

Shirley Parish Magazine

May 2022

swallow a nest where she may raise

Just as the sparrow has found a home and the

her young, my resting place is in your house, O



Lord my King and my God. Ps 84:3

SHIRLEY PARISH



KNOWING CHRIST
MAKING HIM KNOWN

SHIRLEY PARISH GUIDE (see also inside the back cover)

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OUR PARISH PRAYERS



Give to us your people, living God,
A renewed faith and a bold vision
that we may proclaim
the Good News of your Son
with faith that your kingdom will come,
with hope for our community
and with love for Him
who died and rose again
to save us, Jesus Christ our Risen Lord
Amen

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church,
send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local community.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

OUR SERVICES IN MAY

Date	Time	Service	Venue
1st	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	6pm	<i>followed by our APCM</i> Reflective Worship	St John's Church
5th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
8th	9am	Holy Communion	St John's Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship	St James Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King Church
12th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
15th	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	9am	Morning Worship	St John's Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
19th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
21st	10am	Messy Church	St James Church
22nd	9am	Holy Communion	St John's Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship	St James Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Christ the King Church
26th		<i>Ascension Day</i>	
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	7.30pm	Holy Communion	St James Church
29th	10.30am	Parish Service	St James Church
	6pm	Forest Church	St John's Garden

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THE EASTER JOURNEY 2022

'They are very excited', one teacher said to me, 'They haven't been on a trip for two years'. 'We are very excited,' I replied, 'We haven't done this for two years'. At the start of the pandemic in 2020 we had simply cancelled, last year not knowing whether children would be in school or at home, we had made a video which we shared with the schools we would normally invite.

It was exciting to be back in the church building with the Easter Journey but excitement can sometimes be scary. On the Saturday before I had two phone calls from helpers testing positive for Covid which resulted in two rewrites of the 'who is doing what' rota. On Monday I totally misjudged the number of grapes we needed and had to send out for more for the afternoon (my excuse was that they were unusually big grapes!). On Thursday things got a bit chaotic as we were running late with a big school group and people arrived early for a memorial service that afternoon.

But we were visited by 400 year 5 children. They watched the drama of the Last Supper, Good Friday, and Jesus appearing at the lake after the Resurrection. They were guided by John through the Last Supper and sat with Peter in the High Priest's courtyard. They listened to the Roman Centurion describe the crucifixion, and tussled with a long strip of paper to make a cross. They asked questions about these things and more. I hope we managed satisfactory answers.

We were also visited by the Diocesan Growing Younger Advisor keen to see what we were doing. Luckily these days diocesan advisors are practical people so finding that we had a big group of children that day she helped out with the cross making. In her email the following day she mentions that she now knows how to make a 'palm' cross, and congratulated the whole team for its versatility.

Without those people who walk in in the morning asking, 'What would you like me to do today?', and then doing it, none of the Journeys would be possible. Without the people who I push to do things a bit outside their comfort zones, the people who beg and borrow props, who rearrange their diaries, none of it would be possible. Without the children who ask the questions, and who stare in amazement at the centurion with a proper Roman helmet and shield, it would not be worthwhile.

Thank you all, *Sarah Penfold*



WELCOME LOUISE!



My name is Louise Beasley. I am married to Stuart, and we have a son, Rhys (13).

I grew up in Birmingham until the age of 11 and then moved to Redditch.

I studied Psychology at University, and when I returned in 2002, I settled in Rednal, Birmingham. Since 2003 I have worshipped St Stephen the Martyr in Rednal.

I continued to attend St Stephen's even when I moved away to live in Alvechurch for a few years, and now I have lived in Redditch for 15 years.

I came from a non-religious family; however, preparing for marriage brought me to church. I was baptised and confirmed in 2004 and married a month later. My personal relationship with Jesus and my faith in God has always sustained me in life. I feel blessed to be known and loved by our creator.

I have worked as a primary school teacher for 19 years. I now only teach 2 days per week as I concentrate on my ordination training at Queen's Foundation, Birmingham. My calling to ordained ministry began over 15 years ago, mainly through my experience on a summer-long mission trip to Peru. However, it was not until late 2019 that I formally acted on my calling.

