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7)
- 20 See 1 Across
- 24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)
- 25 Time (anag.) (4)
- 26 Lists choice of meals (4)
- 27 'For the wages of sin is death, but the _ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord'(Romans 6:23) (4)

WEATHER AND GARDENING NOTES FOR NOVEMBER

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun; Conspiring with him how to load and bless with fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run. John Keats (1820)

There are many ideal subjects for producing a spectacular autumn display which are easily grown and widely available here in the UK. **Trees for smaller gardens** - Amelanchier AGM – orange and red, Cornus kousa var. chinensis AGM – orange and red, Prunus, such as P. sargentii AGM – bright orange and red, Sorbus 'Joseph Rock' – orange, red and purple. **Large trees** - Cercidiphyllum japonicum AGM – yellow, orange and pink; also curious smell of burnt sugar as leaves break down in autumn, Nyssa sylvatica AGM – brilliant red and yellow, Parrotia persica AGM – yellow, red and purple, Liquidambar styraciflua – brilliant reds and purples, long-lasting autumn colour. **Shrubs** with exciting autumn tints, Euonymus alatus AGM – rosy-crimson, Acer palmatum 'Osakazuki' AGM – brilliant orange-scarlet, Hamamelis – butter-yellow, Cotinus coggygria AGM – yellow, orange and red Berberis thunbergii AGM – red and orange, Enkianthus campanulatus AGM – bright red, orange and yellow. **Vigorous climbers**, Parthenocissus tricuspidata AGM – brilliant crimson and purple, Vitis coignetiae AGM – scarlet and crimson.

This 'final' month of autumn can be a busy time...Plant out bare-root or containerised deciduous roses, hedging plants, trees and shrubs, these can be heeled into the soil for a short period if ground conditions are not suitable for immediate planting, but don't leave them exposed situations or to drying out at any stage. This is also a good time to transplant trees and shrubs growing in unsuitable locations, however if they are more than a couple of years old best leave well.

The pruning and or renovation of many deciduous trees, shrubs and hedges can be carried out from now throughout the dormant season once the sap is down, exceptions are tender plants and also Prunus species (e.g. ornamental cherries, plums and almonds), as these are vulnerable to silver leaf if pruned in the autumn or winter. Evergreens are best left now until the spring. Lightly prune bush roses now, if not done already, reducing their height now will reduce their vulnerability to wind-rock as roses are generally shallow rooted and can become loose in the soil if buffeted by strong winds. Climbing roses should have been pruned now. Shrubs normally pruned hard in the spring - such as Buddleja davidii, Cornus alba and Lavatera - can be cut back by half now also to prevent wind rock and tidy their appearance. Tie wall shrubs and climbers onto their supports to protect them from wind damage with any growth that refuses to be trained in this way pruned away.

November is the optimum month to plant out tulip bulbs and to cut down or divide faded herbaceous perennials, although penstemons are best left unpruned until spring. Ornamental grasses / bamboos can be cut back now, lift and store dahlias, cannas and tuberous bedding begonias once hit by the first frosts. As a precaution raise patio containers onto feet or bricks to avoid them from sitting in the 'winter puddles'. Remove any stakes and other supports from late-flowering herbaceous plants as they die down for the winter. Tidy up leaves from around the borders, either adding these to the compost heap or even placed into punctured bin bags to breakdown over winter into leafmould. Dig over beds as the weather allows but don't work on them when it's very wet or heavy clay, as walking on sodden soil without a foot plank or board can cause compaction. Hoe borders regularly to keep weeds in check, digging up perennial weeds with long tap roots.

Enjoy your garden; it is the only one you've got!

Bob.

Two more articles from our friend Mike Knott from Stourport Wesley. Thank you Mike

The Long Hard Road

Marathon is a small village about 20 miles from Athens in Greece, but it must be one of the most known villages in the world. It gave its name to one of athletics greatest races, the marathon. A marathon could be any distance from 20 miles to 26 miles. It took the London Olympics in 1908 to establish the distance. Moved from Rome to London (Vesuvius kept erupting), the marathon was to be run from Windsor Castle to the White City stadium, a total of 26 miles. Ah! said someone, the race needs to finish in front of the King and Queen so that added another 385 yards. That distance remains for ever.

