

Trinity E-News



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Good News –
Live Sunday
Worship is held at
Trinity once more
and Sunday Services
are also Zoomed.

Our thanks to all our
'Zoom team' who
continue to enable
those at home to share
in Worship with us via
Zoom on Sundays. We
are very grateful for all
their help.

Link to our Website:
<https://www.basingstoke-readingmethodists.uk/>

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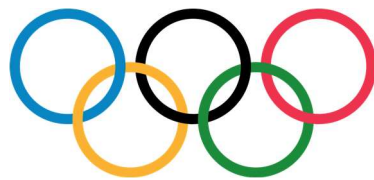
Trinity E-News is also on our Basingstoke & Reading Website.

I look forward to receiving your lovely articles, so **please keep them coming** and a **Big Thankyou** to everyone who has sent in articles. Items can be sent by email or post.

Thank you again,

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The Methodist
Conference was
held in Birmingham
from Thursday
24 June to
Thursday 1 July



July & August 2021

give life to the world.

Dear Friends

Quite a lot has happened over these past fifteen months, and for many of us life has changed and or continues to be incredibly challenging. As we look toward the prospect of resuming a more normal way of functioning day to day, may we be reminded that God has been journeying and continues to journey with us in different ways. I am sure that we can all testify to God's gracious presence with and in us, even in the simplest but most profound ways.

I always enjoy returning to the story of the feeding of the 5000 (literally males) in Mark 6:30-44. This is a classic Bible story, familiar to many, but one which we may run the risk of taking for granted or overlook because of its familiarity. Jesus asked the disciples to see to the need of hunger that they had identified: *you give them something to eat*. When they shared the little that they had (five loaves and two fish), everyone was able to eat until they were satisfied, and even had leftovers. This is certainly a miraculous provision from God! But we must take note that Jesus gave thanks for that provision even before it was seen with the natural eyes, and the disciples obeyed Jesus' instruction to share the little they had despite the impossible equation — *five loaves, two small fish and 5000 males*. Matthew's Gospel further emphasizes this point by adding, *besides women and children* (Matthew 14:21). It is believed that the size of the crowd was amazing since the neighbouring towns of Capernaum and Bethsaida probably had a population of only 2,000 to 3,000.

John's Gospel also records this miraculous feeding. For John, the miracles of Jesus are signs of who Jesus is, and are used to flesh out Jesus' teachings. John says the people followed Jesus because he met their physical need. Mark tells us that *all ate and were satisfied*. However, in John 6:35 we encounter the first of the seven *I am* self-descriptions of Jesus — *I am the bread of life*, which suggests *bread that is living and or bread that gives life*. The true bread of God, Jesus says, is not a thing but a person, who comes from heaven to

Bread is the staple food of millions of people across the world and is a basic daily requirement to satisfy hunger. This is how John's Gospel wants his readers to understand who Jesus is — *not* as an *optional extra* — but as the *Bread of Life* through and in whom our spiritual hunger can daily be satisfied. After eating the physical bread, the people will get hungry again since physical bread can only satisfy physical hunger. But Jesus the bread of God can satisfy spiritual hunger in the human heart.

Here are a few statistics for you according to *Wycliffe Bible Translators*. Millions of people still do not have a single verse of Scripture. The full Bible is now available in 704 different languages, giving 5.7 billion people access to Scripture in the language they understand best. The New Testament is available in another 1,551 languages, reaching another 815 million people. Selections and stories are available in a further 1,160 other languages, spoken by 458 million people. There are currently 3,945 languages with no Scripture — 167 million people, speaking 2,014 languages, still need translation work to begin. One in five people, speaking 6,656 languages, do not have a full Bible in their first language — and 2,731 languages in 167 countries have begun active translation or preparatory work.

I feel fortunate to have the Holy Bible in my possession and to be able to read its contents, to understand something of its overarching message of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ, and to be able to respond to its invitation to follow Christ, not just for the provision of physical needs (although God will provide for our physical needs), but more importantly because God's Son, Jesus Christ, is *the bread of Life* who can satisfy the deepest hunger of our souls.

Like the disciples in Mark's Gospel, Jesus Invites us, too, to trust in God's miraculous

provision. The five loaves and two small fish often reminds me of my small and insignificant talents and efforts, but the miracle of the feeding of the 5000 plus encourages me to trust that God can take the small things that I have and use them in meaningful ways. No doubt many of you may be wondering what you can offer after COVID-19. As individuals, our efforts and talents may be only a little thing, but by joining our various talents and efforts together, we can achieve something far greater and bigger to God's glory. When each of us shares the little that we have, it can witness to others for them to do likewise!

Revd. Audrey D Browne

Bless us Lord, as we go our separate ways,
As we travel through the week.
May your sun shine down on us and
Remind us of the warmth of your love.
Your rain, refresh and cleanse us.
Your wind, blow away our sorrow and regrets.
And as the sun penetrates the clouds, may your
Love in our lives shine out to those we meet.

Jennifer Pitt



#smalltalk with Revd David Shaw:

Wesley Methodist Church YouTube channel has a series of small videos (46 as of counting) presented by Revd David Shaw which are between 3 - 4 minutes long. The latest two are about Prayer and Christian Aid. These can be found here and are highly recommended.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWw6jNpYWu4z52t760p7UJg/videos>

Following

A young mother writes:

It is always busy in our home, as we have four young children running about. But one particular Sunday afternoon James, my four-year-old kept following me about very closely. He was on my heels every time I turned around, and after nearly falling over him several times, I lost patience. 'Whatever is the matter with you?' I demanded. 'Why don't you go and play?' He looked up at me and said: 'This morning at church the teacher told us that we should walk in Jesus' footsteps. But I can't see Him, so I am walking in yours instead.' I gathered up my young son and felt tears in my eyes. I thanked God for this lesson I will never forget – about the ***“value of being a living example to our young ones.”***

100 years ago, on 30 July 1921 the Hormone Insulin was discovered by Frederick Banting and Charles Best at the University of Toronto.

Church Worship at Trinity



The plan for July for our Basingstoke Churches is below.
Live Sunday Worship is being held at Trinity each Sunday Morning. Trinity Services are also **Zoomed**.

You still need to register your wish to attend Sunday Worship, to comply with government guidelines, so please let me know if you intend coming,
 (☎: 01256 320429) or email: dianeath51@gmail.com

Thank you, Diane Bath

Basingstoke & Reading Circuit Plan for July 2021 (B/Stoke Churches)

Dates	4 July	11 July	18 July	25 July
Trinity 10.30 am	Mrs A Rowe	Mrs T Bennett	Revd A Browne, S	Mr P Ansell & Mrs A Walker
Kempshott 10.30 am	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom
Oakley 10.30 am	Revd Dr J Sumitra	Revd A Browne, S, ACM	No Service	No Service
Oakridge 11.00 am	LA	Mrs P Jose	Mrs J Coomber	Revd D Jenkins
Old Basing	Mrs S Whithorn	Revd D Jenkins, S	LA	Mr S Appiah
St Andrew's 10.30 am	Revd A Browne, S	Mr S Turner	Mrs L Hoe	Revd A Browne, ACM

Prayer – Prioritising

Martha cooked but Mary looked
 And sat at the Master's feet,
 It's a story of old but we are told
 It's where man and God can meet.

So much to do but think it through
 There's a place for you and me,
 To spend time with the Lord
 And be found in His word
 It's where we are meant to be.

So find a place to seek His face
 Where the Lord Himself is found
 With a God who cares
 hears all our prayers
 The place where grace abounds.

by Megan Carter (Parish Pump)

Prayer – When we feel Shaken (Lk 10:42)

Faithful Father, when we feel shaken
 By the events of the past;
 When we don't know quite how to go forward;
 When our confidence in what we thought we could
 control is undermined;
 Remind us that one thing is needed –
 To sit at your feet and listen to You.

