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OUR SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Date	Time	Service	Venue
Wednesday 3rd	2pm	MU Advent Service	St James Church
Thursday 4th	10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Memorial Service	St James Church St James Church
Sunday 7th	10.30am 3.30pm	Parish Communion Reflective Worship	St James Church St James Church
Thursday 11th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Sunday 14th	8am 9am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Worship Carol Service	St James Church St John's Church St James Church St James Church
Thursday 18th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Saturday 20th	10am	Messy Church	St James Church
Sunday 21st	10.30	Parish Communion	St James Church
Wednesday 24th	4pm 11pm	Crib Service Parish Communion	St James Church St James Church
Thursday 25th	10.30am	Parish Communion	St James Church
Sunday 28th	9am 10.30am	Patronal Service Holy Communion	St John's Church St James Church

Sunday Services at St James Church are live-streamed on YouTube -

<https://www.youtube.com/@shirleyparish5736>

Copies of the sermons preached at our services can be found on our website -

<https://www.shirleyparishb90.co.uk/download-a-sermon>

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OUR PRAYER FOR THE TIME OF VACANCY

Heavenly Father,
 thank you that we are held together as a community in your love.
 Let us be ready to share the good news of Jesus with those around us.
 Strengthen us as we patiently wait as a parish,
 remembering that your Son is the Good Shepherd
 who will guide us along our future path.
 May we gently encourage one another,
 be quick to listen
 and humbly reach out to support those in need.
 With everlasting hope,
 we trust in you alone to provide in this new season.
 In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Find out more at

<https://www.shirleyparishb90.co.uk/future-ministry-in-shirley-parish>

PEARLS BEFORE POPPIES

The synopsis of the October Mothers' Union meeting told us about Mary Bodfish's excellent talk 'Lest We Forget': obviously the word 'poppies' cropped up and since then they have been seen in numerous ways for Remembrance in November, not least our own wonderful display cascading down the wall outside St James Church. Also in the talk, however, there was mention of a mobile ambulance unit run by the British Red Cross and that prompted me to tell you about another, possibly less well-known, story for Remembrance.

Following the outbreak of war in 1914, the Red Cross had formed the Joint War Committee with the Order of St John of Jerusalem. They worked together and pooled their fundraising and resources for the duration of the war but at the beginning of 1918 and no end to the war insight funds were low. Hospitals at home and abroad needed staff and equipment; the women and men who were not serving in that sphere either abroad or at home were stoically raising funds by holding bazaars, flag days, concerts or simply donating what they could afford. However, the need for more funds was becoming critical.

As a result of this Lady Northcliffe (Mary, known as Mollie) wife of Lord Northcliffe (Alfred Harmsworth) conceived the idea to raise funds using her husband's newspapers *The Times* and the *Daily Mail*. She ran a campaign to collect enough pearls to create a necklace, to be raffled to raise money for the British Red Cross.

First published in hardback in 2018, *Pearls Before Poppies: The Story of The Red Cross Pearls* by Rachel Trethewey, is fully indexed and contains some beautiful photographs.

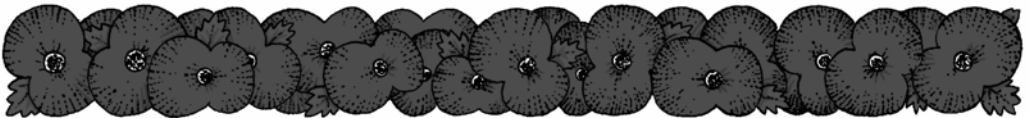
What began as a high-society campaign captured the wider public's imagination. Her husband's success relied on his newspapers reaching all sections of society, not just a limited elite. Women everywhere donated pearls in tribute to those they had lost, while groups of women raised enough to contribute one pearl on behalf of their communities. Over 4,000 pearls came in from around the world, enough to create forty-one separate strings. No spoilers here, you need to read the chapter *The Pearl Necklace Auction* to know the final amount of money raised.

There are 16 chapters in all, 236 pages, drawing on material from various archives other than the Red Cross, many particularly from family archives, heirlooms and descendants of the families involved. This story is extensively researched, wonderfully told, informative, amusing, poignant and deeply touching. It embraces all aspects of society, communities, faith, loss and hope as it was in that memorable period of the First World War. Perhaps the ethos is best summed up by the quote on the end cover, with acknowledgements to Rachel Trethewey.

