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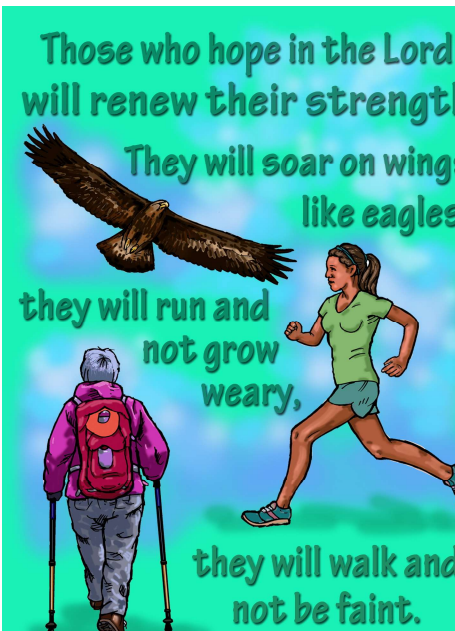


Great News –
Live Sunday
Worship is now
held at Trinity each
Sunday and
Services are also
Zoomed.

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

Link to our Website:
[https://www.basingstoke
readingmethodists.uk/](https://www.basingstoke.readingmethodists.uk/)

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Trinity E-News is also on our B & R Website.

I always look forward to receiving your lovely articles, so **please keep them coming** and a **Big Thankyou** to everyone who has sent in articles. Items can be sent by email or post.

Thank you again,

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September 2021

Dear Friends

The last eighteen months have reminded us of how precious many of the simple things in life are: human interconnectedness and interdependence on each other, being able to see people's smiles, their facial expressions, or being able to hug a loved one or a friend. Life as we know it has been completely turned on its head because of the coronavirus pandemic. The lockdowns and all the restrictions have certainly left their mark on us. But in many ways, these last eighteen months offered an opportunity for many of us to retune, to reconsider our priorities and learn a greater appreciation of our small blessings. In other ways, life has been a painful and difficult season of disruption, deprivation, isolation, and grief. To make any sense of the last eighteen months, we may need to keep a tight hold on the small blessings which we have realised are important to us. All this is in sharp contrast with the reality of the enormous pain and grief which continue to be unfolded around the world, not only from the coronavirus pandemic, but from issues such as climate change, war, and the many injustices perpetrated around the world.

During the 2020 lockdown many people stood on their doorsteps and clapped for the essential workers in the NHS. Who would have thought that essential workers would now include all healthcare workers, refuse workers, street cleaners, delivery drivers, supermarket workers etc. Hopefully, we all took this as an invitation to reconsider what is important in life! As things begin to ease back into some semblance of normality it seems like a good time to reflect on how we can move forward, with God at the very centre of our lives. But as we return to the ways of life that we all value, we remain keenly aware that the coronavirus pandemic is not yet over.

For the past few Sundays, I chose to focus on John's Gospel and Jesus' self-description as

'lifegiving bread.' It was while at the synagogue in Capernaum that Jesus made the claim about himself as the *bread of heaven*. At the Passover the Jewish people were required to eat unleavened bread and the sacrificial lamb amongst other things. The Passover remembers the exodus from Egypt, the wandering in the wilderness, including the provision of manna. In John 6:51, Jesus declared, *'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'*

Jesus continues to deliberately use the words 'I am', God's self-description to Moses at the burning bush — *I am Who I am*. Suggesting that God has come to His people once again in Jesus Christ, and that it is Jesus who is the living bread. Clearly, Jesus is offering something far greater than Moses' manna: those who eat this living bread that came down from heaven will live forever. The people grumbled, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' But Jesus was replacing the Passover Lamb with his own sacrifice, and therefore, Jesus insists in John 6:53, *'Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.'* Unless we take Jesus' life into our life, we will lack the fullness of life.

Some people see a link to the Eucharist (Communion) in Jesus' self-description as living bread. But whether Jesus intended such link, those of us who partake in Communion can certainly appreciate Jesus' theme of mutual indwelling in John 6:56: *'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.'* This mutual indwelling is the purpose and joy of every Communion and with it comes the knowledge that through Jesus we have eternal life. Jesus is not just an historic figure in the Bible,

he is the living Lord and wants to be one with us. When we abide in him and he in us we have everlasting life.

As we resume to our more normal ways of being church, I am sure that many of you look forward to receiving communion once again in the more natural way. We also look forward to 'piloting online communion' with guidance from the Methodist Church. We are grateful that Jesus is not just an historic figure in the Bible, he is the living Lord who offers himself to us and for us, and he wants us to take of him. So, with God's help, together we can carry on being the people of God, the Church of Jesus Christ, with renewed purpose, greater faith, and a contentment that is found in Christ alone, no matter what this new church year may bring us. Thanks be to God!

Revd. Audrey D Browne

The Cross is the ladder to Heaven –
Thomas Draxe



Revd Sonia Hicks



Barbara Easton

The new President & Vice-President of the Methodist Conference 2021 / 2022, Revd Sonia Hicks & Barbara Easton were Inducted on Saturday 26 June 2021

Their 'Addresses' to the Methodist Conference are available on the Methodist Website, under 'Methodist Conference' at:

www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-conference/conf

Below are brief Overviews about Revd Sonia Hicks and Barbara Easton:

The Revd Hicks has served as a Circuit Superintendent in three connexions: Britain, the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and Americas and the Methodist Church in Ireland (MCI). Sonia's commitment to oppose all forms of injustice began when she was a member of the Youth Exchange to Zimbabwe. She has since been Convenor of the World Relief and Development Committee for MCI and has served as a Trustee for both *All We Can* and *Christian Aid Ireland*. The Revd Hicks has also served on the South-East District Synod Planning Group, on the Methodist Diaconal Order Leadership Group and on the Ministerial Candidates and Probationers Oversight Committee.

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Barbara Easton's vocation has been the world of education. Before becoming Connexional Director of Education in 2014 she was an RE teacher, inclusion and interfaith specialist and secondary Headteacher in various challenging contexts in the West Midlands. She now leads the Methodist Academies and Schools Trust, committed to shaping our schools as diverse communities of empowerment and transformation in their work at the margins of the church. She is a longstanding Local Preacher, contributor to IBRA Bible notes and has a calling to Chaplaincy, volunteering at 3Generate and Greenbelt. Through international Methodist Education and her upcoming role for global Methodist Women, she seeks for Methodism to have an impact greater than the sum of its parts.

Church Worship at Trinity

The plan for **Worship for Sept & Oct** for our Basingstoke Churches is shown below. **Live Sunday Worship continues to be held at Trinity each Sunday Morning** and Services are also **Zoomed**.



Sunday 19 Sept at Trinity is Harvest Festival & there will be a Retiring Collection for B/Stoke Food Bank.



Any enquiries please contact Diane Bath on: (☎: 01256 320429) or by email at: dianebath51@gmail.com Thank you.