You are our security.
 You will never fail those who belong to You
 Through faith in Your Son, Jesus.
 As we take time to listen to You, Lord,
 and to meditate on Your Holy Spirit-inspired Word,
 May we know Your peace
 and Your good plans for us.
 In Jesus' name, Amen.

by Daphne Kitching (Parish Pump)

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- 40 years ago, on 17 July 1981 the Humber Bridge, linking Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, was officially opened. It was the world's longest single-span suspension bridge at that time.
- 25 years ago, on 5 July 1996 the first cloned mammal was born. Dolly the sheep was born at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh. (Died 2003)
- 15 years ago, on 15 July 2006 Twitter, the micro-blogging social network, was launched.

Women's Fellowship

For many years Carol Piggott
Chaired the Women's
Fellowship -
and this is what it was.

A small group of women
joining in friendship and
fellowship, caring for
each other.

Carol was the focus for this
care, concerned for each one
of us. Telephoning each week
to check on those who were
unwell and especially those
who had moved into care.

She undertook the bookings,
welcoming of guest speakers,
including some of wider
interest when everyone was
invited. On special occasions,
eg, Easter, Christmas and
Harvest Festival, the table
was beautifully decorated.

Carol wanted to run the group
and happily carried out all the
work involved, creating an
informal, happy atmosphere
where we sang, listened,
laughed and chatted over
a cuppa.

For those of us who live
alone, it was over all too
quickly and one we looked
forward to each week.

Heather Shepherd

Trinity Methodist Church

Church Council Meeting on 23rd June 2021

The meeting was held on Zoom, and 13 members of Church Council attended. Rev'd Audrey Browne opened the meeting with devotions, then welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

David Gunton presented his detailed spreadsheet with full finance information and reported that the church is operating generally as expected when checking against the budget. Expenditure on maintenance is about level with budget: despite having replaced the boiler in the basement, we have carried out minimal other maintenance.

A report for the Charities Commission has been worked on by David Gunton, Barbara Johnson and Diane Bath. The report was approved by the meeting and requires signature before being submitted by the end of this month.

Tony Pitt reported that since the last Church Council meeting very little has happened in regard to premises. The church laptop has now been fixed, dealing with problems which had been arising during services.

A major theme for the rest of the meeting is a loss of people from many of our church posts.

Sue Doust has, for many years, been managing bookings and parking permits on church premises, but she needs to step down from this role because of eyesight problems. Thanks were expressed to Sue for all her hard work over these years. This is an important job, and a new person will be needed to continue Sue's work.

Diane Bath, our Senior Steward, reported that Judith Blackburn has decided to step down, as her working hours make it difficult for her to continue. Edna, Jenny and Katrina are at the end of their normal service terms as stewards, but all three have said they are willing to continue on a temporary basis. Katrina will continue for now – until Julian is able to return to church services – at which point she would be bringing him to church so would be unable to fulfil her stewarding duties.

Heather is the only remaining head of a house group; all the other groups – Trinity Fellowship, Eastrop House Group and Northern House Group – are without a leader.

We have been unable to hold a General Church Meeting because of Covid restrictions, so it was agreed that for now we shall continue with those people who are already in place.

We are hoping that the Admin Office will be open again in September, but on just two days a week because few people are available. Anyone wanting to offer to help should contact Pauline. Thanks to Diane, Pauline, Sonia, David and Edna for all their work in running the church office.

Mission Action Plan: This is a major project, looking at how we can work to move the church forward. Barbara Johnson has done excellent work on this with Jennifer Pitt and David Gunton, dividing the questions into four groups. The meeting approved a

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Trinity Methodist Church, Church Council Meeting on 23rd June 2021 (cont'd)

suggestion that at this stage we concentrate on one area and do it well, rather than work on all four groups at once.

Audrey suggested that the Mission Action Plan could be introduced at one of her services at Trinity. The theme should be 'Taking Responsibility', giving a reminder and encouragement for the four areas of our MAP, as we need the commitment of our congregation. A meeting could then be held at some point, open to all members of the congregation, to decide to concentrate on one simple thing in each of the four groups; we need all our people to be a part of the conversation.

For now, various things are already planned for the future: JAM will be meeting on July 4th, and Trinity Circle and Heart & Soul are continuing.

Peter Ansell said that as Trinity moves towards being a Bronze Level Eco Church, he and Tony Pitt will be introducing a lifestyle questionnaire for everyone to complete.

The process of the GILUU (God In Love Unites Us) consultations has now come to an end, and a decision will be taken on this matter at a Conference very soon. Church Councils will be told in due course what decision is required of them, and the timeline for any such decision. The wider congregation would then hear about what the Conference might ask churches to do.

The date of the next Church Council meeting was set for **Thursday 7 October at 7 pm.**

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Take me deeper and deeper
into, into the heart of God.
To a place that I have never
before trod.
Where all else disappears
only You remain.
Until seeing You I am
never the same.
Take me into that deeper peace.
Where all pain and
striving cease.
Till only myself is left with You.
And only Your Precious Will
I do.

Prayer by Pat Murphy

Let me be closer to You Lord,
closer to You.
This is my heart's desire in all I do
That my will may become Yours
day by day.
As I walk hand in hand with You
all the way.
You are so special and precious
to me.
And I long to be with you for
always in eternity.
Sharing the love we have there forever
and being with you my
wonderful Saviour.

Prayer by Pat Murphy



BIBLE MONTH 2021 – Last 2 Sessions – The Gospel of Mark – Schedule
(for fuller information please see June Trinity E-News)

Date	Week	Activity	Resource
4 th Jul	Wk. 5	Listen to Mark’s Gospel – chapters 11-16	Bible Society Dramatized NT
11 th Jul	Wk. 6	Watch DVD episode three	Our Daily Bread Ministries DVD

Over Six Weeks	<p>DAILY READING OF MARK’S GOSPEL <i>{option one}</i> Personal Devotional Reading – Bite size chunks</p> <p><i>This option is for those who wish to read Mark’s Gospel from beginning to end, verse by verse in their own time and space</i></p>
Over Six Weeks	<p>DAILY READING OF JESUS’ MIRACLES, HEALINGS & PARABLES IN MARK’S GOSPEL <i>{option two}</i></p> <p><i>This option is for those who want a different way of engaging with Mark’s Gospel in their personal time and space and want a bit more time to go a little deeper.</i></p>
Over Five Weeks	<p>SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE Preaching from ‘The Gospel of Mark’</p>

Our weekly Sunday afternoon sessions start at 4:30 pm – 5:45 pm. Arrival & conversation from 4:00 pm. The Weekly Recurring Zoom Link went out by email on Sunday 23 May with this schedule.

Resources: Our Daily Bread Ministries – DVD teaching on ‘The Gospel of Mark’ – *Hope for the Gentiles*, with Michael Card, Author and Song Writer (three episodes, each approximately 26 minutes). Set in Rome and key places in Israel.

Bible Society DVD – *Dramatized Reading of the New Testament —Contemporary English Version (CEV)*.

Bible Month Magazine — *Mark’s Gospel*. The Gospel of Mark (CEV text)

Rev^d Dr Tracey Darling's Ordination

On Sunday 27th June, Tracey Darling took the final step in becoming a Minister. In the morning, she was “received into full connexion”, and then in the afternoon she was ordained at Coventry Central Hall. Being “received into full connexion” is the moment when conference accepts the ordinands to take their place alongside all existing Ministers, representing a relationship of mutual obligation between the individual and Conference. Through the laying on of hands in the Ordination Service, Tracey has been commissioned to the work of a Minister.