"It is not a perfect pearl, but it is the only one I have. I send it in memory of a pearl beyond all price already given, my only son, and I feel that perhaps one pearl in that great historic necklace from me may hang side by side with those of greater beauty, even as mothers of only sons stand side by side with those who, richer, could give more".

Edith Fielden, 21 April 1918.

Pauline Pedersen



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'THANK YOU' SHIRLEY PARISH FAMILY

I would just like to say a very big thank you for all the cards, flowers and prayers I have received from you all upon the very tragic event of my eldest son Darren being killed in an accident just before he arrived for his work on October the 9th 2025.

Darren lived in Kent and leaves a wife and four children, two granddaughters and a grandson who is due in January 2026.

Thank you for bearing with me when I lost my train of thought or the sudden tears emerged.

Also, thank you for the birthday cards and presents as my birthday falls on November 5th, bonfire night, which is quite ironic considering my son Darren loved fireworks so we sent him off with a display on November 13th

Thank you all so much as its your hugs and prayers that have kept me going at this moment of time .

Love, Denise Smith (Dee) (Reader)

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I would like to thank all my friends from Shirley Parish Church for their kindness, flowers, cards, telephone calls and extra care shown to me during Norman's illness and then subsequent death in September . You are truly amazing people and I am proud to be a member of St James Parish Church Shirley.

An extra special thank you to Richard Haynes who advised me, supported my decisions and conducted a very memorable funeral service .

God bless you all, Ann Blackford.

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The Hunting Party by Lucy Foley

Most of the Book Club members thought this was novel was too convoluted. The switching between the current time and two days previously was disjointed and the characters were not very likeable so none of us felt they were relatable. The plot was intricate, frustratingly so at times. It was not predictable, but there was a surprising twist at the end. Although, a couple of our members thought it was entertaining and worth persevering with.

Our next book is a choice from the following: - Restoration by Rose Tremain, The Land of Missing Trees by Elif Shafak, or The Fortnight in by R.C. Sheriff. All these books will be read by our Book Club, so why don't you come along to our next meeting and see who read which book and what they thought of it?



Our next meeting will be **Monday 1st December**, 2pm in Church House, where we are indulging in Christmas treats and a 'jolabokafloð' where we each bring a book wrapped up with the theme written on a label to gift to each other. Jolabokafloð is an Icelandic tradition where people exchange books on Christmas Eve and spend the evening reading them, indulging in hot chocolate, we are bringing it forward a few weeks! Do come and join us!

Belinda Piasecki

THE FRIENDS OF ST JAMES 100 CLUB

Congratulations to the November winners

£50 ~ Sue Pitham **£25** ~ Ian Longbottom

Members are reminded that subscriptions for the next six months (December to May) are now due - £13 for six month's - £26 for twelve months.

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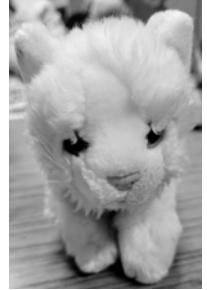
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LITTLE NICK OPENS THE BOOK

‘What do you mean? You are opening the book. How else do you read one without opening it?’ You see what I have to put up with at home! They say things that don’t make sense and expect me, a small whiteish kitten, to understand what they mean.

So, Sarah and Bernard sat me down on the sofa and showed me what they meant. There is actually a book. It is called the storytelling Bible, and it is full of some of the best stories. They have been rewritten to help children to understand them and so that they can be acted out. ‘Then what?’, I asked, ‘Good book, but what are you doing with it?’ ‘Ahh’, they said, ‘we go to school’. Now forgive me but I really feel they are both too old for school, and neither of them has ever been a teacher.



End result? I got taken to school to see what happened.

There were four of them in the Open the Book team that afternoon. Two classes of children came into the hall and sat down while our team told them about the plagues in Egypt when Pharoah would not let the Israelites go home. Gill read the story, while Linda and Sarah were being Moses and his brother Aaron. Sarah had a stick that she kept waving about. Bernard, who was the Pharoah, sat on a chair looking regal.

The children joined in. As each plague came, one of them would walk across the front with a card showing which plague it was, and all the children joined in with swatting the gnats away or making the noise of thunder. At the end the children who carried the cards each had a sticker saying that they had helped Open the Book.

I understood a bit more about Open the Book but one thing still confused me. When we arrived we parked in an empty car park but as far away from the way into the school as was possible. It was raining so I could not fathom why we had not parked nearer the gate. As we left it was the end of school time. The car park was now very full and people were driving round looking for spaces. But we were able to drive straight out. Perhaps I should have more faith that they do know what they are doing!

