

Trinity E-News



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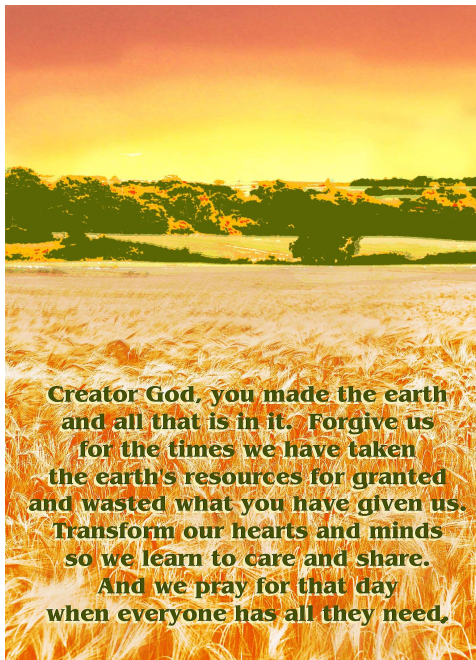
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Creator God, you made the earth and all that is in it. Forgive us for the times we have taken the earth's resources for granted and wasted what you have given us. Transform our hearts and minds so we learn to care and share. And we pray for that day when everyone has all they need.



Trinity E-News:
Deadline: for October 22 Issue is **Monday 21 September 22**
 Trinity E-News is also available on our **Basingstoke & Reading Website**, see link above.
 I always look forward to receiving your lovely pieces, so please keep them coming. **A Big Thankyou** to everyone who has sent in items. Items can be posted or emailed.
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Lord God, strengthen our faith and teach us to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the hope given by grace through Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

September 2022

Dear Friends,

I hope you all were able to make the best of the summer, especially when it wasn't too hot and humid. In my own personal reflection of the heat waves and the drop in our water reserves, I was reminded that the earth's resources are not infinite. But we serve an infinite God who has promised to be with us always.

The opening of 2022 promised an end to the pandemic restrictions, a return to normality, and the beginning of something better. Since then, we have faced (and are still facing) many challenges both globally and at home.

The war in Europe has led to even sharper increases in basic living costs. Anxiety levels have risen with every newsfeed update and newspaper report regarding the currents of uncertainty surging through our part of the world. The economic forecast from the Bank of England only adds to people's anxiety and fear. We continue to hear stories of the poorest having to cut back on food and other basic essentials, and it is becoming ever-increasingly difficult to have any kind of certainty even for the immediate future. Yet, amid all that may be happening in us and around us, we can be certain that we serve a God who has promised to be with us and to provide and to care for us. I like the way the 'Easy-to-Read Version' puts Matthew 11: 28-29: *"Come to me all of you who are tired from the heavy burden you have been forced to carry. I will give you rest. Accept my teaching. Learn from me. I am gentle and humble in spirit. And you will be able to get some rest. Yes, the teaching that I ask you to accept is easy. The load I give you to carry is light."*

Jesus invites us all to "Come to Him" — anyone who is weighed down by life can turn to Jesus in humble dependence and find rest in Him — whether it is rest from fear, worry, lack or whatever we are dealing with in our lives or in the world around us.

I found these words by *Nick Fawcett (2006), Poems to help you Pray* — based on Psalm 146:1-3 — really helpful in these challenging and uncertain times:

I don't know what life may hold,
 if good or ill I'll see,
 what twists and turns may yet unfold,
 what trials yet may be.
 I cannot say if light will shine
 or darkness falls once more,
 what destiny might still be mine,
 what future lies in store.
 But even if the way is tough
 and storms begin to blow,
 the gales prove strong, the water rough,
 one thing, Lord, still I know:
 that you'll be there, supporting me,
 a faithful loving guide -
 a constant help who will not fail
 to strengthen and provide.
 I have no need to ask for more
 nor any cause to fear:
 whatever life may hold for me
 I know that you'll be near.

We serve a God who provides, who invites us to his lavishly laden table, where we find provision for all our needs. *God has said, "I will never leave you; I will never run away from you (Heb 13:5 - ERV)."* God's promise to be with us is not some kind of abstract wishful thinking, but a promise we can rely on and which always proves true even in the toughest of times.

With best wishes for the new church year.

Revd. Audrey D Browne

Belonging to God

How good You are, Lord, and how near You are to us – so near that we may always talk to You, be comforted by You, breathe through You, be enlightened by You, find peace in You, and gain spiritual nourishment from You.

Grant that my fellowship with You may never be polluted by malice, pride, envy, greed, gluttony or falsehood.

Grant that I may belong wholly to you. Amen

by John Sergieff (1829 – 1908) a Russian priest of humble family, who became renowned for his prayers which ordinary people could use. (Parish Pump)

10th Anniversary Flower, Craft & Harvest Festival



at St Andrew's Church on:
**Saturday 24 September &
 Sunday 25 September 2022**



Sunday 25 Sept 2022 - Harvest Festival & Faith Lunch



A Joint Service, Trinity & St Andrew's,
 held at St Andrew's Church,
 and led by the Revd David Shaw.



After the morning service there will be a **Faith Lunch** -
 Everyone is Welcome to come along. Please bring some food to share
 and have 'Faith' there will be enough for everyone, Linda Hoe



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Entries for the Flower & Craft Festival

- Your entry must be handmade and can be in any medium combining the number Ten.
- Your entries are shown at your own risk, but the room will be Marshalled at all times when open to the public.
- The Church will be open on Saturday from 9 am to 12 noon to set up.
- It will be open to the public from 12 noon to 4 pm on Saturday.
- On Sunday the church will be open from 2 pm to 5 pm.
- Refreshments will be available on both days.
- To book your place or ask any questions please contact:
 Vivienne Edwards (Mob: 07858 919681) or Rookhouse@gmail.com (preferred)
 OR Linda Hoe (07963 583506) or lindahoe@hotmail.co.uk
- Please make a card for your display which will be shown by your display.



