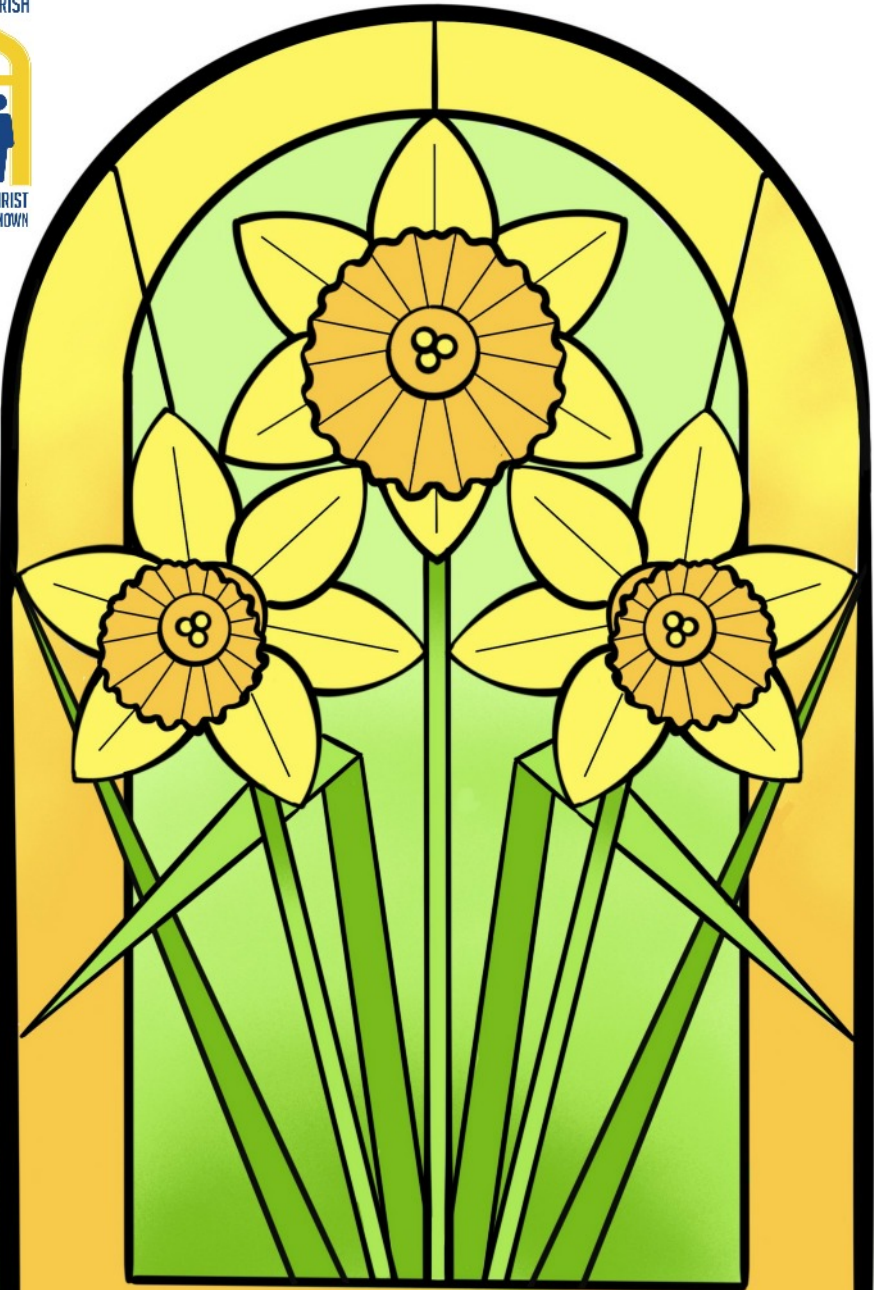


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SHIRLEY PARISH GUIDE *(see also inside the back cover)*

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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

Connect with God's Creation over Lent

Week One – Bring nature into your home or garden. What could you grow inside your home, in the garden or even at church? Plant a herb or flower as a reminder of our responsibility to steward God's earth. As you tend to this plant, prayerfully ask God how you might nurture nature better at home over the Lent period and beyond.