Nicodemus Penfold (Parish Raconteur – retired)



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Linda Pit welcomed Jan Dalton to our November meeting for a craft session.

All present were given a goodie bag made up by Jan containing all that was needed for us to make a Father Christmas, a Greetings disc and a Christmas gift tag.

Jan talked us through each section of making them up. It was a happy afternoon, enjoyed by all. Thank you, Jan for making this possible and Rosemary for your help



Our Advent Service on **Wednesday 3rd December** will be held in St James Church at 2pm. Myra Taylor will be enrolled as a member during the service. We look forward to welcoming the Home Communion Community members who will be joining us.

The programme for 2026 is being finalised and will be circulated to members during December.

Wave of Prayer - more details to follow in the pew slip with the exact date and time.

There will be no meeting in January, commencing again on Wednesday 4th February at 2pm in Church House with the AGM.

Our 2026 theme is 'Join Us, Join In', as we prepare to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Mothers' Union.

Visitors are most welcome to any of our meetings.

The Committee sends their love and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

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 Treat God's earth with care and love.
 Make do, mend as in the past,
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 So many good things sent to landfill'
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 'Try hard not to waste a thing'



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A SPECIAL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AND MOTHERS' UNION ADVENT SERVICE

Following on from the midweek afternoon services in St James Church for people from our Home Communion Community, we will again be meeting on

Wednesday 3rd December at 2pm in St James Church.

This will be combined with the annual Mothers' Union Advent service, so expect to sing some traditional carols. And as always, there will be refreshments afterwards.

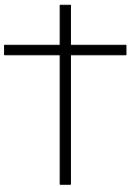


Once again, we would like to extend the invitation to anyone from the congregation who would like to come. It may be that you wish to catch up with someone who you used to see regularly in church; indeed, several from our Home Communion Community did say that, along with being back in the church building they loved and missed, how nice it would be to see people who they once worshipped alongside.

So, if you would like to come along, please do so.

If you need help with transport or feel that you might be able to contribute to the setting up of the service in some way, please contact myself or Linda Pitt and we can discuss. Many thanks.

Rev'd Richard Haynes



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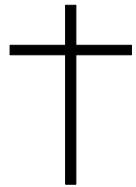
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ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE DEPARTED

Our Annual Memorial Service will be held at

6.30pm on Thursday 4th December at St James Church.

The service lasts about an hour and offers a gentle, peaceful opportunity to remember and give thanks for those we have loved and lost.

This year, the service takes place during the season of Advent: a time of waiting, reflection, and hope. As we prepare to welcome the light of Christ into the world, we also hold space for the loss and grief, and the promise that love endures. Through familiar carols, words of comfort, and a simple act of remembrance, we honour those who have died and look toward Christ, the light that shines in the darkness and which the darkness cannot overcome.



If you would like the name of a loved one read aloud during the service, please let us know, whether or not you're able to attend. You can contact the Parish Office by email at office@shirleyparishb90.co.uk or by phone on 0121 745 8896. If you do plan to come, a confirmation helps us prepare to welcome everyone.

The service is organised by our parish in conjunction with the Co-operative Funeral Service and is open to all. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

With every blessing, Rev'd Richard Haynes



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This year 2025 the C of E's official Advent and Christmas theme is 'Joy' or 'The Joy of Christmas'.

The aim is helping people remember that the true joy of Christmas is the good news of Jesus' birth. The initiative also aims to encourage churches to welcome visitors and to share their faith during this Christmas period.

The resources available for individuals are -

Reflections via email: Sign up to Christmas reflection emails and receive daily messages straight to your inbox. The daily emails will offer Bible readings, short reflections and a practical challenge, as well as prayers linked to weekly themes.

Downloadable reflections for 11-15 year olds: Following the same themes and Bible verses as the Advent reflections for adults, these bitesize daily reflections for young people written by Lucy Rycroft can be downloaded in full colour or black and white.

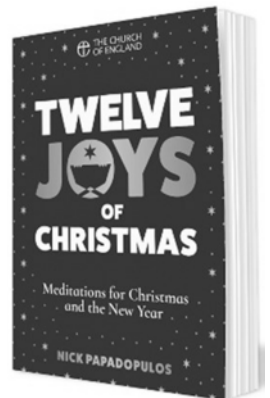
Daily reflections via Everyday Faith app: You can read and listen to daily Advent and Christmas reflections from 1st December through the Everyday Faith app, the daily devotional app from the Church of England (*which your Editor recommends!*).

