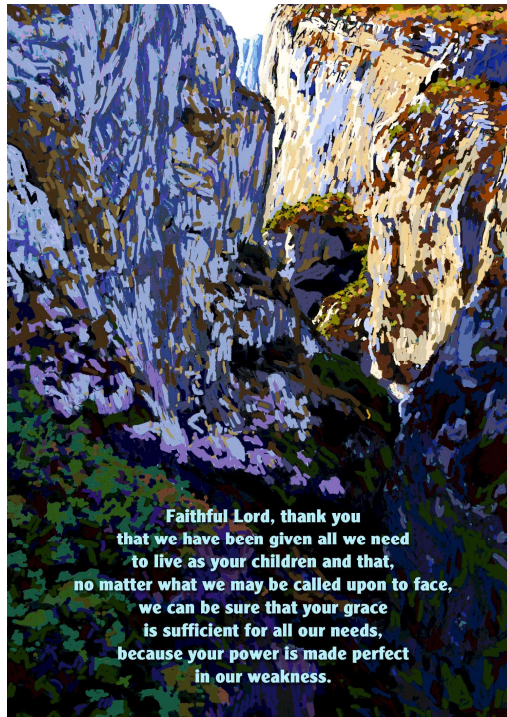


Trinity E-News



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Faithful Lord, thank you
that we have been given all we need
to live as your children and that,
no matter what we may be called upon to face,
we can be sure that your grace
is sufficient for all our needs,
because your power is made perfect
in our weakness.

Our Minister is:
Rev'd Audrey D Browne
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email:
padbrowne89@googlemail.com

**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
Passcode: 816173

Link to Circuit Website:
basingstokereadingmethodists.uk



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If you wish to know God,
you must know His Word
– C H Spurgeon
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The Bible is meant to
be bread for our daily
use, not just cake for
special occasions
– Unknown

Trinity E-News:
Deadline: for Nov 22 Issue is
Frid 21 Oct 22

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

I always enjoy receiving your lovely
pieces, so please keep them coming.
A Big Thankyou to everyone who
has sent in items. These can be
posted or emailed. **Thank you again,**
Hazel, Ed (☎: 01256-461375)
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**British
Summertime
Ends on
Sunday
30 October 22**

October 2022

Dear Friends,

Ramblings

I have been thinking all summer what a strange time it has been. Despite wonderful weather here, heat and wildfires further south and the extreme melting of the Arctic sea ice have all brought home the reality of climate change with all its potential problems and disasters.

Even as a Christian I find it increasingly difficult to cope with all my worries about what the future holds for my grandchildren and their generation. The Bible tells us to cast all our cares upon the Lord and not to be afraid. However that does not mean that we should be silent about our concerns or unresponsive. I cannot imagine that God is pleased if we look away from big world problems. After all, the Bible tells us that God placed Adam in the garden of Eden to cultivate it and guard it. So when I am bored collecting and sorting my rubbish and recycling paper and glass, I remind myself that small contributions are not insignificant and I am part of God’s stewardship campaign and a guardian of His great creation.

As I write, in the middle of September two other events are filling my thoughts. The Conservative party leadership campaign has occupied much of the news in the past weeks.

The often acrimonious and vindictive campaign waged by the leading politicians has not filled me with admiration for any of them. It reminded me of the time when the disciples asked Jesus “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

Jesus’ response was to place a little child in the middle with the answer “whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” There will always be contests for the great offices of state but those people humbly and quietly serving others may well be the greatest (and least recognised) among us.

As I get older, I am more and more aware of

the love I have been shown throughout my life by the people around me. All too often I have been blind to the time others have given me, or the ways in which they have smoothed my path. How ungrateful I have been! I now realise that it is in care and kindness shown and in understanding and tolerance that love is expressed. It’s absolutely no point saying you love someone if you’re not prepared to wash their dirty socks or listen when they need a friend. Perhaps one of the benefits of growing older is the ability to recognise and respond to love wherever we find it.

The other event in all our minds in the next few days will be the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. There have been so many comments and so much written about our Queen that there may be nothing I should add. However the more I think about it, the more I value the virtue of persistence, loyalty and determination which we see in her dedication to the job she undertook at the beginning of her reign.

In my experience there are so many things which we begin with enthusiasm but it is only after a long commitment to the task that we see their true worth. Fulfilling all the promises we make to God may be out of our reach. We have only to look at Jesus’ disciples to see how often they failed to live up to their words and good intentions. However God is faithful in His promises to us and He will see his transformative task in us through to the end.

That is really something to celebrate!

Hilary

The latest Circuit Prayer Resource can be found on pages 18 – 21 of the September issue of Trinity E-News.

Sunday Worship – Trinity and Our Basingstoke Churches

Plan for Worship, October to November for our Basingstoke Churches. **Live Worship at Trinity with Services also Zoomed.**

Enquiries: please contact **Diane Bath** on: ☎: 01256 320429 or by email at: dianeath51@gmail.com Thank you.



Basingstoke Churches – October 2022

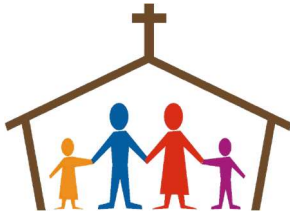
Dates	2 October	9 October	16 October	23 October	30 October
Trinity 10.30 am	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	Mr Tony Pitt & Mrs Hilary Reed, R	Mrs June Hardcastle	Mr Peter Frank	Revd Angela Webb & Mr Peter Ansell, Joint Service at Trinity with St Andrew's
Kempshott 10.30 am	Revd David Jenkins, S	Mr Tony Bell, Zoom	Mr Stephen Appiah, Zoom	LA, Zoom	Revd Dr John Sumitra, Zoom
Oakley 10.30 am	Revd Valerie Fisher	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	LA	Revd Audrey D Browne	Mr Terry Rowell
Oakridge 10.30 am	Mr Peter Frank	LA	Revd David Jenkins, S	Mrs Denise Baugh	Mrs Sarah Whithorn
Old Basing 10.30 am	Mr Symon Turner, HF	Mr Stephen Appiah	Mrs Denise Baugh	Revd David Jenkins, S	LA
St Andrew's 10.30 am	LA, Mrs Linda Hoe, BM	Mrs Kim Kelly	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	Mr Terry Rowell	Joint Service at Trinity

Basingstoke Churches – November 2022

Dates	6 November	13 November Remembrance Sunday	20 November	27 November Advent Sunday
Trinity 10.30 am	LA, JAM, All Age Worship	Revd Jackie Case	Mrs Anne Rowe & Mrs Ann Walker	Revd Audrey D Browne, S
Kempshott 10.30 am	Revd David Jenkins, S	Mrs Sarah Whithorn, Zoom	LA, Zoom	Mr David Munns, Zoom
Oakley 10.30 am	Mrs June Hardcastle	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	LA	Revd Dr John Sumitra
Oakridge 10.30 am	Revd Dr John Sumitra	Revd David Jenkins, S	Judith Cole	LA
Old Basing 10.30 am	Mr Peter Frank	Revd Martin Beukes	Revd David Jenkins, S	Mr Terry Rowell
St Andrew's 10.30 am	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	Revd Valerie Fisher, P	Revd Audrey D Browne	Mrs June Hardcastle

'Jesus And Me' ! (JAM)

'JAM' meets next from
2.30 pm – 4.30 pm
on the following Sunday:
2 October



On **Sunday 6 November**
at **10.30 am** –
our **Morning Worship** at
Trinity will be led by
'Members of JAM'.
It is an 'All Age
Worship' Service.

