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Trinity *Tidings*



We will remember them...

Photograph by Rev'd. Nick Collison

...all are welcome in this place!

November 2023



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SABBATICAL...ON LOCATION

"Spirituality in Photography" - Taking pictures with a deeper vision!

This photo of a field of Poppies was taken near Churchill, just outside Kidderminster. Different people had told me about a field of Poppies, and I managed to discover where it was for myself. The backlighting picks out the hairs on the stems. I felt it was very apt for the cover for November when...

We will remember them.

Nick

Dear Friends,

I always think of this time of year as 'Remembrance' season if there is such a thing.

With 'All Hallows' Eve' on the 31st October, from which Halloween is derived, 'All Hallows Day' (also known as 'All Saints' Day') celebrated on either the 1st November, or the nearest Sunday which this year is the 5th November, depending upon liturgical convenience (our circuit had its annual 'All Saints' Service' at Trinity this year on the evening of Sunday 22nd October, brought forward to avoid half-term week).

This is followed by 'All Souls' Day commemorated on the 2nd November, which was originally the day when Roman Catholic and Anglo-Catholic churches commemorate the faithful departed and pray for the souls of those who find themselves in Purgatory.

Then hot on the heels of all of that, comes 'Remembrance Sunday', when we remember those who have given their lives in the service of their country, which this year falls on Sunday 12th November, the nearest Sunday to the 11th, which is of course the date when the guns of the First World War fell silent and the armistice was signed.

Hopefully you can understand why I call it 'Remembrance' season!

Remembrance is also very much at the heart of and integral to the Christian tradition, as we commit to take the bread and wine offered to us in Jesus' memory.

*"Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. **Do this in remembrance of me.**"*

*"Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for all people for the forgiveness of sins. **Do this in remembrance of me.**"*

In the liturgy used at Trinity's All Saints' service it says the following:

*"In the rising of the sun and in its going down,
In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,
In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,
In the beginning of the year and when it ends,
When we are lost and sick at heart,
When we have joys we yearn to share,
So long as we live they too shall live for they are part of us."
"For those who lit our lives with joy;
For those who have touched us with tenderness;
For those whose loss fills us with longing;
We give thanks in Glad Remembrance."*

Remembering should be important to us all, because when we do so, those people and those things we bring to mind live on.

Therefore at this 'Remembrance' time of year, as the hours of daylight get fewer and the natural world begins to sleep, may our memories keep us going, until we all unite once more.

Blessings to you all,

Nick

PRAYER CORNER

We remember in our prayers Liz Potter, Betty Norman, Josephine and Ranzi Seremwe, Lynn Jones, Helen Hill, those on the Prayer Vine and people we know who need the love, comfort and the knowledge of Christ's presence with them.



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

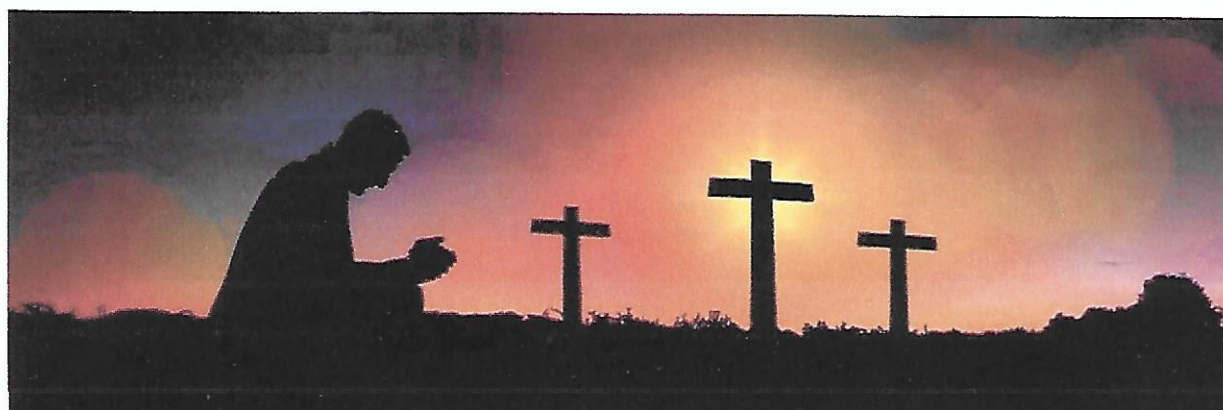
Shops

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



From the Editor....

Dear Friends,

The other evening I watched a ladybird walking round the rim of a small round waste bin. The ladybird, (I didn't ask whether it was a he or a she,) walked all round the top of the bin until it came to where it had started. It then turned round and walked steadily all the way back until it came to its original started place, but it didn't stop but carried on, this time going round again without stopping. I wondered what it was looking for, presumably something to eat, But I thought was its journey really necessary?

I noticed a similar behaviour in some of the birds in the garden at this time of the year. The hectic spring and summer nesting, breeding and feeding season is long gone, but three or four birds will fly into the top of a tree, look round then fly off to another tree, and then do the same again. Is their journey really necessary?

