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and with love for Him
who died and rose again
to save us, Jesus Christ our Risen Lord
Amen**

THE MEANING OF 'THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS'

*... continued from the
December issue*



On the 8th day of Christmas my true love gave to me...

Eight Maids A-milking

The eight Beatitudes: 1) Blessed are the poor in spirit, 2) those who mourn, 3) the meek, 4) those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, 5) the merciful, 6) the pure in heart, 7) the peacemakers, 8) those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. (Matthew Chapter 5 verses 3-10)

On the 9th day of Christmas my true love gave to me...

Nine Ladies Dancing

The nine Fruit of the Holy Spirit: 1) love, 2) joy, 3) peace, 4) patience, 5) kindness, 6) generosity, 7) faithfulness, 8) gentleness, and 9) self-control.
(Galatians Chapter 5 verses 22-23)

On the 10th day of Christmas my true love gave to me...

Ten Lords A-leaping

The ten commandments: 1) You shall have no other gods before me; 2) Do not make an idol; 3) Do not take God's name in vain; 4) Remember the Sabbath Day; 5) Honor your father and mother; 6) Do not murder; 7) Do not commit adultery; 8) Do not steal; 9) Do not bear false witness; 10) Do not covet.
(Exodus Chapter 20 verses 1-17)

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'THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS' continued

On the 11th day of Christmas my true love gave to me...

Eleven Pipers Piping

The eleven Faithful Apostles: 1) Simon Peter, 2) Andrew, 3) James, 4) John, 5) Philip, 6) Bartholomew, 7) Matthew, 8) Thomas, 9) James bar Alphaeus, 10) Simon the Zealot, 11) Judas bar James. (Luke Chapter 6 verses 14-16). The list does not include the twelfth disciple, Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus to the religious leaders and the Romans.

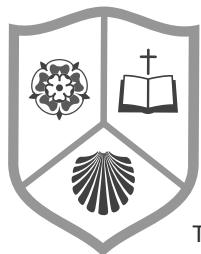
On the 12th day of Christmas my true love gave to me...

Twelve Drummers Drumming

The twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles' Creed: 1) I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 2) I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. 3) He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. 4) He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell [the grave]. 5) On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of power. 6) He will come again to judge the living and the dead. 7) I believe in the Holy Spirit, 8) the Church, 9) the communion of saints, 10) the forgiveness of sins, 11) the resurrection of the body, 12) and life everlasting.

Taken from http://www.articleseen.com/Article_The-Meaning-of-the-Twelve-Days-of-Christmas_119672.aspx

Many thanks to my friend Maurice Griggs from Jaywick for sharing this with us - Editor



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THE FRIENDS OF ST JAMES 100 CLUB

Congratulations to the December winners

£80 - Philip Griffiths £50 - Hazel Whyte £25 - Sarah Penfold

OUR 2018 GIFT TREE - A BIG 'THANK YOU'



A big 'thank you' to everyone who took labels then bought, wrapped and brought back presents. At the time of writing we have had a massive **325** gifts donated and know of a few more trickling in. The majority of them have gone into gift bags for the clients of the Adavu team who have a party in the run-up to Christmas.

All the children involved will have at least two non clothing gifts.

The remainder will be distributed to other Foodbank and Narthex clients.

Sarah Penfold

'JOURNEY TO THE STABLE' 2018

There was a breath of fresh air in our stable this year. The central activities had been totally reformatted and we had made strenuous efforts to manage the large numbers of children.

The new activities involved groups of about fifteen children visiting the homes of some of the key characters in the Christmas story. They sat round the shepherds' fire, smelled the incense in the Wise Man's house and listened to the grumbling of the innkeeper. They also visited a modern house where they were encouraged to see the links between our current Christmas traditions and the first Christmas. At each location they had a sticker to go onto a card, a bit like a passport, as a reminder of what they had seen. The activities were done in a break in a traditional nativity play.

Our helpers have been fired with enthusiasm. Between us we collected or knitted enough sheep that thirty children could each cuddle one at the same time, there were enough blankets for fifteen children to snuggle into round the fire. Cushions and curtains appeared to make the wise man's house truly exotic. The church was ablaze with fairy lights.

