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OUR PARISH PRAYER



**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**

TUESDAY CHAT AND ...

Well the 'and' will be whatever you want it to be.

Several of us have noticed the desire to chat over a cup of tea, and the enthusiasm that adults often show for the 'children's activities' at both Messy Church and 4 o'clock LogIn. So, we thought it was worth finding out whether people would value to opportunity to come along, drink tea and perhaps try a few crafts or games – or, if you prefer, just to chat.



Starting in October we are going to give it a go on a Tuesday afternoon from 1.30pm to 3pm. The sessions will be in Church House on **23rd and 30th October** and **6th and 13th November**.

There will be tea and coffee, and biscuits. There will also be some craft activity, board games, and cards. (We will have to make a small charge to cover the cost of refreshments and materials.)

Please pop in - if only to tell us that this is the wrong day, or the wrong time, or that you are looking for someone to play scrabble with!



If you have any queries please talk to Pat Powell or Sarah Penfold (telephone numbers are inside the back cover).



NEWS FROM THE VICARAGE

As I write this I have just come away from a meeting with Kate Crocker and a conservation expert, where we discussed ways to continue to care for St James's churchyard and find ways to enable it to become a community resource. Now that St James Church has been cleaned outside and the war memorial restored, it's time to turn our attention to this important tribute to past generations and the many lives glimpsed at in the memorials. Watch this space.

As Christians we must always have an eye on the past. But we need also to look ahead. So St John's Church stands as a testimony to past generations who stepped out in faith to establish a Christian presence in that part of the parish. At the same time, the present and future was beautifully embodied in the children from the nursery who came to the coffee morning there, in aid of the Macmillan cancer charity, to buy cakes and enjoy them with the others who had come to support the event. Similarly, when I enter Widney School to worship at Christ the King Church, I am always reminded of the faith and faithfulness that established that worshipping community and maintains its witness in such a vibrant way.

It's on these foundations of commitment and faithfulness that we hope to build with the sermon series this autumn. By the time you read this, it will already have begun and if you haven't already been to one of the accompanying discussion groups, I urge you to do so. The groups take place on Wednesday afternoons in Church House. They will be informal and relaxed but focused on building on the firm foundations of our shared past in order to play our part in the future of the Christian faith in Shirley. The dates and topics are in last month's magazine and on posters in all our churches. So, come along, taste and see that the Lord is good. Get to know Christ better, so that you can the better make him known.

Reverend Peter Law-Jones

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GIVING FOR GROWTH

At our Harvest services on September 30th we took the opportunity to launch our stewardship campaign across the parish. We looked at how we respond to God's love for us in terms of what we offer to him – our time, our energies, our talents and our money. The ancient Harvest traditions in the Bible include giving to God the “first fruits” of the harvest – not just the bits at the end after we have taken our fill. Offering him the first and the best – because of his love and provision for us. And so the questions we addressed were about whether we give our first and best to him, and why we give in the first place.

Many stewardship campaigns focus on plugging holes in the church's finances. In fact, for Shirley Parish, if we take a look at the budget figures for 2018 we see that the churches are just about matching income and expenditure. So why do we need the campaign?

We recognise that to fulfil the sentiments of our Parish Logo – Knowing Christ and Making Him Known – we need to invest in mission. We need to take our part in mission across the world more seriously – supporting projects near and far with prayer and money. We also need to be more active ourselves in the parish – and we talked about various things that we could quite easily do to enable to gospel message to be spread and the love of God to be shown in practical ways.

All these things cost money, but they are all about the growth of the churches – both spiritually and numerically. And it is these things that are the focus of our campaign – could we give more to enable the churches to do more and be a more effective witness?

The Church of England has long suggested a target for Christians of giving away 5% of their income to Christian Mission or other charities. Think how much more we could do, and churches near and far could do, if we all rose to that challenge!



We will be writing to all church members over the next weeks – so please look out for information and see how you can help us meet the challenges that face us as we seek to Know Christ and Make Him Known.

Reverend Paul Day

THE FRIENDS OF ST JAMES' WALK ...

