

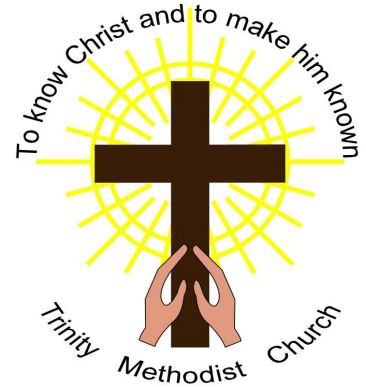
Trinity E-News



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Lord Jesus Christ,
you are
the Light of the nations
and you bring light
to our darkness.
So shine in our hearts,
that all our actions,
words and attitudes
at all times will reflect
lives filled with the praise
of your glory.

Great News –
Live Sunday Worship
held Every Sunday at
Trinity, Services
Zoomed too.

Our thanks to all our
'Zoom team' who
enable those at home to
share in Worship with
us via Zoom.
We are very grateful for
their continued help
and expertise.

Link to our Website:
<https://www.basingstoke-readingmethodists.uk/>

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Trinity E-News – Deadline for the March 2022 Issue is Friday 18 Feb 2022

Trinity E-News is also available on our Basingstoke & Reading Website.

I really look forward to receiving your lovely pieces, so please keep them coming.

A Big Thankyou to everyone who has sent in pieces. Items can be emailed or posted.

Thank you again, Hazel, Ed

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- Some Dates:**
- **Trinity Circle: 8 Feb & 8 Mar.**
 - **OneChurch Unity Service/ AGM: 27 Feb, London Street URC.**
 - **World Day of Prayer: 4 Mar, Salvation Army, B/Stoke.**

- Seek Christ, and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in – **C S Lewis**
- **Spring Sale, Sat 19 Mar, 10 am – 2 pm at St Andrew's Church.**

February 2022

Dear Friends,

Seeing with New Eyes

I have sometimes been privileged to listen to people who have had a cataract operation and they will frequently tell me that they now see much more clearly and that colours are much more vivid than before, and, sometimes, they say that they no longer need to wear glasses. It must be wonderful to see with new eyes.

Sometimes people who come new to an area or to a workplace can see clearly what others, who have been in place much longer, may no longer notice. Their ability to see with new eyes brings an objectivity to a situation that might have been missing before, and their observations contain a challenge to the rest of us to look afresh and see things from another angle.

Some great scientific breakthroughs have come about by seeing in a different way-making connections that may not have been made before, noticing what is in front of us and seeing it afresh. Alexander Fleming's discovery of penicillin came about when he looked again and noticed with new eyes what had been beside him in the room in which he was sitting.

It is easy for all of us to get into ruts which confirm our prejudices. It is easy to go along with the tram lines which we have set as perimeters of our vision.

Some of the people who have helped us most in life have been those whose challenge and encouragement has helped us to see with new eyes. They may have been family members, teachers, work colleagues, or people whose thinking we've come across in a book or magazine.

The season of Lent will soon be upon us, moving into the glorious season of Easter. Both Lent, and Easter are radically and dynamically about seeing with new eyes, approaching life with surprise and freshness, constantly learning, continually growing as people, marvelling at the extraordinary in the ordinary, watching horizons expand.

Are we open to seeing with new eyes, pursuing fresh adventures, and discovering different insights?

With love,

David

(Revd David Jenkins)

Christmas Collections

Collections at the Carol Service and on Christmas morning amounted to £153 – this will be shared between 'Action for Children' and the 'Camrose Centre'. Thank you.

Lent Resource for the Circuit:

We, the Circuit Prayer Resource Group, invite you to create an item to be included in a Lent Resource for use in our circuit.

This might be a poem, prayer, story, b & w picture or ?

The resource will have 5 sections:
**Jesus our Friend; Our Leader;
Our Teacher; Our Healer;
Our Saviour.**

In creation of the booklet, contributions may need to be edited for the available space.

Please send your item or any enquiries to: **Gill Lawson**
gillmlawson@icloud.com

by 31 January.

The resource will be on the circuit website but printed copies will also be available.

Your name will be included unless you ask for your item to be anonymous.

Sunday Worship at Trinity & the Basingstoke Churches



Below is the plan for Worship for February 2022 for our Basingstoke Churches and also for 6 March for Trinity. Live Sunday Worship continues at Trinity each Sunday Morning with Services also Zoomed. Any enquiries please contact Diane Bath on: ☎: 01256 320429 or by email at: diane bath51@gmail.com Thank you.

Sundays Feb 2022	6 Feb	13 Feb	20 Feb	27 Feb	6 March
Trinity 10.30 am	Mrs A Walker & Mr P Ansell	Mr S Appiah	Mr T Pitt & Mrs H Reed	Revd D Jenkins, S	Revd Audrey Browne, S
Kempshott 10.30 am	Revd M Beukes, S	Mr T Bell, Zoom	LA, Zoom	Mrs S Whithorn, Zoom	-
Oakley 10.30 am	LA	Mr T Rowell	Mr S Turner	Revd A Browne, S	-
Oakridge 11.00 am	Revd D Jenkins, S	Revd J Sumitra	LA	Revd Andrew DeVile	-
Old Basing 10.30 am	Mr P Frank	Mrs D Baugh	Revd D Jenkins, S	Revd D Shaw	-
St Andrew's 10.30 am	Mr S Appiah, S	Mrs L Hoe	Mrs K Kelly	Mrs L Hoe	-

THIS YEAR, GLORIFY GOD AND ENJOY HIM

'Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.'
1 Corinthians 10:31 NKJV

1 SATURDAY
01 Jan 2022

In 1643, the Houses of Parliament in England abolished the Episcopal system of government in the Church of England. An assembly of one hundred and twenty-one ministers and thirty laypeople was called to Westminster Abbey to rebuild the English church. The documents coming out of that six-year assembly are some of the most famous in church history. The first question in the Shorter Westminster Catechism reads, 'What is the chief end of man?' Answer: 'To glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.' The implications of that question and answer are profound in their simplicity. And if you're wise, you will make them a blueprint for your life this coming year. *Glorify God. Obey God. Enjoy God.* When you know your life is glorifying God, you enjoy His presence, but when you know your life

is not glorifying God, you tend to avoid Him. And that's bad, because without God's presence in your life, what are your chances of true success? Not good! As you look back on last year, are there things you regret because you know that God was not glorified in them? Well, God is giving you a new year to do things differently. And if you're making New Year's resolutions, base every one of them on the foundation of this Scripture: 'Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.' If you follow that rule, you will stay on the right path, and you will have the peace and joy of knowing your life is pleasing to the Lord. Whatever circumstances may arise, you will face them with peace and confidence, knowing that God is with you.

Bill Jeram



World Day of Prayer

This year it is to be held at the Salvation Army
in Wessex Road, on the 4 March at 1.30 pm.

We do hope you can come along on that day and look forward to seeing you.

You can find more information on the 'World Day of Prayer' on their website at:

www.wwdp.org.uk

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Below is a little bit of background and a prayer from their website:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Dear Lord, Your plans for me are good. Your love for me is perfect and you want the best for my life. I have hope for a bright future. I put my trust in you.



As long as we have memories, yesterday remains.

As long as we have hope, tomorrow awaits.

As long as we have love, today is beautiful.

As long as we have God, anything and everything is possible, Amen

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World Day of Prayer (EWNI)

As a single World Day of Prayer organisation, the three voices of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, have come together to present this year's service, recognising our differences but also our common ground.

Currently, the WDP National Committee includes 17 different Christian denominations. We allocate over 40 grants to national and international charities. We support prayer partners in Albania, sending representatives to visit the WDP in Albania on a regular basis. We continue to review what we do and to adapt to changes in communication and technology.

Our office in Tunbridge Wells co-ordinates the distribution of service materials, including activities for children and youth and our website carries news of all we do. We also post on Twitter and Facebook and have been delighted with the number of 'hits' we get.

- **70 years ago, on 6 February 1952, Princess Elizabeth Ascended to the Throne** following the death of her father, King George VI. She was in Kenya at the time and became the first Sovereign in over 200 years to accede while abroad.
- **Accession Day marks the Anniversary of the reigning monarch taking the throne**, which in the case of Her Majesty the Queen is 6 February 1952. It is particularly fitting to celebrate this Anniversary in 2022 as it **marks the beginning of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**.

Churches Prepare Platinum Jubilee plans

Churches, Christian Charities and Youth Organisations are working together to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee over the four-day Bank Holiday from 2nd to 5th June. A new website has been created – www.theplatinumjubilee.com – to provide ideas and resources for communities to celebrate the Queen's 70 years of faith and service.