But the best of plans can be thwarted by circumstances: bereavement and illness left us without several key players. There was always someone ready to step into their shoes.

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'JOURNEY TO THE STABLE' 2018 continued

Originally we had hoped that helpers would have an opportunity to see activities they had not been involved in, or to watch how someone else lead one they were involved with. In the event that proved impossible. The helpers had a full-on week. No-one more than one helper who was busy leading a group when she was asked to be Mary in the play with a real baby whose mother was too shy to act. No problem.

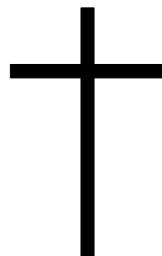
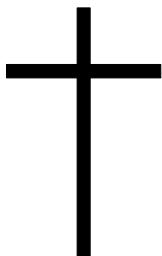
So, a massive 'thank you' to those tired helpers, to the mothers who brought their babies, to the teachers who brought their children, and to Reverend Paul for bringing new life to our journey. It remains an important part of the parish's mission to children and remains enormous fun for those who take part.

Sarah Penfold

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5th December 2018 - Christmas Nostalgia

This was an informal meeting where we shared memories of past Christmases or brought along something with significant meaning to us which we explained more fully. We found common ground in some of these reminiscences and wondered if perhaps Christmas had more true meaning when it had less commercial input!

For extra interest Paul Knight had kindly brought along the handbells. Under Paul's expert tuition some of us tried to play a couple of tunes. However although enjoyable, for those of us for whom it was a first attempt we decided we definitely needed more tuition and more practice!

Sue Guy



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SHIRLEY WAR MEMORIAL

The grant from the War Memorial Trust towards the restoration of our war memorial, has now been received.

This amounted to £4,020.00

This has been a wonderful project involving Shirley Parish, The Royal British Legion, Shirley Lions and Brian Holmes, a local councillor.

There have been some very generous donations from local businesses and individuals. Thank you to all who donated.

Thanks must also go to Jason Graham from Midland Conservation, the company that cleaned the memorial and Jim Pollard from Pollards Memorials who sharpened and repainted the lettering.

Thanks also to Kate Crocker who processed the paperwork in the later stages of the grant application.

The aim at the beginning of this process was to have the restoration of the Shirley War Memorial completed for the commemoration of the 100 year anniversary of the end of the First World War. This was achieved and it is wonderful tribute to all those who gave their lives in the war and who are named on the memorial.

Linda Pitt



'GIVING FOR GROWTH'

The stewardship campaign that we held in the autumn was intended to be a continuing thing, so I thought a little more background, in addition to Amanda Homer's (Diocesan Board of Finance) excellent presentation at St. James's would help.

Church of England Birmingham has long been one of the poorest in the country. This is largely due to there being virtually no inherited wealth held by the Diocesan Board of Finance. On the other hand, giving by members of congregations is recognised as being very generous. For people who seek to follow Jesus, the challenges that arise from this reality is central to our discipleship. As has been made clear, the financial position of this parish is stable in that we are paying our way and meeting our current obligations and for this we should all give thanks. But, given the plight of many Christians throughout the world and of many of our brothers and sisters in parishes in our diocese, there is more that can be done.

The challenge is to grow in numbers and discipleship. This central part of our stewardship is already being addressed, though attendance at some groups and services has been patchy. I urge you to make it part of your stewardship to attend regularly one extra event or service and to pray that the Lord will bless this parish with new Christians.

There is no getting around the fact that growth needs investment in prayer, commitment by everyone and even more generous giving. The tone of the stewardship leaflets was deliberately set to recognise and give thanks for the stability we enjoy, but, just as deliberately, to encourage us all to ask the question: what are our obligations to future generations? It is clear what the answer is: a sacrificial, purposeful and even more generous approach to prayer, worship and financial support.

We achieved much in the parish in 2018. My prayer is that we will build on that to achieve even more in 2019.

Reverend Peter Law-Jones



COACH PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

18th to 25th September 2019

Here is the latest information we have received from PAX Travel:

We're sorry for the delay in getting information to you but the pilgrim route is very popular these days and the good hotels soon get booked up.

The dates of the pilgrimage will be 18th to 25th September 2019.

We will have return scheduled flights from Birmingham to Porto (Portugal).