We were privileged to be able to take part in Tracey's Ordination Service. It was, we believe, rather different from such services in previous years, because of Covid-19 restrictions. Chairs were spaced out, there was very limited room for guests, and, worst of all for a Methodist event, there were no refreshments provided afterwards. Nevertheless, it was a very moving service, led by the President of Conference, Rev^d Sonia M Hicks. Rev^d Lionel Osborn, a past President, delivered the sermon, picking up three words from the readings – Surprise, Grace and Gift – and relating them to the individuals. Later in the service, we received Holy Communion with Tracey and her family.

That service marked an important step in Tracey's journey, and we wish her every blessing as she fulfils the calling she has answered.

To make up for there being no refreshments provided, Tracey's guests were able to share a drink and cake outside afterwards, which gave us an opportunity to chat. Some of us also met up with old friends who were there as well.



Tony and Jennifer Pitt



Medication Blister Packs

What do you do with your empty blister packs from your medication? The answer is probably throw them away. I have found a place that collects them and recycles them, reducing land fill and the amount of new plastic and foil that is manufactured.

All you have to do is bring your empty tablet packets (anything that comes in a blister pack including non-prescription drugs) to church and drop them in the **white labelled bin provided and I will do the rest. (The white bin can be found in the foyer area at church).**

Do your bit for the planet and start collecting today.

With an aging congregation this might be something we can excel at !

Jennifer Pitt



Trinity Collections

As you will expect, Trinity's income has been severely reduced over the past six months. This is partly because hirers have had to stop meeting, but also because without services in Church the collections have stopped. Nevertheless, much of our expenditure has continued – almost half of our outgoings go to the Circuit to pay for, among other things but to a major extent, the Circuit staff, both ordained and lay.

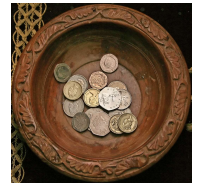
We would like to express our thanks to those who contribute by Standing Order, and those who have made contact to continue their regular giving via monthly envelopes. We would like to remind you all that there are a number of ways that you can contribute financially to God's work at Trinity and we would particularly welcome any donations at this time.

If you need more information as to how you can give to Trinity, please contact:

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Tony Pitt (Gift Aid & Envelope Secretary) – organista@btinternet.com or

☎: 01256-816314



Getting to Know You Podcast with David Jenkins:

Attached to the Weekly Circuit Notices that went out by email on Wednesday 26 May was the pilot episode of the '**Getting to Know You Podcast**', whereby Lee interviews Revd David Jenkins for 20 minutes. It is a light-hearted relaxed chat with one of our best-known ministers in the circuit.

Please be aware, this is a pilot, and the audio is not the best, due to it being done over Zoom. We would love to hear your feedback, comments, and if you would like more of these, please let Lee know by email: lee@basingstokereadingmethodists.uk

(If you have problems playing it, please let Lee know and he can send instructions to you).

A Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance was held on Friday 25 June at 2.15 pm

On Friday 25th June at 2:15 pm, as part of Conference, there was a Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for those presbyters who have died.

This was live streamed at: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/conferencelive/> but will be available to watch shortly afterwards.

I was sent the Order of Service for this which I have scanned as a PDF, and can be downloaded from:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ev75nb9s4wXeJpkggbqZXQgGwJG0NjXH/view?usp=sharing>

Below is the Obituary for Alison that is published in a booklet in the official Methodist format.

Michael Parker

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Alison Margaret Parker: Born in Lewisham Hospital on 16 December 1959. Alison's mother died when Alison was seven weeks old. Her father married Alison's godmother, her mother's best friend. Alison was devoted to her younger brother and sisters, and both her parents. This stable home enabled her to embrace leaving to attend Durham University where she read maths and computing. At Methsoc she met Michael. Upon graduating she worked at Sainsbury's head office in London. Alison and Michael married on 4 April 1983. In 1994 they moved to Basingstoke, now with daughter Emma and son Christopher. Alison once again picked up Local Preaching which she had begun before University. She also became more involved with the local church. Leading a service following 9/11, Alison felt the strong call to ordained ministry. She trained on the STETS course in Salisbury. Through the opportunities created by the course, and diversity of students, Alison not only made long-standing friends but came to live on a larger church and spiritual map, resulting in a rich and eclectic spiritual life. Alison had a growing hunger for God. She served all her presbyteral ministry in Basingstoke, later to be Basingstoke and Reading Circuit. Alison's church work but not her ministry stopped when Christopher was seriously injured in a near fatal car accident. During this time Alison dug deeply into relationships, family, friends and with God. All these, sown deeply, then grew into flourishing life-giving relationships over the coming years. She relished being with people, in person and, later, online. Her love of God and people was an infectious and attractive combination. Leading worship and enabling people to pray were great joys for her, and her ministry with the bereaved was especially appreciated. She sat down in September 2020 to give more time to her family and particularly to young grandson Leo. Alison's sudden death stunned many. Her life and ministry has enriched many. She is survived by Michael, Emma, Christopher and Leo. Alison died on 19 January 2021, in the sixty-second year of her age and the fourteenth year of her presbyteral ministry.

The Hummingbird and the Forest Fire

An enormous fire starts to rage through a forest. All the animals flee to the forest edge to watch – all, that is, except for a tiny hummingbird. ‘I will do something about this fire’, says the tiny bird. So it flies to the nearest stream and dives beneath the surface. Rising into the air, it carried a bead of water in its beak that it releases over the flames. The fire is huge, but over and over the hummingbird flies to the stream, turns with a drop in its beak, and lets it fall onto the flames. Each time, the bird believes that this one drop might make the difference.

The other animals – some with large trunks and large mouths like the elephant, giraffe, lion and leopard – laugh at the diminutive creature. ‘What do you think you’re doing?’ they jeer. ‘You’re only a hummingbird. You can see how big the forest fire is. Do you think you’re going to do any good at all?’ Without wasting any time and tired of their discouraging words and inaction, the hummingbird turns to the other animals as it prepares to fly back to the river, and says ‘Well I’m doing the best I can!’

Relating this to the climate emergency, none of us can solve the crisis as individuals, but we can all do a little bit and together we can make a big difference. In my sermon at Trinity on 9th May, I suggested the following things that people might do:

- Pray for those involved in the COP26 meeting in Glasgow this autumn, that world leaders might take bold decisions to address the climate emergency.
- Make a small change to your diet, to reduce the amount of meat (particularly beef) and dairy produce you consume.
- Use your car less; switch to a smaller car, or an electric car.
- Replace light bulbs with modern, efficient LED ones.
- Turn the thermostat down a degree, but not so far that you get ill from the cold.
- Switch to an electricity provider with a “green tariff”, or one that is wholly green.
- Switch off lights in rooms that are not in use.
- Don’t over-fill the kettle when boiling water.
- Recycle everything that you can. (Remember, Trinity is collecting empty blister packs from tablets.)
- Support charities that are addressing the climate emergency.
- Buy local rather than imported goods.

None of us will do all these things. Each of us, however, can make a small change to reduce our impact on the environment, and when added up that will contribute to the big changes that are needed.

Tony Pitt

RECYCLING UPDATE



I am pleased to report that despite the Covid restrictions, the bin beside Saram Hall is filling up nicely and I am emptying it twice weekly. Many thanks to all who are contributing. I have now put fresh posters on the bin showing the various collections. If you would like one to pass on to others or as a reminder for yourself, please get in touch with me. I can do A4 or A5 size. I have just had a lovely lot of recycling from Angela Smith's sister-in-law in from Manchester and I'll be picking up some bags from my sister in Yorkshire in a couple of months where she collects at her church. Then locally I have someone who collects from all their neighbours and then brings it up to the bin when they have about 400+ wrappers! So do spread the word. Currently we are collecting the following:

- Biscuit wrappers, both sweet and savoury varieties and cake wrappers. However, no sweet wrappers such as Mars, chocolate bars etc. It can be confusing as some biscuits such as Kit-Kat and Twix are often found with the sweets but are in fact classed as biscuits as they have a biscuit base.
- Baby food pouches and kids' yoghurt pouches as well as Ella's Kitchen snack wrappers. No other yoghurt pots are collected.
- Crisps of all varieties and any brand like Skips, Hoops, Wotsits, Doritos etc. We cannot collect peanuts, popcorn or pretzels though.
- Air, Home & Laundry care packaging. We could do with more of this. It includes the flexible packaging from dishwasher and detergent capsules / tablets; all brands of plastic air freshener containers, cartridge tops and car fresheners (but not electric plug-ins); flexible wipe packaging and tinted tubs for wipes used in home cleaning. (No baby wipes or cosmetic / facial wipes); tinted fabric conditioner bottles and their caps; Lenor tumble dryer sheets but not the box they come in.