**Please do come along
and support JAM on
Sunday 6 November**

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JAM – 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
Basingstoke Lions Club.

Trinity Circle

Our next meeting is on
Tuesday 11 October at 7.30 pm.
Our speaker is **Revd Angela Webb** and she
will be talking on the title "**Images and
Symbols**", looking at pictures from her book,
"**Grace upon Grace**".

Copies of her book will be available on the
evening. A donation of about £10 would be
appreciated.

Trinity Circle is open to everyone, so if you
are able to join us, please come along, we
would love to see you.

Sonia

The Northern Housegroup

Our next meeting is on
Tuesday 4 October at 7.30pm in the lounge.

Our speaker is **Yvonne Hunt** and she will be
telling us all about the
"**Community Food Project**".

This is an '**Open Meeting**' and you are all most
welcome to come along.

There will be refreshments afterwards.
We look forward to seeing you.

Hilary, Edna and Sonia

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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.

My message to everybody, is to Read the Bible
out loud, quietly to yourself.

Never, never, never Read the Word silently.....

Let it go into your body, absorb it.

And let it come out, so you continue this
wonderful, wonderful relationship you can have
with God and his Word – *David Suchet*

**Useful Trinity & Other Contacts,
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Our Church Office is Open 1 morning a week,
usually on Wednesdays.

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phone is only on during working hours) or email
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**Enjoy 'Fellowship with
Friends' after Morning
Worship at Trinity,
along with an enjoyable
cup of Coffee or Tea
and a biscuit**

**We are now enjoying sharing
in fellowship over a cup of
coffee or tea
and a biscuit
after morning
worship.**



Several people have volunteered
to help but it would be nice to
have a few more volunteers to
help - one Sunday a month is all
we ask.

Please think about it and if you
think this could be for you,
please telephone or speak to
either: **Barbara Johnson or
Sonia Jones**

Children in Need

The Money raised in Basingstoke &
Reading for **Children in Need**
for this year is:

Basingstoke – £45,634
Reading area – £616,341

Sent in by Nigel

Eastrop Park Car Park

There has been a rethink on the charges at Eastrop
Park Car Park – the first 2 hours are now **FREE**,
but you do still need **to get a ticket for your car**
when parking. After the 2 hours you need to pay.

When we were there a couple of weeks ago, the
ticket machines were not in use, **Hazel Ed**

As some of us are
about to have a
Covid vaccination,
this year – I was a
**'Vaccination Car
Park Person'**.
Sent in by Nigel



The Mug and Biscuit, St Andrew's Church

The Mug & Biscuit Is Open on the following days:



New Hours of opening are:

Tuesday: 10 am to 1.30 pm
 Wednesday: 10 am to 1.30 pm
 Thursday: 10 am to 1.30 pm



- We will be serving home-made cakes, jacket potatoes, toasted sandwiches and tea cakes.
- The menu is subject to change.
- Last Orders for hot food is 1.00 pm
- Takeaway Available. Credit Cards Accepted.
- Please come along and support this initiative.
- If you would like to help, please come along and speak to us.



We look forward to welcoming old and new friends.



The Mug & Biscuit Team

Any queries contact:

Linda Hoe ☎: 07963 583506



Bible Studies at Old Basing:



Focusing on Philippians Series

Thursdays 2.30 pm at

Old Basing Methodist Church

- 6 October Chapter Two – Inspiration
- 20 October Chapter Three – Confidence
- 3 November Chapter Four – Joy

Advent Series:

Thursdays 2.30 pm at

Old Basing Methodist Church

- On December 1, 8 and 15 – Aspects of The Christmas Story

- I get most of my exercise these days from shaking my head in disbelief.

What's On at Old Basing

- Craft afternoon – Tuesday 4 October at 2:30 pm
- Coffee morning – Friday 14 October at 10:30 am
- Craft afternoon – Tuesday 18 October at 2:30 pm
- Prayers – Tuesday 25 October at 2:30 pm

Anyone from Trinity or our other Circuit Churches would be very welcome.

As life this autumn gets underway....

Love letter

An advert appeared in the student newspaper of the university:
 'Sweet little old lady wishes to correspond with university student – seeks six-footer with brown eyes answering to initials JAD'.

Signed, His mother



Oh Great God, you call us to Peace.
As we mark six months of war in Ukraine, call us
back to be peacemakers.

Strengthen all those working in the region for
justice and for peace.

We cry to you to restore the people of Ukraine to
a life of freedom and wholeness.

And we thank you for the resilience of our
Ukrainian sisters and brothers, for all who have
opened their homes and churches, and most of
all for your deep love and grace in which we trust
even in the midst of earthly conflict. Amen

*This prayer was taken from the front page of
the Methodist Website: methodist.org.uk*

Oakley Methodist Church

Coffee Mornings at Oakley are on the:

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month

10 am – 12 noon (11 Oct & 25 Oct)

**£1 for a bottomless tea
or coffee and biscuits.**

**Also some paperbacks
available at 30p each.**



Oakley Christmas Fayre

Saturday 12 November



10 am – 12 noon



SEE PAGE 15 for More Information

- *The Bible never claims to be one holy book among many, but The Holy Book above all.*

Brian H Edwards

- Men give advice; God gives guidance. *Leonard Ravenhill*

Winter Challenge for Ukrainians

Eight months since Russia's invasion, Christian Aid is warning that millions of Ukrainians face a bleak winter in temporary shelters and damaged homes. Christian Aid is working hard to help Ukrainians get through the cold months, when temperatures can plunge to – 20C.

Alongside its local partners and other charities, the programme for winter includes insulating shelters, restoring toilet and shower blocks, and handing out cash, food, blankets, toiletries and other essentials to support 57,000 people.

Christian Aid CEO Patrick Watt said: "Thanks to the unprecedented generosity of the British people, Christian Aid is helping local people to take the lead in tackling their own priorities. But with disrupted power, freezing temperatures lie ahead for conflict-hit Ukrainians already struggling with trauma and a lack of medical treatment. We must do more, and quickly.