Our twelfth annual walk took us to The Isle of Portland in Dorset.

The party of ten stayed for two nights in The Heights Hotel, situated on the highest point of The Isle of Portland with a wonderful view looking down Chesil Beach and around to Portland Harbour.

The hotel proved to be an excellent base, the staff were very helpful, the rooms comfortable and the food great.

Our walk, 7.5 miles in length, started from the hotel and we followed the South West coastal path around to Portland Bill. We passed The Verne, a prison totally hidden inside a hillside, passing through old abandoned quarries until we reached the second prison at The Grove. It was here that we dropped some 200 feet down to the old railway track that is now the coast path. We continued on this track, past the only beach on Portland and on to Portland Bill. This is where the current lighthouse is situated.



We had our lunch at The Lobster Pot. We sat outside in the sunshine, many of us opting for the fresh crab sandwiches, with views across to Swanage. What an idyllic place to stop for lunch.

After our lunch break we started our journey up the west side of Portland. This time we had wonderful views of Chesil Beach and around the coast to Lyme Regis and Start Point in Devon.

The evidence of quarrying was all around us on Portland. We passed Nicodemus Knob on the east coast. This is a large pillar of rock, thirty feet high. This pillar shows the original height of the land before quarrying commenced.

Our walk ended at a sculpture park in a disused quarry, where large and small blocks of stone had been carved, depicting faces, animals and many other imaginative shapes. There was even a carving of a bunny! Apparently, you are not allowed to use the “r” word on The Isle of Portland as those little creatures were thought to undermine the ground causing landslips and rockfalls.

... TO PORTLAND BILL

Sir Christopher Wren chose Portland Stone for St Paul's Cathedral. Many important buildings and monuments have been built with Portland Stone including the war memorial in our churchyard.

Every year we try and find new and exciting places to walk. This walk proved very successful as we had glorious weather, a walk with lots of points of interest, great accommodation and excellent company.

Why not join us next September? Our destination is not yet decided but you can be sure of a short time away from the hustle and bustle of life with the addition of some exercise and great company.

We meet on the second Sunday in each month at 11.30am in the car park opposite St James Church.

Linda Pitt



The walkers would like to record their thanks to Linda and Roger for a most enjoyable and well organised trip.



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M.U. VISIT HILL CLOSE GARDENS, WARWICK



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A party of eighteen visited Hill Close Gardens, Warwick on Wednesday 5th September.

We started our tour seated in the gardens whilst our guide, Paula, gave us a brief history from its beginning in 1845 when pasture land was divided up into gardens for people who lived in Warwick where almost all of their houses only had backyards.

All of the gardens were purchased on long term leases, they were used for both pleasure and growing vegetables, most of them had a summer house. In the 1990's the gardens were slowly going into decline until in 2006 work began, with the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund, to restore the gardens which finally opened to the public in 2007.

As we walked around the gardens Paula brought to life the ownership of each plot and their association with Warwick. Our visit culminated with refreshments of tea or coffee and cake.

A very enjoyable afternoon with the added bonus of late summer sunshine. The gardens are well worth a visit. Thank you, Val, for arranging it.



Susan Knight



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FOOD & CLOTHING BANKS

FOOD BANK: Many thanks to those of you who put an extra tin of this or that into the collecting bins at Waitrose or Tesco this summer - or handed them into the Parish Office. Thanks to you, and other similarly caring folks, we survived the long school holidays when the demand on our service was at its height – no school dinners, no breakfast clubs or even after school clubs plus delays in Universal Credit meant that even more families were desperate for food parcels. There were occasions when supplies of some foods outstripped need but thankfully, when the SOS went out, supplies came in quickly and we struggled on.



Now is the time for Harvest Festival donations from churches, schools, mosques and individuals - our second highest amount of food coming in for the year and those supplies should carry us through until Christmas. It's a huge logistical exercise organising the collecting of the donations and even harder sorting them onto their specific pallets in date order so that they can be used systematically, and we don't

subsequently find tins wildly out of date because they were stacked wrongly. No doubt there will be a glut of the dreaded baked beans and pasta but a shortage of tinned fruit and UHT full fat milk - all we can do is emphasize the urgent needs and hope for the best.