Week Two – Connect with creation in a new way. Time spent enjoying God's creation will help set your mind and seek the things that are above. Bring your sketch or note book, your Bible, or whatever helps you connect with our heavenly Father. Or perhaps God is inviting you to just bring yourself (with some extra layers!). Note all the signs of the season. Use this time to reflect on the changing season and what we can be thankful for.

Week Three – Discover the great outdoors with company. Meet up with a friend or several for an extended or brisk wintery walk together. You could visit an outstanding area of beauty in the UK or keep it local and soak up the seasonal sights on your doorstep in your nearest green space. Bring along a notepad and pens to write about or draw something that inspires you in nature and share your ideas and reflections.

Week Four – Plan a Wild Time! Plan something **completely** wild in nature for later this year. Experience kayaking, wild camping, forest school, forest church... Make sure to take the opportunity to **really** enjoy what nature has to offer beyond Lent. Break out of your normal routine and join a volunteer work party or take to the water for wild swimming. Whatever you do – do something different and have fun!

Week Five – Join us to protect and restore nature together. How can we make small changes in our everyday lives that can make a big difference to others and for your world? Contribute to positive change as part of an A Rocha UK community, as a church (Eco Church) and as an individual or family (Wild Christian).

Week Six – Be still in nature. During Holy Week, find a quiet spot outdoors and reflect on what Holy Week means to you. Surrounded by the beauty and creativity of nature, the shortcomings of humanity and our need for repentance are often clearer, but so also is the power and timelessness of God. Bring before him your own concerns and the needs of the natural world. Continue to pray with us via our weekly prayer diary at: arocha.org.uk/get-involved/pray



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ECOCHURCH SILVER - WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

In January, all three of our churches gained a silver award from A Rocha, an international charity which undertakes research, environmental projects and campaigning and also founded the Ecochurch movement. Their vision is for churches of all denominations to care for creation as an integral part of loving their neighbours and following God faithfully.



The award required that we report on our activities in four areas of Parish life. Here are some examples from our silver application -

Worship and Teaching: We have special services during Creationtide and include environmental concerns in our bidding prayers, study groups, Messy Church, Forest Church, Celtic worship, articles on the website and in the Parish Magazine.

Buildings: We have upgraded insulation, heating and lighting in Church House and changed our supplies, such as cleaning products and toilet paper to 'greener' brands. We have a green tariff for some of our gas and electricity.

Land: St John's Garden and St James's Churchyard have become much more nature friendly with bird feeders, insect hotels, bee-friendly flowers, compost bins, wild flowers and new trees.

Community and global engagement: We have twinned our toilets and use fairly traded products. We recycle books, clothing and other goods, support environmental charities, lobby our MP and have held Fairtrade events and a Green Fair.

Individual Lifestyle: We have walking groups, lifts to church and social events, an eco-subcommittee of the PCC, communal Christmas cards. Some parishioners have measured their own carbon footprint and are trying to reduce it.

There is much more that we can do, and it is so important to pray and work for a greener, fairer world, fit for future generations. We are stewards of the earth, and we have a responsibility to care for it. Scripture is clear that all of God's creation, not just mankind, brings him glory. Therefore, our stewardship and upkeep of the earth is one of the greatest offerings of worship we can give. This is why being an Ecochurch has become an important part of our parish life and a vital part of our vision for the future.

Kate Crocker

AS WE WELCOME SPRING - some suggestions about making your garden drought resistant

- Dig in large quantities of organic matter;
- Choose plants with grey-green or silver leaves;
- Plant things while they are small;
- Soak plants thoroughly in their pots before planting;
- Water in all new plants;
- Mulch the beds;
- Consider making a gravel garden;
- Remove weeds regularly so that they don't deprive your plants of water;
- Add water retaining crystals to pots and containers;
- Leave plants and shrubs dry until they show signs of wilting – watering too often can keep roots shallow and weaken plants.



Chris Terry, a member of the ECOChurch group

REDUCE/RE-USE/RECYCLE



One of the best tips I have discovered recently is to soak a banana skin (Fairtrade, of course) in water overnight and use the solution as house plant food. The soggy skin will compost well. My plants are thriving and the Poinsettia I was given at Christmas is still alive in early February!

Kate Crocker



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With high demand for food at Foodbanks nationwide, there must be thousands of plastic bags being used and we don't know whether these will ever be used again or just end up in landfill. Those that end up in landfill are taking hundreds of years to decompose. So please help us to reduce their use by making these bags from recycled and donated fabric. A bag to be proud of and to re-use over and over again. Or a bag that will find its way back to the Foodbank for others to enjoy. Either way, by gifting these bags we are being kind to both our neighbours and our environment.

