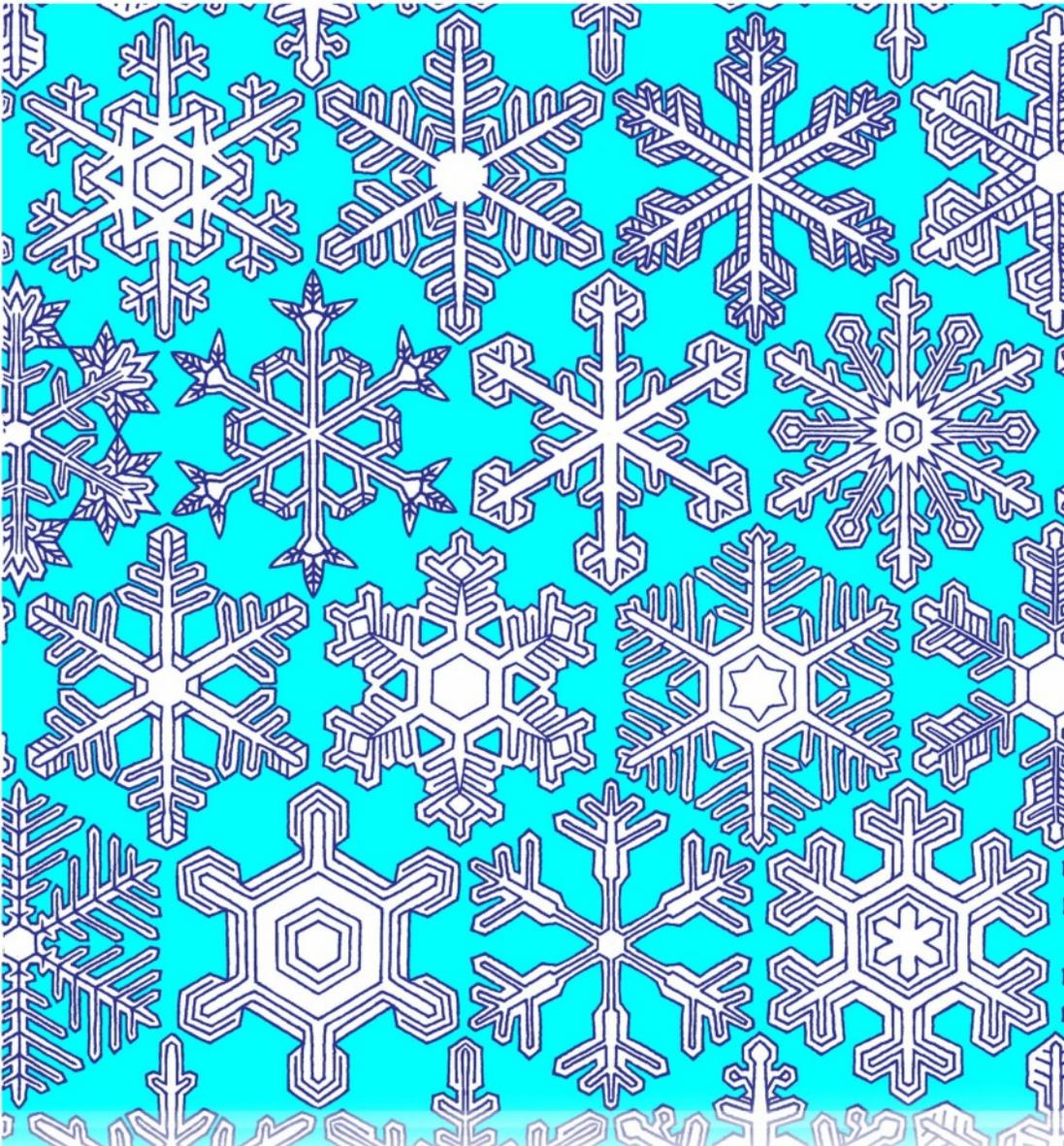




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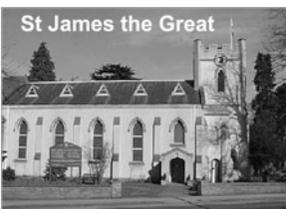


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and in service to our local community.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