We will be staying at two quality hotels, one at Pontevedra and the other at Santiago de Compostela, for seven nights in total. This will include breakfast and evening meal at each hotel. The coach will be at our disposal for visits to places of interest including the monastery of St John in Poio, a tour of the Espiritual Variant with a tour of a vineyard. The visit to the vineyard will be arranged for us by Celestino who is a friend of Reverend Colin Jones and is head of tourism in that region of Spain. There will be a boat trip from Vilanova to Padron with views of the mussel farms in the sea and along the river. Padron is famous for its small green peppers.



We will be spending three days in Compostela where Father Colin, who is fluent in Portuguese and Spanish, will give a guided tour of the cathedral. He will also preside at Anglican services for us where possible.

Hopefully, there will be an opportunity, for those who would like to, to take a short walk along the Espiritual Variant. All this and more will be in the brochure. We walked this new part of the Camino in 2017 and it is a magnificent route.

The cost of the coach pilgrimage is £889 per person.



COACH PILGRIMAGE continued

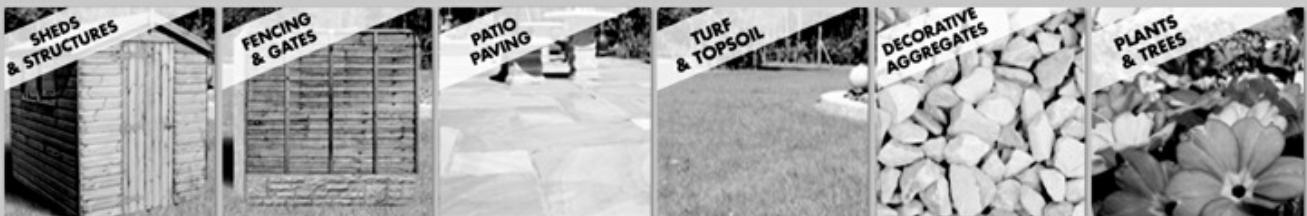
The accommodation is based on sharing a twin-bedded room. There are a very limited number of single rooms at an extra charge of £185. PAX Travel are ATOL and ABTA protected and we have travelled with them on many occasions. They are an excellent company who specialise in this sort of trip.

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The programme for Birmingham Churches Together 24 Hours of Prayer (#Pray24Brum) in January 2019 has been finalised with all twenty four slots filled.

Churches, charities, business, schools and organisations are taking it in turn to lead an hour which is split across two days of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year The Church at Carrs Lane, Birmingham B4 7SX are hosting the event.

**7.30am to 9.30pm : Friday 18th January 2019
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CARING FOR THE VICAR

In February General Synod is going to debate a report on Care of the Clergy. The draft document sets out some ways of changing the culture of the Church to enable the care and well-being of its clergy to be more fully addressed. That is the background to this article by Canon David Winter.

The Church of England is looking into ways of giving more support to vicars. You may think here's a nice life: house provided, regular salary, job security – and only one day's work a week! But from my own personal experience I can assure you it's not like that.

In my working life I've had four jobs: teacher, then journalist, then BBC producer and finally vicar. The last was by some distance the most satisfying and rewarding, but also by far the most demanding. Your home is also the office seven days a week. It's true Sunday is the 'public' bit of your work, but while you may be free to pick up the kids from school forget about cosy evenings with the family. The bit of the vicar's work that is public is on Sundays, true. But the really defining part of the job is largely unseen and takes place all through the week.

It was funny coming from an ordinary job to parish ministry. Previously, I had known what I was expected to do, the hours I was required to work and to whom I was answerable. Well vicars are technically 'self-employed', though they are licenced by the bishop and paid by the Church Commissioners. In practice, their work is determined by the local church – its needs, potential, aspirations. The churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council also help to shape the work-load. If all that sounds a bit confusing, yes, it is. Possibly the Church's current research may look into that.

What won't change, I'm sure, is the priestly vocation. It is not a job, even if I've used the word, but a vocation – like nursing, teaching or care-work. It is always hopeless to treat a vocation as a job! Mind you, that is all the more reason for those who shape the work patterns of those 'called' with sensitivity and care.