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Mothers' UNION

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Our Branch AGM was held in Church House on Wednesday 1st February. Reverend Paul Day led the meeting. We welcomed Deirdre Moll, Diocesan MU President. Paul commenced the meeting with prayers. The minutes of last year's AGM were read out and accepted as a correct record. The branch report covering last year was given followed by the Treasurer's report. The branch has donated the following amounts to the MU diocesan account:-

AFIA	£253.00
B'ham Fund	£100.00
Overseas	£120.00
Relief	£ 50.00
Children's Gifts	£ 30.00

It was proposed and seconded that the accounts for 2022 be adopted and all present were in favour.

It was proposed that all the committee present were re-elected with Reverend Wendy Carter joining them. All present were in agreement.

Deirdre Moll thanked us for inviting her and said that she was always pleased to join us. She mentioned the Mothers Union Cathedral Festival Service, to be held on the 22nd April at 11am. Bishop Anne will be presiding, everyone is welcome.

Reverend Paul said that the pastoral support the Mothers Union give to each other is great. However, we do also need to reach out to the younger people.

The MU Theme for 2022-2024 is **Transformation – Now**.

Following the formal business, refreshments were served.

We look forward to welcoming Rowena Nicholls, Diocesan MU Trustee to our next meeting on Wednesday 2nd March.

Visitors are most welcome to any of our meetings.

Susan Knight

Mothers' UNION

Dates for your diary – all will be welcome!

Month	Date	Time	Speaker/Topic
March	Wednesday 1st	2pm	Rowena Nicholls <i>Diocesan MU Trustee</i>
April	Wednesday 5th	2pm	Reverend Wendy Carter <i>'Aspects of Holy Week'</i>
May	Wednesday 3rd	2pm	Anthea Tinline <i>'Her parents' early years in Newfoundland/Labrador'</i>
June	Wednesday 7th	2pm	Shirley Police Neighbourhood Team
July	Wednesday 5th	2pm	Reverend Denise Jones <i>'Working as a hospital chaplain in ICU and a premature baby unit'</i>
August	Thursday 17th	7.30pm	Desert Island Discs
September	Wednesday 6th	2pm	Ray Sturdy <i>'The rise and fall of Witley Court'</i>
October	Wednesday 4th	2pm	Pam & David Humphries <i>'A ride around the famous Outer Circle'</i>
November	Wednesday 1st	2pm	Jan Dalton <i>Craft Session</i>
December	Wednesday 6th	2pm	Advent Service

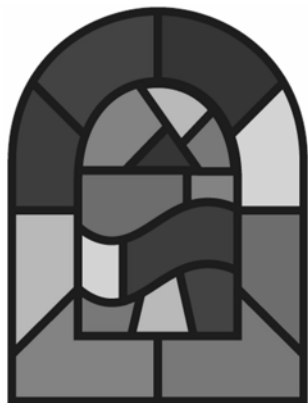


WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023

**Service on Friday 3rd March
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LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH

Living in Love and Faith (LLF) has been the Church of England's discussion process regarding questions of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage and has been ongoing for the last couple of years. Our PCC looked at some of the LLF resources at its last meeting, with a particular focus on same sex relationships.

The current situation is that Church of England clergy are not permitted to marry same sex couples, nor conduct services of blessings for same sex relationships.

There has been much theological debate as to whether these restrictions should be lifted. Many evangelical Christians, who tend to be more conservative theologically, believe the Bible condemns sexual relationships between two people of the same gender – citing texts that come from both Old and New Testaments. Other Christians with a different interpretation of scripture claim that those texts are not talking about long term committed relationships and tend to look at the message of the Bible as a whole rather than focusing on individual texts.

The Church of England comes under fire from both sides. Some claim that Jesus would welcome gay people whereas the church's current practice alienates them. Others claim that to relax the current restrictions would not be faithful to the teaching of scripture and would also threaten the unity of the worldwide Anglican communion – many African dioceses for example have very conservative views and in some African countries homosexual acts are illegal.

The LLF process was designed to stimulate discussion and debate on these issues, and to promote mutual respect and understanding between those with different views.

