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readers who enable us
to share together in our
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Zoom Service at 7 pm

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Good Friday Zoom Service at 12 noon

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Easter Sunday Worship at Trinity & Zoomed, 10.30 am



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Trinity E-News – Deadline for May 2021 – Wednesday 21 April

Trinity E-News is on our Basingstoke & Reading Website. I look forward & am delighted to receive your articles, so please keep them coming. A **Big** Thankyou to everyone who sends in articles. Items can be sent by email or post. **Thank you again,**

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April 2021

Dear friends,

I love the way in which the events on the road to Emmaus in Luke 24: 13-35 echo the hope and joy found in the resurrection narrative. Luke draws his readers into a world of rich word pictures such as: obstructed eyes – kept from recognising Jesus; opened eyes – suddenly recognising Jesus. Burning hearts – set ablaze from hearing a stranger explain scripture – to inviting a complete stranger to spend the evening.

This story is written in a literary style known as chiasm. A chiasm is a way of structuring the text around the key message, in such a way that the events and themes leading up to the key point are repeated almost phrase for phrase after the main point. So the events before and after the main point are almost identical. The walk on the road to Emmaus is as follows:

The journey from Jerusalem – Jesus appears – the travellers were kept from recognising Jesus – the travellers explain to Jesus what had happened – the women find the empty tomb.

“Jesus is alive”!

The men confirm the empty tomb – Jesus explains what has happened – their eyes are opened – they recognised Jesus – Jesus disappears – the disciples return to Jerusalem.

The events before and after the key message (*Jesus is alive*) are virtually identical – but in reverse order. So the travellers started out from Jerusalem and ended up travelling back to Jerusalem. Jesus appears to them on the road but their eyes are obstructed and they do not recognise him; prior to their return their eyes are opened and they recognise Jesus, only for him to disappear. The travellers’ explanation of the events they had witnessed is replicated in Jesus’ explanation about what the Easter events mean.

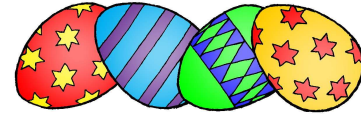
Mark’s Gospel (16:12-13) records a shortened account of this event, but Luke took much care in the way he conveys this story to his readers. Jesus’ identity as ‘stranger’ is an essential

element to the structure of the Emmaus Road account of the resurrection. Those sad, discouraged disciples mistook their Lord for a stranger. But the stranger was nosy enough to approach them and asked what they were talking about. The two disciples can’t believe that this stranger had not heard of the events that had just taken place. How could this stranger miss such headline news that was widespread across the region? But their openness to the stranger paid off as the stranger eloquently explains the meaning of the events that had just taken place. And although they did not understand what the stranger was saying, their hearts were set on fire, filled with excitement by the stranger’s words. They did not grasp a word of what the stranger was saying, but something deep inside them moved, which caused them to invite the stranger in to spend the night. And at the table, the stranger broke the bread and suddenly their eyes were opened.

The Emmaus Road story encourages us to be opened to the possibility of meeting Jesus in those places and people where we least expect to find him. In conversation with a stranger the travellers saw things they had been missing, they found their hearts burning within them, and their faith was restored. The welcome they extended to the stranger paid off in that as bread was broken, so were the barriers – their eyes were opened and they suddenly recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread – all because the travellers’ hospitality was wide enough to embrace the stranger. In Matthew 25, Jesus suggests that hospitality can become the essence of faith and a way of being Christ to others. This kind of radical hospitality challenges us all to receive the stranger as if she/he were Jesus Christ himself.


God said to Israel, be kind to the stranger living in your midst, remember that you also were strangers in Egypt (Deuteronomy 10: 19). Jesus said, “When I was a stranger you took me in,

(Matthew 25: 35)" – this rang true for the two travellers on the Road to Emmaus. May this be true for us today! Amen.



Revd Audrey D Browne

*What do you call a chocolate bunny that was out in the sun too long?
A Runny Bunny.*




Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday

Journeying Together Through Lent and Holy Week

Prayer Fasting Works of Love

40 Days




Lenten Reflections

BASINGSTOKE METHODIST CHURCHES

You are cordially invited to journey together through Lent and Holy Week, beginning with our Ash Wednesday Service, to mark the beginning of Lent:

Revd David Jenkins, Stephen Appiah and Revd Audrey D Browne are offering the following to aid us on our journey together through Lent and Holy Week:

- Ash Wednesday Zoom Service - 17th Feb, 2:00pm
- Daily Lent Devotionals (sent out via email), excluding the days on which we have a service
- Zoom Weekly Hour of Prayer (Tues 23rd February - Tues 30th March)
- Maundy Thursday Reflective Zoom Service - 1st April, 7:00pm
- Good Friday Zoom Service - 2nd April, 12:00 noon



All Zoom Links will be sent out nearer the time.

Let us all journey together through this solemn season of Lent and Holy Week, as we look toward Easter Day, when we will celebrate once again the resurrection of the Son of God, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.



We send our love and very best wishes to

John and Maureen Maley

who celebrated their 60th (Diamond)

Wedding Anniversary on the 11 March 2021



John, for many years, came to our 'Signed Services' at Trinity to 'Sign' for our Deaf Church.

from all your Trinity friends

Live Streamed Services, resources & information: Please click on link to its live streamed services and useful links and resources. <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/seasons-and-themes/worship-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

Wesley Church (Reading) Online Services – Video's & Texts: If anyone wishes to access past Services from Wesley, please click on the following link: <https://www.wesleychurchreading.org>

Coronavirus Guidance & Updates: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/coronavirus/>

Church Worship at Trinity

Trinity will be open for worship at 10.30 am on **Easter Sunday, 4 April 2021**. This will also be a **Communion Service** and will be led by Rev'd Audrey D Browne. **ALL PLACES for the service have now been filled.** There is a **Reserve List**, so if you have booked and find you are unable to join us, please contact **Diane ASAP**, so someone else can have your place. (See below for Diane's contact details).

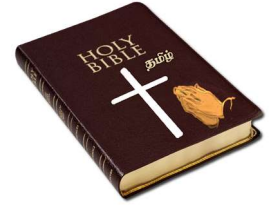
The plan for April and May is shown below for our Basingstoke Churches.

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Basingstoke & Reading Circuit Plan for April – May 2021 (Basingstoke Churches)

Dates	4 April Easter Sunday	11 April	18 April	25 April	
Kempshott 10.30 am	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom	-
Oakley 10.30 am	Bennett	No Service	No Service	Browne, S	-
Oakridge 11.00 am	LA	LA	Whithorn	Bennett	-
Old Basing	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service	-
St Andrew's 10.30 am	Hoe	No Service	Browne, S	No Service	-
Trinity 10.30 am	Browne, S	No Service	No Service	LA	-
Dates	2 May	9 May	16 May	23 May	30 May
Kempshott 10.30 am	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom	Zoom
Oakley 10.30 am	No Service	No Service	Browne, S	No Service	No Service
Oakridge 11.00 am	Coomber	LA	Whithorn	LA	Baugh
Old Basing	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service
St Andrew's 10.30 am	No Service	Browne, S	No Service	Hoe	No Service
Trinity 10.30 am	Browne, S	Pitt / Reed	Rowe	Browne	Shaw

Spring Cleaning



The most thorough example of cleaning I have ever seen was in Glasgow at Hogmanay. On New Year's Eve, the ladies in the tenement buildings were sitting outside on their window sills, several storeys up in some cases, cleaning their windows, often shouting a cheerful greeting to each other.

