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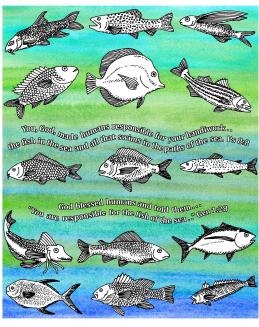


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#### **Trinity has Live** Worship on Sundays, with Services Zoomed.

Our thanks to our 'Zoom team' who enable those at home to join with us.

#### **Trinity's Zoom Link:**

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**Meeting ID:** 995 0081 3735

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You, God, made humans responsible for your handiworks...the fish in the sea and all that swims in the paths of the sea, Ps 8:8. God blessed humans and told them..."You are responsible for the fish of the sea..." Gen 1:28

## **Passcode:** 816173 **Link to Circuit Website:** sts.uk

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#### **Trinity E-News:** Deadline for Sept 22 Issue is Mon 22 Aug 22

Trinity E-News is also available on our Basingstoke & Reading Website, see link above.

lalways look forward to receiving your lovely pieces, so please keep them coming. Big Thankyou to everyone who has sent in items, which you can post or email.

Thank you again, Hazel, Ed

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- If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you? – D O Fuller
- Charity is the best way to plenty; he gets most that gives most - George Swinnock

July & August 2022

Dear Friends.

#### **Times of Transition**

We are going through times of transition.

- as a **Monarchy** during the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, when the Queen stood on Buckingham Palace's balcony, alongside her were the likely next three monarchs and there was a growing sense of awareness that her Majesty's long reign will be coming to an end.
- as a **Nation** as soon as the Jubilee ended a vote of confidence by members of his own party saw 41% of them registering a vote of no confidence in the Prime Minister and we wonder how long he will still be leading us.
- as a **Church** the opportunity for Rev Dr Ruth Midcalf to pursue another form of ministry means a change of Superintendent and a shortage of ordained ministers in our Circuit. This already impacts upon one part of our Circuit and could affect other areas too.
- and there may be other transitions of a **personal** nature around different parts of our lives from health concerns, to moving house; from a change of career to retirement; and possibly many other life changes too.

So how do we live through such transition times?

What might help us in facing these times?

If we can recognize the times of transition which are already happening, as well as those which could be happening soon, it helps to deepen our awareness, to come to terms with change, to accept and to prepare as best we can.

It will be good to look expectantly for the creative opportunities that are likely to emerge from the transitional times.

In the Gospels we find Jesus frequently reflects prayerfully at such moments - after his baptism, within the wilderness, after his first day of healing others, after John the Baptist is put in prison, and after John has been killed. There will be many other moments too - after feeding a huge crowd, and the momentous struggle in Gethsemane.

Reflecting prayerfully in life's moments of transition will be hugely helpful to us.

In all things we can trust in God's continuing presence, encouragement, empowerment and guidance. The God of our past and present goes with us into our future.

With love, David

A Pastoral Letter from Revd David Jenkins



#### **Bible Studies**



Bible Studies to accompany the Bible Month material will be taking place during June and July at Oakridge Methodist Church from 3 pm on the following Sunday afternoons:-

- 3 July "Faithful Servant" led by Dr Stephen Appiah
- 10 July "A New World" led by Rev David Jenkins

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# Save the Date – A Thanksgiving Service at 4 pm on 24 July at Tadley Common:

This event is to celebrate Revd Martin Beukes' induction to Superintendent. We will also say farewell to: James Mather and Ruth Midcalf.

## 10th Anniversary Flower, Craft & Harvest Festival



### at St Andrew's Church on:

# Saturday 24 September & Sunday 25 September 2022

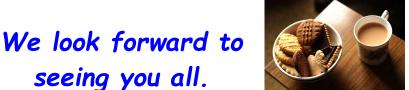


- Your entry can be in any medium combining the number Ten.
- The Church will be open on Saturday from 9 am to 12 noon to set up.
- It will be open to the public from 12 noon to 4 pm.
- On Sunday the church will be open from 2 pm to 5 pm.



- Refreshments will be available on both days.
- To book your place or ask any questions please contact: Vivienne Edwards (Mob: 07858 919681)
- Rookhouse@gmail.com (preferred)





#### **Ebenezer Retreats at Silchester Methodist Church – Can You Help?**

**Silchester Methodist Church** needs to set-up a website in order to offer the premises for use as a **Retreat Centre** and this project forms an important part of our **Mission Action Plan**. We need to be able to promote knowledge of this facility both within the District but also for persons not connected to the Methodist Church who would be searching for a Retreat Venue. The website would also be used to advertise the **Day Retreat Programme** run by **Silchester Methodist Church** so it needs to be easily updated but we need some advice and help to get started!

Do you have the knowledge or experience to offer us any advice at this early stage? Do you know anybody who has skills to help us? Could you recommend any website builders?