Following the LLF process a resolution was put to the General Synod of the Church of England in February which, amongst other things, paves the way for churches to be able to conduct blessings of same sex couples in relationships.

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH continued

In many ways this half-way house has pleased neither side. However, it will mean that churches will soon be able to offer something to couples in established same sex relationships.

Where do we go from here? That is not clear at present, but my supposition is that both parishes and clergy will, in time, be able to decide whether or not they would want to participate in offering such prayers. I cannot speak for the PCC other than to say that the discussions we had in December were very sympathetic to embracing change. However, I can say that, should things progress as I have outlined, I would when permitted be happy to conduct such prayers for Christian people in long term same sex relationships.

I recognise that others will hold contrary views and would be more than happy to have conversations with you should you wish.

Reverend Paul Day

HOW ARE WE PLANNING TO CELEBRATE OVER THE CORONATION WEEKEND?



At a recent meeting of the Parish Events Committee we agreed the following -

SATURDAY 6th MAY

Watch the Coronation Service in St James Church then eat our packed lunches together - outside if the weather permits. Cream Teas will be available during the afternoon.

SUNDAY 7th MAY

Songs of Praise service, 10.30am in St James Church followed by our Annual Meeting

MONDAY 8th MAY

With other local groups and charities take part in the 'Big Help Out' -

<https://thebighelpout.org.uk> - more details to follow

BIBLE ART

In many ways Bible Art is what it says it is. An opportunity for children to think about how their school values relate both to the Bible and to their everyday life, and then some art. This is the second year that we have been running it at Tudor Grange Primary Academy St James, each week during one lunchtime. We see the children in groups of about ten at each session which means that we will see most of them twice during the year.

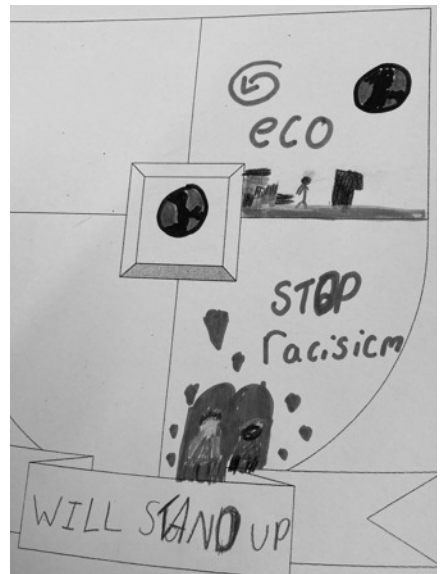
The sessions are based on the school values – love, faith, courage – and are designed to tie in with assemblies and collective worship in the school. We usually begin by talking about the value for the term – this term it is courage, then see if we can think of people in the Bible who demonstrated that value, and some modern examples as well. Many of the recent examples of courage included groups of NHS and emergency service workers.

The conversation is driven by the children and can be wide ranging so, for instance, when I was telling one group about the Penlee lifeboat disaster which to me was ‘recent’; the children thought it was a long time ago, around the time when most of their parents had been born. So, we ended up talking about the difference between 40 years ago and 4000 years ago.

We then do the art part. Making or illustrating something to do with our discussion. Year 5 have been designing shields, relating to medieval ideas of showing courage and how coats of arms would illustrate something about you. The first challenge was to find a motto that demonstrated how you want other people to see you, and then to find symbols to represent your life. Here are some examples of the finished coats of arms.

Watch out on these pages and in St James Church for further examples of the children’s work!