Alongside the food of course, we always hope to receive items for the Hygiene Bags and small boxes of washing powder. But every tin and package is appreciated - every donor is appreciated!

CLOTHING BANK: As winter approaches the shortages will start to become more apparent - warm socks for the men and women, warm gloves for the men, new underwear for all. It may well be that these items will be on the labels on the wonderful Gift Tree which Sarah Penfold and her husband organise each Advent; but if you do come across any in the meantime, we should be glad to have them.

Apart from the Hygiene Bags, which I seem to have adopted, I try to have pre-school books on the bookstand for parents and carers to take into homes where books are not a natural occurrence. This summer has seen an increase in their use which is delightful – if you know any young children or grandchildren who will be receiving new books for Christmas and can spare one or two of their earlier ones, do please pass them on.

FOOD & CLOTHING BANKS *continued*

We were thrilled to have our nine-month-old grandson stay with us recently - he has so many books! And already knows how to turn the cardboard pages of them - and not to impress them with marks from his two teeth! Would that every child could be so lucky.

Best wishes to you all and many thanks for your constant support,

Elizabeth Paice

OUR 2018 GIFT TREE

Although we are aware that many people have been contributing to the foodbank throughout the year we are hoping that you will still feel able to be part of our gift tree during November. As before, the tree will be decorated with labels naming gifts that will be useful and valued by the recipients. These will include some items of clothing but also things like toy cars and colouring books for children.

The tree will be at the back of St James Church from **3rd to 18th November** (arrangements for labels at Christ the King and St John's will be confirmed in the pewslip). As before we are asking you to take away the labels for the gifts you would like to buy, buy them, wrap them and stick the label back on so that we know what is inside, and where relevant what the size is. This is particularly important for things like pants - the wrong size can be very uncomfortable!

Please bring gifts either to the office during the week or to church on a Sunday morning on or before **25th November**. This will allow them to be distributed in advance of Christmas.

As these items are gifts we ask that only new items are included and that any food items have an eat by date in 2019 or later.

Thank you in anticipation.

Sarah Penfold and Elizabeth Paice



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THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918

The military won this battle, at least. The word 'Armistice' was banded around: not a treaty, but simply (as the Latin word suggests) as a laying down of arms. The three most influential national leaders on the Allied side agreed, and the Germans and their dwindling band of associates had no choice but to go along with the solution. An Armistice was agreed for a memorable date: the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the year. Following preliminary discussions, a negotiated treaty would be finalised at Versailles in the following January. Compared to Brexit, that is express progress!

The Armistice was, in some ways, simple. The guns would go silent, killing would cease from that designated hour. The Versailles negotiations, on the other hand, would be complex, though somewhat simplified by the fact that the Germans came naked to the table. They were desperate to save their land from occupation, whatever the cost. In fact, it cost them £6.6 million in reparations (probably about six billion pounds today).

Each of the Allies had important items for the peace agenda. France wanted Alsace-Lorraine restored to French sovereignty, and the Rhineland demilitarised. Britain wanted German military power negated and problems in the Middle East solved. The Americans wanted democracy restored and the will of the people recognised throughout Europe. The three leaders – David Lloyd George and Presidents Clémenceau and Woodrow Wyatt agreed about most of the agenda, including the carving up of The German colonial empire in Africa.

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Wednesday

10th October 2018
at 10.30 am

'APPLE DAY'

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The first Apple Day celebrations, in the old Apple Market in London's Covent Garden, brought fruit to the market after 16 years' absence. Forty stalls were taken. Fruit growers and nurseries producing and selling a wide variety of apples and trees rubbed shoulders with juice and cider makers, as well as writers and illustrators with their apple books.