We look forward to seeing you all.

Sunday Worship – Trinity and Our Basingstoke Churches

Plan for Worship, September 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 & Reading Circuit Plan – September to November 2022 (Basingstoke Churches – September 2022)

Dates	4 Sept	11 Sept	18 Sept	25 Sept
Trinity 10.30 am	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	LA	Revd Leslie Martin	Joint Service at St Andrew's, Revd David Shaw, Harvest Festival
Kempshott 10.30 am	Revd David Jenkins, S	Mr Peter Frank, Zoom	LA, Zoom	Mr Stephen Appiah, Zoom
Oakley 10.30 am	Mr Peter Frank	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	LA	Revd Audrey D Browne
Oakridge 10.30 am	LA	Revd David Jenkins, S	Mr Stephen Appiah	Mr Terry Rowell
Old Basing 10.30 am	Revd Valerie Fisher	Mr Chris Marsh	Revd David Jenkins, Cov/S	LA
St Andrew's 10.30 am	LA, Mrs Linda Hoe, BM	Mrs Sarah Whithorn, P	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	Revd David Shaw, Harvest Festival, Joint Service at St Andrew's with Trinity

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 with St Andrew's at Trinity
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

'Jesus And Me' ! (JAM)

'JAM' meets next from
2.30 pm – 4.30 pm

on the following Sundays:

11 September &
2 October



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

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

All are very welcome.

Do come along and join us.

Recycle Your Old Spectacles



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

- The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment – *Dorothy Nevill*
- You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving – *Anon*

Trinity Circle:

Trinity Circle's next meeting is on
Tuesday 13 September

in Ann Walker's garden for the **Garden Party** we were originally having in July.

This is from **2 pm to 4 pm.**

Ann's address is: Hazeldene, Skippetts Lane East, Basingstoke, RG21 3AT.

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

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

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

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



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](http://methodist.org.uk)

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**Enjoy a cup of Coffee
or Tea & Fellowship
after Sunday Worship
at Trinity**

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

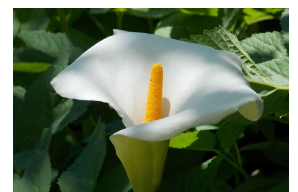


Several people have
volunteered to help and it
would be nice to have a few
more volunteers to help, one
Sunday a month is all we ask.

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

Everything is wonderful

My face in the mirror isn't
wrinkled or drawn.
My house isn't dirty,
the cobwebs are gone.
My garden looks lovely and
so does my lawn.
I think I might never put
my glasses back on.



What Houseplants can do for Cars

Common houseplants are your friend if your home or office is near a busy road. A recent study has found that where houseplants are placed in a poorly ventilated room, they can suck up the nitrogen dioxide from traffic emissions by up to 20 per cent. The researchers at the University of Birmingham used peace lilies, corn plants and fern arums with good results. Nitrogen dioxide is produced when fuel is burned, and so is present in car emissions. It can damage the respiratory system, making people more vulnerable to infections, lung disease, heart disease and asthma. **(Parish Pump)**

The Mug and Biscuit, St Andrew's Church

The Mug & Biscuit Re-opens on: **Tuesday 6 September**



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.



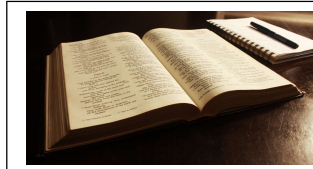
The Mug & Biscuit Team

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

- 22 September Chapter One – **Belonging**
- 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

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

What's On at Old Basing

- **Craft afternoon – Tuesday 6 SEPTEMBER at 2:30 pm**
- **MHA lunch is on – Wednesday 14 SEPTEMBER**
- **Craft afternoon – Tuesday 20 SEPTEMBER at 2:30 pm**
- **Prayers – Tuesday 27 SEPTEMBER at 2:30 pm**
- **Coffee morning – Friday 30th SEPTEMBER at 10:30 am**
(World's biggest coffee morning)
Proceeds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

MHA lunch is booked through MHA, but otherwise:

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

VALUING TIME

Dame Deborah James who died recently, was a teacher before her cancer diagnosis and in her book *"How to Live when You Could be Dead"* she mentions a translation of a poem by the French writer Marc Levy which she had loved since her teens. She shared this with her pupils encouraging them to value time, not realising that how much more it would mean to her following her own diagnosis of terminal bowel cancer at 35.

The piece asks the reader to imagine that they have a bank account that is credited with \$86,400 every day, but every evening anything that isn't used is lost, only to be topped up again with the same amount the next morning.

If you had such an account, you'd spend every dollar, wouldn't you? Marc Levy goes on to explain that we do have such a bank account, but that every morning we receive 86,400 seconds, and the time that we don't use is lost for ever:

"If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no saving time for tomorrow."

The message of the piece is of course that we should receive each day as a blessing and use the time we are given wisely knowing that time is precious.

As Deborah says in her book, "We all know, rationally speaking, that it will eventually be taken from us, and yet we somehow don't really think it's ever going to end – many of us don't truly get past our teenage perception of infinite time.

"We think that we can put things off to another day or that we can buy more time. But sometimes there is no tomorrow."

Anne Rowe

Oakley Methodist Church

Coffee Mornings start again on:

**Tuesday 13 September *and then on*
Tuesday 20 September.**

**They will normally be held on the
2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month**

10 am – 12 noon.

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

***There will also be some
paperbacks available
at 30p each.***



Oakley Methodist Church Christmas Fayre



**Saturday 12
November**



10 am – 12 noon

Please save the date

Further details to follow

1900 years ago, from 13 September 122 to 128 Hadrian's Wall was built in northern England.

It ran for 80 miles from coast to coast and marked the northern limit of the Roman Empire. The Roman Emperor, Hadrian, wanted to separate the Romans from 'the barbarians.'

- Long ago when people cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.