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marion@basingstokereadingmethodists.uk

- 100 years ago, on 8 February 1922, the first radio was installed in the White House.
- 75 years ago, on 7 February 1947, the first of the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in caves in Khirbat Qumran (now in the West Bank, Palestine).
- Be kind, remember that everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle – **Harry Thompson**

'Jesus And Me' ! (JAM)

'JAM' meets next from
2.30 pm – 4.30 pm

on the following Sundays:

6 February
6 March
3 April



Children & Families meet in
the Lounge, usually on the
1st Sunday of the month,
to hear stories of Jesus,
craft, singing and tea.

All are very welcome.

Do come along and join us.



**Spring
Sale**



Saturday 19 March
10 am – 2 pm
at St Andrew's Church

- **Good Quality Items for Sale**
- **Home-made Cakes**
- **Hot & Cold Drinks**

**This is the First Event in
the 10 Year Anniversary of
our New Building**

**Looking forward to
seeing you all.**

Words for God

Alpha	New every Morning
Bread of life	Omega
Comforter	Protector
Deliverer	Quintessential
Emmanuel	Redeemer
Father	Shepherd
Guide	Teacher
Healer	Unequaled
I am	Vine
Jesus	Wonderful Counsellor
King	eXtremely Gracious
Lord	Yahweh
Messiah	Zealous

There are so many words we can use to describe God and his attributes, yet no words can every sum him up.

Never let me forget the wonder of you, my Lord and Saviour.

Jennifer Pitt



Methodist Women in Britain: New Communications email address

We are leaving behind our antiquated email system and in future we will use a new email address: communications.mwib@gmail.com. To make sure that you get future news you may need to take action. Because some email providers assume that a new email address is a security risk, it could automatically be filtered into a SPAM account. To avoid this, please add the [new email address to your contacts](#). Don't worry, we won't be disabling the old email address straight away and all emails will be automatically diverted for a few months. And...if none of this makes any sense to you, then please get in touch and I will try to help. **Methodist Women in Britain Connexional Conference** 22 – 24 April 2022 (Swanwick Weekend). Bookings will open very soon in the new year, with the option of attending the conference by Zoom. Maybe you could gift a place to a special woman in your life?

TRINITY CIRCLE

Our next meeting will be on:
Tuesday 8 February at 7.30 pm
 in either the Lounge or the Hall,
 depending on numbers. **Margaret Hayes**
 will be taking the evening.

Our date for March is **Tuesday 8 March at 7.30 pm**, again either meeting in the hall or the lounge. Our speaker will be **Peter Ansell - 'Faith and Photography'**.

Our meetings are now for everyone and we invite you all to come and enjoy a time of fellowship with us.

Sonia



House-groups – Interested?

It's possible we may start a new group if enough people are interested. All house-groups are different and a new group would decide what they want from it.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO BE A PART OF IT! Don't miss it.

Please contact:

Jennifer Pitt – by phone, email or in person if you would be interested in joining a house-group.



- We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give – **Duane Hulse**

#smalltalk with Revd David Shaw:

Wesley Methodist Church YouTube channel has a series of small videos (46 as of counting) presented by Revd David Shaw which are between 3 – 4 minutes long. The latest two are about Prayer and Christian Aid. These can be found here and are highly recommended.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWw6jNpYWu4z52t760p7UJg/videos>



As for the future.....

O my Father, my God, I am in Your hand; and may I rejoice above all things in being so. Do with me what seems good in Your sight; only let me love you with all mind, soul and strength.

by John Wesley

- If Christians praised God more, the World would doubt Him less – **C E Jefferson**

- 65 years ago, on 16 February 1957, the **Toddlers' Truce** was abolished in Britain. During the **Truce**, television admissions closed down for an hour so that young children could be put to bed. Children's programming ended at 6 pm and adult programming began at 7 pm.

Mothering Sunday

We at Trinity are hoping to produce a small gift for ladies on Mothering Sunday. We are looking for ladies (or gents) who crochet (or knit) to make some hearts.

The crochet pattern is printed below for your use. Please contact Pauline for more details and to let her know who will be helping.

We are also hoping to send them to members of our congregation who cannot get to Trinity at present.

Thank you, **Paulne Ansell**

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Crochet Pattern – You will need:

- DK / Light worsted weight yarn in pink and white (or any yarn in any colour really)
- 3 mm Crochet hook (or any hook size that is suitable for the yarn you are using)
- Some toy stuffing or yarn scraps for stuffing
- Yarn needle and scissors

This pattern is in US terminology – Terminology Guide below:

sl st = slip stitch	sc = single crochet
ch(s) = chain(s)	hdc = half double crochet
ea = each	dc = double crochet
sk = skip	

Heart Pattern (make twice)

Round 1

Using P, ch4, sl st in 1st ch to form a loop, ch2, [1hdc, 2sc, 1hdc, 2dc, sl st, 2dc, 1hdc, 2sc, 1hdc] in loop, sl st in top of ch2 to join - (14).

Round 2

Ch2, [1hdc, 1sc] in next st, 1sc in next 2 sts, 1hdc in next st, 3dc in next st, 1dc in next st, sl st in next st, 1dc in next st, 3dc in next st, 1hdc in next st, 1sc in next 2 sts, [1sc, 1hdc] in last st, sl st in top of ch2 to join - (20).

Round 3

Ch2, [1hdc, 1sc] in next st, 1sc in next 4 sts, 1hdc in next st, 2dc in next 2 sts, 1dc in next st, sl st in next st, 1dc in next st, 2dc in next 2 sts, 1hdc in next st, 1sc in next 4 sts, [1sc, 1hdc] in last st, sl st in top of ch2 to join - (26).

Round 4

Ch2, [1hdc, 1sc] in next st, 1sc in next 6 sts, 1hdc in next st, 2dc in next 3 sts, 1dc in next st, sl st in next st, 1dc in next st, 2dc in next 3 sts, 1hdc in next st, 1sc in next 6 sts, [1sc, 1hdc] in last st, sl st in top of ch2 to join - (34).

Round 5

Ch2, [1hdc, 1sc] in next st, 1sc in next 8 sts, 1hdc in next st, 2dc in next 5 sts, 1dc in next st, sl st in next st, 1dc in next st, 2dc in next 5 sts, 1hdc in next st, 1sc in next 8 sts, [1sc, 1hdc] in last st, sl st in top of ch2 to join - (46).

Fasten off and repeat rounds for second heart.

Edging

Round 1

Joining W in same st as last sl st on both hearts, ch1, joining each heart edge as you go
crochet: 1sc in ea st along to previous increase (on heart curve), *2sc in next st, 1sc in next

cont'd.....

Crochet Pattern, cont'd.....**Edging: Round 1 (cont'd)**

st* repeat 5 times, 1sc in ea st along to next previous increase (on second curve - don't forget the sl st in the centre, it can be small), *2sc in next st, 1sc in next st* repeat 5 times, 1sc in ea st along to end but leave a small hole for stuffing, stuff your heart and sl st in ch1 to join.

Round 2

Ch3, sl st in same st below chs, sl st in next 2 sts repeat from * to * until end, fasten off and tie in all tails.

**'Refresh, Recover, Reach'**

The 2022 OneChurch Basingstoke (1CB) Unity Service & AGM
will be hosted by Hub Community Church at: London Street URC on **Sunday 27 February, 4 pm onwards.**
Light refreshments will be served between the Service and the AGM.
Please put this date in your diaries.

**Methodist JPIT**

**Stay and Pray –
new weekly prayers
for intercession**

We're continuing with our daily 'Stay & Pray' prayers on our social media and via email. You can now also see our prayers and prompts for prayers of intercession in communal worship, available every Friday as a PDF on our website. Use them as prompts for your prayers of intercession, as we lift up our eyes and reflect on the wider world. <https://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk>

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- 50 years ago, on 9 February 1972, the British Government declared a state of emergency over the miners' strike which began in January. From 16 February, electricity supplies to homes and businesses were cut off for up to nine hours a day. The strike ended on 25 February.

“Would you go to these lengths to sit in your seat?”

In 1884 there was a dispute over pew no. 3 in Chew Stoke Church.

Two families claimed sole rights to use it. A letter from the Bishop of Bath & Wells stated that 'no house in a parish has a right to a particular pew, unless by faculty'. The matter went to the Temple Cloud petty sessions where the magistrates imposed a fine of £2 10s with £2 8s 6d costs on the main defendants who had been accused of 'indecent behaviour' by climbing over the back of pews to gain access to the pew denied to them. There was a threat of 2 months in gaol if the fines were not paid and that, should there be a reoccurrence, the penalty would be gaol and not a fine. (*Western Daily Press* Wed 5 Nov 1884 p7, *Bristol Mercury* Wed 5 Nov 1884 p3).