Before this happened, they would shake their mats and bedding outside, with apologies to passers-by in the street. This was all in readiness for New Year's Day, a national holiday in Scotland.

I remember in England, as Spring began to take hold, curtains would be changed, cupboards emptied, and everything washed before being replaced. Particular attention was given to every corner in the home, ready for Easter and new beginnings. So, as I look around my kitchen, the sunlight streaming through the windows, I see that things have lost their sparkle. The cupboards, the doors, the floor, and I dare not look up at the ceiling. It is time, to reach for the duster, the broom, and all those other cleaning materials. Where to begin? It is at this point that I see all the 'stuff.'

So where will I start? I make piles here and there. I want to be firm, but I am distracted by memories. Things suddenly come to light, things that matter (mattered). I am not so sure I can let them go?

Lent is like that. A spiritual spring clean. I start off well, but it all becomes too difficult. In Matthew Chapter 19, Jesus meets the rich young man. Earnest in his enquiry asking, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" He goes away sorrowful, when Jesus tells him to sell all he has, and give to the poor.

Years ago, I visited Osborne House on the Isle of Wight. This was a place Queen Victoria loved. In glass cases were so many objects she had received over the years. I was not envious. To my mind came a verse from Luke chapter 12, where Jesus gives a parable of a rich man, who having no space to store his crops, decided to build bigger barns.

God said, 'This night your soul will be required of you. Then whose shall these things be?' It is not wrong to own things, but how important are they?

Lent is needed to remind me of this, it is time for a spiritual spring clean.

So with duster in one hand, and God's Word in the other, painful though it may sometimes be, I move forward to Easter Day.

God bless you,

Margaret Garland



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300 years ago, on 3 April 1721 Robert Walpole became the first British Prime Minister.

125 years ago, from 6th to 15th April 1896 the first modern Summer Olympic Games were held in Athens. The original Olympics were banned by the Roman Emperor Theodosius (I or II) in either 393 or 426 AD.



Dear Nobby



*We wish you a Very, Very
Happy 100th Birthday*

on 5 April 2021

*with our love and our thanks from
ALL your many Trinity friends xx*

Nobby and Joyce came to Basingstoke from Grimsby in 1959. They joined Sarum Hill Church straight away. In 1960 Nobby started the 2nd Basingstoke Boys Brigade Company at the Church. He was Captain and an Officer until it closed in 2000. Nobby and Joyce were involved for many years working with Age Concern, arranging many holidays for local pensioners. They also ran a weekly lunch club. Nobby still continues to support the church in any way he can.



Dear Nobby

was Born in 1921

- *Who else was born in 1921:*
 - Les Jackson, English Cricket Fast Bowler, born on the same day as Nobby - (2 tests and 7 wickets). Also Peter Ustinov was born on 16 April 1921. Others born in 1921 include: Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh, Nancy Reagan and Tommy Cooper.
- *What Events took place in 1921, these are just a few:*
 - The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to: Hjalmar Branting and Christian Lous Lange.
 - 1921, the Year Football Banned Women - Women's football grew in the early 20th century and reached new heights when the nation's men left for the First World War, but in 1921, the FA took the decision to Ban Women's Football, essentially outlawing the game in England.
 - January 1921, British Crime Write Agatha Christie published her first novel "The Mysterious Affair at Styles" introducing the character Hercule Poirot.
 - 12 February 1921, Winston Churchill became British Minister of Colonies.
 - 15 May, The British Legion was formed to care for ex-servicemen.
 - 19 June 1921, The Census was held in Great Britain.
 - 25 June 1921, British Open Men's Golf, St Andrews: former local, Jack Hutchison (resident in the US) won his only Open Championship by 9 strokes in a 36-hole playoff over amateur Roger Wethered.
 - The Grimsby Fishermen's Strike was settled in 1921 (a picture of the Grimsby Docks).



Trinity Methodist Church Basingstoke

Church Council Meeting held on 4 March 2021, via Zoom

A Church Council Meeting was held online on 4 March 2021, and fourteen people were able to attend this afternoon meeting.

Rev'd Audrey Browne led the meeting in prayer, and welcomed everyone.

David Gunton presented his Treasurer's report to end of February, and said that at 5/12ths of the annual budget we are generally as we would expect. Following the Circuit meeting of Church Treasurers, the Circuit assessment for Trinity for the year 2021/22 is reduced because, as a church with property, the payment is capped at 95% of free will giving.

Our Support Services Group work diligently to look after our church premises. Although the church office is not being opened at its normal times, post and telephone messages are dealt with at least once each week. A small number of people continue to keep an eye on the Church building and car park, and problems they have dealt with include a break-in with damage to doors and a filing cabinet: the back door was made more secure, a new door installed to the office, and a filing cabinet moved to replace the one which was damaged. No sensitive paperwork was accessed. A problem with lighting in the vestibule and the office was rectified, and some fly tipping at the front of the building was cleared. Envelopes for 2021 Offering not being distributed unless people specifically ask for them.

Barbara, Diane and Jennifer are our Mission Champions holding meetings on Zoom. An article is included in this month's Trinity News (**March Trinity News, pages 4 – 6**) plus prayers to guide us in this Mission. In addition, a Survey is to be sent out by email, as well as telephone conversations with people not on email. Thanks were expressed to all three ladies for taking on this task.

House Groups are asked to think about what we might offer on Sunday evenings.

Peter Ansell reported that Ruth Midcalf has committed the Reading & Basingstoke Circuit to become an Eco circuit, and you can read about this in more detail in Peter's article (**page 9 of this April Newsletter**).

The Circuit are asking whether Trinity would be happy to contribute towards the costs of continuing the ministry of the Church for the Deaf. It was agreed that we shall defer a decision until the next Church Council meeting, in order to investigate this further and to have a conversation with Anya on the subject.

We are planning to open for a face-to-face service on Easter Sunday, and we would hope to be able to incorporate celebrations for Nobby's 100th birthday on the Monday.

Audrey will be on the Plan to take this Easter service, and we shall use the communion pre-packs which are already bought. Pre-booking would be required, with a maximum of 40 people in the Church. It was agreed that Trinity people should pre-book by Palm Sunday, and then the service could be opened up to members of other churches in the Circuit if space remains available.

A question was asked about whether the Easter Cross could be decorated before the service and then put out afterwards? It will not be possible to follow our usual way of decorating the cross during the service because of social distancing rules. The meeting agreed that we shall do what we can manage.