Clergy burn-out is not unknown, and nor is depression which stems from a feeling of failure. So, don't only just *pray* for the vicar. *Show* him or her how much you value them and, where possible, share their burden.



A couple of weeks ago I spent an enlightening morning at the Sparkhill Foodbank and the Narthex.

The Narthex is a Christian Charity based at St John's Church, Sparkhill. It oversees the work of the Foodbank but has a wider remit as well to promote inter cultural harmony and improve the conditions and quality of life of the people of Sparkhill.

Projects and activities include:

- a Lunch Club for senior citizens
- a seated exercise class for older ladies
- a Refugee and Asylum Seekers Basic Resources Store
- a Parish Nurse
- a One Stop Shop offering help with forms, CV's, debt advice and more
- Youth Clubs for girls and boys
- a men's drop-in
- Domestic Violence Support
- Support for trafficked persons
- Sparkhill Foodbank

I was deeply impressed by the work that goes on there, and by the commitment of the staff and volunteers. Narthex is clearly a much-respected Christian organisation in a community which is predominantly Muslim. The CEO, Nigel, is a man of seemingly limitless faith, energy and ideas.

The Foodbank no longer operates from St John's Church (though there is still a satellite distribution centre there). Its new home is in Tyseley, in premises that allow for expansion of both operation and activities. Sadly, demand for the foodbank is growing – last year over 5,000 three-day food parcels were handed out.

FOODBANK & NARTHEX continued

Volunteers put together the parcels – each of which gives enough non-perishable food for a family to live on for three days, issue the parcels and give what support they can to families that come – including offering places on a budgeting and cookery course.

The premises are being developed to provide training and advice facilities and also a café which will provide hot meals to clients as well as to others who work or live nearby.

Much of the financing for the Narthex projects comes from bids to the National Lottery and elsewhere, but there is also a need for ongoing support from churches and individuals.

As a Parish we support the work of the Narthex and particularly the Foodbank. There are regular requests in the pew leaflet for items for both Foodbank and clothes/resources store.

As individuals we can support the work financially, or even by volunteering. I encourage you to consider this as part of your own Christian giving.

Reverend Paul Day

I started volunteering ‘behind the scenes’ at the Food Bank a few weeks ago, and there is plenty to do! After unloading and weighing in your generous gifts, my first job was marking the incoming donations with their best before date. This can be quite a challenge – sometimes it’s hidden away in the smallest of the small print on the label, or it’s on whichever end of the tin you don’t look at first, so it’s easy to see why it needs to be clearly marked. Whilst doing this we can also identify and remove items which are out of date; we have found some more than ten years old, obviously when someone’s kitchen cupboard had been cleared out! Goods which are in really short supply are greeted with particular pleasure, but all (in date) items are much appreciated.



Margaret Barber

‘TUESDAY CAF’

After our autumn experiment we have decided to carry on with our ‘Tuesday Chat’ under the revised name of ‘Tuesday CAF’. The CAF will be open in Church House every other Tuesday afternoon from **2pm to 3.30pm** beginning on **15th January 2019.**

For those of you who didn’t visit last time, the CAF is for anyone who has nothing more pressing to do on a Tuesday afternoon, and provides a great opportunity to get to know church members better as well as others who live locally. We will be asking for donations towards tea, coffee and biscuits, and for the cost of materials from those doing crafts.

There will be a craft activity each time as well as games, for example Scrabble or dominoes, and a ‘brain’ table with word searches, Sudoku etc. As for other activities we are hoping that the people who come will suggest other things that they would like to do.

In case you were wondering we have not misspelt café - CAF stands for Church members And Friends.

Kate, Pat and Sarah



SATURDAY MESSY CHURCH



In addition to the Messy Church event which currently runs once a month on Thursdays in Widney School, as from January we are launching a new Messy Church which will be held on Saturday mornings in St James’ Church House each month, on the third Saturday.

There will be some easy to access worship, crafts and activities for children, a space to relax for adults and some breakfast for everyone.

**Our first Saturday Messy Church will be on 19th January
from 10am – 11.30am**

SATURDAY MESSY CHURCH continued

Please spread the word to neighbours, friends, children and grandchildren. If you have any questions, or if you would like to help with this, please speak to Paul Day or Sarah Penfold.