Memories of Dorothy Elizabeth Joy Merry

16/06/1935 – 26/06/2022

Dot was born in Hackney the eldest of two children, the other being her surviving sister Beryl. Dot was a small person with a keen sense of humour, an infectious laugh and a personality bigger than her size.



Dot's first job was in the city as an office worker. Dot met her future husband Bernie Merry in Ilford, London at a dance, where he was the drummer to the piano player, Mrs Mills. She loved band music and her favourite singer was Bing Crosby. Dot had a love of musicals of which she saw many.

Dot and Bernie were married on 15/06/1957 at St Thomas Becontree and soon moved to Ramsgate. In 1959 Dot and Bernie came to Basingstoke and Dot worked at Smiths Industries and Eli Lilly.

Graham was born in 1963 and Nigel was born in 1966.

One of Dot's favourite jobs was at Fairfield's school where she was a dinner lady and Dot also worked at St Anne's Primary school in the office.

Dot enjoyed going to ice hockey and going on holiday all around the world with her son Nigel. Another passion of hers was wildlife. She particularly loved otters and adopted them for 17 years and one called Dottie who lived in the New Forest Wildlife Park.

During her retirement Dot enjoyed playing bowls for Basingstoke Town and Loddon Vale and as a member of the Harrow Way Over-55 club.

Dot enjoyed going to Trinity Methodist Church and going to MHA.

Dot and Bernie enjoyed, with their friends, a visit to the Passion play at Oberammergau in 1990.

Dot spent her final years happily at St Thomas's care Home where Dot peacefully passed away and is now reunited with her dear husband Bernie.

Graham and Nigel would like to take this opportunity to express their sincere thanks for the compassionate and excellent care she was given.

Graham and Nigel would also like to say a big thank you to family and friends from over the years. That all played a part in making Dot joyous and Merry.

Nigel Merry

Mystery Music

A friend of mine, a professional organist, was asked to play for a wedding. Unfamiliar with the church's organ, she went to the sanctuary to practise. Curious about a small keyboard that slid out from under the two regular keyboards, she tapped out a couple of bars of a simple tune but heard nothing. Then she played a few more notes, but still no organ music. Just then a man came running into the church, shouting, "Who's playing 'Three Blind Mice' on the church-steeple bells?" She had been operating the carillon.



Trinity Methodist Church, General Church Meeting 26 June 2022

A General Church Meeting was held after the service on Sunday 26 June 2022. Attendance numbers were reduced because quite a few people were ill and unable to attend. The Minutes of the previous meeting, held in June 2019, were handed round.

Rev'd Audrey Browne thanked everyone for their help during this challenging time. We have been able to resume our morning worship services, but not able to do much more. Audrey thanked everyone for the support given to her and to each other.

Hilary gave a brief report on JAM, which had continued to meet during Covid as much as possible, but in a very different form. They had some wonderful meetings, fun, learned a lot, and had a communion service together. Thanks were expressed to Ann Walker, Yvonne Hunt and Jennifer Pitt who come along and help.

Diane and Pauline have been working in the office once a month, mostly to print the magazine, and occasionally also at other times during the month.

If we were to have coffee after the service at Trinity, volunteers would be required to do this. It has not yet been possible to resume coffee mornings at Trinity, but the Mug & Biscuit café is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Heather Shepherd has carried on running the prayer link by telephone. Diane said Heather's house group is meeting once a month.

Treasurer's report: David Gunton has now moved, and we are fortunate that Margaret Hayes has agreed to do the treasurer's job, but only for one year. Barbara is working with Margaret, and they are now dealing with the bank to bring about the necessary changes. Everything has to be done online which has proved to be a problem. Thanks were expressed to Margaret for all her work.

Diane Bath, Jenny Leighton, Katrina Cox, Edna Rawlins are continuing as stewards. Because relevant people were not present at the meeting, the items regarding Communion Stewards and Door Stewards will be dealt with at a later date.

Thanks were expressed to everyone for all their work.

Barara Johnson was confirmed as the Church representative on Church Council, and Diane Bath as Circuit representative at Synod.

Sue Doust pointed out that none of us is getting any younger, and it is difficult to find anyone willing to take over from people who have been working in various posts for the church but are unable to continue.

Trinity Methodist Church Basingstoke, Church Council Meeting on 7 July 2022

Rev'd Audrey Browne led the Church Council meeting, welcoming everyone to the meeting and thanking them for attending this afternoon.

Membership of the Church Council: David Gunton is no longer a Trustee. Margaret Hayes is now a Trustee because she is standing in as Treasurer.

Reports from Groups:

Church Stewards: the four remaining stewards (Diane Bath, Jenny Leighton, Edna

Trinity Methodist Church Basingstoke, Church Council Meeting (cont'd)**Reports from Groups (cont'd):**

Rawlins and Katrina Cox) have managed to do all that has been required for church services over the past three months.

Worship Group: Jennifer Pitt was not at today's meeting; Hilary Reed chaired the last Worship Group.

Prayer Link: Still continuing, mostly by email for the time being.

JAM: has still been running successfully, even if sometimes with only one person in charge.

House groups: Northern Group will not be meeting again until September. Winklebury group are continuing to meet monthly.

Coffee after service: Resuming as from Sunday 10 July. It is difficult to get enough people to work behind the counter for this.

Admin Office: Diane and Pauline are in the office once a month, printing out copies of the magazine, and sometimes also on other occasions. Church emails can be dealt with from home.

Worship leaders: Hilary Reed's reporting service will be on 9 October, and then we shall be looking to arrange her Commissioning service.

News from Circuit, District or Connexion: Margaret Hayes reported that a meeting has been held regarding Stationing, and we are going for three Presbyters, so there is a lot to do, and work has begun on a profile.

Conference happened last week and is available on YouTube: there were some interesting conversations.