My main hobby is triathlon. My passion for long-distance triathlon has been disrupted by the pandemic, but I plan to participate in a couple of half-ironman distance events this year. I also enjoy geocaching with my family as this is one of my husband's main hobbies.

I am excited to join you in Shirley Parish for my summer placement. I look forward to worshipping with you at each church and visiting the Welcome Café.

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WELCOME SARAH!

Hello! I'm Sarah (Down).

I'm really excited to be joining your church community in June as part of my training for ordination in the Church of England.

I am currently training at Trinity College Bristol. I am really passionate about journeying with people in their faith and serving the local community.

Before I began ordination training, I was an Assistant Head Teacher, specialising in Special Educational Needs.

I am married to Mike and we have two daughters, Maddie and Nancy. We love to go on walks, bike rides and watch athletics.

I'm really looking forward to learning from you all and getting involved in all that you do, both on a Sunday and in your parish community.



HER MAJESTY'S JUBILEE

As part of the Parish's Platinum Jubilee celebrations there is to be a display of historical items in St James Church.



Do you have any Shirley related photos, event records, mugs, medals, memories of the early 1950's or anything else that is appropriate that we could include?

If so, please contact me by email or telephone - gordonbragg100@gmail.com or 0121 704 2500 or via the Parish Office.

I will be happy to collect or copy any suitable items.

Gordon Bragg

QUIET IN CHURCH



A mother who took her fidgety seven-year-old to church finally had an idea: about halfway through the long sermon she leaned over and whispered: "If you don't be quiet, the preacher is going to lose his place, and he will have to start the sermon all over again." It worked.

THE FRIENDS OF ST JAMES 100 CLUB

The 100 Club was started to provide another income for The Friends other than the fundraising events they carry out.

Members are given a permanent number which is entered into a monthly draw which takes place on the 1st Sunday of each month. The first prize is £50 and second prize £25. An additional draw is made in December. Membership is £26 per year which can be paid either for six or twelve months, due on 1st June and 1st December. Subscriptions can be paid either by cheque, cash or standing order.

If you are interested in becoming a member please speak to a member of The Friends committee or contact Lynda McPherson on 0121 439 8711.

Congratulations to the April winners

£50 ~ Phillip Griffiths £25 ~ Carol Reeves

THE FRIENDS OF ST JAMES - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- *Walking Club - second Sunday of the month - contact Christine Beeston on 07794 974354 for more details*
- *Sunday 3rd July - cake and book sale after the 10.30am service*
- *Sunday 17th July - Sunday Lunch*
- *Saturday 8th October - Coffee Morning*
- *Sunday 27th November - Christmas Lunch*



COVID RESTRICTIONS IN CHURCH

We think the time has come to ease some of the Covid precautions in our churches.

We will now leave mask wearing and distancing to personal choice.

There will be an area in each church designated only for those who wish to continue to wear masks and distance (in St James this will be the rear pews on the South side).

Otherwise people will be free to sit anywhere whether masked or not.

FOOD BANK & ADAVU UPDATE

FOOD BANK: the situation at “our” Trussell Food Bank is pretty dire. Contributions have been collapsing as some donors are struggling themselves and the number of people coming with emergency food vouchers is rising alarmingly.

In one recent week even the basic commodities were running out and over £700 of precious donated monies had to be spent filling the gaps.

If you can help, please, please do - particularly with **tins of tomatoes, tinned vegetables and full fat UHT milk.**



ADAVU: you may have heard that a Spring Party is to be held on May 12th to replace the two cancelled Christmas parties of December 2020 and December 2021. It won't be on the scale of previous parties, but we are hoping to give some toiletries to the mothers, some cakes to eat as dessert and to take home, and some books for the children (both used ones in good condition and new). There will be some colouring books and felt tips put out on the tables and a garage with cars on a traffic mat. Just some light relief for an hour or two.

Thank you for your support as ever, *Elizabeth Paice*



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WELCOME CAROL & PAULINE

Easter is traditionally a popular time in the church's year for people to be baptised and confirmed. Many of you might well recall the confirmation services here in Shirley at the crack of dawn on Easter Day.

This year is special for two of our members.