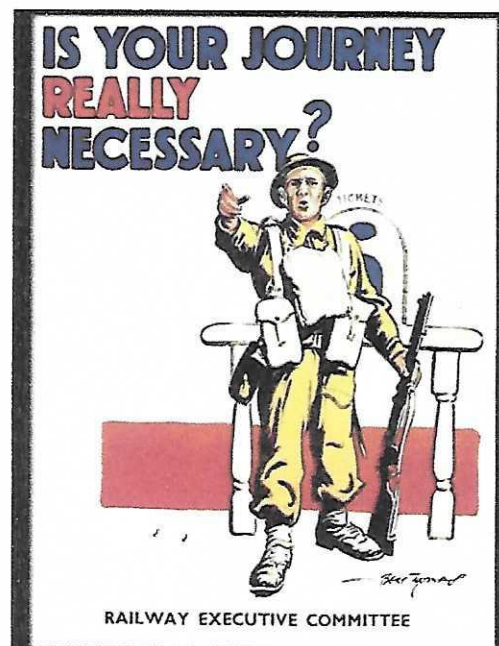
The rooks in the sycamore trees will suddenly fly up in a cawing flock, fly round in a large circle then settle down again. Why? Is their journey really necessary?

Incidentally, I have written about the toads in my verandah and three evenings ago there was one of the small toads in my hallway. It had tucked itself comfortably into a corner. I suppose it thought this was a necessary journey to find somewhere warm where it could be comfortable. I gave it a necessary journey outside!

But we are no different. I am sure we all have gone upstairs, or into another room and suddenly thought "What have I come in here for?" There must be hundreds of times when we make unnecessary journeys.

However there is a necessary journey we all make ÷ the journey of life. So let us make it journey of love and hope, knowing that Jesus walks with us.

David



Offertories for the four weeks ended 22 October 2023 are as follows

	Envelopes	Loose Cash	Standing Orders	Total
	£	£	£	£
01.10 & 08.10.23	260.00	80.00	1167.60	1507.60
15.10 & 22.10.23	219.00	213.09	1167.60	1599.69

These amounts give a weekly average of £776.82

For the church year to 31st August 2024 it is estimated that offertories of £1100 per week will be required to break even.

Comments on the Income & Expenses of the Combined General & Roof Funds, y/e 31.8.23

The account shows the day-to-day costs of running Trinity.

The deficit for the year was much less than expected for various reasons, the main ones being:

- Enhanced Gift Aid tax refund from a large Roof Fund loan being converted to a gift, the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme refund for the previous year received late, in September 2022, Gift Aid on donations exceeded expectations and Gift Aid forecast on offertories was underestimated.
- Interest received from the Methodist Central Finance Board increased substantially due to rising rates.
- Additional room hire groups generated more income than expected.
- A marked increase in donations this year
- A grant of £956 was received from the Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District towards the cost of double glazed windows for the church flat.

The higher income was partially offset by the following expenses:

- Photocopier usage returned to a normal level
- Electricity costs were in a "catch-up" situation following an underestimate of the monthly direct debit by the supplier.
- There were some unexpected general repairs, namely, a roof leak near the tower, replacement of failed lights in the Sanctuary and a new exterior light near the former bookstore.
- Purchase of new equipment comprising electric cooker & power supply, dishwasher and a mower.
- Double glazed windows for the church flat.

Subsequent to the calculation of the forecast for 2023/24 CMS Garage ceased trading which will reduce Trinity's income by £5k per year and urgent, essential repairs to the block flooring in the hall & corridors will cost £4,500. The cost of necessary tree pollarding is yet to be ascertained.

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER:

Nov 5 th	10.30am	Rev James Hamilton
	6.30pm	Mr Mike Dernie
Nov 12 th	10.30am	Mr David Skitt -- Remembrance Sunday
	6.30pm	Rev Andrew Mann-Ray
Nov 19 th	10.30am	Rev Andrew Mann-Ray & Rev Nick Collison - Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Rev Nick Collison - Café Worship
Nov 26 th	10.30am	Mrs Sue Stinton
	6.30pm	Mr Albert Wilkinson
Dec 3 rd	10.30am	Rev Nick Collison
	6.30pm	Mrs Janet Murray

TRINITY: STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES – COMBINED GENERAL & ROOF FUND 2023

	ACTUAL 2023 £	FORECAST 2023 £	ACTUAL 2022 £	FORECAST 2024 £
<u>Income</u>				
Collections	46544	46500	48838	46500
Special Collections	2241	2000	2389	2000
Tax Refunds	16815	9000	9493	10000
Donation (Live streaming)	-	-	450	-
Donations (Other)	6008	2000	309	2000
Use of Premises: -				
Church Organisations	1300	600	850	1000
Baxter URC	2080	2080	1560	2600
Other	25204	16920	19320	22000
Car Park hire fees	11560	11500	11470	10000
Weddings & Funerals	300	200	200	200
Sundries	1312	500	995	1000
Interest	2034	400	267	2000
Rent, Church Flat	6060	5880	5800	6600
CJRS(Furlough)	-	-	583	-
Fundraising	772	-	-	-
Easy Fundraising	70	80	85	70
Insurance Claim	-	-	1173	-
District Grant	956	-	-	-
Roof Fund	-	-	82675	-
Total	123256	97660	186537	105970
<u>Expenses</u>				
Circuit Assessment	60000	60000	60000	60000
Allocated Collections & Donations	2729	3200	3030	2400
Photocopier	3179	2500	2364	3500
Office Costs	46	100	92	50
Electricity	3325	3000	2155	4000
Gas	2475	2400	2494	2500
Water	879	900	869	900
Insurance	3458	3300	3152	3750
General repairs	6925	3500	3604	5000
New Equipment	6176	-	-	-
Custodian Costs	22148	22000	21430	23500
Church flat	9700	800	728	800
Cleaning	1821	1500	1396	1800
Telephone & Broadband	634	600	550	700
Sundries	1326	1500	1688	1400
Junior Church	164	200	164	200
Live streaming	-	-	501	-
Roof Fund	1663	1663	79326	-
Total	126648	107163	183543	110500
Deficit for year	(3392)	(9503)	2994	(4530)

You are the light of the World...