The issue arose again in 1889 with an alleged assault by the previous defendants on the son of the Rector of Chew Stoke. The case 'has excited a great deal of interest in the neighbourhood, this being evident from the crowded attendance at the courthouse' (*Bristol Mercury* Sat Sep 1889 p19).

Sent in by Tony Pitt

A BIBLE CAKE OF THE YEAR 1788

- (1) $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. JUDGES chap. 5 verse 25
- (2) $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. JEREMIAH chap. 6 verse 20
- (3) 1 tablesp. 1st SAMUEL chap. 14 verse 25
- (4) 3 JEREMIAH chap. 17 verse 11
- (5) $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 1st SAMUEL chap. 30 verse 12
- (6) $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. NAHUM chap. 3 verse 12 (chopped)
- (7) 2 ozs. NUMBERS chap. 17 verse 8 (blanched and chopped)
- (8) 1 lb. 1st KINGS chap. 4 verse 22
- (9) Season to taste with 2nd CHRONICLES chap. 9 verse 9
- (10) 1 pinch LEVITICUS chap. 2 verse 13
- (11) 1 teasp. AMOS chap. 4 verse 5
- (12) 3 tablesp. JUDGES chap. 4 verse 19

METHOD

Follow SOLOMON'S prescriptions for making a good boy.

PROVERBS 23 verse 13 and you will have a good cake.

Beat 1, 2 and 3 to a cream, add 4 -one at a time still beating. Then add 5, 6 and 7 and beat again.

Next add 8, 9, 10 and 11, having previously mixed them. Last of all, add 12.

Bake in a rather slow oven for not less than an hour and a half (One of the ingredients is figs. Raisins may be substituted if liked).

Sent in by Jenny Leighton



SAVE THE DATE – CIRCUIT MUSICAL

The next Circuit Musical will be taking place at Wesley, Reading
on **Saturday 19 November 2022**



In a day we will be learn Roger Jones' new musical
'Three Wise Camels, and the day will end with a
worship performance of it.



Later in the year we will be looking for singers, instrumentalists, stewards, volunteers to serve lunch and refreshments etc. Everyone is welcome to join for the worship performance at the end, an ideal opportunity to bring friends to an early Christmas event. Details including timings will be circulated later. If you have any questions please

contact: Tony and Jennifer Pitt at: itsthepitts@btinternet.com

COP26 Response to our COP26 Postcard campaign and message from Revd Dr Ruth Midcalf. Ruth – Many thanks to all those from the Circuit who sent postcards to the Prime Minister as part of the Southampton Methodist District campaign asking for action relating to COP26. Our District Chair Revd Andrew de Ville has received a response from the Cabinet Office; Letter is shown below:



Cabinet Office

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Our reference: TO2021/20655

Revd Andrew de Ville
 chair@sdmc.org.uk

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22 November 2021

Dear Revd Andrew de Ville,

I write in response to a number of postcards sent in by members of the public, on behalf of the Southampton District Methodist Church, in relation to COP26.

The Government is proud to have hosted this year's conference, which brought together tens of thousands of delegates from nearly 200 countries for the biggest summit the UK has ever hosted.

197 Parties succeeded in keeping the ambition to limit temperature rises to 1.5°C alive by agreeing to the Glasgow Climate Pact, which will speed up the pace of climate action this decade. All countries agreed to return improved emissions targets for 2030 next year, three years earlier than planned.

Together, huge progress has been made on coal, cars, cash and trees – areas the UK has already shown high ambition in. The Government's Clean Green Initiative will unlock trillions of pounds of private finance into clean green infrastructure so emerging economies can grow rapidly without relying on fossil fuels – modelling our new partnership to support South Africa's efforts.

Provided there is concerted effort and dedicated delivery by all countries, the combination of net zero targets, 2030 emission targets, and agreed action in key industries brought to the table will significantly reduce emissions by 2030.

After years of wrangling, the Paris Rulebook was finalised, which will keep us on track, so we measure and report in the same way. The Government has delivered the Paris Agreement, is delivering the start of its global green industrial revolution, and will use the year of the UK's Presidency to ensure countries deliver on their commitments.

I would like to thank your supporters for taking the time to write to the Cabinet Office on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

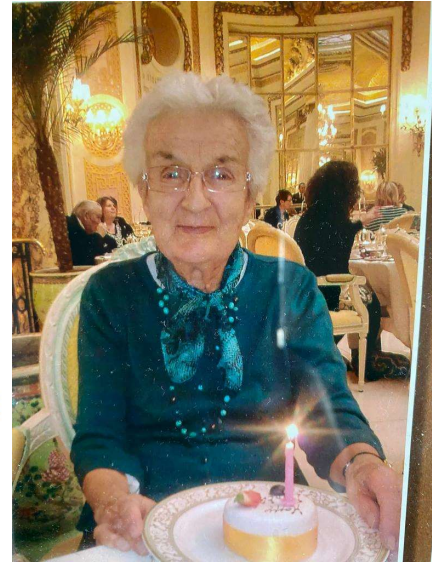
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 Correspondence Officer
Public Correspondence Team | Cabinet Office

Remembering Jill

Jill was born in London on 24th December 1932. The second eldest of five children she always spoke of a happy childhood. Even when war broke out and the family were evacuated to Worcester where her grandparents lived. Jill would always tell us lots of stories of all the happy times they had there.

In 1950 her father sadly died at the age of 42. Leaving her mother with five children, the youngest her brother Geoff who was only 4 years old. Jill would speak fondly of helping to look after him for her mother.

There was also support from the Royal British Legion as her father had served in the war. They helped out with food and paid bills which she never forgot and told us how grateful they were.



Jill had a love of the outdoors and enjoyed many happy times cycling all over the country staying in Youth Hostels. This is where she met our father John and they married in a local Methodist Church in Surrey on the 3rd May 1958.

After moving to a bungalow on the Berg Estate in Basingstoke the girls were born and in 1964 they moved to Portacre Rise.

Christine and Janet recall a very happy childhood, with Jill always being around for them. She loved gardening and cooking and they remember picking lots of different fruits she grew so she could make her delicious puddings and cakes.

Holidays always held a lot of happy memories with yearly trips to the Isle of Wight with extended family. They also enjoyed camping with Jill producing amazing meals with her pressure cooker on a small two ring camping stove, The family travelled all over the country often combining the holiday with catching up with her siblings which was so important to her. One of her favourite places to visit was Scotland with its beautiful scenery and unspoilt beaches. They recall a few occasions when the weather turned bad, both Jill despite her small stature and John holding onto the frame of the tent to stop it being blown away. This however never put her off going and loved pitching the tent sometimes in the remotest of places.

Jill was very involved in the Methodist church on Sarum Hill in Basingstoke. For many years she helped run the Sunday school. Making many friends there Trinity was a big part of her life and even when she was unable to attend the services she enjoyed reading the news letters.

Her love of children continued in her working life. Starting out as a dinner lady in the late 1960's at the local school in the road where she lived, Kings Furlong. A couple of years later working in the office in both the Junior and then Infants for over 25 very happy years. She loved to ride her bike there and around Basingstoke wearing one of the many hats she had.

As the girls grew older Janet recalls coming home from trips with the Venture Scouts, usually soaking wet and covered in mud, Jill would be there washing machine at the ready and a hot meal. Janet left home at 18, but Jill always reminded her that she returned home 9 times until the age of 35. However there was always a warm welcome, a bed and food on the table on these occasions.

Remembering Jill, cont'd.....

Christine also recalls having great support after getting married to Steve in 1981 and having their three children Clare, Jack and Lucy, Jill was always on the end of the phone to help out and babysit, she was always so proud of her grandchildren and was the perfect nanny.

After sadly losing her beloved husband John in 1997, her determination to carry on with life never failed saying she got strength from watching how her mother had coped when she was widowed. Jill enjoyed many happy trips abroad with her daughter Janet flying on a plane for the first time ever in 1998 to Australia to visit family, then New York, another trip down under and many places in Europe. Yearly holidays to Scotland with Janet became very important too as after losing both her sisters in 1986 and 1989 and her brother in 2006 which had devastated her and all the family, she would always talk about them all often, keeping their memories alive.

In 2008 Jill moved to Bridge Street, Overton. She quickly made friends, joining many groups, she had a busy social life. Meeting up for coffee each Saturday morning with daughter Janet they shared a lot of mutual friends. Jill also became a familiar face at the Methodist Chapel especially in her later years when she found it harder to travel into Basingstoke.

In 2015 Jill became a great grandmother to Joe and again in 2017 to Sam, she was so proud and always talked about them.

In March 2020 it became clear to the family that Jill needed extra help. She had excellent carers coming in three times a day to look after her. Jill was always so grateful and praised them all the time. From the bottom of our hearts the family want to thank them all for the exceptional care they gave her, it will never be forgotten.

