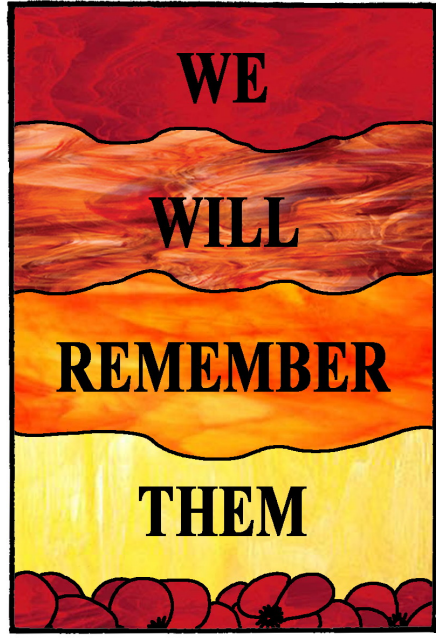


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On Our Circuit Website Under 'Worship & Prayer', there are: **Worship Resources, Services & Sermons** as well as our **Weekly Circuit Services**.
 Our thanks also go to **ALL** the 'Zoom' team for the weekly 'Zoomed' services.

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**Advent Sunday
 29 November**

Trinity E-News Deadline for Dec 20 & Jan 21 Double Issue is Friday 20 November

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

I always look forward to receiving your articles, so do please keep them coming. You can send them by email or post. Thankyou.

With best wishes, Hazel, Ed
 (☎ 01256-461375)

16B Portacre Rise, Basingstoke, RG21 1YQ. **My email is:**
hazel@basingstokecircuit.net



Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving.
Psalm 95:2

November 2020

Dear Friends,

It is an honour to be asked to write a Pastoral Letter for one of the most outstanding Church Magazines I have ever come across. The variety and quality of the contributions each month are very special. We owe a considerable debt of gratitude to Hazel's editorial skill.

I have enjoyed closer links with the Methodist Churches of Basingstoke this year since being asked, with Stephen Appiah to offer ministerial input to Oakridge and Old Basing in particular.

These are some reflections for November:-

INNER RESOURCES

At the time of writing the winter, Christmas and what follows all look pretty dreary. The pandemic is spreading; further lockdown looks likely.

How do you cope?

Especially if you're living on your own and are cut off from other people.

Drawing on deep inner resources seems to be part of the challenge of our times.

I've thought of some important areas that you might find helpful – a kind of "10 Commandments". You might want to adapt them into your own "Rules for Living".

1. Keep in contact. Finding ways of connecting with people-via the phone or other means can be vitally important – for other people and for you.

2. Look outwards. Taking an interest in what is happening and responding to the need of others helps to free us from the burden of being too self-preoccupied.

3. Seek stimulation. Whether it's Television, Music, Books or whatever it may be, make time for the areas of life you find interesting.

4. Welcome laughter. Humour rapidly restores perspective and is a basic human quality for enjoying the gift of life.

5. Take time to reflect. If there is one activity, above all, that I find deeply life-giving it is making room for prayer. Prayer enables us to know ourselves more fully as well as to meet with our Creator.

6. Keep physically active. As well as exercise of various kinds, just keeping on the move can be important.

7. Be creative. Finding ways of retaining and developing skills has great value.

8. Keep alert. Keeping informed and being mentally active helps us in meeting life's challenges.

9. Rest adequately. If we can avoid depriving ourselves of sleep and can comfortably relax, this gives us far more than we might have expected.

10. Try new things. Maybe just changing the way we usually react to situations, changing our attitudes as well as experimenting with different activities may be helpful.

Whether these will be gloomy months, or whether we'll be pleasantly surprised, however we formulate our own "Rule of life" or "10 Commandments", we are likely to need to draw more deeply on the inner resources essential to our humanity.

With love,

David (*Rev David Jenkins*)



I have thanked David for his very kind comments. I am always very appreciative of all the variety of articles that I have received from so many folk over many years and continue to receive from you all each month.

I couldn't produce the magazine without all your help and support.

So thankyou. I am really grateful for it,
Hazel (Ed)

Dear Friends,

Trinity Services



Trinity opened again for Sunday Worship on the first Sunday in October.

Unfortunately, due to the new Lockdown coming into force on Thursday 5 November, Services at Trinity have ceased for the next 4 weeks.

KNITTED ANGELS

Can you knit and do you have some spare wool lying around. We were hoping that we could do some knitted angels to go to the playgroup this Christmas, along similar lines of the stars we did last year. Any colour angel acceptable.

If you are interested then please contact Jennifer on ☎: 01256 816314 or at pitt@btinternet.com and we can get a pattern to you.



Many thanks, **Jennifer and Edna**

TRINITY SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HELPERS

Thank you to you all for your help in preparing and serving the coffee at the above. In previous years we have been able to give to the Church Funds in excess of £500. I thought you may like to know that from 24th November 2019 to 15th March 2020 we were able to give David, our Treasurer, £151.17.

I trust that at sometime in the not too distant future we will be able to resume our Sunday Coffee Mornings which our congregation enjoy after the Service.



Many thanks to you all,
God Bless,
Sonia Jones

Chaplain for the Bus Station

The Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy is looking to recruit a Chaplain to serve the Basingstoke Bus Station. This is a great opportunity to take God's presence into a busy working environment where there are plenty of opportunities to mingle with drivers, management and staff. There are around 120 drivers who come and go at different times, plus management and other staff.

Malcolm Read has been the Chaplain here for over 11 years and he has always been welcomed. He has committed himself to visiting the bus station weekly on Wednesdays, usually for about an hour. From time to time he meets with some employees out of hours, perhaps over a coffee when they wish to talk further, sharing his faith where appropriate and praying for them. He is now looking for a successor to take up the reins as he is now into his 80s. Should you feel God may be calling you for a new mission experience, Malcolm would welcome you to accompany him on one of his weekly visits to see how it all happens. No commitment at this stage. Please contact the Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy by email at admin@basingstoketownchaplaincy.org.uk or call / text Malcolm on ☎: 07770 872359. *(taken from One Church)*

(Ian Harrison is a Trustee and would love to hear from anyone interested in becoming a Chaplain or Trustee at: ian.b.harrison@btinternet.com or ☎: 01256 326081. See the October Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy's newsletter on page 19).



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Christmas Cards 2020



With regret, we are unable to have the usual "Christmas postbox" at Trinity this year. Please do not leave cards at Trinity because they will not be delivered.

Sorry. **(Tony Pitt)**

Eco Circuit:

***A message from
Revd David Shaw:***

We are looking to create a team who will guide the Circuit through the process of becoming an Eco Circuit.

Presently Peter Frank and David Shaw are signed up.

If you would be interested in joining this team please contact David Shaw at:

david.shaw@methodist.org.uk

It is a chance for us to make a difference for God's amazing planet.

Thank you. God bless

**Why should you
bother to pray?**



The great preacher C H Spurgeon once said this of prayer:

*'God says to His own son:
"Ask of Me and I will give you the
nation for your inheritance."
[Psalm 2:7-8]*

If the royal and divine Son cannot be exempt from the rule of asking, that He may have; you and I cannot expect that rule to be relaxed in our favour.

God will bless Elijah and send rain – but Elijah must pray for it.

And God promises us that if we really seek Him, He will make sure that we find Him. *(Parish Pump)*

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

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

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

Methodists Launch Year of Prayer



The Methodist Church has launched a Year of Prayer online to help bring more people to faith.

The short weekly online service takes place each Tuesday lunchtime, at 12.45 pm via Zoom, and is live-streamed via Facebook. It will be led by people from across the Church.

Trey Hall, Director of Evangelism and Growth for the Methodist Church, explains:

“This Year of Prayer is a special time, a called-out time, for the whole Church. The world can feel like it’s falling apart – not only due to COVID, but also due to systemic injustice, racism, to climate change, to political instability. And if we as the Church are going to respond in any meaningful way, we need more than ever to pray, we need to call upon God for healing and renewal and wisdom.”

The Year of Prayer is considered an important step in the new strategy adopted by the Methodist Conference to be an inclusive, evangelistic, growing, justice-seeking Church. It wants to focus resources on helping people explore faith, in starting hundreds of new churches, and in serving communities experiencing marginalization.

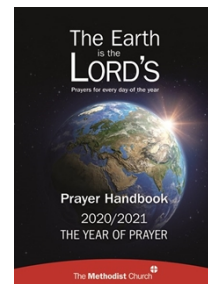
Methodist Prayer Handbooks:

The Circuit have spare Prayer Handbooks for anyone to purchase, at £4.05p each. If anyone would like one, contact Marion or Lee as follows:

Marion Young: marion@basingstokereadingmethodists.uk or at the Circuit

Office: ☎ 01189 581505) and Lee Frost:

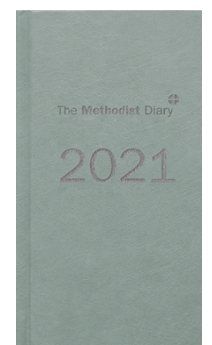
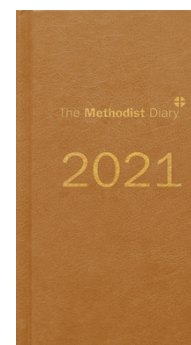
lee@basingstokereadingmethodists.uk



The Methodist Diary 2021

The Methodist Diary connects Christians across the world with the Prayer Handbook 31 day prayer cycle, also including a list of Special Sundays and the list of lectionary readings for 2021.