Dear Friends,

I've probably shared these thoughts before but the end of October and beginning of November are my favourite time of the year. You might ask why because the nights are drawing in and the weather is generally getting worse with the onset of winter (although the weather in September and October has been unseasonably good!) Well the reason is simple. I love closing the curtains, putting the fire on and drawing up close to it with a nice warm cup of something! I always feel really snug at this time of year.

But of course there are lots of things that go on at this time of year that we perhaps don't want to endorse like the secular celebration of Halloween. We as Christians should never endorse the celebration of witchcraft or evil but the origins of this festival are more harmless than we often think. The celebration goes back to a time when we didn't have the modern comfort of electric light or a hot water central heating system. People would gather together around a bonfire (good fire) to say together as a community the darkness and the evil associated with the dark would never have control over them. They would carve scary faces in fruit like pumpkins and put candles inside them to scare off the evil spirits and in all this they would welcome the light that would protect them through the long dark winter months.

This is now all lost in the mass commercial market and I don't think we should endorse something that promotes so many misunderstandings. But I was thinking as I thought about the original meaning of the celebration may be we should seek to share what the true light of the world is that surrounds us with love and wants to protect us from all harm.

Of course, we sometimes talk glibly of Jesus as the light of the world but may be its time we should put into practice what we mean by it. We live in dark and disturbing times particularly with all that is going on the world right now. The war in Ukraine and the war and escalating tensions in Israel and Palestine probably make us feel very anxious and uptight right now. We cannot control those things but if we seek to share Jesus' love in words and deeds may be the light we shed may scare some of those anxieties away and people might start to live with hope in their lives.

All this is endorsed by Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount he explains "You are the light of the world... Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and give glory to God the Father".

May this be true for us and may our light shine out with confidence and with trust during these winter months...

Yours in Christ,

Andrew



Trinity Methodist Church, Kidderminster

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Conductor: *Chris Cobon*

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Concert

An evening of seasonal music for the brass band!

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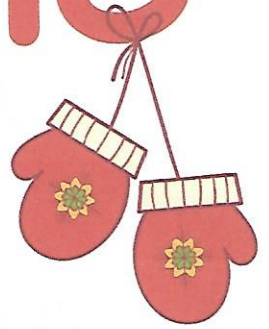
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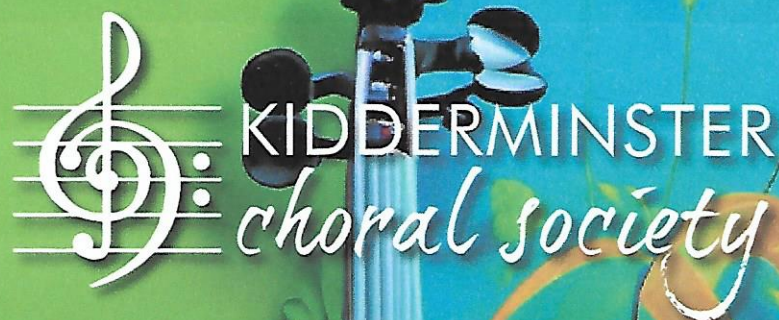
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Dominic Bevan Tenor | **Stuart Orme** Bass

Saturday 25th November 2023 | 7.30pm
St. Mary's Church, Kidderminster, DY10 2JN

Tickets from: www.kidderminsterchoralsociety.co.uk

Online tickets (no booking fee): £14 (£13 concessions)

If bought on the door: All tickets £16 (£15 concession)

Age 19 and under FREE

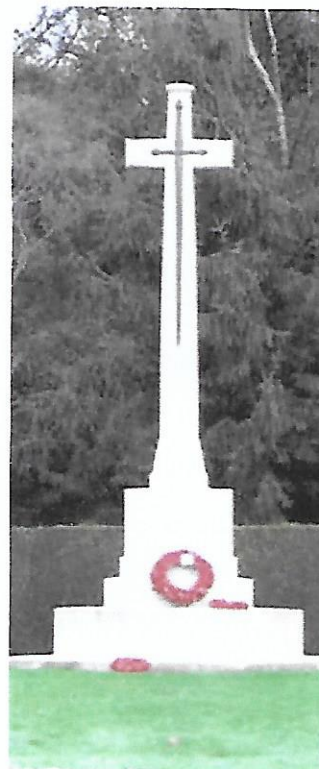
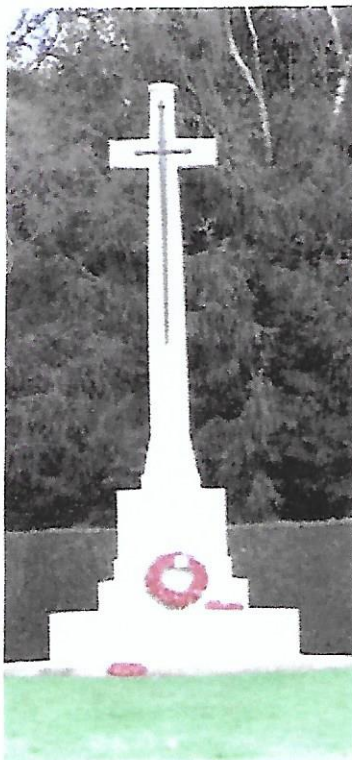


In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard among the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

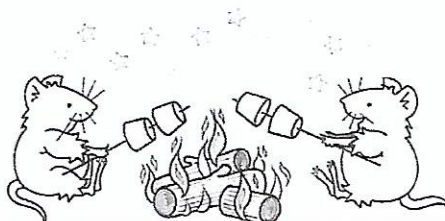


Another Quiz about various things.....