Basingstoke & Reading Circuit Plan for Sept & Oct 2021 (B/Stoke Churches)

Sundays	5 Sept	12 Sept	19 Sept	26 Sept
Trinity 10.30 am	Mrs A Rowe	Revd D Jenkins, S	Revd A Browne, Harvest Festival	Mrs D Baugh
6.00 pm	-	-	-	Zoom
Kempshott 10.30 am	Revd M Beukes, S	LA, Zoom	LA, Zoom	LA, Zoom
Oakley 10.30 am	Revd A Browne, S	Revd J Sumitra	LA	Revd A Browne, HF
Oakridge 11.00 am	Revd D Jenkins, S	Mr S Appiah	LA	Mrs S Whithorn
Old Basing 10.30 am	Revd L Martin	Mrs D Baugh	Revd D Jenkins, Cov / S	LA
St Andrew's 10.30 am	Mr P Frank	Revd A Browne, HF	Mr S Appiah, S	LA

Sundays	3 Oct	10 Oct Prisons Sunday	17 Oct	24 Oct	31 Oct
Trinity 10.30 am	Revd A Browne / Mrs A Walker, S	LA, Mrs A Walker / Mrs H Reed	Mrs A Rowe	Revd A Browne	Mr S Appiah
6.00 pm	-	-	-	Zoom	-
Kempshott 10.30 am	Revd M Beukes, S	LA, Zoom	Revd J Sumitra, Zoom	LA, Zoom	LA, Zoom
Oakley 10.30 am	Revd L Martin	Revd A Browne, S	Mr P Frank	LA	Mr S Turner
Oakridge 11.00 am	Revd D Jenkins, S	Mrs D Baugh	LA	Mr S Appiah	Mrs P Jose
Old Basing 10.30 am	Mr S Appiah	Mr T Rowell, HF	Revd D Jenkins	Mr C Marsh	Mrs S Whithorn
St Andrew's 10.30 am	Mrs L Hoe	Mrs S Whithorn	Revd A Browne, S	Mrs L Hoe	Mrs K Kelly

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Our Church Office is hoping to be Open for 2 mornings a week from September. The days to be confirmed.

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#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>

'Jesus And Me' ! (JAM)

**'JAM' meets next from
2.30 pm – 4.30 pm**

on the following Sundays:

**12 September
3 October
7 November
5 December**



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

All are very welcome.

Do come along and join us.

Revd Tom Stuckey has released a new book

Available on Amazon, and the details are below and on the website:

**Covid-19 God's Wake-up Call?:
Angry Bible Reflections in a
Pandemic: Amazon.co.uk:
Stuckey, Tom:
9798526520089: Books**

- 100 years ago, on 8 September 1921, Sir Harry Secombe was born. This Welsh comedian, actor, writer, singer and TV presenter was one of the stars of the 1950s radio series *The Goon Show*.

Trinity Methodist Church

An excerpt from the Church Council Meeting held on 23rd June 2021 – a couple of corrections

“We are hoping that the Admin Office will be open again in September, but on just two days a week because few people are available. Anyone wanting to offer to help should contact Pauline. Thanks to Diane, Pauline, Sonia and Edna for all their work in running the Church Office”.

Correction: *This should have also included our thanks to Jean Allen and Janet Gunton who were also very much a part of the team that ran the Church Office. Jean and Janet were unfortunately missed off the list of those who ran the Church Office, given in the notes of the Church Council Meeting from 23 June.*

Correction: *The notes of the Church Council Meeting stated that those working on our Mission Action Plan were Jennifer Pitt, Barbara Johnson and David Gunton. This should have read: Jennifer Pitt, Barbara Johnson and Diane Bath.*

The Mug and Biscuit

We are pleased to announce that the **Mug and Biscuit at St Andrews Church is reopening.**



The new hours of opening are as follows:

**Tuesday 10 am to 12 noon
Thursday 10 am to 12 noon**



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

Our opening day is Tuesday 7 September

and if you come that week you will be able to have a **‘toasted tea cake FREE’.**

We look forward to welcoming old friends and new friends we haven't yet met.



The Mug and Biscuit Team

Any queries contact:

Linda Hoe ☎: 07963 583506



- 65 years ago, on 16 September 1956 Play-Doh went on sale in the USA. It was originally sold as a wallpaper cleaning compound, but was then relaunched as a modelling compound when the inventor's nephew discovered that nursery school children were using it to make Christmas ornaments.

Knife Angel

The Knife Angel is on tour in the UK. I met with him earlier in the month outside the main entrance to Hereford Cathedral where he has been in Outreach Ministry for the past month. His focus is on awareness of the epidemic of knife crime that we are seeing in the country in recent years, and in many cases in our own communities.

The Knife Angel, also known as the National Monument Against Violence & Aggression is a contemporary sculpture formed from over 100,000 [knives](#) created by artist Alfie Bradley and the [British Ironworks Centre](#), in [Oswestry](#). Many of the knives were seized by police forces throughout the country after violent crimes, and others were donated anonymously through knife amnesties. Completed in 2018, the structure of the Angel stands over 8 metres tall.

The sculpture was created in order to highlight knife crime in the United Kingdom and educate children, young people, and adults to the harmful effects violent behaviour can have on their communities, and to bring about social change. Through its National Anti-Violence Tour, the Angel has visited a total of twelve towns and cities, spreading its anti-violence message, and standing up against all forms of violent and aggressive behaviours.

The intention is for the Angel to visit as many towns and cities in the UK as possible to spread his message, and finally to visit London. If you get the opportunity to see him it is well worth the visit.

You will be able to see from his picture that the Angel has a personality of his own in reaching out to each and every one of us. Hands saying "Why?", and with pain, despair and anguish clearly visible on his face, imploring each of us to play our part in bringing to an end this appalling epidemic of knife crime violence. We ask ourselves, "Are we responding?"

Martin Frost
St Andrews Methodist Church
July 2021



September Prayer

Dear Lord, September – the month of new beginnings for many,
 as summer fades and school and college terms start.

After such a strange time of restrictions, hopes of freedom,
 with warnings to be cautious, it is hard to know what to expect this September.

We can't know what lies ahead, Lord,
 but we *can* trust you to see us through whatever it turns out to be.

Thank you for your promise, *I will never leave you or forsake you...* (Hebrews 13:5)
 Help us to hold fast to that promise, to keep trusting you – and to be thankful for each
 September day. In Jesus' name, Amen

by Daphne Kitching, Parish Pump

Medication Blister Packs



Blister Pack Update

Thank you for the steady stream of medication blister packs that are arriving at church. I have already taken 4 very full “bags for life” to the recycling drop off point. The Marie Curie Foundation receive funds from every kilogram donated. 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.

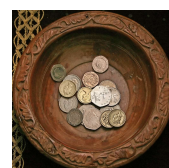
Jennifer Pitt

Recycling of Plastic Milk Bottle Tops –

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

Thank you, **June Bishop**

Trinity Collections



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

We would like to express our thanks to those who contribute by Standing Order, and those who have made contact to continue their regular giving via monthly envelopes. We would like to remind you all that there are a number of ways that you can contribute financially to God’s work at Trinity and we would particularly welcome any donations at this time.

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

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

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

Membership to the Lost Sheep website. Message from Yvonne Hunt –

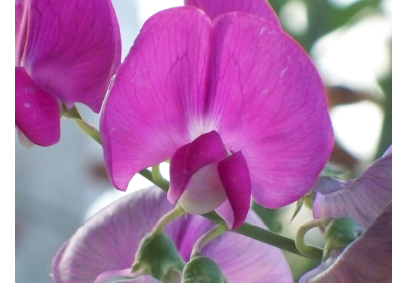
I have just purchased (with permission) a membership to the Lost Sheep website, this is a brilliant resource for the Churches to use with their Children and young people.

Saying that, my husband has also used it in an adult service too.

We can have 12 log-ins to the site, so I am asking which Churches would like a login and who in that Church. as I will need to set them up with an account.

Contact me on: Yvonne Hunt: outreach@basingstokereadingmethodists.uk

All things bright and beautiful



I love flowers, all varieties, all shapes, all colours, all scents. During the year, they bring joy and wonder.

Each season, they fulfil something special in my life. From the tiny violet, peeking alongside the path, the errant daisy insisting its place on the lawn, the dandelion, which comes back, whether I want it or not, to the cultivated roses, that climb up the fences, hiding the brown plainness of the wood. All are wonderful. The Hydrangea with its large pink blooms, fills a corner in the garden, and the heavily scented lilies, all have a place.