To sum up in a few words our mum Jill, a very independent lady. She was devoted to her whole family. She was always supportive, kind and generous to everyone and had a great life. She has left us too soon, but with the fondest of memories.

Christine and Janet

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Remembering Nanny

Clare, Jack and Lucy have many fond memories of Jill, their beloved Nanny. Jill was an incredibly loving and caring nanny and great granny, who doted on her grandchildren, their partners and great grandchildren. They have all enjoyed the many wonderful stories Jill has told them over the years about her life and family. She was extremely generous to them all, and with heartfelt thanks to both their Nanny and Grandad, they will be eternally grateful for that support.

Growing up, Clare, Jack and Lucy affectionately remember visiting their grandparents' house in Portacre Rise. From playing games in the summer house, the special toys such as the pinball game or dolls house, having beef and dumpling stew after Sunday School at Trinity Church or the family get-togethers on Jill's birthday where their nanny would cook a delicious buffet for everyone followed by playing games, and their Grandad, John, was always particularly good at scrabble! These are just a tiny selection of the happy memories they have of this time.

Jill adored her great grandchildren, Joseph and Samuel, who both loved going to visit Jill
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Remembering Nanny, cont'd.....

at her bungalow in Overton. She always made sure she had a bag of bird food so they could feed the ducks and kept a box of toys especially for their visits.

Jill will always be their very special and beloved nanny. A true lady, who always finished off her outfit with a beret hat. She is very much a big part of their hearts and they are going to miss their nanny so incredibly much.

Clare, Jack and Lucy

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Eulogy for Terry Ayres

Terry Ayres died on 28.10.21 aged 81. He, with his wife Sheila, attended Trinity church when they moved to Basingstoke in January 1983 with their three daughters, Fran, Carolyn and Jenny. They stayed in Basingstoke until 2017 when they moved to Whitchurch to be closer to family.



Terry was a local preacher for 60 years, a former headteacher of Cranborne secondary school and got involved in many local and circuit events in his retirement. He had a strong and deep faith, loved spending time with his friends and family (all three daughters got married at Trinity), enjoyed gardening, cold black coffee and reading the newspaper.

He is very sadly missed, but he was very poorly at the end of this life and he now lives with glory with God in heaven.

Frances

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A Box of Stories

Are you an avid reader of novels? You may be aware that approximately 200,000 titles are published in the UK each year. Only 17% make it onto any of the Best Sellers lists. The remaining 83% disappear and are soon lost for ever, and as a result millions of unread books get pulped each year.



A Box of Stories is an organisation that sets out to get some of those books to readers to save them from being pulped without being read. They curate titles that have sold in decent numbers, and scour reader reviews, to create boxes of books that will delight book lovers. If you love reading, this is a great way to ensure a ready supply of books. Just choose the type of book and how often you want to receive them. You will also then be doing a little bit to reduce waste and to save the planet.

More details can be found at aboxofstories.com.

Sent in by Tony Pitt

- 50 years ago, on 18 February 1972, the House of Commons voted narrowly in favour (by eight votes) of joining the Common Market (now the European Union).

Where to now?



We stand at the beginning of another year. What will it hold for each one of us? In his poem *'The road not taken,'* the poet Robert Frost, writes of a decision, which metaphorically is like a road. We can only travel one road and might sometimes wonder how different life would have been had we made an alternative choice.

A traveller was standing at the crossroads. Taking a stick. He threw it many times into the air. And watched its fall. An onlooker asked, 'Why are you doing that?' The traveller replied, 'It isn't falling the way I want to go.'

Life is like that, and we can be torn with indecision. We want to make the right choice. To take the right road, but we are afraid of getting it wrong.

Sitting in Trinity just before Christmas, I looked at the reflection of the cross on the wall, behind. It looks like a signpost. There are two directional arms. There is no difference in the length, and it seemed to me, that either would help a wayfarer. Being over the years a walker in the countryside, such wayside direction posts, have been very useful, and I have been grateful to see them. They have prevented many an error in my minimal map reading.

There in Trinity they are also the shadow of the Cross, which is a wonderful thought. Coming back to the poem, Robert Frost ends his poem, *'Two roads diverged in a wood and I – I took the one less travelled by, and that has made all the difference.'* We have to make a choice, and that can present a dilemma. Isaiah, Chapter 30, urges us to listen to God's voice: *'This is the way, walk in it,'*

At the start of another year, with all its possibilities, concerns, and yes, its joys too, innumerable questions will arise. Jesus says in John's Gospel: *'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life' (KJV). 'I am the Light of the world, he that followeth me, shall not walk in darkness.'* (KJV)

Real joy is knowing every day we can experience the companionship of Jesus on our journey, and He knows the way that we take. We just have to trust Him for the days ahead.

God bless you.

Margaret Garland

Basingstoke Climate Emergency

Did you know that Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council declared a Climate Emergency last year? They are working on making the borough net zero carbon by 2030.

There is information available on the council website at [basingstoke.gov.uk/climate](https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/climate), along with suggestions as to what individuals might do as part of this initiative.

If everyone did a little bit, the goal could be reached fairly easily

Sent in by Tony Pitt



Dial-a-Prayer

FREEPHONE numbers for Prayers, Reflections and News from the Methodist Church

- **Listen to a Prayer:** 0808 281 2514
- **Listen to a Pastoral Message from the President & Vice President:** 0808 281 2695
- **Listen to our Podcast:** 0808 281 2478
- *Prayer updated every Thursday,*
- *Presidential message updated every Monday,*
- *Methodist Podcast updated fortnightly on Thursday.*

A Prayer / Poem by Pat Murphy

Lord, you are my everything.
 For you have made my heart sing,
 you have made my darkness light.
 And lifted me to the highest height,
 you have given me Joy and Peace,
 and from all sin given me release.
 As I lift my hands to my Father above,
 you have blessed me and filled me with Love.

You are my heart's desire.
 As we talk together, you set my heart on fire.
 You are the pearl of greatest price,
 because of your Love and great sacrifice.

Lord you are everything to me
 As your spirit releases and sets me free,
 I will worship you with all my heart and soul.
 For you have touched me and made me whole.

The Mug and Biscuit

The Mug and Biscuit at St Andrews Church is OPEN



New hours of opening are:
Tuesday 10 am to 12 noon
Thursday 10 am to 12 noon



On both days **drinks, home-made cakes and toasted tea cakes** will be available to purchase.

We look forward to welcoming old and new friends.



The Mug and Biscuit Team

Any queries contact:
Linda Hoe ☎: 07963 583506



A Prayer / Poem by Pat Murphy

Peace, perfect peace, is what I have now found.
 And the Love of the Father is the answer to all around.

Resting in Him is such a joy.

That nothing and no one this peace can destroy.

His Love is so powerful, yet so gentle and true.

That I want to trust and obey Him in all I do.

His Love for me, pours out over me every day.

And give me the strength and courage to face come what may.

- 60 years ago, on 20 February 1962, John Glenn became the first American astronaut to orbit the Earth. He made three orbits in the space capsule *Friendship 7*.

Eastrop Park (*local news*)

Eastrop Park has always been and still is a great favourite of ours as a family, and especially when the girls were young, from when we first moved to Basingstoke well over 30 years ago, so it saddened us to see the news last Summer that Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council were going to start charging for the two car parks. We found out that this had already been agreed, with the proposed charges being:

*£1.10 – 1 hr; £2.20 – 2 hrs; £3.20 – 3 hrs;
£4.30 – 4 hrs & £12.80 for over 4 hrs.
Charges applying 8 am until 7 pm
Monday to Sunday with Evening charges of
£2.20, applicable 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week.*

Many people put in objections and we, like many others, were told it was all done and dusted! We wondered if this would be the *'thin edge of the wedge'* with other parks following suit!

But common sense has prevailed and we recently had an email from Becky Poulter, Engineer at Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council telling us that a new tariff of charges is now under discussion and these are:

*£1 for up to 2 hrs; £2 for 2 to 4 hrs;
£4 for 4 to 6 hrs & £7 for 6 to 8 hrs;
£8 for over 8 hrs; £2 for an Evening /
Overnight charge.*

It's still a shame and sad to think that folk will have to pay to visit this beautiful park with the lakes, stream, swans, ducks, paddling pool, play area, outdoor café area etc, but a definite improvement on the original charges. In the summer many families with young children spend most of the day there and often it's hard to find a space to park in.