1. Whose affectionate nickname was "The Forces Sweetheart"?
2. When the Home Guard was formed it was known as the LDV. What do the letters stand for?
3. Who wrote the music to "Land of Hope and Glory"?
4. Where was the famous WW1 poet, Wilfred Owen, born?
5. Which Prime Minister came back from a meeting with Adolf Hitler saying "Peace for our time"?
6. Where did Ozzy, the mechanical Birmingham Bull first appear?
7. Where can you see it now?
8. England and Australia play cricket for which trophy?
9. Who invented television?
10. What did "The Bow Street Runners" become?
11. Who wrote the crime stories about Lord Peter Wimsey?
12. Who is the Poet Laureate?
13. What is Thomas Chippendale famous for?
14. What did Antonio Stradivarius and his family make?
15. James Galway is well known for playing which musical instrument?
16. What is an Orca?
17. Which orchestra plays at Symphony Hall?
18. Jacqueline Du Pre died at a young age. Which musical instrument did she play?
19. "The Devil's Gallop" was the signature tune of which radio serial?
20. What was Agatha Christie's first published book?
21. What is the name of the first talking cinema film?
22. Who said, "I'm not afraid of death, I just don't want to be there when it happens."?
23. On Remembrance Day we are encouraged to wear a poppy. Which organisation makes and sells them?
24. Who was the first person to swim the English Channel?
25. Who is the patron saint of music?



The treasurer still had a trick up his sleeve



THE RELUCTANT DISCIPLE

What? Go to my neighbour? You've got to be joking!
That woman's a menace – an absolute bore!
And he's not much better; you'd need all Job's patience
If you had the neighbours I'm stuck with next door.

The people behind us are really the limit,
Their talk is appalling – their speech I deplore;
I know they are lonely; I think they have troubles,
But you can't get involved when you're living next door.

I'd stand in the pulpit and preach the glad tidings,
With eloquent fervour, entreat and implore,
I know that the Gospel has power of salvation
But I can't see it making much difference next door.

Suppose, just suppose that they did get converted,
And wanted to join us in worship and more,
Just think of the awkwardness, and of the problems,
And what they'd expect of us living next door.

When I get to heaven there's sure to be someone,
Who's heard the good news on some far distant shore,
Through gifts that I sent so that they could have Bibles,
Just fancy, they don't even have one next door!

Perhaps, when the roll-call is finished up yonder,
And the harvest is gathered on Heaven's bright shore;
When the Master is greeting the hosts of the ransomed,
Maybe He'll turn round and address you once more.....

Perhaps He will say: Yes they're here in their millions,
From cities, from jungles, from earth's farthest shore;
The heathen have come, and the outcast, and weary,
But where are the people I gave you next door?"



Brighten up the Dark nights

You are very welcome to an evening of the very best of music, humour and song at a folk concert at Clent Parish Hall on Saturday December 2nd, 7.30 p.m.

Guesting will be Ruth and Ken Powell. Ruth sings with a wonderful voice, backed by Ken's fine musicianship.

Supporting are John and Carol Hoare and the 'effervescent' Chris Irving.

We have a charity raffle.

Tickets: £11 (in advance)
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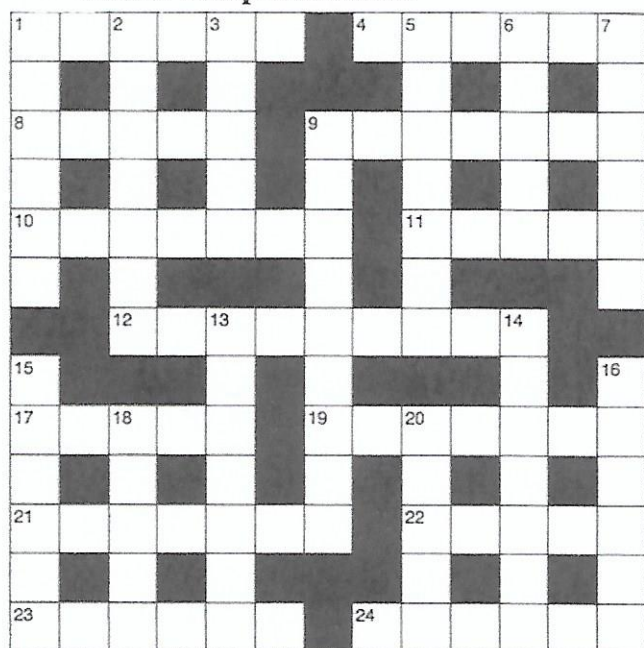
Saturday Dec 2nd 2023

Starting at 7.30 pm

Clent Parish Hall, Church Ave, Clent DY9 9QT
(Just 10 mins from J4, M5)

Tickets £11 in advance, or £13 on the door

Parish Pump Crossword



Across

- 1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when he had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)
- 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
- 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
- 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)
- 10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
- 11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
- 12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
- 17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)
- 19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)
- 21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
- 22 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)
- 23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6)
- 24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

Down

- 1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)
- 2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)
- 3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)
- 5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
- 6 and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
- 7 A three (anag.) (6)
- 9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
- 13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
- 14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
- 15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
- 16 See 6 Down (6)
- 18 Paste (anag.) (5)
- 20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)

Sudoku puzzle (medium)

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	1			4				
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	8	4				1		
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	5				7			
4		8						3

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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

REMEMBER WHEN

Jesus Christ is yesterday, today and forever, so someone wrote or was it on a T-Shirt? Yes of course Jesus will always be with us if you let Him. Not like some things that have disappeared; do you remember jelly in pork pies? Trams? Fetching a bag of coke from the gas works? The Rag and Bone man? All gone. However, after 2000 years Jesus is still with us, still remembered, not a thing of the past. Jesus of course is our future although it's sad to think that a recent opinion poll says that Christians in Britain have dropped below 50%. So sad, but Jesus is there and always will be. Strangely, the attendance in churches seems to be up; be one of the crowd with Jesus.