My garden is not a showpiece though just a pleasant space to sit occasionally, but more often to tend. The bees and butterflies love it, so do unfortunately, those other insects, who are not quite so helpful. All part of God's creation, which I am allowed to share.

This year, the hoped-for, sweet peas, didn't quite happen. The young plants disregarded the netting put for them to grow up, and instead sprawled across the dry ground, where they became weak, and were then invaded by white fly. A few struggled to climb the fence, but it was too late.

There is of course a lesson here. God puts in my way chances to grow, but I often choose another way, and life overtakes me.

To be a gardener, requires patience, some knowledge of natural growth, and a willingness to nurture. Also, in my case, to realize that not everything works in my garden, regardless of what it says on the packet, and however lovely the picture looks.

This summer my family and I, went to an animal park in Kent. We did not plan to go, but it was a lovely warm day, if a little too warm, as we drove past in the car, so we decided to stop. It turned out to be a good choice. The animals were in huge enclosures, necessary for their wellbeing. I found it quite ironic, that while they sheltered from the hot sun underneath vegetation, having a sleep, we, the humans walked around hoping to see them. Animals are very wise.

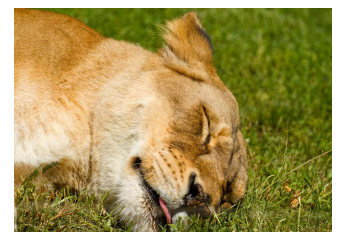
All kinds of species each requiring particular care, were in this conservation park. Monkeys of different kinds, all displaying their natural athletic behaviours, the ostrich who watched us very carefully, the lioness asleep under a shrub, the elephants, a whole herd of them, who we were informed will next year return to Africa, when a safe place for them is found there, and to end our visit the tiger, majestic, but rightly respected. All of these amazing creatures are part of God's handiwork, as we are too.

In Genesis Chapter 1 verse 26 God says, 'Let us make man, in our image and likeness'. Surrounded as we are with so much wonder and beauty, I sometimes ask myself, how much do I display God's image and likeness?

Years ago I learnt a refrain, written by a man, who would in time, become the General of the Salvation Army. ***'Let the beauty of Jesus, be seen in me. All His wonderful passion and purity, Oh thou Spirit Divine, all my nature refine, Till the beauty of Jesus, is seen in me.'*** (Albert Osborne)

God bless you.

Margaret Garland



**Southampton District
Methodist Women in Britain**



invite you to



Celebration Day

Joy to the World

**Saturday 25th September 2021
St James Road Methodist Church**

**Shirley, Southampton SO15 5HE
10.00am for 10.30am to 3.30pm**

Bible Study led by Rev Andrew DeVille

Chair of Southampton Methodist District

Visit to Mexico Mrs Hilary Evans

Past MWiB Connexional President

Tea and Coffee provided

Please bring your own packed lunch

RECYCLING UPDATE



I am pleased to report that despite the Covid restrictions, the bin beside Sarum Hall is filling up nicely and I am emptying it twice weekly. Many thanks to all who are contributing. I have now put fresh posters on the bin showing the various collections. If you would like one to pass on to others or as a reminder for yourself, please get in touch with me. I can do A4 or A5 size. I have just had a lovely lot of recycling from Angela Smith's sister-in-law in from Manchester and I'll be picking up some bags from my sister in Yorkshire in a couple of months where she collects at her church. Then locally I have someone who collects from all their neighbours and then brings it up to the bin when they have about 400+ wrappers! So do spread the word. Currently we are collecting the following:

- Biscuit wrappers, both sweet and savoury varieties and cake wrappers. However, no sweet wrappers such as Mars, chocolate bars etc. It can be confusing as some biscuits such as Kit-Kat and Twix are often found with the sweets but are in fact classed as biscuits as they have a biscuit base.
- Baby food pouches and kids' yoghurt pouches as well as Ella's Kitchen snack wrappers. No other yoghurt pots are collected.
- Crisps of all varieties and any brand like Skips, Hoops, Wotsits, Doritos etc. We cannot collect peanuts, popcorn or pretzels though.
- Air, Home & Laundry care packaging. We could do with more of this. It includes the flexible packaging from dishwasher and detergent capsules / tablets; all brands of plastic air freshener containers, cartridge tops and car fresheners (but not electric plug-ins); flexible wipe packaging and tinted tubs for wipes used in home cleaning. (No baby wipes or cosmetic / facial wipes); tinted fabric conditioner bottles and their caps; Lenor tumble dryer sheets but not the box they come in.

All the recycling gets sent off in separate boxes according to type. Therefore, it is exceedingly helpful for when I come to sort it if all wrappers are put in **flat and unfolded** unless they are the big multi-pack wrappers. Sometimes wrappers have been folded into tiny triangles or tied into tight knots. This may save space in the bin but sadly they usually get discarded as trying to undo them is very time-consuming. Even screwed up packaging can take extra time to flatten. Fortunately, there is not much after sorting that I have to discard. I have some unusual deposits of cat food pouches, noodles and pasty / pie wrappers and Muller yoghurt wrappers fairly regularly but small in number compared to the rest of the recycling! If you hear of anyone who thinks we recycle those sort of items, do please set them straight.

In the last 12 months we have redeemed £110 from our collection which goes to Future Pillars for their work with vulnerable girls in Zambia. Do keep collecting.

Many Thanks, **Hazel Green** (malandhazel@hotmail.com; ☎: 07776442529)

The beauty of God is beyond the power of words to describe. We might compare its radiance to the light of the morning star, or to the moon, or the sun, but we would be as far from an accurate depiction as midday is from midnight. **St Basil the Great**
(sent in by Jenny Leighton)

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Others – If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

Update from Future Pillars Zambia (FPZ)



We have recently been able to send a donation of £110 to Future Pillars Zambia being the rewards of the Terra Cycle recycling activities managed so wonderfully by Hazel Green for which they are very grateful and appreciative of the continued support by Trinity. Thank you to everyone who has helped achieve this in what still continues to be challenging times!

Exciting news from FPZ is that they have achieved their appeal target of £50,000 for building works to extend the school to grade 11, currently they have to sponsor those who pass their grade 9 exams to continue their education elsewhere. Building works have started and they hope the new classroom block will be ready for the start of their new school year in January.



The staff and children at the school have been affected by Covid-19 like everyone else around the world and the school had to be closed as part of the Government lockdown, re-opening in August however the feeding programme continued and the teachers received their allowances.

In their recent newsletter, one teacher has written about being in the right place at the right time....

A Senior Teacher's perspective:

In life one never chooses to be born in a particular family, race, tribe or nationality. So, I suggest, we are born in the right place at the right time. Our fate tied around our necks. Because of certain people we meet in our lives, certain things change in our lives and things can become better. Where there was hunger, satisfaction now comes to play. Where there was illiteracy, literacy now comes to dominate. This is the legacy that the Family Future Community School has offered to many orphans and vulnerable children in the Kabwe area. The school provides educational and nutritional support to its children. Many learners who have received support from FFCS have also been helped to access tertiary education and skills training.

As you are aware, the support in the school is funded solely by Future Pillars Zambia donors. My understanding is that this is a rather random group of kind and generous people that have given their time and resources to render help to the needy in society – 8000km from Zambia, but in the right place at the right time. The trustees of Future Pillars Zambia go a step further by providing training support to the teachers at the school. I am a beneficiary of this support. I had taught in the school for many years, but I was not a qualified teacher. Through discussion with a trustee, I was offered the opportunity to study and become formally qualified. I was sponsored to undergo training at a local university. All expenses taken care of.



cont'd.....

Update from Future Pillars Zambia (FPZ) (continued)

Last month, I received notification that I had successfully graduated – a truly wonderful moment for me.