Women of the Nativity: A collection of nine imagined stories told from the perspective of women, written by Paula Gooder, recreating the events of the Nativity.

Online services: Can't make it to church this Advent and Christmas? Watch the weekly online worship services from across the Church of England and worship with us this festive season.

Plus a booklet will be available in St James Church.

Find out more at <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/sign-joy-christmas>



SEASONAL COMMUNITY FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

A warm, open invitation to everyone in Shirley and the surrounding area, whether you come to church regularly, haven't been for years, or at all. These services are designed for the whole community: moments of welcome, remembering, and celebration as we enter the season of Advent and prepare for Christmas.

They will all be at **St James the Great Church, Church Road, Shirley B90 2AX.**

Carol Service

When: Sunday 14th December, 6.30pm

An evening of favourite carols and readings for all ages — a chance for the whole community to sing together and share in the joy of the season. Suitable for families and those new to church life. Refreshments afterwards.

'Angels at the Crib' Crib Service

When: Wednesday 24th December, 4pm (Christmas Eve)

A friendly, story-led service for children and families, with simple carols and the chance for little ones to take part. Come in costume if you like; everyone is welcome. A short, joyful way to meet the Christ-child together.

Midnight Holy Communion

When: Wednesday 24th December, 11pm (Christmas Eve)

A reflective Communion service to mark the arrival of Christmas. Quiet, reverent, and welcoming to all who wish to celebrate the night.

Christmas Morning Holy Communion

When: Thursday 25th December, 10.30am (Christmas Day)

A joyful service of Holy Communion to celebrate the birth of Christ.

If you need further information, please keep an eye on our website
<https://www.shirleyparishb90.co.uk> or contact the Parish Office by email at
office@shirleyparishb90.co.uk or by phone on 0121 745 8896.

Everyone is welcome, please pass this invitation on to neighbours and friends.

With every blessing, Rev'd Richard Haynes



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Christmas Tree Festival

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Thursday 11th December ~ 12 noon until 4pm

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Saturday 13th December ~ 9am until 5pm

Sunday 14th December ~ from 12 noon closing with a
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CHRISTMAS UNWRAPPED!

All of us have received unwanted gifts at Christmas. For Joseph the gift of a child, as recorded in Matthew Chapter 1, was not something he really wanted. Although he was engaged to Mary, her pregnancy would be grounds for divorce. Not surprisingly, with the associated social disgrace, Joseph wanted to divorce Mary quietly (Matthew 1:19). However, God intervened in a dream: *'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel, which means, God with us.'* (1:23). In a scary and uncertain world, what does the message of **Immanuel** say to us today?

God is present with us

God assured Joseph that He was working in all that Joseph was going through. The eternal and creator God entered time and space as a baby. This baby is both uniquely divine but also fully human. This means that we can know God personally, not just know about Him. The Holy Spirit is committed to making Jesus' life and character real in us, and bringing meaning to our circumstances, just as He worked in Mary's life.

God is on our side

Christmas touches some raw nerves in our lives, including stress, family rows, loneliness and financial pressures. However, God does not remain aloof from our experiences. In Jesus He enters our world of hopes and fears, joys and disappointments. He understands what we are going through, as He is alongside us. By the cross and resurrection, He gave His life that we might know His love, joy, peace and forgiveness.

For Joseph, as well as us, the Christmas message is one of hope in an uncertain world. It is a time to re-consider the claims of **Immanuel** ('*God with us*') as we entrust ourselves to Him for the coming year.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL - HERE ARE TEN FUN FACTS ABOUT CHRISTMAS TREES

Even before the time of Christ, evergreen trees were seen in winter as a symbol of fertility.

It was the 16th century monk, Martin Luther, who is credited with the idea of having lights on Christmas trees. He added candles to his tree, to look like stars in a forest.

Windsor Castle got its first Christmas tree in 1800, brought by Charlotte, wife of George III.

It was in 1835 that the term 'Christmas tree' was first used in English.

It was in the 1840s, when Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, began bringing trees inside, that led to their popularity throughout the UK.

DIOCESE SAFEGUARDING SURVEY

Bishop Michael has put out an appeal to capture a ‘*snapshot of safeguarding culture*’ across our diocese. He is keen for this request to be distributed as widely as possible — to congregation members, volunteers, PCC members, employees, young people, and anyone who visits or takes part in church activities. The findings will help inform future priorities and strengthen our ongoing work to improve safeguarding practice and governance. It provides an opportunity for you to comment on the Diocese’s safeguarding culture, both good and bad, and importantly how you think this could be improved.