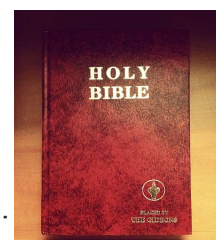
"One helpful measure would be for the Ukrainian government to lift the tax on humanitarian aid. We urge the UK government to use its relationships in Kyiv to achieve this. We want to complement state activities – not replace them."

from Parish Pump

War in Ukraine: Help Support the Church in Ukraine with Bibles

The Bible Society is appealing for funds to send more Bibles to Ukraine. Bibles which share **"the love and power of God's Word."** **Details at:**

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/donate/>



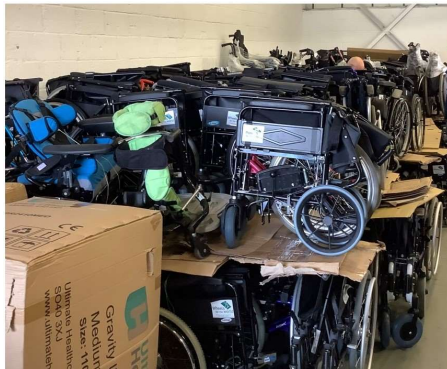
A Visit to the Wheels for the World Warehouse

by Paul Webb and Angela Webb



Last month we wrote about launching Angela's book, 'Grace upon Grace' and raising money for the 'Through the Roof' project, 'Wheels for the World'.

On Wednesday 7 September, we visited the 'Wheels for the World' Warehouse in Aldershot.



When we arrived we saw Tim Wood, the CEO of 'Through the Roof' and Shaun Burrows, the International Missions Manager (responsible for 'Wheels for the World') waiting for us beside a double height stack of beautifully refurbished manual wheelchairs bearing the 'Wheels for the World' sticker.



We unloaded four rollators from my wheelchair accessible vehicle and handed them over. We were told that a shipping container containing 140 wheelchairs had been sent to India from Felixstowe docks. In the



future there are going to be distributions in Nigeria and Ukraine. Containers of 140 wheelchairs will be sent in advance.

I showed Tim and Shaun the speech I made at the launch of 'Grace upon Grace' and the article we wrote for last month's magazine. We handed over a cheque for £600 which will sponsor 12 wheelchairs and 8 Bibles.

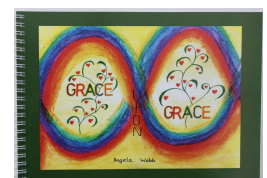


Photographs were taken so that our story could be included in the magazine, 'The Vital Link'.

Thank you to you all for your generous donations.

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Wheels for the World saves old wheelchairs from landfill in the UK, refurbishes wheelchairs in prison workshops, changes the lives of people with disabilities across the world. Every £50 we raise will sponsor a wheelchair and a Bible.



If you would like a copy of the book, 'Grace upon Grace', you can request a copy through the email: graceupongrace.book@gmail.com A donation of about £10 for each copy of the book would be appreciated.

A Tin of Buttons



I was very much an outdoors type of child. Growing up in South London, on the border with Kent.

Most free time was spent over the nearby fields and lanes. Some find it hard to believe that such places existed, but post war they certainly did.

When the weather was really bad, we stayed indoors, and I had a tin of buttons. It was an old cocoa tin, and the buttons were of all shapes, sizes, and colours. Some were black, or dark in shade, others brightly coloured, and then there were the tiny pearl ones.

The holes on them just four or two affected the game, for this was a toy, and to a child with a rich imagination, they were people.

The dark ones were men or boys depending on the size, and the bright coloured ones were ladies or girls, the tiny pearly ones were infants. The number of holes indicated strength and prestige from these, characters would emerge, and stories of love, adventure, and life.

I am sure a psychiatrist would possibly suggest some mental capacity or lack of it. How the characters developed and the relationships formed, were predetermined by appearance, in a sense the way in which people are typecast today.

For a child with no siblings, the characters were real enough, until mother said to pack the buttons away, then they became just buttons, and the story would end.

To create a whole society in one's mind, with just a tin of buttons, requires a rich imagination.

Sometimes it is interesting to go back in one's mind to those days.

The people who influenced us, teachers, friends. Leaders, and neighbours. The places we roamed, the local shops, the songs we sang, and the games we played.

The people who introduced us to Jesus, and helped us in those formative years. We remember them with gratitude today. I was a teenage Salvationist.

One Sunday, I decided to do something different than go to the 'Army.'

A few days later, a young Salvation Army lady, stood on my doorstep, 'I missed you' she said. Thank God for her influence. Next Sunday I was back in my usual seat.

God had something for the child / teenager with imagination to do for him.

He still needs us to encourage and see the possibilities in the characters we encounter today, so let's not just put them back like the buttons, but let's see what they could become.

God bless you.

Margaret Garland

Genuine Notes left for the Milkman !

- Please close the gate behind you because the birds keep pecking the tops of the milk.
- Please Cancel one pint after the day after today.



SAVE THE DATE – CIRCUIT MUSICAL
“Three Wise Camels” at Wesley Methodist Church,
Reading on Saturday 19 November 2022



Calling all who enjoy singing to join us:

We will be performing a new musical by **Roger Jones** called **“Three Wise Camels”** to a live orchestra. This is a musical in a day, but we will be holding some rehearsals for those who would like fellowship and some extra practice before the day. **These will be held at Tadley Common Methodist Church on November 2nd, 9th and 16th from 7 pm – 9 pm.** (*You do not have to attend any of these to take part on the day*).

If you would like to come and can't drive, please ask someone else for a lift or let us know and we will see if we can help in any way.

To get a copy of the musical or a CD to enhance your learning please visit: CD's and Scores etc. can be purchased from: **Christian Music Ministries at:**

www.cmm.org.uk

Even if you don't feel able to sing we will still need a congregation to worship with us, so the more the merrier.

Please email Tony and Jennifer Pitt at: pitt@btinternet.com or on ☎: 01256 816314 if you wish to take part, letting us know what part you would like to sing and your contact details.

Praying for the Presidency

**Prayers requested by the Revd Graham Thomson,
 The President of the British Methodist Conference 2022 / 2023**

- Discernment knowing when to speak and when to be silent.
- The capacity to learn and to share effectively all that Graham learns.
- Resilience for the Presidency for those Graham and Anthony serve and all our partners in the gospel.
- The Church to be overflowing with love for God and neighbour.

**Prayers requested by Anthony Boateng,
 The Vice-President of the British Methodist Conference 2022 / 2023**

- For the Spirit of discernment and wisdom for Anthony to pursue God's will as intended.
- Revival within our Methodist Church, so that we can experience the fullness of God's divine power.
- Growth and spiritual empowerment across all ages within all our churches.
- For God to raise leaders who are prepared to lay down their old flames to carry God's new fire.

- Great ideas need landing gears as well as wings – *C D Jackson*
- What is the use of travelling at a fast speed when you are going in the wrong direction? – *Bernhard Langer*
- Anyone who thinks talk is cheap never argued with a traffic warden.

The International Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is truly international and active today as can be clearly seen in a recent experience I would like to share with you. I have an overseas friend of many years who lives in a Middle Eastern Muslim country. We will call her Badia, which is not her real name. I am a member of a Home Group in Christ Church Chineham which was led by Liz Williams until she passed away last year. We used to pray for Badia as she was experiencing difficult times in her life. These prayers gave Badia the comfort and support she needed and were well received. Liz and Badia shared a common interest and passion, in that they both were cat lovers, and looking after and caring for stray cats in their neighbourhoods.