Please note that Saturday Messy Church will replace the 4 o'clock Login which has been held on Sunday afternoons. There will be no Logins in the New Year.



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- 1st THE NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS
11am: Pegasus Court Holy Communion
- 2nd 7pm: Eucharist and Guild of St Raphael at St James Church
- 6th Epiphany**
7pm: Reflective Evening Worship at St John's Church
- 7th 10.30am: Portershill Drive Holy Communion
- 8th 12noon: Ploughman's Lunch at Church House
- 9th 10.30am: Coffee Morning at St John's Church
10.45am: Swallows Meadow Holy Communion
11am: Greenhill Way Holy Communion
- 13th The First Sunday after Epiphany**
THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST
11.30am: The Friends of St James Walking Club
- 14th 11am: Elizabeth House Holy Communion
- 15th 10.30am: Mason House Holy Communion
2pm: Tuesday CAF at Church House
7.30pm: St John's Management Committee
7.30pm: St James Management Committee
- 16th 10.30am: St John's Bible Study Group
7.30pm: CTK Management Committee
- 17th 3.30pm: Messy Church at Widney School
- 19th 10am: Saturday Messy Church at Church House
- 20th The Second Sunday after Epiphany**
- 22nd 12noon: Ploughman's Lunch at Church House
- 23rd 10.30am: Communications Committee Meeting
10.45am: Swallows Meadow Holy Communion
- 25th THE CONVERSION OF PAUL
- 27th The Third Sunday after Epiphany**
- 29th 2pm: Tuesday CAF at Church House
- 30th 4pm: Contemplative Prayer at St James Church

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

THE NEW YEAR 2019

2018 has slipped away
And a New Year now comes into view,
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Our craft is safe in the Master's hand,
Whether placid seas or sudden storms
The wind and the waves are at His command

Our lives like a voyage keep journeying on
With vistas new and vistas past,
The Lord in His mercy holding us tight
Steering us on to safe harbour at last.

by Megan Carter



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5th October 2019	Coffee Morning
30th November 2019	Christmas by Candlelight

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- 10th February 2019
- 10th March 2019
- 14th April 2019
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- 9th June 2019
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- 11th August 2019
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- 3) Do I spend enough time with my family, and would they say that I do?
- 4) Do I tell the truth even when it brings me hurt or criticism?
- 5) Do I find it easy to say 'I was wrong. I'm genuinely sorry' or do I hold grudges?
- 6) Am I knowingly compromising any area of my life or refusing to face the consequences of my actions?
- 7) Have I formed habits that are detrimental to my health, my job, my family or my walk with Christ?
- 8) Am I proud, selfish or arrogant?
- 9) Have I taken credit for things that others did and should have been rewarded for?
- 10) Have I failed to confess something to someone who should know of my wrongdoing?
- 11) Have I been insensitive or abusive to my loved ones? And if I have, what am I willing to do about it?
- 12) Am I spending enough time in prayer and in the Scriptures?

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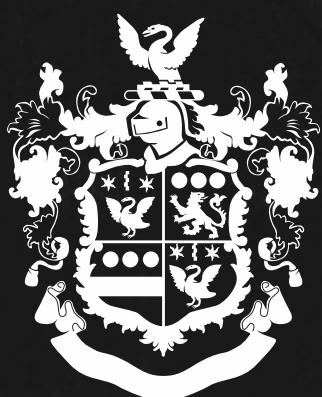
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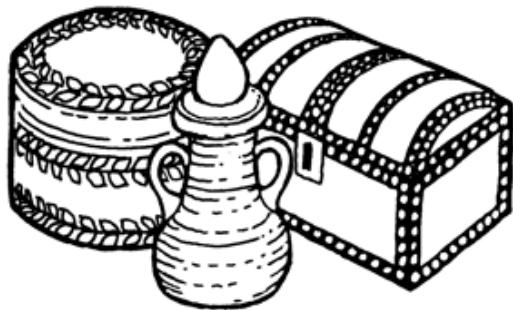
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WORDSEARCH - THE WISE MEN & THEIR GIFTS