The training is in line with the vision of the trustees to provide more effective teaching to the learners. Continuous professional development is one key corner stone that the trustees are focusing on to ensure that the learners attain the relevant knowledge, skills and understanding. It would be worth noting that some teachers at the school were previously learners at the school, went to college or university and then returned.

Having received, what am I expected to give? My self-expectation is to give always of my best to the needs of the children, blending my experience with my new-found knowledge of learning. I am committed to making a positive difference to our children. I also know that this self-demand is all that my sponsors ask of me. I guess I was in the right place, at the right time.



Gordon Daka
Curriculum Leader for Grades 5 to 7

Heather Peacock

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If anyone is interested in having a copy of the Future Pillars (Zambia) Newsletter, we can forward a copy on to you by email. Please contact either Heather Peacock or Hazel Harris.

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Can you help?

We hope you have enjoyed news of the projects you have supported.

Can you help us to keep up the good work?

- Could you organise an event to spread the word and raise more support?
- Could you make a regular donation?
- Could you help us apply for grants?
- Could your company adopt us as their charity of the year?

Speak to a trustee or contact us using the details provided if you would like to talk about these or any other ideas you may have.

Thank you.

Contact Us:

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trustees@futurepillarszambia.org.uk

- 60 years ago, on 11 September 1961, the World Wildlife Fund (now the World-Wide Fund for Nature) was founded in Switzerland.

The Circuit Prayer Resource Group have produced this prayer leaflet shown on this page and the following three pages for use by churches and individuals from September to November.

Basingstoke & Reading Circuit Prayers September to November 2021

Worship

As far as we are able, with God's help:

We will pray daily

We will worship with others regularly

We will look and listen for God in Scripture, and the world.

(from Methodist Way of Life)

We worship together

Because if my candle is to stay alight, it helps if it is in a line of other candles, and in a place where the fire has descended before.

Tom Wright

In you we live and move and exist.

You are the strength, the joy and the inspiration of our lives.

We love and adore you.

You are God in the depths of our being.

Creator of all life,

Origin of all love,

Source of all goodness,

We praise you for all you are.

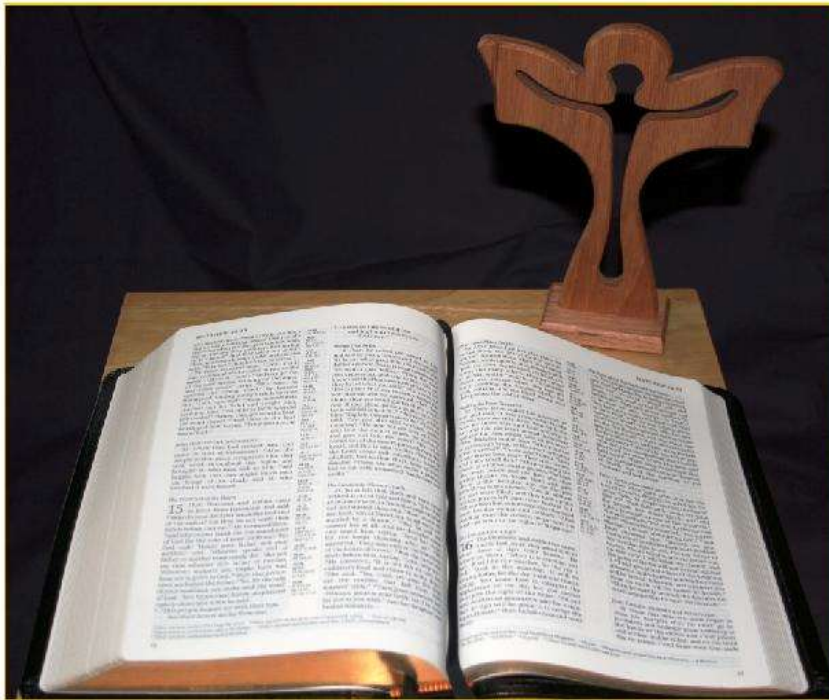


Book: Invitation to Solitude & Silence – Experiencing God's Transforming Presence, by Ruth Haley Barton, SPCK, £9.99 (new edition)

This is a practical introduction to the spiritual practice of silence and solitude. Much of the Christian faith is about words – preaching, teaching, talking with others. But the hectic demands and noise of daily modern life can drown out God's words and keep us from fully meeting Him. The book explores the power of quietness and stillness in connecting with God. Filled with practical exercises, it will be helpful for anyone looking for spiritual disciplines to help them connect more fully with God and practices to aid their spiritual formation.



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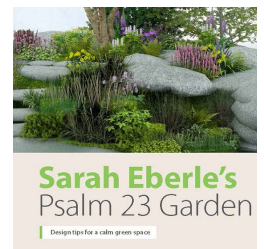


A prayer as we Dwell in the Word

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

Book: Sarah Eberle's Psalm 23 Garden – Design Tips for a Calm Green Space, Bible Society, £6.50

Sarah Eberle, winner of 17 gold medals at Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower Shows, has designed the Bible Society's entry garden for the RHS Chelsea Flower Show this month (September 2021).



The theme of the garden is Psalm 23, and this is the full-colour book of photographs to go with it. Based on the themes of rest and peace, it offers a place of refuge and restoration, which is reflected in the meditations and stories within the book.

The book also offers tips from Sarah Eberle on how to create your own peaceful outdoor space.

From: The Circuit Prayer Resource Group

Dwelling in the Word text: Psalm 146 (NRSV)

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³Do not put your trust in princes*,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
⁴When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

⁵Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,
⁶who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith for ever;
⁷who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;
⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
⁹The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

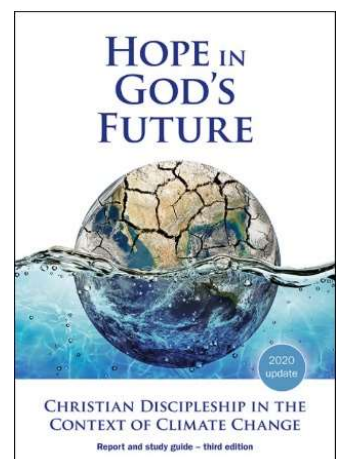
¹⁰The LORD will reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!

* in other translations "great leader" or "rulers of this world".

A Book from: Methodist Publishing,
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Hope in God's Future

Hope in God's Future is an attractively presented report and study guide. The study guide offers the full text of the report, and questions to get you thinking, ideas for creative activities, inspirational prayers and worship, help and advice for leaders, and suggestions for group sessions (lasting one or two evenings or even a whole day).



From: The Circuit Prayer Resource Group

God of unimaginable love, we give you thanks and praise. For the love that welcomes the unlovely, for the love that pardons the unworthy, for the love that knows no limit, we give you thanks and praise. In the love that inspires our worship, in the love of which we would learn more, in the love we share in our caring, we give you thanks and praise. As your love in us serves our neighbour, as your love tells its story through us, as your love calls us your people, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

The Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler, Secretary of the Conference

We praise you, God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
who made all that is in creation,
and who always keeps your promises,
who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

We want to worship you as you deserve, in spirit and in truth,
with our minds, hearts and lives.
With our Methodist brothers and sisters, we seek to promise that,
as far as we are able, with your help:
we will pray daily,
we will worship with others regularly
we will look and listen for You in Scripture, and the world.

Who would have thought that worshipping with others regularly
needed a computer or a printed script?
We give thanks for those with technical skills,
who enable all of us to worship together in these difficult times.
Your Church everywhere is facing new challenges, and new
opportunities.
Here, in our circuit, we need your Spirit's wisdom and discernment
to direct us in new ways of thinking about being your church.
May your Spirit inspire our ministry, mission and worship,
so that we will be bold, willing to take risks for the sake of your
kingdom.
In Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.