OUR SERVICES IN JANUARY

Date	Time	Service	Venue
2nd	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	3.30pm	Reflective Worship	St John's Church
6th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
9th	9am	Holy Communion	St John's Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship	St James Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Christ the King Church
13th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
15th	10am	Messy Church	Church House
16th	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	9am	Morning Worship	St John's Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
20th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
23rd	9am	Holy Communion	St John's Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship	St James Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King Church
27th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
30th	10.30am	Parish Communion	St James Church
	3.30pm	Forest Church	St John's Church



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Subscriptions may be handed into the Parish Office or posted to Lynda McPherson, 90 Dickens Heath Road, Shirley, B90 1RL.

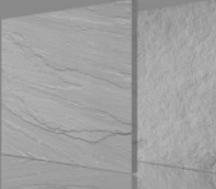
'FRIENDS' DATES FOR YOUR NEW DIARY

- Tuesday 8th February - AGM in St James Church
- Sunday 20th February - Sunday Lunch in Church House
- Saturday 12th March - Coffee Morning in Church House
- Saturday 8th October - Coffee Morning in Church House



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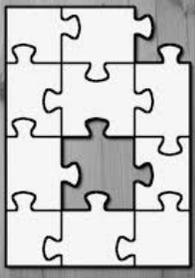
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The money from the last sale will go towards the purchase of a bench for the Church House garden.

**St John's
Church
10.30am**

Coffee Morning

**Wednesday
12th January
2022**



All are welcome



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If you would like to make a donation please contact the Parish Office.

FEBRUARY 2022 PARISH MAGAZINE

PLEASE SEND INFORMATION & ARTICLES TO THE EDITOR BY

Wednesday 12th January

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Unfortunately, we took the decision not to hold our Advent Carol Service on Wednesday 1st December because of the concerns on the current Covid situation.

The next meeting will be our AGM on **Wednesday 2nd February**, 2pm in Church House. In the meantime, a branch newsletter will be sent out to all members as our subscriptions are due in January.

Our love and best wishes to you for a very Happy New Year.

Visitors are always very welcome to any of our meetings.

The Mothers' Union Prayer

Loving Lord,

We thank you for your love so freely given to us all.

We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world.

In Jesus' name.

Amen

Susan Knight

THE JOURNEY TO THE STABLE 2021

4 o'clock on the Monday morning was an anxious time. There was snow on the ground. Covid infection rates remained high and there was much talk of the Omicron variant. Would schools or helpers cancel? At least no-one had phoned to say that their Sunday night lateral flow test was positive. But were they saving that news for breakfast time?

By the time we had had a lift to church (my driving skills do not extend to bad weather) and Monday's cast were assembling I was less gloomy. Hopefully as they would have a coach this school would be there, and at 9.30am they arrived. Noisy, blue sweat shirted, five-year-olds, eager to find out what we had for them.

They listened to the first part of our play. Rachel on the way to Bethlehem for the census was worried about her neighbours as Mary was due to have a baby very soon.

THE JOURNEY TO THE STABLE 2021 *continued*

On the way Rachel met some wise men who were following a star, but were a bit vague about where they were going, and some shepherds who observed that there were many people travelling.

Then the children moved around four activities. They sat round the fire in the shepherd's field – the sheep were there but the shepherds had gone. They visited the wise man's house. They looked at the way in which current Christmas traditions relate back to the original story. And they made a star from craft sticks. At each activity they collected a sticker to remind them what they had seen.

Back then to the play. Mary and Joseph had arrived in Bethlehem, and were now in the stable with baby Jesus. There were murmurs of surprise when the children realised that the part of Jesus was played by a real baby and not a doll. The shepherds burst in full of excitement at what they had seen and heard, and the more sedate wise men also visited.

So, the week continued. My pessimism about cancellations proved to be wrong and altogether we had ten sessions with a total of about 700 children. And, of course, they all bring a number of teachers and parent helpers with them. Having missed last year, it was great to see some familiar faces amongst the teaching staff.

There has been feedback. Emails from teachers, letters from the children and messages through the Churches Together leaders. It was all well worth the effort.