Standard and Extended diaries available in two colours – Mint and Mustard. Personal Organiser inserts also available. All start from September 2020 and include maps and notes pages.



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Lower your hostility

Keep calm, and keep kind, if you want to live longer. It seems that being sarcastic and irritable only makes heart attack victims more likely to die from a second coronary. A recent study in the US on the personality traits of patients who had had heart attacks found that hostile personality traits (sarcasm, cynicism, resentment, impatience, irritability) was a common factor.

One doctor at the University of Tennessee said: “We know that taking control of lifestyle habits improved the outlook for heart attack patients, and our study suggests that improving hostile behaviour could also be a positive move.” (*Parish Pump*)

**Notes from the Church Council Meeting held on
15 October 2020, in the Church Sanctuary area,
with everyone suitably socially distanced**

Rev'd Audrey Browne chaired the meeting, and ten members of Church Council attended.

The reports on Finance were presented by David Gunton.

The meeting approved the appointment of Sarah Whithorn as auditor of the church accounts.

Budget: The formal statement on the Reserves Policy required approval by the meeting. This was agreed.

The meeting agreed that we should set up a Zoom account for Trinity Methodist Church. We might also have to increase the CCL Licence – a discount is offered at the moment. This was agreed.

Tony Pitt presented reports from the Support Services Group.

There were various areas of concern in the checklist: The window above a main door is broken, possibly due to vandalism; the vestibule floor is not in a good state. Service of fire extinguishers was required: an engineer has checked, the rules have changed and considerable remedial measures are required. We have used a firm recommended by Wesley Church in Reading.

The Church Council accepted the Property Check List.

Property Report: An electrical check will probably be needed this year. Report was accepted by the meeting.

Church Return: Spending and budget on maintenance work is on budget. However, if one major item arises we will probably spend more.

The Church Council has formally accepted the Safeguarding Policy – date specified will be the date of today's meeting. All accepted the report.

The List of Maintenance work was accepted by the meeting.

Parking and Hire charges were looked at, and it was agreed that we increase Parking costs by 2% per year, but that we leave hire booking rates the same as this year, to recognise that our hirers are also experiencing difficulties.

The meeting agreed these measures unanimously.

The boiler in Sarum Hall cannot be used: it was installed ten years ago and is now not suitable for requirements: the boiler failed its test, and repair or alteration is urgently required. It cannot be used to heat Sarum Hall. Installation of a replacement boiler has been costed at £6,500, and it was suggested that a contingency amount be added to allow for £7,200. All agreed this expenditure.

The normal procedure would be to gather in three separate quotes, but the decision was taken that we should use the normal maintenance firm who already know the system and would therefore not need to charge extra to familiarise themselves with the system.

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Notes from the Church Council Meeting (continued)

The floor in the Vestibule has been in place for 16 years, and at the moment is held together with tape. Three quotations for replacement have been obtained, varying between £3,200 and £5,900 depending on what work is proposed. The question was raised as to whether it is appropriate at present to spend this money. It was decided that we should be better informed about the differences in the three options. The logo is believed to have asbestos glue underneath it, which would make removal difficult and costly.

A proposal was put forward on whether we agree to spend money on replacing this flooring at this time, and there were five votes in favour and five against. Thus, Church Council to give SSG authority to further investigate this matter ready for the next Church Council meeting.

Tony Pitt said that he would propose removing the logo – this was unanimously agreed, but there is a degree of uncertainty in regard to the presence of asbestos and the cost of its safe clearance.

Thanks were expressed to Tony Pitt for all his work on Risk Assessment. Version 2 of this will be out soon.

Safeguarding: Names of Superintendent and District Chair need to be put in correctly, after which the meeting unanimously approved the Safeguarding Policy.

Special Service dates:

Carol Service: in order not to have to restrict numbers, the Carol Service will be conducted on Zoom.

The Worship Group will meet before the end of October to arrange other services. It was decided not to schedule a Late Harvest service in November, as we shall already have a Remembrance service in that month, and Advent Sunday is 29 November.

Any Other Business

Audrey has a flight booked on 4 December, returning in January, which would allow her to complete her Sabbatical Leave.

The Covenant Service will be on January 24.

The Foodbank now want to use different locations on various days, once each week. They are not offering to pay for these sessions: it would be part of the Mission of the Church to allow this, and this was agreed by the meeting. The Tug Room and the Welcome Area might be suitable for this purpose.

Champions

It was suggested that we could encourage people to be Champions for our Church, to help us in our Mission Action Plan. Church members are encouraged to think about this, and put forward their own suggestions.

We have received a personal letter from Michelle of the Pre-School group, thanking us for all our support for her, and enclosing a personal donation.

**The date of our next Church Council meeting is 4 March 2021 at 2.00 pm
(please note different time).**

*This information about a 'Zoom' Quiz has come from Heather Peacock.
Anyone for a 'Zoom' Quiz – read on.....*



Future Pillars

Quiz Night 14 November 7.30pm!



You may be aware we have recently launched an appeal to raise funds for a new 2-storey school block out in Kabwe. We have been dissatisfied with our inability to provide a complete educational journey after Grade 9 for several years. With the majority of government schools in Zambia charging, only a small number of children are able to continue with their education to Grade 12 and therefore our ability to support and empower our vulnerable children is restricted.

As a group of Trustees we have decided to take the leap and are determined that we can raise the funds required for this project. The school block will consist of 2 science laboratories, 1 computer studies suite, 1 technology / art classroom, 5 general classrooms and more!

We have various fundraising events happening over the coming months for the appeal and in this email we'd like to invite you to **Future Pillars Zambia Quiz Night!** Join us on:

14th November, 7.30 pm for a quiz on **Zoom** with all funds raised going directly to our school block building appeal.

How can you get involved?

- Think of a **team name** – no more than 6 adults in a team
- Make a **donation** to the appeal page [here](#) . We ask that each team donates a minimum of £5. Please read the details of the appeal and be as generous as you can.
- Assemble your team from family and friends, *adhering strictly to the COVID restrictions that will apply to you on the date of the quiz.* We suggest that, where possible, your team has a range of ages and interests.
- Ensure you have **2 electronic devices** for the evening – one to access the quiz and one to send in your scores at the end of each round.

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Once you have donated and your team is organised, please **email** trustees@futurepillarszambia.org.uk and provide us with your team name and the phone number that can be used on the evening. We will contact you with all the details required to have a fun evening whilst having your grey cells challenged!

You can read more about the appeal [here](#) . If you have any questions about the appeal or the quiz night please feel free to contact us.

[Click to donate to quiz night](#)



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Lord, Prop us Up!

There is a story of an old farmer who always prayed the same prayer at his church meeting. 'Lord, prop us up on our leanin' side'. After hearing this many times, his minister asked him one day quite what he meant. The farmer replied: "Well, it's like this... I've got an old barn out in one of my fields. It's been there a long time, and gone through a lot of storms. One day a few years ago I noticed that it was leaning to one side a bit. So, I went and got some poles and propped it up on its leaning side, so it wouldn't fall. Then I got to thinking about how much I was like that old barn. I've been around a long time, and seen plenty of storms in life. I was still standing, but I was also leaning a bit. So, I decided to ask the Lord to prop me up, too, on my leaning side.

Our 'leaning side' is where we are weakest in ourselves. Sometimes we get to leaning toward anger, bitterness, bleakness in life. Then we too need to pray for God to prop us up, especially on that leaning side. He wants us to stand tall and free, in Him. (*Parish Pump*)

God, you are the light for our path
And the joy in our hearts,
The hope in our lives and in our world.
We praise your holy name
And rejoice in your love and protection.

Grant that we may always keep our eyes fixed on you
And that our lives may bring joy to your heart. Amen

A Prayer by Beryl Wakefield, Nuthall Methodist Church and taken from the Methodist Prayer Handbook 2013 / 2014 'Light and Hope'

There is nothing so stirring in the matter of moving us to pray as being thankful to God for what He has done for us and with us – E F Hallock



COVID 19 UPDATE:



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

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

Check out our Website at: <https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>
Also on Our Website, you will find the list of locations & times where you can donate food:
Locations are: Tesco Chineham; Annies Charity Shop Winklebury; Sainsburys Tadley; Co-operative Food Old Basing; Londis Sherfield on Loddon; Co-operative Food Rooksdown; Waitrose Basing View; Asda Brighton Hill and Lidl Worting Road.

- **'Sainsburys has kindly placed a permanent crate for Foodbank donations at their store in Kempshott.** Thank you for supporting our Foodbank clients – on their behalf can we say how grateful we are for every donation!'