Please reply to: angela.hiscock@btinternet.com

#### **Sunday Worship – Trinity & the Basingstoke Churches**

A Plan for Worship, July to August 2022 for our Basingstoke Churches. Live Worship continues at Trinity with Services also Zoomed.

Enquiries: please contact Diane Bath on: ☎: 01256 320429 or by

email at: dianebath51@gmail.com Thank you.



## Basingstoke & Reading Circuit Plan July and August 2022 (Basingstoke Churches – July)

Dates	3 July	10 July	17 July	24 July	31 July
Trinity	Mrs Anne	Revd Audrey	Joint Service at St Andrew's	LA, Mr Peter	LA, Mrs Anne
10.30 am	Rowe	D Browne, S		Ansell	Rowe
<b>Kempshott</b> 10.30 am	Revd Martin	LA / Bible	LA / Bible	LA / Bible	LA / Bible
	Beukes, S	Month, Zoom	Month, Zoom	Month, Zoom	Month, Zoom
Oakley 10.30 am	Bible Month	Bible Month	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	Mr Stephen Appiah	Mrs Sarah Whithorn
Oakridge	Revd David	LA / Bible	LA / Bible	LA / Bible	LA / Bible
10.30 am	Jenkins, S	Month	Month	Month	Month
Old Basing	Revd Valerie	LA / Bible	Revd David	LA / Bible	Mrs Denise
10.30 am	Fisher	Month	Jenkins, S	Month	Baugh
St Andrew's	Revd Audrey	Revd Valerie	Mrs Linda Hoe, Joint Service at St Andrew's with Trinity	Revd Audrey	LA / Bible
10.30 am	D Browne, S	Fisher		D Browne	Month

## Basingstoke & Reading Circuit Plan July and August 2022 (Basingstoke Churches – August)

Dates	7 August	14 August	21 August	28 August
Trinity 10.30 am	Mr Peter Frank	Revd Jenny Dowding	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	Mr Tony Pitt & Mrs Hilary Reed, Joint Service at Trinity with St Andrew's
Kempshott 10.30 am	Revd Martin Beukes, S	Mr Tony Bell, Zoom	Mrs Sarah Whithorn, Zoom	Mr Chris Marsh, Zoom
Oakley 10.30 am	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	Revd David Jenkins	Mr Terence Rowell	Revd Audrey D Browne
Oakridge 11.00 am	Revd David Jenkins, S	Deacon Maria Howard	Mr Chris Marsh	Mr Stephen Appiah
Old Basing 10.30 am	LA / Bible Month	LA / Bible Month	Revd David Jenkins, S	Revd Dr John Sumitra
St Andrew's 10.30 am	Mrs Kim Kelly	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	LA / Bible Month	Joint Service at Trinity

'Jesus And Me'! (JAM)

'JAM' meets next from

2.30 pm – 4.30 pm

on the following Sundays:

3 July & 11 September



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

Some of what we do on a Sunday afternoon is often displayed in the foyer area at Church for all of us to see.

All are very welcome.

Do come along and join us.

### Recycle Your Old Spectacles



You can *Recycle* your old spectacles at *Leighton's Opticians,* Church Street, Basingstoke, in liaison with the Basingstoke Lions Club.

 200 years ago, on 20 July 1822 Gregor Mendel was born. This Austrian / Czech Friar, and Botanist discovered the laws of heredity and created the science of genetics.

#### **SOME DATES for July & August**

- JAM: Sundays 3 July & 11 September from 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm at Trinity, page 5
- <u>Trinity Circle</u>: Meetings are on <u>Tuesday 12</u> <u>July</u>, 2 pm – 4 pm (see below for details) & <u>Tuesday 9 August</u> at 7.30 pm in Trinity Lounge, more info below, page 5.
- Church Council Meeting: Thursday 7 July at 2 pm in the Lounge
- Thursday 7 July 1 pm 4 pm MHA are having a Jubilee Tea at St Andrews. Tickets: £10. Please Contact them to let them know you are coming. Lots More Info on page 7.

#### The Northern Housegroup

**The Northern Housegroup** are looking for new members and would welcome new members to join them.

They meet on the **first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm**, either in the lounge or at someone's home.

If you would like to know more about the Northern Housegroup, you can speak to either: **Sonia Jones, Edna Rawlins or Hilary Reed.** 

### TRINITY CIRCLE - July & August

On Tuesday 12 July we are meeting in Ann Walker's garden for a Garden Party from 2pm to 4pm. Ann's address is: Hazeldene, Skippetts Lane East, RG21 3AT. Trinity Circle is open to everyone, so if you are able to join us, please come along, Sonia.

Our August Meeting is on Tuesday
9 August at 7.30 pm in the Lounge at
Trinity.

The evening will be a "Fun Evening" which Jennifer Pitt is arranging.

## **Useful Trinity & Other Contacts, Phone Numbers & Emails:**

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Our Church Office is Open 1 morning a week,

usually on Wednesdays.