All the recycling gets sent off in separate boxes according to type. Therefore, it is exceedingly helpful for when I come to sort it if all wrappers are put in **flat and unfolded** unless they are the big multi-pack wrappers. Sometimes wrappers have been folded into tiny triangles or tied into tight knots. This may save space in the bin but sadly they usually get discarded as trying to undo them is very time-consuming. Even screwed up packaging can take extra time to flatten. Fortunately, there is not much after sorting that I have to discard. I have some unusual deposits of cat food pouches, noodles and pasty / pie wrappers and Muller yoghurt wrappers fairly regularly but small in number compared to the rest of the recycling! If you hear of anyone who thinks we recycle those sort of items, do please set them straight.

In the last 12 months we have redeemed £110 from our collection which goes to Future Pillars for their work with vulnerable girls in Zambia. Do keep collecting.

Many Thanks,

Hazel Green (malandhazel@hotmail.com; ☎: 07776442529)

Book: Colouring Jesus by Flix Gillett, Candle Books, £6.99

Here is a fun activity book for children aged 7 – 9 years, which offers 14 pages of colourful comic strips telling the key events and verses about Jesus' life and teaching. The comic strips are then provided as colouring activity pages for readers to illustrate in their own way.

Woodlarks

It is just a wooden ornament, a camel. It was on a windowsill standing erect, and intact. For me, it is a remembrance of a holiday in the Holy Land. Unfortunately, a flick of a curtain, and it laid on the floor, minus two legs. This was not the first time one leg had been broken, but this time two, both on the same side of the camel.

Once again, out came the strong glue repairing one leg. I still haven't found the other one. The glue has worked, and the camel stands again, on three legs, and half of the fourth. This happening has made me think, and remember a place called 'Woodlarks.'

'Woodlarks' is in Farnham, Surrey. Part of the site is a camping ground for the disabled. It is complete with swimming pool and huts, where people with disabilities can enjoy the outdoors, in the same way as able-bodied people.

Many years ago, my husband volunteered to assist at a camp for disabled Scouts. He was Scout Leader at Trinity, for the 1st Basingstoke (Methodist) Scouts.

I was going through a 'Woe is me' period in my life. My sons were growing up with their own interests, and I was alone at home. The telephone call invited me to the Camp Fire at Woodlarks. What I saw there made me ashamed.

Those lads were the most courageous people I have ever met.

Let me, introduce you to two of them. He was a young teenager, running through the bushes to retrieve a ball in a rounders game. He ran on stumps. He had lost both legs in a freak accident. 'Guess how tall I will be' he shouted to me. 'I am going to get new legs soon.'

Another younger boy put his arms around my neck and told me he loved me. I was helping him into his pyjamas, ready for bed. He had spina bifida.

There were also those with loss of limbs, and the boy my husband helped, on a one-to-one basis, who had muscular dystrophy. All of these wonderful young people were happy and laughing. I changed that day, losing my self-pity and being more positive.

For lots of us the present pandemic has changed our lives. We have missed seeing our families and friends, and we have had to do things differently.

Can we go back to our former selves? Possibly, but should we?

The camel stands on three legs. To me, it is a symbol. I can stand too.

Paul writes to the Philippians in Chapter 4.
'I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me'.

God bless you.

Margaret Garland



- If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the 'terminal'?
- Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes when he had the chance?

Holy Communion

Humbled to receive
Of Your sacrifice
Loved Poured out
Your gift to us

Comfort is here
Our Souls find rest
Mindful of Your love

Make us open to others
United with others in love for You
Neighbours no matter of distance
Ignite in us a flame
Of outward looking love
Nurturing all in Your name.

Jennifer Pitt



Book: Green Reflections – Biblical inspiration for Sustainable Living by Martin Hodson & Margot Hodson BRF £8.99

How should we look after the world we inhabit? This book combines scientific and theological wisdom to offer 62 reflections inspired by passages from the Bible in a thoughtful exploration that encourages both reflection and response. Themes include: The Wisdom of Trees, Landscapes of Promise and Sharing Resources.

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COVID 19 UPDATE:



BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK CONTINUES TO DELIVER DIRECTLY TO HOMES THROUGH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Our foodbank relies on Your Goodwill & Support. Monetary Donations big or small are also gratefully received. Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in **The Trussell Trust** network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to our ability to give everyone referred to us a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

Our Basingstoke Centre remains open for donations of **food & toiletries including fresh veg, bread & eggs** during our regular opening times which are from 10 am – 3 pm, Monday to Friday. Due to the risk of Covid, we need to reduce the numbers of visitors to Basingstoke Foodbank's warehouse to protect both yourselves, and our volunteers. If you would like to donate any items, please **'shop and drop'** goods into the permanent crates provided for us by our supporting supermarkets, or at any of the other donation points. We still have donation points around the region, find your nearest collection point below.

THANK YOU for your continued support!

Check out the Foodbank Website at: <https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> Also on their Website, you will find the list of locations & times where you can donate food. **Alternatively** – look back at previous Trinity E-News for this information.

Basingstoke Foodbank: We heard recently, the good news that the new premises at Houndmills have been secured for the next two years. The Foodbank has been able to purchase a large commercial refrigerator, which means we can now store fresh fruit and vegetables, and are now able to provide fresh bread, eggs, fruit and veg in every food parcel. The address can be found in previous newsletters, postcode is: RG21 6XG. At present there is no process in place for transfer of donations from Trinity to the new site, **please do not leave donations at Trinity**. Thanks, **Tony Pitt**

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At present, 26.06.21, we are short of:

- Coffee
- Reusable, sturdy plastic bags
- Long life milk (semi skimmed & full fat)
- Long life fruit juice
- Squash
- Cereals (eg corn flakes – not porridge)
- Tinned meat, (not corned beef)
- Tinned fish
- Treats
- Crisps & snacks (savory or sweet)