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Dates for Diaries:

Maundy Thursday service will be on 1 April at 7.00 pm on Zoom, with David Jenkins taking the service.

Good Friday service on 2 April at 12 noon on Zoom, with Audrey taking the service.

Easter Sunday service on 4 April, 10.30 am with Audrey taking the service in TMC, but also on Zoom because of limited total capacity in the church building.

General Church Meeting: Thursday 13 May at 2.00 pm. This will be on Zoom as numbers would otherwise be limited. This date is also Ascension Day.

Dates were decided for the next two Church Council meetings:

Thursday 17 June at 2.00 pm, and Thursday 7 October at 2.00 pm.

Rev'd Audrey Browne concluded the meeting with The Grace, and the meeting closed at 15.35.

COPY OF ECO CHURCH REPORT TO CHURCH COUNCIL 4/3/2021

As you may know our Supt. Minster, Revd Dr Ruth Midcalf has committed the Reading and Basingstoke circuit to becoming an ECO circuit. An ECO circuit is one where the churches and congregations belonging to that circuit actively attempt to consider and work towards caring for the ecology of our planet both in their church life and where possible in their private lives as well. There are 3 levels of ECO church status Bronze, Silver and Gold.

Revd David Shaw is overseeing this project and has put together a small group to work towards this. Tony Pitt and I have volunteered to represent Trinity.

Currently there are 2 churches, Caversham Heights and Christ Church Chineham that are already ECO Churches. Trinity Lower Early and Trinity Basingstoke have initially been selected to work towards the Bronze Award, more churches are likely to follow.

The qualifying process covers a whole range of subjects including Worship and Teaching, Structure and fitments of buildings and the grounds, Energy source and usage, Community and global engagement and the congregation's church and personal lifestyles.

Tony and I have done a survey of these criteria as they relate to Trinity. There are some items that are not applicable to Trinity, some that can be achieved with little or no cost, some that could have a medium to high cost and would require the agreement of the church council and some that are just not possible because of the age of the building or some other factor.

How will these be paid for? Some costs will need to come from church or circuit funds in which case the church council will be involved, for some there may be grants available, some from possible fund raising projects.

If you would like to learn more speak to Tony or me or take a look at the website of the organisation that is championing this initiative UK wide at web address:

www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk.

Peter Ansell & Tony Pitt

True Story

Several years ago, a notice appeared on the vestry noticeboard of a church in Hampshire, after a Holy Week performance of Stainer's 'Crucifixion'.

The choirmaster wrote:

"The Crucifixion – well done, everyone!"

Later that day, someone had added:

"The Resurrection – well done, God!"

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Kathleen Crouch (Kathy)

Kathleen's carer at the home where she lived has advised us that **Kathleen's funeral will be held on Wednesday 7 April at 10 am at the Basingstoke Cemetery** as an open service, when she is to be interred alongside her Mum and Dad.

Kathleen was a member at Trinity during the time she lived in Basingstoke until her Mum Doris died, then she went to live in assisted care in Kent.

It would be nice if we could hold Kathleen's family and friends in our prayers or attend the service.

Flowers are also welcomed at the service.

This was a message received by Angela and Steve

It is the person who most knows himself liable to fall, that will be most ready to overlook any offences from his fellow men –
Alexander Auld

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement" Romans 12:6-8

Easter Celebrated in Art

Two images of Easter as expressed in art by local artist Heather Robertson. "The Triumphal Entry" and "The Resurrection". Both pictures will be on display in the foyer of St Andrews Methodist Church, South Ham as we celebrate Easter and the Resurrection.

The Triumphal Entry

12 *The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem.*

13 *They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,*

"Hosanna! "

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the King of Israel!"

14 *Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written,*

15 *"Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."*

John 12:12-15 (NIV 1984)

The Resurrection

1 *When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.*

2 *Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb,*

3 *and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"*

4 *But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.*

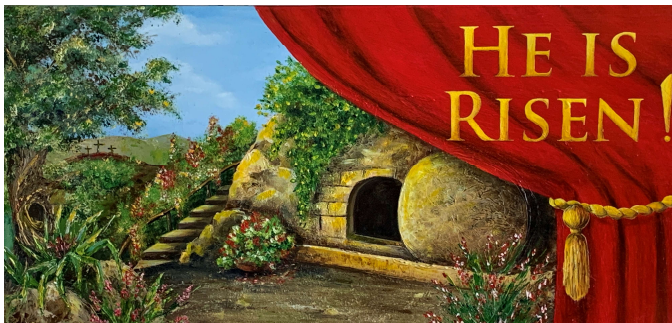
5 *As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.*

6 *"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here."*

Mark 16:1- 6 (NIV 1984)

Martin Frost

St Andrews Methodist Church, March 2021



90 years ago, on 14 April 1931 the first edition of the Highway Code was published in the UK.



Tribute to Lynden & Pamela Jones

It is with great sadness that we are writing this tribute to our parents, Lynden and Pamela Jones.

As you will no doubt know, Mum passed away in September. Whilst she had been fighting cancer for about five years, the suddenness of her death came unexpectedly and with huge shock. Her loss affected us all deeply – not least for Dad. As childhood sweethearts who had been together for 67 years and having celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary last April, life without Mum was so difficult for Dad. He tried hard to look ahead, but having been frail for a few years and us learning only very latterly that he too was suffering an undiagnosed cancer, Dad passed away in February. As you can imagine, we are all still reeling from the loss of our amazing parents... This sadness and grief feels overwhelming for us all. The only emotion that overrides it though, is pride.

For those of you who knew Mum and Dad well, you know of their kindness, generosity and commitment to their family, friends, the church, the community and to each other.

Since meeting as teenagers (at a church social playing postman's knock so the story goes!) in their hometown of Barry, South Wales, they shared a love of church and its associated activities. Dad was an enthusiastic member of the Sea Scouts, and Mum was always very committed to her Methodist upbringing. Mum was a member of Porthkerry Methodist Church where she took part in church pantomimes and a production of the Mikado. She was also leader in the Brownies who did a surprise guard of honour for mum and dad as they emerged from the Church on their wedding day! A big Scouting highlight for Dad was attending the World Scout Jamboree in Austria in 1951. Dad was brought up as a Baptist but joined Mum in the Methodist Church when they married. From those early days, they were very much a united and inseparable couple. They both attended grammar school in Barry. Dad often joked about that Mum passed the 11 plus first time (and he didn't.....).

Following Dad's studying history at Cardiff University and then training to be a teacher of the deaf at Manchester University, they got married on 16th April 1960, having a lovely honeymoon in Southern Ireland which included mum's first ever experience of flying. Dad's career in deaf education then took them to Bristol, Burton-upon-Trent, Hounslow, Livingston and finally Basingstoke. The first three of these places also produced their three children – us – Chris, Nicky and Katy! We had a happy, love-filled childhood which led on to us always being very close, we have many funny tales of being brought up which mum and dad loved to talk about over the years, and many of these undoubtedly became embellished as time went on! The family expanded in the 1990's with the arrival of their four grand-children – Matthew, Laura, Thomas and Alex – all of whom Mum and Dad were so very proud.