Basingstoke Foodbank: VIVID Housing have made available part of their building on Houndmills for six months, so the whole operation has been moved there for the moment. The address is: 63-64 Tempus Business Centre, Kingsclere Road, Houndmills, RG21 6XG (behind Vivid's Main Basingstoke Office). At this time there is no process in place for the transfer of donations from Trinity to the new site, so please do not leave donations at Trinity. In time we expect to arrange for small donations to be taken to the new site, but not yet.) Thanks,

Tony P

(Excerpt from the Recent Church Council Meeting – 'The Foodbank now want to use different locations on various days, once each week. They are not offering to pay for these sessions: it would be part of the Mission of the Church to allow this, and this was agreed by the meeting. The Tug Room and the Welcome Area might be suitable for this purpose.')

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At present, (as at 25.10.20) the Foodbank is particularly short of:
(taken from the Foodbank website):

- Savoury Spreads
- Fruit Juice
- Rice Pudding
- Desserts
- Custard
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Fruit
- Men and Ladies Deodorant
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Mash
- **Including:** Fresh Veg; Bread and Eggs

The Foodbank has plenty of:

- Baked Beans
- Biscuits
- Rice
- Pasta
- Soup
- Tinned Fish
- Tea, Fruit Teas
- Kidney Beans and other Tins of Pulses
- Toilet Rolls

Be Still

Be still...

It feels like we have been still all year
Time and the world have stood still.
It's not time to travel
Or meet with friends.
Just stay at home
And be still.

Be still and take time
Time to remember friends we miss
Remember the good times shared
Special moments, laughed over,
And the things we will share
When we next meet.

Be still and take time
Time to remember our family,
Each smile and frown
That makes them who they are
Remember with joy for the times together
And not with regret for celebrations missed.

Be still and take time
Time to spend with God
Time to remember, to count our blessings
With a grateful heart
Praise him for all that is past
And trust him for all that is to come.

Jennifer Pitt



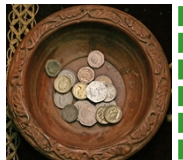
Trinity Collections

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 and Envelope Secretary) – organista@btinternet.com or 01256-816314.



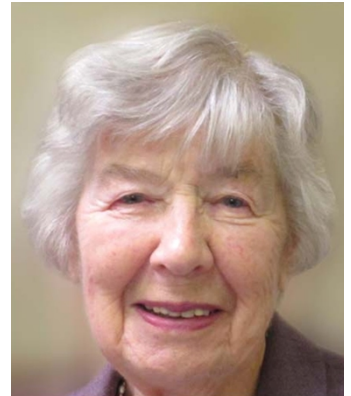
A Tribute to Freda

The following is not what I said, or how I said it, at the thanksgiving service for Freda. I have written this for Trinity newsletter out of what I said then and I think it is true to that.

John Rowland

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If anyone wanted to know what Methodism was about they would do well to have looked at Freda. She came, of course, from that great stronghold of Methodism which stretched in great swathes either side of the Pennines, both red rose and white. She became, and will always remain, part of Trinity. There she served in the councils of the Church but was equally and willingly at home in the kitchen, behind the coffee cups or in the prayer chapel. She drove preparations for the Christmas Fair. She was one of the members of the Flower Club whose arrangements have added so much to the worship. She and Les hosted a house group and in the best tradition of the Methodist Class Leader she cared for members of that group and whenever she thought necessary would see that I knew of any particular pastoral concern. But above all she kept before us the mission of the Church and especially that mission beyond our shores. That was a cause she pressed with urgency and always, as in everything, with grace and humour, good will and respect. But with conviction.



But to speak of what Freda did is but part of it. That all came from who and what she was. I was privileged to become Trinity's Minister and she became to us not simply a Church member but a valued friend. And we were blessed in that that was true of many other folk there and we are ever grateful. Freda was a lady with a great sense of what was fitting, a sense of humour (the two do not always go together), the ability to see what was needed and the will to seek it. She had long taken to heart Wesley's injunction to his people that they should do all the good they could, whenever they could, to whomsoever they could and in every way and as often as they could. And on this day of sorrow and thanksgiving when we commit her to that new life which is at present beyond our sight, we pay tribute to her and to all she has been and all she will remain in our hearts.

In the "Credo" column of our newspaper only a day or so ago, Jonathan Wittenber quoted Kalonymus Shapira, the Rabbi in the Warsaw Ghetto during the dark days of the second world war. The Rabbi had written of the fear of being ashamed before the Messiah "who will ask us if we did all we could to make the world better". I have no doubt that the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ whom Freda served so gladly and so faithfully will have known the answer to that long ago. END.

John Rowland

SAVE THE DATE: On 29 November 2020 at 3 pm

There will be a Circuit Service to give thanks to God for the ministries of: **Alison Parker and Angela Webb** to date and to pray for them as they have '**sat down**' and their ministries continue in new ways.

This will also be an opportunity for Alison and Angela to thank the many people in the Circuit who have been part of their journey.

The service will be streamed on Zoom and we hope to also make it accessible for those without internet access. More details will follow but please add this to your diary!



A new micro bakery
 Selling freshly baked bread and produce
 From a stall on Wednesday mornings 10.30am-1pm
 At London Street United Reformed Church
 Basingstoke RG21 7NU

Risen Bakery is a project which has been developed to develop new skills in unemployed young people and those formerly street homeless needing new skills. It is a micro bakery selling freshly baked bread and produce on Wednesday mornings 10:30 am - 1:00 pm at London Street United Reformed Church, Basingstoke, RG21 7NU

ADVENT CONVERSATIONS, PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP

Basingstoke Methodist Churches

Many of you may be looking forward to the season of 'Advent' beginning on Sunday 29th November. We are offering four weeks of Advent reflections, prayer and fellowship **via Zoom**, and all six churches and their friends are invited to journey together and share in this period of "Advent". There will be plenty of opportunity for everyone to share and to interact.

Leader: Stephen Appiah	Leader: Revd David Jenkins
Week 1: Wed 25 th Nov – 7 pm to 8 pm	Week 1: Thurs 26 th Nov – 2 pm to 3 pm
Week 2: Wed 2 nd Dec – 7 pm to 8 pm	Week 2: Thurs 3 rd Dec – 2 pm to 3 pm
Week 3: Wed 9 th Dec – 7 pm to 8 pm	Week 3: Thurs 10 th Dec – 2 pm to 3 pm
Week 4: Wed 16 th Dec – 7 pm to 8 pm	Week 4: Thurs 17 th Dec – 2 pm to 3 pm

*All are invited to join any of the sessions
 (everyone will be most welcome at both sessions):*

Week 1: HOPE — Week 2: PEACE — Week 3: LOVE — Week 4: JOY



The Zoom Link (and telephone numbers) will be sent out nearer the time, so keep an eye out !

A Couple of Dates for your Diaries



Service of Carols and Nine Lessons
Sunday 20 December 2020 at 4.00 p.m.

Christmas Day service
Friday 25 December 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

Both services available on Zoom.
Details will follow later.

Graham Kendrick Song Resources for Online Church Services

With so many churches currently unable to meet in person, online church has become normal for a lot of us. To help with the sung worship element of online gatherings we have created lyric videos to a number of songs written by Graham that can be used free of charge as long as your church has a CCLI online streaming licence.

Songs include: Knowing You, The Servant King, Shine Jesus Shine, For This I Have Jesus, Meekness and Majesty, Holy Overshadowing, God of the Poor, God Moves in a Mysterious Way, Keep The Banner Flying high, My Worth Is Not In What I Own and lots more.

Of course, you can also use the playlist just for listening to Graham's songs too. The lyric videos can be accessed on the: GrahamKendrickMusic Youtube Channel here:

Link to Lyric Video Playlist: <https://grahamkendrick.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a7ce67871037e7e572c459c9b&id=cbbb46763c&e=d17fb8ab73>

Thanks for using Graham's songs. If you have need of any other resources please visit the website: www.grahamkendrick.co.uk

Taken from Circuit Notices 14.10.20

- I know not the way God leads me, but well do I know my guide – *Martin Luther*

**Interested in starting a Small Group?
Is this the time to consider something new for your
present Small Group?**

The Circuit, as part of its desire to 'Nourish & Fed', invites you to a one-off session on either Thursday 17 November from 2 pm – 3.45 pm or Monday 23 November from 7.30 pm – 9.15 pm.

The session will be useful for someone new to Small Groups and the seasoned leader.

To enable Jenny Dowding, Paddy Jose and David Shaw in their planning we are asking attendees to register their intention by contacting Lee / Marion on:

admin@basingstokereadingmethodists.uk .

Those who register an interest will be sent the Zoom details.

Taken from Circuit Notices 21.10.20

Circuit Gazebo

Yvonne Hunt has purchased a Circuit Gazebo, it measures 2.4m x 2.4m and comes with a handy carry bag. If anyone would like to use it, it is available. I am currently using it on a Friday 12 pm to 4 pm but other than that it's free for use.



Yvonne Hunt: Children, Families and Young People Outreach Worker; Basingstoke Methodist Churches, Yvonne's Mobile: ☎: 07462 040644.

Zoom Zoom Zoom!

The pandemic is leaving a "lasting digital legacy", and changing the UK's internet habits and behaviour "indelibly". So says a recent Ofcom study. Since March we have broken the four-hour barrier, which means that, on average, we spend more than a quarter of our waking hours each day online. That is up from an average of three hours and 29 minutes this time last year.