- 50 years ago, on 15 September 1971, Greenpeace, the International Environmental Group, was founded in Vancouver.
- 30 years ago, on 6 September 1991, the Russian City of Leningrad was renamed St Petersburg, restoring its original name.



COVID 19 UPDATE:

UPDATE Foodbank

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



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

Our Basingstoke Centre remains open for donations of **food & toiletries including fresh veg, bread & eggs** during our regular opening times which are from 10 am – 3 pm, Monday to Friday. Due to the risk of Covid, we need to reduce the numbers of visitors to Basingstoke Foodbank's warehouse to protect both yourselves, and our volunteers. If you would like to donate any items, please **'shop and drop'** goods into the permanent crates provided for us by our supporting supermarkets, or at any of the other donation points. We still have donation points around the region, find your nearest collection point below.

THANK YOU for your continued support!

Check out the Foodbank Website at: <https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> Also on their Website, you will find the list of locations & times where you can donate food. Alternatively – look back at previous Trinity E-News for this information.

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

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At present, 29.08.21, We are running short of:

- Rice Pudding
- Treats (snack bars, chocolate, etc)
- Long Life Milk, (full fat)
- Dried Milk Powder
- Fruit Juice (Long Life)
- Drinking Chocolate
- Coffee (Small Jars)
- Squash
- Tinned Meat (Hot)
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Tomatoes

We are short of (cont'd):

- Tinned Kidney Beans & other tins of pulses
- Vegan / Veggie items
- Savoury Spreads (Peanut butter, Marmite etc)
- Sweet Spreads
- Desserts & Puddings (Microwave)
- Razors: Ladies & Gents
- Nappies Sizes 2, 3, 6 and 7
- Shaving Gell / Foam
- Men's Deodorant
- Household Cleaning

We are short of (cont'd):

- Washing-up Liquid
- Tinned Dog Food

We have plenty of:

- Hot Cereals, Porridge Sachets
- Baked Beans
- Biscuits
- Rice
- Pasta
- Soup
- Tea, Fruit Teas
- Cat Food

Thought for Today



I am a follower of BBC Radio 4 'Thought for Today' in the mornings as it gives a good scholarly cross section of views across the religious spectrum. I was particularly interested in the presentation by Professor Mona Siddiqui of the School of Islamic Studies at Edinburgh University on 14th June on the subject of human co-operation. I felt prompted to write to her on the subject and share the letter with you here. If I receive a response I will also share it with you.

"Dear Mona Siddique,

I listened with interest to your Thought for Today of 14th June, on the subject of the power of meaningful human relationships, based on trust, good communications, friendship and alliances. These being the requirements if we are to live together in harmony and peace as a global community. Can I ask that you qualify this position with quotations from the Quran?

*The requirement for mankind to live together in love, peace and harmony is in fact embodied in God's Second Great Commandment **"Love your neighbour as yourself"** (Mark 12:31). It is only with God's Love, freely given to us in abundance, that we can ever achieve this goal. The First Great Commandment being **"Love the Lord our God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength"** (Mark 12:30).*

*I would not agree however with your quotation from an 11th century Islamic scholar that **"for all the focus on worship and prayer, we take nothing to our grave except our good deeds. These deeds remain our companion"**. The emphasis here appears to be that we are saved only by the magnitude of our good deeds and not by our faith.*

I believe we need to move on from here and not be misguided in believing that we are saved by the magnitude of our good deeds alone. How can our good deeds ever compensate for the sins that we commit in thought, word and deeds throughout our lives?

*The Bible clearly tells us **"For it is by grace you have been saved, so that no one can boast"** (Ephesians 2:8). The clear emphasis here is that we are saved only through the unmerited mercy and forgiveness that God gives us through our faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Clearly though God does require us to do good deeds. **"As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead"** (James 2:26). The important issue here is not the amount of good deeds that we do but that we continually use our God given abilities and talents in His work. This is clearly demonstrated in the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16), which concludes with the verse **"So the last will be first and the first will be last"**.*

I would be interested in your response to my comments.

Best Regards,

Martin Frost,

Member of the Methodist Church. Basingstoke, 13 July 2021"

- Why is it that everyone can remember their childhood phone number, but can't remember the password they set up yesterday?
- Our eyes are placed in front because it is more important to look ahead than to look back.

Saturday 12th September at 3 pm

Celebration and Thanksgiving Service for the life of Brian Rich

We are holding a Celebration and Thanksgiving Service for the life of
Brian Rich on **Sunday 12th September 2021 at 3 pm**
at **Buckskin Evangelical Church**, Chiltern Way, Basingstoke, RG22 5BB

There will be light refreshments in the hall following the service.

Any offerings made will go to Mission Direct,
a charity close to many of Brian's family.

You are most welcome to attend and celebrate Brian's life and legacy with us.

Thelma and all the family

Brian was the Pastor at Oakley Methodist Church for 5 years and Brian and Thelma were very active in the life and worship of Oakley Methodist Church for a number of years.



Circuit News

**Free Tickets for the
Christian Resources Exhibition:**

So ... things are slowly getting back to normal ... or near normal! One of the activities that is returning is the:

**Christian Resources Exhibition at Sandown Park in Esher from
12 – 14 October.**

However, things won't be quite as normal there. The stands are to be spaced further apart and walk-ways will be wider. But some things will stay the same ... for example, you can still get ...

FREE TICKETS FOR CRE –

You can get **Free entrance tickets** from **The Open Bible Trust**.

You can use this url to get them:

<https://eventdata.uk/Comp/CRENational2021.aspx?TrackingCode=OBT>

Name above all Names

Name above all Names, what's in a name? Jesus, Messiah, He's coming again, Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End, Apostle and High Priest, the sinners Friend.

Walking on water, calming the storm, God incarnate calling us home, Creator, the I Am, nailed to a tree, Lion of Judah dying for me.

Risen, the Victor, conquering King, coming with clouds, redemption to bring, To gather His bride for heaven above, To reign with the Lamb whose name is Love.

by Megan Carter, (Parish Pump)

Dial-a-Prayer



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Prayer updated every Thursday,

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In Praise of Motorway Services

What have you got in common with the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, and Eric Clapton? You have all visited the Watford Gap Services on your way up or down the M1. Back in the early 1960s, the M1 transformed the way that bands could travel, and visiting the service station was an integral part of their trip. In the 60 or so years since motorway services opened, they have also become part of life for tens of millions of us.

Motorway services not only provide a much-needed break from the road, they are also a great place for people-watching. All sizes, shapes and varieties of people can be found in one. As one journalist put it: "a motorway service station is the ultimate human zoo." Not everyone used motorway services back in the 1960s. Many people just pulled over onto the hard shoulder and unpacked a picnic. There was even the true story of the family who pulled their car onto the central reservation of the motorway to have lunch – and survived to tell the tale.

Motorway services also confused people. One distraught couple, heading north, reported their car had been stolen. The police found they had crossed the pedestrian bridge, and then could not find their car in the south-bound car park.

Today there are 111 service stations in the UK. The law states that they must not be more than 28 miles apart, or 30 minutes of travelling time. By law, they must provide two hours of free parking, free toilets, and a free play area for children. The first two motorway services were Watford Gap and Newport Pagnell, both of which opened in early November 1959, along with the M1. *Parish Pump*

Evil all about us

Lord, I don't understand how people do the horrible things to each other which I read about in the newspapers.

Lord, I cry to You to help those who inflict such injuries. Take hatred from their hearts; give them understanding of the evil they do. Strengthen the persecuted; give them courage and a firm belief in You.