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10 1256 229456 / e-mail: rogerdoust@aol.com

Temporary Church Treasurer: Margaret Hayes -

e-mail: hayesmargaret489@gmail.com

Church Property: Tony Pitt -

☎ 01256 816314 / email: organista@btinternet.com

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Basingstoke & Reading Circuit Website: www.basingstokereadingmethodists.uk

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Circuit Administrator: Mrs Marion Young can be contacted by phone on: ☎ 07503 652961 (the phone is only on during working hours) or email at: marion@basingstokereadingmethodists.uk

## Coffee after Sunday Worship



'Following the General
Church Meeting on Sunday
26 June, volunteers were
asked to come forward so
that we could once again
enjoy fellowship over a cup
of coffee or tea following
Sunday Worship at Trinity'.

Several people came forward and we are pleased to say from Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July, coffee / tea will be available after the service. It would be nice if we could encourage a few more volunteers to commit to helping us, just one Sunday a month is all we ask

Please give this some thought, and if you think this could be for you, please telephone or speak to either:

Barbara Johnson or Sonia Jones

#### The Summer Garden (by Megan Carter, Parish Pump)

Summer comes and waves her hand, the garden blooms at her command, Plants abounding everywhere as fragrant perfumes fill the air.

Roses, Geraniums, Lilies too Agapanthus with globes of blue, sumptuous colours in such array, their beauty takes our breath away.

To sit beneath the shady trees, to listen to the humming bees, as Summer wears her rainbow dress, we thank God for such loveliness.







When: Thursday 7th July

Time: 1pm - 4pm

Location: St. Andrews Church, Western Way, Basingstoke, RG22 6ER

Ticket: £10.00

#### Join our Royal Garden Party!

- ✓ There will be games, singalong, a Ukulele Concert as well as an Afternoon Tea served with freshly prepared sandwiches and cakes.
- √ Transport is available!
- ✓ Please contact 01428 714 444 OR 07902135098 to let us know that you're coming and if you need transport.

#### We look forward to seeing you there!



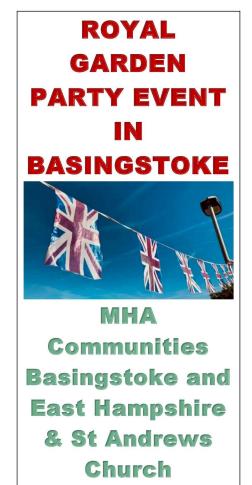




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Tickets also available to purchase from the 'Mug & Biscuit' when open.





#### **PSALM 31 AND UKRAINE CHRISTIANS**

#### **Excerpt from Premier Christian News**

People in Ukraine are turning to Psalm 31 to bring them hope and comfort as they shelter in bunkers in fear of their lives.

Bible Society has worked in Ukraine for the last 30 years, translating and distributing Bibles. Its Director of International, Oldi Morava has been speaking to Premier about the current situation.

"Our dear colleagues are still working in Kyiv, where they have their headquarters. They are working very closely with a number of local churches and Christian organisations to distribute food and medicine, but also to distribute the Bible and especially Children's Bibles, as they go from one shelter to another.

They have noticed that during this particularly difficult time, many people want to find strength and rest, but also comfort in their faith and in God's word. They're finding it particularly inspiring.

"They're reading the Book of Psalms for their own particular context. One of the Psalms that is becoming almost a Psalm for the whole of Ukraine is Psalm 31. (*Very relevant, worth a read*).

"I would encourage everyone to read that, but read it from the perspective of young people, children and elderly people reading it in shelters, reading it in fear and the anxiety that they're experiencing, and see what those words actually mean to them."

Christians across Ukraine have been continuing to distribute Bibles and resources to as many people as possible despite the dangers.

John Chamberlain from Mission Without Borders has been in contact overnight with one of the group's workers, Volodia in Ukraine. Despite the size of the invading army, he tells Premier Volodia, confident faith can play a big part in defeating the Russian armed forces.

"They've started a full-scale war and we Christians have started a full-scale prayer. They are 150,000 and we are 2.5 billion Christians all over the world. Guess who is going to be victorious."

Oldi Morava agrees and says there is a real sense of the world uniting in prayer at this time.

"What people in Ukraine have also experienced is this sense of unity amongst themselves and all the churches of different traditions, praying for their own people, praying for their country, but also a huge sense of solidarity around the world, from different church traditions and faiths praying for peace in Ukraine.

"I urge people to continue to pray for peace, especially for the leaders of various parties who are having to take important decisions that the Lord will change their heart and mind and they will change their plans – and those plans will be a plan for peace.

"It can feel that things are getting worse, but we need to hold fast to our faith that God is the Lord of history, and he is the one who can bring change beyond our imagination. So please pray for that."