Remember Saturday morning ABC Minors cinema, whistling kettles, bobbies on bicycles, telegrams, Childrens' Hour with Uncle Mac, gobstoppers, the AA man's salute, tin bath in front of a coal fire, the smell of freshly laid tar? All gone. But Jesus Christ is still here, 2000 years down the road. The carpenters sang "Yesterday once more" but Jesus was never yesterday. Well, He was of course, He was born yesterday but He never faded away. He got bigger and better. Buddy Holly sang 'Not fade away' and Jesus never has (or was it the Rolling Stones?) Yes, Jesus is yesterday, today and forever. Jesus does not just fade away. He never becomes a memory. Not like some things. Little girls with skipping ropes. Little boys with marbles. Muffin the Mule, Pinky and Perky, women in head scarves, Brylcream sadly becoming a distant thought; but not Jesus. As the old song says "Sweetheart, we'll never grow old, cos we grow old together" so it is with Jesus, He never grows old. He was yesterday, today and forever. He is still that young man who died at 3 and 30 years. He is the source of life, beginning and end. He touches the untouchable and loves the unlovable. I quote now words written by Laurence Binyon:

*"They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them".*

Of course, you know this from Remembrance Day every year. Like these brave soldiers, Jesus never grows old. We will always remember Him. As I said, many things are forgotten. Remember taking wheels from an old pram to make a trolley? Round tins of Gibbs toothpaste, Woolworths, Timothy Whites, Debenhams, Liptons, Freeman Hardy and Willis, Kidderminster Playhouse, all gone, but Jesus Christ remains. As Lionel Bart wrote "fings aint what they used to be", but Jesus Christ is. He was there yesterday, today and tomorrow. If He shines His light on you, lovely, He's ours forever.

Mike

(Mike Knott, Stourport Wesley)



Mike's Smile Lines – Church notices

The prayer and fasting conference will include meals.

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The sermon on Sunday morning will be “Jesus walks on water”. The evening service will be “Searching for Jesus”.

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Ladies, don't forget our summer sale. It's the chance to get rid of all those old things not worth keeping in your house. Bring your husbands.

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At last week's service, Mary Brown sang “I will not pass this way again”. It gave great pleasure to all the congregation.

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Next Thursday will be the first try-out for the newly formed choir. They need all the help they can get.

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The women's Fellowship will be putting on a production of Shakespeare's play, Hamlet. Everybody is welcome to see this tragedy.

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The Church Council has vetoed the idea of extra litter bins in the church garden as they would attract more rubbish.

Mike's Smile Lines – Pause for thought.

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

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What disease did cured ham actually have?

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Why do people say they slept like a baby when babies wake every 2 hours.

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They say water levels in reservoirs are low. Why not fill them up from the taps?

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I am willing to admit that I don't get things right, but I'm never wrong.

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Why does it take so long for the Government to make a snap decision?

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How come I spent 2 hours watching what I thought was Sumo wrestling then realised it was darts?

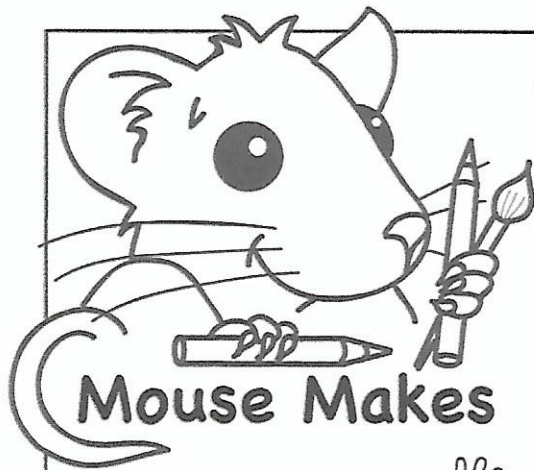
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Children brighten up your home – they never turn the lights off.

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Insanity is hereditary – you get it from your kids.





"Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by
_____ and

_____ with thanksgiving, present your
_____ to God."

Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

"The

is

to all who

on him in

Psalms 145:18

"For where two or three

in my name, there
I am with them."

