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Shirley Parish Magazine

**I praise
the LORD
who guides
me; even in
the darkest
night He
leads me.
Ps 16:7**

2023

**The LORD
says, "I will
guide you,
teach you
and watch
over you."
Ps 32:8**

**Whatever
I go through,
Your hand can guide me,
Your strength can protect me.
Psalm 139:7,10**

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 JANUARY

Date	Time	Service	Venue
Sunday 1st	10.30am	Parish Communion	St James Church
	3.30pm	Reflective Worship	St John's Church
Thursday 5th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Sunday 8th	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	9am	Holy Communion	St John's Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship	St James Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King Church
Thursday 12th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Sunday 15th	9am	Morning Worship	St John's Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Christ the King Church
Thursday 19th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Saturday 21st	10am	Messy Church	St James Church
Sunday 22nd	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	10.30am	Confirmation Service	St James Church
Thursday 26th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Sunday 29th	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	9am	Morning Worship	St John's Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Christ the King Church
	3.30pm	Forest Church	St John's Garden

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THE JOURNEY TO THE STABLE 2022

What a week that was!

I have been taught geometry by a five year old and discussed letter patterns in names with another. I have also been asked if I used to be a teacher ... or a builder.

That was Journey week.



In our ten sessions we welcomed almost 700 year one children into St James Church where they watched our nativity play and joined in Christmas activities. Every child went away with a card full of stickers from the activities and a star to hang on a tree – made by them. And thanks to the efforts of Jimmy Tots and Messy Church leaders and the girls in the office we had a real baby in our stable for every session.

Excitement levels were high. For many this was their first school trip ever and there was all the fun of a coach ride, or a 'walking bus', as well as the twinkly lights when they got here.

A first this year was the involvement of child development students from Light Hall School who came to lend a hand at some of the sessions. Seeing a fifteen year old kneel down on a concrete floor to help a five year old is deeply impressive. It was not only year one for who this was the start of Christmas.

It takes a large team to make all this happen. Not only people to act in the play and run the activities, but contacting the schools and booking them in, getting the church ready and putting it back together again afterwards. People bring cushions, sheep, lights and prepare materials for the craft activity. Mothers bring their babies. Somehow it all falls into place.

By Friday lunchtime there was a feeling of weariness but Margaret's fruit cake soon revived us and we were raring to go for the afternoon.

Am I a teacher? No one would trust me with their child's formal education, but I hope that I help them to learn about the origins of the Christmas we celebrate today.

Am I a builder? No, but I hope I help to build the children's confidence to go somewhere different or try something new.

Sarah Penfold

PS. We have had some thank you letters from the children at Cheswick Green. They include great pictures and a lot of enthusiasm about 'the Christmas room'. (Where they learn about the connections between modern Christmas and the original)

SHIRLEY PARISH BOOK CLUB

Miss Benson's Beetle by Rachel Joyce

Rachel Joyce writes about people with sad pasts, who feel they have missed something in their lives. Harold Fry, in her first novel, walks six hundred miles to rediscover someone from his past, Queenie Hennessy. She in her turn, in her second novel, feels as she lies dying, that she has missed out on something important in life. In another novel, *The Music Shop*, Joyce explores a forgotten community facing a ruthless property developer whilst at the same time struggling to find some sort of personal redemption.

She writes about 'leftover people'. In the case of Miss Benson and her friend Enid Pretty, they are 'leftover women'. Miss Benson, in particular, feels that she was marking time as a domestic science teacher in the aftermath of the First World War. She had lost her brothers and her father. Her purpose in life appears to be to show girls "how to iron men's shirts, and boil vegetables" – until she decides to set out for New Caledonia to find an undiscovered, lost, species of beetle.

It's a novel full of people who have been damaged by war and who need to 'find a way to be themselves'. Margery Benson concludes that 'there was always darkness, and in this darkness there was unspeakable suffering, and yet there were also the daily things; there was even the search for a golden beetle – and while they could not cancel the appalling horror, they were as real'. And as well as the search for the beetle, there is joy, friendship and insights into what really matters.

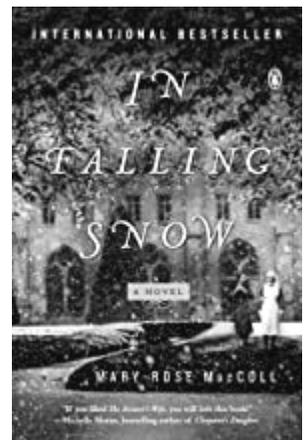
The Book Club's members were hypnotised by *Miss Benson's Beetle*. Despite the sadness and the loss in their lives, the central characters make each other braver and happier.