Obviously you haven't been able to watch the London Marathon (you should be at morning service) but life goes on especially on the course. This is the day that churches on the route come alive. They do their services on the street. All kinds of faith are out there. Bands playing, Gospel Choirs singing and of course the brass of The Salvation Army thumping away in time with your feet. You can pull off the course and have a couple of minutes silence if you want to, even a drop of communion wine. There's a cup of tea and a piece of cake if you're not worried about your finishing time. Let's face it, you're not going to break records so enjoy it, you've got all day. Listen to the worship, enjoy the prayers, have your feet washed just the way Jesus did all those years ago, that'll ease the blisters. Can you pray when you're running the London? Course you can, it will give you hope and inspiration. God doesn't care what you're doing when you pray, all He wants is for you to open your heart to Him. Whether you believe in prayer or not, just say it out loud, it'll ease your load and make the miles seem shorter. Believe me, there are thousands thanking God when they cross that finishing line.

Most of these churches that open their doors are in the East End of London. As the Marathon moves on you hit the city. You can glimpse St. Pauls, run in the shadow of Westminster Abbey and, if you strain, see our own Central Methodist Hall, no singing and dancing here. Some things you may see are the odd placard. You know, "Repent, the end of the world is nigh" and "Jesus Saves" or the best one of all, especially for runners of God, it's from Psalm 37 "If the Lord delights in a man's way, He makes his steps firm; though he stumble he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with His hand". Believe it or not you will often see a solitary believer, bible in hand, preaching to all and sundry along The Embankment. They still exist but does anyone listen? Finally you reach the home of the head of The Church of England, of course, the King, then it's down those last 385 yards of The Mall and home. This is where prayers of thanksgiving are said. Medal, goodie bag and you've done your pilgrimage.

Nike

It's always nice to write about yourself but I never do – I'll keep quiet till I write my autobiography. However, I'll let you into a secret, better do it now because it's 59 years old. 50 years ago the multi-billion company Nike was formed and I was the first person in Kidderminster to wear Nike, in fact I was one of the first people in Britain.

In America there was a fellow called Bill Bowerman, a top athletics coach and he retired from running in 1972, well he didn't, he co-founded the Nike running shoe company. He had an interest in running shoes and developed a shoe that could be worn on grass, road or track. He was inspired by the squared pattern on the breakfast waffles made by his wife. In an experiment to try out the gripping properties of the shoe he actually put pieces of urethane into his wife's waffle iron. Apart from the terrible smell, he came up with the best ever sole design invented. A multi-purpose waffle soled shoe. You didn't need spikes or studs, the waffle sole had it all. The original shoe was blue with a yellow Nike swoosh across it. Sadly I got rid of mine, as they were worn away, surely a collector's item today. Now, at this time, Britain possessed the greatest marathon runner of all time,

one Ron Hill, European and Commonwealth gold medallist and winner of the Boston marathon – 50 years down the road show me an Englishman to match Ron Hill's 2hr 9 min run in a marathon, and he didn't do it only once! Today Ron Hill sports clothes are commonplace. He met Bill Bowerman and asked if he could sell Nike shoes in Britain. He agreed and Ron Hill became the main agent for Nike in Britain. He kept them in his garage and sold them from his car boot at races around the country. That's how I became one of the first in England to wear Nike.

Ron Hill sadly passed away last year, but he leaves a legacy of Ron Hill Sports. I still possess a pair of his Union Jack shorts bought, of course, out of his car boot. I jogged round the block in them at the Queen's funeral and they'll be out again for Charles III's coronation. If you'd like me to jog past your house, let me know.

Mike

Mike's Smile Lines

Teacher: Name the four seasons.

Boy: Salt, pepper, vinegar and mustard.