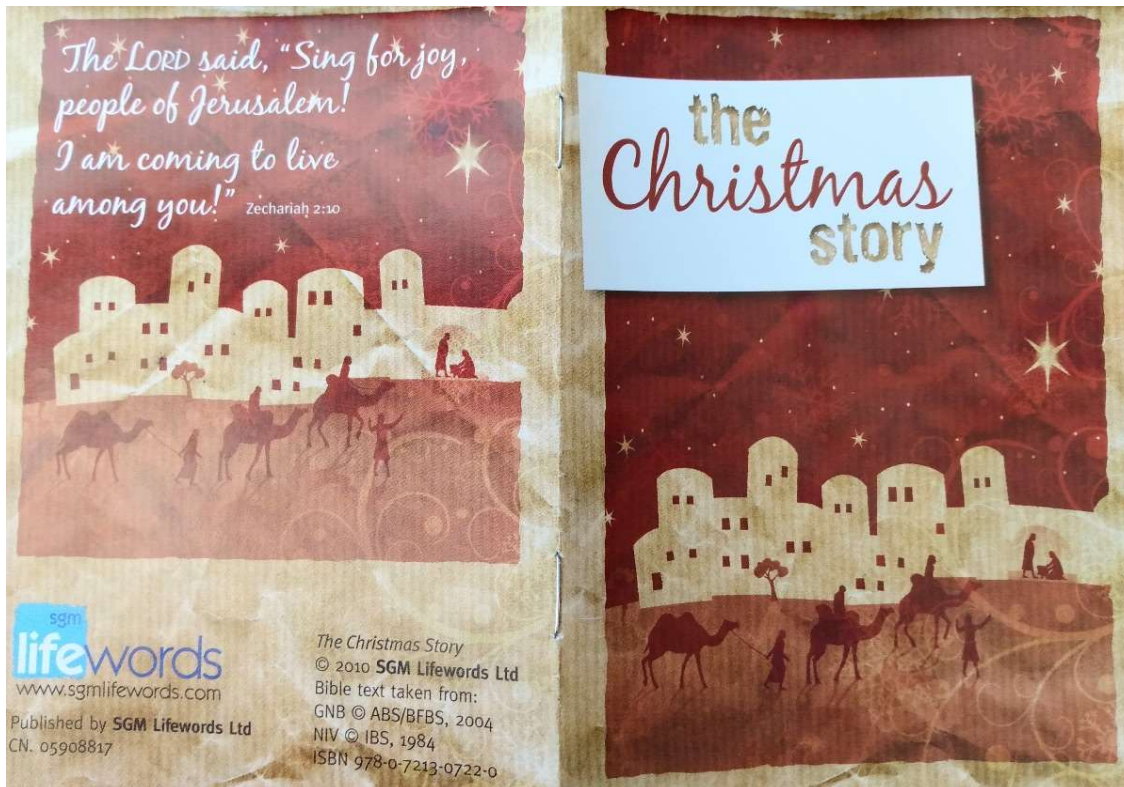
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We are short of (cont'd):

- Biscuits
- Custard
- Evaporated Milk
- Rice Pudding
- Desserts (whips/ jellies etc)
- Tinned fruit
- Sweet & savoury spread (jam, peanut butter, yeast extract etc)
- Liquid soap
- Toothpaste & brushes
- Deodorant (female & male)

We have plenty of:

- Hot Cereals, Porridge Sachets
- Baked Beans
- Rice
- Pasta
- Soup
- Tea, Fruit Teas
- Kidney Beans & Other tins of pulses
- Cat Food



Basingstoke Town Chaplains have a large quantity of this booklet which are surplus to their requirements. If you are able to make use of them please contact Libby Ham on ☎: 01256 842232 or admin@basingstoketownchaplains.org.uk

Eco Church – Good News Story from Mortimer:

Fluorescent Tube to LED Tube (retro fit). Here at Mortimer we elected to become an Eco Church at our Church Council earlier this year. One particular thing we looked at was our lighting and energy consumption. Here at Mortimer we have 35 Fluorescent tubes throughout the facilities. There is an online calculation which you can search for to calculate energy usage. In this you just list all the light fittings and the hours used. It is simple to use and this calculates the energy used and the returns. The return for the Hall converting to LED Tubes was break even in less than 2 years.

There are 2 types of Fluorescent fittings, one is Electronic Ballast and the other Magnetic Ballast. To check which you have is simple. Use your mobile phone camera and hold very close to the tube, a few inches, if you see wavy lines, then it's a Magnetic Ballast. This is the most simple of tasks and is DIY.

The Electronic Fluorescent fittings will require a qualified electrician in to modify. Fortunately all Mortimer's fitting were magnetic. The LED tubes are in 3 radiant flavours, Warm White, Cool White & Daylight. We opted for Daylight and the difference is astounding. **Advantages:**

- Low Wattage: 32w
- No drop in light output over time
- No flicker
- No UV output / Mercury Free
- Energy Saving up to 60%
- Easy to install
- Quiet
- Long life
- Cost effective (LED Tubes same cost as conventional tubes)

I managed to get the LED Tubes through TLC Electrical and also a nice discount for the church:

- **TLC Electrical, Unit 5a, Stadium Trade Park. Stadium Way, Reading, RG30 6BX**

PS should any Church wish some help I would be only too willing to advise.

Every Blessing, **Clive Williams – Property**



We need help!

Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy

has been invited to extend its role in the town, so we are looking for committed Christians with a friendly attitude to fill the following areas of need:

- walk with another Chaplain in the **town centre** to meet people and chat
- visit the **bus station** and engage with drivers, other staff and also passengers
- work with another Chaplain at the **railway station** talking to passengers and supporting railway and concessions staff
- visit **shops** to support the sales assistants and **offices** in the town centre
- support people at the **Magistrates' Court**

Might God be calling you?

Not sure whether you can do it?

To find out more, come and talk to someone and go out with a Chaplain for a taster.

We provide training, a uniform and good support.

Visit: basingstoketownchaplaincy.org.uk
for more information about us.

Contact Libby:

admin@basingstoketownchaplaincy.org.uk

or leave a message on 01256 842232

to arrange a chat.

Circuit:

Praying Together in Small Groups – SEE page 21 for full information and how to get the Zoom Link

Cry baby

A woman took her four-month-old baby to visit her neighbour, but the baby began to fuss as soon as they arrived. The neighbour's five-year-old son asked where the baby had come from. "He was sent down from Heaven," the mother replied, above the screams. The little boy watched the baby crying for a few more minutes, and then turned to his mother. "I bet I know why he was sent from Heaven. God wanted some quiet up there!"

The Difference

So often, I can't wear the
right clothes,
Speak the right words,
Fit the right mould,
Be the shape people
want me to be,
Expect me to be,
Demand that I am, to conform.

But you Lord Accept me,
Release me,
make it possible to be me,
Perfectly free In Your service,
Open for You to transform.

by Daphne Kitching (PPump)

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See the following 2 pages for the Chaplaincy Newsletter and Prayer Points.



“The fields are white with harvest, but the labourers are few.”

Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy Newsletter, Summer 2021

In the last three months Chaplains walking around town have met people wanting to chat to someone or talk about health and relationships and issues around security: a job, home or money. We have been able to engage with people in the name of Jesus; we do not know where these encounters will lead but the Holy Spirit can speak into people's lives.

We have started visiting shops again. Personnel have changed considerably, so there is an opportunity to start again and build new relationships. But familiar faces remain and on many occasions Chaplains have been told how much they have been missed. Several people have asked for a private conversation, as pressures have built up over the last year and there is now an opportunity to unburden safely to someone. Once there is mutual understanding and trust, many people feel able to tell a Chaplain about challenging things in their life.

We will resume attending the Magistrates' Court in July, where we have been missed. Staff can find the situations they are put in to be highly stressful, and attendees are often worried, frightened and regretful. A word in season can be a great blessing and pointer to a forgiving God who loves them for the better, not a vengeful power over them.

Amid all the conversations Chaplains have with people, God is at work and we pray that others will be drawn into living for God, knowing His salvation and love. Hopefully, we can begin to show the way for someone to have a personal relationship with Christ which a local church can continue to nurture.

Along with prayer, we would greatly value more people considering becoming Chaplains. We offer a session walking round with a Chaplain to see how we work and are looking for people to give 2 hours a week in one of several slightly different roles, whichever suits the person best. We provide a uniform, full training and support. You can find more details on our Facebook page (*Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy – New* – via the button at the bottom of this email), or by sending us an email.

As more activities are allowed to re-start, we pray that you will be blessed with friendships and renewed fellowship and that you also will be a blessing to others.

