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# Trinity E-News



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**Great News –  
Live Sunday  
Worship is held  
every Sunday at  
Trinity and 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. We are very  
grateful for all their help  
and expertise.**

**Link to our Website:**

<https://www.basingstoke-readingmethodists.uk/>

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Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.



James 1: verse 17

- *Though the Lord is out of sight, we are not out of His, M Henry*

**Trinity E-News – The deadline for the Nov 21 Issue is Wed 20 Oct, or before – which would be very helpful.**

***My apologies, but the November issue of Trinity E-News will be coming out a few days later this time.***

**Trinity E-News is also available on our B & R Website.**

I always do look forward to receiving your lovely articles, so **please keep them coming.** A **Big Thankyou** to everyone who has sent in articles. Items can be emailed or posted.

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**'CLOCKS GO BACK'  
End of October**

October 2021

Dear Friends

*On 31st of July friends gathered at two separate tea-time events celebrating (in Steeple Claydon) the life of John Jones and (in Basingstoke) Pam and Lynden Jones, who were all lost to our fellowship during the Pandemic. These important events are not only a time to celebrate and mourn friends we have lost, but also a chance to be grateful for their example and to cement the links with their families and others in our circle.*

*During the afternoon in Basingstoke, a conversation with John and Joan Rowland revealed that John was about to preach his last sermon. John had already decided that he was going to focus on Moses and preach from Deuteronomy, but he wasn't quite sure at the time what he was going to say. I was intrigued and asked if I could have a copy of the sermon, even though John usually preaches without notes. The following is the text of John's sermon, preached at a communion service in Kennington on August 15th where he was assisted by Paul Rosentall.*

**Hilary**

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**The Old Testament Reading, Deuteronomy Chapter 34, verses 1-6 is entitled: "The death of Moses."**

*God allowed Moses to see the promised land from the top of Mount Nebo and in verse 5 God tells him; "This is the land that I promised Abraham, Isaac and Jacob I would give to their descendants. I have let you see it, but you will not go there".*

*I have always thought that it was a bit mean that Moses couldn't go any further but as President Kennedy said "the torch (and the responsibility) had passed to a new generation." Hilary*

**The following is the text and the wisdom of John's sermon:**

"But Moses got the people there. He got this argumentative, querulous, complaining people

to the very edge of the promised land. They could see beneath them, the River Jordan and beyond it, that for which they longed and God had promised. This man, by patience, determination, refusal to accept anything less than the best, this Moses had got them there. Moses, who had been abandoned to a rush basket in the river, shepherded sheep, seen for the first time the truth that there was one God, led his troublesome and almost never satisfied people out of slavery, kept them going in the wilderness for who knows how long, brought water from the rock, besought manna from heaven, stood between and for God and the people – this Moses had got them there.

Here they were at the edge of the promised land and they owed it to him.

There are, were, folk to whom we owe so much. Some in my life without whom I don't know where or what I would have been. I could name them, but that would mean nothing to you.

What about you? Forget the religious aspect for the moment – we'll return to that. I am speaking of those whose compassion, support, encouragement, reproof, love for us, and example, helped us along the way. They who were patient with us when we were insufferable, believed in us when perhaps we didn't even believe in ourselves, tolerated our mistakes, encouraged the best in us, loved us even when they saw and felt the worst that was in us. People who, looking back, helped us get this far along and without whom we would have been less than we are? I'm asking you to call them to mind, say their names to yourself, see again their faces and give thanks for them. "In everything" says St Paul "In everything give thanks" That is the heart of Christianity.

Then there is our place within the Christian tradition. I could name others, a handful, but what a precious handful, who by simply being who they were, kept me in the faith. It was not what they said or did, but

simply who they were, what they were. When I question how much a Christian I am, and think why does this matter, what difference does this make to me or through me, what holds my faltering or inconstant grasp? It is this: if this one or that one held to the story, the experience of Christ and His cross, lived by that truth that they had come to and held to, then that outweighs all else. I look at them and think, once more, what they had, what they have, I must be part of it. If they were wrong, I would rather be wrong with them than anywhere else.

Who helped you along towards the promised land simply by being who they were? Give thanks for them. Say their names and see again their faces. And, if they have gone before you – as almost all of mine have – they are still and forever holding us up. We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.... and among them those whose very being brought us thus far.

What is left for people who have come to the very edge of promise? What was left for the Israelites was to cross over the River Jordan into that land.....without Moses. He who had carried them, led them, dragged them, driven them, could not take them across that river. They must do that for themselves. Now they would discover whether what he had held to, what had held him, what they had trusted and followed, because he trusted and followed it – whether it was true, whether it was real, whether it was more than a hope. We too come to the edge of the promised land. There beyond all else, we need trust in what we have seen and admired and clung to, in those we have remembered. Those who lit up the way; those whose very being left us knowing that we must be in no company but theirs.

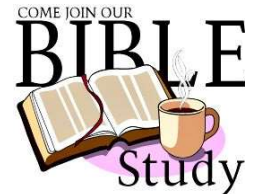
We too will come to the edge, where there is one last river to cross. On the far bank stand those who brought us thus far. Among them One, who, so they believed, and so – with them – we believe, makes that promise a reality.

They and He will have brought us through it all to the very edge of the Promised Land. For

those who have brought us thus far, for them we give thanks – those witnesses who, as Issac Watts' hymns show, the way to heaven and shall we not, once more trust them all in that last great adventure?

*The sermon is published with permission from John.*

## Sunday Afternoon Bible Studies



Led by:  
**Dr. Stephen Appiah**

**At Oakridge Methodist Church  
at 3.30 pm**

**A Series of 4 Sessions  
“Concentrating on Colossians”**

- **October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Chapter 1  
The Supremacy of the  
Son of God**
- **October 10<sup>th</sup>, Chapter 2  
Spiritual Fullness in Christ**
- **October 17<sup>th</sup>, Chapter 3  
Living as Those Made  
Alive in Christ**
- **October 24<sup>th</sup>, Chapter 4  
Further instructions**

## Meetings at Trinity

- **Church Council Meeting at  
2 pm on Thursday 7 October** in  
the Lounge.
- **Pastoral Meeting at 2 pm on  
Tuesday 2 November** in the  
Lounge.

*90 years ago, on 24 October 1931 the  
George Washington Bridge was opened.  
It spans the Hudson River and links  
Manhattan to Fort Lee, New Jersey.*

## Church Worship at Trinity & the other Basingstoke Churches

The plan for Worship for October and November for our Basingstoke Churches is shown below. **Live Sunday Worship continues to be held at Trinity each Sunday Morning** and Services are also **Zoomed**.

Any enquiries please contact Diane Bath on: (☎: 01256 320429) or by email at: [dianebath51@gmail.com](mailto:dianebath51@gmail.com) Thank you.



### Basingstoke & Reading Circuit Plan for Oct & Nov 2021 (B/Stoke Churches)

Sundays	3 Oct	10 Oct Prisons Sunday	17 Oct	24 Oct	31 Oct
<b>Trinity</b> 10.30 am	Revd A Browne / Mrs A Walker, S	LA, Mrs A Walker / Mrs H Reed	Mrs A Rowe	Revd A Browne	Mr S Appiah
<b>Kempshott</b> 10.30 am	Revd M Beukes, S	LA, Zoom	Revd J Sumitra, Zoom	LA, Zoom	LA, Zoom
<b>Oakley</b> 10.30 am	Revd L Martin	Revd A Browne, S	Mr P Frank	LA	Mr S Turner
<b>Oakridge</b> 11.00 am	Revd D Jenkins, S	Mrs D Baugh	LA	Mr S Appiah	Mrs P Jose
<b>Old Basing</b> 10.30 am	Mr S Appiah	Mr T Rowell, HF	Revd D Jenkins	Mr C Marsh	Mrs S Whithorn
<b>St Andrew's</b> 10.30 am	Mrs L Hoe	Mrs S Whithorn	Revd A Browne, S	Mrs L Hoe	Mrs K Kelly

Sundays	7 Nov	14 Nov Remembrance Sunday	21 Nov Sunday before Advent	28 Nov Advent Sunday
<b>Trinity</b> 10.30 am	Mr P Frank	Revd A Browne, S	LA	Mr T Pitt
<b>Kempshott</b> 10.30 am	Revd M Beukes, S	LA, Zoom	LA, Zoom	LA, Zoom
<b>Oakley</b> 10.30 am	Mr T Rowell	Mr S Appiah	Revd A Browne, S	LA
<b>Oakridge</b> 11.00 am	Revd D Jenkins, S	LA	Mr S Turner	Mr T Bell
<b>Old Basing</b> 10.30 am	LA	Revd D Jenkins, S	Mr T Bell	Mr P Frank
<b>St Andrew's</b> 10.30 am	Revd A Browne, S	Mrs L Hoe	Mrs L Hoe	Revd A Browne

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**Our Church Office** is hoping to be Open for 2 mornings a week from September. Days to be confirmed.