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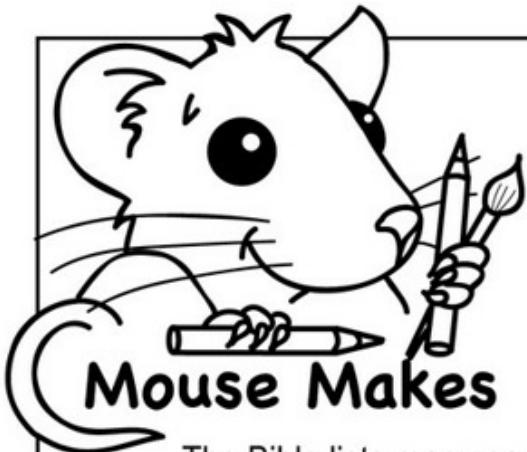
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The Magi brought three gifts to Jesus: gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold was a gift that would have been given to a king. Frankincense was brought by priests as they worshipped God in the Temple. Myrrh was a spice that the ancients used in preparing bodies for burial.

So you could say that the Wise Men, in choosing their gifts, honoured Jesus with gold because He was King of the Jews, with frankincense because He was to be worshipped as divine; and with myrrh, because He would also become a sacrifice and die for His people.

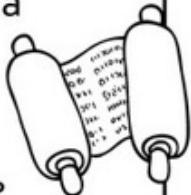
The Wise Men were the very first gentiles ever to worship Jesus. What faith they had! They never saw any evidence of Jesus' kingship, His divinity or His sacrificial death. They simply worshipped Him through faith in God's promises alone.



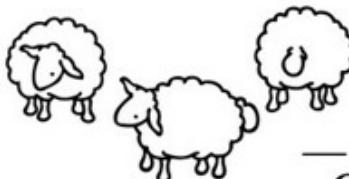
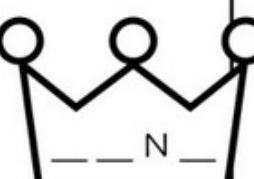
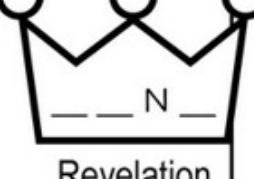
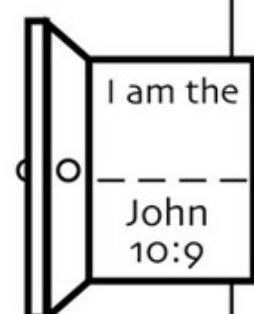
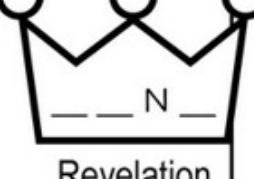
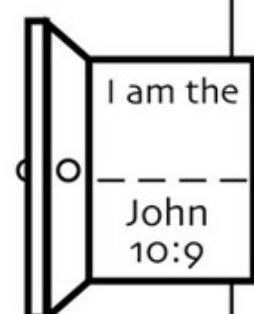
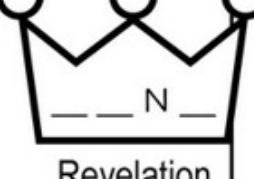
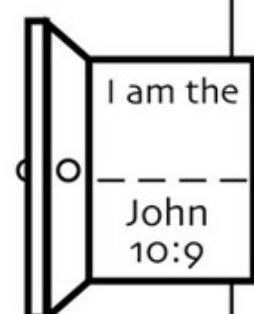
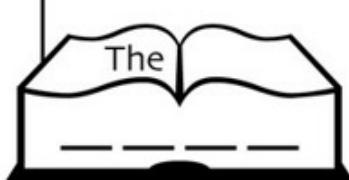
The Bible lists many names and titles that were given to Jesus. There are 28 to find in the wordsearch, most are listed below but for some you will have to look up the Bible verses!

Eight days after their baby had been born, Mary and Joseph named him with the name the angel Gabriel had given them long before he had been born. It was a very special name for a very special baby... the name **JESUS** which means **GOD IS SAVIOUR**.

"You are to give him the name JESUS because he will save his people from their sins."



Read Luke 2:21-38

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SIGNS & SYMBOLS : WHEN IS A NOD NOT A YES?

Do you ever find yourself nodding madly when listening to another person whilst at the same time completely disagreeing with what they are saying? You're really just waiting for them to pause so you can say something like, 'Yes, but ...'.