John Hayward, Chair of Trustees

Obvious

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

Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy

Prayer Points



Thank God

- that the town centre is returning to a new normal
- we are able to restart chaplaincy in the Magistrates' Court from 5 July
- for the opportunities to expand the ministry
- for much-valued Chaplains, including Chris and Tessa who are sadly leaving the team, and Jan, Sandy, Molly-Anne and Alan who are taking a temporary break

Pray for people, that they will see God's love at work, and will investigate the claims of Jesus

- shop assistants we are getting to know, some new to the shops and some having to work longer hours
- those running small businesses but who are not getting enough business, casting doubt on their survival into the future
- people we meet in the streets who are lonely or have worries
- staff at the Magistrates' Court as they try to arrange hearings and reduce the backlog of cases

Pray for the Chaplaincy

- our link with the Street Café and outreach on London Road by the URC
- for more Chaplains to help us meet the need to provide a regular presence around the town and in shops and offices
- for progress in agreeing arrangements for Chaplains at the railway station
- that we may keep our focus of sharing God's love and representing local churches

Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy

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Nigel Beeton writes: *Many years ago, when I was a teenager (and dinosaurs ruled the earth) there was a New Zealand couple who produced a series of little songs based entirely upon scripture called 'Scripture in Song' and many of them have stayed with me across the decades. I particularly remember a line from Psalm 98: 'His right hand and His holy arm have won for Him the victory. Thanks, David and Dale, for an enduring memory!*

Sing to the Lord

Sing to the Lord a song of praise, sing of the wonders that we see
His right hand and His holy arm have won for Him the victory.

He has revealed His salvation, deliv'rance He has truly shown
Before all nations of the world His mighty acts have been made known.

His faithful love, of limits free Is seen unto the end of earth,
All peoples see His salvation and all can sing with joy and mirth.

Make songs for God with human voice with trumpets and the mighty horn
Sing praises to our God and king to sunset from the break of dawn.

O let the rivers clap their hands the hills ring out before the Lord
For lo, He judges righteously His justice seen throughout the world!

By Nigel Beeton (Parish Pump)

Praying Together in Small Groups

Thursday 8th July 2pm – 3.45pm OR Monday 12th July 7.30pm – 9.15pm
on Zoom



"Most people are intimidated by group prayer"

*"All praying people struggle with insecurity
and guilt about their prayer life"*

These sessions are seeking to respond to the churches, which have identified developing Small Groups as part of their MAP. They will also further extend the sessions held earlier in the year around Small Groups. The sessions will include practical suggestions in encouraging people to pray together. The sessions are stand alone, in other words the two dates are offering the same material.

To help us prepare please register your interest with Lee (lee@basingstokereadingmethodists.uk) and he will send the Zoom link.

What will You Miss about lockdown?

More than half of us admit that we will miss some aspects of the Covid-19 restrictions, especially spending more time at home with our family, and appreciating the quieter roads. A recent study by King's College London and Ipsos Mori found that around one third of us feel the past year has been similar or better than normal, while 54 per cent of us say that we will miss some of the changes. Three in ten of us feel closer to our immediate family than we did before the pandemic, while just one in six of us say that we have grown further apart. One in five of us say that our finances are better because of the pandemic. Overall, it seems that while the public would rather the pandemic hadn't happened, that doesn't mean it's been all bad for everyone, or that people see it as deeply affecting their future lives.



Basingstoke Street Pastors

June 2021 newsletter

We are back on the streets of Basingstoke!

It has been a long 15 months for Street Pastors since the first COVID lockdown brought patrols to an end. However we are pleased to announce that we have been able to send out teams for the last 5 Saturday evenings because of easing of restrictions. As expected, the streets and venues have been much quieter than before the pandemic.

This is largely because the rule of 6 inside and 30 outside mean that the pubs and restaurants are operating on greatly reduced capacity and the night clubs are not yet reopened.



Despite that, each evening, we have found people in need of our help and support. You can read some of our experiences in the Stories from the Streets section of the newsletter.

Like many we are disappointed that the final phase of easing restrictions that we were hoping would be announced this week has been delayed for 4 more weeks. However, we understand the fragility of the situation and the need for significantly more people to be vaccinated so support that decision. We hope to resume Friday evening patrols soon.

Farewell and Welcome

After serving as Chairman of Trustees for Basingstoke Street Pastors for eight years Phil Thomas has decided that it is time for him to stand down from this vital position. We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to Phil, along with his wife Gwen who will also be vacating her position as a trustee, for steering us so effectively over the last years. Their contributions to the team will be greatly missed.



We are pleased to announce however that Peter Hay will be taking over that responsibility. Peter, who may be known to many of you, has already been serving as a Street Pastor for a few years. He is a key figure in the One Church Basingstoke leadership and has a huge vision for seeing our town transformed by God's people positively contributing as salt and light to every area of activity. I am sure that you will want to join me in welcoming Peter and will get behind him as he leads the team in this new season.



Stories from the Streets

Here is a report from one of our recent Saturday evening patrols.

"We had a good evening chatting to door staff, business owners, police and PCSOs, all of whom were extremely pleased to see us back out on patrol. Evening was mostly quiet. There was a large group of teenagers who were being unruly with a shopping trolley at the top of the town. We engaged a number of these in conversation and gave them lollies

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which proved popular. The CCTV control team called the police to remove the trolley before it became an incident.

Later we came across a young lady at The Angel who had been abandoned by her friend. She was upset and did not know how to find her way back to the station. We offered to help her on her way, but she managed to speak to someone on the phone and said she knew where she was going. We followed at a distance, and it soon became clear that she had only a vague idea of where she was going so we made contact again and walked with her to the station. She was much happier when we left her to catch her train to Reading.

Coming out of the station we came across another young woman who had cut her foot running for her train which she missed. We provided her with some wipes and water to clean her foot and gave her a pair of flip flops. A group of lads were hovering around her, flirting with her in a good-natured way. We stayed around while she waited for her male friend returned from buying a kebab in case matters took a negative turn. All was fine and the two of them went off to catch a train.



On returning to the centre of town we came across a young lady who had fallen and banged her head. It turned out that she knew one of our Street Pastors from growing up in church. She seemed fine and had no visible injuries and went off with her friends.

Soon after that a group of about 10 youths ran down Wote Street towards the cinema complex, shortly followed by another similar group. We alerted CCTV in case an incident developed and prayed for peace after which things quietened down."

Prayer Points



- Pray for our teams going out on patrol to be able to serve the public and venue staff well by demonstrating the love of Jesus to them.
- Give thanks for the work of Phil and Gwen Thomas as they step down from Street Pastors after eight years. Pray for Peter Hay as he takes up the reins, that he may be empowered by the Holy Spirit to lead the team effectively in this new season.
- Give thanks for the faithfulness of all our Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors. Please pray for people to volunteer to fill the gaps by those who have retired from the team.
- Give thanks to God for his financial provision for Basingstoke Street Pastors. Please pray that we will continue to receive all the funding we need to operate in the coming year.

Street Pastors Need You



fresh faces in the team. So, if you are reading this and have been wondering whether this

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might be a calling for you, please get in touch we would love to explore this idea with you.

A really good place to start is to join one of our teams for an evening and see what happens first-hand. We are confident that you will be pleasantly surprised by how enjoyable and rewarding this ministry is. We will not pretend that it is always glamorous, and it certainly has its yucky moments. However, the warmth of the welcome we receive from the public and from the venue staff more than make up for that. Plus, knowing that we are where Jesus would be, and showing his love to people in danger or distress brings an eternal reward.

As well as volunteers to go out on the street as Street Pastors, we also have vacancies for people willing to be Prayer Pastors and pray for us while we patrol. Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors connect at the start of the evening to pray using a WhatsApp video call. Then during the evening, the team will send in updates and prayer requests for the Prayer Pastor.

**For more information or to join us as an observer one evening contact:
basingstoke@streetpastors.org.uk Or ☎: 07749 193927.**

Donations

Although we keep our overheads as low as we possibly can, Basingstoke Street Pastors has an annual budget of around £10,000. This money goes towards the costs of training new Pastors and providing them with a uniform. We also must purchase PPE, along with flip flops, lollipops, water, and safety blankets to share with people we meet. We have an annual subscription to Ascension Trust who oversee the work and provide insurance cover. Finally, there are staff admin costs.