Sarah Penfold



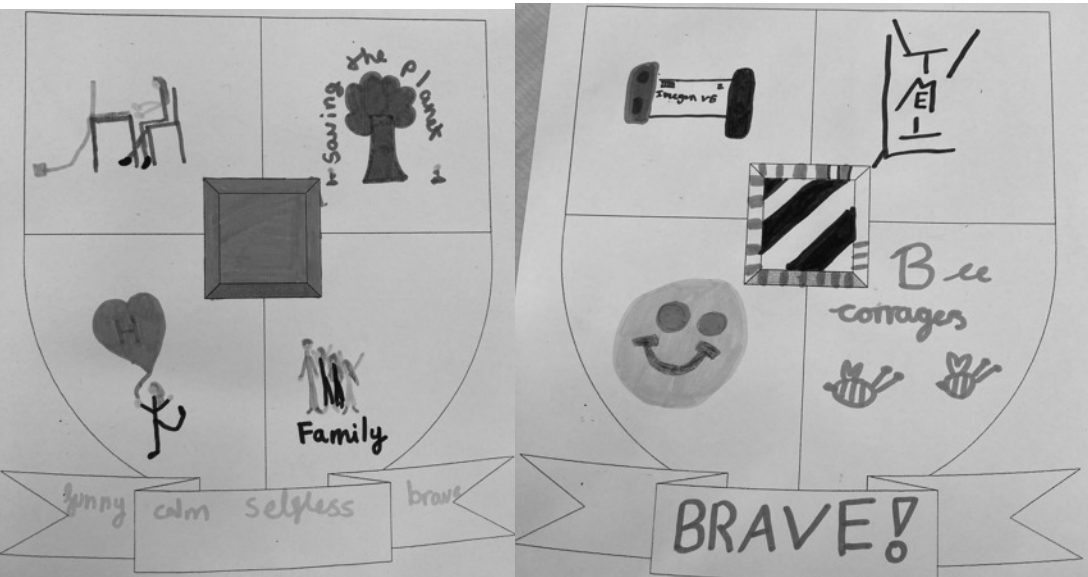
MOTHERING SUNDAY

Mothering Sunday is a day of mixed emotions. For many it's a happy, joyous day, but for others it's one of pain and grief. A day to celebrate love, while acknowledging those who cannot have children or have lost them and those who have no relationship with their mother.

In the dying moments of His life, Jesus honored Mary his mother by showing her love and care. He entrusted His mother to John's protection: *'When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.'* (John 19:26,27). While affirming the importance of mothers, Jesus reminds us that the love we show on Mothering Sunday is just a token of our continuous appreciation of them.

Jesus also creates a new way of being family, marking the beginnings of the church. In the past, people would go back to their *'mother'* church on this Sunday, to acknowledge its importance in their lives. Jesus invites us into this new family of love and mutual belonging, where we can find a place, irrespective of our own family circumstances.

Church is not always an easy place to be, because we are shaped by our own experience of mothering. We may find it hard to give or receive love without ourselves getting in the way. However, God's help is available to change things, *'because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.'* (Romans 5:5)



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During the week commencing Monday 20th March local school children will be visiting St James Church to explore the events of Holy Week through a mixture of drama, craft and other activities.

Please pray for all those involved and note that access to the Church will be restricted that week.



Dust and Glory is the Church of England's Lent campaign for 2023. Offering forty daily reflections for Lent on faith, failure and forgiveness, it invites you to find God in the mess of everyday life.

Each week it considers the idea of failure from a different angle and explores the difference God's redeeming work in Jesus makes to the struggles and shortcomings of human life. Make sense of life's challenges, and draw closer to God during Lent.

Read the daily reflections in the booklet, on the App or on email or listen to them on your Smart Speaker or the Daily Hope phone line and join our Lent Groups to discuss further - Wednesdays in March - 2pm in Church House or 7.30pm at 18 Widney Lane.

All welcome!

A Quiet Day before Holy Week

An opportunity to come away to a quiet place and prepare ourselves for Holy Week. Everyone is very welcome. No previous experience is necessary. No expectations of you. No cost. Just bring yourselves, a packed lunch, a notebook & pen. Refreshments provided.

I will introduce the sessions using Biblical Storytelling, Reflective Scripture reading, Art, Music & Poetry to aid our individual quiet times between the sessions, when we can just be - sit, pray, walk, write, read or use your own creative materials you have brought with you.

We will talk over lunch but other times enable each other to enjoy the gift of silence and being present to God. We will conclude our day together by sharing the Eucharist.

Space is limited so **please book through the Parish Office** and also let them know if you can offer a lift or need a lift.

Any queries please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to sharing this day with you.