We nod for all sorts of reasons – and sometimes we are definitely not saying 'yes' or 'I agree'. Sometimes it's not even a *nod* but rather it's meant as a *flick of the head* indicating 'over there' or even 'go away'!

And then in some churches you see people, particularly around the altar, nodding away every few moments. What are they saying?

The easiest to understand is when passing or receiving something and not wanting to be impolite and not say 'thank you' but at the same time being involved in outer or indeed more likely inner prayer. So, the server passing across the bread, wine and the water is effectively saying with their nod, 'Here you go' and the priest or deacon is acknowledging that action with a nod of 'thank you'.

It's the same for those who have brought up the offering plate.

But often those people then do another nod – what's that all about?

Surely, they are not bowing to the altar itself?

Actually, it is more like they are rather giving reverence and respect to that particular place set aside for the bread and wine to be consecrated. It's more about acknowledging the overwhelming love of God and His presence here in this place.

Reverend Dr Jo White



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Across

- 1** Protective covering recommended to the Ephesians (Ephesians 6:11) (6)
- 4** The number of apostles (Matthew 10:2) (6)
- 8** Tenth-century Bishop of Augsberg for 48 years, who became the first saint to be canonized by a pope (5)
- 9** 'Do not — what is evil but what is good' (3 John 11) (7)
- 10** Reading desk in a church (7)
- 11** 'He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like — walking around" (Mark 8:24) (5)
- 12** One of the qualities that Paul exhorted Timothy to pursue (1 Timothy 6:11) (9)
- 17** One of the meaningless pleasures acquired by the Teacher (Ecclesiastes 2:8) (5)
- 19** 'Like — babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation' (1 Peter 2:2) (7)
- 21** Jesus said that Moses allowed this only because men's hearts were hard (Matthew 19:8) (7)
- 22** Girl's name (5)
- 23** Most sagacious (Judges 5:29) (6)
- 24** How Stephen, the first Christian martyr, died: after being — (Acts 7:59) (6)

Down

- 1** A Jew whom Paul met in Corinth, whose wife was Priscilla (Acts 18:2) (6)
- 2** For example, turning water into wine, feeding the five thousand, walking on water (John 7:21) (7)
- 3** Abram's relationship to Lot (Genesis 14:12) (5)
- 5** 'Jesus answered, "It is —: 'Man does not live by bread alone.'''' (Matthew 4:4) (7)
- 6** 'Peace I — with you; my peace I give you' (John 14:27) (5)
- 7** 'May the Lord deal with me, be it — — severely, if anything but death separates you and me' (Ruth 1:17) (4,2)
- 9** Lack of knowledge (Acts 17:30) (9)
- 13** This woman 'followed Paul and believed' after his words to the Areopagus in Athens (Acts 17:34) (7)
- 14** Or noise (anag.) (7)
- 15** 'Even though I walk through the valley of the — of death, I will fear no evil' (Psalm 23:4) (6)
- 16** ' — Christian soldiers, marching as to war' (6)
- 18** Saver (anag.) (5)
- 20** 'Unless a grain of — falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed' (John 12:24) (5)