God has been good in providing the finances we need from various sources however we are pleased to give you an opportunity to partner with us by making either a one-off donation or making a regular gift. If you are a UK taxpayer you can make your gift go further by completing a Gift Aid declaration form.

Please make donations via bank transfer to:

- Basingstoke Street Pastors
- Sort Code: 20-05-00
- Account Number: 03285286

Or make your cheque out to Basingstoke Street Pastors, and post to:

Basingstoke Street Pastors, c/o United Reformed Church, 20 London Street, Basingstoke RG21 7NU.



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Can your child or a child you know read?

School is out this month, but how much good did it do your child or children you know?

More than 200,000 pupils will leave primary school this year without being able to read, according to recent unpublished figures by the government. Now Boris Johnson has announced a 'four-year emergency' plan to help children catch up on their learning.

One idea to help children get back up to speed is to bring in a 'citizens army' of teachers, including retired and supply teachers, who can be recruited to help struggling children.

Canon Paul Hardingham Considers the Need for Encouragement

Olympic Gold



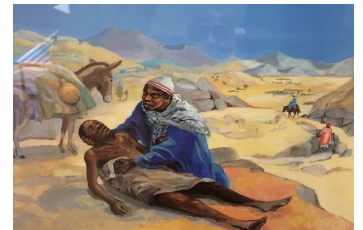
This month should see the start of the Tokyo Olympics, having been postponed from last year due to the Coronavirus pandemic. A number of New Testament letters refer to Olympic sport including Hebrews: 'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith' (Hebrews 12:1-2).

The Christian life is compared to a long-distance race, but despite the struggles and obstacles, there is a great crowd of witnesses cheering us on. We have a heavenly Father who loves us and a Saviour who has run the race before us. If we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, He will enable us to finish the race. During the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, the British athlete Derek Redmond was running in the semi-finals of the 400 metres. About 250 metres from the finish his hamstring tore. He fell to the ground in pain and stretcher bearers came over to him. However, Redmond was determined to finish the race and so he started hopping toward the finishing line. Suddenly Jim Redmond, Derek's father, ran out of the stands towards him. "You don't have to do this," he told his son. "Yes, I do," said Derek, to which his father said, "We're going to finish this together." They completed the lap with Derek leaning on his father's shoulder. As they crossed the finish line, the spectators rose to give Derek a standing ovation. Although he didn't win an Olympic medal, Derek Redmond finished the race with his father at his side. Let's not forget the encouragement we have to finish the race! (*Parish Pump*)

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Canon Paul Hardingham Considers our Call to Befriend People in Need

The Good Samaritan



This month we are looking at the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). This familiar story tells of a man who is mugged on the road between Jerusalem and Jericho and rescued by a Samaritan. Jesus tells it in response to a lawyer's question, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" When Jesus calls for a life of total love towards God and neighbour, the lawyer comes back with the question: 'who is my neighbour?' (29).

The plight of the man and the indifference of the priest and Levite would have horrified Jesus' hearers. They assumed that the hero of the story would be a Jew! However, Jesus presents the Samaritan, a sworn enemy of the Jews, as a model of integrity and an example to follow: "Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?...Go and do likewise." (36,7). The challenge of the story is that often our neighbours can be our worst enemies, yet these are the very people we are called to love as ourselves.

Of course, we can all think of people to whom we are called to be a Samaritan in our lives: those we try to avoid and don't want to get alongside. If we are honest, we know that we don't have it in us to love as Jesus says here. We all need somebody who will be our Good Samaritan, to rescue us and enable us to love others as ourselves. Jesus is that Good Samaritan for us. "By depicting a Samaritan helping a Jew, Jesus could not have found a more forceful way to say that anyone at all in need – regardless of race, politics, class, and religion – is your neighbour." (Tim Keller).

HYMN: The story behind – ‘Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken’

(the first 2 verses are shown)

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for His own abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded,
Thou may’st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage:
Grace, which like the Lord the giver,
Never fails from age to age?...

The year was 1800, and Vienna was under bombardment by Napoleon’s troops. The great Austrian composer, Haydn, then old and frail, asked to be carried to his piano. There he made his own defiance of Napoleon, by solemnly playing through his composition ‘Emperor’s Hymn’. Haydn had composed it for the Austrian Emperor, Franz II’s birthday on 12 February 1797. Haydn never touched his piano again, and died a few days later, aged 77.

That is where the tune for this well-loved hymn came from. It quickly became the tune of the Austrian national anthem. It was later even adopted by the Germans, as the tune for August Heinrich Hoffman von Fallersleben’s (1798 – 1874) anthem Deutschlandslied, which began with the famous words: ‘Deutschland uber alles’ (Germany before everything). In the ensuing political upheavals, the tune survived in the German national anthem, but was abandoned by the Austrians in 1946.

In the meantime, the tune had also reached England, as early as 1805. It was then that the words of a hymn by John Newton were first paired up with it. This meant that when the Austrian Emperor Franz visited his grandmother Queen Victoria, at Windsor Castle, he most likely would have sung his own national anthem tune to English words written by a converted slave trader turned country vicar!

John Newton’s inspiration for this hymn comes from Psalm 87: ‘Glorious things are spoken of you, O City of God’ (vs3) and also a text from Isaiah 33:20-21: ‘Look on Zion... there the Lord in majesty will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams...’

John Newton’s hymn celebrates the joy of knowing that the Church is the new Jerusalem (Zion) where God abides. He rejoices that God protects His people and promises to supply their needs. He leads them into the Promised Land, just as long ago He led the Israelites through the wilderness to their Promised Land. Back then, He led them with a fiery and cloudy pillar; now we have His very Spirit within us, to guide us each step of the way home. (*Parish Pump*)

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Church Notices that didn’t quite Come out Right....

- The minister is going on holiday next Saturday. Could all missionary boxes be handed into the vicarage by Friday evening, at the latest.
- There will be a procession in the grounds of the monastery next Sunday afternoon. If it rains in the afternoon, the procession will take place in the morning.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

A Celebration of Faith and Service – save the date!

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

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

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

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

The anointing of God's Holy Spirit was central to the Coronation and, in preparation for the day, The Queen prayed: 'Come, Holy Spirit, and daily increase in all of us, and in me, thy humble servant, thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and strength; the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and fill us, O Lord, with the Spirit of thy holy fear, now and forever. Amen.' The beautifully illustrated souvenir book to be published for the celebrations uses rarely seen prayers, which the Queen prayed in preparation for the Coronation, and highlights how God has answered those prayers over the past seven decades.

The 'Platinum Jubilee Celebration of Faith and Service' will build on the successful partnership facilitated by HOPE Together, which enabled local churches to bring their communities together for the Diamond Jubilee and the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations.

Over the next year HOPE will provide churches across the country with all the resources and ideas they need to run a great all-age community event that will celebrate the Queen's 70 years of faith and service.

We can plan to get our church involved, invite our community to the party, and round off the weekend with a special guest celebration service for Pentecost. (*Parish Pump*)

- Make the least ado about your greatest gifts. Be content to act and leave the talking to others – *Baltasar Gracian*
- The quality of life is determined by its activities – *Aristotle*
- Nobody can call himself a Christian who does not worship Jesus – *John Stott*
- Can't sleep? Count your blessings – *Anon*

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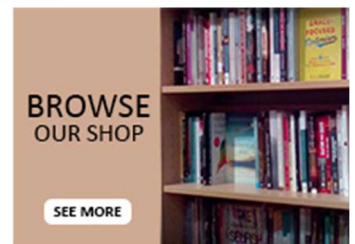
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And may Romans 8:37-39 encourage us all

- I can take my telescope and look millions of miles into space; but I can go away to my room and in prayer get nearer to God and heaven than I can when assisted by all the telescopes of earth – *Isaac Newton*
- Prayer is the rope up in the belfry; we pull it, and it rings the bell up in heaven. *C Evans*

Live Streamed Services, resources & information: Please click on link to its live streamed services and useful links and resources. <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/seasons-and-themes/worship-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

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For the Young and not so Young

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Crossword

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

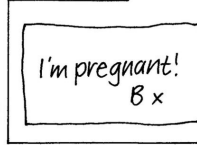
It can be read in the Bible in 2 Samuel 11: 1-12: 25

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

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

She is Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah.