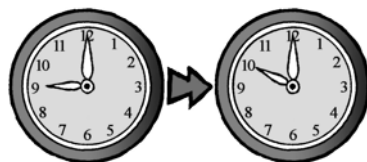
Reverend Wendy Martin - 07543 829571 - wendy164@btinternet.com

Saturday 1st April - 10.30am until 3.30pm - St John's Church

OUR SERVICES IN MARCH

Date	Time	Service	Venue
Thursday 2nd	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Friday 3rd	10.30am	World Day of Prayer	St James Church
Sunday 5th	10.30am	Parish Communion	St James Church
	3.30pm	Reflective Worship	St John's Church
Thursday 9th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Sunday 12th	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 16th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Saturday 18th	10am	Messy Church	St James Church
Sunday 19th Mothering Sunday	9am	Morning Worship	St John's Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Christ the King Church
Thursday 23rd	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church House
Sunday 26th	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 30th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church

***DON'T FORGET! British Summer Time starts on
Sunday 26th March - the clocks go forward one hour***



*Copies of the sermons can be found on our website -
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Recordings/live streams from St James Church -
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The Friends of St James invite you to a

Coffee Morning

and Bric-a-Brac Sale with cakes, raffle, books etc.

Saturday 11th March 2023 at 10.30am in Church House

The Friends are now collecting Bric-a-Brac, books etc. for this event and would welcome your contributions, which may be left in the Parish Office. Also, we would welcome cakes for the cake stall on the day of the Coffee Morning, please.

Don't forget to come along and support us on the day so see you there!



SHIRLEY PARISH BOOK CLUB - THE 2022 LIST AND MORE

By coincidence two of our Book Club members wrote to me firstly quoting an earlier book we read together and, in a second message, a passage from Winston Churchill's, *Painting as a Pastime*.

Sarah Penfold quoted a line from *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society*: '*reading good books spoils you for reading bad ones*'.

Don Abbey's Churchill, quote was:

'If you cannot read all your books ... peer into them, let them fall open where they will, read from the first sentence that arrests the eyes ... let them be your friends; let them at any rate be your acquaintances. If they cannot enter the circle of your life, do not at least deny them a nod of recognition.'

Two viewpoints that touch on what our Book Club is about. Books as friends, books which take us to unexpected places and books that at the very least become our acquaintances. Our most recent book, for instance – *In Falling Snow* by Mary-Rose MacColl - travels in time between the First World War and present day Australia. At the centre of the story is an Australian woman called Iris Crane, sent by her father during the First World War, to bring back her younger brother, Tom, who has joined the army at the age of 15 and gone to France. Once there she meets Miss Ivens who is setting up a hospital, Royaumont Abbey, staffed entirely by women. Alongside this narrative, we get the story of Iris's granddaughter, Grace, an outstanding obstetrician, who repeatedly comes into conflict with the men who run the hospital where she works and at the same time struggles to come to terms with the serious illness of her youngest child.

More than half of our Book Club members were engrossed by the novel. Both narratives – and how they connected. They found the stories of undervalued women and the awful carnage of the Western Front, both illuminating and engrossing. Any reservations the group had about the novel were to do with the second narrative set in present day Australia. The story of Royaumont Abbey Hospital (based on real life) was entirely convincing. Iris' granddaughter's story, less so. Nevertheless, both narratives left our readers surprised by what they didn't know about the awfulness of the First World War, nor the way women were treated then – and now.

Perhaps a summary of our book choices for 2022 will encourage magazine readers to take Winston Churchill's advice. Part of what he said about a book is quoted above, but he also encouraged us to put books on our shelves '*so that even if you do not know what is in them, you at least know where they are*'. Whether we actually like them or not, the books themselves, and what they tell us, lead us towards a greater recognition of other lives and times.

Listed on the next page are our books for last year. Each one of us has given the book a mark out of ten and then we have averaged out the scores and placed the books in a list in order of popularity.

Place		Average score /10	Number of maximum 10s awarded
1.	<i>Lessons in Chemistry</i> Bonnie Garmus	9.5	6
2.	<i>The Phone Box at the Edge of the World</i> Laura Imai Messina	8.6	2
3.	<i>Miss Benson's Beetle</i> Rachel Joyce	8.3	1
4.	<i>How it all Began</i> Penelope Lively	8.1 #	
5.	<i>Longitude</i> Dava Sobel ##	8.0	
6.	<i>In the Empire of Genghis Khan</i> Stanley Stewart ##	7.4	1
7. =	<i>In Falling Snow</i> Mary-Rose MacColl	7.3	
7. =	<i>River Kings</i> Cat Jarman ##	7.3	
7. =	<i>Capital</i> John Lanchester	7.3	
9. =	<i>The Story of the British Isles</i> Neil Oliver ##	7.0	

A high score for the Penelope Lively but read by fewer members than usual.

These books are non-fiction – and represent a widening of the choices made by book club members in 2022.