Zoom has soared in popularity. Last December it reached 498,000 people in the UK; by April this had soared to 13 million in the UK. TikTok, which lets users share short videos set to pop music, had 5.4 million UK users in January; by April it had 12.9 million users. In February, 35 per cent of UK adults made a video call once a week. By April that had soared to 71 per cent. The largest increase has been among the over-65s, with now 61 per cent of them making weekly video calls. Older people favour Zoom, in order to 'visit' their relatives and friends; while many teenagers have become addicted to TikTok and endless videos. *(Parish Pump)*

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Nurture your friendships

Lockdown has damaged our social life, so badly that many of our friendships may not be the same for up to a year after lockdown. And although Zoom is 'extremely good' at slowing down the rate of a friendship's decay, 'nothing on earth is going to stop a relationship quietly sliding away, if you don't once in a while meet up physically.' So warns an Oxford University academic, Robin Dunbar, who is an evolutionary psychology professor. He was talking to BBC Radio 4's *Today*. *(Parish Pump)*

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The Community Food Link Summer Project: Update from St Andrew's Base

**Report from: Yvonne Hunt Children's Family & Young People's
Outreach worker for Basingstoke Methodist Churches**



From a few weeks into the national lockdown, I started working with the Community Food Link (CFL), a charity based at the URC Church in London Street. The CFL is an ecumenical project. The Aim of CFL is to collect good quality waste food from the local supermarkets and distribute it to people in need. During Lockdown the CFL was sending food into local schools, nursery and the Basingstoke Food Bank for them to distribute to their families. This grew from feeding 315 people to feeding over 900 and continues to grow. As schools closed for the summer holidays CFL looked to local Churches near the schools to take on the role of distributing food, the requirements being:

- Having a food hygiene rating
- Having a few volunteers to take the food from CFL and hand out
- Having a space to lay out food for families to collect

At 12:30 pm each Thursday CFL delivers food to St Andrew's. The food is laid out on tables in front of the church and from 1 pm until 3 pm the local community can come and collect the food. Over the six-week period we saw an average of 12 families each week with 5 of the families being weekly visitors. Many of these families were stopping to chat more and more. We have also had people drop off food for others and thanking the church for helping.

Moving Forwards: CFL is now planning for the Autumn term, talking to local schools as they open up. However, the early signs are that schools want and need food for their families but due to the coronavirus requirements may not have space or staffing to offer food as they did at the start of lockdown. **So CFL is looking to local churches for their assistance.**

I would like to ask St Andrew's to continue the food distribution that we have started so we can let local schools know that we are there to support them and their families.

What would be required: I would like to use the porch area and place two or three little tables in this area near the door, with food on them so families can come and take what they need. It would also be great to have a small fridge so we can offer chilled food as well, (like the community fridge projects used in other areas of the country). Please note: This would not affect access to the church as it would be to the right as you walk through the front doors.

The CFL would do the collecting and sorting of the food, then drop the food to St Andrew's on agreed days. Vikki has been involved with this project and has offered to look after the tables even when the Mug and Biscuit re-opens. There will be limited cost to the church – only possible cost would be the purchase of a fridge and electricity to run the fridge.

As Matthew tells us in chapter 25 verse 23: ³⁵ For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.

Working with CFL would be an amazingly simple community outreach for St Andrews, serving the local community by offering food and inviting them in, showing them the love of God. Thank you for your support over the summer.

CFL would like to ask for your prayers as they reach out to local churches to help them in supporting and expanding this critical work.

God Bless, **Yvonne**

Holiday in South Africa



We were staying at Simons Town - there were four of us and we had a car. On this day we travelled the complete way of what is known as the garden route - some 500 miles to Port Elizabeth.

The following day we went as arranged to a Safari Park at Shamwari. We were travelling on a Range Rover which had been adapted to take three wide seats and there was six of us and the driver. Most were down near the driver because you did not feel the bumps so much. However I was on the back seat which was higher and much bumpier but had a higher view. The ground was quite bumpy and we turned round some bushes and into what appeared to be a small clearing. The driver (Keeper) said "That's a pity there is usually some elephants around here". Then he said there is a bull elephant to the right in the trees trying to get some shade from the sun. He said it is quite safe as long as he does not pull his ears forward. We all looked to see the elephant step out from the tree, pull his ears forward and start to come our way. The driver did not seem to be in a hurry and said we believe the elephant would come up to us and stare at us and I do not expect him to attack us. My comment was "I am at the back and nearest to him and I suggest we get lost." With a laugh he put it in gear and the elephant followed us for about 200 yards and then he was not gaining on us so he gave up.

Later on it was just beginning to get dusk and the driver said we have finished so I will take you to your cars. He then turned round some bushes, down a slope and stopped dead within 10 feet of four elephants. I have never seen a person get reverse so quick in my life. We shot backwards very quickly and we then had to go a long way round to miss them. We were about 20 minutes overdue when we left but were quite pleased.

Nobby

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Where do you store your various food items?

Where do you put your parsnips and eggs, and what about the potatoes and onions? The correct answers, according to new government guidelines, are that the first two belong in your fridge and the second two belong in your cupboard. More guidance on storing food safely can now be found on **Wrap, the Government's food waste watchdog**. The aim is to stop households throwing so much food away.

And so **Wrap.org.uk** offers advice on storing everything from aubergines to onions, bananas to cheese, fizzy drinks to wine. It could be a good refresher course for many of us, and a lifeline for younger people trying to get the most out of their weekly shop. (*Parish Pump*)

Book Review: Joseph – a Story of Resilience, by Meg Warner, SPCK, £12.99

You may think you know the story of Joseph, but this book will make you think again! It invites you to think deeply about Joseph's character and how he responds to the traumatic events that threaten to overwhelm him. Lacing her commentary with telling anecdotes from her own life story, Meg Warner shows how a deeper understanding of Joseph's story can help you develop the vital quality of *resilience*: the will and the strength to endure life's hardships and rise above the effects of trauma whenever it may strike.

Book Review

Wildly Unbroken – Living Your Blessed Life When It's All Falling Apart

Author – Jasmine Waldegrave

We all know the saying “Life is a journey, not a destination”. Well this book takes it to a new dimension with “Life is a great adventure leading to a heavenly destination”, as seen through the eyes of a Believer in Jesus. The author speaks with the personal experience of one facing many of life’s serious hardships and difficulties and overcoming them in partnership with Jesus in a truly Wildly Unbroken journey still ongoing.

Wildly Unbroken takes you by the hand and leads you on the experience of a lifetime. Learn from first-hand experience how to live your very own Wildly Unbroken Life with Jesus. This life is not dependant on you being perfect or having it all together. In fact it is quite the opposite. In Wildly Unbroken you are invited to explore what it means to live your blessed life, even when the world falls apart around you.

A must-read for those navigating the difficult road of living face to face with suffering. The author shares, with raw openness, her experience of not just surviving, but thriving, through her husband’s brain tumour recovery. The lessons she learned are helpful for anyone facing pain, brokenness and suffering. This guidebook can help them not just live through the toughest times of life, but thrive through them.

It’s an adventure not to be missed, and one which we all should be taking as we too become “Wildly Unbroken”.

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Martin Frost (St Andrews) October 2020

Canon Paul Hardingham considers how we cope with an uncertain future (Parish Pump)

We Will Remember – 80 years on



This year we’ve been remembering the Battle of Britain, described by Winston Churchill in August 1940 as ‘*one of the decisive battles of the war.....never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.*’ It was a dramatic turning point in the history of the Second World War. The occasions for Remembrance this month will provide us times of gratitude for what was achieved in the darkest moments of war.

However, this year we are very aware of our own struggles with the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic. We face an unseen enemy, but the effects on our lives and society are almost as devastating as world war. Remembering is not just about focusing on past events. It is also about making present past events, as we give thanks for all that took place. The Battle of Britain was fought by the Few and won in the skies over the Channel. In our battle with the virus, we can call to mind the victory of Jesus: ‘*Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David.*’ (2 Timothy 2:8). Jesus secured the victory of death by His cross and resurrection, so that we don’t need to fear death, but trust in His loving purposes for our lives.

Currently we can’t see clearly what the future holds for us; it may be very different from what we might expect. However, we can pray for God’s will to be done and that we will play our part, just as each of those airmen did so many years ago.

‘They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.’

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Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy Newsletter October 2020

Welcome to the Town Chaplaincy prayer news for October 2020.

Each morning and on one afternoon during the week Chaplains have been meeting people in the streets around the shopping centre, at the railway station and in Eastrop Park. In doing so we have met a number of people who have been able to talk about their concerns and fears. We have also been able to meet many shop workers and been able to catch up with their news and encourage them.

Isolation remains a big problem for many people, made worse by the continuing length restrictions and the uncertainties for the future. Many people, perhaps most of us, are frustrated at being unable to visit friends and family members, particularly the older generation and grandchildren. Not being able to "get away from it all" on holiday also leads to additional stress and burnout. Job insecurity is a big worry for many workers in the town centre. Some shops have closed and others are either under threat or cutting back on staff to reduce costs. Please pray for all the people in these situations.

Currently, eight Chaplains are doing rounds; pray for them and for God to speak through them to people's needs, and also for those we speak with or pray with that they might go on seeking Jesus.