Perhaps the best way to convince magazine readers of the power and impact of this novel, and of Rachel Joyce's other works, is to repeat something that happened in the parish as we were reading. One of our congregation, not in the Book Club, heard that we were reading *Miss Benson's Beetle*. She approached one of us and said that in the last year she had read the novel three times - and will never tire of reading it again and again. Just as the main characters in the novel are changed by the events of the story, so too are we. We are all helped to become ourselves.

Thanks must go to the Book Club members who helped with our contribution to the Christmas Tree Festival.

Our next book will be *In Falling Snow* by Mary-Rose MacColl, and we will meet, all being well, on Monday 6th February 2023, 2pm, in Church House.

Ray Speakman



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A very Happy New Year to you all.

At our Advent service held on the 7th of December we welcomed two new members, Gina Atkinson and Margery Baldwyn.

By now members should have received their Branch Newsletter and 2023 programme.

The annual subscription for 2023 of £29.00 is now due, payment to the Treasurer would be appreciated by the 23rd of January please.

There will be no meeting in January.

Our next monthly meeting will be the A.G.M on Wednesday 1st February at 2.00pm in Church House. However, there will be a Wave of Prayer on Tuesday 17th January. More information to follow in the Pew Slip.

All our meetings are held in Church House at 2pm on the first Wednesday in the month except for the August meeting. Visitors are most welcome to any of our meetings.

Susan Knight



FEBRUARY 2023 PARISH MAGAZINE

PLEASE SEND INFORMATION & ARTICLES TO THE EDITOR BY
Thursday 12th January 2023

THE FRIENDS OF ST JAMES 100 CLUB

Congratulations to the December winners

£70 Christmas bonus ~ Julie Milner £50 ~ Liz Yates £25 ~ Glenys Golightly

OUR 2022 GIFT TREE

I will start with a massive thank you to all of you who brought gifts or made donations in response to our gift tree. On 10th December those parcels were made up ready to be given to the clients of ADAVU at their party a few days later.

We are indebted to Shirley Methodist Church mission group (especially Carolyn) who took on the task of organising, liaison with ADAVU about the client profile, storing the gifts, and hosting packing day. It was brilliantly organised.

At the end of the day we had twenty five big shopping bags each containing gift bags for every member of that family group. When we start collecting gifts, we have no idea of the current client profile at ADAVU and have to trust that what we ask for will be suitable. And it can be hard sorting gifts for people that you don't know. Hopefully we have not done too badly.

A special mention should go to Mary who mobilised staff at the clinic she attends in Kings Norton with the result of two sacks of toys and books, to be given to ADAVU and Ukrainian children. Mary also took on the task of thanking them on our behalf – what a star.

We are also indebted to Shirley Lions who once again have given a grant to ADAVU to be used for each family to have a voucher for fresh fruit and vegetables to be used over the holiday period.

I'm afraid I have done that typical thing of mentioning the people who have taken specific roles in the process. But I must emphasise that what makes this happen is the sorters and wrappers, the people who thoughtfully buy gifts and donate them – principally yourselves!

Thank you

Sarah Penfold



WOW MOMENTS - A LIGHT SHINING IN THE DARKNESS

This was certainly how it was for me after spending four sessions with two enthusiastic students from Light Hall School. They were a joy to be with. Of course, primarily it was the children that we were introducing a modern Christmas to, as there were four sessions each varied from the first. I think that along with the children these students learned something new each time, including the journey to our stable, which I encouraged them to take part in by building the stable together.

So anyone who has never taken part in the Journey then why not think about joining the team. It is well worth it just to hear what some of the youngsters say.

I often wonder when asked what our wow moment was during the week and we answer we had a terrible week let us stop for a moment and look back and I am sure that you will find God was there with you, a wow moment.

To finish the week off I experienced another wow moment. On Sunday morning (4th December) I had a telephone call from a lovely lady called Mary, very apt for this time of year. She informed me that sitting in her lounge were two sacks full of presents for me to pick up for our Christmas Tree appeal (Adavu).