Everyone can be involved, and Apple Day events have fostered local pride, celebrated and deepened interest in local distinctiveness. It is now an integral part of the calendar of many villages, local authorities and city markets. It is a focus for activities organised by the Women's Institute, National Trust properties, Wildlife Trusts, museums and galleries, horticultural societies, shops and restaurants as well as for schools, colleges and environmental study centres.

Some Facts About Apples

Apple trees can take as long as 5 years to begin producing apples

An average apple tree can produce over 800 pounds of apples

Apples are actually a member of the rose family

It takes over 30 apples to make one gallon of apple cider

There are over 8,000 apple varieties worldwide

The U.S has over 2500 different apple varieties but only the crab-apple is native

Apple trees can live over 100 years

Malusdomesticaphobia is a fear of apples

You can find out more on - <https://www.commonground.org.uk/apple-day/>

We will be celebrating Apple Day at this month's Coffee Morning at St John's Church.

You are welcome to bring with you your favourite apple or apple dish or apple recipe to share with others.



OUR PARISH DIARY FOR OCTOBER 2018

- 1st 10.30am: Portershill Drive Holy Communion
- 2nd 11am: Pegasus Court Holy Communion
- 3rd 10.45am: Swallows Meadow Holy Communion
2pm: MU - Jackie Brocklebank, Diocesan President
2.30pm: Discussion Group at Church House
7pm: Eucharist and Guild of St Raphael at St James Church
7.30pm: Christ the King Management Committee Meeting
- 4th 11.30am: Communications Committee Meeting
- 7th The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**
Sermon Series – ‘Who is the Holy Spirit’
10.30am: CTK and St John’s Joint Service at Widney Junior School
7pm: Reflective Evening Worship at St John’s Church
- 8th 11am: Elizabeth House Holy Communion
- 9th 12noon: Ploughman’s Lunch at Church House
- 10th 10.30am: Coffee Morning at St John’s Church
2.30pm: Discussion Group at Church House
7.30pm: St John’s Management Committee Meeting
- 12th 7.30pm: Shirley Band Concert at St James Church
- 13th 7.30pm: Skittles Evening in Church House
- 14th The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**
Sermon Series – ‘The Eucharist’
11.30am: The Friends of St James Walking Group
- 16th 10.30am: Mason House Holy Communion
7.30pm: St James Management Committee Meeting
- 17th 10.30am: Bible Study at St John’s Church
10.45am: Swallows Meadow Holy Communion
2.30pm: Discussion Group at Church House
- 18th LUKE THE EVANGELIST
3.30pm: Messy Church at Widney Junior School
7.30pm: MU - Games Evening and Fish and Chip Supper

OUR PARISH DIARY FOR OCTOBER 2018 *continued*

- 21st** **The Twenty First Sunday after Trinity**
Sermon Series – ‘Prayer & Healing’
 4pm: LogIn at St James Church and Church House
- 23rd 12noon: Ploughman’s Lunch at Church House
 1.30pm: ‘Tuesday Chat’ at Church House
 7.30pm: Book Club at Church House
- 24th 2.30pm: Discussion Group at Church House
- 27th MU – Autumn Council Meeting at Carrs Lane Centre
- 28th** **The Last Sunday after Trinity**
Sermon Series – ‘God in the Old Testament’
 SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES
- 30th 1.30pm: ‘Tuesday Chat’ at Church House
- 31st 10.45am: Swallows Meadow Holy Communion
 2.30pm: Discussion Group at Church House
 4pm: Contemplative Prayer in St James Church

(Please check the weekly pew slips for any changes and additions to the above)

The Friends of St James present ...

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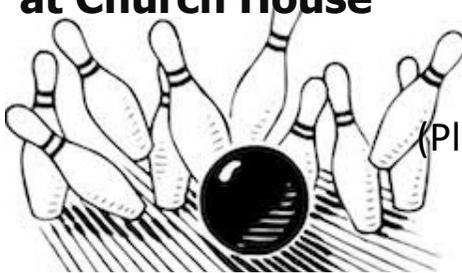
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KERALA FLOODS : HOW CHRISTIAN AID ARE RESPONDING



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Kerala's floods and landslides have left ruin so terrible that around 200,000 people will be unable to return home for at least six months, Christian Aid estimates. Even among houses that were not completely destroyed, many are now filled with mud, vegetation and rubbish, with collapsed roofs and walls. Many people have lost everything they had.