I need to say big thank you's to:

- The people who helped actually on the journey
- Ellie and Hannah who sorted babies and bookings
- The babies and their mothers who gave our play that extra special feel
- The people who made us coffee and fed us cake at lunchtime when we were flagging.
- The children and staff of our local schools who came to see us and told us about their Christmas's.

Sarah Penfold



RANDOM FESTIVE THOUGHTS FROM OUR ECO FOCUS GROUP

What great input we had from the Shirley community who made our Christmas Tree Festival so vibrant. As an Eco group, it was heartening to see so many home-made (or school-made) beautiful decorations adorning the trees in St James Church. How resourceful we can all be with a little thought and a lot of consideration for our planet. There was a small Eco group's tree discreetly positioned by the choir stalls. Don Abbey had made a wonderful globe to crown it and some of the decorations sported gift boxes of natural products and bunting made out of leftover scraps of fabric. The rainbow garland knitted or crocheted on the St James's Academy School tree was inspirational, as were the thoughtful decorations displayed on every tree.

By the time we read this magazine, we shall all be feeling the after-effects of wonderful Christmas fayre so here is a simple recipe to help us recover while considering the carbon footprint of our eating habits.

Happy New Year to everyone from the Eco group.

Chris Speakman



Cauliflower rice

- 1 medium cauliflower
- good handful coriander, chopped
- cumin seeds, toasted (optional)

Cut the hard core and stalks from the cauliflower and pulse the rest in a food processor to make grains the size of rice. Tip into a heatproof bowl, cover, then pierce and microwave for 7 minutes on high – there is no need to add any water. Stir in the coriander. For spicier rice, add some toasted cumin seeds.

If you don't have a microwave, stir-frying is just as good.

By serving cauliflower rice as a substitute for rice, you are reducing your starch intake as well as your carbon footprint and getting one of your five a day!

A NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR

As I write this the world is once again in turmoil. The Omicron variant of the virus seems to be spreading fast; the Government has just introduced “Plan B” and we have been plunged into uncertainty about whether more restrictions will follow – even whether we will be able to meet with family and friends at Christmas.

All this uncertainty affects people in many ways. I used to think I could cope well with uncertainty, but I have found the ongoing uncertainty of the last two years more than wearing. The only certain thing seems to be that nothing is certain.

But that’s not true.

Perhaps at the start of the New Year it’s worth reminding ourselves that there is one great certainty – God’s love as shown to us in Christ. The apostle Paul reminds us in the letter to the Romans -

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We have just celebrated the birth of Christ – these words remind us that he will always be with us – whatever life might throw at us. With these words in mind, I wish you all the best for this New Year – and particularly that you will know his love and calming presence in your life.

Reverend Paul Day

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NEWS FROM OUR PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

It's not often that PCC meetings make lots of decisions, but it seems to me that the one we've just had did make some decisions which deserve being shared more widely.

One decision was the slightly modified service pattern from January (details elsewhere in the magazine). Another was about interment of ashes in the St James churchyard. The PCC passed a resolution that the condition for someone's ashes to be interred in the churchyard should be

Anyone who has worshipped in one of our churches or has lived in the parish for a significant part of their life or has been baptised or married in one of our churches, or if they are to be interred in an existing plot, or for any other pastoral reason at the discretion of the vicar.

We also discussed an idea to have a kitchen and toilet constructed within the St James building. It has long been a concern to me that there is no toilet. Often people come from distances for weddings and funerals. We can use the Church House facilities but not if Church House is hired out. It would also be an asset when the Church building is used for other events. Some kind of simple kitchen (sink, worktop, ability to serve teas and coffees etc.) would also be useful – for after services on Sundays and also for choirs and theatre groups when they use the building.

We have had early discussions with the church architect and the PCC have now approved that he draws up some detailed plans. Once these are done we can circulate them more widely to gather opinions. The concept is to have an internal structure at the back of church (roughly where the children's table is currently) which will house a disabled toilet and a simple kitchen area. It will, of course, be designed to be in sympathy with the building. You may have seen similar "pods" in other churches. There is a fairly grand one, for example, in Ludlow.

Also relating to buildings, some ideas for the refurbishment of Church House were discussed, as well as noting the progress on the faculty application for the projector and screen in St James, which we hope will be installed early in the New Year.