Over the years, Dad worked hard and successfully as a teacher and head teacher of the Deaf. He was a lay preacher on the Methodist circuit, a popular local councillor and of course also the Mayor of Basingstoke from 1999 – 2000. This latter position was something which both he and Mum embraced and excelled. The huge accolades that we have received from Basingstoke & Deane Council since their passing are clear demonstration of their popularity and commitment to the community.

Throughout Dad's ever evolving work, Mum too had various jobs and roles. These included being a volunteer at the Citizens Advice Bureau and working at the Basingstoke Registry Office as a Deputy Registrar. They both also enjoyed their social activities and holidays.

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Tribute to Lynden & Pamela Jones (cont'd)

Their family always remained their main priority though, and the love they gave us will remain with us always.

We want to thank you, Trinity, for the support you have shown us through this unbelievably difficult time. Also, for the huge part you played in our parent's lives over 40 years plus. Despite our grief, we are comforted knowing that Mum and Dad are now back together – and at peace.

Please do all keep well and safe in this currently challenging world, and when the pandemic is properly under control, we plan to have a huge celebration of Mum and Dad's lives. We hope you will share that day with us. Until then, God bless. X

Nicky, Chris and Kate



Donations in memory of Lynden and Pam can be made direct to the Funeral Director, Jonathan Williams, address: 35 – 41 Essex Road, Basingstoke, RG21 7TB; email: jonathan@jonathanwilliamsfunerals.co.uk web: <https://www.jonathanwilliamsfunerals.co.uk>

or can be given to either: Nicky, Chris or Kate for: St Michael's Hospice and the National Deaf Children's Society.

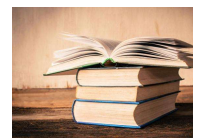
Nicky's email: nicola.hicken@ntlworld.com

Additionally, Katy, Martin, Nicky, Stuart and Alex are continuing to support their local Hospice and are all doing a walk for St Michael's Hospice on 13 June.

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We are reading more books

More than 200 million print books were sold in the UK last year, according to an estimate from the official book sales monitor Nielsen BookScan. It was the first time since 2012 that the volume of physical books sold has exceeded 200 million, and it was the biggest volume rise in the books market since 2007, says The Bookseller magazine.





COVID 19 UPDATE:

BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK CONTINUES TO DELIVER DIRECTLY TO HOMES THROUGH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



Our foodbank relies on Your Goodwill and Support. Monetary Donations big or small are also gratefully received.

Our Basingstoke Centre remains open for donations of **food & toiletries including fresh veg, bread & eggs** during our regular opening times. Due to the risk of Covid, we need to reduce the numbers of visitors to Basingstoke Foodbank's warehouse to protect both yourselves, and our volunteers. If you would like to donate any items, please 'shop and drop' goods into the permanent crates provided for us by our supporting supermarkets, or at any of the other donation points. We still have donation points around the region, find your nearest collection point below. **THANK YOU** for your continued support!

Check out our Website at: <https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> Also on Our Website, you will find the list of locations & times where you can donate food: **Locations are: Tesco Chineham; Annies Charity Shop Winklebury; Sainsburys Tadley; Co-op Food Old Basing; Londis Sherfield on Loddon; Co-op Food Rooksdown; Waitrose Basing View; Asda Brighton Hill; Lidl's Worting Road & Reading Road; Sainsburys Kempshott; One Stop Oakley; The Vicarage St Mary's Church Old Basing; Leighton Opticians & Hearing Care; Christ Church Chineham & One Stop Community Stores Chineham & Bramley.**

Basingstoke Foodbank: We heard recently, the good news that the new premises at Houndmills have been secured for the next two years. The Foodbank has been able to purchase a large commercial refrigerator, which means we can now store fresh fruit and vegetables, and are now able to provide fresh bread, eggs, fruit and veg in every food parcel. The address can be found in previous newsletters, postcode is: RG21 6XG. At present there is no process in place for transfer of donations from Trinity to the new site, **please do not leave donations at Trinity.** Thanks, **Tony Pitt**

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At present, at 27.03.21, the Foodbank is

Very Short of:

- Shampoo (250 ml – 500 ml)
- Tinned Tomatoes

Short of:

- Savoury Spreads
- Sweet Spreads
- Desserts (Powder Sachets or Microwave)
- Tinned Fruit
- Razors
- Baby Soap

We have plenty of:

- Baked Beans
- Biscuits
- Rice
- Pasta
- Soup
- Tea, Fruit Teas
- Tinned Fish
- Kidney Beans & Other tins of pulses

80 years ago, on 12 April 1941 Bobby Moore, British footballer, was born. He was Captain of the English team that won the 1966 World Cup and died in 1993.





THANK YOU

Basingstoke Foodbank would like to thank

Trinity Methodist

and its members

for your generous financial support
and food donations throughout 2020

weighing 148 kgs

which is equal to 352 meals!

In 2020, with your help, we fed over 8,500 adults & children
– a sharp increase due to the Coronavirus crisis.

We are currently distributing an average of 8 tonnes of food monthly
to Foodbank clients, including food we provide for agencies feeding
those in crisis outside of our opening hours in the Basingstoke &
Deane region.

basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk

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70 years ago, on 17 April 1951 the Peak District National Park was
established. It was Britain's first National Park.

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6 March 2021

Dear Friends

John and I have now moved out of our Basingstoke Address into a new area, also our home phone number is now cancelled from today Saturday 6 March 2021. We will continue to keep you all in our daily prayers, as always. We would value your prayers during this very stressful time for us all.

When we are a little sorted we will write to all friends to forward you our new address, but we do not have a home phone line or number at the new address. We need to sort it at a later date. So we ask you dear friends to understand and to be patient, as all this will take time.

We wish you all love and blessings for the future, and hope to visit you all at Trinity when it is allowed. If anyone does want to write to us your letter would be redirected to us here at our new address.

God Bless,

Christian Love,

Margaret and John (Mewes)

Trinity Collections

As you will expect, Trinity's income has been severely reduced over the past six months. This is partly because hirers have had to stop meeting, but also because without services in Church the collections have stopped. Nevertheless, much of our expenditure has continued – almost half of our outgoings go to the Circuit to pay for, among other things but to a major extent, the Circuit staff, both ordained and lay.

We would like to express our thanks to those who contribute by Standing Order, and those who have made contact to continue their regular giving via monthly envelopes.

We would like to remind you all that there are a number of ways that you can contribute financially to God's work at Trinity and we would particularly welcome any donations at this time.

If you need more information as to how you can give to Trinity, please contact:

David Gunton (Treasurer) –
david@gunton.org or 01256-352342 or

Tony Pitt (Gift Aid & Envelope Secretary) –
organista@btinternet.com or

☎: 01256-816314.