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GROW AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Harvest is a time of thanksgiving to God for all His provision for us. It is good to cultivate a grateful heart, and studies have shown that people who practise thankfulness tend to have a more positive outlook on life, be more optimistic about the future, and are generally healthier than those who do a lot of grumbling and complaining.

On one occasion Jesus met a group of ten lepers (Luke Chapter 17 verses 11-19). They called out to Him in a *loud voice*, asking for Him to have pity of them, which He did. He sent them to the priest, and on the way they were healed. However, only one of them returned to give thanks to Jesus, and he was a Samaritan. He threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him, giving praise to God in a *loud voice*.

It occurs to me that most of us make a loud noise when we are in need of help, but we are much quieter about giving thanks. We are not inhibited when making our needs known to God, but how many of us make a point of giving Him thanks when we have received His help? Do we sing His praises loudly? Do we give clear testimony to what the Lord has done?



Why not try and cultivate the discipline of gratitude in your life? Make it a rule to thank anyone who helps you in some way, or who encourages you. Let them know you appreciate them. Review each day before you sleep, reminding yourself of every good thing that happened, and offering your thoughts to God as a prayer. Introduce a short time of giving thanks in your church service. In your Home Group have a time of praying short, sentence prayers of gratitude to God. Keep a gratitude diary.

Rather than focus of what you don't have, or what has gone wrong, train your mind to focus on what you do have, and what has gone right. You will be surprised at the difference it can make.

Reverend Tony Horsfall (a former missionary in East Malaysia and now a retreat leader based in West Yorkshire)

**Begin and End
with Gratitude**

HALLOWEEN IS ON THE WAY

It is that time of year again – when the pumpkins with scary faces appear in our shops, surrounded by skeleton costumes, zombie masks, witch’s hats and sweets with gruesome names.

How do Christian parents deal with this annual celebration of evil and death? For of course 31st October has pagan Celtic roots – it was the evening when the souls of the dead were meant to revisit their old homes on earth.

Most kids just want the fun of dressing up and scaring their friends half to death. They are oblivious to the darker forces behind it all, or at least do not take them seriously.

Many Christian families and churches have resolved the problem not by ignoring Halloween, but by taking it as only the starting point in a festival, not the end in itself. Hence, they allow their children to dress up, but then take them to a Lights Party, where the whole story is told, not just the pagan bit. Instead of discouraging any thoughts of evil and death, they encourage the children to consider the darkness – but through a Christian lens. Christians do not deny death and dying and evil, but they know that death has no real terrors for us at all, because it has been defeated through the cross and resurrection of Jesus. Halloween is only half the story: Christianity is the completion, because God in his love sent Jesus to save us from darkness.



So - Halloween is a time to remind our children that Jesus is with us in both the good and bad times of life.

You may find the following resources helpful -

<https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/what-we-do/new-initiatives/light-parties-2018>

<https://www.ucb.co.uk/bagofhope>

A prayer from the ancient service of Compline (Night Prayer)

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT - 'PEACE BEYOND UNDERSTANDING'

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. (John Chapter 14 verse 27)

History has recorded many statements and quotations relating to peace. As we meditate on the events of 100 years ago we might recall those promises and commitments made to building a world that lives in peace. Ronald Reagan said, 'A people free to chose will always choose peace' and that is surely so. Each of us who enjoy freedom can choose a peace that passes all understanding. When we accept Jesus into our lives we receive God's Holy Spirit: he brings a deep and lasting peace. Unlike worldly peace, defined as the absence of conflict, this peace is confident assurance in any circumstance. With Christ's peace, we need not fear the present nor the future. In commemoration, choose that peace.

Father, thank you for your gift of peace, freely given. Help us to trust wholly in you and your will for our lives. May our actions be rooted in love. Amen.