Mission Action Plan:

We shall be starting Sunday coffee after the service from this Sunday. Sadly we do not have the people resources to do more, such as a re-start of the Wednesday coffee mornings.

Finance Report:

Margaret Hayes reported that all those bills which are paid by direct debit are continuing to be dealt with, and we are able to pay money into the bank account. Margaret is now gathering all necessary documents together so that she can resolve various issues at a meeting with the bank in a week's time. The mandated cheque signatories will be Margaret Hayes, Barbara Johnson, Michael Parker and Diane Bath, with two to sign.

SSG: There was general discussion about the problems of individual churches having separate administrations. Two Methodist churches in Caversham have now put themselves under one administration, with both churches continuing to meet in their own premises. They both enjoy a good income from lettings.

We might have to pay someone to manage the buildings, and would need sufficient letting income to justify that.

An exploratory letter has been received, expressing interest in acquiring the Trinity premises for re-development. We have to decide: it is important that the wider congregation be involved in wider discussions before conversations with someone outside. Peter Harris, Michael Parker and Diane Bath will meet to discuss the future of Trinity Church.

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Trinity Methodist Church Basingstoke, Church Council Meeting (cont'd)**Vacancies:**

We need to be aware that there are vacancies for a new Treasurer, Lettings Secretary and Church Council Secretary. These are all posts which must be filled for us to be able to continue as a Church Council.

The situation re Treasurer is still very much alive and has to be resolved. Margaret has been clear that she will only carry this responsibility for one year.

GDPR: Pauline is still looking after this, but reminded us that it is up to everyone else in the Church to follow the rules.

Any Other Business: It was agreed that people should take personal responsibility regarding mask wearing at Trinity, making it no longer obligatory, but at the same time respecting and being aware of other people's wishes.

It was agreed that letters should go out to Tony Pitt and to Michael Parker, thanking them for their detailed work on risk assessment which kept us safe at Trinity for the last 18 months.

Next Church Council meeting: **TUESDAY 18 October at 2.00 pm**

The meeting closed with The Grace.

Peace Walk Faiths in Friendship:

Free Event, Open to Everyone

Sunday 11 September 2022 at 2pm

We will gather at Eastrop Park, (Convene by the Boathouse), Basingstoke RG21 4QB, for a Welcome and Instructions. **(Please do print a ticket from the ticket machines at Eastrop Park car parks for the 2 free hours and there is a parking charge after the free 2 hours at Eastrop Park car parks).**

We will then walk to the top of town stopping at the Willis Museum, where we will join in silent prayer and contemplation for peace as an act of solidarity by people of all faiths in rejecting violence around the world. From the Willis Museum we will walk down Church Street towards Cross Street arriving to the Fellowship Education Society Centre. For further details contact: interfaithbasingstoke@gmail.com

From our Circuit News, 23.08.22

Prayer for September

Father, September – a month of new starts for many. We pray for all starting school, university or college, or moving into a new class or job.

We pray for the new Prime Minister, to prove to be a person of integrity, dedicated to working for the good of all.

We especially ask you to help those struggling with the rising cost of living who don't know how they are going to make ends meet.

Have mercy on this nation, Lord and bring us back to Your ways.

Thank You for Jesus and that through trusting in Him we can know You, as Father and God of truth, mercy and compassion.

Thank You that You never give up on us. You will help us if we turn to You, In Jesus name,

Amen. **by Daphne Kitching, (Parish Pump)**

'Sensible Shoes'



The summer of 2022 will go down in history, much like the summer of 1976.

This has been mentioned several times recently. In 1976 the highest temperature in the British Isles, was 35.9, the heatwave started in June and continued to August. In 2022 the temperature touched 40 degrees centigrade. It has been generally agreed that in the UK, we aren't used to such heat. So, what do we do?

Slow down, draw the blinds, shut the sun out, close windows, keep the heat out. Drink cool drinks, wear a hat when outside etc etc. Good advice.

I am reminded of Noel Coward's song though, 'Mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun'. It seems our climate so seldom experiences excessive heat, we just aren't prepared. Time to adjust behaviour, which can be a good thing. Well, it was for me.

I discovered some time ago a little religious bookshop in Newbury, called Shoemakers.

I went on the bus, easy, no car to park, and free with a bus pass. A lovely ride out into the country. And there it was, the first thing I saw, a book called 'Sensible Shoes'.

I am not a fiction reader, but it got me hooked. The author Sharon Garlough Brown, writes of a spiritual journey. The story follows the journeys of four women as they are drawn to a retreat centre.

One is Hannah, a pastor, who doesn't realise her need of spiritual refreshment.

Another is Meg, a widow. Living alone in a big house full of past memories.

The third is Mara who has difficult family relationships.

The last is Clarissa, a graduate. Who wants to get everything right.

By the end of the book, they have all made discoveries about themselves, everyone around them, and their relationship with God. The pages are full of the journey we all make, written honestly, and in an easy-to-read style.

'Sensible Shoes' starts with an invitation to a journey.

'Stand at the crossroads. And look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies, and walk in it'. (Jeremiah 6 v16)

I would add. And thank God for those who share your journey.

God bless you.

Margaret Garland

In Every Corner Sing – the Diary of a Country Vicar, by Timothy Biles, Canterbury Press, £9.99

In the literary tradition of Parson Woodforde and Georges Bernanos, here is the moving, wise and funny diary of a country vicar. It raises profound questions about the nature of ministry and the future of the church through its gentle yet acutely observed portraits and stories. A good summer read.

Wheels for the World

During August, I have been helping my mother, Angela Webb, to launch her book, *Grace upon Grace* and explaining the project, *Wheels for the World*. I hope by the end of this article you will understand why Mum has chosen to support this project.

My life would be very different without a wheelchair. I wouldn't be able to go out very easily and to meet people. The chance of any independence would be slim. I can understand why Mum has chosen to support *Wheels for the World*.