Instead of receiving presents she had asked people to donate to our Christmas Gift Tree, hence two sacks full of presents. Colin, a gentleman who attended the clinic a different day, heard about Mary's appeal and immediately donated a cash sum to Adavu. So, a big thank you to you Colin as well as all the lovely people who donated presents.

And all this after I had felt I'd let a friend down and it was making me miserable. God really does shine in the darkness, especially through other people, to reach us.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year, may God be with each one of you.

Margaret Foreshew

OUR 2022 CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

A big 'thank you' to all those who took part in and visited our Christmas Tree Festival.

The weather was seasonally cold but there was a warm welcome in the church, over thirty trees were looking amazing and it was lovely to greet so many visitors.

The Saturday of the festival was a particularly memorable day; as well as admiring the trees, visitors were entertained by the fabulous Union Theatre, bought delicious home made cakes from the Friends of St James cake stall and enjoyed warming refreshments.

The children that came had a great time doing craft activities with the Messy Church team and visiting Father Christmas in his grotto.

The winner of the vote for your favourite tree was the tree built and decorated by the Messy Church children - Kate D and Sarah accepted the prize on their behalf at the closing celebration service on the Sunday afternoon.

During the festival over £500 was donated to our chosen charities - Practical Action and Building4Hope - thank you again!

Gill Hanton



Christmas Tree Festival, what a joy to behold!

Having participated in decking a tree at the end of the Wednesday morning my thoughts were 'all very pleasant' but on Saturday, alongside a friend, we were overwhelmed by the beauty of them all. How gratifying to see so many visitors.

Might I also add a big 'thank you' to Jan Dalton and team for scrumptious refreshments. Well done Shirley Parish!

Liz Blakey

THE FAIRTRADE FOUNDATION

At Shirley Parish Green Fair last October, we saw some simple projects to help us do our bit to help the planet. Among other activities we discovered how to calculate our carbon footprint and reduce it.

Repurpose plastic and reduce our use of plastic.

To care for wildlife in our gardens and parks.

To increase our green shopping by buying local seasonal produce.

And we added names to a petition organised by the Fairtrade Foundation to encourage our politicians to stand up for Fair Trade and climate justice by recognising the needs of small farmers and acknowledge the ways they are battling the challenges of our changing climate.

Did you know **cocoa, bananas and coffee** could soon be much more difficult to find on our shelves? Climate change is making crops like these harder and harder to grow. Combined with deeply unfair trade, communities growing these crops are being pushed to the brink.

But here's the good news. As more of us recognize and buy items showing the Fairtrade logo - extra income, power and support reaches farming communities, as they work to build sustainable and prosperous futures growing our food and combating climate change.



Fairtrade works with farming co-operatives, businesses and governments to make trade fair. The Fairtrade Foundation ensures the farmers are paid at least a Fairtrade minimum price for their produce, whatever the world markets are paying and farmers also receive a 'premium' to be used for the benefit of their communities - to improve health care, social, economic and environmental conditions, the communities decide what is important.

Fairtrade sets social, economic, and environmental standards for companies and farmers involved in the supply chain. For farmers and workers, the standards include protection of workers' rights and care for the environment.

So not only is choosing Fairtrade best for people and planet, it could also help save everyday treats like chocolate bars, bananas, a warm cuppa and a frothy coffee! You'll also find the black, blue and yellow badge on roses from Africa, sugar, wines and beer, flour and other things.

Find out more about the Fairtrade Foundation on their website <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk>

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT IS 27th FEBRUARY TO 12th MARCH 2023



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 4th March, Fairtrade coffee (and tea) morning
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RHYTHMS OF LIFE

I often hear people saying that they would like to pray more, spend more time with God and read the Bible more, but they find it hard to do. If they make this their new year resolution the chances are that by the middle of January it will all be forgotten and they are back to where they started. So, if this is you, how can you make this a reality in your life?

I think that the key thing is to make it part of your regular routine; to weave it into the daily rhythm of your life so that it is part of who you are and what you do.