Michael Cooper - National Director for England and Scotland, Christian Vision for Men

Day 59 of the '100 Days of Peace and Hope' prayers and reflections -

<https://www.remembrance100.co.uk/100-days/>



FUN & WORSHIP FOR ALL AGES

Thursday 18th October - 3.30pm at Widney Junior School

MESSY CHURCH - 'SAFE & SOUND'

Sunday 21st October - 4pm at St James Church

FOUR O'CLOCK LOGIN -

'LIGHT IN THE WORLD'

SUDOKU

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WHAT DOES GOD DO ALL DAY?

Ever wonder what God does up there in heaven? Some of us imagine God the Father resting on a great gold throne, surrounded by angels dressed in white, eternally playing on harps. And beyond them are millions of people, standing about. After all, as one hymn (*Jerusalem, my happy home*) puts it: where 'congregations ne'er break up and Sabbaths never end'. To be honest, a fairly awful prospect.

But the Bible says differently. Jesus talks of His Father as being engaged with the world, working with us, giving us our daily bread, guiding us, caring for us, protecting us from evil, answering prayer, judging wrong and welcoming those who turn to Him. Where Christians are working, there the Lord is too: 'And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them'. (Mark Chapter 16 verse 20) So God does not merely sit there and watch us work, He actually works with us.

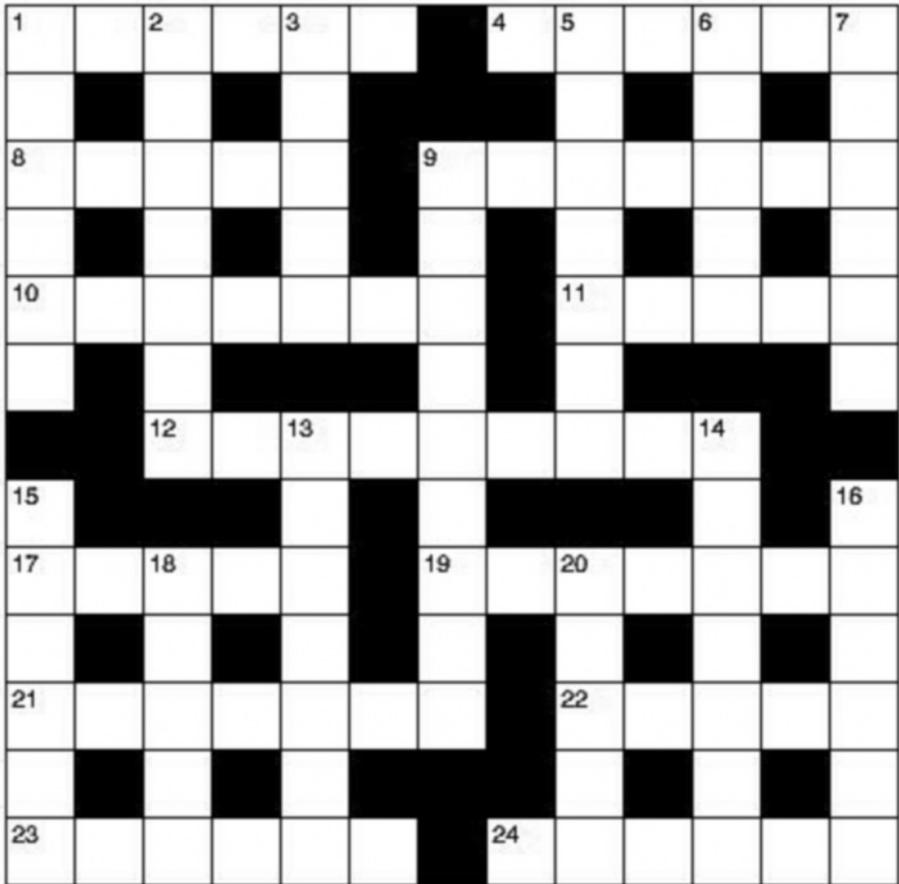
CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Tertullus, who presented the high priest's case against Paul in his trial before Felix, was one (Acts 24:1) (6)
- 4 As balm (anag.) (6)
- 8 Having explored Canaan, he and Joshua urged the Israelites to take possession of it (Numbers 13:30) (5)
- 9 On becoming king of Judah, he had all six of his brothers killed (2 Chronicles 21:4) (7)
- 10 'Even the — has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself' (Psalm 84:3) (7)
- 11 Banishment (Jeremiah 29:1) (5)
- 12 'And now I will show you the most — way' (1 Corinthians 12:31) (9)
- 17 'Titus did not exploit you, did he? Did we not — the same spirit and follow the same course?' (2 Corinthians 12:18) (3,2)
- 19 Mice den (anag.) (7)
- 21 How Egypt is often described in the Old Testament: 'the land of — ' (Exodus 13:3) (7)
- 22 One of the first Levites to resettle in Jerusalem after the exile in Babylon (1 Chronicles 9:15) (5)
- 23 'As a sheep before her shearers is —, so he did not open his mouth' (Isaiah 53:7) (6)
- 24 Paul's birthplace (Acts 22:3) (6)