Hazel and Peter Harris



The Day the Vicar Locked the Council out of St Michael's Church

Basingstoke made headlines in the national and provincial press in 1907 when the Vicar of Basingstoke, Revd Boustead, sent an intemperate letter to the town clerk. He told the clerk that the Mayor and Corporation and the police, fire brigade and other public and voluntary bodies would not be welcome to hold the annual Civic Service in the Parish Church if they intended, in line with tradition, to hold a similar service in one of the nonconformist churches. He said that such an action would, 'degrade God's Church to the level of one of the 350 man-made sects'.

Revd Boustead's letter was reprinted with a brief introduction in dozens of provincial newspapers from the Cornishman to the Aberdeen Press and Journal under various headlines, including 'Strange Situation at Basingstoke', 'Mockery of Religion', 'Not wanted at Church' and 'Another Clerical Bigot'.

The Mayor decided not to hold the Civic Service in the Parish Church. However, the following year he decided that the custom of the Civic Service should continue, but when the procession reached the church, the Vicar had locked the church door.

More about this story can be found on the Internet by searching for "*Basingstoke Vicar locks Council out of Church*".

Sent in by Tony Pitt

- The self-sufficient do not pray; the self-satisfied will not pray; and the self-righteous cannot pray – **L Ravenhill**

Just Passed

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car? His father said he'd make a deal with his son, *"You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut.*

Then we'll talk about the car." The boy thought about that for a moment, decided, he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, *"Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but you haven't had your hair cut."* The boy said, *"You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."*

(You're going to love the Dad's reply!)

"Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?!!"

Sent in by Steve Smith



Website: <https://www.allwecan.org.uk/lentonline/>

**'Wisdom Cries out in the Street;
in the Squares she Raises her Voice.'**



You are invited to listen to the voices of Joanna Adeyinka-Burford, Dr Selina Stone, Revds Sonia Hicks, Helen Cameron and Chan Kaur-Mann, the stories of **'All We Can's' partners** and the reflections of **several Methodist 'Women in Britain'**, in a devotional resource designed for you to journey with throughout the Lenten season.

Throughout Lent, as we listen to the voice of Wisdom and connect with **'All We Can's' partners**, you can join a live broadcast and community on Facebook, YouTube and Twitter at 1:17 pm every Wednesday and Friday. Why 1:17 pm? Because we are inspired by Colossians 1:17 and seeking to 'Hold Together' in Christ. Join in and hear from live guests, play games, learn, pray and grow together.

You can also join us on Tuesday 8 March at 7pm for a special online launch event to mark 'International Women's Day' and celebrate women's voices from around the world, and then every following Tuesday throughout Lent for our online Study Group.

You can also sign up to receive a weekly email based on these resources, throughout Lent. All these Lenten resources and events are **FREE**, and we are grateful to the contribution of **'Methodist Women in Britain'** towards the cost of producing the Lent devotional.

You can 'Let Wisdom Speak' this Lent as you journey with All We Can through this year's devotional resources

Lent 2022 is from Ash Wednesday (2 March) through to Holy Saturday (16 April 2022). This year, **'Let Wisdom Speak'** is an exciting new resource to take you on your Lenten journey, as you hear the voices of incredible women from around the world. You will find printable PDFs and online-friendly versions of our Lent devotional below, all the videos referred to in each week's resources and lots of bonus content too. Resources can be downloaded or ordered, **see website details at the top of this article.**

Be Prepared

This is the motto of both the Scout and Guide Movements. February is a special month for both Scouting and Guiding, 22nd February was the birth date of both Robert Baden Powell, founder of the Scout movement, and his wife Olave Baden Powell founder of the Guide movement.

In Scouting, this is known as '**Founder's Day.**' In Guiding it is '**Thinking Day.**' It is a day, when each year members actively 'think' about each other. As Guiding is worldwide, this means, 'Thinking Day' begins on 22nd February, in the Pacific Islands, and continues around the world, until each continent where Guiding exists has celebrated their membership and recognized its meaning.

Even the youngest member, although not fully understanding what this means, will in their meetings, be it in cities, towns, villages, or even in the outback of Australia, share in this wonderful concept of belonging.

Over the years, many have benefitted from Scouting and Guiding. Friendships have been formed, and we have learnt to share the reality of a worldwide family, from generation to generation.

Thinking actively, means I care, I am interested, and I can learn. The mutual respect for each other, regardless of race, religion, education, and culture, is an amazing rock in lives lived around the globe.

Some things have changed, but the original ideas remain. Perhaps we can remember the nervousness we felt when being tested for certain badges, and the feeling of relief when we passed. 'Rainbows', our youngest members, can gain a badge, for knowing how by choosing the right food, we keep ourselves fit. (Not too many sweets!)

Brownies discover more of the world they live in, including languages, and lifestyle of other people, and Guides can do Geocaching, Navigator, and Orienteering. Very useful when the Sat Nav fails.

There is no pressure to reach a certain standard, although this is encouraged. It is more important, that we follow the original ethos of our founders which is '**To do our best,**' to enjoy the privilege of being a Scout or Guide and have FUN. This is the essence of our membership, and it has made us the people we are today.

So as '**Thinking Day**' comes round again we thank God for our Founders, for their inspiration, imagination, and resourcefulness, which has enlarged our lives, and which we are happy to hand on to the generations who follow.

God bless you.

Margaret Garland

New Year Prayer 2022

Lord of all creation, Lord of all the years, thank you for steering us through the fragmented landscape of two pandemic-riddled years.

Here we stand at the beginning of a new year, not knowing what lies ahead. Our only security lies in you, Lord.

Please take our hands and guide us, day by day, through January and beyond.

We will not be afraid, Lord, because you have promised never to leave us, never to forsake us. And you keep your promises. We are safe. 2022, here we come... expectantly,

In Jesus' name, Amen. **by Daphne Kitching (Parish Pump)**





Basingstoke Street Pastors

Dear Friends

2021 has proven to be a challenging year for all of us and it looks like 2022 will continue to be shaped by COVID-19. However it is good to take stock for a moment and recall that some 2000 years ago a far more impacting event took place. Our Saviour Jesus Christ left his heavenly throne to be born as a baby. Theologically this is called the Incarnation. Practically it means that God took human flesh and lived among us. In the words of the carol 'tears and smiles like us he knew'. Jesus' ministry was criticised by the religious leaders because he spent so much time with the ordinary people. People that were despised and rejected, those on the margins of society. Those who were lost and helpless, without a shepherd.

Like Jesus, the ministry of Street Pastors is about getting out of the church building and going to where people are. It is about rolling up our sleeves and getting involved in the, sometimes messy, business of people's lives. Thank you for your involvement in Basingstoke Street Pastors whether you pray, support financially or walk the streets on a Friday or a Saturday night, we couldn't do it without you. Each and everyone is vital as we seek to be Jesus' hands and feet in Basingstoke.

Blessings, David

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2021 in Numbers

Patrols resumed towards the end of May. Between them 21 Street Pastors carried out 121 patrols in teams of 3 or 4 across 36 evenings. In total 77 vulnerable people were helped and 45 aggressive situations were calmed. Practical help was offered in a variety of ways. The highlights being that over 350 glasses and bottles were picked up to mitigate against broken glass hazard, nearly 120 pairs of flip flops were given to women with bare feet and almost 100 people were given water or a hot drink. During our encounters with people on the streets 16 led to conversations about faith and 18 led to prayers being said for individuals. There were 10 answers to prayer so far as we know.

Prayer Points

- Pray for our teams going out on patrol to be able to serve the public and venue staff well by demonstrating the love of Jesus to them. Pray that they will be kept safe, especially during this ongoing pandemic.
- Give thanks for the faithfulness of all our Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors. Please pray for people to volunteer to fill the gaps by those who have retired from the team. We are looking for 10 new Street Pastors and a similar number of Prayer Pastors.
- We are looking for a new Chaplain and additional trustees to help support and manage the team of volunteers. Please pray God will guide us to the people he has planned for these roles.
- Give thanks to God for his financial provision for Basingstoke Street Pastors. Please pray that we will continue to receive all the funding we need to operate in the coming year. Please pray that the Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner will continue to look favourably on our grant applications.

Street Pastors Need You

Volunteers are the life blood of street Pastors. Without them there would be no patrols and no *cont'd.....*

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Street Pastors Need You (cont'd)

ministry. We are so grateful for the dozens of people who have volunteered faithfully for so many years and continue to do so. However, we also recognise that there comes a point for every volunteer when they need to retire. During lockdown we have heard from a few of our splendid Street Pastors that it is time to hang up their boots and make way for fresh faces in the team. So, if you are reading this and have been wondering whether this might be a calling for you, please get in touch, we would love to explore this idea with you.

A really good place to start is to join one of our teams for an evening and see what happens first-hand. We are confident that you will be pleasantly surprised by how enjoyable and rewarding this ministry is. We will not pretend that it is always glamorous, and it certainly has its yucky moments. However, the warmth of the welcome we receive from the public and from the venue staff more than make up for that. Plus, knowing that we are where Jesus would be and showing his love to people in danger or distress brings an eternal reward.