Also – two ‘events’

1. Sponsored Short story event scored 8.3
2. Collecting our favourite poems scored 9.0

In the end, however, it's not clear whether members were scoring the stories and poems chosen, or the actual process of sharing the choices.

***The next Book Club meeting will be in Church House, at 2pm on Monday 6th March.
The book being discussed will be 'Neverwhere' by Neil Gaiman. All welcome.***

TRUST

Trust is a very funny thing and covers such a range of things.

Just think of all the things we put our trust in everyday; the essential household appliances, the bus arriving on time, that the car starts up immediately the key is turned.

Then, we trust the teachers to educate and take care of our children whilst they are in school. We trust each other in our workplaces to do the jobs that each one has been assigned, to make the place of work run smoothly.

We trust our Doctors and Nurses, the Paramedics, in fact all of our emergency services, Fire, Police, Mountain Rescue, Lifeboats and so many many more, with sometimes literally our lives.

We first learn trust as a baby as we totally rely on our parents for everything.

Trust means we rely on someone else to do the right thing. You believe in the person's integrity and strength, to the extent that you are able to put yourself on the line, at some risk to yourself. Trust is essential because it provides a sense of safety.

So being reliable creates Trust.

Being honest, telling the truth, creates Trust.

Good will, acting in good faith, creates Trust.

Being competent, doing your job well creates Trust.

Being vulnerable creates Trust.

We all rely on lots of people and things in our everyday life. We have to have trust in all things and people to get through life.

But when trust is lost its the biggest kind of betrayal we experience. We get angry, we may curse or cry, we tend to snap at others around us even if we know it's not their fault, we not only hurt ourselves but others in doing so, also God.

Trust in some ways has to be learned and most definitely earned, if you are trying to gain someone's trust.

So this year, on the approach to Easter and my personal journey towards the cross, I am trying to let go more and put my trust in Jesus.

Although I believe I have enough faith in Jesus, how much do I really put my trust in him?

When I start to think back over my life and even the last few weeks I can see where I have not really put my trust in him, and its only afterwards that I can see that not only was he there with me, he took away my fear, he heard my prayers, he helped me and I did thank him, but why didn't I fully trust him from the moment I asked for his help?

Is it that somewhere in my life I've been let down?

Is it that I never really trust in people until I get to know them?

Is it something someone told me about a subject that has made me wary of certain situations, or just general fear from not fully understanding something or someone?

I don't really know, and I don't think I can fully explain it, but one thing I do know is:

God trusts me.



God's trust in me means I don't have to carry the impossible, as he knows what I am going through every moment of the day and all that will be in my future, for he knows the best way forwards for me, all I need to do is trust in him.

So I've got to try harder, to stop trying to do it my way and all alone, I need God and that means fully trusting him that he will lead me in the right direction or call me back when I stray.

How wonderful that God trusts me and that's all he wants me to do too.