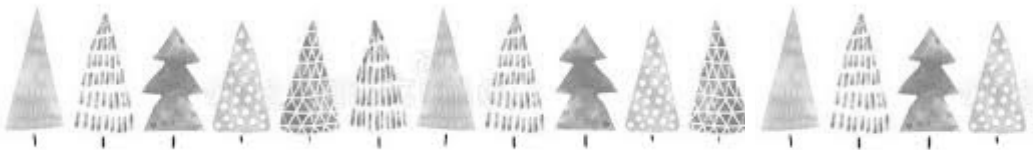
Please could you take a few moments to complete the survey about how welcome and safe you feel at your church by typing the following web address into your browser:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/Cofebirmingham/ParishSafeguardingSurvey2025>

Paper copies are also available in our churches.

The final day for submitting your views is **Sunday 14th December**.

Thank you for your time, Judith Chivers and Sue Harries



It was Woolworths who first sold manufactured Christmas tree ornaments — back in 1880.

The tree in London’s Trafalgar Square has been a gift from the city of Oslo, Norway since 1947.

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He would be born in Bethlehem. 'But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel...' (Micah 5:2)

His lineage would be of the line of David. 'I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.' (Jeremiah 23:5-6).

He would bring healing. 'Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy.' (Isaiah 35:5-6)

He would be crucified. They pierce my hands and my feet. All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment. (Psalm 22)

He would rise from the dead. 'You will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay...' (Psalm 16: 8-11)



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ABANDON
BETHLEHEM

BLIND

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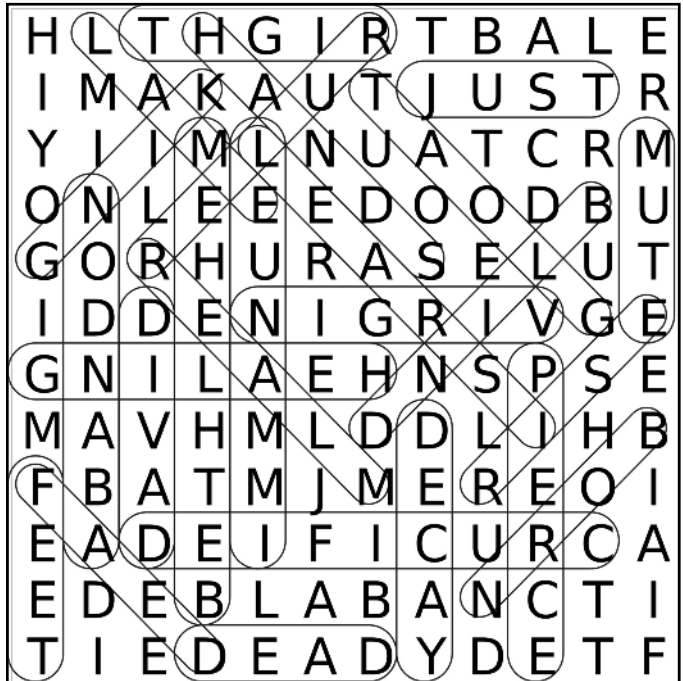
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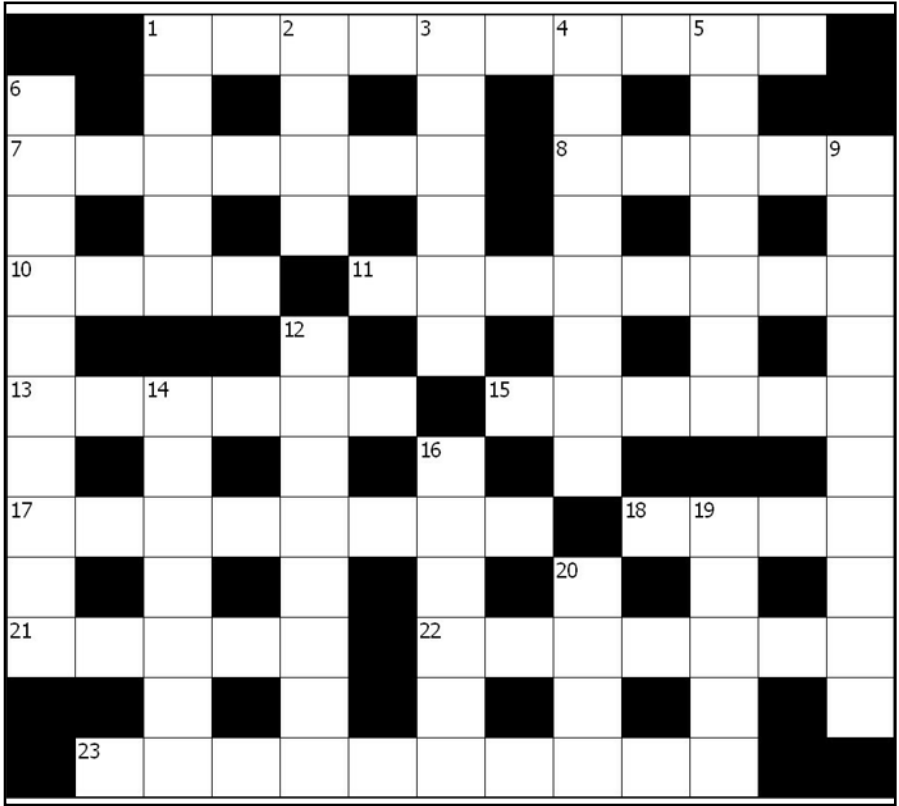
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- 1 Provisional meeting place of God and the Jews (Exodus 25:9) (10)
- 7 David's third son, killed when his head got caught in a tree during a battle with his father (2 Samuel 18:14,15) (7)
- 8 They ruled much of the west coast of South America in the 15th and early 16th centuries (5)
- 10 Small deer of European and Asian extraction (4)
- 11 Seized control of (Numbers 21:25) (8)
- 13 Terror (Luke 24:5) (6)
- 15 First World War heroine shot by the Germans in Brussels, Nurse Edith (6)
- 17 Stormy (8)
- 18 A bitter variety of this, together with lamb and unleavened bread, was the Passover menu for anyone unclean (Numbers 9:11) (4)
- 21 Arson (anag.) (5)
- 22 How John Newton described God's grace in his well-known hymn (7)
- 23 Habitation (Isaiah 27:10) (10)