Please also pray that more people will be inspired to try out what a chaplain does, and to consider volunteering.

If you would like to join us in prayer you would be very welcome. We meet on Zoom at 8 pm on Thursday 29th October. Details:

Topic: BTC Monthly Prayer

Time: Oct 29, 2020 08:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88236527009?pwd=aHVBC3NwSE81U0EvMHNaNU8wa0NYdz09>

Meeting ID: 882 3652 7009

Passcode: 310817

Take precautions to stay safe. Keep others safe too. And may the Lord bless you.

John Hayward, Trustee
October 2020

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Poem by Pat Murphy

Oh Father, have your way in me.
That is all, my prayer shall be.
Completely surrendered and open to you.
Walking each step,
as you would have me do.
Totally yours for all my life.
Whether in quiet times or in strife,
All that matters is I am yours
and you are mine.
Living completely attached to the vine.

The Promise of Advent

Stir up our hearts, we beseech you,
to prepare ourselves to receive your Son.
When He comes and knocks,
may He find us not sleeping in sin,
But awake to righteousness,
Ceaselessly rejoicing in His love.
May our hearts and minds be so purified,
That we may be ready to receive
His promise of eternal life. Amen

from The Gelasian Sacramentary, c.500 (oldest official prayer book of the Western Church)

William Temple – Archbishop of Canterbury

During the Second World War, Winston Churchill was Britain's Prime Minister. At the same time, William Temple was Archbishop of Canterbury. While Churchill led the country against Germany, Temple encouraged the British people to trust the Lord for their deliverance and strength. Like Churchill, Temple was a great leader, a gifted orator and a prolific writer. He was also a theologian and social activist.

Temple was born on 15 October 1881 in Exeter, Devon. He was educated at Rugby School and Balliol College, Oxford, from 1900 to 1904. He loved the music of Bach; the poetry of Browning and Shelley, and Shakespeare. He was an avid reader and possessed a near-photographic memory.

He became President of the Oxford Union and after graduation, was a lecturer in philosophy at Queen's College, Oxford. He was a member of the debating society and was a skilled and balanced debater. Following his Ordination in 1909, and Priesting in 1910, Temple was Headmaster of Repton School for four years. He married Frances Anson in 1916. They were childless.

From 1921-29 Temple was Bishop of Manchester. During this time he was seen as a pioneer of the Ecumenical Movement and gradually became a national figure. In 1926 he urged the British government to seek a negotiated agreement to the General Strike.

Temple excelled as a moderator; a teacher and a preacher and his appointment as Archbishop of York (1929-40) was a popular one. His influence also led to the formation of the British Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. During the 2nd World War he jointly founded the Council of Christians and Jews to combat anti-Semitism and other forms of prejudice in Britain.

As Archbishop of Canterbury (1942-44) Temple became an outspoken advocate of social reform and became involved in the campaign against unemployment, poverty and poor housing. He believed in the rights of all people, whether rich or poor, and was a leading force for social justice. He was grounded in the problems of the working man and in his book *Christianity and Social Order* (1942) he shared his vision for all to have access to healthcare, education and decent housing. His radical thinking and activism played a foundational role in the formation of the British Welfare State.

Temple died aged 63 at Westgate-on-Sea, Kent on 26 October 1944. He was the first Primate of All England to be cremated and his ashes were buried in the cloister garden of Canterbury Cathedral. He is the last Archbishop of Canterbury to have died while in office. (*Parish Pump*)

- Where there's a will, there are relatives.
- The tragedy of war is that it uses man's best to do man's worst – *Harry Emerson Fosdick*

Update on Recycling

To all my contributors, many thanks and keep collecting. Crisps, biscuits – sweet and savoury, and cake wrappers, baby food pouches, flexible packaging from dishwasher tablets and laundry capsules, tinted fabric conditioner bottles and caps, tinted rigid tubs used for home cleaning, plastic air freshener containers, cartridge caps and car air fresheners and packaging from wipes used for home cleaning like Flash or anti-bacterial wipes. (Must be plenty of those around at the moment!)

If you are unable to drop off your recycling at Trinity, then I am happy to collect. Just give me a call. (☎: 07776 442529).

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The Revd John Crew considers an historic moment in recent history (Parish Pump)

80 years on, we still need Courage and Endurance

This year is the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain – when the horrors of the Luftwaffe bombs were heavy over British skies. On this Remembrance Day we can only imagine the terror of living in Coventry, in Liverpool, in London during those months, 80 years ago. It must have seemed like the beginning of the end of the world.

It is a good time to stop and thank God that in the end, evil did *not* prevail. Hitler did not win the battle to dominate Europe. His expected ‘rule of a 1000 years’ lasted a mere 12 years (1933 to 1945). And we can thank God for the courage and endurance of our fathers and grandfathers, our mothers and grandmothers, in the midst of such towering darkness and destruction.

Sadly, 80 years on, the world is still at war. Man’s greed, arrogance and desire for domination have not gone away. There are still battles to be fought for our land, major problems to be solved. Coronavirus, economic uncertainty, terrorism, climate warming...the threats are different from Hitler, but our need for courage, endurance and perseverance is the same. It is a good time to pray for our nation and ourselves, to turn to God in repentance and in faith, to ‘walk more nearly’ and ‘follow Him more clearly’. It is a good time to be ready to serve our God and serve our neighbour in whatever ways lie open before us.

The Soldier’s Prayer

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,
 I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.
 I asked for health, that I might do greater things,
 I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.
 I asked for riches, that I might be happy, I was given poverty, that I might be wise.
 I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,
 I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.
 I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life, I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.
 I got nothing that I asked for – but everything that I had hoped for,
 Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.
 I am among all men most richly blessed.

By an Anonymous Confederate Soldier in the American Civil War (Parish Pump)

The Early years of Methodism in Basingstoke – Part 2

This is the second article I have compiled on the early years of Methodism in Basingstoke. The first in the July / August edition of the Trinity Newsletter where I concentrated on the Primitive Methodists. In this part I am covering the Wesleyan Methodists up to about 1878. **Peter Harris**

Wesleyan Methodists:

The earliest mention of Wesleyans in Basingstoke was: *“In March 1781 a store-house in Basingstoke was licensed as a place of worship, the signatories including Wesleyans Benjamin Loader and Jasper Winscom.”* (The source of this is not known).

According to Bernard R K Paintin in *Since Wesley came: two centuries of Methodism in Andover* (1951) writing about the 1820s: *“Andover at this period was a centre of evangelistic enterprise. Societies were formed at ... Longparish ... and as far north as Basingstoke.”*

Basingstoke appears in the Andover Circuit in October 1825, but disappears again in October 1827.

The brief, anonymous *History of the Church and of the Methodist Society in Basingstoke from 1739* says concerning John Wesley’s final visit on 30th October 1763: *“it does not seem there was much immediate advance.”*

The Wesleyan Magazine of 1872 carries a report from the Rev G E Startup. Writing of the 19th century, he says: *“So far as I can learn, it is more than half a century since Methodism was first introduced into Basingstoke.”* *Implying that any society raised in the age of Wesley died out in the 1820s, and a new start (Startup’s “first introduced”) was made. Startup reports that the meetings were held in the house of Moses Cook (more about him later), whom the 1841 Census identifies as a baker.”*

We also have the fact that The *Methodist Recorder* of 16th May 1901 carried an article on Wesleyan Methodism in Basingstoke entitled: *The one-time Methodist Wilderness:*

After Mr Wesley’s visits to Basingstoke a few cleaved to Methodism, and we find mention of services held in the home of Mr M Cook... and at another time of services held in a loft behind the Pear Tree. These services were, however, given up, and Methodism died out. Services were recommenced in 1871, and the little society worshipped in a granary to which the only entrance was a ladder.

As mentioned earlier *“.... meetings were held in the house of Moses Cook.”* What do we know about Moses? Well first of all in the 1841 Census locates Moses Cook, a Baker, aged 55, as a resident in Winchester Street, Basingstoke with his son, James.

1841 Census record for Moses COOK – showing his premises, next door to the Wheatsheaf

Do part of the Wheat Sheaf	1	James Harlow	15	Ab'l S	Y	
		William Joyce	55	Ab'l S	X	
		John Newman	25	Army	no	✓
Winchester St	1	Moses Cook	55	Baker	Yes	
		James Cook	20		Yes	
		Mary Howam	60	Ind	Y	✓
Do	1	John Shackelford	70	Ind	Y	
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In the 1851 Census Moses is still a Bread Baker living in Winchester Street, age 65 with his other son, John who was also a Bread Baker. **The Census Image is shown below:**

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Parish or Township of <i>Basingstoke</i>		Ecclesiastical District of		City or Borough of		Town of <i>Basingstoke</i>		Village of		
House Number	Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf-and-Dumb	
					Males	Females				
42	<i>Winchester Street</i>	<i>Moses Cook</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	<i>65</i>		<i>Bread Baker</i>	<i>Berkshire Reading</i>	<i>+</i>	
		<i>John Cook</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>35</i>		<i>Do</i>	<i>Hampshire Basingstoke</i>		
		<i>Hitty Joyce</i>	<i>Serv</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>36</i>		<i>House Servant</i>	<i>Dorset Houghton</i>	<i>+</i>	

Moses died in 1857 age 71. He made a Will which was proved 6th May 1857. In his Will he left the Bakery business to his son John and we find that his other son, James was a Wesleyan Minister at Winterbourne, near Bristol and he was a beneficiary as was the Upwood Wesleyan Chapel in Huntingdon. There was no mention of the Wesleyans in Basingstoke so this probably confirms that they had “died out”. What is intriguing is that one of the witnesses to the Will was Edmund Rawlings, a Minister – in fact he was a Primitive Methodist Minister! From the 1841 and subsequent Census’s we find that Moses Cook’s premises were next to the Wheatsheaf Inn at what is now 36 Winchester Street which is less than 100 yards from where we now meet in Trinity!