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## 'Jesus And Me' ! (JAM)

'JAM' meets next from  
2.30 pm – 4.30 pm

on the following Sundays:

3 October

7 November

5 December



**Children & Families** meet in the Lounge, usually on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, to hear stories of Jesus, craft, singing and tea.

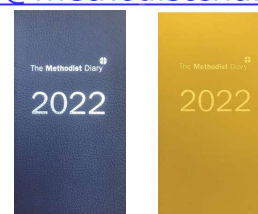
All are very welcome.

Do come along and join us.

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## #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>

## Conference 2021 – 39/3. Holy Communion and Online Worship

*Abridged Guidance for our Zoom audience full participation*

Dear Friends,

**The Conference adopts a period of discernment from 1 September 2021 until 31 August 2024, in which presbyters and other persons authorised to preside at the sacrament of the Lord's Supper be permitted to lead celebrations of Holy Communion in which some or all worshippers gather through electronic means.**

To celebrate the Eucharist (Communion) is to celebrate the redemptive work of Christ for all, including the world online.

### Services including online Communion:

- Must limit participation to a common time (at the same time)
- Have permission from the superintendent
- Must be in the context of public worship

### Some thoughts to reflect upon:

- During our time of worship, we are present to one another both electronically and in person all at the same time, sharing in worship to God.
- God is present with us as his gathered church wherever we are sharing in this time of worship together.
- The Good News of God's grace is shared through our time of worship.
- Jesus' presence is the bond between us wherever we are sharing together in worship at this moment.

### How to prepare to share in online Communion:

- You would need to have bread and grape juice.
- Prepare (handle) the bread and grape juice reverently.
- Set aside just enough bread and grape juice to be consumed all at once.
- Give yourself totally to God by being fully present during worship.
- Wait until you are invited to share in the bread and grape juice together.

*For full details on Holy Communion and Online Worship please refer to the Conference report on the Methodist Church's website. Alternately, I am happy to email it to anyone who requests it.*

**Rev'd Audrey D Browne**

## Ultimate Grace – A True Story of Frisbee and Faith in Japan by Levi Booth, 10Publishing, £2.99 (Book Review)

"It was an odd feeling, lining up against Great Britain. I used to dream that I might one day play for them; I had never thought that I would end up playing *against* them. But I had no time to dwell on the unexpected journey that had led me here, their puller raised the disc: the next point was about to start."

If you thought being a missionary meant wearing socks and sandals, living in the jungle, and having no phone or Internet, then think again. Levi Booth is not a stereotypical missionary. Not long out of Uni, Levi headed to Japan with his two essentials: his Bible and Frisbee. He was just a normal bloke with a passion for Ultimate Frisbee who stepped out boldly to tell people about Jesus. This is his journey to Asia: the ups, the downs, the adventures and playing for the Japanese national Ultimate Frisbee team. Levi's story might just cause you to consider how God could use *you and your gifts, talents and hobbies* – however unusual – to serve Him around the world. (*Parish Pump*)

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## TRINITY CIRCLE

### TIME TO MEET AGAIN - HOORAY

Trinity Circle are now able to **Meet Again**  
and we are making our meetings  
**"Open" Meetings**  
to include the men as well.

**We start at 7.30 pm** and our first meeting  
back will be on:  
**Tuesday 26 October.**

We are hoping we can use the lounge, but if  
this is not possible, we will use Trinity Hall.

We look forward to seeing you all again,  
especially any newcomers who will be made  
most welcome.

**Sonia**



Thanks to the generosity of  
our congregation,  
approximately £190 was  
raised through the Retiring  
Collection for the  
Basingstoke Foodbank at  
our Harvest Festival  
Service on 19 September.

A further £46,  
approximately, will be  
added to this amount  
through Gift Aid.

Thank you to everyone  
who supported the  
Basingstoke Foodbank in  
this way.

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## The Mug and Biscuit

We are pleased to announce that the **Mug and Biscuit at  
St Andrews Church** is reopening.



*The new hours of opening are as follows:*

**Tuesday 10 am to 12 noon**  
**Thursday 10 am to 12 noon**



On both days **drinks, home-made cakes and toasted tea cakes** will be  
available to purchase.

We look forward to welcoming old friends and new friends we haven't yet met.



## The Mug and Biscuit Team

Any queries contact:  
**Linda Hoe** ☎: 07963 583506



*250 years ago, on 17 October 1771 the premiere of Mozart's pastoral opera,  
Ascanio in Alba, took place in Milan, Italy. Mozart was then aged 15.*

## An Invitation from Angela Webb

I have been reflecting since I attended the Trinity Mission Action Plan Meeting in September.

I am starting some small groups led by me starting initially on Zoom on a Tuesday afternoon with a view to transferring some of them to Trinity once we have got through the coming Winter. I am imagining that these groups would comprise 6 people on Zoom and would meet fortnightly or monthly depending on how many people wanted to join in.

These groups would focus on the part of the **Methodist Way of Life** which speaks of looking and listening for God in scripture and the world. They would draw on our experience of the praying with the Bible groups that I held at my house before covid. However I am thinking there would be more sharing and I would try to provide some material in advance. I hope we would find ourselves learning and discerning in ways that would affect our individual and community lives.

I am hoping that, as we begin to meet on Zoom, you will help me to work out how to include those who cannot access Zoom.

If you would like to join one of these groups, please would you contact me by email at [angela@webbfamily.org.uk](mailto:angela@webbfamily.org.uk) and I will send you a link to our first Zoom meeting.

God bless,

**Angela**

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- ***A Methodist Way of Life can be found on the next page***



### Dial-a-Prayer

**FREEPHONE** numbers for Prayers, Reflections and News from the Methodist Church

- **Listen to a Prayer:** 0808 281 2514
- **Listen to a Pastoral Message from the President & Vice President:** 0808 281 2695
- **Listen to our Podcast:** 0808 281 2478
- *Prayer updated every Thursday,*
- *Presidential message updated every Monday,*
- *Methodist Podcast updated fortnightly on Thursday.*

### Like a pumpkin

A lady had recently become a Christian and had been baptised. Curious, one of her colleagues at work asked her what it was like to be a Christian. The lady was caught off guard and didn't know how to answer. Then she saw the office 'jack-o'-lantern' on a nearby desk and blurted: "Well, it's like being a pumpkin." Her colleague asked her to explain that one.

So she said: "Well, God picks you up out of the patch and brings you in and washes off all the dirt on the outside that you got from being around all the other pumpkins. "Then He cuts off the top and takes all the yucky stuff out from inside you. He removes all those seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all to see.

"It is our choice to either stay outside and rot on the vine, or come inside and be something new and bright." Will you be smiling today, and shining with His light? (*Parish Pump*)



## ***A Methodist Way of Life***

**The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.**

**As far as we are able, with God's help:**

### **Worship**

- We will **pray** daily.
- We will **worship** with others regularly.
- We will **look and listen for God** in Scripture, and the world.