Give me and all who try to serve You the desire to serve the suffering and fill us with the love which will defeat the power of evil in the world.

by Michael Hollings (1921–1997), a Catholic Priest in London

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The weaker we feel,
the harder we lean on God.
And the harder we lean,
the stronger we grow

Joni Eareckson Tada

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This comes from a blog by Alistair Birkett, Director of Rural Ministries for Scotland and Northern England. You can read more at the website below. (Parish Pump)

<https://www.ruralministries.org.uk/blog/anticipatingtheharvest?>

Thanking God for Our Blessings

Our winter barley ripened quickly this year, and soon the combine harvesters were rolling here on the Northumberland / Scottish Border. As the first trailer load of grain came into the shed, I ran my hands through the golden grains, offering a short prayer of thankfulness as I savoured the smell of fresh cut barley. It was a good harvest.

I've often reflected on the Old Testament Festival of the Firstfruits, where the Israelites offered the very first sheaf of the spring harvest to God (Leviticus 23:9-14). I think this act required great faith, as they trusted God for a fruitful harvest to come, something that was far from certain, given their utter dependence on the weather.

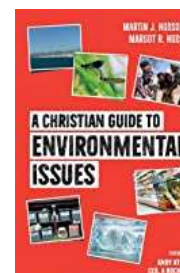
I'm not sure about you, but I'm always up for giving thanks *after* the event. I'll sing 'Come ye thankful people come' and rejoice that "all is safely gathered in", but am I able to trust with anticipation for what is *yet to come*?

The Festival of the Firstfruits reminded God's people that everything they had came from Him. I am reminded that I must learn (and relearn) to trust in God, who has proven His faithfulness to me, over and over again. Perhaps right now as a church community or an individual you're waiting for a certain event, standing on the cusp of a new initiative, praying for a certain outcome or anticipating a long-held vision becoming reality. Let's all keep trusting that whatever the challenge, however things turn out, irrespective of what we anticipate, God is going before us and has secured the Firstfruits of an even greater harvest through Jesus, as He rose from the dead.

Just as the grain offering to God in the Old Testament anticipated a harvest to come, Paul reminds us that Jesus' victory anticipates an even greater bodily resurrection and eternal peace (1 Corinthians 15:20-22). As we continue our journey with Jesus through the challenges of each day, let's do so with a deepening faith and trust. In the meantime, bring on the harvest – I'll see you on the other side!

Book: A Christian Guide to Environmental Issues, by Martin Hodson & Margot Hodson, BRF, £9.99

Environmental sustainability is a major issue for us all. In this extensively updated edition, Martin and Margot Hodson consider eight of the key current environmental problems, giving the biblical basis for looking after the environment and helping to integrate environmental thinking into the reader's understanding of Christian faith. This guide includes ethical reflections, Bible studies focusing on a different biblical doctrine for each chapter, and eco-tips to enable practical response. Among the issues covered are climate change, food, biodiversity, and population, together with the relationship between environmental problems and issues relating to world development.



- For every act of kindness and compassion done by any man for his fellow Christian is done by Christ working in him – *Julian of Norwich*
- A rumour is about as hard to unspread as butter – *Anon*

By the Revd Peter Crumpler, a Church of England Priest in St Albans, Herts, and a former Communications Director for the C of E (Parish Pump)

Five Things We've Learnt About Truth in the Pandemic

I'm involved in a project rooted in the Church of England's St Albans diocese, North of London. We bring together people from a range of backgrounds and faiths to address the question 'Where is Truth now?' A vital issue for us from recent months has been 'How has truth fared during the pandemic? Here are five key points.

Truth Can Save Your Life

Knowing the truth about the Covid-19 virus and vaccines gave vital protection during the pandemic. The advice of scientists, health professionals and researchers has been widely sought out and debated. But we've also seen a rise in conspiracy theories, anti-vaccination campaigns and growing confusion as people challenge the extent of the pandemic, and whether Covid-19 is really a threat. Social media algorithms stand accused of spreading misinformation faster than reliable facts and corrections.

Truth Comes from Trust

Knowing who to trust is one of the fastest growing challenges facing anyone wanting to know more about the pandemic and its causes. While faith in doctors and scientists is generally good, trust in politicians has remained low, and scepticism and confusion are growing.

Truth can be Found on your Doorstep – but not always

Local information has become more important, especially during lockdowns. But with local newspapers and radio in decline, neighbourhood social media networks have been taking their place, spreading information – not all of it verifiable and sometimes incorrect. Often, it's fear that drives our response to the stories we read. We eagerly consume stories highlighting a new 'threat' from Covid or scapegoating people not keeping to the lockdown rules. We respond emotionally, 'with our gut' – rather than our brain or intellect.

Truth Has to be Valued and Protected

Reliable, trusted journalism has been at a premium. ITV News journalist Julie Etchingham defended the role of the media during Covid-19. The news presenter, a practising Roman Catholic, explained: "Many in our front-line services and the wider public are demanding answers. We are there on their behalf." In December 2020, Yorkshire Post editor James Mitchinson, published his response to a reader who believed social media posts over his newspaper's reports. The open letter, headlined 'Do not believe a stranger on social media who disappears into the night' sets out the contrast between verified public interest journalism and disinformation posted online.

Truth can be Complicated – and that's ok

Throughout the pandemic, politicians have spoken about 'following the science.' This, they have said, has guided their decision making. Yet scientists can have a range of views, based on similar research findings. It's in the discussion and debate that scientific truth arises. People accept that the 'scientific evidence' is not always straightforward. We know that truth can be complicated, from our own daily lives. So politicians who level with their electors about the complexity of the decisions are often received with more credibility. In continuing to ask the question "Where is Truth Now?" our modest project is helping to keep the conversation going – and encouraging others to do the same.

- **Hard** – One of the hardest decisions in life is when to start middle age.

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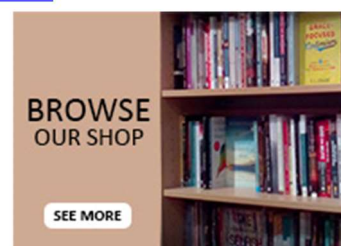
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And may Romans 8:37-39 encourage us all

- 30 years ago, on 6 August 1991, the first website (info.cern.ch) went live. The web's inventor, Tim Berners Lee, also posted a description of the World Wide Web project on the alt.hypertext newsgroup, and provided a link to download the first web browser, which could only run on NeXT workstations.

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>

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For the Young and not so Young

PUZ?LES

Crossword

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in 1 Kings 1: 5-53

King David was now very old, but he had still not said which son would be king. Adonijah decided to make himself king.

Adonijah had a big party at Rogel Spring for all his friends, including Joab and Abiathar, to tell them he was the king. His brother Solomon and Nathan and Zadok were not invited.

Nathan told Solomon's mother
You must tell King David. If Adonijah is king, he will kill you and your son.



You promised our son Solomon would be king, but Adonijah says he is now king.



Nathan told David



He's having a big party to celebrate right now!

I will keep my promise! Solomon will be the next king. Zadok and Nathan, take him to Gihon Spring, anoint him and tell everyone!



So they went to Gihon with Solomon riding King David's own mule.



He was anointed king and a trumpet was blown.



Long live King Solomon!

At Adonijah's party they heard the noise.



What's going on?

David has just announced that your brother Solomon is now king.