We also agreed about the contact card that people can put on their fridges (details elsewhere in the magazine) and for all church groups and events to only use Fairtrade products for refreshments which we plan to be purchased centrally. We will also be looking into the possibility of offering a contactless giving facility.



NEWS FROM OUR PCC *continued*

Finally, we put together a response to the Bishop regarding his consultation document about a proposed "church plant" in the Shirley area from the Gas Street church in Birmingham city centre. This would be a church particularly aimed at young families who do not have contact with churches at present.

My thanks to the PCC for all their contributions – please do ask if you would like to know more about any of these things.

Reverend Paul Day

PCC meetings in 2022 are scheduled for the following dates -

March 29th

June 23rd

September 28th

December 8th



Our Social Committee are starting to think about how the Parish will join in with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations -

2nd to 5th June 2022.

<https://www.theplatinumjubilee.com>

Please do let us know if you have any ideas!



TAKING DOWN CHRISTMAS

Happy New Year!

January is, of course, the time to take down the decorations and put them away for next year. In many churches however, the Crib scene is left up until the beginning of February - the Feast of Candlemas. That celebrates the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

It's yet another moment of 'illumination,' and has a number of meanings.

The date 'set' for Candlemas is the 2nd February each year and it marks the midpoint of winter, halfway between the shortest day and the spring equinox. So, from that date onwards the days begin to get longer and the nights shorter.

It's the day when we celebrate Mary and Joseph taking their baby, Jesus, to the Temple. The custom was set down in Leviticus chapter 12, where the parents presented the child to the Lord, and received a blessing from the priests. It was a picture of the sacrifice of the first-born son, giving him to the Lord.

Any ideas on a third meaning?

As you take down your decorations, think about where you will store them ready for use next Christmas – and also, how carefully you will put them away.

Will the string of lights be a tangled mess of knots when you take them out of their wrappings or will you be able to hang them straight on the tree? One of the biggest concerns is where to put the figure of baby Jesus. It's usually so small in a Crib Set that it is easily lost and then the Crib Set rather loses its meaning!

This month

Have a think about where you put Jesus after Christmas. Not the figure but the 'real' person. He's easily left in a virtual crib as a baby in our minds, just like the wooden or plastic figure in our attics or under the stairs. If we keep Him as that lovely sweet-smelling-cute baby we miss out on His teaching and miracles, we will fail to understand and engage with His massive love and compassion for each of us on the cross – and most importantly His resurrection. Death is not the end.

Not for Him.

Not for us.

And not for our loved ones.

HAS ANYONE SEEN ETHEL?

As far as I know we don't have anyone called Ethel in our churches (apologies if I am mistaken), but that's a phrase I have been known to utter with a different name.

It sometimes happens that a church member, or a person we have regular contact with, seems to disappear. Usually there is a very simple answer as to where they have gone – hospital maybe, or perhaps they've moved in with family or moved away. Just occasionally it could be they have sadly passed away. But we don't always know where they are.

How can this be? Maybe a son or daughter is trying to do the best for their parent but doesn't realise the close links they have with the church, or they don't have any contact details for us. The result is that as far as we are concerned, they disappear. We don't have any contact for relatives and neighbours are none the wiser. If we knew where they were we could, for example, arrange a visit from hospital chaplains or send them a magazine so that we could keep in touch.

In January cards like the one below will be available in our churches. If you would like to make sure that the church knows if anything happens to you then why not fill one out and stick it on your fridge where family or friends can easily see it. Cut out the one below from this magazine if you like! It might just help keep us in contact!

Many thanks, *Reverend Paul Day*

If I have to go into hospital

(or other form of care)

please let my Church know where I am,
by phoning 0121 745 8896.

I give my permission for this information to be
passed on so they can keep in touch with me.

Signed

Shirley Parish: St James, Shirley; Christ the King; St John's, Tidbury Green.



THE NEW YEAR

If we put our hand in God's hand
As we enter this New Year
Not knowing what the future holds
But that our Friend is near

We shall not fear what lies ahead
If He is by our side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If He will be our guide.

The Sinless One from heaven came
To dwell with us on earth,
He sought and bought us with His blood
And offered us new birth.