Carol Samuel has been attending St James since the Autumn, and she was part of our 'Moving On' course at the end of last year. She was baptised as an infant and confirmed as a teenager into the Catholic Church but wants to be received into the Church of England. This happened at St James on Easter morning.

Pauline Pederson approached me before the lockdown asking about confirmation, and she was part of the 'START' course that straddled the lockdowns. She is part of the Welcome Café team once a month on a Tuesday. Pauline was also baptised as an infant but has never been confirmed. She took this step at a Confirmation service within the Easter Vigil service at the Cathedral on Holy Saturday.

Reverend Paul Day

They have each written a few words about their stories:

CAROL

Although raised catholic, I strayed from my faith because I couldn't accept that God was a punishing God; for me, love couldn't do this. During COVID19 lockdown, I was introduced to TBN Christian Broadcast, where I heard many accounts of Jesus' life, which compelled me to learn more by reading and studying the Bible.

Not only was my personal understanding of God as 'being love' affirmed but it superseded 'what was my limited understanding' of the vastness of 'what love truly is'! Ever since He has become my Lord and Saviour and now 'My way, my Truth and my Life'.



PAULINE

I was born in April 1942 and baptised in May in Kings Heath. My parents divorced but remained friends. We came to live in Shirley; my half-brother was baptised in St James. On marriage I was obliged to convert to Catholicism, which distressed my parents – this I have always regretted. I was never wholly comfortable with the Catholic faith. I eventually divorced and have remarried.

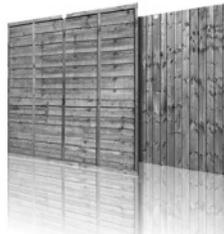
WELCOME CAROL & PAULINE continued

For 30 years I volunteered at both the Shrewsbury and Solihull hospices and had frequent contact with the Chaplains. I admired them greatly. My husband's and father's burial services were taken by those Chaplains.

I moved to Cheswick Green in 1998. Shirley is not my parish, but I gravitated towards it because of earlier connections. I approached Reverend Day and subsequently took the 'START' course. I now look forward to my Confirmation and reconnecting with the Church.



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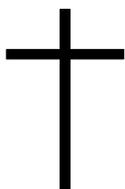


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REDUCING OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT - part 2

Our carbon footprint is the amount of carbon dioxide we produce as individuals and institutions. This carbon dioxide goes into the world's atmosphere and produces the 'greenhouse effect', which causes the climate change, otherwise known as global warming. The 35 Easiest ways to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint is a website that makes suggestions as to how as individuals we can reduce our carbon footprint. It can be found at

<https://news.climate.columbia.edu/2018/12/27/35-ways-reduce-carbon-footprint>

The second area it addresses is clothing. My additions are in *italics*.

6. **Don't buy fast fashion.** Trendy, cheap items that go out of style quickly get dumped in landfills where they produce methane as they decompose. Currently, the average American discards about 80 pounds of clothing each year, 85 percent of which ends up in landfills. *I don't know the figures for the U.K but I expect they are similar.* In addition, most fast fashion comes from China and Bangladesh, so shipping it to the *U.K.* requires the use of fossil fuels. Instead, buy quality clothing that will last.

7. Even better, **buy vintage or recycled clothing** at *charity shops*. *There are lots of charity shops in Shirley, Solihull and King's Heath. There are lots of criticism of charity shops, but I think they are great. They perform a vital function both for the charities and for the shopper.*

8. **Wash your clothing in cold water.** The enzymes in cold water detergent are designed to clean better in cold water. Doing two loads of laundry weekly in cold water instead of hot or warm water can save up to 500 pounds of carbon dioxide each year.

Next month: Shopping



Nick Ball on behalf of the Parish Eco-group

KNIT A CORGI FOR THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Thousands of people across the country are buying in light brown and white wool just now, in order to knit up a corgi in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It is a fun way in which anyone with knitting needles can get involved in the coming celebrations.

If you google 'knitting patterns for corgis', you will find a wide variety of free patterns on offer. Knitted corgis could help decorate house windows, local shops and churches as the big day approaches.