**Peter Ansell** 

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PSALM 31 AND UKRAINE CHRISTIANS - Excerpt from Premier Christian News, cont'd

#### Full article can be found on the following link:-

https://premierchristian.news/en/news/article/ukrainians-turn-to-psalm-31-to-deliver-them-from-war?\_psrc=personyzePopularArticles

#### **Peter Ansell**

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#### Psalm 31, v 1 – 5 & v 23 (taken from the Good News Bible)

#### A Prayer of Trust in God

- 1. I come to you, Lord, for protection, never let me be defeated. You are a righteous God, save me, I Pray!
- 2. Hear me! Save me now! Be my refuge to protect me; my defence to save me.
- 3. You are my refuge and defence; guide me and lead me as you have promised.
- 4. Keep me safe from the trap that has been set for me; shelter me from danger.
- 5. I place myself in your care, You will save me, Lord; you are a faithful God.
- 23. Love the Lord all his faithful people. The Lord protects the faithful, but punishes the proud as they deserve.

## Have you Seen Our Missing Vase?



A Vase we use in Church -

## "One of our Special Vases is Missing"

"We had a pair of **Black Vases** that we used a lot in Church as they were easy to handle and not too heavy.

#### However, one of them is Missing.

If you know of its whereabouts,
Please can you return it.
The Vase is a Bowl on a Plinth
and the pair were used many times so
you may remember them.

Many thanks," Sue Doust

150 years ago, on 1 July 1872
 Louis Bleriot, French Inventor, and Aviation Pioneer was born.

 He developed the first practical headlamp for cars and became the first person to fly across the English Channel.

#### Helping to Support the Church in Ukraine (Parish Pump)



## War in Ukraine: Appeal for more Bibles

The Bible Society is appealing for funds to send more Bibles to Ukraine. It says that Christians in the UK "can speak hope" into the crisis by providing Ukrainian pastors and churches with more Bibles with which to share "the love and power of God's Word."

Oleksandr, who leads the Bible Society team in Ukraine, tells the story: "A few days ago, a pastor visited our office, asking for Bibles. When he heard that we had none left, he pleaded for Bibles that were damaged or even copies with pages missing. He said,

'These Bibles would be of immense value to my congregation and the community!' It was heart-breaking. "God's Word can help bring comfort, peace, and reconciliation to our nation. We long for more Bibles."

**Details at:** <a href="https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/donate/">https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/donate/</a>

#### **The Hymn Society**

Some thirty years ago, I joined the Hymn Society of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. This is, a Christian ecumenical society, concerned with hymn writing, and the marriage of music with words, given by talented linguists and musicians, to the glory of God.



Some may remember the celebration of the Society's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, when a Festival of Hymns was held in Basingstoke. This brought together, Christians from all the churches. It was held in the URC, on a very hot afternoon in July 2011. Organised by a small committee, headed by Hannah Williams, and Di Ogborn, supported by Basingstoke Male Voice Choir. A prominent member of the Society came to share the occasion.

The church was full, and the singing amazing. That particular year, was significant for the Society. Hymn Festivals were held through the UK and I am pleased Basingstoke was chosen for one.

Every year the Society holds a conference, which attracts members from far and wide. Different aspects of hymnody are discussed, and singing is a vital part of the sharing together.

What is the value of the Hymn Society? Individual members would answer differently, and perhaps the Society's web site would give a bigger picture. For me, a non-musician, and a person not particularly schooled as much as some, its appeal is ecumenism of Christian faith and practice. The faith demonstrated among the members and the joy of singing in praise to God, is wonderful and cannot be overstated.

We have come by many different paths, and our unity is confirmed in the Cross. It is a joy to know many hymn writers of our present generation personally.

Some of us started with 'Gentle Jesus meek and mild 'and as our faith has grown, led by the Holy Spirit, we have moved to more challenging words. The hymns, songs, refrains, choruses, we learnt stay in our memories, and are alive and present whenever we hear a tune or reference.

May we all experience that happening, as the years unfold.

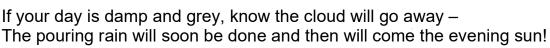
God bless you.

Margaret Garland

#### **Evening Sun**

After a day of cloud and rain the evening sun comes out again. Forget the gloomy day that's gone and listen to the robin's song!

In the sunshine's golden glow, see the garden's floral show! And nature, freshened, can rejoice in sparkling colour, scent, and voice.





#### by Nigel Beeton (Parish Pump)

- To be an atheist requires an infinitely greater measure of faith than to receive all the great truths which atheism would deny – Joseph Addison
- Reputation is what men think you are; character is what God knows you are Anon

#### **WHY ON EARTH**

#### did Jesus come?

I recently picked up John Blanchard's pamphlet "Why On Earth did Jesus Come", an EP Books (Evangelical Press) publication. It is a fascinating read in 40 pages and gives a concise and accurate assessment of who Jesus is and why He came to the Earth. It also reviews and assesses who Mary was in the birth and upbringing of Jesus. It draws upon Bible references as the firm foundation for its conclusions and does not make unsubstantiated assumptions. I have given some of Blanchard's conclusions here as an appetiser to read his full account.