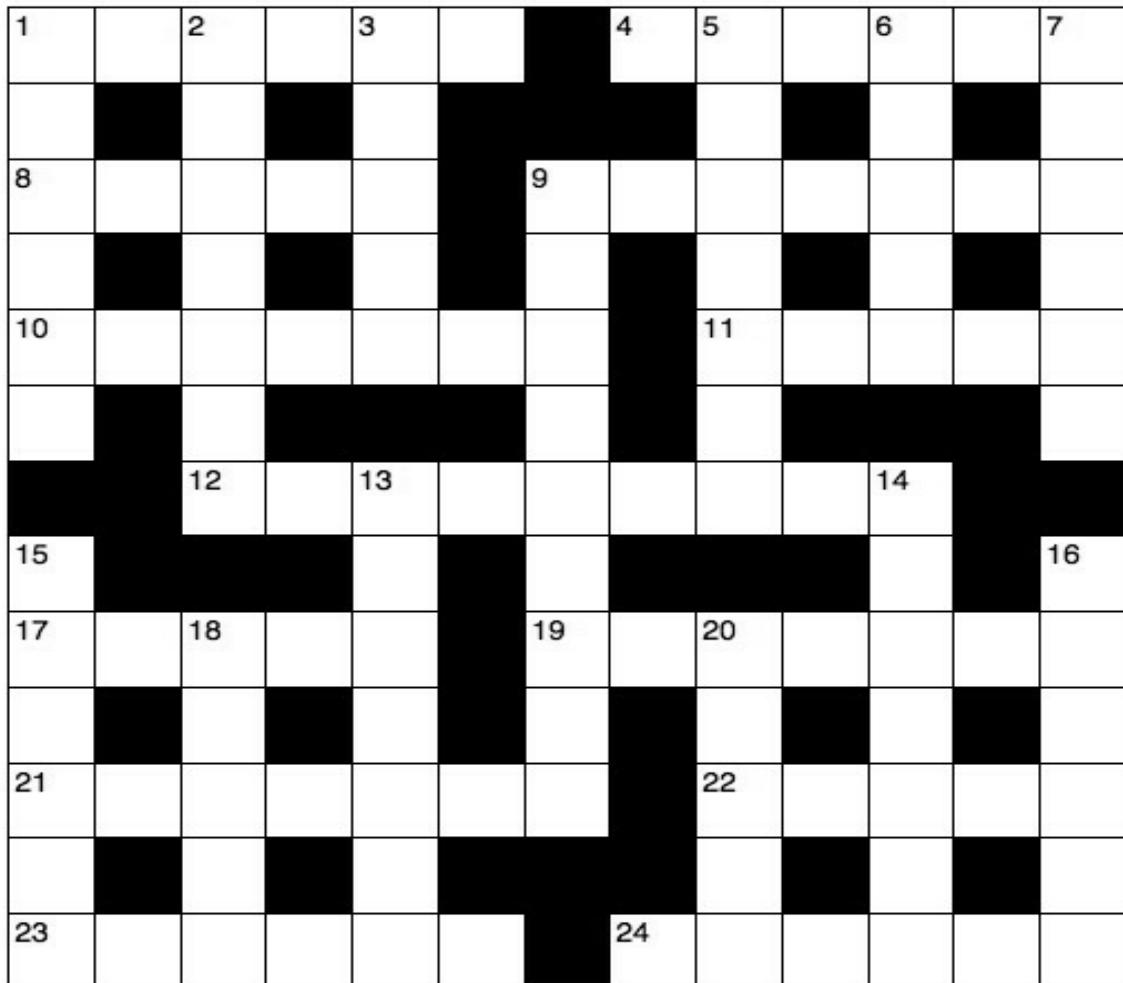
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MOTHER TERESA : NINETY YEARS SINCE HER WORK BEGAN



Sister Mary Teresa – the future Mother Teresa – arrived in Calcutta ninety years ago this month, on 6th January 1929, to begin working with the poor and the sick.

Born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in Skopje, Macedonia, in 1910, she was of Albanian heritage but had moved to Ireland in 1928 to join the Sisters of Loreto – formally known as the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Her father had died suddenly when she was about eight, but her mother was a firm and loving influence on her.

She received the name Sister Mary Teresa after St. Thérèse of Lisieux. After making her first profession of vows in May 1931, she taught at St Mary's School for girls. Six years later she made her final profession, after which she was called Mother Teresa.

As soon as she arrived in Calcutta she was exposed to the extreme poverty there, and this made a deep impression on her, eventually leading her to start a new order called The Missionaries of Charity, prompted by what she termed a 'call within a call' that she received in 1946, on a train journey from Calcutta to Darjeeling.

Her main objective was to look after people who nobody else was prepared to look after.

Tim Lenton

A PRAYER FOR WISDOM & LIGHT

Father of all,

You gave Jesus to be the light of the whole world. Help us to receive His light and to reflect it. Help us not to limit the extent of your love by the restrictions of our own understanding. Give us wisdom to look upwards and outwards and to allow your Holy Spirit to transform us day by day as we serve you.

Thank you for the gift of wisdom and for those who respond to your prompting to find Jesus.

In His name, Amen.

by Daphne Kitching

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