Now as we travel through this year
He knows the things He's planned,
So let us trust and know just this -
Our times are in His hands.

By Megan Carter





OUR CHARITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL & CRAFT FAIR

Thank you to everyone who supported and helped at our Craft Fair and Christmas Tree Festival.

The Parish cake sale was very successful raising £133.00. Thank you to those who baked and those who sold on the day.

This year there were 28 decorated trees and the winner of the 'My Favourite Tree' competition was Tudor Grange Academy, St James. Well done!

The winner of the 'Find the Angel' competition was Lily-Rose Fenton.

The presentation of the money raised for our two charities (over £600), will take place on **Sunday January 23rd** at the 10.30am service at St James Church.

Linda Pitt & Glenys Golightly



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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18th to 25th JANUARY 2022

The story of the Magi visiting the Holy Family in Bethlehem is one very familiar to us. The Magi have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world's diversity – different religions and cultures – that comes to pay homage to the Christ-child. The story might therefore represent the unity of all created that God desires.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness.

Serving the Gospel today requires a commitment to the human being, especially the poorest, the weakest and those marginalised. It requires from the churches transparency and accountability in dealing with the world, and with each other. This means churches need to cooperate to provide relief to the afflicted, to welcome the displaced, to relieve the burdened, and to build a just and honest society. This is a call for churches to work together so that young people can build a good future according to God's heart, a future in which all human beings can experience life, peace, justice, and love.

You can find out more at <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022>



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Welcome Café



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HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED

In the end, we packed 42 large Christmas present bags for the ADAVU clients, one each for all the mothers, children and imminent babies!

A huge 'Thank You' to the Donors, the Wrappers, the Cake Makers, Uncle Tom Cobbley and All who helped. It seemed a mammoth effort this year and we may have to rethink the whole scheme next year. But for now, let's rejoice in the pleasure it gave to all of the folks being supported by Liisa and her small team.

We felt privileged to be invited to the 10th Anniversary celebration of ADAVU in November. And it WAS a Celebration! So many smiles – and the only tears were of happiness - apart from the Small Being in her pushchair who howled as we started to sing 'Happy Birthday' to one of the ladies present! Four very brave clients stood up and read a prepared statement (in their own words) of what ADAVU meant to them, with very moving tributes to Liisa, Mohinder and Anna. As David said afterwards, it was very inspiring, and made us even more determined to support them in any small way that we can.

Recently we managed to get two very large suitcases from the Stratford Recycling Shop for the lady being moved urgently by the Home Office; she would be allowed to take just two pieces of luggage with her, so we hope that those suitcases allowed her to put in every single one of her belongings! The same day a very pregnant lady was moved to London and with a little advance warning we had been able to supply her with a Moses basket full of baby clothes, a bag full of baby toiletries, and a bag of Christmas presents for her and her small son. Very satisfying - well done folks!

And now we start another year. I somehow doubt that things will improve. In 2021 over 50% of the rescued clients have come from Albania. I sometimes wonder why word doesn't get back warning others of the dangers?

As you may remember we ceased collecting bedding, clothing and towels for the NARTHEX in the autumn of 2021. Occasionally you may see a request for specific items in the pewslip but on the whole we are reclaiming our front room and garage!

Thank you for your wonderful support over the many years we have been helping to source items for the Narthex – we shall leave you in peace for now.

David and Elizabeth Paice



OUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TREE

We have received a message of thanks from Liisa the ADAVU project manager:

"I just wanted to say a huge thank-you for the Christmas parcels that I have now collected. They are all ready to be distributed and I have added into each family unit a £5 ALDI voucher as per the Lions grant.

Please could you pass on my heartfelt thanks also to all the donors and volunteers who helped to buy, donate and wrap all the gifts? I would want them all to know that this will make such a difference to the clients we support and their families. So many



of them are in really difficult and stressful situations, and a gift goes such a long way in helping them feel special and valued in the midst of all their challenges."

In the end the party has been cancelled due to fears of spreading the Covid virus but all the parcels will be delivered by Christmas.