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Greengrocer: Beautiful tomatoes madam. They come from The Canaries.

Woman: Blimey – I thought they were grown not laid.

**

Dolphins are ever so clever. After a couple of weeks they can train a man to stand on the edge of a pool and throw them fish.

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Due to a strike at the meteorological centre, there will be no weather tomorrow.

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Mother: You're not supposed to eat with your knife.

Boy: I know, but my fork leaks.

**

Anybody who boasts about their ancestors are admitting that they're better dead than alive.

**

I could hear the scout and guide band playing 'Men of Harlech' but I never found out who won.

**

A man went to buy a pillow but when asked what size he said "I don't know but I wear a 73/8 hat.

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You'll never guess who I bumped into in Specsavers – everybody

**

What did the bald man say when he was given a comb for his birthday? I'll never part with it.

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Youth: Will you kiss me?

Girl: But I've got scruples.

Youth: That's all right, I've been vaccinated.

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Does a cat wash his face or does he wash his feet and try them on his face?

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I bought 2lbs of mixed nuts for Christmas but only got 3. The greengrocer put a coconut in.

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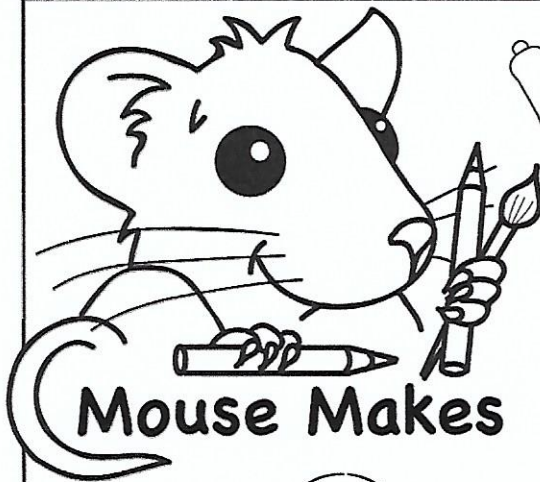
I guessed the preacher was new. He said "I will now read from the book of Numbers" and opened a telephone directory.

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I replaced every window in my house then found I had a crack in my glasses.

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



THE COMING OF A KING

The birth of Jesus is fortold



God sent a messenger to Mary
What was the angel's name?

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Luke 1:26-28

Mary was frightened,
what did the angel say?

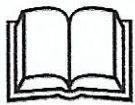
Luke 1:30

What was Mary to
name her child?

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Luke 1:31

What is her son
going to be?

Luke 1:32-33



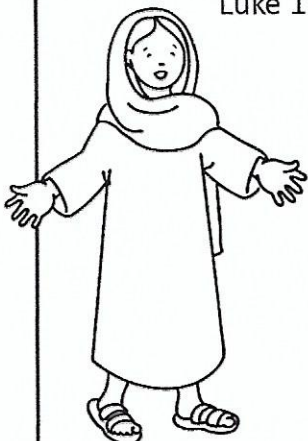
READ
the story
in *Luke*
1:26-55



What does the angel
say about God?

Luke 1:37
(LEARN this verse)

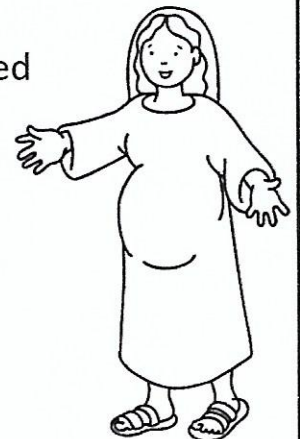
Mary praises God, what does
she say God has done?
Luke 1:46-55



Find the words
in the word
search and
the ___
words too.