Down

- 1 Ravenous insect inflicted on Egypt in vast numbers as the eighth plague (Exodus 10:14) (6)
- 2 Well-being (Philippians 2:20) (7)
- 3 Small piece of live coal or wood in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (5)
- 5 Sportsman or woman (2 Timothy 2:5) (7)
- 6 The original name of Abraham's wife (Genesis 17:15) (5)
- 7 'So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each — belongs to all the others' (Romans 12:5) (6)
- 9 According to Peter, a wife's beauty should not come from wearing this (1 Peter 3:3) (9)
- 13 'For God did not send his Son into the world to — the world' (John 3:17) (7)
- 14 'The Lord of heaven and earth ... does not live in — built by hands' (Acts 17:24) (7)



15 'If your hand — you to sin, cut it off' (Mark 9:43) (6)

16 Something like these fell from Saul's eyes as soon as Ananias placed his hands on him (Acts 9:18) (6)

18 Track (Job 41:30) (5)

20 Religious doctrine (5)

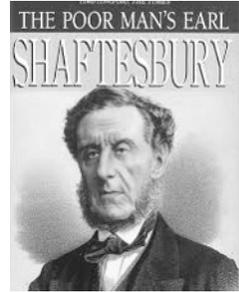
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WORDSEARCH - THE POOR MAN'S EARL

Think of Piccadilly Circus, and that small statue of the angel poised with bow and arrow. Most people think it stands for Eros. It is in fact a memorial to the greatest Christian Victorian philanthropist, politician and social reformer of his generation – Lord Shaftesbury.

Anthony Ashley Cooper, the 7th Earl of Shaftesbury (1801–1885) was a devout Christian Member of Parliament who spent his life fighting to help ease the miserable conditions in lunatic asylums, to stop the practise of forcing young children to be chimney sweeps, to stop children working in factories below the age of 10, to stop women and children going in the mines at all, to stop opium addiction, and to provide Ragged Schools for children without any means of education. On the day of his funeral at Westminster Abbey, tens of thousands of poor Londoners thronged the streets to see his coffin go by. He was much loved as The Poor Man's Earl.



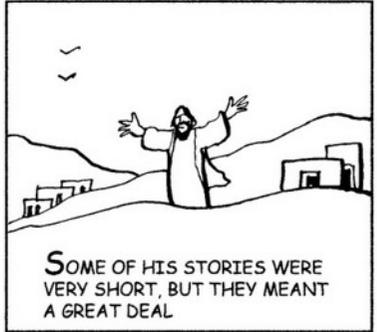
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The tale of
the
Mustard
Seed
& the tale of the
Yeast

JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



SOME OF HIS STORIES WERE
VERY SHORT, BUT THEY MEANT
A GREAT DEAL

ONCE JESUS EXPLAINED HOW
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
WAS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED

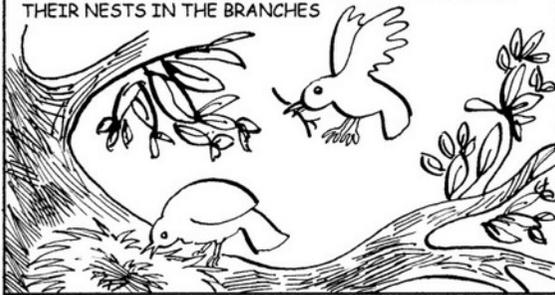


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OF SEEDS....