Simply put Blanchard concludes "Christ Jesus came into the World to save sinners. He came as a Saviour to solve our greatest problem. He alone can transform our lives by bringing them into a living relationship with God here and now. What is more he alone can ensure that we enjoy a future life in God's heavenly presence for ever."

On the subject of Mary, Blanchard refers to the "mistaken ideas" made by some Christian Churches today that Mary was 'born without sin', namely the 'Immaculate Conception'. He writes that the Bible clearly identifies that "she was not born without sin". She was no different in this regard to us today. Mary herself confirmed this when she spoke of 'God my Saviour' in Luke 1:47.

He concludes "We can learn a great deal from Mary's example of piety, humility, and obedience, yet her contribution to the virgin conception of Jesus was simply to submit to the revealed will of God. She was clearly chosen to play a unique role in human history, but to go beyond that by worshipping her, treating her as a mediator between us and God, and believing that she can answer prayer is to go far beyond anything we are told in the Bible."

Well worth the read.

Further to Blanchard's conclusions regarding Mary, I am reminded of Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, 1 Co 3:10-15. Paul is giving a severe warning to the future leaders and builders of the Church that at the time of God's Judgment, the quality of each believer's work will be judged with fire. The work of some will survive the test, and they will be rewarded. The work of others will disappear, burned up by the fire of God's holy justice and judgement. "If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames." (1 Co 3:15). Thus, emphasizing the importance of teaching the pure Word of God.

#### Martin Frost, 8 June 2022

 100 years ago, on 28 July 1922 Jacques Piccard, Belgian born Swiss Oceanographer and Engineer was born. Best known for developing deep-sea submarines, and for becoming one of the first two people to reach the Mariana Trench, the deepest point on earth. (Died 2008)

#### #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

#### Circuit Prayer Resource

## Basingstoke & Reading Circuit Prayers June to August 2022

#### **Service**

As far as we are able, with God's help:
We will help people in our communities and beyond.
We will care for creation and all God's gifts.
We will challenge injustice

May we be a blessing within and beyond God's Church, for the transformation of the world.

(from Methodist Way of Life)

A PRAYER FOR GOD'S WORLD

God of grace and love, embodied in time and space, we glimpse your glory in the living word of Christ and the dancing fire of your Spirit. In the light of your presence you call us to open our eyes to the gift of your good creation and to take delight in all that you have made; may we be truly thankful, truly happy and truly responsible as we step lightly upon the hallowed earth. In the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen



(Written by Rev. Julian Pursehouse, Chair of East Anglia Methodist District)

- 125 years ago, on 21 July 1897 the Tate Britain art museum opened in London.
- 90 years ago, on 19 July 1932 Lambeth Bridge in London was officially opened.

#### A prayer as we Dwell in the Word

Loving God,
Although our destination is not yet clear,
May we trust in your graceful promises;
Though we are uncertain of ourselves,
May we be rooted in your loving regard;
Though our attention is inclined to wander,
May we hear the things you are saying;
Though we often neglect your influence,
May we be convicted of your power to change,
In Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.



Luke Jerram's earth installation Gaia at Salisbury Cathedral

• 65 years ago, on 6 July 1957 John Lennon and Paul McCartney met for the first time at a church hall in Liverpool, where 16-year-old Lennon was performing with his skiffle group the Quarrymen. 15-year-old McCartney joined as a rhythm guitarist shortly afterwards, and the pair went on to form the Beatles.

#### **Dwelling in the Word text**: Philippians 2: 1-15 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. <sup>14</sup>Do all things without murmuring and arguing, <sup>15</sup>so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world.

#### Royal International Air Tattoo - 15 to 17 July 2022

If you enjoy airplanes, The Royal International Air Tattoo is this month? It is the world's largest military air show, held each year over the third weekend in July, usually at RAF Fairford in Gloucestershire. The show usually attracts between 150,000 to 160,000 spectators over the weekend, and it is run in support of The Royal Air Force Charitable Trust.



> Gracious God, we give you thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen, and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown among us. Help us to follow her example of dedication and to commit our lives to you and to one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

(Collect from Church of England resources for Platinum Jubilee.)

Gracious Loving God, as your people here in this Circuit we bring before you the needs and concerns for this season of our journey together.

We remember with appreciation the ministries of Revd Dr Ruth Midcalf and Revd James Mather as their roles change within The Circuit.

We pray for rest and refreshment for Revd David Shaw and Revd Chris Evans as they receive the gift of a Sabattical from the Methodist Church.

We thank you for the work of the Eco Missional Area group and the work they are encouraging and enabling for us to become an Eco Circuit.