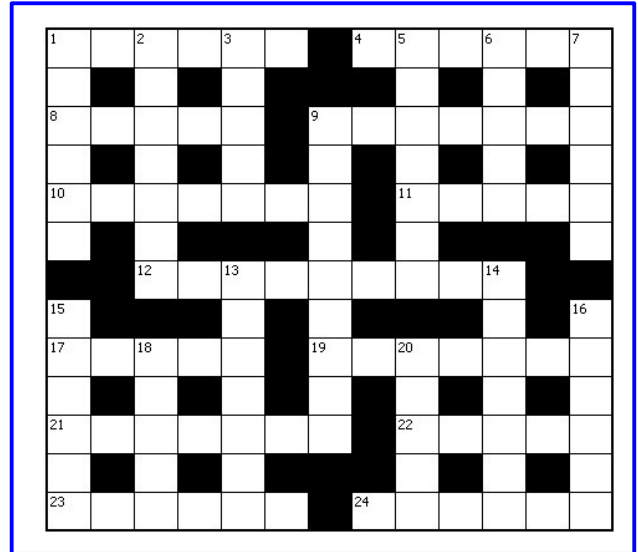
Solomon was anointed and everyone is cheering.



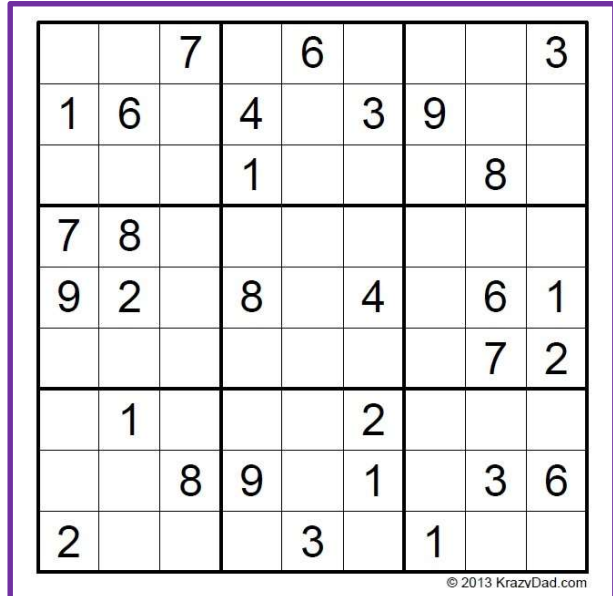
Everyone ran away. Adonijah was so scared he ran to the sacred tent for sanctuary.



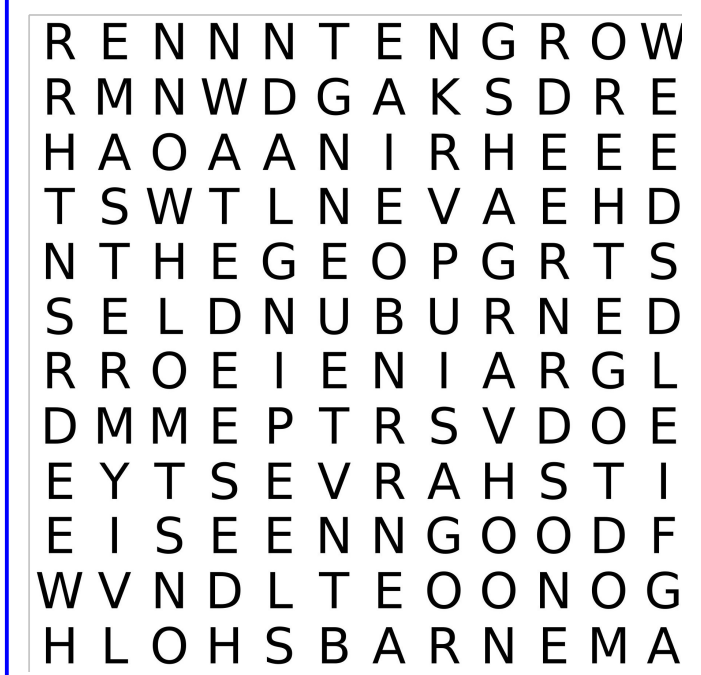
King Solomon sent for Adonijah. If you don't cause me any trouble, I will not hurt you.



Sudoku



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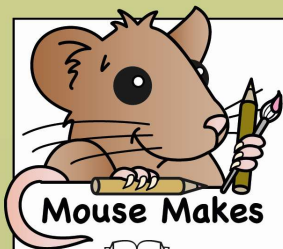


Wordsearch Clues & Solutions

The Parable of the Weeds (Matt 13.24-30)

Consider a field where a Farmer has sown good seed, but an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat. When the wheat came up, so did the weeds. Instead of destroying the weeds, and risking the wheat, the Farmer tells his reapers to wait and let both wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. At the harvest he instructs the reapers to gather the wheat and discard the weeds.

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|---------|----------|--------|--------|
| Kingdom | Sleeping | Master | Let |
| Heaven | Grain | Sow | Grow |
| Good | Weeds | Gather | Barn |
| Seed | Enemy | Reap | Burned |
| Field | Servants | Root | |



The bowl of flour and the jar of oil

It had not rained for months and months, there was a drought in the land. God sent His prophet **Elijah** to the town of Zarephath. At the town gate he saw a widow gathering firewood.

"Please bring me a drink of water and some bread." he asked her.

She answered "All I have is a handful of flour and a drop of oil in a jar, it is our last meal."

"Do not worry." Elijah said, "Make the meal and make a small loaf for me."

The woman did what Elijah had asked and God blessed her ...

... The bowl never ran out of flour and the jar never ran out of oil until it rained again!

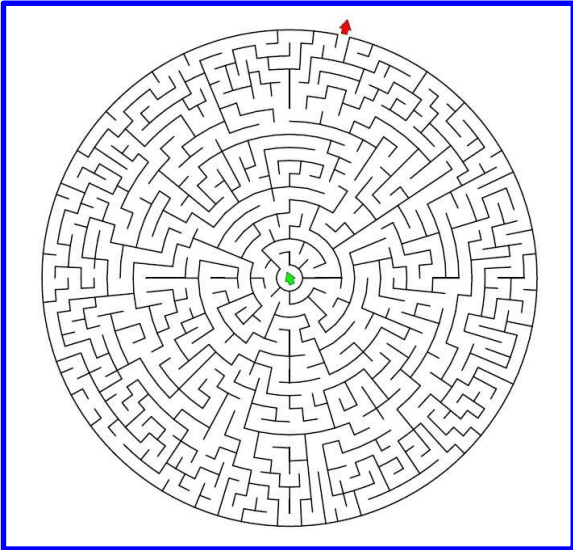
Read this story in 1 Kings 17:7-16



Find these words from the story in the word search:

WORD • LORD • GOD • ELIJAH • SENT • ZAREPHATH • GATE • CITY • WIDOW
STICKS • WATER • DRINK • BREAD • FEED • HANDFUL • FLOUR • LITTLE
OIL • SON • EAT • DIE • FULL • WENT • MAKE • BAKED • ATE • JAR • JUG • MANY
DAYS • LIVE • NEVER • EMPTY

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Crossword Clues, September 2021

– Down:

- 1 Popular Christian author and humorist, Plass (6)
- 2 Transparent ice-like mineral (Revelation 4:6) (7)
- 3 Method of compelling surrender by surrounding target of attack (2 Chronicles 32:1) (5)
- 5 Expose (Isaiah 52:10) (3,4)
- 6 Lonny (anag.) (5)
- 7 Utterance (1 Timothy 1:15) (6)
- 9 Husband of Deborah, the prophetess (Judges 4:4) (9)
- 13 Burial service (Jeremiah 34:5) (7)
- 14 What Christ threatened to do to the lukewarm church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:16) (4,3)
- 15 Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net (John 21:11) (6)
- 16 His response to Jesus' decision to return to Judea was 'Let us also go, that we may die with him' (John 11:16) (6)
- 18 There will be weeping and gnashing of ... (Matthew 8:12) (5)
- 20 Walkway between rows of pews in a church (5)

Crossword Clues, September 2021 – Across:

- 1 'Through [Christ] we have gained by faith into this grace' (Romans 5:2) (6)
- 4 Deprives of sight (Deuteronomy 16:19) (6)
- 8 The words of a hymn do this (mostly) (5)
- 9 Faithful allegiance (1 Chronicles 12:33) (7)
- 10 Belgium's chief port (7)
- 11 Where John was baptizing 'because there was plenty of water' (John 3:23) (5)
- 12 Imposing height (Psalm 48:2) (9)
- 17 Jesus' tempter in the wilderness (Mark 1:13) (5)
- 19 Comes between Amos and Jonah (7)
- 21 'Your will be done' ... as it is in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,5)
- 22 Gale (Matthew 8:24) (5)
- 23 Axle, eh? (anag.) (6)
- 24 'Out of the... I cry to you, O Lord' (Psalm 130:1) (6)

Good Camping Advice

Going camping this month? Take along a tuba or a drum and carefully place it beside your tent. It will keep the spaces on either side of your tent well and truly vacant.