My mother's book, *Grace upon Grace* is "In Thanksgiving to God" and throughout her ministry Mum has helped people in spiritual ways. I hope you will appreciate the hard work she has put into this book.

Let me tell you the story of **Wheels for the World. Three Good deeds in one.** This Story has three chapters.

Chapter One. Peter's Story

Peter's father became very frail. Peter was very relieved when the NHS provided his father with a manual wheelchair. It meant Peter's father could go out more.

A little while later Peter's father died. Peter tried to return the wheelchair to the NHS. However the NHS did not want the wheelchair back. They said it was too worn to be reused.

Peter decided to donate the wheelchair through the **Through the Roof** project, **Wheels for the World**. (If you would like more information about Through the Roof, please follow this link: <https://throughtheroof.org/about/lets-celebrate-through-the-roof-is-25-years-old/>.)

Peter was pleased that the wheelchair would not be going to landfill. He was also thankful that his donation would make a difference in the life of someone on the other side of the world.

Chapter Two. Chris' Story

As a young teenager, Chris got involved in petty crime and drugs. By the time he left school, he was involved in car crime and burglary. He was sent to prison. But he really wanted to leave his life of crime behind. He was given the opportunity in prison to be trained to repair wheelchairs. This would mean he would learn some useful skills that would help him find a proper career after his release from prison.

Through the Roof sent the wheelchair donated by Peter to the prison workshop where Chris worked. Chris refurbished the wheelchair and made it as good as new once again.

Chapter Three. Miriam's Story

When Miriam was a child, she got an illness called polio. After this illness, she had paralysis in her legs. She lived in a community where there was no physiotherapy and there were no rehabilitation services such as an NHS wheelchair service. As a consequence of this, Miriam spent most of her time in bed shut away from the outside world.

Very occasionally Miriam would go out to see the world outside her house. But Miriam could only move by dragging herself along the ground.

A team from **Through the Roof** arrived in Uganda to distribute wheelchairs. The therapists in a team fit all the chairs very carefully.

President and Vice-President 2022-2023

The Revd Graham Thompson and Anthony Boateng were inducted as President and Vice-President at the Methodist Conference on Saturday 25 June 2022

The Revd Graham Thompson, President of the Methodist Conference

Graham Thompson serves as Chair of the Plymouth and Exeter District, a role which he assumed following his service as Chair of the East Anglia District. Before offering for Methodist ministry, Graham worked as an accountant. He has served in a variety of Circuits, urban and rural, both as Presbyter and Superintendent as well as serving on a variety of Methodist trusts, boards and Connexional committees. He has broad ecumenical experience and is an ecumenical Canon of Exeter Cathedral.



Anthony Boateng, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference

Anthony Boateng is a Local Preacher from the London District, with a passion for social action, politics, church unity, spiritual revival and creative ways of worship. He has been a member of the Conference since 2014. Anthony serves on several committees across the Church including as a convenor of the London District Social Responsibility Commission and member of Church Action for Tax Justice management committee. In his 'day job' Anthony is a caseworker for Ingeus - a government Work and Health Programme.



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The above link takes you straight to the President's & Vice-President's full Addresses to the Methodist Conference 2022. *If you Scroll down the page*, under 'Our Blogs' you will find 'A Visit to Lambeth Palace for the Lambeth Conference' by our President.

From our Circuit News 02.08.22

Revd Dr James Mather – the great work he has and is doing for Ukraine

(a short piece taken from the newspaper article sent round with the Circuit News – the full article is attached to the Circuit News, dated 02.08.22)

Revd Dr James Mather has set up an organisation called '**Ukraine Chain**' to help Ukrainian refugees who cross the border to Romania, into a safe home by forming relationships with governmental and non-governmental organisations and people with useful resources.

Whilst helping during the crisis, he found that Poland was becoming very congested and people were increasingly turning south to Romania. James Mather said that "*The Homes for Ukraine Scheme has been great and it's an immediate solution but the war isn't going to be over soon and we need something more long term.*" The scheme is in its infancy and James Mather has been travelling to Romania and talking to contacts he made whilst he worked in the country from 1990 to 2004 as an architect, but building new relationships too with people who can help the refugees.

Salvation Journey in Ancient Coins

All the eight coins, no more, no less, were acquired during a week-long tour of Jordon, with my daughter Jasmine, in February 2012. They were randomly purchased from street vendors in Roman Jerash, Nabatean Petra, and the Crusader Fortress of Shoubak.



Origins – Symbolism

When presented for display they naturally aligned themselves into the form of the cross representing man's journey from spiritual darkness and separation from God into the light and eternal reunion with God.

There is no limit to how God demonstrates His Love for Mankind. Here coins across two millennia serve to illustrate His Word.

Greek Hellenistic. Unknown, Goddess Victory (Nike) with wings holding wreath, circa 1st / 2nd Century BC.

Victory over death and reconciled with our Father in Heaven.

Byzantine Empire, Unknown emperor, 969 – 1081 AD, Portrait of Christ with the Gospel, "First Millennium coin".

I am the Way the Truth and the Life, no-one comes to the Father but by me.

Nabatean, King Aretas IV and Queen Shakilath, 9 BC to 40 AD, dual images in profile.

Man and woman reconciled with God, and equal before Him.

Nabatean, Queen Shakilath, 17AD to 40 AD, outstretched hand and holding palm branch.

The hands of Love and Peace. Love Your Neighbour as yourself,

Roman Byzantine Emperor, Constantine I, 306 to 337 AD, Posthumous Constantine.

We are all mortal beings, and will die and be brought before God and judged.

Roman Byzantine Emperor, Constantius II, 337 to 361 AD, Fallen Horseman celebrating Roman victory over Persians.

The full armour of God protects us from evil during our earthly journey.

Roman Byzantine Emperor, Constantine I, 306 to 337 AD. First Christian Roman Emperor.

We accept Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

Roman Emperor Probus, 276 to 282 AD, Pagan Emperor.

We come before the cross as sinners and ask for God's forgiveness.