Recently when driving alone and pondering on life's difficult problems, Badia suddenly felt that someone had said something nice to her. She thought, where did this come from, and suddenly Liz's name came to her mind. She found this very odd. She felt an overwhelming presence of comfort and love around her. She was not at all distracted from her driving and continued safely but felt that she had a really good lifelong friend travelling with her and encouraging her, and she responded to Liz with some kind words. It was a positive and safe appearance lasting only a few seconds.

It was afterwards that she recalled the times, now several years ago, when Liz and the Group had prayed for her with those very same words. This confirmed to her that it was indeed Liz who was with her. After Liz had passed away Badia had prayed for her too. Badia sees this experience as being that Liz could see and understand her current problems today as she was pondering on them in the car, and was again praying for her and encouraging her as she had done in the past when she was with us.

Badia shared this experience with me, and I was truly amazed by it, and told her that the only explanation I had was that our Lord through His Holy Spirit was recognising the wonderful work that she was doing in her active and ongoing mission of love and care for His Creation, in this case His cats, and was encouraging and supporting her through Liz to continue to do so, as did Liz when she was with us.

Indeed, the Holy Spirit is always with us, and will guide, comfort and support us in His chosen mission for each one of us here on Earth. He is truly International and has no limitations or boundaries.

I am sure many of us today have had unique and personal experiences with the Holy Spirit in their lives. Why don't you share your experiences in this magazine so that others can see the infinite and universal Love that our Lord has for each one of us?

Martin Frost, August 2022

Trinity Basingstoke has been asked to Host a First Aid Training Event – run by the Methodist Southern & Islands Training Network.

It is on **29 October 2022**, running from **9 am till 5 pm**. The event is **Free** and intended for those with a leadership role, lay or ordained, volunteer or paid in our churches.



Booking is online at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/first-aid-training-registration-405307534747> More detailed information about what the course covers is also available on this link. Please note: the event page currently notes the venue as Bemerton Methodist Church, but this is incorrect and will be changed to **Trinity**.

Events & News – Wisdom Centre, Romsey

We have places left on each of our events for the remainder of 2022 and we have launched some events for the 2023 programme, which we would be happy to take bookings for:



- **A Day with the Psalms – Saturday 8 October 2022**, Joy, Poetry & Praise presented by Revd Canon Sue Wallace
- **Discover Your Personal Myth in the Sacred Self – Saturday 29 October 2022**, Workshop day facilitated by Martin Handy
- **The Feminine Face of God – Saturday 12 November 2022**, facilitated by Revd Eluned
- **Star of Wonder: An Advent Quiet Day – Saturday 3 December 2022**, facilitated by Revd Vanessa Lawrence
- **Twelve Steps as a Contemplative Way of Life (Steps 10 – 12) – Saturday 14 January 2023**, facilitated by Fiona Jenvey
- **The Cosmic Christ: A Paradigm for our time? – Saturday 4 February 2023**, facilitated by Malcolm (Mozz) Clayton

Community Lunch Café – Midday to 2 pm

- **Dates for this Activity 2022:** 14 October; 4 November & 16 December 2022.
2023: 13 January; 3 February; 10 March & 21 April 2023.

Creative Café – 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm

Please pre-book by contacting our reception team by phone or email as follows:

- **Fridays:** 14 October (stamp, make & print); 4 November (Christmas Cards); 16 December (Everlasting Floral); 3 January (Clay Labyrinth); 3 February (Woven Wall Hanging); 10 March (Easter Cards); 21 April (Paper Bead Bracelet)
- **Meditation** – we continue to hold weekly in-person meditation every Wednesday evening 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm – no need to pre-book.

The grounds and gardens at the Centre are available for all who need a peaceful space to help navigate the spirit through the events of the last two years. Please come and enjoy the Labyrinth, Rose Patio & Centenary Garden.

Events & News – Wisdom Centre Romsey: www.wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk

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Wisdom Centre: A ministry of the Daughters of Wisdom.

Sent in by Pauline Ansell

Tuesday Lunches at Christ Church Chineham:

Christ Church Chineham will be continuing to cook and serve a two-course lunch on the first and the third Tuesday in each month, 12.15 pm for 12.30 pm.
Dates for October are: Tuesday 4 October and Tuesday 18 October.



The lunches will consist of a jacket potato, two fillings (one of which will always be cheese), salad and a pudding. There is no set charge – ‘guests’ will be invited to give what they can afford. Please come yourself and invite anyone you know who is feeling lonely or finding life difficult for some reason. Booking is preferred, so please sign up on ChurchSuite or phone the Office (☎: 01256 474280) if you are able. If you are bringing any friends, please sign them up as well. It is important that you advise us of any food allergies. If you would like to join my team of Helpers, then please let Marianne know. **Marianne Sales:**

October brings St Luke's Day and Canon Paul Hardingham Considers Healing... (Parish Pump)

Healing for Today

This month we focus on healing, as we remember St Luke (18th October), who was a doctor by profession. The healing of the paralytic man by Jesus (Luke 5: 17-26) gives us some key principles for healing for our lives, as the man was lowered to Jesus through the roof!

Faith: It was the adventurous and persistent faith of the man's four friends that brought him to Jesus to be healed. Jesus was the focus of their faith, as they trusted His ability and willingness to transform the man's life. We are also called to such trust, exercising faith in a great God!

Wholeness: Jesus' first words are surprising, "*Friend your sins are forgiven*" (20). Before anything else, Jesus wants the man's relationship with God to be right. God wants to bring wholeness to our lives, including spiritual, emotional, relational, as well as physical healing. Often, He needs to deal with sin, hurt, unforgiveness, guilt or fear before physical restoration.

Authority: Jesus challenges the Pharisees with the question, "*Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?*" (23). By healing the man's legs, Jesus not only confirms that He has authority over sin and sickness, but that He is truly God. We can confidently bring all our needs to Him prayerfully "*in the name of Jesus*".

'Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give Your Church the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.'

Safeguarding 'Creating Safer Space' Foundation Module Training:

A course has been arranged for everyone who is new to a role which requires Safeguarding training, and those who last undertook Foundation or Refresher training 4 or more years ago.

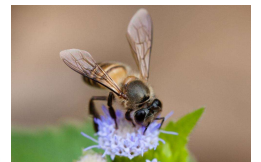
The details are as follows: 10 am – 12.30 pm on Thursday 13 October 2022:
Caversham Heights Methodist Church, 74 Highmoor Road, Caversham RG4 7BG.

Please book your place with

resources@basingstokereadingmethodists.uk or by phoning ☎: 07407 281986.