Work Ethic?

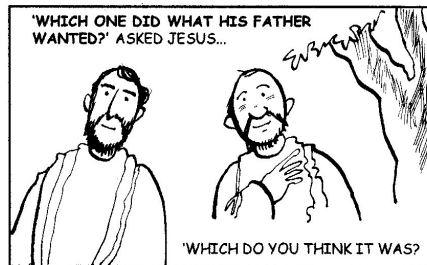
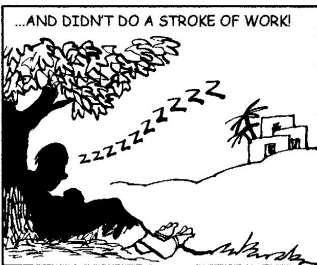
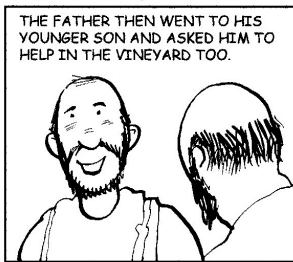
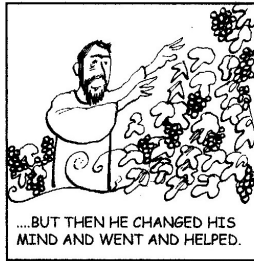
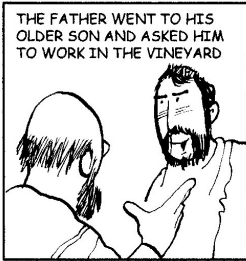
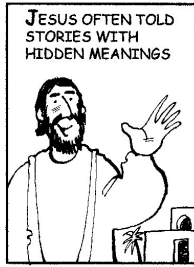
If you build a big business, you're a sinister influence; if you don't, you're a failure.

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Good and bad

An honest confession is good for the soul – but probably bad for the reputation.

The tale of
the
Two Sons

Fewer wasps

Noticed how peaceful your garden is this summer? Noticed that you have been able to hold summer barbecues and picnics in relative peace? That is because the very cold and wet Spring was disastrous for our wasp population.

But while we may enjoy their absence, scientists at University College London have pointed out that wasps play an important role as nature's pest controllers, and that our countryside will be the poorer without them this year.

For anyone who is learning about trust in God....

The Slide

As I watch she climbs the steps steadily, holding the handrail, her two-year-old feet following each other rhythmically, unhesitatingly, to the platform at the top where she sits down and freezes.

Holding tight to the sides, knees up, feet flat, she judders down a little way, then looks up.

Her eyes meet my smile, my outstretched arms – and she takes her hands off the edge of the slide, shooting forward with a squeal of delight, trusting the love she knows.

Lord, I have climbed so steadily, I have come so far, in my own strength, holding on, holding back, sometimes freezing. But I am Your child, today I will lift my eyes and meet Your smile, Your outstretched arms, I will lift my juddering feet – and take my hands off the edge of the slide, released to ride, by Your Spirit, Into the freedom of Your will, trusting the Love I know.

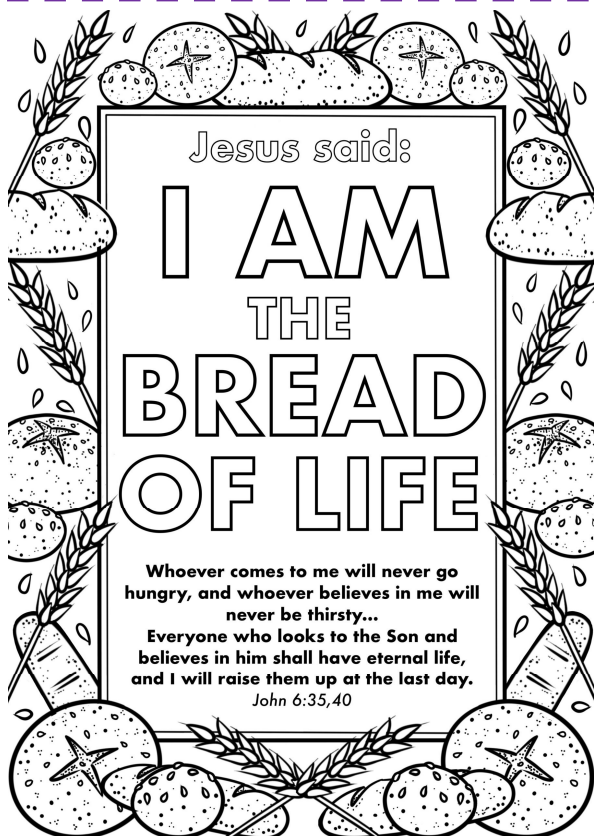
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Colour In

Hobby

It seems that those who have hobbies rarely go crazy.

But what about those of us who have to live with those who have hobbies?



Jesus said:

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty...

Everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.

John 6:35,40

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party	promise	David
trumpet	sanctuary	Gihon
everyone	Bathsheba	son
Adonijah	trouble	noise
king	mule	annointed
friends	mother	Solomon
invited	scared	celebrate
Nathan	announced	old

Puzzle Pages Solutions

Answers - Across

1 access; 4 blinds; 8 rhyme;
 9 loyalty; 10 Antwerp; 11 Aenon;
 12 loftiness; 17 Satan;
 19 Obadiah; 21 on earth; 22 storm;
 23 exhale; 24 depths

DOWN

1 Adrian; 2 crystal; 3 siege;
 5 lay bare; 6 nylon; 7 saying;
 9 Lappidoth; 13 funeral; 14 spit out;
 15 ashore; 16 Thomas; 18 teeth;
 20 aisle

Sudoku Solution

8	9	7	2	6	5	4	1	3
1	6	5	4	8	3	9	2	7
4	3	2	1	9	7	6	8	5
7	8	1	5	2	6	3	9	4
9	2	3	8	7	4	5	6	1
6	5	4	3	1	9	8	7	2
3	1	9	6	5	2	7	4	8
5	7	8	9	4	1	2	3	6
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The Secret of Happiness?

Scientists have been trying to work out a 'formula' for happiness. The result is incomprehensible to most of us, beginning as it does with Happiness (t)=w0=w1, running on for three lines, and then ending with jRPEj.....

But, in plain English, the neuroscientists at University College London (UCL) have concluded that happiness depends not so much on how well you are doing, but on whether you are doing better than you expected to be doing.

And one professor added: "The ephemeral nature of happiness means we might be better off thinking about happiness in a different way. Happiness is a tool, not a goal in itself. It can help us better understand what we care about, what we value." And we can adjust our lives accordingly. *Parish Pump*

Peace, Perfect Peace

Dear Jesus, when we pray for Your help and blessing, we remember the words, "be still in the presence of the Lord'. Fill us with the peace of mind and serenity which only You can give and restore us once again. May we remain safe and content, knowing Your peace will continue to dwell in us.

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