Matthew 18:20

SAY SORRY

PRAY FOR OTHERS

PRAY FOR YOURSELF

THANK GOD

FOR MY FAMILY

PRAY FOR FRIENDS

PRAY FOR THE NEEDY

PRAY FOR THE SICK

PRAISE GOD

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH



Look up the
Bible verses,
fill in the
blanks then
find them in the
word search

C O N F E S S P K R Q C
N E A R M D P E H E A R
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words too:

APPROACH
MEDITATE
HEAR • LISTEN
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always, _____
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_____ in all circumstances."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

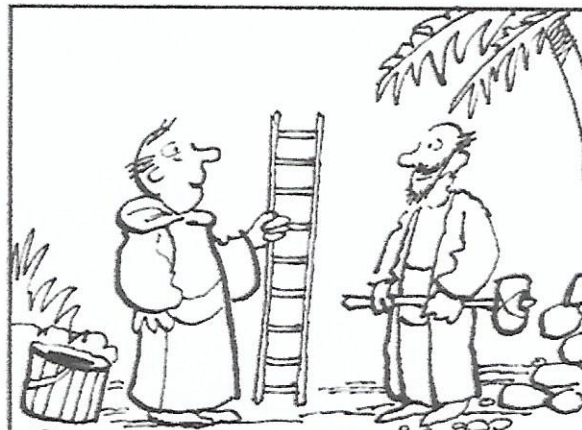
"Therefore,
_____ your sins to one another and
_____ for one another,
that you may be healed."
James 5:16

" _____
yourselves
to prayer, being
watchful and
thankful."
Colossians 4:2

The
Tale of the
**TWO
BUILDERS**



JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS

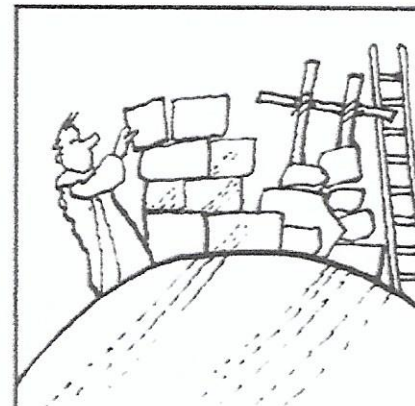


ONE WAS ABOUT TWO MEN WHO
BUILT THEIR OWN HOUSES



THE FIRST BUILDER SEARCHED HIGH
AND LOW FOR A GOOD SOLID ROCK ON
WHICH TO BUILD HIS HIS HOME.

AT LONG, LONG LAST HE
FOUND THE IDEAL SPOT.

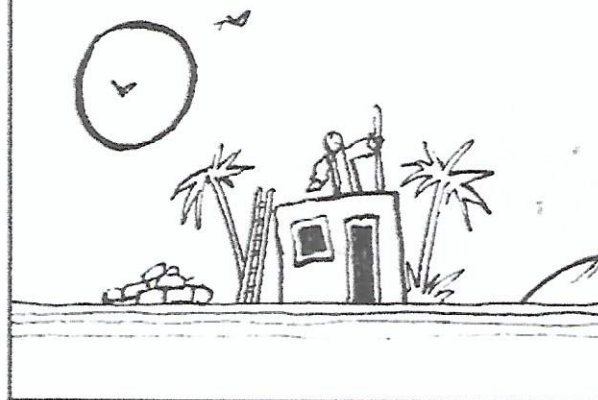


SO HE BEGAN TO BUILD.



THE OTHER BUILDER
DIDN'T CARE WHERE HE
BUILT HIS HOUSE

HE THOUGHT SOME NICE FLAT SAND
WOULD BE AN EASY PLACE TO BUILD.



BUT ONE DAY THE
STORM CAME....

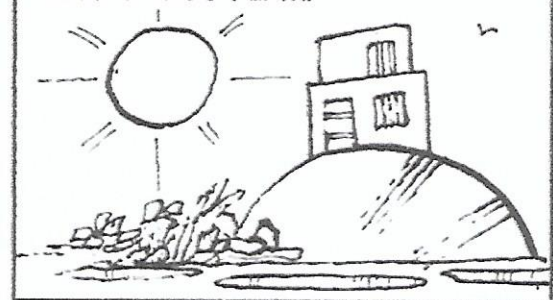


...AND THE WIND BLEW....AND
THE RAIN FELL....



...AND THE HOUSE ON
THE SAND COLLAPSED!

BUT THE HOUSE ON THE
ROCK STOOD FIRM.



JESUS EXPLAINED -
IT'S IMPORTANT OUR LIVES HAVE
A FIRM FOUNDATION.

A new kind of Remembrance poppy

For the first time in 28 years, there is a new kind of poppy for Remembrance Sunday this year: it is plastic free.

Director of the Poppy Appeal, Andy Taylor-Whyte explains: “We are very proud to introduce the plastic-free poppy. It will not only enable people to support our Armed Forces community but also continues the RBL’s commitment to sustainability.”

The new poppy has been three years in the development and making. The aim was to reduce the use of single-use plastic and to “be economical, sustainable, and less impactful to the environment.”

The new poppy design has a 40% smaller carbon footprint, and it made from “bespoke red and green paper.” The paper comes from a blend of renewable fibres, 50 per cent of which has been recovered from the waste used in the production of coffee cups.

The plastic-free poppy will be available alongside remaining stocks of the current poppy, to reduce any waste of poppies already produced. Poppies containing single-use plastic can be returned to Sainsbury’s stores for recycling.

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The poppies of Remembrance Sunday

In late 1914, WW1 erupted across Northern France and Flanders. Great swathes of previously green fields and forests were blasted and bombed, leaving them bleak and barren, with seemingly every living thing destroyed.

But then in the Spring of 1915, something beautiful began to come out of all the destruction. Tens of thousands of bright red Flanders poppies began to put out tentative shoots across the endless vistas of mud. These resilient little flowers had actually flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, because their seeds grow when exposed to sunlight, through disturbances to soil.

We all know that these endless fields of cheerful poppies, growing in the midst of such misery and destruction, were what inspired the Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, to write the now famous poem ‘In Flanders Fields’.

And it was McCrae’s poem which inspired an American academic named Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She got it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across the United States, and worked with others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and the UK.

A French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921, caught the same vision, and planned to sell the poppies in London. There she met Earl Haig, the founder of the Royal British Legion, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as its emblem in the UK.