20 years ago, on 7 April 2001 NASA launched its Mars Odyssey spacecraft to search for evidence of life and volcanic activity on Mars. It went into orbit around Mars and remains operational (*though it will run out of propellant in 2025*). It is the longest surviving continually active spacecraft orbiting another planet.
(It has successfully mapped the distribution of water below the surface and discovered a vast amount of ice below the equatorial regions).

RECYCLING CONTINUES THROUGH COVID

Despite lockdown, people are continuing to recycle with us. I check the bin more or less every 3 days and it is usually full. As I write this I have just sent off 30kg of biscuit and crisp wrappers and Ella baby food pouches! So do keep saving those wrappers and pass the word around friends and family. I am quite happy to pick up any recycling if you are unable to drop it off.

Many thanks to all my collectors.

Hazel G (☎: **Mob: 07776 442529**)



The Wind and Rain

As I wake and listen
I can hear that sound
Of the rain falling gently
Then the wind comes
And makes a sighing sound.

The sound of the wind and rain
Reminds me of that day
The day I first thought of you
You were standing looking
Looking towards where I stood.

Then you came slowly to my side
And my mind was in a whirl
You asked me to walk
Walk with you, in the wind and rain,
wind and rain that reminds me of you.

Now as I listen to the wind
I turn and look at you
You who took my hand that day
That day that made us one
One! To enjoy the wind and rain.

Written by Jenny Leighton

An Autumn Daydream

Gentle breezes sighing
As the brown leaves start swaying
Gently falling to the ground
My mind starts to wander and ponder
On different things.

I think of the summer that is past
And the winter yet to come
With its snow so shining white
And its cold winds blowing
And I wonder of God's beauty on earth.

God's beauty that I see each day
Each day of the year that brings
Something of beauty for me
The beauty that I see
In the sun, moon and stars.

God's beauty is in everything
Everything that exists
In animals, leaves and flowers
God's beauty is the world.

Written by Jenny Leighton

Message from Tracey Darling

"Dear all – It's hard to believe that it is over 18 months ago that Paul, Stefan and I left Basingstoke for the Yorkshire Dales as I began my first post as a Probationer Presbyterian in the Skipton and Grassington circuit. No one could have imagined what those 18 months would have in store. I'm pleased to let you know that subject to Covid restrictions being lifted, I will be received into Full Connexion and Ordained on Sunday 27 June.

Reception into Full Connexion will take place in the Hilton Birmingham Metropole NEC at 10.45 am. Ordination will take place at Coventry Central Hall at 4 pm. Tickets (free of charge) will be available from Monday 29 March (9 am) at:
<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-conference/conference-2021/ordinations-2021/book-tickets/>

(The above link is the Correct link – a previous link that was sent out was incorrect)

It would be lovely to see some of you there if you are able to attend.

Every blessing, Tracey"

Swallowing of pride seldom leads to indigestion – Anon

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Christian Aid – A District Challenge



Dear Friends: We are sending through details of a District Challenge which has been organised with Christian Aid. As many of us, and our family and friends, are receiving the Covid vaccine we are inviting you to please donate to the work of Christian Aid on our own District giving page:

<https://giving.tapsimple.org/online/christian-aid/giving-thanks-for-our-vaccines-across-southampton-methodist-district>

Much of their work is across the world in areas where the vaccine will be rolled out in a much later, and slower, way than ours is being done. In order to ensure that the medical teams have all that they need to facilitate the roll-out of the vaccine the support from organisations like Christian Aid is vital.

We have set our District a challenge of raising at least £2,600 – representing our District number of 26! – so please do give as generously as you can and spread the word to family, friends and community groups so that we ask everyone to share the joy of getting their own vaccine with sisters and brothers around the world. We are also working on a press release to go to local news outlets and this should be available next week. Our suggested donation is £10 but please just give as you are able. (Note: click on 'custom amount' to choose your preferred donation, and where it asks for platform fees you can select 'other' and then zero.)

Let us not only meet our target but smash through it as we journey through the next few months. We also invite you to hold the work of Christian Aid in your prayers as they work on our behalf. I hope that you, and those closest to you, are able to stay safe and keep well.

Every blessing,

Andrew (Revd Andrew de Vile, District Chair of the Southampton District)

UPDATE: Dear friends,

I am very pleased to say that **just 4 days after launching our District Challenge** to raise crucial funds for Christian Aid we have hit and passed our target of £2600!!

The donations have been numerous and you have been very generous – thank you! I am very humbled by the response and encourage us all to continue to give as more family and friends are vaccinated and share the link so others can contribute as well. Might I suggest that we set a new target shall we see if we can reach £5,000 over the next few weeks!!!

If you are unable to give online but wish to make a donation you can send a cheque payable to 'Southampton Methodist District' – please contact Sarah for details of where to send it. (Marion or Lee, Circuit Administrators should have Sarah's details).

from our Circuit Notices

When we take least notice of our good deeds ourselves, God takes most notice of them – *Matthew Henry*

Methodist Women in Britain



Methodist Women
in Britain

For women, for justice, for Christ

I send you greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and pray that you are keeping well through this lockdown. I also send greetings from the District MWiB Committee who met via zoom earlier this week.

At our meeting, Chris Stuckey shared the good news with us, that during her attendance at the District Policy meeting, she shared with them our difficulty with raising the £10,000 for our partnership with Fiji because of our groups being unable to meet. The DPC unanimously agreed that they would meet our short fall so that we could, as quickly as possible, send the money to Fiji to buy the two boats we have promised to the villages. Their need is still so great as climate change and the cyclones are still causing immense flooding. So what we now need you to do is send any money that you may be holding for the partnership to Liz Chick, our MWiB District Treasurer by the beginning of April. Liz Chicks address is: Moonrakers, Allington, Salisbury, Wilts SP4 0BX. Cheques made payable to MWiB Southampton District or direct to HSBC sort code 40-34-12 A/c 71387979. We are so grateful for the District's support and that we can complete our partnership with Fiji.

We are praying that our churches can come back to some form of normality by the Autumn and that our Women's Meetings will resume. We are suggesting, for the coming church year, that each circuit supports a Local Charity and that you might like to start thinking about which charity would be appropriate for your circuit.

If you have any questions about any of these suggestions, please make contact with me and I will endeavour to get your questions answered.

Every blessing, **Glenda Sidding; MWiB District Partnership Secretary**

from our Circuit Notices

Lessons of Lockdown

*This past year may have altered your perspective on life.
Some of the following statements may be worth thinking about....*

- Life is precarious.
- A nurse is worth more than a professional footballer.
- Spare time isn't a waste of time.
- A smile is precious.
- Being alone isn't the same as loneliness.
- Hard work doesn't guarantee employment.
- I'm spending more on food and drink and less on church and charity.
- Silence opens us to creative ideas.
- Social media are a mixed blessing.
- Shopping needn't be addictive.
- Driving less and walking more is good for humanity.
- Isolation teaches us we need each other to generate energy.
- Getting back to 'normal' isn't God's plan for the human race.
- **When everything else is shut, God is open.**



Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy Newsletter March 2021

We are back!