As well as volunteers to go out on the street as Street Pastors, we also have vacancies for people willing to be Prayer Pastors and pray for us while we patrol. Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors connect at the start of the evening to pray using a WhatsApp video call. Then during the evening, the team will send in updates and prayer requests for the Prayer Pastor.

Donations

Although we keep our overheads as low as we possibly can, Basingstoke Street Pastors has an annual budget of around £10,000. This money goes towards the costs of training new Pastors and providing them with a uniform. We also must purchase PPE, along with flip flops, lollipops, water and safety blankets to share with people we meet. We have an annual subscription to Ascension Trust who oversee the work and provide insurance cover. Finally, there are staff admin costs.

God has been good in providing the finances we need from various sources, however we are pleased to give you an opportunity to partner with us by making either a one-off donation or making a regular gift. If you are a UK taxpayer, you can make your gift go further by completing a Gift Aid declaration form.

Please make donations via bank transfer to:

- Basingstoke Street Pastors Sort Code: 20-05-00 Account Number: 03285286

Or make your cheque out to: Basingstoke Street Pastors and post to: Basingstoke Street Pastors, c/o United Reformed Church, 20 London Street, Basingstoke, RG21 7NU. *Thank you.*

The New Year

If we put our hand in God's hand, as we enter this New Year,
not knowing what the future holds, but that our Friend is near

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

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

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

by Megan Carter (Parish Pump)



Chaplaincy Prayer Letter – Winter 2021

Everyone at the Chaplaincy is grateful for your support as we continue to reach out to people in the name of Jesus.

The more stable conditions have enabled us to renew contacts in shops around the town and at Asda in Brighton Hill. Generally staff changes have been extensive; Chaplains often meet people they know who are now working in different shops, and although there are still many empty premises the shops are now actively recruiting sales staff. But varied and often long hours, covering for absent colleagues, pressures at home etc, have all added considerable stresses and strains to shop workers, and we have often been able to speak into these situations, offering words of encouragement and hope.

In the Courts not all cases are heard in person, but a Chaplain is present most mornings to talk with staff, members of the legal teams and those called to attend.

At the Police Investigation Centre (PIC) our Chaplain has been involved in helping people come to terms with the shock and distress caused by being involved in tragic and distressing situations. Occasionally, we have been able to support the police on the street too.

We now have two Chaplains at the Bus Station, who are valued by management as well as the staff. We have been asked to expand the service to other bus stations and are working with others to facilitate that.

On Remembrance Day we conducted a short service for people in a care home and had the opportunity to sit and talk with some residents in an informal way.

Chaplains were also present at the Remembrance parade in the town centre and attended the short service at the War Memorial.

We also have links with the Youth Café in London Road and with The Safe.

We are thankful for all the financial support we get, from regular donors, Churches and through grants. We recently received funds to buy Christmas cards and distributed them, along with a token gift (chocolate!) during Advent.

Throughout Covid-19 we have maintained our number of Chaplains; some have left, we have welcomed some new people and some have been ill or needing to isolate, but God has seen us through! We would welcome the opportunity to talk to anyone about the possibility of joining us, even for just a couple of hours a fortnight. And we also appreciate the prayers of many more people and of churches as we continue this ministry of outreach. Next year we hope to participate in the Basingstoke Movement for Recovery, joining with Christians across the churches to serve the people of Basingstoke and to witness to God's love and desire for reconciliation.

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Town Centre Chaplaincy, cont'd.....

As people see different groups of Christians joining together to serve others we add to our witness of God's love and grace towards all people. The message of the angels at Christmas is an all-year message which we carry – *Peace on earth, goodwill to all people.*

Thank you for your support; please continue to uphold us in prayer.

John Hayward, Chair of Trustees



Trustees and Chaplains

Prayer Points

For the town:

- Thank God for the positive conversations Chaplains have had supporting people and bringing God into people's lives.
- Pray for shop workers, bus drivers and police officers during the pressured times before Christmas and into the New Year.
- Shop assistants we are getting to know, some new to the shops and some having to work longer hours.
- Pray for Chaplains as they meet people, that God will guide their conversations and give them the right words for the situation.
- Pray for those who come into town because they are lonely, especially during Christmas and the winter months.
- Pray for older people who can benefit from someone spending time with them, perhaps rekindling their faith or helping them to see God in their life experiences and to know Him.

For the Chaplaincy:

- Ask God to inspire others to join the Chaplaincy so that we can take up the opportunities to speak of Him.
- That we may keep our focus of sharing God's love and representing local churches.

The Community Food Table located outside of London Street United Reformed Church, will be one of the projects supported by **Tesco Stores** from the **First Week of January to 31 March 2022.**



The Community Food Table offers hot food, freshly cooked, to those in the community on a pay as you can basis. We use produce supplied by local supermarkets that would have gone into landfill.

Please remember to pick up your token and vote for our project. The money received will go towards the cost of packaging and utilities.

The project is referred to in the stores as: "London Street United Reformed Church, The Community Food Table, Basingstoke"

You can pick up your token at the following stores:

- Chineham Superstore
- Lychpit Express
- Town Centre Metro
- Oakridge Express
- Kempshott Express
- **To vote, make a purchase within the store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction.**



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☎: 01296 014887

Web: <https://www.karibuni.org.uk>

News from Karibuni

We recently had a letter from Karibuni, telling us about a young man called Wycliffe. When children aged 3 and 4, are initially sponsored by Karibuni to go to Nursery school, there is the prospect that their education will take them from Nursery to Primary and Secondary school, followed by up to 4 years of further education at University, College or Polytechnic. That can involve Karibuni's support for up to nineteen years.

In 1998, just 3 years after Karibuni Children was founded, Karibuni agreed to sponsor a little boy called Wycliffe, who was growing up in Kibra, the largest slum in Africa. He ended up studying for a diploma in Community and Public Health and in a letter to the Karibuni Children Trustees in 2017, he wrote:

"I want to let you know how much I appreciate your support throughout my studies. Just the other day I was thinking of being me without the project. I figured how much your support has been worth to me. Growing up in a slum was one of the worst things that anyone would ever wish due to its harsh environment; but through Karibuni I got the courage to move step by step hoping that one day I would have a brighter future.

Karibuni has impacted so many lives, not only me, and each one of us has a story to tell. For more than 18 years I have been in the project. I have always appreciated every bit of it from meals, clothing and everything. At times the only meal that kept me moving was from the project; my parents could barely afford our daily meals.

I do not know how best to thank you, but I am grateful."

Wycliffe subsequently went on to finish his course and, following work elsewhere, last year he successfully applied for the post of Deputy Project Manager at Kibra. So he has gone full circle: having himself benefited from Karibuni's support he is now working with sponsored children in our largest partner project.

That story serves to show how our long investment in children like Wycliffe can pay off. Every year we take new little girls and boys into sponsorship, trusting that there will be sufficient income to pay for their education for years to come.

If you would like to find out more, take a look at their website, given at the top.

There are many different Karibuni Projects:

- Embakasi Academy
- Hunajezi Project near Kaloleni
- Kawangware Academy
- Limuru Academy
- Marimanti Women & Children Programme, Tharaka
- Maua Methodist Hospital AIDS Orphans Programme
- Maua Methodist Hospital Disability Community Centre
- Meru Township Programme
- Mwithumwiru Primary School
- Njoro
- North Kenya Mission
- Tusaidie Watoto Kibra
- Upendo Women's Orphan Project

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Blister Pack Recycling

Many thanks to all of you donating your empty pill packs and to those who are collecting them from others too. I am overwhelmed at how many have appeared for me to recycle. It makes me realise how many went into land fill before we started collecting them.



LATEST Info – I have now taken 21 ‘Bags for Life’ packed full to Superdrug and we know that at least one more church has started to collect them as well.

I can fill their recycling box with one visit! I am sure that the help that Marie Curie is getting from these is welcomed and of course it is helping to take care of the planet for future generations.

Please continue to leave them at church for me to collect, in the **white labelled bin provided, which can be found in the foyer area at church.** However I would be happy to collect locally if you are unable to get to church.

Jennifer Pitt

UPDATE On Spectacles – I also took 30 pairs of spectacles to a local opticians to be recycled.

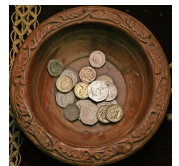
Recycling of Plastic Milk Bottle Tops –

If you have plastic milk bottle tops (**only milk bottle tops**) and are not already recycling them and would like to, Pamela has a contact with a collector for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. Tops can be given to Pamela or ring the Bishop family on ☎: 01256 467702.