WALKING AND PRAYING THE PARISH BOUNDARY SATURDAY 28th MAY 2022

The Sunday after Ascension (this year Sunday 29th May) is known as Rogation Sunday, with the previous Monday and Tuesday being known as Rogation days. But what do these strange names mean? And are they at all relevant for us today?

Rogation comes from the Latin “Rogare” which means “to ask”. They are days when (in more agricultural times) people asked for God’s blessing on the land, and the crops growing. Nowadays they are used to ask for God’s blessing on all human endeavour.

Traditionally they were associated with Rogation Processions around the Parish, with prayers being said on the route.

This year we are marking Rogationtide as we walk and pray around the Parish boundary on Saturday 28th May. We would love for as many to join us as are able.

The boundary is about 14 miles long, so you are invited to join for as much or as little as you are able. It would be helpful if you could let me know if you are joining us.

Approximate timings are below:

- 10am Leave 18 Widney Lane (space to park cars)
- 10:10 Corner of Brick Kiln Lane / Widney Lane
- 10:25 Corner of Solihull Road / Prospect Lane
- 11:15 Corner of Stratford Road / Sandy Hill Road
- 11:45 Colebrook Road shops
- 12:15 Prince of Wales pub
- (1pm Lunch at St John’s Church)
- 1:45 Leave St John’s Church for St John’s “loop”
- 3pm Leave St John’s Church again!
- 3:15 Canal Bridge on Haslucks Green Rd
- 4pm Corner of Tanworth Lane and Blackford Rd / Dog Kennel Lane
- 5pm Finish!

Paul & Kate Day



WALKING AND PRAYING THE PARISH BOUNDARY *continued*

You might like to use these prayers for Rogationtide

Almighty God,
 whose will it is that the earth and the sea
 should bear fruit in due season:
 bless the labours of those who work on land and sea,
 grant us a good harvest
 and the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Almighty God and Father,
 you have so ordered our life
 that we are dependent on one another:
 prosper those engaged in commerce and industry
 and direct their minds and hands,
 that they may rightly use your gifts in the service of others;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

God our Father,
 you never cease the work you have begun
 and prosper with your blessing all human labour:
 make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts,
 that we may serve the common good,
 maintain the fabric of our world
 and seek that justice where all may share
 the good things you pour upon us;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.



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Saturday 4th June



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Sunday 5th June



~ **10am Jubilee Celebration Service**

~ **Open Church 2-5 with
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Shirley Parish Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



Thursday 2nd June - Sunday 5th June 2022

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Saturday 4th June 2022

Street Party for all the family - 2pm until 5pm

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Sunday 5th June 2022

Songs of Praise service for Pentecost Sunday - 10.30am

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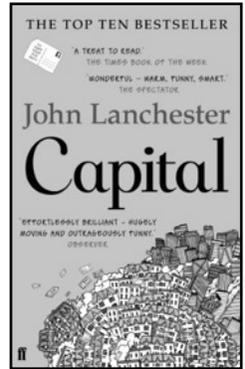


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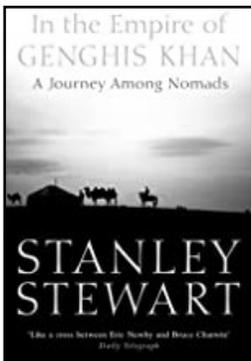
SHIRLEY PARISH BOOK CLUB

Capital by John Lanchester

Our latest Book Club read is set along a street of London's Victorian Houses in a place called Pepys Road. It begins in 2007 and ends in 2008 – when there was a worldwide economic crash. We follow a year in the lives of an investment banker and his wife, a young Senegalese professional footballer, a Zimbabwean traffic warden, a British Pakistani family who run the corner shop, a Polish builder, a Hungarian nanny, a 'Banksy' type artist and an elderly lady who is living her last days in one of the houses in the street. A whole collection of disparate characters whose paths never quite cross – until they all start receiving a mysterious message; 'We want what you have', followed by photographs and DVDs of their front doors.



It's a 'state of the nation' novel which pretty well all of the Book Club were gripped by. Belinda was 'enthralled', Sue thought it 'a great book', Pat found it 'absorbing', Jill 'a very rich read', Sue G found it very much 'of its time' and Sarah really liked the way the novel 'didn't tell the reader what to think' whilst at the same time taking regular pot shots at the rich. Sue G felt also that the novel asked us to distinguish between the shortcomings of people and of society. Only one of our Book Club found the book not entirely to her liking – too episodic, too many characters.