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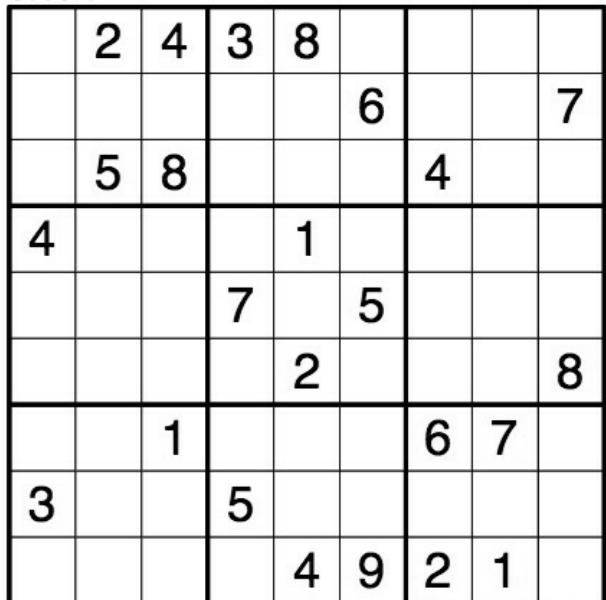
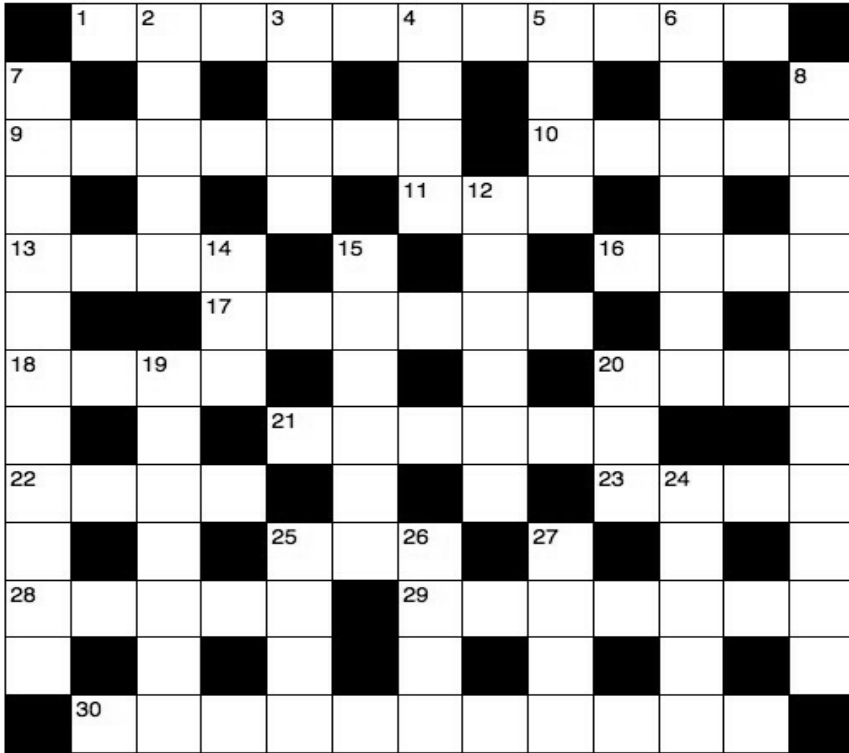
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- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

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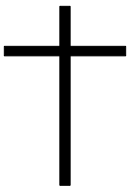


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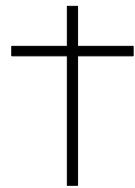
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MARCH WORD SEARCH

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St Patrick, who brought Christianity to Ireland, is remembered with parades. Mothering Sunday and Mother's Day are celebrated with more daffodils and Sunday lunch 'out'.

March brings us the Annunciation, when the angel first appeared to Mary to tell her of her coming pregnancy.

March is the month of Lent, of prayer and preparation for Easter.



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DAFFODILS
DAY
FASTING
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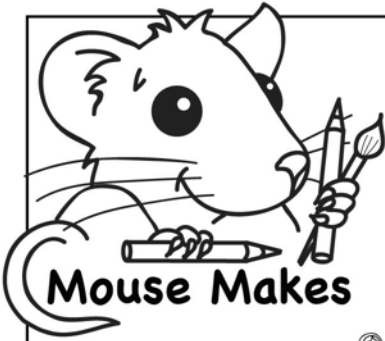


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Who had two sons called Cain and Abel?

— — — —
Genesis 4:1-2

Who was 90 years old when she had her son Isaac?

— — — —
Genesis 17:19

Whose prayers for a child were answered by God?

— — — —
1 Samuel 1:20

Who was Ruth's Mother-in-Law?

— — — —
Ruth 1:1-5

Eunice was Timothy's mother, but who was her mother?

— — — —
2 Timothy 1:5

Who saved her baby by putting him in a basket in the river?

— — — —
Exodus 6:20

Look up the Bible verses and find out who the Bible mothers are.



M — — — —
Matt 1:16

O — — — —
2 Tim 1:5

T — — — —
1 Kings 1:11

H — — — —
1 Sam 1:20

E — — — —
Gen 34:1

R — — — —
Gen 30:22

WHO IS MY MOTHER?



CAIN

ELIZABETH

ISAAC

HANNAH

JESUS

RACHEL

JACOB

REBEKAH

TIMOTHY

EVE

JOSEPH

MARY

SAMUEL

SARAH

JOHN

EUNICE



How many other words can you make from:
MOTHERING SUNDAY



Look up the Bible verses then find the answers and the names below in the word search

- REBEKAH
- ELIZABETH
- EUNICE
- RUTH
- MARY
- RACHEL
- LEAH
- ZIPLAH
- MOTHER
- MUM

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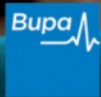
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