Later, Bathsheba sent a message to King David.



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

Why didn't you go home?

David had Uriah stay to dinner and got him drunk.

Send Uriah to me now



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

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

But he still didn't go home

So David wrote a letter to Joab

He gave it to Uriah to give to Joab.

Bathsheba was now a widow and David married her.

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



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

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



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

I disobeyed God.

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

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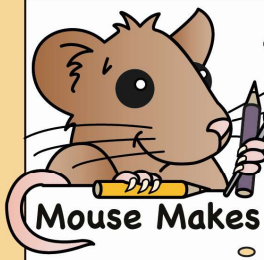
Sudoku

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Wordsearch Clues
Doubting Thomas – St Thomas is a Saint. His feast day is on 3 July.

Thomas	Honest	Support
Saint	Lord	Touch
Doubt	Father	Wounds
Faith	Afraid	Hands
Feast	Where	Feet
Response	Resurrection	
Worship	Demanded	
Baffled	Confused	
See	God	
My	Risen	



The Parable of the Good Samaritan

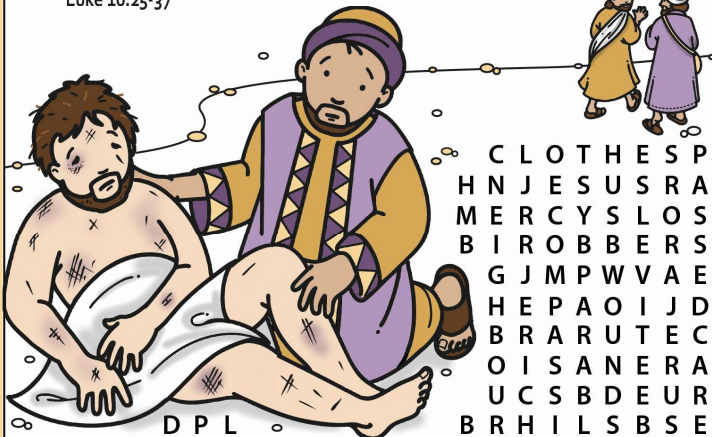
A man asked Jesus "Who is my neighbour?" and Jesus replied with this parable:

A man was attacked by robbers, they tore his clothes, beat him and left him almost dead. A priest saw him but walked by on the other side. A Levite saw him but walked by on the other side. A Samaritan saw him and took pity on him, he poured oil and wine on his wounds and then bandaged them. He lifted the man onto his donkey, took him to an inn and cared for him. The next day he gave the innkeeper two denarii to look after the man until he returned.

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

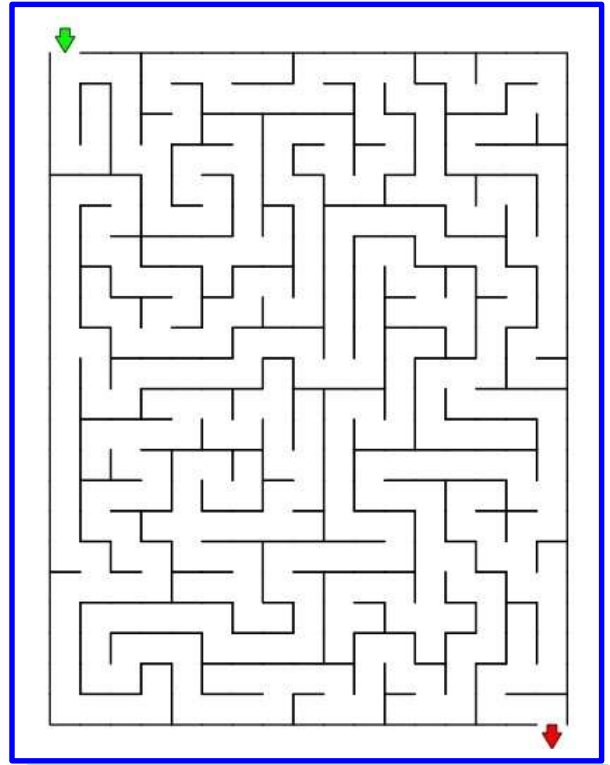


Read the full story in Luke 10:25-37



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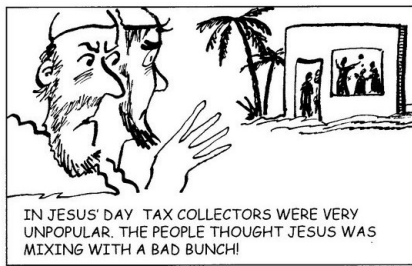
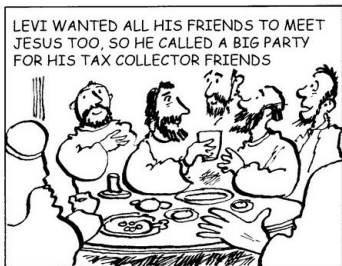
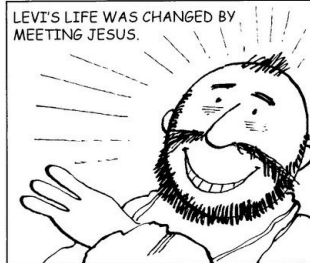
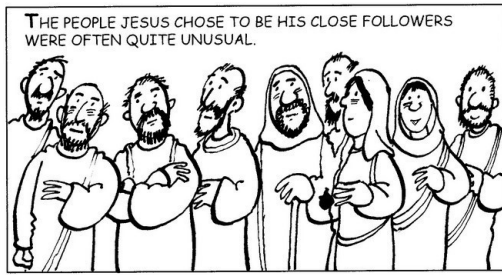


Crossword Clues, June 2021 – Across:

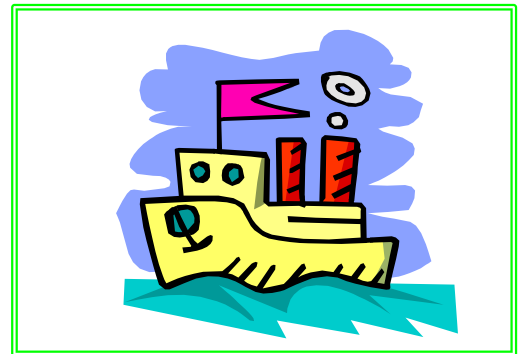
- 1 Sent out three times on a reconnaissance mission from Noah's ark (Genesis 8:8–12) (4)
- 3 'The vilest — who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives' (8)
- 9 Described by the 19th-century MP Sir Wilfred Lawson as 'the Devil in solution' (7)
- 10 'Whoever — his life for my sake will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

- Knowing God is your single greatest privilege as a Christian – *Sinclair Ferguson*
- Be great in little things – *St Francis Xavier*
- It is better to wear out than to rust out – *R Cumberland*
- Security is not the absence of danger, but the presence of God, no matter what the danger – *Anon*
- It is what you do when you have nothing to do that reveals what you are – *Anon*
- Sympathy is two hearts tugging at the same load – *Anon*

The Doctor and the Sick



Summer Holidays



Crossword Clue, June 2021 – Down:

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

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Puzzle Pages Solutions

Crossword Solution:

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

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

palace	Uriah	widow
killed	soldies	note
Nathan	beautiful	trouble
David	married	commander
disobeyed	fighting	Bathsheba
dinner	wife	forgiven
drunk	asked	letter
message	Joab	home

Sudoku Solution

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Colour In



• God is a little like American Express – don't leave home without Him! – Anon

Jesus said:

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

John 8:12