We look forward to the Circuit Children's Event at Tilehurst MC on July 10th with the visit of Duggie Dug Dug and we also pray for all churches undertaking holiday clubs this summer. May your cascading blessings abound.

And we continue to seek your guidance Lord as we explore where you are leading us locally within our churches and as a Circuit.

All for your glory.

AMEN.

"Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can."

John Wesley

An idea for prompting your prayers using your hand

Thumb - those closest to you, friends & family

Pointer - church leaders and others who show the way

Middle - tallest, those in authority Ring finger - weakest, those in need Smallest - vourself

15 years ago, on 1 July 2007 smoking was banned in all enclosed workspaces in England. Similar bans had already been introduced in Scotland (May 2006) and Wales (April 2007) and Northern Ireland (April 2007).

#### Sea Sunday by Canon Paul Hardingham (Parish Pump)

Over many years the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of July has been kept as Sea Sunday, with a special focus on prayer for all seafarers. The Mission to Seafarers supports the work of sailors facing difficult waters, piracy, and separation from loved ones for long periods at sea.



However, we can also experience storms in our own lives. In Acts 27 we read how Paul was being taken as a prisoner to Rome, when he was caught in a storm off Crete. After 14 days they were shipwrecked on the island of Malta. Paul had warned the crew that it wasn't a safe time of year to sail: "I can see that our voyage is going to be disastrous and bring great loss to ship and cargo, and to our own lives." But his words were ignored, and the ship sailed into a violent storm. By the third day they 'finally gave up all hope of being saved'. How do we face up to storms in our lives? Do we worry and panic? God doesn't necessarily prevent storms from taking place, but we can trust His purpose through them. Paul urged the sailors to "keep courage, because not one of you will be lost, only the ship will be destroyed". His confidence rested on an angelic promise: "Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you." Only the sovereign God, who created the wind and waves, can promise to save people from a storm. What does this mean for us in our circumstances today?

'Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come. Grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.' (Amazing Grace: John Newton)

#### Showers of Blessing by Lester Amann (Parish Pump)

According to British folklore, if it rains on 15 July, then we can expect 40 days of showery and stormy weather. This myth arose after the buried remains of St Swithun (Swithin) was removed from its original site in a church garden and taken into a Saxon cathedral. Swithun was an Anglo-Saxon Bishop of Winchester. During his decade in office, he was known for his devotion and passion to build new churches and to restore old ones. Before he died on 2 July 863 AD, he didn't want any veneration of his tomb and requested that his body be simply interred in the church grounds. He wanted people to pass by his grave and for it to be touched by the weather. So far so good. But – a century later, it was decided to move Swithun *inside*, into the refurbished basilica. From that day it rained every day for nearly six weeks – as if this was his displeasure at being moved!

The Bible mentions rain (and water) many times. These include the great flood and Noah's Ark (Genesis 7); Ezra's open-air public assembly in Jerusalem in the pouring rain (Ezra 10:9) and the parable by Jesus about two houses in a rainstorm (Matthew 7:24-27). Over the centuries, hymn writers have also used water and rain to describe our need for God. They've used such phrases as *I need You ....like refreshing summer rain* and *Father, like rain from the skies send Your word into our lives.* Some hymns include rain as a metaphor for the Holy Spirit to come and refresh, restore and revitalise us; to cleanse us of our sins or to wash away our sorrows. Here are two verses and the chorus from an old hymn written by Daniel W. Whittle (1840-1901) that reminds us that when overwhelmed with gloom and despair, God can and will pour new hope into our lives.

There shall be showers of blessing, this is the promise of love; There shall be seasons refreshing, sent from the Saviour above. There shall be showers of blessing, O that today they might fall, Now as to God we're confessing, now as on Jesus we call!

Showers of blessing, showers of blessing we need; Mercy-drops round us are falling, but for the showers we plead.

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#### A Poem / Prayer by Pat Murphy

He has done great things for me.

When He opened my prison door and set me free,

I was held in chains and could not move.

But He set me free, as His Power did prove.

I was held in fear, but Jesus came near,

He opened the door and I was free once more.

He has changed my life and has given me such peace,

as from the painful past, I know release.

I praise the Lord with all my heart and soul,

because His great love and power has

made me whole.

#### A Poem / Prayer by Pat Murphy

Oh my God, my King,

You are my everything,
You are all I desire.
For You set my heart on Fire,
You thrill me with your wonderful love,
given continually by my Father above.
With You is joy and peace
Beyond measure.
And precious gifts that I treasure.
I love you Father, with all my heart.

And from your presence never want

to part.

#### **Drought in East Africa** (Parish Pump)

Extended drought is fuelling a hunger crisis in East Africa that has been called "one of the worst climate-induced emergencies in its history." So warns the UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Co-ordinator, Martin Griffiths. Speaking recently, he said that an estimated 7.2million Ethiopians are already not getting enough to eat, and in Kenya half a million people are close to "catastrophic levels of hunger and malnutrition". In South Sudan, floods and insecurity are pushing a further eight million people towards hunger and malnutrition.