What happened
to Elizabeth
when Mary
went to
visit her?
Luke 1:41



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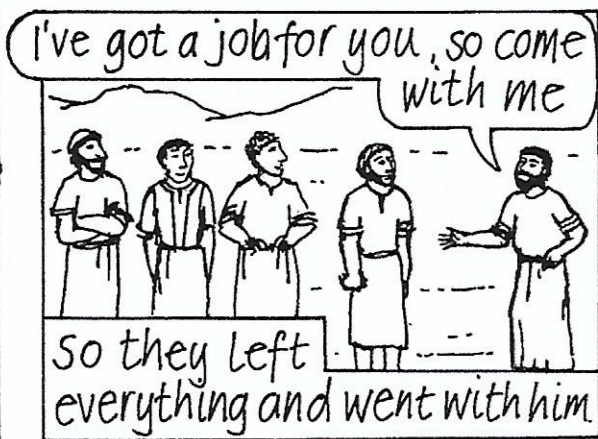
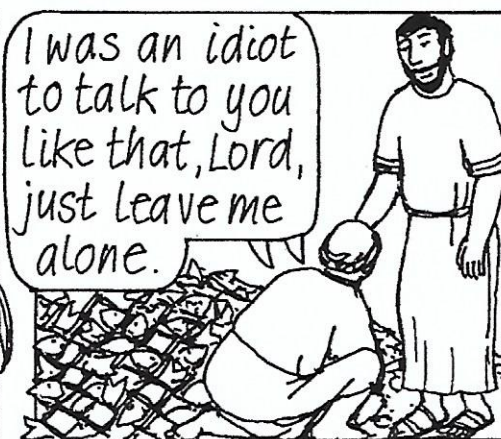
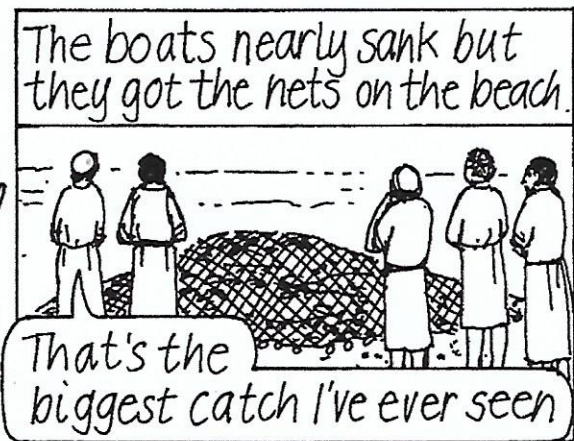
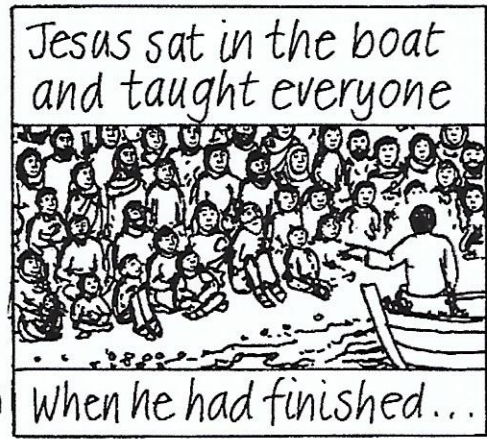
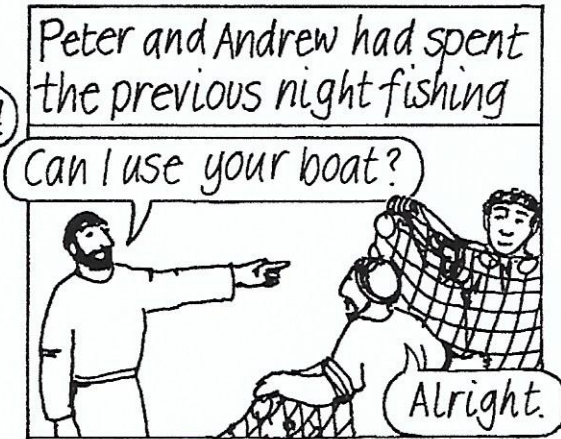
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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Lk 5:1-11, Mt. 4:18-22, Mk 1:16-20

On the shore of Lake Galilee, Jesus was trying to teach people but there were so many that he couldn't be heard.