**Chaplains are back on the streets and visiting shops and other work-places.
Look out for us and feel free to chat!**

We are particularly keen to support shop workers, especially those whose jobs are in jeopardy. The stresses and strains of the uncertainties of the last year are taking their toll and it can be healthy to talk to someone about the pressures you are feeling. Chaplains will listen and help you express yourself so that you can view your situation more clearly. We will seek to signpost you to others who can provide advice or practical support. Help is available.

Or, you might just want to have a 'normal' conversation with someone after so long not meeting people. We all, chaplains included, feel slightly uncomfortable at meeting people now restrictions are being lifted. So no one need feel alone and we will get back into the routines again, perhaps more appreciative of others after these enforced separations.

One Chaplain wrote of his experience:

I went out this morning in my chaplaincy uniform and had 5 or 6 reasonably good conversations as well as lots of other smaller encounters. There was a definite spring feel in the air and people were sauntering about. There are always people willing to talk! I spent a bit of time at the URC where they are giving out food, and they appreciate our presence as Chaplains there for a while if we can. I also went to places I had visited regularly and spoke with some old friends. I saw one or two

familiar faces generally about in town and there is often someone you know or can reconnect with, which is nice. I think people are feeling a little more optimistic now. Heading home I spoke with a 90-year-old gentleman on his scooter. He is an ex-serviceman who now lives on his own. He has restricted sight and hearing and I offered to visit him and gave him a Chaplaincy Card with information about supporting organisations and churches.


So you never know what God is doing or what encounters can happen! It's just good to be there. If anyone fancies giving up a couple of hours on a routine basis each week please come and give it a try.

We see that keeping safe and getting vaccinated are still high priorities and encourage everyone to wear a mask indoors, keep some distance from others and wash their hands regularly.

We will also be on London Road at lunch time and in the afternoon to support the cafe and food table at the church.

And on 3 April we will be supporting local churches as they present the meaning of Easter – and it is not just about bunnies and eggs, however cute they may be!

May God bless you and watch over you, **John Hayward, Chair of Trustees**

<p>basingsstoketownchaplaincy.org.uk Suite 1, Paddington House, Festival Place, Basingstoke, RG21 7LJ ☎: 01256 842232 Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy Trust Registered Charity no: 1160005</p>	
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In praise of the afternoon nap

A short nap in the afternoon improves your memory and keeps your brain more agile. People who nap tend to speak more fluently, have greater mental agility, and remember things better than those who do not break up their day with sleep. Even a five-minute nap can offer your brain a chance to down-time and replenish itself, so that it is 'good to go' again. If you want longer than five minutes, try to stop at 40 minutes, before you enter the deepest stage of sleep. If you do carry on, sleep for two hours, which is a full sleep-cycle. The study was published in the British Medical Journal.

(Parish Pump)

150 years ago, on 29 March 1871, the Royal Albert Hall in London was officially opened by Queen Victoria.

75 years ago, on 25 March 1946, London's Heathrow Airport was opened, as London Airport. It was renamed Heathrow in 1966.



Methodist 'All We Can' News



20 February was World Day of Social Justice – a day marked by the United Nations to celebrate developments in social justice, and plan for the journey that must still be taken to achieve a just, fair, and equitable society for all.

The United Nations recognises that 'social development and social justice are indispensable for the achievement and maintenance of peace and security within and among nations'. If we are to be a part of bringing about the world that we long for – one where every person's potential can be fulfilled – then social justice must be a key part of our toolkit.

Covid-19 has, undoubtedly, slowed progress towards achieving social justice for all. Back in June 2020, my colleague Veronica blogged about the development setbacks already impacting the communities **All We Can** serves. In the eight months that have elapsed since she reflected on the impact of Covid-19, the situation has worsened – as those living in vulnerable communities continue to face lockdowns, interruptions to education, and disruption to income-generating and livelihoods activities. Indeed, in September 2020, the Gates Foundation suggested that some areas of development progress had been set back by as much as 25 years.

Covid-19 has made life more difficult for each and every one of us – but it has compounded the challenges faced by vulnerable communities the most. That is why, this World Day of Social Justice, I think of families like Beth's.

Beth and her six children live in Butagaya, Uganda. Life presents many challenges for the family. Medical issues mean that Beth cannot walk very far, and as a lone parent, she struggles to provide for her children. The family collects water for others in their village in rural Uganda, and sell banana leaves and pancakes for the equivalent of a few pence to help make a small income. But with the support of one of **All We Can's** local partners, Beth and her family are looking towards a better future. Her daughter Mwaiduma has been able to access a bicycle – enabling her to travel quickly, easily, and safely to school and focus on her education. A good education has the power to transform the lives of girls like Mwaiduma – enabling them to embrace their God-given potential. Like many other children across the world, Mwaiduma's schooling has been interrupted – but once she is able to go to class regularly again, her bicycle will enable her to make the most of that opportunity. 'I have so many hopes for my daughter' says Beth, 'because if she persists in school, I believe we can change as a family.'

As children across the globe, like Mwaiduma, deal with the interruption to their education, it is our duty to look afresh at how we might ensure social justice is prioritised as we recover from this pandemic. Together, we must continue to stand alongside our global neighbours in love, solidarity, and support – in order to realise a world where social justice is a reality for us all. *(from All We Can March Newsletter)*

A Fun Recipe for Sweet-Toothed Readers to try after Lent...

Mars Bar Cake: This quick & easy cake is a favourite in many families.



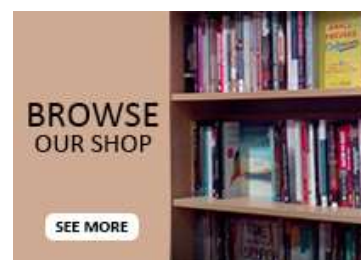
Ingredients: 3 Mars Bars; 150g butter; 150g Rice Krispies; 150g Chocolate

Method: In a pan, slowly melt the Mars Bars and butter together. Remove from the heat and add the rice krispies, a little at a time, until they are covered with the mixture. Spread mixture onto a baking sheet and place in the fridge until hard. Melt the chocolate and cover the mixture with it. Return to the fridge for a further half an hour. Cut into pieces.

Shoemakers Christian Bookshop, Newbury

Shop with Shoemakers during lockdown: as you may have gathered, as a non-essential retailer here at Shoemakers we have had to close our physical shop. However, to pursue our mission, we are delighted to say that we will continue trading in every other way. You can shop with us in the following ways:

- **online** anytime at: www.christophershoemaker.org.uk
- **by phone** during opening hours (Tuesday – Saturday: 9:30 am – 4 pm) on: ☎:01635 37836
- **by email** anytime – office@christophershoemaker.org.uk
- **Facebook** messenger – visit us at: www.facebook.com/shoemakersbooks
- **Click and collect is available.**
- **Our coffee shop is still open for takeaway drinks.**
- **Orders can be posted or delivered to you.**
- **Please support your local Christian bookshop.**
- **Resources for Lent 2021 are available.**
- **Have a look at the great resources we have at Shoemakers.**
- [Shoemakers Christian Books – \(christophershoemaker.org.uk\)](http://christophershoemaker.org.uk)



And may Romans 8:37-39 encourage us all.