### **Learning and Caring**

- We will **care for ourselves** and **those around us**.
- We will **learn more** about our faith.
- We will **practise** hospitality and generosity.

### **Service**

- We will **help people** in our communities and beyond.
- We will **care for creation** and all God's gifts.
- We will **challenge** injustice.

### **Evangelism**

- We will **speak** of the **love of God**.
- We will **live** in a way that **draws others to Jesus**.
- We will **share** our **faith** with others.

**May we be a blessing within and beyond God's Church, for the transformation of the world.**

## **Haiti Earthquake – Emergency Appeal**

A powerful earthquake struck Haiti's Southern Peninsula on Saturday 14 August and has claimed more than two thousand lives, with the death toll still climbing. Many more have been injured. *All We Can* and *the Methodist Church in Britain* have launched a Joint Appeal, after together assessing the likely response needs.



**Graeme Hodge, All We Can CEO** said, 'Our joint response with the Methodist Church in Britain, to deliver life-saving inputs through local partners who are there already, means aid can be deployed quickly. Across the region, large-scale damage has been caused to a majority of churches and hotels. The Methodist church in the Jeremie area is among buildings affected. We're happy to help in any way. You can contact one of our friendly **Supporter Care Team for information or to make a donation** by calling: 0207 467 5132 or email: [info@allwecan.org.uk](mailto:info@allwecan.org.uk) or on our website at: <https://www.allwecan.org.uk/>

**Lament for the Planet**  
*Looking forward to  
 COP 26,  
 Glasgow, 2021*

Gracious and Generous  
 God,  
 Creator and sustainer of all,  
 Great I am,  
 We praise you.  
 Everything is a gift  
 From you,  
 We thank you.

We thank you  
 For this blue planet,  
 Our fragile home,  
 Seen completely  
 In images from space  
 Placed alongside  
 Words from the Bible,  
 'In the beginning God  
 created  
 The heavens and the  
 Earth.'  
 You saw your Creation  
 And it was good.  
 Wise elders remind us,  
 Human beings are one  
 thread  
 In the web of life.  
 Whatever we do to the web,  
 We do to ourselves.

Creator God, forgive us  
 Our self-centredness,  
 Our greed,  
 Our blindness to the lies  
 We tell ourselves.

We have refused  
 To let you be God.  
 We have put ourselves  
 At the centre of Creation.  
 We have dominated  
 And exploited the planet  
 You entrusted to us.

We have gorged ourselves  
 Burning fossil fuels.

We have saturated the  
 atmosphere  
 With greenhouse gases  
 Causing global warming,  
 Hurricanes and heatwaves,  
 Wildfires and winter storms,  
 Flooding and droughts,  
 Retreating ice,  
 Rising sea levels.

We know we can  
 Make a difference  
 But we have failed  
 To work together  
 With one another  
 With You  
 For this good.  
 Forgive us.

You show us  
 That we need to reach  
 Net zero carbon  
 Quickly.  
 Show us too Gracious God  
 What is ours to do?

We can pray;  
 Holy Spirit teach us to pray  
 We can urge our leaders  
 To build climate friendly  
 Communities;  
 Holy Spirit guide us  
 In our campaigning.  
 We can eat less meat,  
 Fewer dairy products  
 And more vegetables.  
 Holy Spirit grant wisdom,  
 Show us the next step to  
 take.  
 We can use our cars  
 Only when essential.  
 We can save energy at  
 home  
 And use green energy.  
 Holy Spirit help us  
 In our stewardship.

Gracious and Generous  
 God,  
 Creator and sustainer of all,  
 Great I am,

We cry out to you for help.  
 Help us to put you  
 At the centre of our lives.  
 Help us to care for  
 Brother ocean and sister  
 wind.  
 Help us to honour  
 The cheeky bluetit  
 And the soaring red kite.  
 Help us to savour  
 The fragility of the  
 snowdrop  
 And the mighty strength  
 Of the redwood tree.  
 Help us to see your hand  
 In all that you have made.

This is a huge task  
 Requiring changed hearts  
 And renewed minds.  
 Send forth your Spirit  
 To transform us.  
 Empower us to repent  
 And to work with you  
 For the good of the whole  
 planet.  
 We know that you have  
 promised  
 That you are making  
 All things new.  
 Renew our hope, our  
 resolve  
 To place you at the centre  
 Of all we do  
 And to thank you  
 For life in all its fullness  
 In our thoughts and words,  
 In our individual actions  
 In our corporate works.

Gracious and Generous  
 God,  
 Creator and sustainer of all,  
 Great I am,  
 We praise you.  
 Everything is a gift  
 From you,  
 We thank you.

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## ADAM'S STORY

**This is from SASRA's newsletter.  
"Soldier's, Airmen's Scripture Readers association"**

**They came and took a service at Trinity some years ago and I thought you would be encouraged by their work. They have also been busy supporting the troops who were deployed to Afghanistan to help with the evacuations the other month.**

I want to share a recent experience with you, it's the story of a young soldier, called Adam (names have been changed).

Adam was recently at a low point in his life, his army career was not going well. His commanding officer had told him to think carefully about whether he still had anything to offer the army, and if not he would have to move on. Adam didn't know what to do, or how to get his life back on track. He was worried and upset; if he was discharged from the army he wouldn't be able to get another job, he would have let his family down, and he would have let the army and his friends in his unit down. He went to see the medical officer and was diagnosed with depression. As far as Adam was concerned his life was going from bad to worse and his thoughts took a darker turn towards suicide.

As a last resort Adam went looking for one of our Scripture Readers, John, who made him a cuppa and sat and listened to him. Over the weeks they got to know each other a little and Adam began to value John's opinion – he had been in combat, he knew what army life was all about. Adam started to go to group Bible studies that John was holding on the base, he started to focus again on his army career; and the suicidal thoughts stopped. One day the penny dropped for Adam and John was able to lead him in a profession of faith in Jesus as his Saviour.

Adam returned to his unit and has joined a local church, he is soldiering on. His commanding officer is amazed at the change in Adam and now sees him as a credit to his unit with a promising future ahead of him.

**More than 20 young soldiers like Adam have made these life changing decisions so far this year as a result of the missionary work our Scripture Readers are doing.**

*Sent in by Jennifer Pitt*

### Two Poems by Pat Murphy

Oh how great is the Love of God  
for me.

Not just for now, but for all eternity.

This Love so rich, so great so free,  
Pours continually over me.

It is so great, I can hardly take it in.

As He gives and gives,  
and gives again.

Lord increase my faith and let it grow.

As Jesus, more I get to know.

Show me how to trust you more.

As I receive from your boundless store.

You promise grace sufficient, as I abide.

And rest in you, and in you hide.

You will never fail, for your word is true.

And you will be with me, to see me  
through.

*Pat Murphy*

## A Personal Account of the Very First Lockdown

Prior to 'Covid' I was always out and about, and busy most days, so the prospect of 'lockdown' seemed quite appealing at first, a bit like being given a holiday. During the first few weeks I tackled a cupboard which has always been untidy, (being the best place to keep the 'come in handy' bits and bobs that are kept forever but never reused), and my wardrobe too had a long-awaited review, resulting in many bags for the charity shops, once they are allowed to reopen.

Initially, I felt very guilty sitting down in the afternoon to watch a good film, but I soon overcame that by taking up knitting again. Knitting in front of the T.V. is something I am not terribly good at, but I persevered and eventually managed to complete a rather plain looking jumper.



One discovery I made while clearing out some cupboards was an old shoe box. It contained letters from an old friend of mine. She no longer writes long letters due to arthritis in her hands, but years ago she studied calligraphy, so her letters were always beautifully written.