36 Winchester Street, from the 1930s, when it was a Tea Rooms and views of the building today which still shows evidence on the wall of its use as a Tea Room!.

Startup continues: *After a while a more public place was engaged for our work; but from this time the cause began to decline, owing to the difficulty of supplying the pulpit regularly. The assembled congregation would frequently be without a preacher, and then – as a not unnatural result – the preachers would sometimes go, and find almost no congregation.*

On one occasion, a good brother preached, it is said, to two persons. His labour, however, was not in vain; for, as he learnt years afterwards, one of the two persons was led by that sermon to seek the Lord. The cause soon died out, and for forty or fifty years Basingstoke remained without Wesleyan services.

This would mean the new start was brief, and would place *the cause soon died out* in about 1830 at the latest. This in turn would fit in with the *Methodist Recorder* of 24th March 1904 which states:

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Basingstoke was Methodistically the child of Andover. Two or three starts were made, it appears, but finally the "New Mission at Basingstoke" was firmly established. The "new mission" began in the early 1870s. Pocock relates that a Mr Thomas Mead from Bedfordshire took a farm near to Basingstoke, but found no Methodism. According to the History of the Church and of the Methodist Society in Basingstoke from 1769 – the Golden Jubilee Souvenir handbook published in 1955 – he had been evicted from a farm in Bedfordshire because of his Methodism. Together with a man from Guildford and one or two others in Basingstoke itself, he made a persevering search for premises, but could fix only on an ill-lit granary to which access was by a ladder which obstructed the pathway and had therefore to be drawn up after the congregation had assembled inside. This first Wesleyan chapel was thus an old granary in Potters Lane, rented, and opened, according to an old picture of it, in 1870, which accords with G E Startup's "about 18 months ago" published in May 1872.

Arthur Attwood (1916-2002) writing in the Gazette, 15th December, 1978, in an article entitled The struggle for a Methodist 'meeting', said that *Mr Thomas Mead linked up with a Mr James Kingham of Dummer to rent a granary at Potters Lane, which served as a meeting place, with the Andover circuit supplying the preachers.*

The 1870 Chapel in Potters Lane



(Hampshire Record Office: Basingstoke Methodist Circuit Archive: 57M77/NMS178)

The Andover local preachers' meeting agreed in December 1870 that Basingstoke's week-night meeting should be held once a month at 7:30. Initially the membership was in single figures reaching 10 by June 1872 and Basingstoke then vanishes from the Andover Circuit and was itself made into the head of a new circuit and in the same year Conference sent a home missionary. The Rev G E Startup's 1872 report, which was quoted earlier, continues: *the congregations were good, and the people appeared to receive the Word with gladness. A Society was formed, and the infant cause appeared to be prosperous and promising, when suddenly death removed the one man on whose activity and influence it seemed mainly to depend... a great and serious loss.*

A period of slow decline unhappily now set in. Some who joined the Society at the first began to neglect our services; and after six months of earnest toil and anxious watching, the home missionary felt it to be his duty to leave the apparently unproductive field for one that seemed more promising. When his successor commenced his labours, the aspect of affairs was very discouraging. His first sermon was preached to five adults and as many children. It was announced that the class would meet at the close of the service, but only one person remained; and it was not until a month had elapsed that a Class-meeting could be held at all. From that time, however the work has been steadily growing. Our congregations have gradually increased. Last Sabbath there were about forty at each service.

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Eventually a site for a chapel was acquired, and a purpose-built chapel opened in November 1875. The photograph below shows it after it had been taken down and re-erected in Cliddesden.



By 1878 the Wesleyan Basingstoke Circuit included only Basingstoke, Sherborne, Newfound and Cliddesden but it was the Primitives who held sway in many of the other villages around.

A mystery re the Pear Tree Inn & the Primitive and Wesleyan Methodists

In my first article on the Primitive Methodists, I included information on The Pear Tree Inn, but there is conflicting information about which faction, Primitives or Wesleyans meet in the area so **Who met near the Pear Tree Inn?**

The brief, anonymous History of the Church and of the Methodist Society in Basingstoke from 1739 says: *“There is however a record that a group of people met for years in a loft behind the Pear Tree Inn, where until about 1860 relics of the old Methodist meeting still existed.”* John Vickers also mentions this location for Wesleyan meeting in his 1986 doctoral thesis: *“A society which, following Wesley’s visits to Basingstoke, met in a loft behind the Pear Tree Inn died out.”* Neither the History nor Vickers offers any contemporary documentation to verify this, and I suspect the report is erroneous. Arthur Attwood wrote in about 1980 an undated Gazette publication entitled Look in the Past, in which he says: *Before the Primitive Methodists had their own Chapel, they worshipped in a barn on the opposite side of the road. This was near where the Pear Tree Inn was built just over a hundred years ago... on the site of a house where a brewer by the name of Hinde lived. Behind the house was one of Basingstoke’s small breweries belonging to Messrs Barrett and Hinde.*

Sadly, like the anonymous History and Vickers, Mr Attwood supplied no contemporary evidence for this location for the Primitive Methodists, though as a long-term amateur local historian, born in the town in 1916, he doubtless had access to local knowledge and tradition which have not survived to the present day. In time the Primitives purchased a site on the south side of Flaxfield Road, the very road the Pear Tree stood in, and a house and Chapel, opened in 1847, were built. The suspicion arises that the reports of Wesleyans meeting in a loft behind the Pear Tree Inn, and of Primitives meeting in a barn behind the same site, plus the location of the first Primitive Chapel in the same road, represent muddled pieces of folk memory, helped by the fact that the Wesleyans really needed to enter the “room over an old granary” which was their first Chapel by means of a ladder (giving rise to the idea of a loft).

It may of course be that the Wesleyans' “more public place” mentioned by Startup was in reality a loft close to, or behind, the Pear Tree Inn, which would mean that the Wesleyan and Primitive meetings, though perhaps distant in time, were nonetheless close in location. But in that case, why did relics of the Wesleyan meetings remain there from when they faded out in about 1830 at the latest till the 1860s?

cont’d.....

It is not impossible, but it does strain credibility. As matters stand, we have undocumented reports of Methodists meeting behind and later in a Chapel in the same road as the Pear Tree Inn. Perhaps we shall ever know for sure who met near the Pear Tree Inn, nor when.

I must acknowledge the help of David Martin Young and Roger Ottewill for much of the information contained in this article.

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Roger Ottewill retired in 2008 after 35 years in higher education. He has published many books and his main interests are local political, administrative and religious history.

They have both given me permission to include information from their publications, etc., for my article.

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The Wellbeing Journey – Churches Tackling the Impact of Covid-19

The Wellbeing Journey is a new 8-part video series, which will help churches and communities address the challenging impact of the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic. Local churches are in a unique place to lead communities on this holistic journey to physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing.

The videos are presented by Simon Thomas (ex Sky Sports / Blue Peter) and Joanna Abeyinka (CBeebies), with contributions from leading experts in different fields.

As well as the videos there is a book to be published by Waverley Abbey Resources this autumn. **God's Plan for Your Wellbeing by Dave Smith offers a 50-day devotional – fuel for the journey.**

Dr Rachel Jordan-Wolf, HOPE Together's assistant director said, "We're encouraging churches to run The Wellbeing Journey online or in person from January, inviting all those who attend their Christmas services, both virtually and physically, to join them on this journey. "The series can be used to run with a centralised group, in small groups or in Sunday services, whether online or physically. The material is suitable for interested non-Christians and would make a great introduction to your church."

HOPE Together will provide posters, invitations and social media posts for publicity as well as sermon ideas to launch the series at Christmas. The sermon ideas will be based on Isaiah 9 – The Message version translates verse 6: 'His names will be: Amazing Counsellor, Strong God, Eternal Father, Prince of Wholeness.'

Find out more at www.wellbeingjourney.org (Parish Pump)

- 80 years ago, on 5 November 1940 Franklin D Roosevelt became the only US President to win a third term in office.
- 40 years ago, on 21 November 1980 American TV soap opera Dallas revealed 'Who shot JR' after keeping viewers in suspense for eight months.
- Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Offering HOPE in Uncertain Times

Life before lockdown wasn't always a bed of roses. But it was normal and predictable... usually... Now everything seems unknown. What does the future hold? Is there a door of hope? **Hope in Uncertain Times** is a giveaway booklet pointing to Hope for now and for eternity. Published by HOPE Together and Biblica, with the backing of Elim, Church of England, the Methodist Church, Baptists Together, the World Prayer Centre, and the Redeemed Christian Church of God, it is an ideal gift to give with an invitation to join your church in person or online.