Andrew was reminded of that TV series by David Olusoga called *A House Through Time*. Like that series, we become aware of the complex histories behind closed doors and the way we might come to understand our nation though looking at a collection of individual people and their stories.

Our next read is going to be *In The Empire of Genghis Khan* by Stanley Stewart. We will meet to discuss the book at 2pm on Monday 13th June.

Ray Speakman

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Thursday 12th May

Mothers' UNION

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Our meeting on 6th April was an "in house" social afternoon with the members playing Bingo. It was a bit of light-hearted fun enjoyed by all who attended and culminated in refreshments. Thank you to Val Sperrey our caller for the afternoon.

We look forward to welcoming Rowena Nicholls, Diocesan MU Trustee to our next meeting on 4th May – 2pm in Church House.

We extend a warm welcome to visitors to any of our meetings.

A bookmark programme has been prepared for the remainder of the year for circulation to our members. All meetings are held in Church House at 2pm on the first Wednesday in the month except for the July outing and the August meeting which will be held on the third Thursday at 7.30pm.

M.U. PROGRAMME

1st June – Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration

6th July – Outing to Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens – details will be in the pew slip

18th August – Desert Island Discs with Rev Wendy Carter, Rev Theresa Jones and Rev Nicholas Ball hosted by Ray Speakman

7th September – information to follow

5th October – information to follow

2nd November – Jan Dalton – Craft Session

7th December – Advent Service

Susan Knight



WHY CANDLES IN CHURCH?

Lamps and Lights in the Bible

The boy Samuel was sleeping in the Temple – and ‘the lamp had not yet gone out’ (1 Samuel 3 v 3). In the New Testament, Jesus said: ‘I am the Light of the World’. (John 8 v 12)

There is an obvious need to help people to see, both visually and spiritually. There is a deep spiritual meaning.

We see Light as good, and darkness as evil. Even when modern lighting became available, the Church continued to use candles as an important part of worship.

The living flame is a powerful symbol of the presence of Christ – the Light of the world. Through the centuries, the Light has not been overcome by evil.

How many Candles on the altar?

Two candles are found on the altar if the Church is of ‘central churchmanship’ or Evangelical. Four or six indicate the Church is of the Anglo-Catholic tradition.



A Stand for the Prayer Candles

Many Cathedrals and Churches have a stand where people place a lighted candle and offer a prayer to God for a person or event. Some ask a Saint to pray with them. When they leave the church, the candle continues to burn. Members of the congregations may pray for those that lit them, and for the people for whom they were praying.

Sunday Processions

At the beginning of Mass, the acolyte leads the Procession to the altar, followed by the Crucifer carrying the Cross. On either side of the Cross are two acolytes (servers), each carrying a Processional Candle.

Advent Candles

Four Advent Candles are lit at the beginning of the four Sundays in Advent.

On the First Sunday, the candle represents God’s chosen people waiting for the Messiah.

On the Second Sunday, the candle represents the Prophets looking forward to the birth of Jesus.

The Third Candle reminds us of St John the Baptist, preparing people for the coming of Jesus.

The Fourth Candle is for Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

On Christmas Day, a fifth candle is lit in the middle of the other four, to celebrate the Birth of Jesus.



WHY CANDLES? *continued*

Candlemas – 2nd February

This is also called the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. The service begins with a procession of lighted candles coming into a darkened church.

The Paschal Candle

This is a very large candle, with a Cross on one side. It symbolizes the Risen Christ, and is lit during the Easter Season, and may be lit at other times e.g. for a Baptism.

The Easter Vigil

This dramatic service on Easter Eve begins at dusk in an unusual way. Holding unlit candles, all gather round a fire outside the Church. The Paschal Candle is lit from the New Fire. In its turn, the living flame of the Paschal Candle is passed to the candles of all present. The Procession enters the darkened Church gradually filling it with light.



Baptism

A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized or confirmed to show that ... they have passed from darkness to light.