I can't remember the last proper letter I wrote to a friend. Can you? These days I mostly keep in touch through e-mails, WhatsApp, texting, telephone, or writing notelets. Looking at that box of beautifully handwritten letters, I remember the excitement I felt at receiving them. She travelled extensively and her letters were always long, and interesting. I recall that I would make myself a drink and settle down in a comfy chair and simply savour reading her letters. With hindsight, I think it is a shame we seem to have lost the art of letter writing, which is a pity as it is always a joy to receive one.

So, friends, my resolution at the beginning of 2021, is to learn calligraphy and to write 'proper' letters to my friends. I have already bought the ink, and a 'How to master Calligraphy' book, plus a set of calligraphy pens, which consisted of a strange assortment of metal nibs and a wooden pen holder. Opening the bottle of ink was a revelation; just the smell of ink transported me back to my schooldays, when as an 'ink monitor' I had to wash out the ceramic ink pots from our desks. This was no easy task as the boys in our class used to fill the ink pots with blotting paper !



My very first attempts at mastering the art of calligraphy was a bit messy and I now very much regret not having some blotting paper. Do they still sell blotting paper ?

**Anon**

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### Autumn Prayer

Dear Loving, Father God,

As the season changes and we enjoy the beautiful colours of Autumn, there are other changes which we don't enjoy. Changes we cannot control; changes and suffering in the world, beyond our comprehension; changes to our work routines, or health, or circumstances; changes which cause us anxiety and uncertainty. When everything seems to be falling around us like the Autumn leaves, help us, Lord, to remember that you stand firm. You are our rock. You never change. You are always faithful, always with us, as we move into each new day and each new season.

Thank you for loving us so much that you gave us Jesus, so that by putting our trust in Him, we can know the security of your love, for ever!

In His name, we thank you, Sovereign Lord. Amen

*(by Daphne Kitching, Parish Pump)*

## Friendship

Four men lowered their friend on a mat through a hole they had made in a roof, to meet Jesus. He was paralyzed, and Jesus healed him. He stood up, picked up his mat. And walked away. His friends rejoiced with him. (Luke 5 v.17-26)

Can you imagine this as tomorrow's headline in a national newspaper?

'Men break through roof to help their friend meet healer.'

It was a miracle, and it demonstrates the power of God, and the gift of friendship.

Eleanor Roosevelt wrote, 'People walk in and out of your life. Only true friends leave their footprints on your heart.' If we have friends like that, we are truly blessed.



I have a Friendship Calendar in my kitchen. Everyday I turn over the page to see the date and read the quote for that day. I share some with you;

'It's just the homely things, the unintrusive friendly things, the 'Won't you let me help you' things that make the world seem bright.' (Anon)

'Your friend is the one who knows all about you, and still likes you.' (Elbert Hubbard)

'Friendship is genuine, when two friends without speaking a word, can nevertheless find happiness in being together.' (Georg Ebers)

'There are no goodbyes for us. Wherever you are you will always be in my heart.' (Mahatma Gandhi)

My favourite quote is; 'When I am feeling down, you look over the fence and say, "Tea and Cookies"?'

Friends are special they do not demand or expect anything. They are not bound to us by duty, or commercial expectations. They only walk beside us, ready to help, to listen, to share.

Jesus said, 'I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business, I have called you friends.'

How amazing that is. We read those words in (John 15 v.15-17) and familiarity makes them unappreciated, almost unimportant. Jesus continues, 'Love one another' which is the source of true friendship.

The hymnwriter Joseph Scriven wrote, 'What a friend we have in Jesus.' It is a hymn about prayer, but also about friendship. If we read Joseph's life story, there is much sadness, yet he writes. 'In His arms He'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.'

Many of us have found during the Covid pandemic, the value of our friends.

Their footprints are on our hearts. God bless you.

**Margaret Garland**

*70 years ago, on 18 October 1951 Snowdonia National Park was established in Wales.*

## Learning from the Children

Jesus and Me, our family take on Messy Church has continued to meet successfully from time to time during this past period of lockdown and disruption. We have had to work in separate spaces in Trinity Hall and keep ourselves spaced out (in the best sense of the word) while still having fun, trying new crafts, playing games and even learning new songs.

Our last session focused on the story of Jonah, one of the Old Testament's most bizarre, in my opinion. After hearing the story, we made sea creature pictures with sticky dots, played competitive "flip the kipper" the length of the hall and stuck our hands into a pretend Whale's stomach (filled with slime) to fish out the plastic animals it had eaten!



That was all fun but during my period of preparation I have also come to realise what an amazing and relevant message is contained in Jonah's tale. In the story, God gives Jonah a command to go to Nineveh with a message...and he's too scared to go. The people there were very warlike and had a habit of impaling strangers or others they didn't like...so Jonah's hesitancy is quite understandable. While Jonah is fleeing in the opposite direction on a ship to Spain, he gets the blame for a huge storm and is thrown overboard. After three days in the belly of a great fish (or somehow adrift in the Mediterranean) he decides he had better do what God wants.

God's message to Nineveh is simple: "Mend your ways in 40 days or I will destroy your city." Surprisingly the King and his people take heed and the city is saved. Jonah however is really angry that despite all that he has been through to deliver the message God has given the city a second chance. It takes a lot of sulking in the desert and another example of God's power before Jonah (and I) understand that God's care for all of his creation allows for second chances!

How amazing that Jonah didn't get it, after God had given him a second chance to fulfil the task that he had been set. God loved the people of Nineveh too.

Like Jonah, I underestimate the scope and depth of God's love for his creation and his willingness to be patient and persistent with all of us.

**Hilary**

## Methodist Women In Scotland

### Beauty and Brokenness

**Come and join us for a time of fellowship and learning about Climate Justice**



Bible Study led by Jill Baker 'Eager but groaning' – Creation in Romans 8

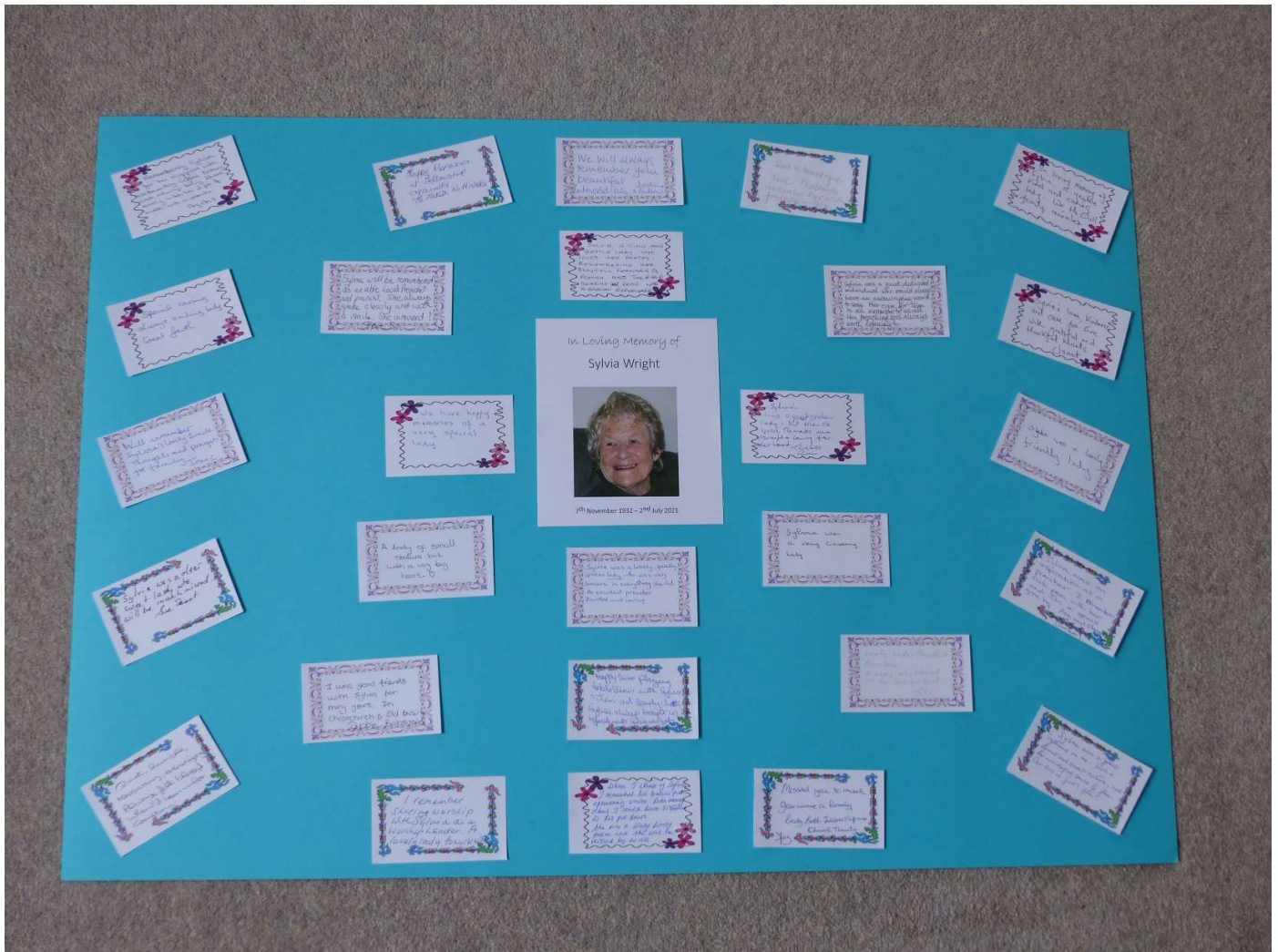
**Saturday 2 October 2021 from 11 am – 1 pm on Zoom**