The Monarch and the Church

By me kings reign and rulers issue decrees that are just (Proverbs 8:15)

We have a unique system in this country that links the King to the Church.

The new King has made an oath to uphold the Presbyterian Church in Scotland and is the Supreme Governor of the Church of England. The sovereign holds the title 'Defender of the Faith'. It was originally given to Henry VIII by the pope for defending the Roman Catholic faith. It was later claimed as a title for defending the Protestant religion.

These are legal roles and titles which bind the Crown, Parliament and Anglican churches together. The King appoints Archbishops, Bishops and Deans of the Church of England, who then swear an oath of allegiance to the monarch.

Some people might ask if the Church or any part of it needs to be so closely linked to the State. Why should Parliament or the government, who may be people from other or no faith, have a say who runs the Church? Some say that the purpose of having an established Church is so that Parliament can protect the Church from itself. Some would argue there has been too much modernisation in the Church which has not led to more people in pews. Meanwhile, though the numbers of people having an allegiance to the Church of any kind is falling, still many people turn to the Church at times of personal and family troubles and celebrations.

God save the King. He has solemnly promised to uphold the Church and spoken of his personal faith. We do not know what the future of this country or the Church will be, but we can influence it by prayer. We should pray for those in authority, whether we agree with them or not. It may not be a perfect system, but it is probably better than all the rest.

Parish Pump 2022

Holding a fireworks party on Bonfire Night?

If you are planning to set off fireworks at home on Bonfire Night, you may wish to review the Fireworks Code, to help keep you and your family and guests safe....:

- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114.
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box.
- Follow the instructions on each firework.
- Light at arm's length, using a taper.
- Stand well back.
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Always supervise children around fireworks.
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
- Never give sparklers to a child under five.
- Keep pets indoors

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Help your hedgehogs this autumn

With our warmer British autumns, hedgehogs now tend to begin hibernation later – in December or January. In the meantime, it is critical that they build up enough body weight to get them through those lean, bleak weeks of January to April... so now is the time to help them, by feeding them.

The hedgehog is carnivorous and, in the wild, lives on a diet of beetles, earthworms and other invertebrates. But in the winter, the bugs are dead or buried, and the worms deep underground. So – a hedgehog would appreciate your help! But don't put out milk and bread – both are actually bad for hedgehogs. Instead, they will thrive on tins of dogfood or non-fishy cat-food and water.

And while your spiny guests are noisily munching their dinner, you can prepare a bedroom, should they decide to move in. A nice deep compost heap will keep a hedgehog warm. It is also possible to buy hedgehog hibernation nests – ask our local wildlife centre or the RSPCA for details.

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The smallest city with the biggest history of pilgrimage – that is St David's Wales.

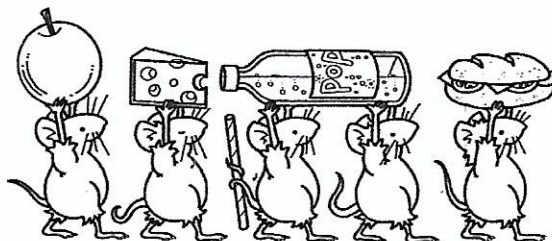
And next year, 2023, brings the 900th anniversary of Pope Callixtus II declaring that two pilgrimages to St David's Cathedral were equal to one journey to Rome.

No wonder that the Diocese of St David's has designated 2023 as its Year of Pilgrimage, beginning this Advent. Many events are planned.

Today, nearly 300,000 visitors cross the cathedral threshold annually, and the cathedral has converted a former school into a dedicated pilgrim centre.

A spokesman explains: "The notion of walking simply, mindfully, prayerfully and with purpose to places that have been considered sacred by generations of our ancestors sits comfortably with our 21st Century aspirations of physical, mental and spiritual well-being, eco-friendly lifestyles and desire to find connection with our heritage."