A National 'Don't Step on a Bee Day' was held on 10 July

Bees need our help. And we need their help. Not only do bees help provide the honey, propolis and beeswax, but they also help to keep us all fed and watered. Without bees, more than a third of everything we eat would disappear from our tables. The majority of our honey here in the UK is imported (85%), but there are also many beekeepers on our doorstep. So why not visit a near-by farm shop or deli and enjoy the precious produce of local beekeepers for breakfast? You can also help bees by planting wildflower seeds that will provide a food supply. Download the Great British Bee Count app created by Friends of the Earth which allows you to log the bees you spot out and about. This builds a picture of bee health and activity in the UK. Finally, build a bee hotel! Bees need somewhere to rest when they venture out on their pollen mission. **You can find a step-by-step guide here:** <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/04/how-to-build-a-bee-hotel/>



Continuing the Occasional Series from Parish Pump, Looking at the Stories behind some of our Favourite Hymns.

***Here are the first three verses of the hymn –
'O God, our help in ages past' and the story behind the hymn***

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure...

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night,
Before the rising sun.

Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748) is often called the 'Father of English hymnody'. Certainly, before his hymns came along, congregational singing was a tedious business.

Watts was born in July 1674 in Southampton. (At the time of his birth, his father, an educated deacon in a dissenting Congregational church, was briefly in prison for his non-conformist beliefs.) As a boy, Watts showed outstanding ability with language (learning Greek, Hebrew, Latin and French). He also had an unusual ability for easy rhyming in English. (At the age of five, when scolded for giggling in family prayers, it was because he had seen a mouse on the bell-rope, and instantly composed the line: *'There was a mouse, for want of stairs, ran up a rope to say his prayers!'*)

Watts' literary ability, combined with his interest in theology, made him very unhappy with the congregational singing of the day, which focused almost entirely on strict metrical versions of the psalms. One Sunday after church, Isaac complained to his father about this. His father challenged him to write something better. Though only 18, Watts accepted the challenge, and produced his first hymn – which was duly sung the following Sunday.

It was such a success that he wrote new hymn texts every Sunday for the next two years. In all, he went on to write more than 600 hymns. Some of them are still well-loved today: from this one, 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past', which is a paraphrase of Psalm 90, to 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross', and the Christmas Carol 'Joy to the World'.

A Prayer

Loving, Creator God, Thank you for your wonderful creation.
In these days of concern about climate change and the damage
caused by modern lifestyles and choices, help us to be more aware.
Help us to make good choices.
Help us to be good stewards of Your creation.



You are so generous Lord.
You provide for us – more than enough to meet the needs of all people.
Help us to play our part in making sure there is fair distribution
of all Your provision.
Help us to reflect Your generosity, Your compassion, Your justice.
Help us to care for Your world and Your precious children.
In Jesus name, Amen



by Daphne Kitching (Parish Pump)

God's Creation

Learn to 'Wait Well' for Things

'My future is in Your hands...'

In her book, *'When, God, When?'* Author Joyce Meyer wrote: "God has taught me to keep living the life I now have, while I am waiting for the things that are in my heart to come to pass. We can become so intent on trying to birth the next things, that we neither enjoy nor take care of the things at hand. I had a vision from God ten years before I began to see it fulfilled. During those years, I believe I missed a lot of joy, trying to give it birth outside of God's timing."

So why not learn to enjoy where you are, while you're waiting to get to where you want to be? After all, all your life you will spend more time waiting than you will receiving. And when you receive what you're waiting for now – you'll begin waiting for something else. That's life! In other words, if we don't learn to 'wait well', we'll live with endless frustration.

Waiting well will also help us prepare for our dream. The Bible puts it this way: "in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9). "Due season" is when God knows we're ready, not when we think we are. He has set appointments to accomplish certain things in our life, so we might as well settle down and wait patiently, because that's when it will happen – and not before.

Isn't it comforting to know that God knows what you need, He knows when you need it and He knows how best to get it to you. All He asks you to do is trust Him.

from Parish Pump

OAKLEY METHODIST CHURCH
CHRISTMAS FAYRE
 SATURDAY
 12th
 NOVEMBER
 10:00_{am} - 12:00_{noon}

St. Michael's Hospice & The Bluebells' Christmas Cards ON SALE!

Drop in for tea/coffee and a mince pie
 At the chapel by the pond

Proceeds to Church funds

Five senses

It seems sometimes we live our lives
 Within our walls and fences
 So nothing of the world outside
 Can breach our strong defences;
 So fully do we concentrate
 On stresses and expenses
 We fail to quite appreciate
 Our five God-given senses.

Just touch and stroke a cat's soft coat
 And smell a fragrant flower,
 The taste of honey in your throat
 A song's inspiring power!
 The sight of rolling countryside
 Of nature, gently thrilling
 Just let your senses be your guide
 To daily joys fulfilling.

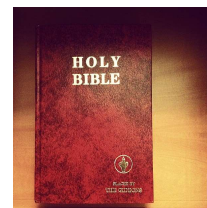
For sometimes, through our ailing health
 Our senses are denied us
 No doctor's skill or plenteous wealth
 Can put them back inside us;
 So if you have your senses, five
 Thank God – and daily use them
 Part of the joy to be alive –
 And one day we may lose them.

by Nigel Beeton (Parish Pump), he says ↓

Covid has caused many to suffer alterations to or loss of their senses. Do We really appreciate them?

Celebrating Bible Sunday on 30 October

What is a good way to 'celebrate' this annual day of appreciation for our Bibles? One way might be to send a Bible to someone in prison. Certainly, Bibles seem to be wanted there just now. Bible Society reports that: "Prison Chaplains are telling us that more and more prisoners urgently want to read God's Word. Dominic Dring, who serves at two prisons, says he brings ten Bibles in with him and every one of them gets taken."



"This is an amazing opportunity. You can share the transformative love of Jesus with someone who has lost everything. You can increase the number of Bibles going into prisons this year. As demand rises, we need your help to meet it. Just £10 can provide a Bible to a prisoner in a UK prison. Imagine the impact that could have on someone longing for a second chance."

More at: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/contact-us/>

Basingstoke Choral Society's next Concert

Handel's *Messiah*

Basingstoke Choral Society
London Baroque Ensemble
Conducted by David Gibson

The venue: The Anvil, Basingstoke

The details: Sunday 27 November 2022, 7 pm

Tickets: from £15

The Anvil Box Office: ☎: 01256 844244

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Our next concert is Bach's *Mass in B minor* at The Anvil, 1 April 2023

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Handel's *Messiah*

Messiah is one of the most popular works in the choral repertoire. Basingstoke Choral Society will begin the Christmas festivities this year with a fabulous performance at The Anvil on Sunday 27 November. Come along and listen to favourites such as the *Hallelujah Chorus* and *For Unto Us a Child is Born*, accompanied by a baroque orchestra and outstanding soloists.

Tickets begin at £15, only £7 for under 16s and students, from the Anvil box office.

We're a friendly choir and are always delighted to receive new members, so please come along to our rehearsals on Wednesday nights at The Vyne School. Check out our website www.basingstoke-choral.org.uk or follow our Facebook page at **BCS on Facebook**

A Prayer – Thanksgiving

Our loving Father, we give thanks for your goodness and love; for the joy of home and family, and the companionship of friends and neighbours, for the strength that supports us and the love that surrounds us, both when our joy is complete and when it is touched by pain.