**For further details and to register see Eventbrite**

<https://mwis-beauty-and-brokenness.eventbrite.co.uk>

## Board of Memories and Photo of Sylvia

(put together by Jennifer Pitt)



## New Research Reveals Significant Contribution by Cathedrals to Local Economies

A new report has highlighted the hugely positive economic and social impact England's Cathedrals have on their cities. In 2019, England's 42 Anglican Cathedrals contributed £235m to their local economies. They provided 6,065 jobs, full-time equivalent jobs and volunteering posts for 15,400 people who gave 906,000 hours of their time. They welcomed more than 14.6 million visits, 308,000 by schoolchildren for educational events, and 9.5m from tourists. In the same year, Cathedrals hosted a rich programme of arts, music, heritage and culture – amounting to 9,580 events equivalent to two every three days – as well as providing the venues for film shoots such as *The Crown*, *Doctor Who* and *Avengers: Endgame*.

The Cathedrals have also run foodbanks, supported groups for the more vulnerable, the unemployed, and the homeless. They have helped outreach activities in schools, residential homes and hospitals, lunch clubs, parent and toddler groups, as well as community cafes. Also, over two-thirds of Cathedrals are part of the A Rocha Eco Church programme, helping the Church of England achieve its carbon reduction targets by 2030.

(Parish Pump)

## Memories of Sylvia Wright

Today we're here to celebrate the life of Sylvia Wright, and to share our grief and sense of loss. And so today and in all the days and weeks that follow can I suggest you share memories of Sylvia? Treasure your best memories, your special memories of Sylvia whether as a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, relative, friend, or in whatever way you knew her. Keep your memories of Sylvia. A wonderful Christian lady who was an inspiration to many throughout her life.



Friends, I've known Sylvia since 1994 and so there are a number of memories I could personally share. I remember her here at Christ Church faithfully running the Fellowship Group. Quietly organising each service, arranging a speaker, playing the piano and making sure everyone was okay and much, much, more. I also remember her wonderful voice especially when she read the bible in public. Her diction was so clear and you couldn't help but listen to the words because of the beautiful way Sylvia read the scriptures.

I also had the privilege of acting with Sylvia in a Passion Play called 'To Jerusalem' back in the Easter of 1999. I remember there was one scene where I had to ask Jim (Sylvia's husband) if he would give me his donkey so that I could take it to Jesus. At each performance Sylvia and I stood and worried each time...wondering if Jim would remember his lines! He'd fluffed them several times during rehearsals, but he got it right on the night much to the relief of Sylvia and me.

Talking of Jim... as his health deteriorated Sylvia was truly wonderful in the way that she cared for her husband. My Ruth reminded me of how Sylvia would tirelessly take Jim out for a drive in the car which was clearly something he enjoyed. Indeed, in her later years Sylvia would also enjoy simply being taken for a drive out in the car. Sylvia also loved looking at the birds and had a bird feeder in her garden in Chineham that brought her much joy.

But most importantly I'd like to highlight Sylvia's very strong and committed faith. Anyone who knew Sylvia would be aware of her quiet and assured faith in God. Even as her own physical and mental powers waned I'm sure she would have retained her hope in God. Be assured... as God's child Sylvia is in paradise right now. If we could only keep this before us, we would praise God more and more.

Most importantly she lived her faith out, quietly and humbly looking after many people. She'd often be in the background getting on with things as she consistently put others before herself. Friends, from everything I know about Sylvia I'm confident she understood that God is not dead. Rather He is ruling, moving, active, at work in this world, accomplishing His purposes.

So, as we mourn for Sylvia today and in the weeks and months ahead try to imagine Sylvia in heaven calling out to you and reminding you of these words that Jesus uttered as he walked on planet earth 2,000 years ago. **'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in Jesus'**. I'm sure Sylvia would tell you now... Jesus is coming back to take His followers to be with Him forever. Friends, ultimately Sylvia understood that to be with Jesus is better and more desirable than anything else in life and that's what Sylvia

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**Sylvia, cont'd.....**

would want for every single one of us! Friends, we can be confident that Sylvia recognised that by uniting her life with Jesus, she was united with God. She trusted in Jesus to show her the way throughout her life and at the end of it trusting Him to be with her through to eternity where Sylvia now is.

With all this in mind I'm pretty sure that throughout her life Sylvia looked to Jesus as the supreme example of what it means to love, recognising everything Jesus did in life and death was supremely loving. And I'm sure that's what Sylvia strived to do. Let's remind ourselves again... Sylvia was humble, and always helping in the background. She was someone who cared. She was compassionate, caring, selfless, thoughtful, modest, a beautiful reader, she had a strong faith, she always put others needs first. She always looked for the good in everyone. She always looked forward and saw the possibilities and opportunities at every stage of her life.

Friends, it's pretty clear.... Sylvia was filled with the love of Christ and sought to constantly help others. Sylvia loved you and many people and of course most of all she loved her family. Her children Richard, Peter and Deborah. Also her children-in-law, Liz and Karl and of course her grandchildren Scott, Naomi, Kristen and Lewis. And her Great grandchildren.... Abel, Nancy, Adah and Rafferty and especially her late husband, Jim who she is now reunited with. Friends, they were married in 1958 and remained married until Jim died in 2013. That' 55 years of marriage and is worth celebrating in its own right.

Friends, throughout her life Sylvia was someone who reached out and shared God's love. And of course that's good – because actually God has hard-wired us that way. Earlier Kristen read these words to us: ***“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”***

These aren't feelings, these are actions, behaviours. This is what love “looks like.” And it's the way Sylvia showed her love. We're called to love the way God loves – directed outward towards others, not inward towards ourselves. It is utterly unselfish. And I think Sylvia has been a pretty good example of this.

Sylvia would want us to know God offers love to us throughout our lives and at the end of them, inviting us to turn to him and put our trust in him...Jesus died to show that nothing (not even death) is stronger than the love of God...his resurrection shows that nothing is stronger than the hope of God's love.

Today is quite naturally a tough day as we say a final farewell to Sylvia, but in the midst of our grief I pray you will find hope that one day we will be complete when we see God face to face. I pray this truth will strengthen you – we don't have all the answers now, but one day we will. Someday we will see Christ in person and be able to see with God's perspective. In the meantime be assured God has redeemed Sylvia and called her home and she now rests in peace with Him and will rise again in glory. Amen.