Copies are available to order from the HOPE shop – copies cost just 30p for bulk orders of 50 or more. A video version of the booklet is available from the HOPE Together website: hopetogether.org.uk. *(All the articles on this page are taken from Parish Pump)*

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Give away the Jesus story as told by Mark

The Talking Jesus research showed that for 27% of practising Christians, reading the Bible for themselves was a key influence in their coming to faith. As a result of the research, HOPE Together decided to find out what Bible a non-Christian would pick up and read.

When 800 non-Christians were asked this question, the majority wanted something short, well-designed and contemporary in look and feel. Based on this evidence HOPE Together and Biblica have published a beautifully illustrated version of Mark's Gospel, designed in a magazine-style and printed on quality paper, making it an attractive gift to give away to friends, colleagues and family, people who visit your church and those in your community who are exploring faith. *Order copies from the: **HOPE shop** hopetogether.org.uk/shop*

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Poppy Appeal 2020

Look out for the Poppy Appeal again this year, but not so much via street collections. Instead, the Royal British Legion will focus on contactless donations, as a safer way forward during the pandemic. One such method will be 'point of sale donations'. This means that when you shop at your supermarket and reach the till or online, you may be invited to round up your total to the nearest pound to help the Poppy Appeal. A spokesman for the Royal British Legion said: "The Poppy Appeal 2020 is very much still going ahead", but that "the safety and wellbeing of our volunteers, staff and members is paramount. This means that collectors who fall into the vulnerable category have been advised "not to take part in activity on behalf of the Poppy Appeal that would expose them to any additional risks while coronavirus is still present."

And yet the need is still huge: "Members of the Armed Forces Community are suffering significant hardship as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak and we at the Royal British Legion will do everything we possibly can to support them."

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Help our wildlife before it is too late

A quarter of mammals in the UK are at risk of extinction, and this decline will continue unless their habitats are restored and some species are reintroduced. So warns the chair of Natural England, Tony Juniper, referring to a recent list of endangered animals issued by the Mammal Society, and approved by the United Nations. UK mammals most in danger are the greater mouse-eared bat, the water vole, the hedgehog, hazel dormouse and Scottish wildcat. The European wolf is already extinct. Tony Juniper advises that reintroducing some mammals would help others at greater risk. For example, introducing more pine martens would help control the grey squirrels, which in turn would give our native red squirrels a better chance. As one professor of environmental biology said: "Here in Britain we are managing to send even rodents towards extinction. Things have to change rapidly if we want our children and grandchildren to enjoy the wildlife that we take for granted."

For the Young and not so Young

PUZ?LES

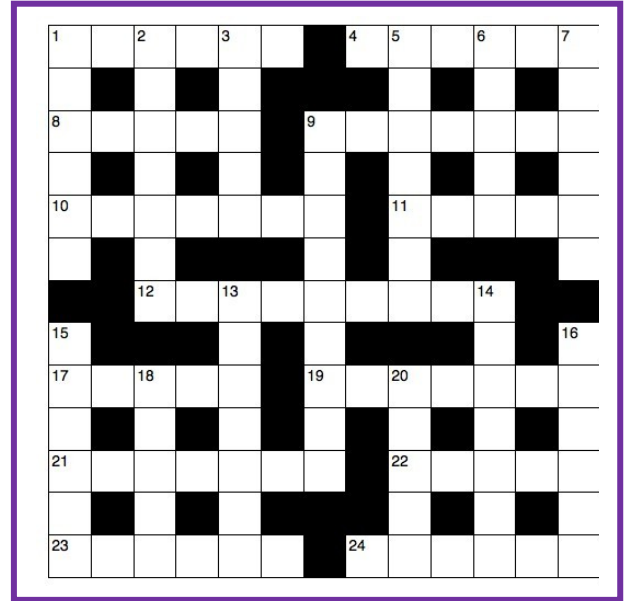
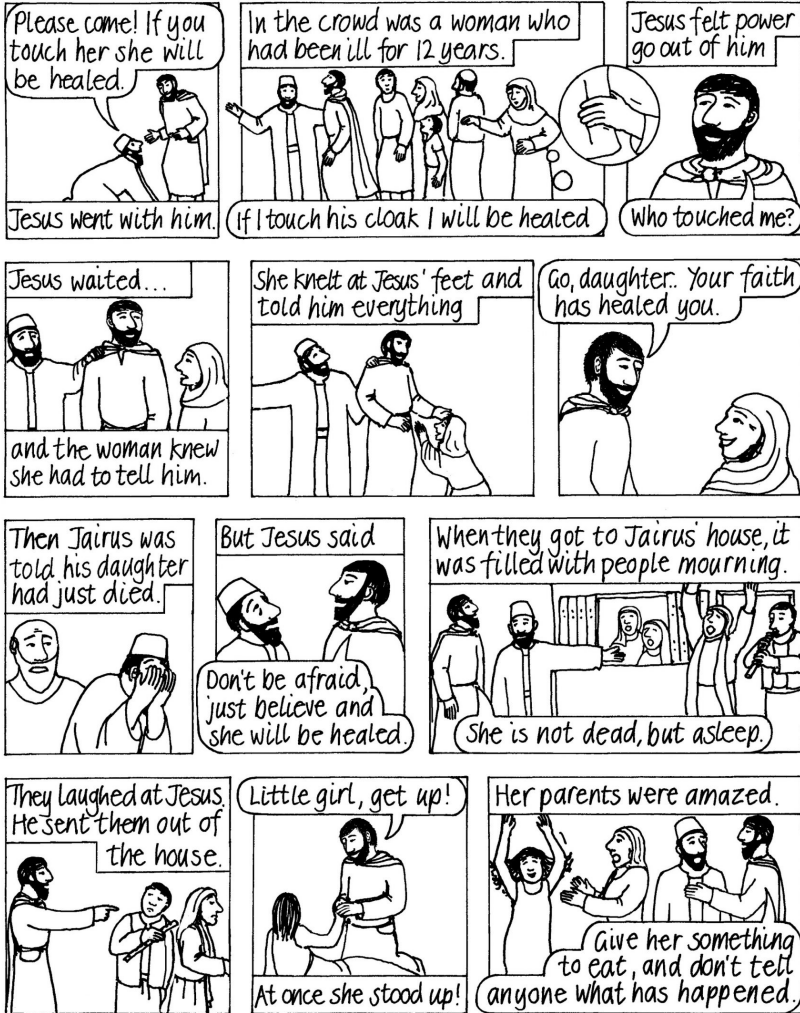
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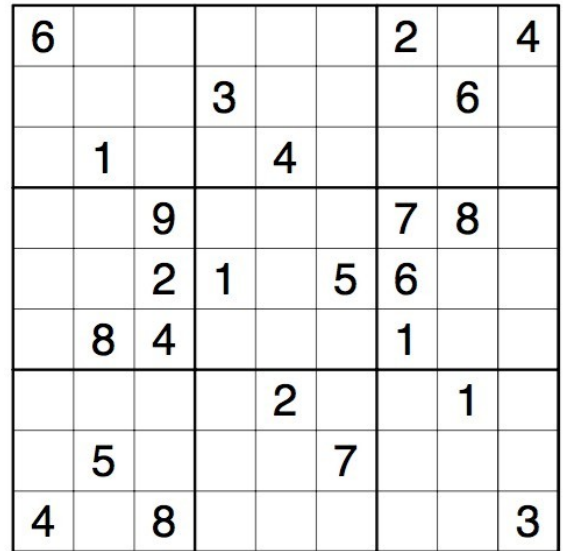
A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Lk 8:40-56, Mt 9:18-26, Mk 5:21-43

Jairus, a town leader, had a 12 year old daughter who was ill and about to die. He came to Jesus and knelt at his feet...