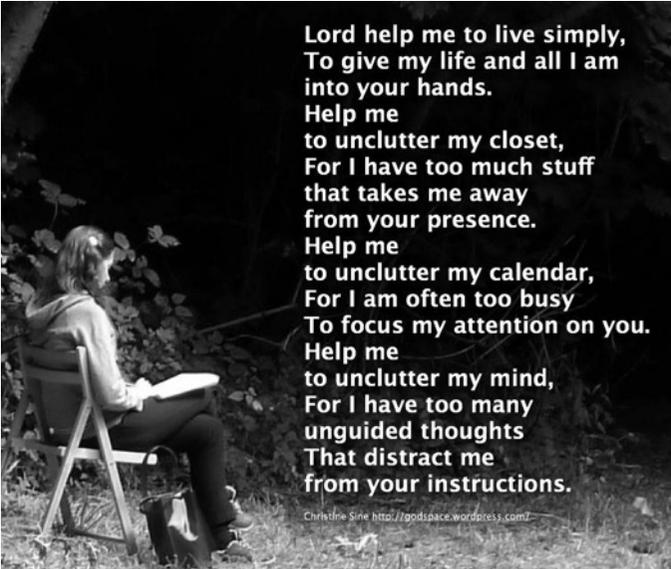
If you would like to pray in the mornings, think of your morning routine. Maybe it's something like:

Cup of tea in bed; shower, get dressed, eat breakfast, wash-up, clean teeth and then you are ready to face whatever challenges come. All of those things become part of the rhythm of the morning. You never 'forget' to clean your teeth. It is something you always do.

Now, think about how you can fit five or ten minutes of time with God into that routine – perhaps before you have breakfast each day. This might mean getting up a few minutes earlier, but you can soon get used to that. Once the time with God is in your routine it will become less of a burden and more part of the rhythm of your life.

And if you are not a morning person, then see how it can be built into the routine for the evenings or for lunchtime. You will never regret it once you have some time with God as part of your daily rhythm.

Reverend Paul Day



**Lord help me to live simply,
 To give my life and all I am
 into your hands.
 Help me
 to unclutter my closet,
 For I have too much stuff
 that takes me away
 from your presence.
 Help me
 to unclutter my calendar,
 For I am often too busy
 To focus my attention on you.
 Help me
 to unclutter my mind,
 For I have too many
 unguided thoughts
 That distract me
 from your instructions.**

Christine Sire <http://godspace.wordpress.com/>

DATES FOR YOUR 2023 DIARY



THE FRIENDS OF ST JAMES

Sunday 12th February	Sunday Lunch
Tuesday 14th February	Annual General Meeting
Saturday 11th March	Coffee Morning
Sunday 16th July	Sunday Lunch
Saturday 7th October	Coffee Morning
Sunday 26th November	Sunday Lunch

First Sunday of the month	Cake Sale
Second Sunday of the month	Walking Club



SHIRLEY GARDENING SOCIETY

It's a New Year ... how about a new interest?

We are a friendly Society which meets up every second Monday of the month (excluding August) in Church House at 7.45pm.

We have very interesting speakers and events each month.

January 9th - Philip Aubury will speak on "Conservatory and House Plants-a Survival Guide"

February 13th - is our light hearted Quiz night

March 13th - Roger Umpelby will speak on "Pest & Disease Control without Chemicals"

Membership £15, visitors welcome for £5, including the meetings and refreshment

For further information call 0121 705 4530

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18th to 25th January 2023

Shirley Churches Together will be marking the week of prayer for Christian Unity with an act of celebration and prayer for unity on

Wednesday 25th January at 7pm
at Shirley Baptist Church (B90 3BD).

It will be followed by an opportunity to get to know each other at the Lion pub on Stratford Road.

All are welcome of course!



The theme for the 2023 #Pray24Brum 24-hour prayer relay will be 'Do Good, Seek Justice'.

#Pray24Brum, takes place during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity each year and will be on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st January 2023.

The venue will be St Chad's Cathedral B4 6EU.

#Pray24Brum is now in its 9th year.

It is an annual celebration of prayer in and for the city.

There are different ways to get involved. To come and pray with others (either at St Chad's or online) and/or to lead an hour of prayer.

Find out more at <https://www.birminghamchurches.org.uk/do-good-seek-justice-pray24brum/>

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BIBLICAL COOKING

If you can prepare this dish without looking up the references in the Bible, you should be on Mastermind! It is suggested the Authorised Version is used. (You can find it online at www.kingjamesbibleonline.org).