**Revd Gordon Randall (from the Celebration of Sylvia's life on 12 September 2021)**

*70 years ago, on 31 October 1951, zebra crossings were introduced in the UK.  
The first one was in Slough, Berks.*

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## AN INTIMATE MESSAGE FROM GOD TO YOU

### *My Child.....*

You may not know me, but I know everything about you. Psalm 139:1  
 I know when you sit down and when you rise up. Psalm 139:2  
 I am familiar with all your ways. Psalm 139:3  
 Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. Matthew 10:29-31  
 For you were made in my image. Genesis 1:27  
 In me you live and move and have your being. Acts 17:28  
 For you are my offspring. Acts 17:28  
 I knew you even before you were conceived. Jeremiah 1:4-5  
 I chose you when I planned creation. Ephesians 1:11-12  
 You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book. Psalm 139:15-16  
 I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. Acts 17:26  
 You are fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14  
 I knit you together in your mother's womb. Psalm 139:13  
 And brought you forth on the day you were born. Psalm 71:6  
 I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me. John 8:41-44  
 I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. 1 John 4:16  
 And it is my desire to lavish my love on you. 1 John 3:1  
 Simply because you are my child and I am your Father. 1 John 3:1  
 I offer you more than your earthly father ever could. Matthew 7:11  
 For I am the perfect father. Matthew 5:48  
 Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand. James 1:17  
 For I am your provider and I meet all your needs. Matthew 6:31-33  
 My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. Jeremiah 29:11  
 Because I love you with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31:3  
 My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore.  
 Psalms 139:17-18  
 And I rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17  
 I will never stop doing good to you. Jeremiah 32:40  
 For you are my treasured possession. Exodus 19:5  
 I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul. Jeremiah 32:41  
 And I want to show you great and marvellous things. Jeremiah 33:3  
 If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. Deuteronomy 4:29  
 Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4  
 For it is I who gave you those desires. Philippians 2:13  
 I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine. Ephesians 3:20  
 For I am your greatest encourager. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17  
 I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4  
 When you are broken-hearted, I am close to you. Psalm 34:18  
 As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart. Isaiah 40:11  
 One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes.  
 Revelation 21:3-4

*AN INTIMATE MESSAGE FROM GOD TO YOU (CONT'D)*

And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth. Revelation 21:3-4

I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus. John 17:23

For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed. John 17:26

He is the exact representation of my being. Hebrews 1:3

He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you. Romans 8:31

And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you. 1 John 4:10

I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love. Romans 8:31-32

If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me. 1 John 2:23

And nothing will ever separate you from my love again. Romans 8:38-39

Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen. Luke 15:7

I have always been Father, and will always be Father. Ephesians 3:14-15

My question is...Will you be my child? John 1:12-13

I am waiting for you. Luke 15:11-32

Love, Your Dad

*Almighty God*

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*The above article was sent in by Jennifer Pitt*

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### New Chair for Christian Aid



The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu, the former Archbishop of York, will be the next Chair of the board of International Development Agency Christian Aid. Dr Sentamu – who has been outspoken on issues of poverty and justice in the UK and globally for many years – served as the Archbishop of York from 2005 until 2020. He was created by Her Majesty the Queen, Baron of Lindisfarne in the County of Northumberland and Masooli in the Republic of Uganda. He is a member of the UK Parliament, in the House of Lords. Born in Kampala, Uganda, Dr Sentamu will be the first person of African descent to take up the position of Chair in Christian Aid's 75-year history.

Dr Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury and current Chair, will stand down at Christian Aid's Annual General Meeting (AGM) in November, having served two full terms of office. Announcing the appointment, Christian Aid's CEO Amanda Khozi Mukwashi said: "This is wonderful news for Christian Aid. Dr Sentamu brings with him a passion and energy for global justice, a deep love of the Church and a profound theological understanding that will be able to speak into the crises of climate change, Covid, conflict and debt that are affecting the world's poorest communities. We look forward to welcoming him to the Christian Aid family." (*Parish Pump*)

## Medication Blister Packs

### *Blister Pack Update*

Thank you for the steady stream of medication blister packs that are arriving at church. I have already taken 4 very full “bags for life” to the recycling drop off point. The Marie Curie Foundation receive funds from every kilogram donated. Please continue to leave them at church for me to collect, in the **white labelled bin provided, which can be found in the foyer area at church**. However I would be happy to collect locally if you are unable to get to church.



**Jennifer Pitt**

## Recycling of Plastic Milk Bottle Tops –

If you have plastic milk bottle tops (*only milk bottle tops*) and are not already recycling them and would like to, Pamela has a contact with a collector for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. Tops can be given to Pamela or ring the Bishop family on ☎: 01256 467702.

Thank you, **June Bishop**

## *Trinity Collections*

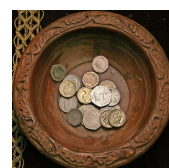
As you will expect, Trinity's income has been severely reduced over the past six months. This is partly because hirers have had to stop meeting, but also because without services in Church the collections have stopped. Nevertheless, much of our expenditure has continued – almost half of our outgoings 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:

**David Gunton** (Treasurer) – david@gunton.org or 01256-352342 or

**Tony Pitt** (Gift Aid & Envelope Secretary) – organista@btinternet.com or ☎: 01256-816314



## **Membership to the Lost Sheep website.**

### **Message from Yvonne Hunt –**

I have just purchased (with permission) a membership to the Lost Sheep website, this is a brilliant resource for the Churches to use with their Children and young people.

Saying that, my husband has also used it in an adult service too.

We can have 12 log-ins to the site, so I am asking which Churches would like a login and who in that Church. as I will need to set them up with an account.

Contact me on: Yvonne Hunt: [outreach@basingstokereadingmethodists.uk](mailto:outreach@basingstokereadingmethodists.uk)

The verse below was sent to me by Bill Jeram.  
Peggy Wood brought this verse to the  
St Andrew's Coffee Club to share with friends.

## *Forgotten Verse*

Daphne Rolfe, from Beaconsfield, Bucks, wants to find a very old song where one task is to love someone more dearly every day.

The first two verses, about doing good in your daily life, come from a poem written in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century by Maude Louise Ray, with a third verse added in 1913 by F H Pickup, when the poem became a popular hymn.

### *My Task*

*Maude Louise Ray and F H Pickup  
(1903 / 1913)*

*To love someone more dearly every day,  
To help a wandering child to find his way,  
To ponder over a noble thought and pray,  
And smile when evening falls,  
And smile when evening falls,  
This is my task.*

*To follow truth as blind men long for light,  
To do my best from dawn of day till night,  
To keep my heart fit for His holy sight,  
And answer when He calls,  
And answer when He calls,  
This is my task.*

*And then my Savior by and by to meet,  
When faith hath made her task on  
earth complete,  
And lay my homage at the Master's feet,  
Within the jasper walls,  
Within the jasper walls,  
This crowns my task.*

### Little Snippets

- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
- They begin the evening news with "Good Evening," then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted the pay cheques.
- 'Fitting God in' – A little girl said to her mother: "The minister's sermon this morning confused me." Her mother was surprised, so the little girl continued: "He said that God is bigger than we are. Is that true?" "Yes, that's true." The mother replied. "He also said that God lives within us. Is that true, too?" Again, the mother agreed. "Well," said the girl. "If God is bigger than us and He lives in us, wouldn't He show through?"
- The gospel is good news. But Jesus never said it was easy news –  
*Charles Colson*



## COVID 19 UPDATE:

### UPDATE Foodbank

#### **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, 23.09.21, We are Very Short of:**

- Dried Milk Powder
- Fruit Juice (Long Life)
- Nappies sizes 6 & AMP 7; pull-ups
- Long Life Milk, (full fat)