Martin Frost, February 2016

- 30 years ago, on 7 September 1992 the radio station Classic FM began broadcasting in the UK.
- 25 years ago, on 11 September 1997 the people of Scotland voted in a referendum to establish their own parliament. (Opened 1 July 1999)

Basingstoke & Reading Circuit Prayers
September to November 2022

As a Circuit made up of churches big & small, in towns and in rural areas; we, as churches and as individuals, are led on our Christian journey by the Holy Spirit.



Pray this prayer, each day/week, for a group of our churches:

**Adventurous God,
you call us to be creative and willing to take risks in our vision; courageous in our decision-making; and unafraid of failure.**

**As we hold [*names of churches*] before you,
we ask that your Holy Spirit direct and encourage your people,
giving them confidence in your faithfulness,
and discernment of your purposes for them.
In the name of Christ, Amen.**

Our Circuit churches are:

Bradfield Methodist Church
Tilehurst Methodist Church
Wesley Methodist Church

Burnt Hill Methodist Church
Emmanuel Methodist Church
Whitley Methodist Church

Trinity Church, Earley
Christ Church, Woodley

Caversham Methodist Church
Woodley Airfield Church

Oakley Methodist Church
Oakridge Methodist Church
Kempshott Methodist Church
Trinity Methodist Church

St. Andrews Methodist Church
Old Basing Methodist Church
Christ Church, Chineham

Tadley Methodist Church
Silchester Methodist Church
Burghfield Common Methodist Church

Tadley Common Methodist Church
Mortimer Methodist Church

Rhythms of Grace: finding intimacy with God in a busy life
by Tony Horsfall, BRF, £9.99

This book has emerged from a personal exploration of contemplative spirituality. Coming from an evangelical and charismatic background, Tony Horsfall felt an increasing desire to know God more deeply. At the same time, he felt an increasing dissatisfaction with his own spiritual life, as well as concern at the number of highly qualified and gifted people involved in Christian ministry who experience burn-out. (*Parish Pump*)

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Prayer of St. Brendan the Navigator (484-577 A.D.)

**Help me to journey beyond the familiar
and into the unknown.**

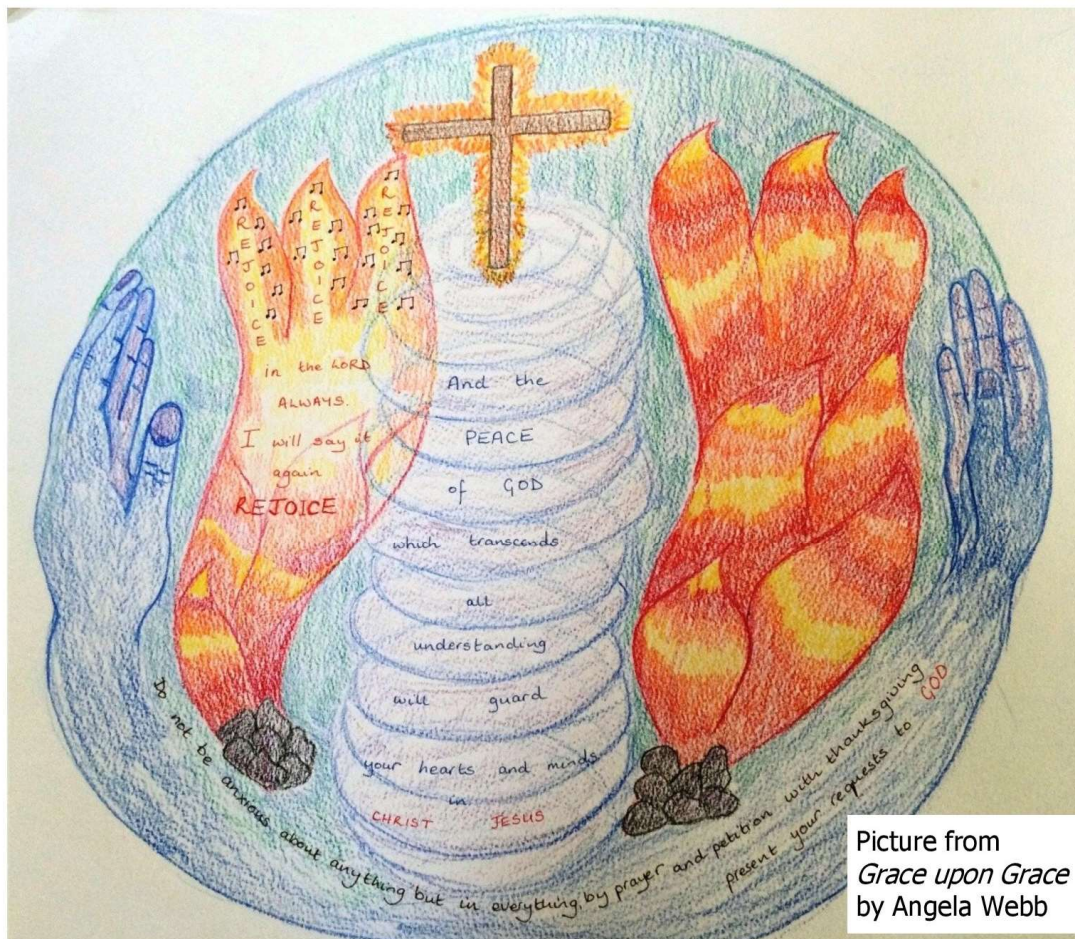
**Give me the faith to leave old ways
and break fresh ground with You.**

**Christ of the mysteries, I trust You
to be stronger than each storm within me.**

**I will trust in the darkness and know
that my times, even now, are in Your hand.**

**Tune my spirit to the music of heaven,
and somehow, make my obedience count for You.**

AMEN.