Finn Church Aid, a Finnish NGO and a member of the global faith-based coalition Act Alliance, said that the crisis has been man-made. "The drought is because of climate change." Meanwhile, the war in Ukraine has only aggravated the crisis. Grain prices are up by 45 per cent, and 90 per cent of the region's wheat imports come from Russia and Ukraine. If you would like to help, visit Disasters Emergency Committee at:

<a href="https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/east-africa-crisis-appeal-2017">https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/east-africa-crisis-appeal-2017</a>. They work with Christian Aid, Concern, Tearfund, CAFOD, Care, British Red Cross, and other humanitarian aid agencies.

#### Dial-a-Prayer

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

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



### The Mug and Biscuit, St Andrew's Church

- The Mug & Biscuit will be SHUT during August.
- The last day of opening is <u>Thursday 21 July</u>.
- The Mug & Biscuit plan to Reopen again on Tuesday 6 September



#### Hours of opening below:

Tuesday: 10 am to 12 noon Wednesday: 10 am to 12 noon Thursday: 10 am to 12 noon



On all three 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 & Biscuit Team

Any queries contact:

Linda Hoe **1**: 07963 583506



#### **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: <a href="https://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk">https://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk</a>

'One day the Devil challenged God to a football game between Heaven and Hell.

"You don't have a chance, " said God "I have all the great players – Stanley Matthews, Tom Finney, Bobby Moore....."

"Yes" grinned the Devil, " but I have all the referees."

Some people won't suffer in silence because that would take all the pleasure out of it.



## SAVE THE DATE – Next CIRCUIT MUSICAL at Wesley, Reading on Saturday 19 November 2022



Plans for the circuit musical in a day are progressing, so please make sure you keep the date free in the diary. Even if you don't feel able to sing we will still need a congregation to worship with us, so the more the merrier. We will be performing a new musical by Roger Jones called "Three Wise Camels" to a live orchestra. We will learn the songs on the day, but we will, as previously, have a few rehearsals for those that want to come together in November (dates to follow in August). CD's, Scores etc. can be purchased from:

Christian Music Ministries (cmm.org.uk)

Any questions please **contact**: Tony & Jennifer Pitt at: itsthepitts@btinternet.com

#### **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.



I have now taken more than 31 very full 'Bags for Life' of blister packs to be recycled. Thank you for your support in this. However I do have one request:

Over the last few months I have found "foreign bodies in some of the bags. Please, Please can you give the message to those that you may collect from that we don't take "tissues" or any other type of foil, for example I had to remove six pie trays and they were not all clean. Your co-operation in this would be greatly appreciated.

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** 

#### 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 2: 01256 467702.



Thank you, June Bishop

#### **Trinity Collections**

As you will expect, Trinity's income has been severely reduced over the last 2 years. 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:

Tony Pitt (Gift Aid & Envelope Secretary) – organista@btinternet.com or ☎: 01256-816314

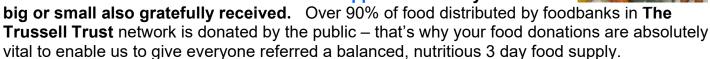
- Whoever said "Out of sight, out of mind" never had a large spider disappear in the bedroom.
- Before we can pray, 'Thy kingdom come', we must be willing to pray, 'My kingdom go' –
  Alan Redpath



#### **UPDATE** at 30.06.22

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

Our foodbank Relies on Your Goodwill & Support. Monetary Donations



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, eg Tesco at Chineham; Sainsburys at Tadley, Hatch Warren or The Malls; Co-op; Asda; Waitrose; Lidl; Aldi etc, or at any of the other donation points. We still have *Donation points* around the region as follows: Food parcels can be Collected & Donations Delivered at: 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 full list there of all the 'Donation 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 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

<u>A Typical Food Parcel Includes</u>: breakfast cereals; soup; pasta; rice; pasta sauce; tinned beans; tinned meat; tinned vegetables; tinned fruit; tea or coffee; sugar; biscuits; snacks;

toiletries; household items; limited supply of fresh bread, fruit & vegetables.

## At 30.06.22, we are **SHORT OF**:

- Long Life UHT Milk
- Powdered / Dried Milk
- Long Life Fruit Juice
- Tinned Cold Meat (Ham, Corned Beef etc)
- Squash
- Desserts / Puddings
- Cooking Sauces
- Washing Up Liquid
- Nappies (Size 3 only)
- Ladies Shampoo

## At 30.06.22, we have <u>Plenty</u> of:

- Cereals (Hot & Cold), Porridge Sachets
- Baked Beans
- Biscuits
- Crackers
- Rice
- NO Pasta (we have enough for a year)
- Baby Food
- Non-Dairy Milk
- Kitchen Paper Rolls
- Coffee
- Tea, Fruit Teas
- Nappies (Other than Size 3)
- Cat and Dog Food
- Washing Tabs / Powder

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 B/S who regularly provide hot meals, or emergency food items for our most vulnerable members of the community who maybe

We always welcome

Thank you for your continued support

un able to access our centre.