Canon Paul Hardingham considers the eternal promise of Easter

Easter Hope

“So many people right across the country are anxious about employment, anxious about food, isolated from loved ones and feel that the future looks dark.” These are words from the Archbishop of Canterbury’s sermon on Easter Day 2020. Who would have thought that we are experiencing the same uncertainties this Easter!

Yet the Easter story remains one of hope overcoming darkness and despair. The women arrived at the tomb on Easter morning with mixed emotions, as they came to anoint Jesus’ body. *‘But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.’* (Mark 16:4). They were confused, as they tried to make sense of Jesus’ death. Their hopes were dashed with an uncertain future. In the current pandemic, we too are left asking: *Where is God in all this?* The young man at the tomb reminds them that God is still in control: *“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.”* (Mark 16:6).

The women had forgotten Jesus’ promise to the disciples that He would die and rise from the dead. Jesus’ resurrection is also the sure foundation of hope for us in the present crisis. He turns our confusion and fear into joy and wonder! We can trust Jesus’ plan for the future of our world and lives, despite the fact that things can’t return to the way they were: *“There needs to be a resurrection of our common life, a new normal, something that links to the old, but is different and more beautiful. We must dream it, build it, make it, grasp it, because it is the gift of God and the call of God.”* (Justin Welby). (Parish Pump)

- It’s easier to fight for one’s principles than to live up to them – *Anon*
- Even if you are on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there – *Anon*

Easter Morning (John 20:1-18)

Who is it you are looking for? Who?
 Mary, Looking for her Lord, early in the morning, while it was still dark,
 Looking for Jesus, expecting His death-wrapped body,
 Finding, instead, the stone of surprises and loss.
 The men come and go, but Mary stays and weeps for the love of her Lord.
 Looking, looking into the darkness, She weeps.

Angels in white turn her to the light, and the possibility of grace.
 And in the speaking of her name, the world changes.
 Mary. Looking, looking no longer, The Lord lives, gloriously, For Mary.
 He lives for all who look. Who is it you are looking for? Who?

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Easter Prayer

Dear generous, loving Father,
 How can we thank you for the precious gift of your Son Jesus, for His life of
 obedience and servanthood, for His choosing to die that agonising death on a cruel
 Cross, so that we can be forgiven, and most of all for His death-defeating
 Resurrection on the first Easter morning and the gift of His Spirit to those who
 put their trust in Him?

We can't possibly thank you adequately Lord, but we want to try! Thank you,
 thank you Father, that Jesus, our Servant-King is alive, Lord of heaven and earth
 - and yet still serving us, so that we too can live and serve.

Help us to be your Easter people and live lives of faithful witness to the living
 Lord, empowered by your Holy Spirit, building in all that we think, say or do for
 your kingdom to come. Hallelujah! Amen

These two prayers are by Daphne Kitching (Parish Pump)

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Can it be Easter Already?

Can it be Easter already? Can that be really so?
 The carols and the Christmas tree don't seem that long ago!
 Can it be Easter already? Do April showers splash?
 The weeks gone by since Christmas day have gone in just a flash!
 Can it be Easter already? The time of Lent has passed
 The forty days and forty nights went by so very fast.
 If it is Easter already, that time has sped away.
 Perhaps it's time to ponder, pause and savour every day!

by Nigel Beeton (Parish Pump)

For the Young and not so Young

PUZ?LES

Crossword

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 26:20-25, 31-35, Mark 14:17-21, 27-31
Luke 22:22, 31-34, John 13:21-30, 36-38

The Jewish leaders wanted to kill Jesus. One of Jesus' disciples, Judas, had accepted money from them to betray him.

As Jesus and his disciples ate the Passover meal, Jesus said



John was sitting next to Jesus, so Peter said



So John asked Jesus



It is the person I give this piece of bread to.



Jesus dipped a piece of bread in sauce, and gave it to Judas.



What you are about to do you must do quickly.



Judas took the bread, and left.

Why has Judas gone out?



They continued the Passover meal.



Jesus then told the rest of the disciples



Peter said



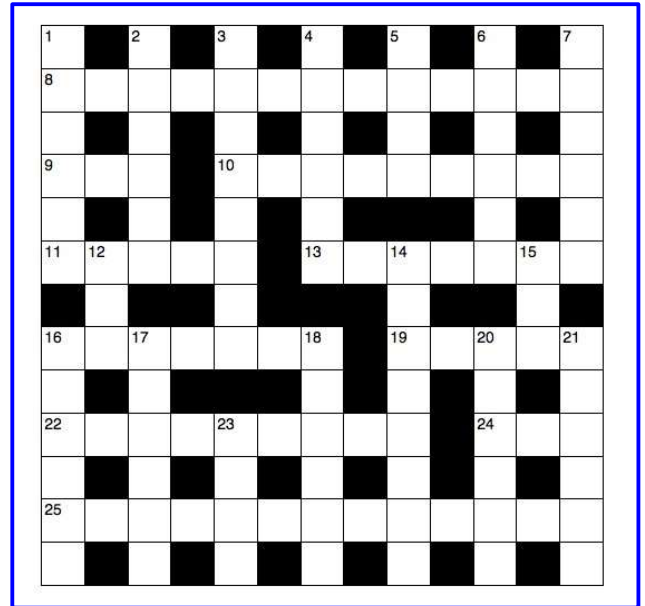
Before tomorrow morning you will have denied you even know me 3 times.



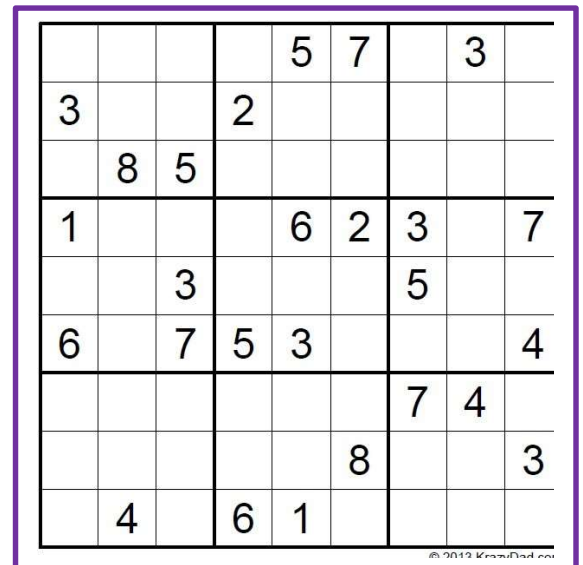
Even if I have to die, I will never disown you!