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ lb of Judges 5:25 (end);
- 2 ½ lb of Jeremiah 6:20;
- 3 1 tablespoon of 1 Samuel 14:25;
- 4 3 of Jeremiah 17:11;
- 5 ½ lb of 1 Samuel 30:12;
- 6 ½ lb of Nahum 3:12 (chopped);
- 7 2 oz of Numbers 17:8 (blanched and chopped);
- 8 1 lb of 1 Kings 4:22;
- 9 2 Chronicles 9:9;
- 10 a pinch of Leviticus 2:13;
- 11 1 teaspoonful of Amos 4:5
- 12 3 tablespoons of Judges 4:19

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Preparation: Mix 8, 9, 10 and 11, and put them aside. Beat 1, 2 and 3 to a cream. Still beating add 4, one at a time. Then add 5, 6 and 7 and beat again. Then add 12. Bake in a low oven for 1½ hours.



**Every Tuesday morning
10am until 11.30am
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**Pop in for a cuppa and
home made cake or stay
longer for a chat.**

Everyone is welcome!



THIS MONTH'S CROSSWORD

Across

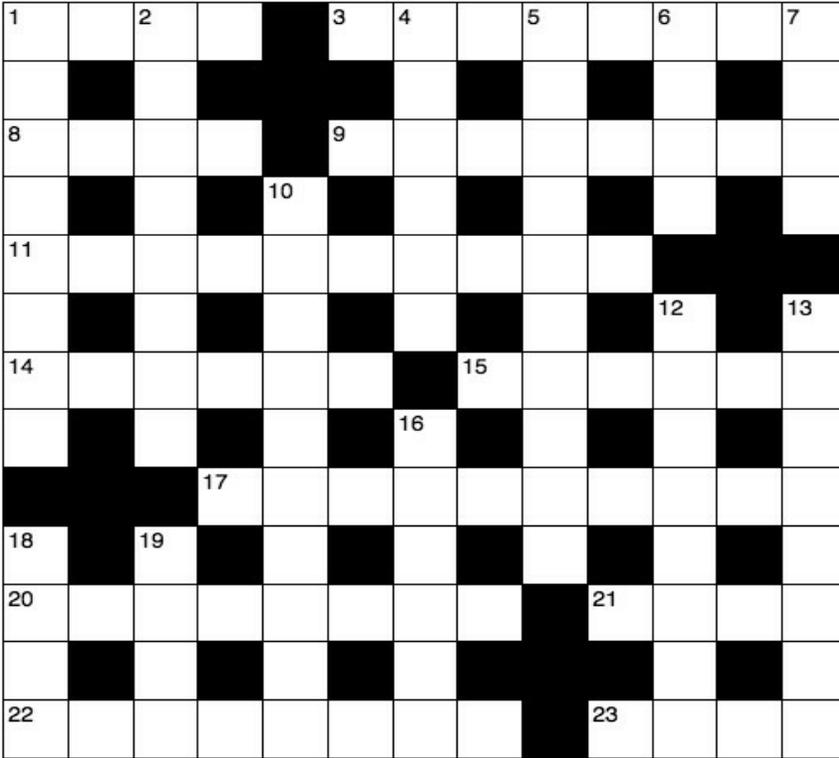
- 1** 'Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a — began to crow' (John 18:27) (4)
- 3** Fetters (Job 33:11) (8)
- 8** Perform on a musical instrument (1 Samuel 16:23) (4)
- 9** Paul describes it as 'the third heaven' (2 Corinthians 12:2–4) (8)
- 11** Loyally (Deuteronomy 11:13) (10)
- 14** Hens? Me? (anag.) (6)
- 15** Not visible (Matthew 6:6) (6)
- 17** Predicted site of the final great battle (Revelation 16:16) (10)
- 20** Jacob's youngest son (Genesis 35:18) (8)
- 21** One of Zophar's eleven sons (1 Chronicles 7:36) (4)
- 22** For example, London, Paris, Rome (8)
- 23** United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (1,1,1,1)

Down

- 1** Favourite church activity: Fellowship round a — — — (3,2,3)
- 2** Divinely bestowed powers or talents (8)
- 4** Pile together (1 Thessalonians 2:16) (4,2)
- 5** Commanded to justify (John 8:13) (10)
- 6** Timothy's grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5) (4)
- 7** Killed (Psalm 78:34) (4)
- 10** One of Graham Kendrick's best-known songs, — — King (3,7)
- 12** Indecency (Mark 7:22) (8)
- 13** Unceasing (Jeremiah 15:18) (8)
- 16** He prophesied 'the abomination that causes desolation' (Matthew 24:15) (6)
- 18** British Board of Film Classification (1,1,1,1)
- 19** Pans (anag.) (4)



THIS MONTH'S CROSSWORD & SUDOKU



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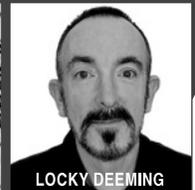
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THE COMING OF THE MAGI - WORD SEARCH

'Where is the One who has been born King of the Jews?