Thank you, **June Bishop**

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



UPDATE (at 25.01.22)

web: <https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



Our foodbank relies on Your Goodwill & Support. Monetary Donations big or small are also gratefully received. Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in **The Trussell Trust** network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to our ability to give everyone referred to us a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

Our **Basingstoke Centre & Warehouse at Houndmills** remains open for donations of food & toiletries including fresh veg, bread & eggs during our regular opening times which are **from 10 am – 3 pm, Monday to Friday**. 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 as follows: **where food parcels can be Collected and Donations Delivered: Basingstoke Baptist Church, Brighton Hill, Wed 10.30 am – 12.30 pm; Buckskin Evangelical Church, Mon & Fri 10.30 am – 12.30 pm; St Gabriel's Church, Popley, Fri 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm; Tadley Common Methodist Church, Tues 10.30 am – 12.30 pm; Church of the Good Shepherd, Winklebury, Tues 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm; The Sarum Hill Centre, Hope Community Church, Thur 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. THANK YOU** for your continued support!

Check out the Foodbank Website as above. You will find the list there of the other locations & times where you can donate food and use the **'Shop & Drop'**.

Basingstoke Foodbank: The good news is 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 in Houndmills is 63-64 Tempus Business Centre, Kingsclere Road, 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**

At 27.11.21, we are SHORT OF:

- Treats
- Dried Milk Powder
- Coffee (small jars)
- Long Life Fruit Juice
- Instant Mash
- Savoury / Sweet Spreads
- Tinned Ham
- Tinned Meat (Hot, not corned beef)
- Tinned Fish
- Meat Substitute
- Desserts / Puddings (Microwave)
- Custard

We have Plenty of:

- Cereals Hot & Cold
- Porridge Sachets
- Baked Beans
- Biscuits
- Rice
- **NO Pasta (we have sufficient for a year)**
- Soup
- Crisps
- Squash
- Tea, Fruit Teas
- Cat & Dog Food

We always welcome Donations

And promise to use them to provide help for local people in crisis. Occasionally we send food to other local foodbanks to support their work if they have specific shortages.

We also support a small number of local agencies in Basingstoke who regularly provide hot meals, or emergency food items for our most vulnerable members of the community who may not be able to access our centre.

Thank you for your continued support

RECYCLING UPDATE WE STILL NEED YOUR RECYCLING!



The recycling is going well and at the end of October I redeemed £90 from TerraCycle. We have now raised just over £1,000 with this scheme. The biggest collection is nearly always the crisp packets, which is not surprising since it is quicker to eat a bag of crisps compared to a packet of biscuits! I need a minimum of 8kg of crisp wrappers before I can send them off and I usually manage to send in a shipment every month. Biscuit wrappers tend to take slightly longer even though I only need 5kg. The collection of baby food pouches and kids' yoghurt pouches was slow to begin with but is picking up now although it takes several hundred to comply with the minimum weight of 8kg. Keep them coming!

The slowest collection is the Air and home collection so we really could do with boosting this. Do you get your dishwasher tablets or detergent in those flexible packaging bags?

How about the packaging of household wipes like Flash or the anti-bacterial ones? If so, pop them in the bin and we can recycle them. Other items like plastic air fresheners, tinted fabric conditioner bottles or the tinted boxes, even used tumble dryer softener sheets can all be recycled. If in doubt just ask me or check the labels on the bins.



Many thanks for all your support, **Hazel Green**, malandhazel@hotmail.com ☎: 07776 442529

The Rev Tony Horsfall, a former Missionary in East Malaysia and then Retreat Leader based in West Yorkshire, considers the slow and steady type of Christian (Parish Pump)

Loved Nonetheless

Here is a thought on a verse of Scripture from the encounter of Jesus with a man described as a 'rich, young ruler'. This man was keen to follow Jesus, but when told he must share his wealth with the poor decided it was too much to ask, and he went away sorrowful. In this context we read that, "Jesus, looking at him loved him (Mark 10:21)."

This is a remarkable statement about Jesus, and the nature of divine love, a love that doesn't alter despite the ups and downs of our behaviour. It is constant and unchanging, truly without condition, and unshaken by the unpredictability of human response. We might have expected to hear Jesus say, 'You foolish man' or 'You stupid boy', but there is no such rebuke, only love. Jesus might have been annoyed, disappointed, exasperated, alarmed, shocked but all we feel is His love for someone who has missed a great opportunity.

What a joy it is to know that Jesus loves us exactly as we are. When He looks at us, nothing is hidden from His gaze. He sees through all our pretence, all our subterfuge, all our attempts to put on a brave front. He knows who I am, completely. And yet He loves me unreservedly and without reservation. Amazing.

Why walk away from a love like that?

***A Series of Encouragement by Dr Herbert McGonigle,
Senior Lecturer in Historical Theology & Church History,
Nazarene Theological College, Manchester (Parish Pump)***

More than conquerors: In the depth of the sea! (Micah 7:19)

The Bible is very expressive when it comes to speaking about how God can forgive our sins. It uses many descriptions to tell us how our sins are both forgiven and forgotten.

Here is a sample of these great promises. Our sins are 'forgiven,' (Ps. 32:5); 'washed thoroughly' and 'blotted out' (Ps. 51:2, 9); 'forgiven and covered' (Ps. 85:2); 'washed whiter than snow' (Is. 1:18); 'taken away' (Is. 6:7); 'put behind His back' (Is. 38:17); 'laid on Him' (Is. 53:6); 'remembered no more' (Jer. 31:34); 'pardoned' (Jer. 33:8); 'destroyed' (Rom. 6:6); 'purged' (Heb. 1:3) 'borne for us' (1 Pet. 2:24); 'washed away' (Rev. 1:5).

What glorious news this is! In Christ we are truly forgiven! Our sins are cancelled! God will not hold our guilty past against us!

The prophet Micah has a very dramatic way of telling us this. He says that God has cast our sins 'into the depths of the sea' (7:19). So how deep is the sea? Far out in the Western Pacific Ocean, two hundred miles from the island of Guam, lies the deepest part of the earth's oceans. It is called the Mariana Trench. It is more than 1500 miles long and over 40 miles wide but it is its depth that is awesome. It plunges down into the ocean bed for some 35,800 feet. By comparison, Everest, the world's highest mountain, is 29,000 feet in height. That means that the Mariana Trench goes lower into the ocean bed than the peak of Everest stretches up to the clouds. At that frightening depth the pressure from the waters above is more than eight tons to the square inch!

While these geographical facts and figures compel our attention, the theology of our forgiveness is even more wonderful! When we are 'in Christ' as His redeemed people, our sins are truly forgiven. God has thrown them into the depth of the sea, never to be resurrected! They are buried forever in the vast abyss of God's unfathomable love and mercy. What great, good news the gospel brings! Our guilty past is both forgiven and forgotten!

A few months after his evangelical conversion in May 1738, John Wesley went to Herrnhut in Germany. He met the Moravian hymn writer Johann Andreas Rothe. Wesley had learned German and enjoyed singing the Moravian hymns. He translated many of them into English, including one of Rothe's great hymns that includes the lines:

*O Love, Thou bottomless abyss, My sins are swallowed up in Thee
Covered is my unrighteousness, Nor spot of guilt remains on me.
While Jesu's blood through earth and skies, Mercy, free boundless mercy, cries.*

Hope

It's a time of exultation when hope triumphs over fear
and we're filled with jubilation at the turning of the year

As the clock begins its striking when we reach the midnight hour
none can help themselves from liking love and hope's stupendous pow'r!

Forget the woes and tears and troubles of the year that's just gone by
Hope – just like the champagne bubbles puts a gleam back in our eye!

Hold firm that hope although the pages from the calendar are torn
Hear the counsel of the sages: hope is every day reborn!

by Nigel Beeton (Parish Pump)

**Archbishop Tutu was Widely Respected –
below are Five famous quotes from Desmond Tutu (Parish Pump)**

The recent death of Archbishop Desmond Tutu was mourned around the world. Here are five of his more famous quotes, which show why he was so especially honoured for his justice and reconciliation work in South Africa.

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”

“If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse, and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality.”

“Don't raise your voice, improve your argument. Good sense does not always lie with the loudest shouters, nor can we say that a large, unruly crowd is always the best arbiter of what is right.”

“Forgiving is not forgetting; it’s actually remembering – remembering and not using your right to hit back. It’s a second chance for a new beginning. And the remembering part is particularly important. Especially if you don’t want to repeat what happened.”

“Differences are not intended to separate, to alienate. We are different precisely in order to realise our need of one another.”