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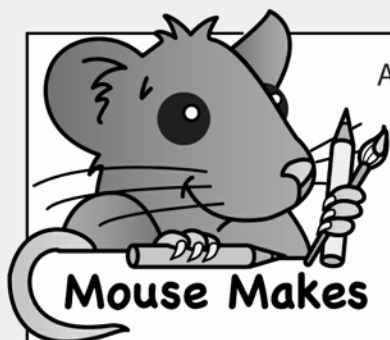
- 1 and see that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8) (5)
- 2 The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as ... as a lion (Proverbs 28:1) (4)
- 3 One of the exiles, a descendant of Parosh, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:25) (6)
- 4 He escaped from Nob when Saul killed the rest of his family and joined David (1 Samuel 22:19,20) (8)
- 5 City and lake in Central Switzerland (7)
- 6 Offer your bodies as living , holy and pleasing to God (Romans 12:1) (10)
- 9 Pouches carried by horses (Genesis 49:14) (10)
- 12 One who accepts government by God (8)
- 14 Aromatic substance commonly used in Jewish ritual (Exodus 30:1) (7)
- 16 He asked Jesus, 'What is truth?' (John 18:38) (6)
- 19 Are (Romans 13:1) (5)
- 20 You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will ... his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21) (4)





Answers are on page 29

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At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus,
God's Son and our Saviour
coming into the world as a baby,
and we look forward to the time
when Jesus will come again,
not as a baby but as the
King of kings and Lord of lords!

read

John 14:3

A baby needs clothes
to keep warm like
a snuggly sleep suit
or a vest and nappy.

What were you dressed in?

Jesus was wrapped in

read Luke 2:7

A baby needs somewhere
to be born like at home
or in a hospital.

Where were you born?

Jesus was born
in a stable in

read Luke 2:1-6

A baby needs
somewhere
to sleep like
a crib or a cot.
*What did you
sleep in?*

Jesus slept in a

read Luke 2:7

A baby needs
a name.

*What name were
you called?*

Jesus was given
a special name
that had a
special meaning.

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Matthew 1:21-23

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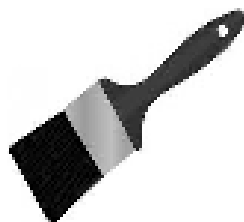
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