#### **We are Short of:**

- Coffee (small jars)
- Sweet & Savory spreads
- Tinned Meat (Hot, not Ham, Corned Beef etc)
- Tinned fish
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned kidney beans and other tins of pulses
- Meat substitute
- Desserts & puddings (microwave)
- Washing up liquid
- Tinned dog food

#### **We have Plenty of:**

- Hot Cereals, Porridge Sachets
- Baked Beans
- Biscuits
- Rice
- Pasta
- Soup
- Crisps
- Tea, Fruit Teas
- Cat Food

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
GENEROUS FINANCIAL  
SUPPORT.**

**WE WILL USE SOME OF  
THESE FUNDS TO  
PURCHASE THE ITEMS  
LISTED.**

**HOWEVER, IF YOU  
PREFER TO DONATE  
FOOD, THESE ARE  
THE ITEMS WE ARE  
RUNNING SHORT OF.**

## RECYCLING UPDATE



I am pleased to report that despite the Covid restrictions, the bin beside Sarum 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](mailto:malandhazel@hotmail.com) ☎: 07776 442529

### Stories Jesus Told by Tim Dowley, Candle Books, £15 (for a pack of five)

Here is a book that young children will love. Parents will find it very useful on long car drives, in Sunday school, for awards, and even just on a rainy afternoon at home.

The puzzles and activities are based around the stories Jesus told. They include **dot-to-dot**, **'spot the difference'**, **colouring**, **'match the pairs'**, **'put the story in the right order'**, **mazes**, **'complete the drawing'**, and **'spot the deliberate mistakes.'** At the bottom of each page the Bible story that the activity is from is explained. (*Parish Pump*)

## Circuit News – Free Tickets for the Christian Resources Exhibition:

Things are slowly getting back to normal, or near normal! One activity returning is the:

### Christian Resources Exhibition at Sandown Park in Esher

12 – 14 October

However, things won't be quite as normal there. The stands are to be spaced further apart and walk-ways will be wider. But some things will stay the same ... for example, you can still get –

**FREE TICKETS FOR CRE** – Free entrance tickets from [The Open Bible Trust](#).

Use this url to get them:

<https://eventdata.uk/Comp/CRENational2021.aspx?TrackingCode=OBT>



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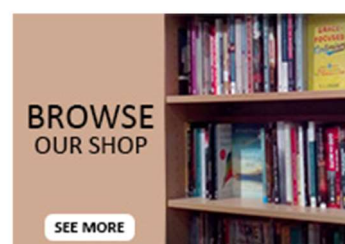
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**And may Romans 8:37-39 encourage us all**



## Sorry, Lord, I just couldn't make it

The bells ring out on Sunday morn,  
O did you hear their call?  
They call the faithful ones to prayer  
To Church they summon all.

But Lord, I cannot come today,  
I live a busy life,  
Still, when there's something special on  
I'll try and send the wife.

It poured with rain last Sunday  
An inch or two, I bet.  
You surely can't expect me then -  
I'd get my new suit wet.

Today the sky is blue and clear,  
but the car's as black as ink.  
And if I do not clean it soon,  
What will the neighbours think?

You know I do my bit, dear Lord  
I have a golden rule,  
I sometimes send my kids along  
To be at Sunday school.

But I really couldn't come as well,  
There's grass to mow, and beds to weed  
Shelves to fix, a dog to walk, and  
Sunday newspapers to read.

And now this day has ended, Lord  
How fast the weekends go!  
I ask for faith and strength this week  
For I feel (spiritually) quite low.

Inflame, O Lord, my feeble faith  
My lamp burns rather dim,  
For God depends on me, of course,  
And I depend on Him.

**Author Unknown** (Parish Pump)

## Prove it

Prove it they cried  
that you're the Messiah  
Wouldn't He come as a  
conquering king?  
Not as a poor man riding a donkey  
How do you think we'd believe  
such a thing?

Wherever He went  
large crowds would follow,  
He calmed the storm and  
turned water to wine,  
The lame could walk and  
the deaf made to hear,  
Fully a man and yet also divine.

His teaching had  
never been heard before,  
He fed the five thousand with  
fish and bread  
Gave sight to the blind and  
lepers were healed,  
He cast out demons and  
raised the dead.

He died on a cross to take away sin  
Rose up from the grave,  
what more could He do  
To prove of His love  
for all of mankind?  
Believe it or not - It's all up to you.

*by Megan Carter (Parish Pump)*

- *Prayer is the rope up in the belfry; we pull it, and it rings in heaven – Christmas Evens.*
- *The sentence, 'Are you as bored as I am?', can be read backwards and still makes sense.*

**For the Young and not so Young**

**PUZ?LES**

**Crossword**

**Bible Bite**

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Mark 6:17-28, Matthew 14:1-11

After Herod Antipator died, the Romans allowed his son Herod Antipas to rule Galilee and Peraea. He was hated by the Jews

Herod Antipas divorced his wife and married his brother Herod-Philip's wife, Herodias.



John the Baptist told him he had broken Jewish law by marrying his brother's wife\*



\*Lev 18:19,20:21. She was also his niece.

Herodias hated John and wanted him dead. Herod was afraid of John and wouldn't kill him but put him in prison.

Herod liked to listen to John.

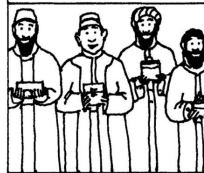


Herod had a big party for his birthday.



(Birthday parties were a new trend from Greece.)

He invited everyone important in Galilee.



Herodias sent her daughter to dance for Herod and his guests.



(No decent girl would do this.)

They were very entertained.



I will give you anything, even half my kingdom



(Which wasn't really his to give.)

Salome asked Herodias, then said

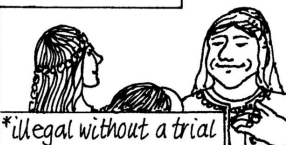


I want John's head on a plate.

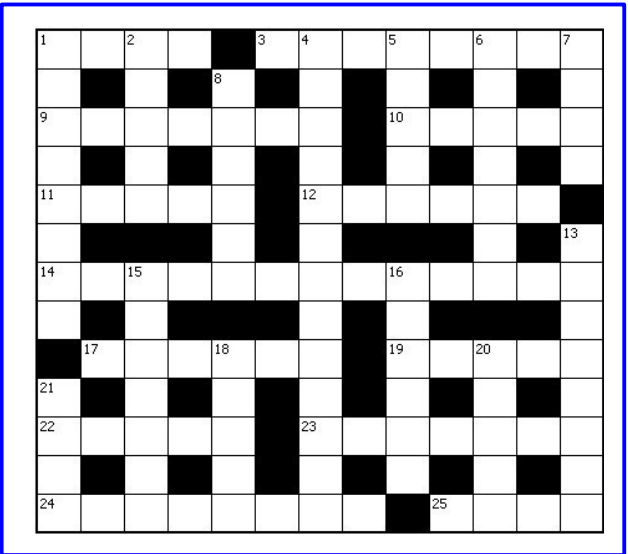
Oh, no! But I made a promise in front of everyone!



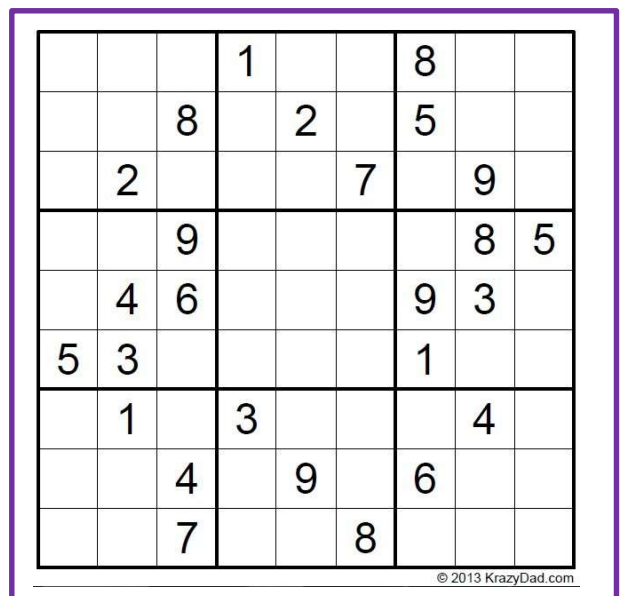
So John was killed\* and Salome was given his head. She gave it to her mother.