- The hurrier I go, the behinder I get! – Anon



Sudoku

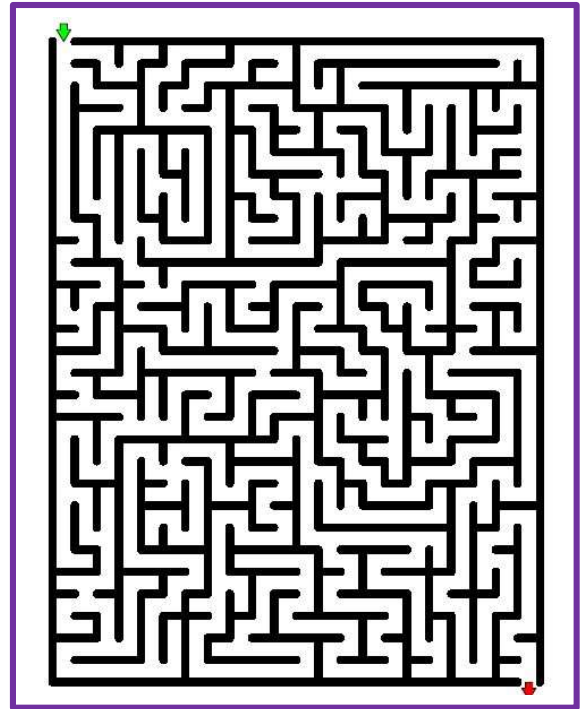


Crossword Clues – Down

- 1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)
- 2 Festival of the resurrection (6)
- 3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)
- 4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)
- 5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)
- 6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)
- 7 'But Christ is faithful — — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)
- 12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)
- 14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)
- 15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)
- 16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)
- 17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)
- 18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)
- 20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)
- 21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)
- 23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

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scatter	sauce	accepted
morning	Jesus	bread
betray	Peter	quickly
disown	leaders	person
denied	Jewish	Passover
tomorrow	never	disciples
sheep	Judas	shepherd
prison	John	money



Chelsea Flower Show moves to the Autumn

For the first time ever in its 108-year history, Chelsea Flower Show will not be held in the Spring, but in the Autumn. The 2021 Chelsea Flower Show will take place from 21 – 26 September. The Royal Horticultural Society, the show organisers, will still hold it at the Royal

Hospital in Chelsea. The hope is that by September, millions more people will be vaccinated, so that mass outdoor events will be able to happen safely.

140,000 people are predicted to attend this year’s Chelsea, over the six days.

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Crossword Clues – Across

- 8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the — ' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)
- 9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)
- 10 Comes between Galatians and Philipians (9)
- 11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)
- 13 Muslim holy month (7)
- 16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)
- 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)
- 22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)
- 24 'Go to the — , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)
- 25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

Stuck in the Mud? – Stories of Hope for When You're Stuck by John Prockter, Monarch, £8.99

At times of difficulty or transition we can often feel unable to move forward. Framed around 12 real-life sticking points in John Prockter’s life, this book offers hope in a faithful God and a pathway through difficult times. This could be helpful for those wanting to engage in the ups and downs of discipleship.

Mouse Makes
Can you find these names of Jesus in the word search?

CHRIST Matthew 16:16
SAVIOUR John 3:16-17
HOLY ONE Mark 1:24
VINE John 15:5
DOOR John 10:9
THE WAY
WAY John 14:6
LAMB John 1:29

SON OF GOD Matthew 3:16-17
KING OF KINGS Revelation 17:14
PROPHET Luke 24:19
PRIEST 1 Timothy 2:5
ROCK 1 Corinthians 10:4
LORD 1 Corinthians 1:9
AMEN Revelation 3:14
LIFE John 11:25-27
MESSIAH John 1:41
SHEPHERD John 10:11
LIGHT John 8:12
WORD John 1:1-50
BREAD John 6:35
CREATOR 1 John 1:3

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Nigel Beeton writes:

The opening verses of John chapter 14 are very special to many of us, they certainly are to me. They bring us great comfort in this time of fear and uncertainty, and I hope that this little reflection upon them might do the same for others:

The Way

Come, still your hearts,
let troubles go
for you believe in Me,
And I am with you, I will show the way ahead of thee.

My Father's house has many rooms,
You know my words are so!
My Spirit and my Word illumines
The way that you shall go.

I am the Way, the Truth, the Life,
Believe and you shall see,
The way through tempest and
through strife to My eternity.

Second Wordsearch

T O M B R Y C R I S E N G
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E A T C R O S S N A I L S

Second Word Search Words:

Word Search Clues – April 2021
Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!
Hallelujah! April brings us to Easter – the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ – the triumphant highlight of the Christian year. As St Paul pointed out, unless Jesus really did rise again, our faith is useless, and we may as well forget any hope of heaven or eternal life.

Passover	Jerusalem	Soldiers
Bread	Pilate	Cross
Wine	Judas	Nails
Body	Gethsemane	Vinegar
Blood	Trial	Temple
Betrayal	Crucifixion	Curtain
Tomb	Angel	Stone
Risen	Gardener	Mary

Puzzle Pages Solutions

Sudoku Solution

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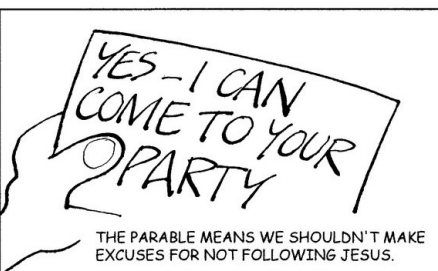
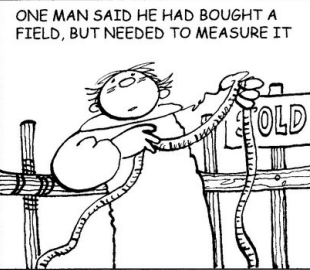
Crossword Answers:

ACROSS:

- 8, Transgressors. 9, Out.
- 10, Ephesians. 11, Throb.
- 13, Ramadan. 16, Nearest.
- 19, Neath. 22, Childless. 24, Ant.
- 25, Excommunicate.

DOWN:

- 1, Utmost. 2, Easter.
- 3, Assemble. 4, Archer. 5, Isis.
- 6, To hand. 7, As a son. 12, Hoe.
- 14, Monastic. 15, Apt. 16, Nuclei.
- 17, A piece. 18, Tied up.
- 20, Ararat. 21, Hatred. 23, Dome.



Divine Intervention?

A little boy was playing outside with his mother's broom in the garden. That night his mother realised her broom was still missing and asked her son to go out and bring it in. When the little boy confessed he was afraid of the dark, his mother tried to comfort him: 'The Lord is out there too, don't be afraid.' Hesitantly, the little boy opened the back door and peered out. He called softly: 'Lord, since you're out there already, please will you pass me the broom?'

Expensive boat

A Vicar was planning an Easter pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and was aghast when she found it would cost her £50 an hour to rent a boat on the Sea of Galilee. She protested to the travel agent that the cost was ridiculous. 'That might be true,' replied the travel agent, 'but you have to take into account that the Sea of Galilee is water on which our Lord himself walked.' 'Well, at £50 an hour for a boat,' she replied, 'I am not surprised!'

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God sent them along;
All of the animals in such a
great throng.

But why did God do it, and
were they in twos?
And how long did they spend
on their world cruise?