We give thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: the glory of his humble birth, the graciousness of his selfless life, the obedience and trust that led him to the cross, and the triumph of his resurrection and ascension.

We give thanks for your Holy Spirit at work in your Church and in our hearts, revealing your truth, renewing our lives and bringing us to your eternal Kingdom.

by Alexander Siatwinda, *Zambia Halifax, Methodist Prayer Handbook, 2001 / 2002*

Published by Trinity Methodist Church; 'Registered Charity number 1128299'

All We Can – update



Throughout 2022, **All We Can** with all of our help, have been walking hand in hand with people like Maritha from the Binga region in Zimbabwe, and taking [the next steps](#) together towards a better, safer, fairer world in which every person's potential is fulfilled.

Maritha's Story

Maritha is a basket weaver and member of the Buniswa Women's Co-operative in Binga, Zimbabwe. *All We Can's* local partner, Zubo Trust, support the palm leaf basket making project which aims to give women an alternative income that can provide them with more financial stability.

Last year, we spent time with communities in Zimbabwe taking their next steps towards resilience and recovery from the devastating impacts of Covid-19 on lives, livelihoods, and local economies.

All We Can is the operating name of The Methodist Relief and Development Fund, a charity registered in England & Wales, number 291691. 25 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5JR.

Email: info@allwecan.org.uk Tel: (0)20 7467 5132 & Web: www.allwecan.org.uk

For more information about the work of '**All We Can**' do
'control & click' on: [the next steps](#)
or if you would like to make a donation towards their work do
'control & click' on: [regular gift](#)

Chaplaincy Team, HHFT
Facebook Page

Like, follow and share

- Discover useful information
- Follow a guided meditation
- Link to faith communities
- Watch a religious service

Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
CHAPLAINCY

Chaplaincy Team at Hampshire Hospitals Facebook Page

The Chaplaincy team at Hampshire Hospitals have been given permission to open a public Facebook page (found by searching [Chaplaincy Team, HHFT](#)) which gives patients and their families direct access to chaplaincy resources from their mobile devices. Due to Facebook algorithms, in order for this to be successful it must be active. This has now gone live and the team are building the resources found there, uploading links and videos with more diverse materials.

Above is a poster with a QR code (which directs people to the page when scanned with the camera on a phone/ipad) and the team would be enormously grateful if you could encourage friends in your own faith communities to do this. Please give a like, follow and share the page so we can grow this new initiative together. **taken from One Church, Basingstoke**



Methodist JPIT

Stay and Pray – weekly prayers for intercession

Daily 'Stay & Pray' prayers continue on our social media & via email. See our prayers & prompts for prayers of intercession in communal worship, every Friday as a PDF on our website.

<https://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk>

A Prayer

Gracious God, shed your light on this day:
May the things we touch become
your gifts to us,

The people we meet, brothers and sisters,
May work be service,

And what we suffer turn to offering,
And, dear God, may love keep breaking through
until your Kingdom comes, Amen

*by Christina Le Moignan, President of the
Methodist Conference 2001/2002, taken from the
Methodist Prayer Handbook, 2001 / 2002*

Hunger in East Africa Doubles in One Year

The response of the international community in responding to the early warning signs of a hunger crisis in East Africa has been branded "hugely inadequate". In a recent report, *Ripping off the Band Aid*, Christian Aid warns hunger has "more than doubled in one year." On World Humanitarian Day 2021, there were 2.1 million people in Kenya facing food insecurity while 4.1 million Kenyans facing the same fate in 2022.



In Ethiopia, people facing food insecurity have dramatically escalated from 5.2 million to 20 million. Across Ethiopia and South Sudan, the UN reports that gaps in funding have forced a cut to rations, incomplete food baskets and a reduction in the number of people helped. In addition, there has been a catastrophic impact on crops, livestock and pasture, caused by conflict, flooding, desert locust infestations, the lingering effects of Covid on prices and now disrupted supply chains.

Christian Aid warns that the crisis in East Africa has shown the aid system cannot meet the ever-increasing scale of emerging crises. It is calling for a scaling up of locally driven approaches that builds on existing capacity and local knowledge.

Christian Aid said: "To break the cycle of food hunger, it's time to rip off the band-aid and invest in building resilient communities during and between crises. That demands government backed finance and local knowledge to complement early warning systems and anticipatory action." *from Parish Pump*

#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>

Dial-a-Prayer

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

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



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 ☎: 01256 467702.



Thank you, **June Bishop**

Trinity Collections

As you will expect, Trinity's income has been severely reduced over the last 2 years, partly because hirers stopped meeting during lockdown and our church services also ceased. Nevertheless, much of our expenditure continued – almost half of our outgoings go to the Circuit to pay for, among other things but to a major extent, Circuit staff, both ordained and lay.



Since we re-started worship in church, there is always a collection plate on the right as you leave church each Sunday.

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

- One reason why a dog is such a lovable creature is that his tail wags instead of his tongue.



UPDATE at 26.09.22



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

Our foodbank Relies on Your Goodwill & Support. Monetary Donations big or small also gratefully received. Over 90% of food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to enable us to give everyone referred a balanced, nutritious 3 day food supply.

Our **Basingstoke Centre & Warehouse at Houndmills** remains open for donations of food & toiletries including fresh veg, bread & eggs during regular opening times **10 am – 3 pm, Monday to Friday**. If you would like to donate items, please **'shop and drop'** goods into the permanent crates provided by our supporting supermarkets, eg Tesco, Chineham; Sainsburys, 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 where **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 purchased a large commercial refrigerator, meaning we can now store fresh fruit & vegetables, and are able to provide fresh bread, eggs, fruit & veg in every food parcel. The address in Houndmills is 63-64 Tempus Business Centre, Kingsclere Road, RG21 6XG. 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**

A Typical Food Parcel Includes: 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 26.09.22, we are VERY SHORT OF:

Desserts
Marmite
Washing Up Liquid
Ladies Deodorant

At 26.09.22, we are SHORT OF:

Long Life UHT Milk
Powdered / Dried Milk
Tinned Fruit
Savoury Spread –
(Marmite, Meat Paste)
Long Life Fruit Juice
Desserts / Puddings
(Hot, Cold, Jelly,
Whips etc)

At 26.09.22, we are SHORT OF (continued):

Treats (Crisps, Sweets,
Chocolate etc)
Cooking Sauces
Noodle Pots
Nappies (Size 6 Only)
Toilet Rolls
Toothbrushes
Men's Shaving Gel
Hair Conditioner
Shampoo

We always welcome Donations & promise to use them to provide help for local people in crisis.
Thank you for your continued support

At 26.09.22, we have PLENTY of:

Pasta
Cereals (Hot & Cold), Porridge
Sachets
Baked Beans
Biscuits
Crackers
Rice
Pasta. **Please NO PASTA.** We have enough for a Year !!!
Baby Food
Non Dairy Milk
Kitchen Paper Rolls
Coffee
Tea, Fruit Teas
Nappies (Other than size 6)
Cat & Dog Food
Washing Tabs / Powder

SAD NEWS FOR OUR RECYCLING



We can no longer collect the *Baby Food Pouches* and *Kids Yoghurt Pouches*, also we can no longer collect the *Crisp Packets*.