#### SAD NEWS FOR OUR RECYCLING

In the next month or so we are going to lose two of our recycling collections.

After 31 March we will no longer be able to collect the Baby Food Pouches and Kids Yoghurt Pouches. We have been collecting these since 2016. It was slow to get started but has been increasing over the years and each shipment generates between £10 and £12.

Our biggest loss will be the Crisp Collection, closing on 25 April. This has only been running since March 2019 but has brought in over £300. We collect more crisp packets than any other item.

The reason given for closing these recyclable collections is that Supermarkets are now running their own recycling schemes. That is good news for the planet but not for our charity and I am very sad that we will not have as much to give to 'Pillars'.

However, we are still collecting cake and biscuit wrappers, flexible packaging bags used for dishwasher tabs and detergent capsules, packaging of household wipes like Flash or the anti-bacterial ones, plastic air fresheners, tinted fabric conditioner bottles or the tinted plastic boxes used for home cleaning products. So do please continue to support our scheme by recycling these with us.

Email: malandhazel@hotmail.com

Thank you, Hazel Green





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#### For the Young & not so Young









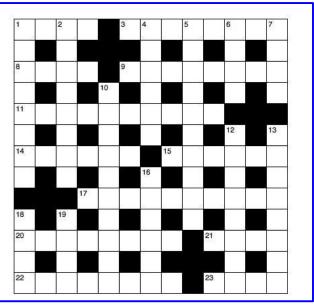








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#### Wordsearch Clues for Sea Sunday

10 July brings Sea Sunday, when Christian churches remember, pray & give thanks for more than 1.5 million merchant seafarers & fishermen worldwide. 90 per cent of everything you buy in shops comes by sea. A tough life, far from loved ones, harsh working environments.

Working	Environments
Merchant	Economy
Practical	Chaplains
Shops	Shipwreck
Pray	Hundreds
Global	Remember
Harsh	Seafarers
Give	Friendship
	Working Merchant Practical Shops Pray Global Harsh

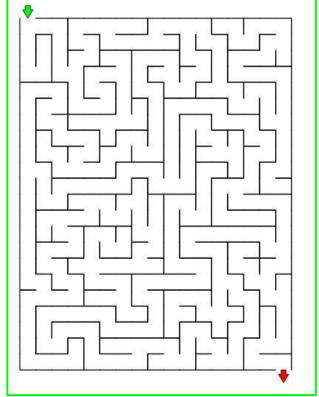


#### Crossword Clues - Across

- 1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)
- 3 'Shall we go up again — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)
- 8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)
- 9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my ' (Luke 14:27) (8)
- 11 Resentment (Ephesians 4:31) (10)
- 14 In Cain (anag.) (6)
- 15 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to —' (Psalm 139:6) (6)
- 17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5) (10)
- 20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church (8)
- 21 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to him" (Matthew 25:6) (4)
- 22 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in ' (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)
- 23 'As the pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)

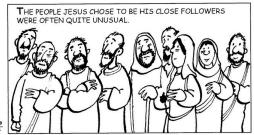
#### Crossword Clues - Down

- 1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G. A. Studdert Kennedy, Willie (8)
- 2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)
- 4 'We three kings of are' (6)
- 5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)
- 6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)
- 7 'Open your and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)
- 10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John10:22) (10)
- 12 Area that saw the healing of two demon possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)
- 13 Forebear (James2:21) (8)
- 16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha (6)
- 18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis 25:34) (4)
- 19 Rear (anag.) (4)





# The Doctor and the Sick















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#### **Puzzle Pages Solutions**

Across: 1, Wife. 3, To battle.

8, Obal. 9, Disciple.

11, Bitterness. 14, Niacin.

15, Attain. 17, Passionate.

20, Tertiary. 21, Meet.

22, Weakness. 23, Deer.

**Down:** 1, Woodbine. 2, Feast day.

4, Orient. 5, Accusation. 6, Type.

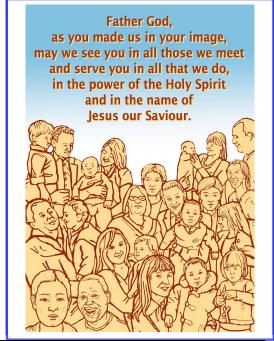
7, Eyes. 10, Dedication.

12, Gadarene. 13, Ancestor.

16, Esdras. 18, Stew. 19, Area.

#### **Sudoku Solution**

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Temple Joseph Searching Women Jesus Evening Talking Children Festival Passover Clever

Men

Jerusalem Third Son Twelve Teachers Father Mary Feasting Working Camp Walking Home