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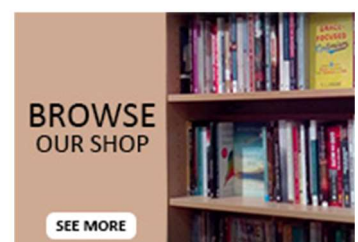
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And may Romans 8:37-39 encourage us all

For the Young & not so Young

PUZZLES

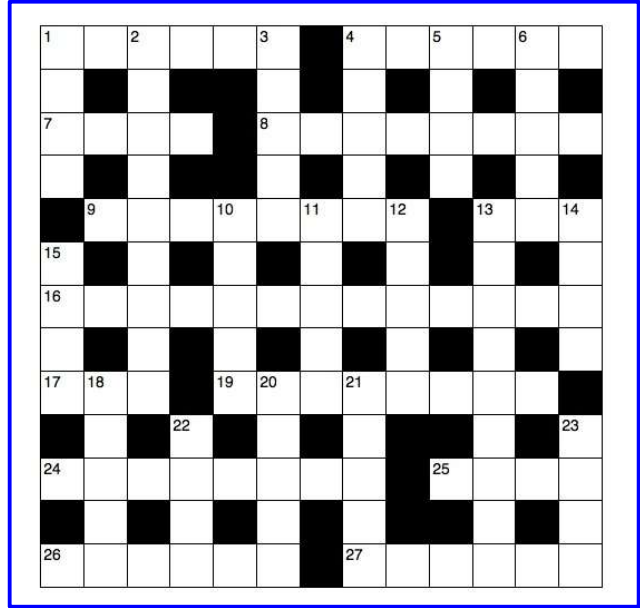
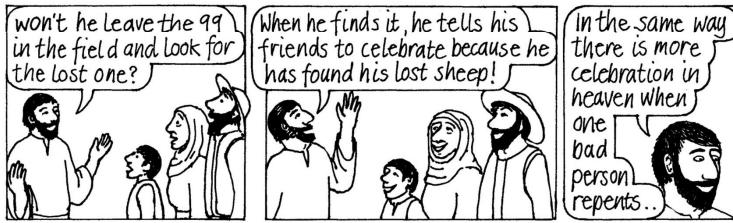
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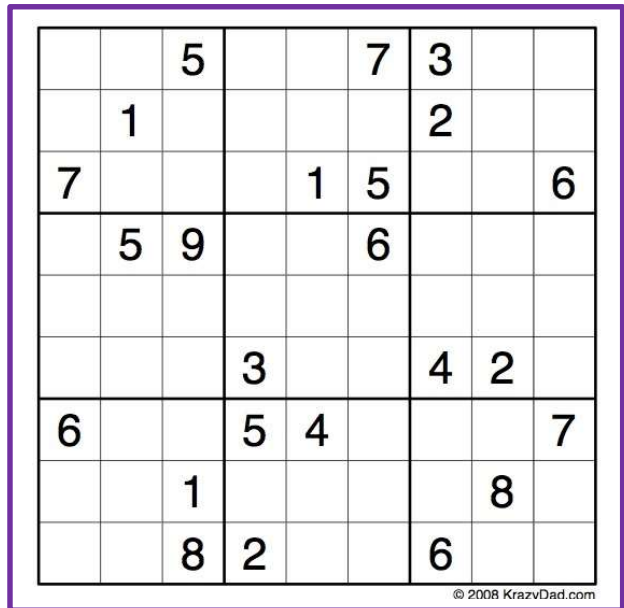
A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Luke chapter 15 verses 11-32

Jesus spent his time teaching everyone who would listen, whatever they were. The Pharisees and Law teachers watched Jesus.



Sudoku



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Wordsearch for February 2022

February is the month of romance. But there are other kinds of love to celebrate, and on Candlemas we remember Mary and Joseph taking their baby son to the temple to present Him to God. Jesus' whole life was a loving present to us from God

- Valentine
- Rose
- Romance
- Love
- Present
- Restaurant
- Hearts
- Kiss
- Hug
- Girlfriend
- Boyfriend
- Fiancé
- Worship
- Repentance
- Angels
- Baby
- Temple
- Mary
- Candlemas
- Presentation

Mouse Makes

See what great love the Father has for us that He would call us His
1 John 1:3

Lord, you are a God who shows _____ and is _____
...You have great _____ and _____
Psalm 86:1

Love the Lord your God with all your _____
_____ with all your _____
and with all your _____
Matthew 22:37

How did God show He loved us?
Read 1 John 4:9

Love is ..
Read 1 Cor 13:4-7

_____ is love.
Whoever lives in love lives in _____, and _____ lives in them.
1 John 4:16

Love your _____
the same as you love
Matthew 22:39

Love is:
PATIENT • KIND • GRACIOUS • JUST • TRUTHFUL • TRUSTING • HOPEFUL
PERSEVERE • ENDURES • GOD

Love is not:
JEALOUS • ENVY • BOASTFUL • PROUD • SELFISH • ANGRY • RUDE • EVIL

God's love is:
LOVE • MERCIFUL • FAITHFUL • UNFAILING • ABUNDANT • COMPASSIONATE

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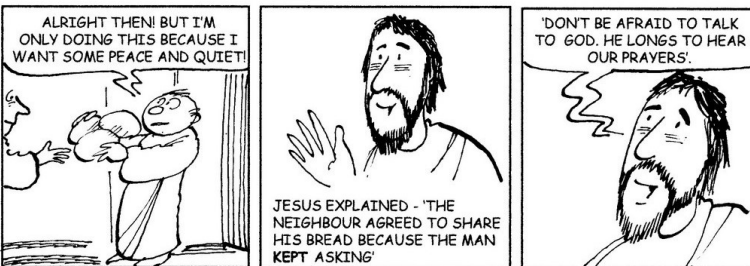
Crossword Clues – Across

- 1 'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)
- 4 'They threw the ship's — overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6)
- 7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4)
- 8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:22) (8)
- 9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8)
- 13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts 3:2) (3)
- 16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4)
- 17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1)
- 19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. — — I will praise you' (Psalm 145:1–2) (5,3)
- 24 Simon had (anag.) (8)
- 25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4)
- 26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6)
- 27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)

Crossword Clues – Down

- 1 'Before the — crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4)
- 2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9)
- 3 'They have — the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5)
- 4 Belief (5)
- 5 'Take the following fine spices: ... 250 shekels of fragrant — ' (Exodus 30:23) (4)
- 6 'Do not — Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5)
- 10 A seer (anag.) (5)
- 11 'Even there your hand will — me' (Psalm 139:10) (5)
- 12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5)
- 13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilized people (Colossians 3:11) (9)
- 14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of
- 16 Across, — and Dolls (4)
- 15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4)
- 18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2)
- 20 'Today, if you hear his — , do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebrews 3:15) (5)
- 21 The Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5)
- 22 'And now these three remain: faith, — and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13) (4)
- 23 'God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end' (Daniel 5:26) (4)

The Tale of
The Friend
at
Midnight



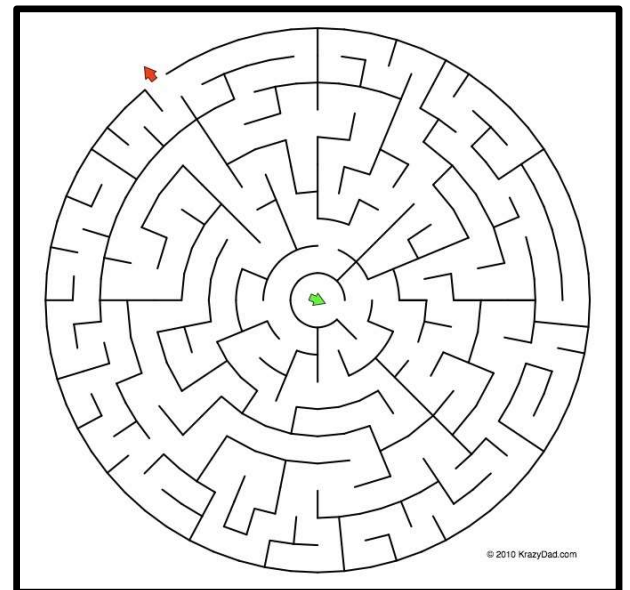
Puzzle Pages Solutions

- Across:** 1, Credit. 4, Tackle. 7, Cain. 8, Kenaniah. 9, Strength. 13, Beg. 16, Salvation Army. 17, ARC. 19, Every day. 24, Admonish. 25, Dire. 26, Sneeze. 27, Bronze.
- Down:** 1, Cock. 2, Epistolic. 3, Taken. 4, Tenet. 5, Cane. 6, Leave. 10, Erase. 11, Guide. 12, Honey. 13, Barbarian. 14, Guys. 15, Asia. 18, Rod in. 20, Voice. 21, Rahab. 22, Hope. 23, Mene.

Sudoku Solution

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