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All in the month of NOVEMBER

It was:

175 years ago, on 4th November 1847 that Scottish obstetrician James Young Simpson discovered the anaesthetic properties of chloroform. He helped popularise its use in medicine.

Also 175 years ago, on 8th November 1847 that Bram Stoker, Irish-born British writer, was born. He is best known for his Gothic horror novel Dracula.

125 years ago, on 15th November 1897 that Aneurin 'Nye' Bevan, British politician was born. He was the Minister of Health 1945-51 who led the establishment of the National Health Service.

100 years ago, on 4th November 1922 that British archaeologist Howard Carter discovered the tomb of the Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamen. On 26th November he reached a second sealed doorway and discovered the famous treasures.

80 years ago, on 5th November 1942 that the WW2 Second Battle of El-Alamein ended. British troops led by Generals Alexander and Montgomery defeated Rommel's German forces in Egypt. On 10th November, Winston Churchill announced: "This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

75 years ago, on 20th November 1947 that the marriage of Princess Elizabeth and Philip Mountbatten, Duke of Edinburgh, took place at Westminster Abbey in London.

60 years ago, on 20th November 1962 that the Cuban Missile crisis ended and US President John F Kennedy lifted the military blockade of Cuba.

40 years ago, on 2nd November 1982 that Channel 4 Television was launched in the UK.

30 years ago, on 11th November 1992 that the Church of England voted to allow women to become priests. The first women were ordained in March 1994.

Also 30 years ago, on 20th November 1992 that the Windsor Castle fire broke out in a private chapel and spread to a large part of the building. Damage was extensive and took five years to repair, at a cost of £40 million. Buckingham Palace was opened to the public for the first time to help raise the money.

15 years ago, on 19th November 2007 that Amazon released its first Kindle e-book reader.

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Parish Pump Smile Lines

A rather long-winded preacher was dealing with the Old Testament prophets, one by one. "And now," he propounded, "we reach Isaiah. Where shall I put Isaiah?" At that, a little man in the front row stood up. "He can have my seat. I am going home!"

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A little boy was taken Christmas shopping by his mother. He watched the escalator going down for several minutes, and then asked with concern: "What happens when the ground floor gets full of steps?"

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Little George was visiting his aunt. He found the cat in a sunny window purring cheerfully. "Oh Auntie, come quick," cried George. "The cat has gone to sleep and left his engine running."

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A Sunday School teacher asked her children: "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One little girl replied helpfully: "Because people are sleeping."

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A Sunday School teacher was teaching how God created everything, including human beings. One little boy seemed especially intent when she explained how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill. The little boy explained worriedly: "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

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The boys had been up in the attic together helping with some cleaning. They uncovered an old manual typewriter and asked their mother what it was. She briefly explained, but they were still puzzled as to how it worked. So the mother rolled some paper into the typewriter and began striking the keys, leaving black letters of print on the page. "WOW!" they exclaimed, "That's really cool...but where do you plug it in?" "There is no plug," she answered. "Then where do you put the batteries?" they persisted. "It doesn't need batteries either," she continued. "Wow! This is so cool!" they exclaimed. "Someone should have invented this a long time ago!"

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Only in maths problems can you buy 60 cantaloupe melons and 42 bananas, and no one asks: "What is wrong with you?"

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Ministers from the Welsh valleys were distressing the older members of a chapel by the length of their sermons. On one occasion an elderly man greeted the minister: "And what is the subject of your sermon this morning?"

"The milk of human kindness," replied the minister.

"Ah," the old man mused a moment. "Condensed, I hope?"

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A small boy returned from Sunday School in floods of tears. When questioned by his mother about his distressed state, he sobbed: "We sang 'Jesus wants me for a sunbeam', but I want to be a train driver!"

Quiz Answers etc....