**Something You Once Knew –
Waking up to the extraordinary in your ordinary life
by Joshua Luke Smith, SPCK, £8.79**

An innovative, thought-provoking book that offers reflections on finding your own unique voice and how to use it amid the chaos and confusion of modern-day life. The author invites us to encounter the grace of God in a way that stokes a deeper fire in our hearts. (*Parish Pump*)

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.

Dwelling in the Word text: Philippians 4: 4-9 NRSV

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

First day back

It was the first day of school. As the new Head made his rounds, he heard a terrible commotion coming from one of the classrooms. He rushed in and spotted one boy, taller than the others, who seemed to be making the most noise. He seized the lad, dragged him to the hall, and despite his protests, told him to wait there until he was excused.

Returning to the classroom, the Head restored order and lectured the class about the importance of good behaviour. "Now," he said, "are there any questions?"

One girl stood up timidly. "Please sir," she asked, "May we have our teacher back?"



Let us pray each and every day.

Let us pray as a way to say that we don't believe that life is somehow meaningless, feeling-less, healing-less.
 And you're welcome, whatever you're dealing with.
 But what if there is a great big unless?
 Just waiting for a fearless few to leave behind the pew.
 Talk to the folks in the checkout queue. Who knew?
 They are ready to listen anew. To hope along with you.
 So open up and listen out.
 It's time to get out and about.
 God's calling you out and about.
 God's already out and about.
 This is not about standing on the corner to shout or sandwich boards or hordes of people flooding in on Sunday. It's about having a fun day.
 Celebrate together. Whatever the weather.
 Welcome the stranger.
 Not because you wish to change her, but simply discover she's an angel.
 So open the doors.
 Because it's been too long since we opened the doors.
 The hinges are rusty, but the people are thirsty oh, so thirsty for the Spirit of God.
 It's not so big or so scary.
 We can all pray. We can all say 'hi' to the guy next door. Because it's where the story starts.
 So open your hearts and take the good news out and about.

Poem by Tim Baker, Out and About Team, The Methodist Church

*When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word
 What a glory He sheds on our way!
 While we do His good will, He abides with us still
 And with all who will trust and obey*

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
 To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey*

John Henry Sammis

- For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; and for poise, walk with knowledge that you are never alone – *Audrey Hepburn*
- The older one gets the more one finds the present must be enjoyed; it is a precious gift, comparable to a state of grace – *Marie Curie*
- Happiness sometimes comes through doors you didn't even know you left open – *Anon*
- Many lovely things pass out of life when jealousy comes in – *Anon*

Basingstoke Chaplaincy Prayer Letter Summer 2022

4 JULY 2022 BY DAVIDACGRANT



*This is the day that the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice in it.
Psalm 118:24*

Some days are bright and sunny, like today as I write, which is the Summer Solstice, other days are damp and chilly, like Saturday for the One Church programme in Eastrop Park. Our moods often reflect the weather or are in response to the joys and stresses of life. But life under a loving God is worth celebrating, and each day can be used to support others.



John presenting a leaving gift to long-serving Chaplain Alan

The Chaplaincy thanked Alan Casebow for his 12 years of service as a chaplain and the Basingstoke Gazette wrote up an interview with him which can be seen here:

<https://www.basingstokegazette.co.uk/news/20209791.basingstoke-chaplain-stepping-position-12-years/>

He has been an encouragement to us and visited the Age Concern café each week until Covid came along.



Shelagh with a prospective Chaplain, Adeleke, and a butler serving tea

We are in the final stages of training 3 more chaplains who will be wonderful additions to our team. Erioluwa, Adeleke and Odunola are members of Praise Embassy church and want to bring God's love to others. We are continuing to look for more chaplains so that we can better meet people who want to talk to us; we are being invited to places but have no one to go.



Pam with Her Majesty the Queen and the lovely staff at Willows Tearoom

We are getting better known around the town through our presence in the streets, our attendance at different events and also from newspaper articles.

We particularly value your prayer support and that of churches. We continue to seek closer links with churches so that we can encourage some people to return to their former faith and church attendance. Being able to refer them to a contact in a suitable church makes all the difference.

Thank you for your support and prayers; we value your journey with us.

John (John Hayward)
Chair of Trustees

Prayer Points

Your prayers are valued for:

1. Tricia, Pam, Martha, Judith, Mary, Malcolm and Shelagh building trusting relationships with shop workers through regular visiting. Pray for wisdom to provide good support.
2. Tim, Shelagh, Pam and Eric engaging with people attending Court, whose unwise choices have often resulted from their own difficult circumstances.
3. The police and Court staff who face challenging emotional issues and circumstances in their daily work; and our chaplain Peter who, with others, needs particular sensitivity in supporting the police.
4. Both Malcolms, chaplains at the bus station, and for the links with chaplains at other bus stations.
5. Our new chaplains, their training and the recruitment of others.
6. The financial generosity of our supporters enabling this mission to continue.
7. People who have asked for our prayers in confidence because of troubles, illness or relationship problems.
8. Those seeking God, that they will find in Jesus Christ the Saviour and friend they need.

One Church Basingstoke Pastoral Listening Course

A course to develop our listening skills to God self and others. For anyone in the One Church family of churches who comes alongside others friends, neighbours, or at Food banks, Wellbeing cafes, Toddler groups etc

Dates:

- 10 September Listening to God – In person
- 24 September Listening Skills – Online
- 15 October Using the Egan Model – Online
- 5 November Understanding Anxiety and Loss – Online
- 12 November Supervision and Signposting – In person

What's involved: 30 hours over 12 weeks

- 5 Saturday mornings 9:30 am -12:30 pm
- 6 hours of practicing listening skills in groups of 3
- A Reflective Learning Journal

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

- 25 years ago, on 18 September 1997 the people of Wales voted in a referendum to create the National Assembly for Wales, with devolved powers from Westminster. (Opened May 1999)

The Revd Tony Horsfall, a former missionary in East Malaysia and then retreat leader based in West Yorkshire, considers the slow and steady type of Christian

Being brave?