Sudoku



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Crossword Clues November 20 – Across:

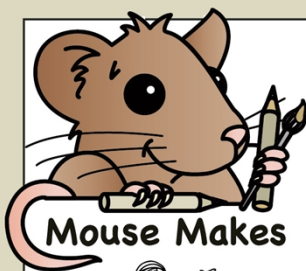
- 1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when He had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)
- 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and His — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
- 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
- 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)
- 10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
- 11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
- 12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
- 17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)
- 19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)
- 21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
- 22 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)
- 23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6)
- 24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

• War does not determine who is right – only who is left – (probably) *Bertrand Russell*

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Crossword Clues November 20 – Down:

- 1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)
- 2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)
- 3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)
- 5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
- 6 and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
- 7 A three (anag.) (6)
- 9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
- 13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
- 14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
- 15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
- 16 See 6 Down (6)
- 18 Paste (anag.) (5)
- 20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)



REMEMBERING

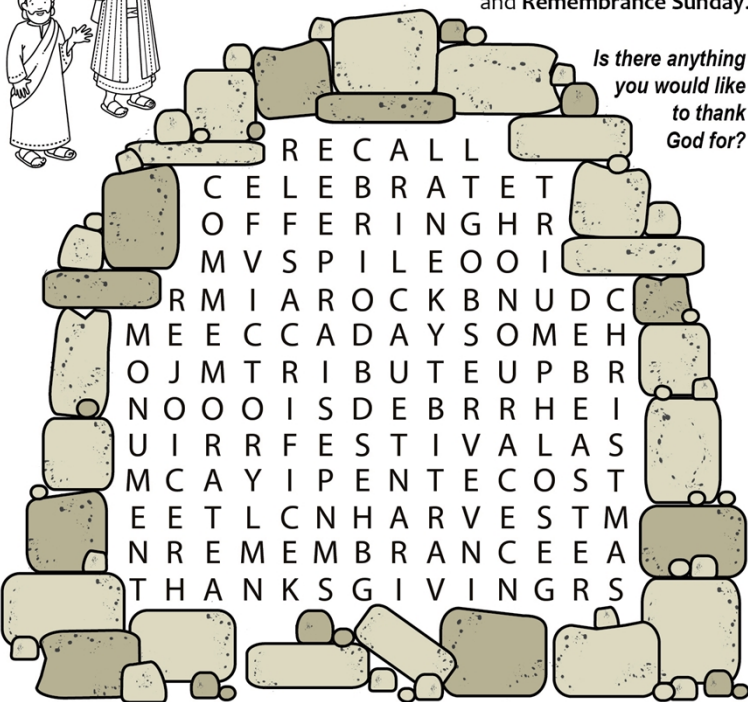
How do you remember things?

In bible times God's people would remember what God had done for them by building monuments made of stones and by holding festivals and celebrations to give thanks to God.

READ Joshua 4:1-9 and Exodus 12:1-14

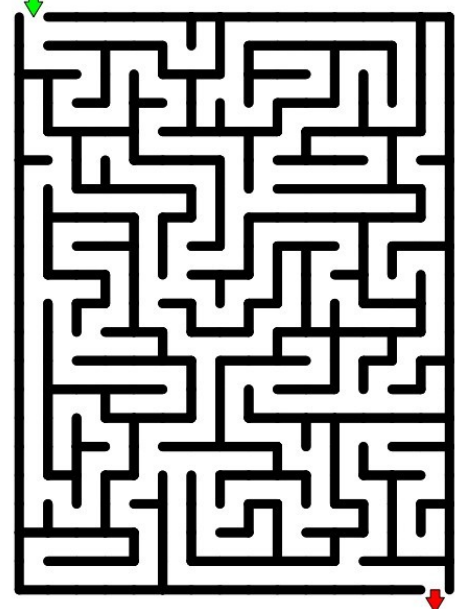
Today we too build monuments to remember and hold services of thanksgiving like **Harvest** and **Remembrance Sunday**.

Is there anything you would like to thank God for?



- REMEMBRANCE • SACRIFICE • VICTORY • TRIUMPH • MONUMENT
- ROCK • PILE • OBSERVE • TRIBUTE • COMMEMORATE • RECALL • OFFERING
- HONOUR • CELEBRATE • PRAISE • REJOICE • THANKSGIVING • DAYS
- FESTIVAL • EASTER • PENTECOST • HARVEST • CHRISTMAS

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When the vicar moved his family into the large Victorian Vicarage, a member of the congregation asked the young son how he liked his new home.

"It's great," the little boy replied. "At last I have my own room, Mike has his own room, Jemma has her own room, and Bobby has his own room. But poor Mum is still in with Dad."

- God isn't looking for perfect people. He is looking to perfect people – *John Hileman*

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Puzzle Pages Solutions

Sudoku Solution

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8	1	5	6	4	2	3	9	7
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7	3	2	1	8	5	6	4	9
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9	7	6	4	2	3	5	1	8
3	5	1	8	9	7	4	2	6
4	2	8	5	6	1	9	7	3

come	girl	woman
feet	knelt	stood
cloak	twelve	afraid
Jairus	leader	house
power	faith	healed
something	waited	Jesus
mourning	believe	touched
daughter	laughed	parents

Crossword Answers:



ACROSS:
 1, Thanks. 4, Banner. 8, Esher.
 9, Azariah. 10, Compare. 11, Ishma.
 12, Doorposts. 17, Oaths. 19, Galatia.
 21, Papyrus. 22, Frail. 23, Listen.
 24, Hyssop.

DOWN:
 1, Trench. 2, Ashamed. 3, Karma.
 5, Ananias. 6, Neigh. 7, Reheat.
 9, Areopagus. 13, Observe. 14, Satraps.
 15, Compel. 16, Gallop. 18, Tapes.
 20, Lofty.

A little boy was told that he should try and be good, and that he could ask God for help with this. So he prayed: "Lord, please make me good, if you can. But if you can't, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

Wordsearch Clues – November 20

Scotland	Peter	Patras
Saint	Disciples	Nathanael
Pilgrimage	Love	Bartholomew
Jesus	Eighth	Introducing
Andrew	Messiah	Remains
Place	Honoured	Translation
Fife	Archaia	Tenth
Patron	Saviour	

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Neighbours



Jesus had something very interesting to say about neighbours. No! Not the Australian Soap Opera. Real neighbours. You know, not pretend but people. Who they were, what they should expect of us. Whether they live near us, or miles away. Whether they think and believe the same as us. He said we should show them love, compassion and practical help.

A bit of a tall order !

Having a nervous mother, my friend bought her a security camera for Christmas. An electrician fixed it up outside the front door. One night Jan arrived and let herself in. Mum had the television off and was watching the monitor. She found the neighbours more interesting than any TV programme. For her next Christmas present, she wanted a better security light so that she could see further up the road.

It's easier to watch them, than to help them.

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Identity



Connected up to the heart-monitoring equipment and feeling poorly on my way to hospital after a severe angina attack, I remember my escort in the ambulance telling me this story.

He was a big guy with a lot of dark hair in a pony-tail. Off duty he was a biker, often wearing black leathers. One day, when at the seaside with his family, a crowd had formed round a man who had been taken ill. Taking in the situation, he asked the crowd to move, telling them he was a paramedic. The group looked at this large man with his mop of dark hair and black leather biker's clothes, disbelief written all over their faces. He looked intimidating.

When he produced his identity card with his photo, the crowd parted and he was able to help the sick man. ***You can't always tell a book by its cover !***

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Perfect



Jesus said, "be perfect as your father in heaven is perfect." A very tall order, especially after he has told us and showed us what his father is like!

Reading Matthew's 'sermon on the mount' makes me realise how impossible it is. God treats everybody the same and he wants us to be like that.

Then I got to thinking. The only person I know who comes close to this perfection is our daughter Claire. She is one of the few people I know who genuinely treats everyone the same. Because Claire has Downs Syndrome, she is considered 'disabled'. After spending thirty-four years with her, I have come to the conclusion that she is 'enabled'. She is more able to take people at their face value, she is never cynical, never carries past hurts into tomorrow. ***Claire has taught me more about God than any other person.***

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A good number of years ago now, we had a visit at Trinity from Irene Sayer who gave a talk. She was the Methodist Church's Network President 2003 – 2004.

Irene brought some books / booklets with her that she had written and I bought a couple of these. I also asked Irene if I could use some of her articles in our church magazine. Irene said I could and the above three pieces are some of these.

11 November is
Remembrance Day...

War and Peace

War is not a new thing
It's been here from the start,
When Cain slew brother Abel
And their lives were torn apart.

Brother still fights brother
And nations go to war,
It seems these things will never end
Perhaps we need to ask 'what for?'

Man has chosen his own path
Where might and power tell,
But God desires a better way
Where harmony and peace
can dwell.

And so a time will come at last
When all man's rule will cease,
Emmanuel will come to reign,
Our Lord and Saviour,
Prince of Peace.

by Megan Carter, Parish Pump

All In All

Although
unseen,
He isn't a
dream,
He's real, oh
so very real,
His
protection
and care,
His joy and
peace,
Every day of
my life I feel,
He's my
strength,
in times of
weakness,
He's my
uplift,
When I'm
low,
He's my
Companion
When I'm
lonely,
Oh He's
such a joy
to know,
He's my
Friend,
My Lord,
my Saviour,
My
inspiration
too,
No one
compares,
On Earth to
Him,
I recommend
Jesus to
you.



Life

Life is given to everyone
From the time of birth
From the time that we're conceived
And live upon this Earth
The span of life is different
For every girl and boy
For some it may be hours
Whilst others years enjoy
Life is very precious
Given by God above
It should be greatly treasured
Handled with care and loved
Treated with a great respect
However long the span
Which God has designated
To child, woman, man
We do not have the right to take
The breath of life away
And, if we do, then we must face
Our Judge on Judgement Day.

Wealth Beyond Measure

I may not have a million pounds
To spend on this and that.
But I do have time to listen
Time to sit and have a chat.
Time to share the greatest wealth
I could ever share.
Wealth to bring you *joy and hope*
Throughout each day and year.
This wealth will not diminish
But grow from day to day.
Nothing can destroy it
It will never fade away.
You ask me what this
Wealth could be
It sounds too good to be true?
It's the love of God
This wealth I share with you.

**These three poems are all
written by Dorothy Durant.**



Breast Awareness Photo –
Guess who's dressed in pink ?
And raising money for the charity.
There's a clue in the picture !!