\*illegal without a trial



**Sudoku**



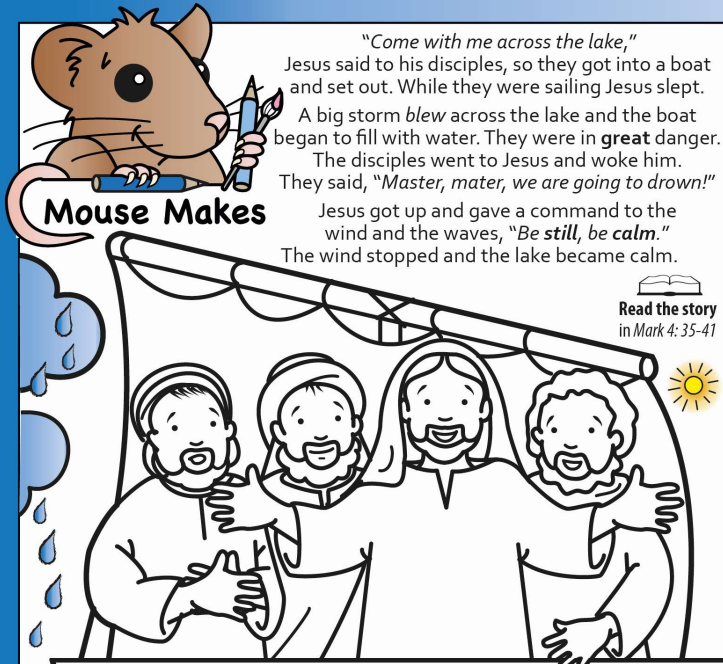
**Wordsearch for October – HARVEST**

October brings us Harvest Thanksgiving, when we thank God for all the bounty of Creation.

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|--------------|------------|---------|
| October      | Creation   | Variety |
| Harvest      | Generosity | Edible  |
| Bounty       | Food       | Choice  |
| God          | Endless    | Vast    |
| Millions     | Desperate  | Eat     |
| Thanksgiving | Charities  | Help    |
| Supermarket  | Starving   | Pray    |
|              |            | Give    |

• The average person works themselves to death so that they can live.





**Mouse Makes**

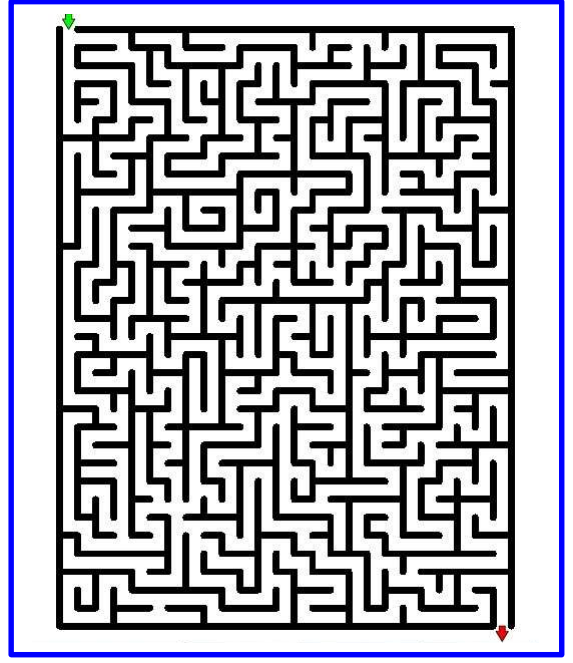
*"Come with me across the lake,"*  
 Jesus said to his disciples, so they got into a boat and set out. While they were sailing Jesus slept.  
 A big storm *blew* across the lake and the boat began to fill with water. They were in **great** danger. The disciples went to Jesus and woke him. They said, *"Master, mater, we are going to drown!"*  
 Jesus got up and gave a command to the wind and the waves, *"Be still, be calm."*  
 The wind stopped and the lake became calm.

Read the story  
 in Mark 4:35-41

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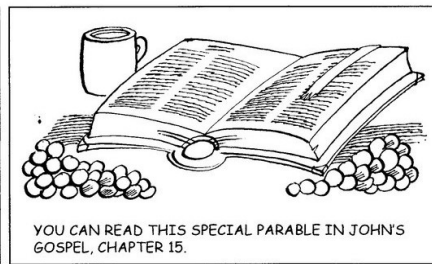
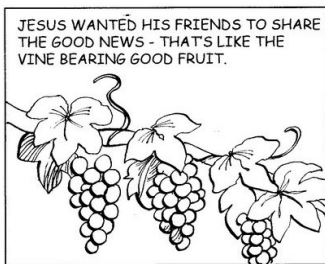
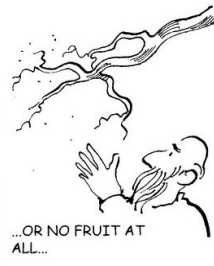
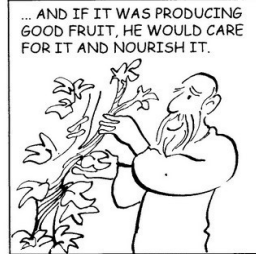
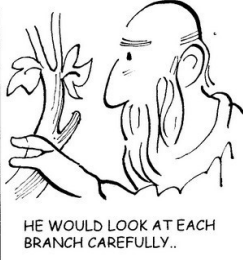
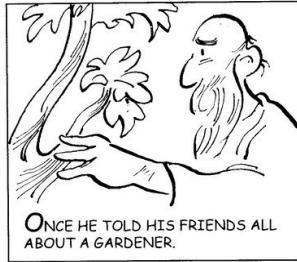
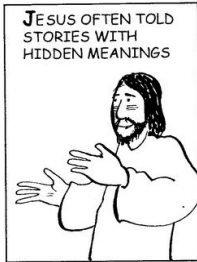
**Crossword Clues, October 2021 – Down:**

- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
- 2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
- 4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
- 5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
- 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7)
- 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
- 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)
- 15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)
- 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)
- 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
- 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
- 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

**Crossword Clues, October 2021 – Across:**

- 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)
- 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
- 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of — , the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)
- 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
- 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
- 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
- 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
- 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)
- 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
- 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
- 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
- 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
- 25 Note (anag.) (4)

# The gardener and the Vine



## Puzzle Pages Solutions

### Answers – ACROSS

- 1 dare; 3 cherubim; 9 son Tohu;
- 10 yield; 11 ranch; 12 enlist;
- 14 Baalah of Judah; 17 Edward;
- 19 Sheol; 22 media; 23 open air;
- 24 apostasy; 25 Eton

### Answers – DOWN

- 1 describe; 2 run in; 4 household gods;
- 5 royal; 6 blessed; 7 MIDI;
- 8 Joshua; 13 children;
- 15 added to; 16 Jasper; 18 await;
- 20 exalt; 21 YMCA

### Sudoku Solution

7	5	3	1	4	9	8	2	6
4	9	8	6	2	3	5	7	1
6	2	1	8	5	7	3	9	4
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|----------|-------------|----------|
| prison   | daughter    | guests   |
| killed   | listen      | Herod    |
| finally  | party       | Galilee  |
| Salome   | mother      | brother  |
| birthday | John        | dance    |
| plate    | important   | promise  |
| head     | entertained | Herodias |
| chance   | dead        | kingdom  |



- Some people just can't unbend and be human until misfortune has taken the starch out of them.