Sarah Penfold

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SHIRLEY PARISH BOOK CLUB - FINAL SCORES 2021

Here is the final list of scores for 2021. As you see, each novel is given an average score based on the various scores given by the Book Club's members. Alongside this list there is an added column showing the highest scores individuals gave for each novel – and how many of the group gave it that score. So, *The House Between Tides*, for instance, had four tens. What stands out, of course, is that of the ten novels read in 2021, six were given a 10 out of 10 by at least one person.

By the time you read this summary in the January magazine, we will have undertaken our annual – **Jokabokafloð**. This is an idea from Finland.

- Each member chooses one or two books from their bookshelf that they have liked and wouldn't mind passing on to someone else in the group.
- Each book is wrapped into a parcel.
- The gifts were then delivered to the Book Club's final meeting of the year on Monday 13th December in Church House and handed out at random.

We are aware that several people are led to our chosen books after reading the Parish Magazine. This makes us very happy – and we would be even happier you came along to one of the meetings to join in – or just to listen.

Happy reading in 2022.

Ray Speakman



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SHIRLEY PARISH BOOK CLUB continued

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1.	<i>The Beekeeper of Aleppo</i> Christie Lefteri	8.8	10 (x3)
2=	<i>The House Between Tides</i> Sarah Maine	8.5	10 (x4)
2=	<i>Not Forgetting the Whale</i> John Ironmonger	8.5	10 (x3)
4.	<i>Those Who Are Loved</i> Victoria Hislop	7.6	9 (x3)
5.	<i>The Thursday Murder Club</i> Richard Osman	7.4	10 (x1)
6.	<i>The Giver of Stars</i> Jojo Moyes	6.9	10 (x2)
7.	<i>Afternoon Tea at the Sunshine Café</i> Millie Johnson	6.0	8 (x2)
8.	<i>The Other Side of the Dales</i> Gervais Finn	6.0	10 (x1)
9.	<i>The Information Officer</i> Mark Mills	5.3	7 (x3)
10.	<i>Agatha Raisin and the Wizard of Evesham</i> M. F. Benson	4.7	9 (x1)



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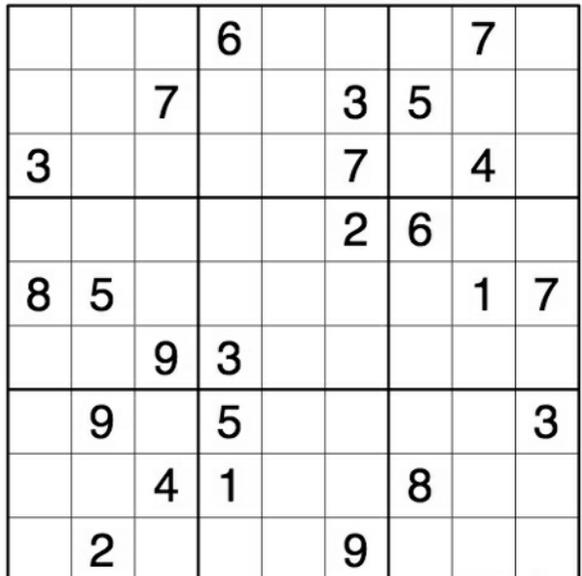
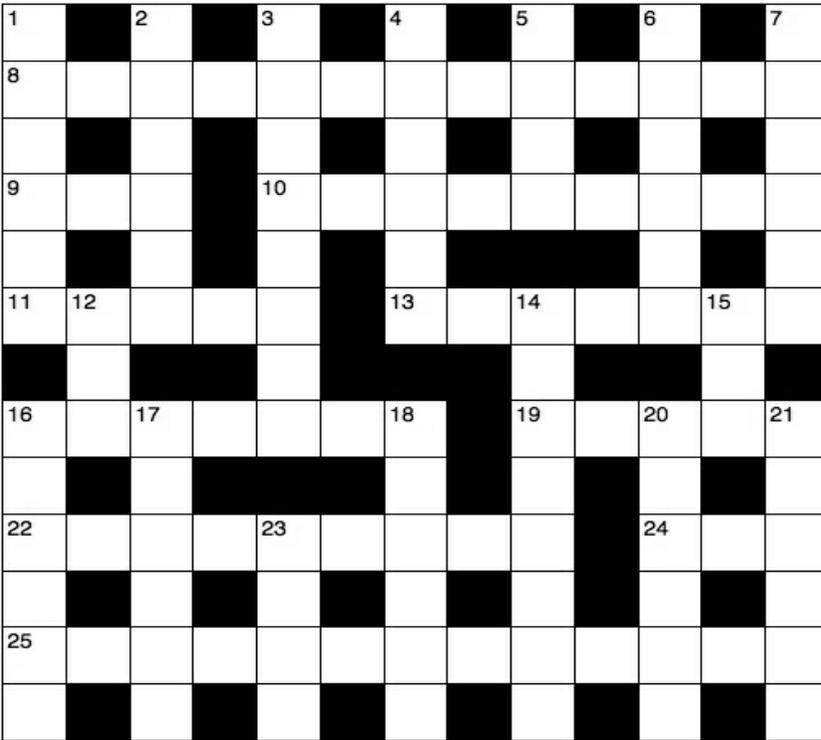
- 8 How the Abyss (NIV) is described in the Authorized Version (Revelation 9:1) (10,3)
 9 Frozen water (Ezekiel 1:22) (3)
 10 The Ten Commandments (9)
 11 In Roman Catholic theology, neither heaven nor hell (5)
 13 Des cons (anag.) (7)
 16 'Though [your sins] are red as — , they shall be like wool' (Isaiah 1:18) (7)
 19 Keen (Romans 1:15) (5)
 22 Repugnant, loathsome (Jeremiah 24:9) (9)
 24 Drink like an animal (Judges 7:5) (3)
 25 First and last (Revelation 22:13) (5,3,5)