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.

Thank you, **Hazel Green**



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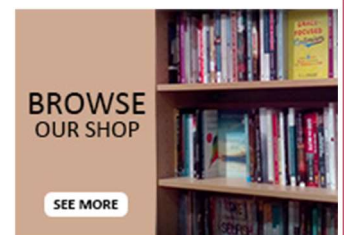
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Supplies**

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New Website for Shoemakers Bookshop: www.christophershoemaker.org.uk

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- **Online** anytime at: www.christophershoemaker.org.uk
- **By email** anytime – office@christophershoemaker.org.uk
- **Coffee Shop is OPEN**: Thurs – Sat, 9.30 am – 1 pm
- **Facebook** messenger at: www.facebook.com/shoemakersbooks
- **Click and Collect** available.
- **Orders can be posted or delivered to you.**



And may Romans 8:37-39 encourage us all

A Blessing

May Christ of the gentle mists hide you.

May Christ of the falling rain refresh you.

May Christ of the scudding clouds o'ershadow you.

May Christ of the rising sun illumine you.

May Christ of the winding way draw you safe home. Amen

*The Blessing on the left
was written by Stephen
Caddy, Isle of Man, and
taken from The Methodist
Prayer Handbook 'New
Every Morning'
2001 / 2002*

For the Young & Young at heart

PUZZLES

Crossword

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in John chapter 2 verses 1 to 10

Jesus, his mother, and his disciples were guests at a family wedding in Cana. The bridegroom was responsible for the food and drink.

The wedding feasts went on for days



Then the wine ran out...



What a disaster! The bridegroom and his family would be shamed for life, and perhaps even sued!

Mary noticed...



Jesus, they've run out of wine!

So why are you telling me?



But Mary wasn't put off.

She told the servants



Do whatever he tells you.

Fill those six jars to the top with water



The water was for the special washing of hands before meals

and each jar held about 100 litres



Now take some out and serve it to the toast-master



He tried it....



... then he called to the bridegroom..

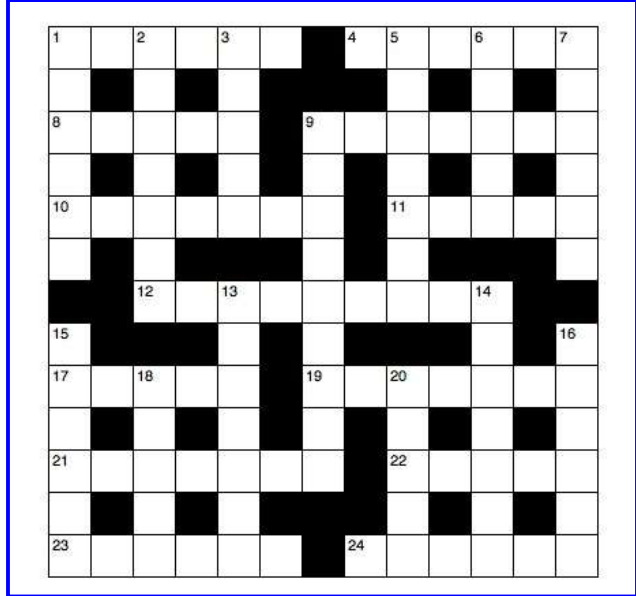
Most people serve the best wine first, then the rest later, but...



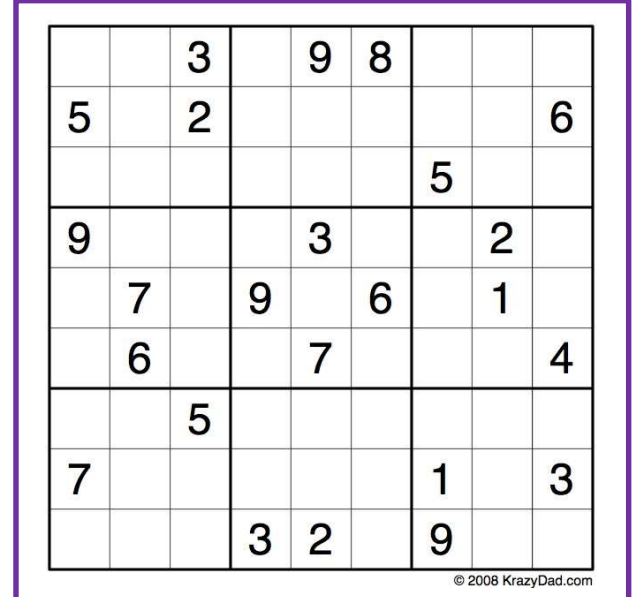
... this is the best wine I've ever tasted!



Impressive!



Sudoku



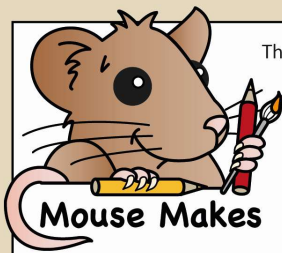
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Wordsearch for October

Christianity has taught us that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that when He died for us on the cross, He overcame all the powers of evil. He will protect us from any power of darkness. The Psalms say that He is our shield and protector! We just need to turn to Jesus in prayer.


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| Autumn | Jesus | Saints |
| Gold | Son | Goodness |
| Night | Fearless | Saving |
| Dark | School | Prayer |
| Pumpkin | Exams | Protection |
| Sweets | Half term | Light |
| Coal | Leaves | Bonfire |
| Sneeze | Scarves | Soup |



The New Testament has **four gospels, twenty one epistles** and the book of Revelation.

The **epistles** are a collection of **letters** that were written by the apostles to the early Christians, they contain teaching, instruction, advice and encouragement.

The Apostle **Paul** is thought to have written **thirteen** of the *epistles*...

 Look in your Bible to see who wrote the other eight and who they were written to.

The word **epistle** comes from the Greek word **epistolé** which means *letter or message*

Which are the longest epistles?
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.....
How many chapters do they have?
.....

How many people does Paul send greetings to at the end of his letter to the Romans?
.....

Which is the shortest epistle?
.....

How many chapters does it have?
.....