We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.'

So Matthew tells of the coming of the Magi, or Wise Men, to the baby Jesus. Today we remember it on Epiphany, on 6th January. Did they come from Arabia Felix – nowadays southern Arabia? How many came? No one knows, but by the 6th century they were named Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Why gold, frankincense and myrrh? Gold stands for kingship: Jesus was King of the Jews. Frankincense stands for divinity; Jesus was to be worshipped. Myrrh stands for death and burial; Jesus would become a sacrifice and die for His people. The Wise Men were the very first gentiles ever to worship Jesus. Isaiah foresaw this response to Jesus: 'Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.' The Magi wanted to worship Jesus; Herod wanted to kill Him. But the Jewish leaders who knew about the prophecy of a Messiah born in Bethlehem did not even bother to visit to Bethlehem. And it is only six miles from Jerusalem!

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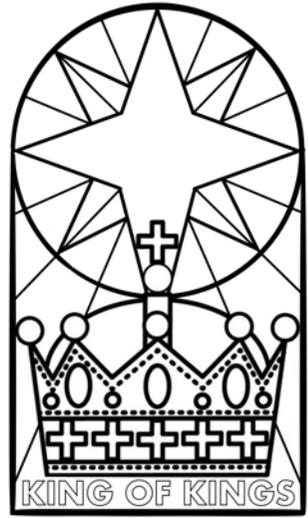
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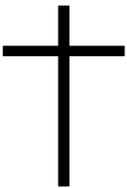
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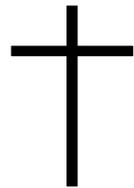


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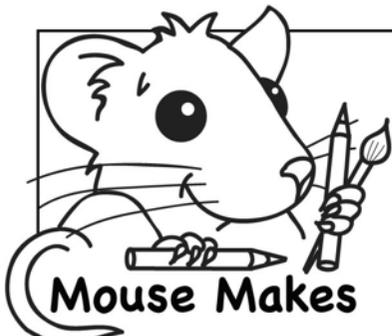

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When the **Magi** (wise men) came to **Bethlehem** where had they travelled from?

The _____

Why did they make the journey?

What did they follow to get there?

A _____

What did they see?

Read *Matthew 2:1-12*



Why did **Joseph** and **Mary** travel to **Bethlehem**?

Read *Luke 2:1-4*

When **Samuel** came to **Bethlehem** who sent him? Who did he go to see? _____ and his sons.

Who had he come to anoint as king?

Read *1 Samuel 16:1-13*

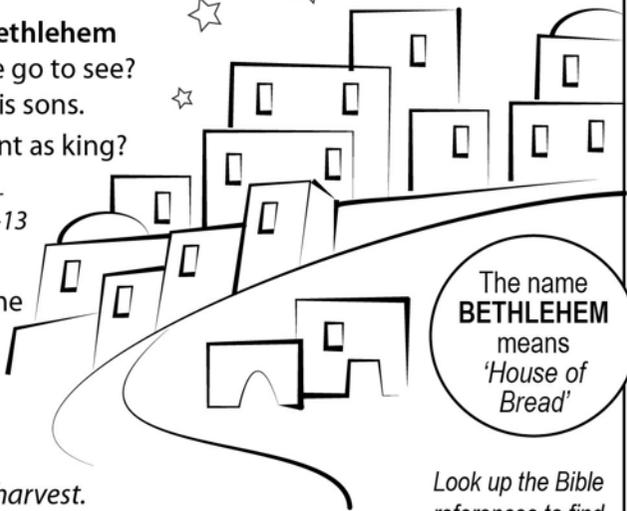


Naomi and **Ruth** came to **Bethlehem** where had they travelled from? _____ and why?

When did they arrive?

At the _____ harvest.

Read *Ruth 1:22*



The name **BETHLEHEM** means 'House of Bread'

Look up the Bible references to find the missing words, find them and these words below in the wordsearch

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