A Prayer about Light

O God, let your light penetrate the hidden depths of our souls. Amen

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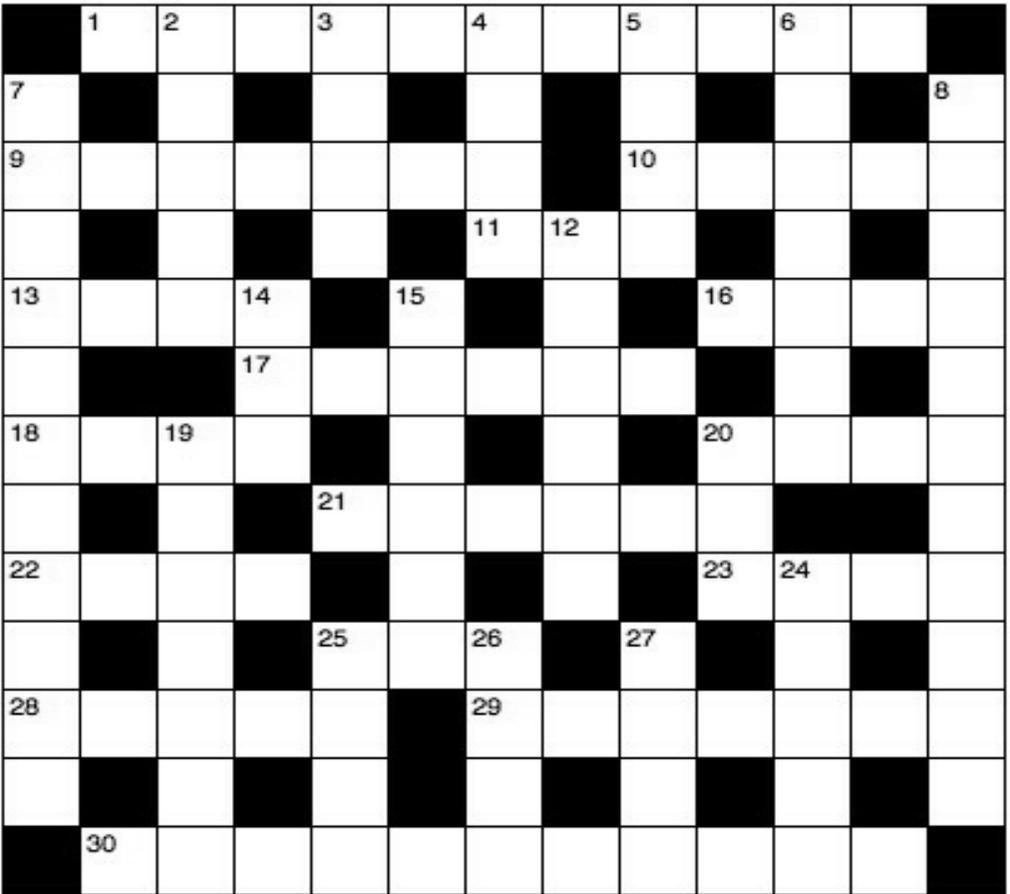
Across

- 1** Overpowered (Deuteronomy 11:4) (11)
- 9** 'The — are mantled with corn' (Psalm 65:13) (7)
- 10** 'Each man—a sword to his side' (Exodus32:27) (5)
- 11** On the death of Jesus the curtain in the temple was torn from— to bottom
(Matthew 27:51) (3)
- 13** Stagger(Isaiah 28:7)(4)
- 16** 'Anyone,then,who knows the good he ought——and doesn't do it, sins'
(James 4:17) (2,2)
- 17** Stir up or provoke (Acts13:50) (6)
- 18** Burden (Luke11:46) (4)
- 20** 'As far as the east is from the—,so far has he removed our transgressions from
us' (Psalm 103:12) (4)
- 21** Sign (Luke23:38) (6)
- 22** 'After that, Jesus poured water into a basin and began to—his disciples' feet'
(John 13:5) (4)
- 23** The nature of the seven ears of corn which swallowed up the good ears in
Pharaoh's dream (Genesis 41:23) (4)
- 25** Has (anag.)(3)
- 28** 'This is the account of Shem,Ham and Japheth,—sons' (Genesis 10:1) (5)
- 29** 'I will ... make them drunk, so that they ... sleep for—and— awake'
(Jeremiah 51:39) (4,3)
- 30** Paul said of him,'he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my chains'
(2 Timothy 1:16) (11)