DID YOU KNOW...?
At the time of the New Testament letters were written on scrolls

G A L A T I A N S J A M E S E J S
W A E D I S P E T E R A P T L O C
R O T E T B A W R I T E H I R H R
I P T M U O U S P H I L E M O N O
T H E S S A L O N I A N S O M D L
C O R I N T H I A N S N I T A J L
S P H I L I P P I A N S A H N U S
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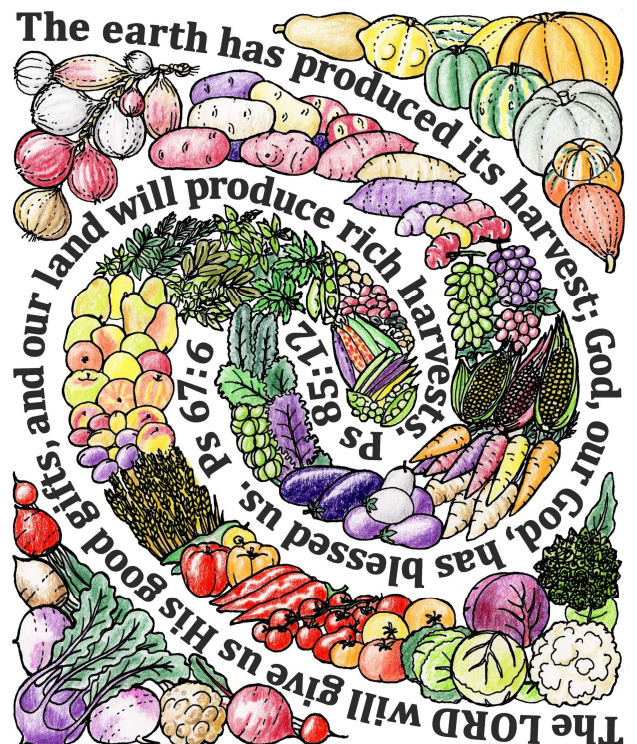
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Crossword Clues – Across

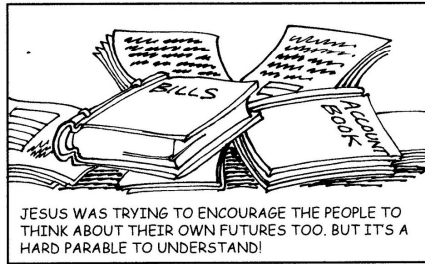
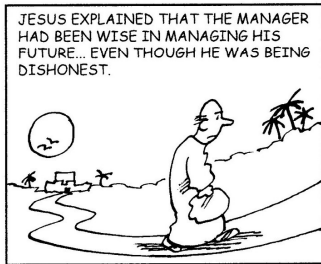
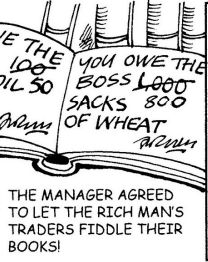
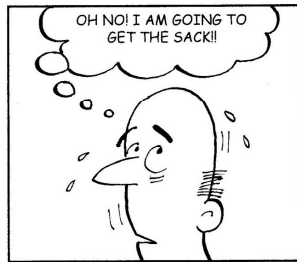
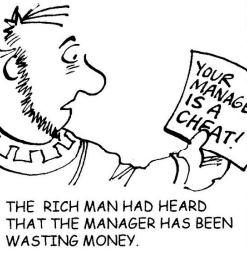
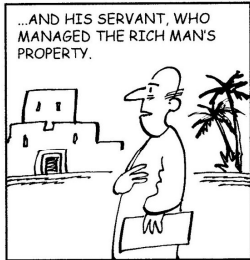
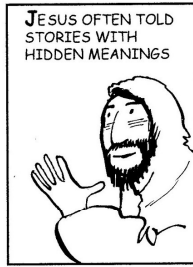
- 1 Tertullus, who presented the high priest's case against Paul in his trial before Felix, was one (Acts 24:1) (6)
- 4 As balm (anag.) (6)
- 8 Having explored Canaan, he and Joshua urged the Israelites to take possession of it (Numbers 13:30) (5)
- 9 On becoming king of Judah, he had all six of his brothers killed (2 Chronicles 21:4) (7)
- 10 'Even the — has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself' (Psalm 84:3) (7)
- 11 Banishment (Jeremiah 29:1) (5)
- 12 'And now I will show you the most — way' (1 Corinthians 12:31) (9)
- 17 'Titus did not exploit you, did he? Did we not — the same spirit and follow the same course?' (2 Corinthians 12:18) (3,2)
- 19 Mice den (anag.) (7)
- 21 How Egypt is often described in the Old Testament: 'the land of — ' (Exodus 13:3) (7)
- 22 One of the first Levites to resettle in Jerusalem after the exile in Babylon (1 Chronicles 9:15) (5)
- 23 'As a sheep before her shearers is —, so he did not open his mouth' (Isaiah 53:7) (6)
- 24 Paul's birthplace (Acts 22:3) (6)

Crossword Clues – Down

- 1 Ravenous insect inflicted on Egypt in vast numbers as the eighth plague (Exodus 10:14) (6)
- 2 Well-being (Philippians 2:20) (7)
- 3 Small piece of live coal or wood in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (5)
- 5 Sportsman or woman (2 Timothy 2:5) (7)
- 6 The original name of Abraham's wife (Genesis 17:15) (5)
- 7 'So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each — belongs to all the others' (Romans 12:5) (6)
- 9 According to Peter, a wife's beauty should not come from wearing this (1 Peter 3:3) (9)
- 13 'For God did not send his Son into the world to — the world' (John 3:17) (7)
- 14 'The Lord of heaven and earth...does not live in — built by hands' (Acts 17:24) (7)
- 15 'If your hand — you to sin, cut it off' (Mark 9:43) (6)
- 16 Something like these fell from Saul's eyes as soon as Ananias placed his hands on him (Acts 9:18) (6)
- 18 Track (Job 41:30) (5)
- 20 Religious doctrine (5)



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Puzzle Pages Solutions

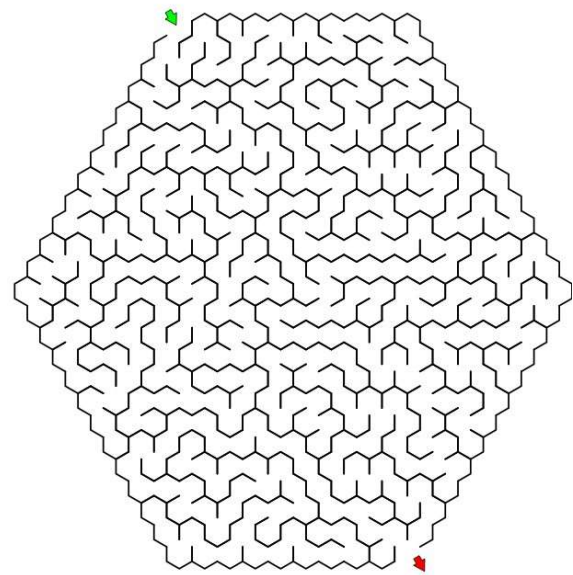
Across: 1, Lawyer. 4, Balsam. 8, Caleb. 9, Jehoram. 10, Sparrow. 11, Exile. 12, Excellent. 17, Act in. 19, Endemic. 21, Slavery. 22, Galal. 23, Silent. 24, Tarsus.

Down: 1, Locust. 2, Welfare. 3, Ember. 5, Athlete. 6, Sarai. 7, Member. 9, Jewellery. 13, Condemn. 14, Temples. 15, Causes. 16, Scales. 18, Trail. 20, Dogma.

Sudoku Solution

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| Hands | Shame | Best | Cheers | Food | Family |
| Drink | Jesus | Jars | Meals | Servants | |