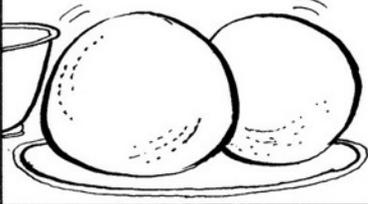
BUT WHEN IT GROWS UP IT IS
THE BIGGEST OF ALL PLANTS

IT BECOMES A TREE, SO THAT BIRDS COME AND MAKE
THEIR NESTS IN THE BRANCHES

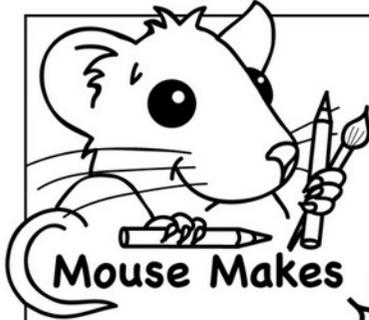


JESUS ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE YEAST.

EVEN THOUGH IT'S A TINY INGREDIENT,
WHEN IT'S MIXED WITH THE FLOUR,
THE WHOLE BATCH OF DOUGH RISES



THIS WAS JESUS' WAY OF SAYING THAT EVEN IF WE
HAVE A SMALL AMOUNT OF FAITH... IT CAN MAKE A
HUGE DIFFERENCE TO OUR LIVES, AND TO THE LIVES
OF OTHERS.



Mouse Makes

READ the whole story
in 1 Kings 18:16-40

God's prophet **Elijah** built a big bonfire and had the prophets of the god **Baal** build one too.

Elijah said "Call on Baal to light the fire and burn the sacrifice" ... but Baal did not answer because he was just an idol made of stone.

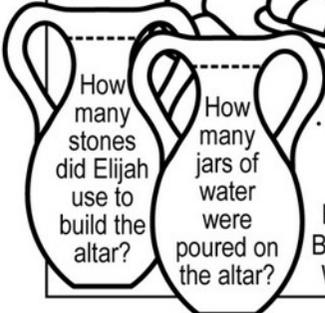
Elijah had his bonfire drenched in water then he called on the Lord God. The fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the water around it. All the people saw

this and cried:

"The Lord -
He is God!"



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How
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did Elijah
use to
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altar?

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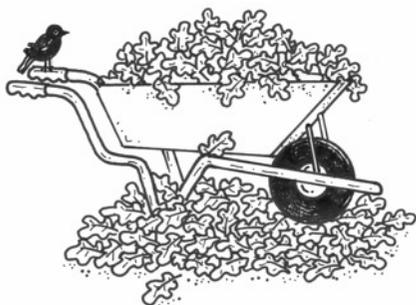
Can you find these words from the story in the word search?
ELIJAH • ISRAEL • PROPHETS • BAAL • CARMEL • GOD
BULL • WOOD • LORD • TEST • ALTAR • SHOUT • STONES
WATER • POUR • FILL • FIRE • SKY • CONSUMED • DIRT

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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*Every week they gathered for
Bible Study*



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SHIRLEY PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Thursday 13th - Sunday 16th December 2018

in St James Church

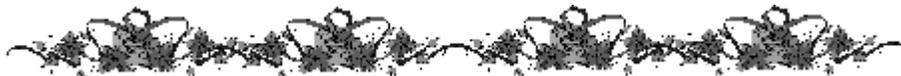
*More details to follow next month
but start thinking about how you
or your church or organisation
will decorate your tree!*



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