The Royal British Legion, which had been formed in 1921, ordered nine million poppies and sold them on 11 November that year. Ever since then, the red poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance, of support for the Armed Forces community, and also of hope for a peaceful future.

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Why go to church?

A church-goer complained to his minister: "I've been coming to church every Sunday for 30 years, and in that time I have heard thousands of sermons, but for the life of me, I can't think of a single one now. So, I think I have wasted my time."

The minister thought for a moment and replied: "I've been married for 30 years, and my wife and I have cooked thousands of meals. For the life of me I can't recall the entire menu of a single one of those meals now. But I do know that each one nourished us and gave us strength to carry on living. If we had not had those meals, but snacked on rubbish instead, we would have been stunted and eventually starved. Without regular Christian nourishment, we also will starve – spiritually."

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All in the month of November

It was:

100 years ago: on 8th Nov 1923 that Christian Barnard, South African cardiac surgeon was born. He carried out the first successful human heart transplant in 1967. (Died 2001.)

75 years ago, on 14th Nov 1948 that Charles, King of England, was born.

60 years ago, on 22nd Nov 1963 that US President John F Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas by suspected gunman Lee Harvey Oswald.

Also 60 years ago, on 23rd Nov 1963 that the first episode of the science fiction television series Doctor Who was broadcast in the UK. It is the longest-running and most successful science fiction TV series in the world.

50 years ago, on 13th Nov 1973 that Britain declared a state of emergency as a strike by coal miners caused supplies to dwindle. A 3-Day Week was introduced to conserve supplies.

40 years ago, on 14th Nov 1983 that British Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine announced that the first American Cruise missiles had arrived at Greenham Common airbase.

30 years ago, on 1st Nov 1993 that the Maastricht Treaty came into effect, establishing the European Union. (EU).

20 years ago, on 22nd Nov 2003 that England won the Rugby World Cup for the first time.

15 years ago, on 14th – 15th Nov 2008 that the first G20 Summit was held in Washington DC. It was established as a result of the 2008 financial crisis.

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Remembering the National Service – 60 years on

This year marks 60 years since the end of National Service. The Royal British Legion and the nation will be celebrating all that a generation of young men did for this country during those years, when conscription became just a part of growing up.

National Service drew in a staggering number of young men – more than two million of them were conscripted between the end of the Second World War and May 1963, when the last serviceman was demobbed.

Conscription had come about following the war, when there was a huge demand for military resources in Britain. Young service men were badly needed to retain the Empire, and to contribute to the occupation of Germany and Japan. Yet low birth rates in Britain in the 1930s meant there were fewer young men available for military service.

And so the 1947 National Service Act was brought in as a solution. It meant that young men aged 18 – 26 were required to serve in the Armed Forces for 18 months. They were sent to posts in the UK and to British garrisons around the world. Some fought on the front lines, and some worked as clerks. Some taught in the Education Corps, and some were on sentry duty.

For many of them, it would have been the first time they lived away from their family, let alone left the country. So the National Service made great demands on them – and left them with a wide range of experiences.

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Happy Birthday, King Charles!

King Charles was born 75 years ago this month, on 14th November 1948, at Buckingham Palace in London. He was the longest-serving monarch-in-waiting in British history and did not ascend the throne until he was 73, following the death of his mother in September 2022.

Charles was crowned in the first coronation in seven decades, on 6th May 2023. His current title is King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

But King Charles has also become head of the Commonwealth, an association of 56 independent countries and 2.5 billion people. For 14 of these countries, as well as the UK, the King is head of state. These countries are known as the Commonwealth realms. They are Australia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Belize, Canada, Grenada, Jamaica, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, St Christopher and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu.

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Sniffing out a wildfire

Have you ever been at home, and suddenly smelled something burning in the house? Most of us react to it immediately – fires spread quickly!

Well, now the National Trust has installed ‘electronic noses’ on a Yorkshire Moor to ‘sniff’ out wildfires. The electronic sensors will detect changes in the air at the very start of a wildfire, and immediately report its presence and exact location via a wireless network. This could prevent the wildfire spreading and causing havoc.

Currently most wildfires are only detected when people see flames and smell smoke – but by then the fire will have really taken hold – especially if it is in an obscure location.

Marsden Moor has been given the new sensors because there have been seven fires there already – this year alone. The fires have destroyed nearly two square miles of the moorland, which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and is home to rare plants, wildlife, and carbon-rich peat.

This is the first time that detection devices have been used in Britain. If the scheme works, are electronic sensors the way forward for other conservation areas?

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Parish Pump Smile Lines

A man had the courage – but not always the skills – to tackle any home-repair project. For example, his garage was littered with the pieces of a lawn mower he had tried to fix. One day his wife found him in the living room, attacking the vacuum cleaner with a screwdriver. “I can’t get this thing to cooperate!” he exclaimed.

His wife replied, “Why don’t you just drag it out to the garage and show it what happened to the lawn mower?”

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Ban sliced cheese. Make Britain grate again.

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A Sunday school teacher asked, “Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?”

“No,” replied Johnny. “How could he, with just two worms?”

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During the minister’s prayer one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Tommy’s mother was horrified. She pinched him into silence and, after church, asked, “Tommy, whatever made you do such a thing?” Tommy answered soberly, “I asked God to teach me to whistle, and He did!”