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- 1 Father of Ahi, a Gadite (1 Chronicles 5:15) (6)
 2 Where David found the stone with which he killed Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40) (6)
 3 'Hour by hour fresh lips are making thy — doings heard on high' (8)
 4 'And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their — at night' (Luke 2:8) (6)
 5 United Society for Christian Literature (1,1,1,1)
 6 'If he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would — — or a tax collector' (Matthew 18:17) (1,5)
 7 Where Paul was taken when things became difficult for him in Berea (Acts 17:15) (6)
 12 Istituto per le Opere di Religione (Vatican Bank) (1,1,1)
 14 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new — ; the old has gone, the new has come!' (2 Corinthians 5:17) (8)
 15 Used to colour ram skins red for use in the tabernacle (Exodus 25:5) (3)
 16 Vat car (anag.) (6)
 17 'Be joyful — — , patient in affliction, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (6)
 18 'The parts that are unrepresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts — — special treatment' (1 Corinthians 12:23) (4,2)
 20 Ancient rowing boat (Isaiah 33:21) (6)
 21 Say again (2 Corinthians 11:16) (6)
 23 What Jesus did in the synagogue in Nazareth after he stood up (Luke 4:16) (4)



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In Matthew's gospel the Magi ask Herod: '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 it is possible that Queen of Sheba's story of Messiah for Israel had survived.

One thing that supports the theory that the magi came from southern Arabia is this: if you study any map of Palestine as it was during biblical times, you will find that the old Arabian caravan routes all entered Palestine 'from the East'.



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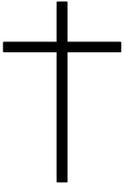


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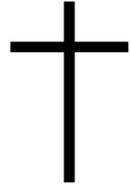
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When I am afraid
I will **trust** you,
I praise God for
His word,
I **trust** God, so
I am not afraid.

Psalm 56:3-4



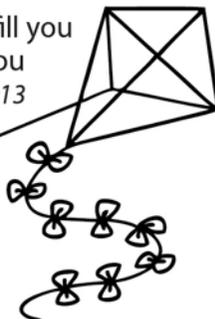
But I **trust**
in you,
O Lord;
I say,
"**You are
my God.**"

Psalm 31:14



*The Lord is good,
a refuge in times
of trouble.
He cares for those
who **trust** in Him.*
Nahum 1:7

"May the God of hope fill you
with joy and peace as you
trust in Him." *Romans 3:13*



Jesus said:
"Do not be troubled.
Trust in God and
trust in me."

John 14:1

Trust in the Lord with
all your heart and
lean not on your own
understanding.
In all your ways **submit**
to Him and He will make
your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6



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