Down

- 2** Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5)
- 3** 'A bruised — he will not break' (Matthew 12:20) (4)
- 4** 'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly — appeared with the angel'
(Luke 2:13) (4)
- 5** Slip (anag.) (4)
- 6** 'Take an awl and push it through his — — into the door, and he will become your
servant for life' (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3,4)
- 7** Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11)
- 8** 'Therefore, as we have — , let us do good to all people' (Galatians 6:10) (11)
- 12** Acquire(2 Timothy 2:10) (6)
- 14** Container cover (Numbers 19:15) (3)
- 15** 'He ... became obedient to death,even death on ——!' (Philippians 2:8) (1,5)

THIS MONTH'S CROSSWORD



19 Refrain (1Peter2:11) (7)

20 'She began to — his feet with her tears' (Luke7:38) (3)

24 One who worships Brahma, Vishnu or Shiva (5)

25 'Give to everyone who — you' (Luke6:30) (4)

26 'I lift up my eyes to the hills; where does my—come from?' (Psalm 121:1) (4)

27 One of those whom the Lord said would be taken from Jerusalem and Judah as judgment on them (Isaiah 3:2) (4)

Answers are on page 27



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Lord, we pray for Ukraine, a nation in which 70% of the population call themselves Christian.

You, Lord, make wars cease to the end of the earth; you break bows, shatter spears, and burn shields with fire [Psalm 46:9].

And so, we ask you now to save the lives of many people in Ukraine.

De-escalate this crisis.

We hear of wars and rumours of wars (Matthew 24:6), but you Lord are our rock, our fortress and our deliverer. Our hope is in you.

And so we address the nations now.

In the name of Jesus we say: "Be still and know God! He is exalted among the nations; He shall be exalted in the earth [Psalm 46:10].

Kyrie eleison – Lord have mercy.



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A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

May I through these columns express my sincere thanks to all those who have given their support and concern for my wellbeing upon the recent death of my wife Barbara.

Dementia is a terrible thing and it robs you of a loved one for some time before they actually pass away. A book I read recently described it as "a long goodbye".

Thank you also for all the cards.

I would also like to thank Reverend Theresa who conducted the service in such a way that we received many compliments on it.

Thank you all again.

Richard Hidson

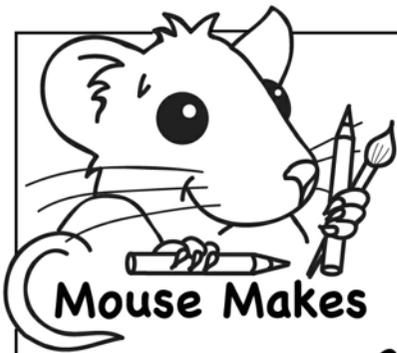


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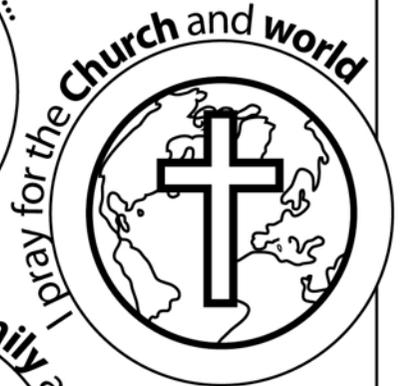
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March Baptisms

6th	Jessica Elsie Munn
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13th	Ronnie Jak Pugh
20th	Jade Grice
27th	Penelope Rita Gardner



"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever"
Psalm 136:1



Jesus said,
"This, then, is how you should pray:

Our

_____ in _____ hallowed be your

_____ your

_____ come, your _____ be done, on

_____ as it is in _____.

Give us this day our daily _____.

And

_____ us our _____, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And _____ us not into temptation, but

_____ us from the _____ one."

Read Matthew 6:9-13 to fill in the words.

"Never stop praying."
1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
Philippians 4:6

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