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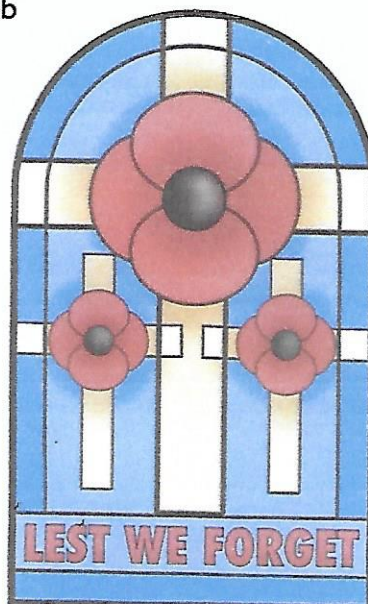
The preacher in the Dome in Brighton had given out his text: ‘Paul we know and Apollos we know, but who are these?’ The stewards were just showing in two late-comers, and one called out: “They are two businessmen staying at the Queen’s Hotel.”

QUIZ AND CROSSWORD ANSWERS

1. Dame Vera Lynn
2. Local Defence Volunteers
3. Sir Edward Elgar
4. Oswestry, Shropshire
5. Neville Chamberlain
6. 2012 Olympic Games in Birmingham
7. The concourse at Birmingham New Street Station
8. The Ashes
9. John Logie Baird
10. The Police Force
11. Dorothy L. Sayers
12. Simon Armitage
13. Furniture making
14. Violins, violas and cellos
15. A Flute
16. A killer whale
17. City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, among others
18. A cello
19. Dick Barton, Special Agent
20. The Mysterious Affair at Styles
21. The Jazz Singer
22. Woody Allen
23. The Royal British Legion
24. Captain Matthew Webb
25. St Cecilia

Sudoku solution:

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



Crossword Answers:

ACROSS: 1, Thanks. 4, Banner. 8, Esher. 9, Azariah. 10, Compare. 11, Ishma. 12, Doorposts. 17, Oaths. 19, Galatia. 21, Papyrus. 22, Frail. 23, Listen. 24, Hyssop.

DOWN: 1, Trench. 2, Ashamed. 3, Karma. 5, Ananias. 6, Neigh. 7, Reheat. 9, Areopagus. 13, Observe. 14, Satraps. 15, Compel. 16, Gallop. 18, Tapes. 20, Lofty.

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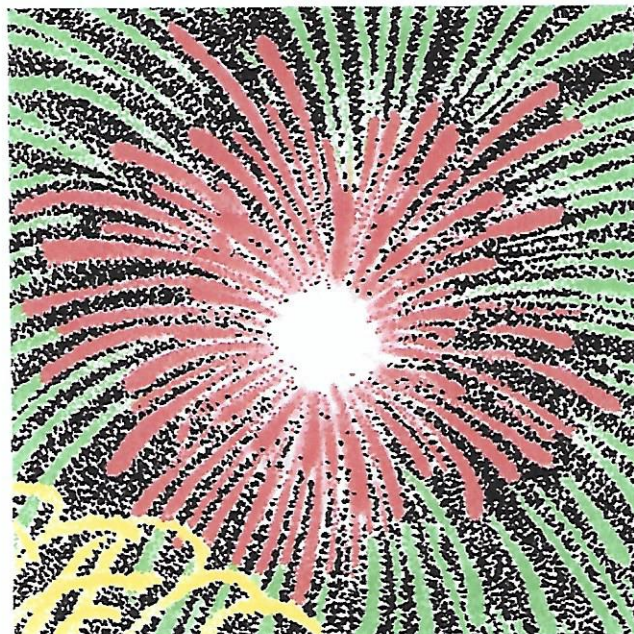
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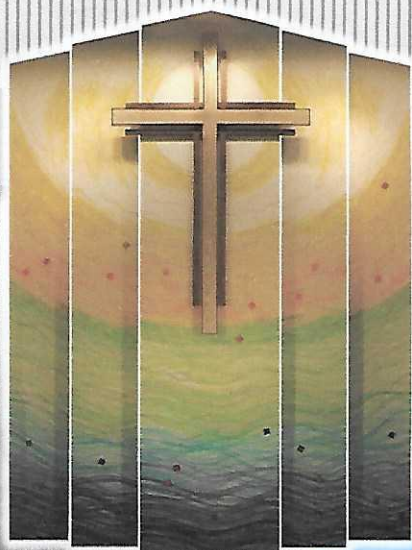
Cheesecake Bakewell Tart Sponge Pudding

Fruit Crumble Sticky Toffee

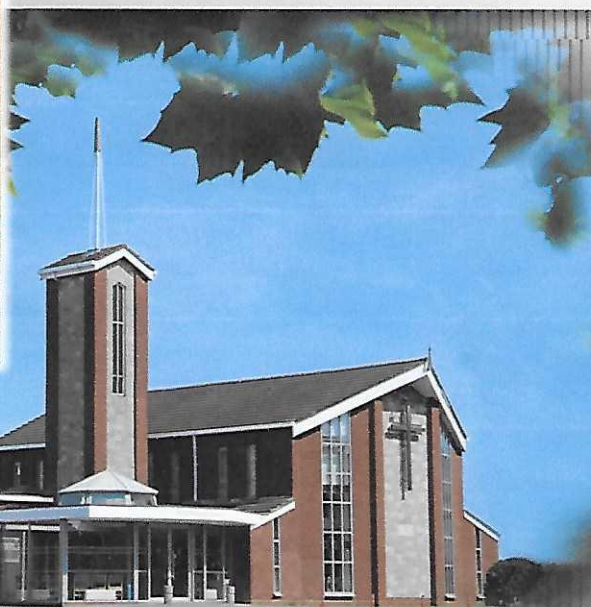
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