1. A horizontal crosspiece over a window or a door
2. Spiked plates on shoes to prevent slipping, particularly for mountaineers
3. Wreckage floating on the sea
4. Wreckage washed up on the shore
5. An artificial mound or ancient burial place
6. A tool for boring holes
7. Metal cast into a bar for easy handling
8. A machine that prints postage on letters
9. An axe with the head at right angles to the shaft
10. Clergy long vestment
11. A kneeler in a church
12. Spray from a rough sea
13. A small two-masted ship
14. A loose Japanese outer garment
15. A wide sash worn round the waist, usually by a man
16. A list of chemical elements
17. Eastern eye make-up
18. An instrument for recording speed etc. on a vehicle, usually a lorry, bus or coach
19. A large drum, one of a set in an orchestra
20. A broken crest on a wave
21. An ornamental screen behind an altar
22. A ditch or a moat
23. A book of synonyms
24. A badger's den
25. A short novel
26. A metal gateway to a castle
27. A line or lines on the side of a ship showing the level to which it can be loaded
28. &
29. A unit of electrical resistance
30. A rain producing cloud

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Hopefulness. 9, Hitting. 10, du Pre. 11, Ere. 13, Ozni. 16, Wait. 17, Climbs. 18, Obey. 20, Joni. 21, Cuckoo. 22, In it. 23, Yaws. 25, Elm. 28, Alarm. 29, Epistle. 30, Whitsuntide.

DOWN: 2, Often. 3, Exit. 4, Urge. 5, Node. 6, Soprano. 7, Theological. 8, Westminster. 12, Rebuke. 14, Icy. 15, Ritual. 19, Epitaph. 20, Joy. 24, Acted. 25, Emit. 26, Menu. 27, Gift.



Sudoku solution

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

Slimming
—WORLD

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FOLEY PARK METHODIST CHURCH

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KIDDERMINSTER

9.30AM OR 11AM

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Derek Robson sent us this helpful advice.

Exercise for people over 60

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your side and hold them there for as long as you can.

Try to reach a full minute.

Each day you will find you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10lb potato bags. Then try 50lb potato bags, and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100lb bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a minute. (I'm at this level)

After you feel confident at that level - put a potato in each bag.



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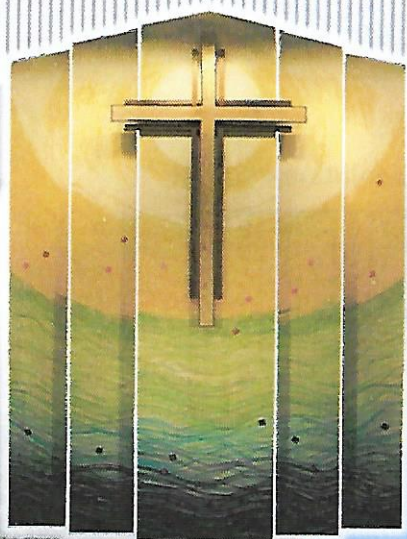
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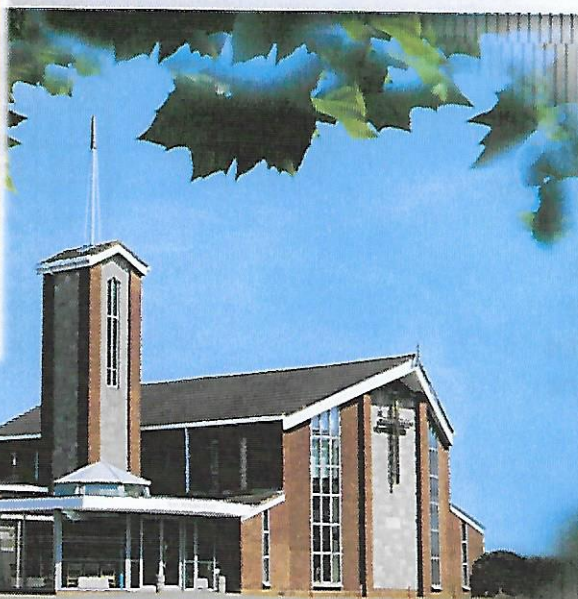


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