Some time ago I was helping my grandson George into his car seat in the back of my car, when I accidentally banged his head. He started to cry. "Come on, George, be brave," I said.

"But I *don't want* to be brave!" he wailed.

I guess we all know that feeling. Sometimes life is hard, and we know we have a need for courage, but somehow, we just don't want to be brave. We would rather give in, surrender to the difficulties, and wallow in self-pity.

The Bible seems to constantly exhort us to be brave, to be strong, to take heart, to be courageous. And life during a pandemic and a war certainly calls for us to make a courageous response. But occasionally we may feel overwhelmed and ready to give in or give up.

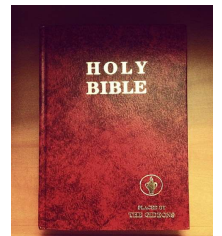
Perhaps you are reading this at just such a moment. Maybe this comes as a message to you from God so that you do not lose heart. He knows you, and He sees your situation. And He speaks to encourage you, as He did to the church at Philadelphia: "I know that you have little strength (Revelation 3:8)."

He is the compassionate and understanding God who draws alongside us, to give strength to the weary and power to the weak (Isaiah 40:29). You don't have to do anything, simply turn to Him in your need and ask for help. You will discover, as the apostle Paul did, that when you are weak, then you are strong. His power will be demonstrated through your weakness. You can then do whatever is required of you, because He will give you strength.

from Parish Pump

Helping to Support the Church in Ukraine (Parish Pump)
War in Ukraine: Appeal for more Bibles

The Bible Society is appealing for funds to send more Bibles to Ukraine. It says that Christians in the UK "*can speak hope*" into the crisis by providing Ukrainian pastors and churches with more Bibles with which to share "the love and power of God's Word." **Details at:** <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/donate/>



#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 and News from the Methodist Church

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



Grace – it really is Amazing, by Lester Amann

Most of us will know the hymn, *Amazing Grace*, by John Newton. Grace is an essential element of our faith, but what is it, exactly? In everyday life the word 'grace' has many uses: in the courts, a pardoned person has been 'shown grace'; in the arts, an exquisite dancer moves with beauty and grace; if someone undertakes an unpleasant task cheerfully and willingly, it is done with 'good grace' and composers sometimes add 'grace notes' to their music to enhance the playing of their music.

The biblical use of the word 'grace' is quite different! The New Testament describes grace as God doing something for us that we could not do for ourselves. That 'something' is the free and unearned favour of God towards us. It is God's goodness which removes human inferiority and worthlessness and which raises our status. It pays the debt of sin. Grace welcomes the wretched, the weak and the wayward. It adopts us – homeless orphans – into God's family.

The story of King David and Mephibosheth is a remarkable example of grace. (see 2 Samuel 9:1-13) When David discovered a disabled relative of a former friend, he opened the way for this person to be brought into the royal household. He was accepted into David's family and given the same status as one of his sons. Similarly, God accepts the unacceptable into His Heavenly Family. He accepts us as we are, regardless of status, health – or any objections we may have! Our gracious God loves us even though we are unlovely, undesirable and unholy.

We most see God's love in the gift of His Son. We can only be thankful that through Christ we have a new relationship with God. It is by His grace we are saved. In John Newton's famous hymn, he wrote 'grace will lead me home'. Through the grace of God we can be assured of eternal life, joy, peace and security with Christ. **Parish Pump**



Methodist JPIT

Stay and Pray – new weekly prayers for intercession

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

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

Praise!

Praise the Lord in merry song,
Praise Him, praise Him all day long.
But what of me?
I cannot sing –
I have no melody to bring.
But in the Bible, joy of joys,
The Lord says:
"Make a joyful *noise!*"

Anonymous



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



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

[Christian Music Ministries \(cmm.org.uk\)](http://cmm.org.uk)

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

Blister Pack Recycling

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



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

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

I am sure that the help that Marie Curie is getting from these is welcomed and of course it is helping to take care of the planet for future generations.

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

Jennifer Pitt

Recycling of Plastic Milk Bottle Tops –

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



Thank you, **June Bishop**

Trinity Collections

As you will expect, Trinity's income has been severely reduced over the last 2 years. This is partly because hirers have had to stop meeting, but also because without services in Church the collections have stopped. Nevertheless, much of our expenditure has continued – almost half of our outgoings go to the Circuit to pay for, among other things but to a major extent, the Circuit staff, both ordained and lay.



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

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

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

Warning at a Mountain Holiday Resort

Be careful not to fall here. It's dangerous. But if you do fall, remember to look to the left on your way down. You get a wonderful view on that side.





UPDATE at 28.08.22



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 28.08.22, we are SHORT OF:

- Long Life UHT Milk
- Powdered / Dried Milk
- Long Life Fruit Juice
- Tinned Fruit
- Savoury Spread
- Long Life Fruit Juice
- Squash
- Desserts / Puddings
- Cooking Sauces
- Nappies (Size 6 only)
- Household Surface Cleaner
- Men's Shaving Gel
- Shampoo

At 28.08.22, we have Plenty of:

- Cereals (Hot & Cold)
- Porridge Sachets
- Baked Beans
- Biscuits
- Crackers
- Rice
- **NO Pasta (we have enough for a year)**
- Baby Food
- Non-Dairy Milk
- Kitchen Paper Rolls
- Coffee
- Tea, Fruit Teas
- Nappies (Other than Size 6)
- Cat and Dog Food
- Washing Tabs / Powder

We always welcome

Donations & promise to use them to provide help for local people in crisis. Occasionally we send food to other local foodbanks if they have specific shortages. We also support a small number of local agencies in B/S who regularly provide hot meals, or emergency food items for our most vulnerable members of the community who maybe unable to access our centre.

Thank you for your continued support

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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So far so good

So far today, God, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or over-indulgent. I'm really glad about that. But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm going to need a lot more help. Amen

Coffee Shop

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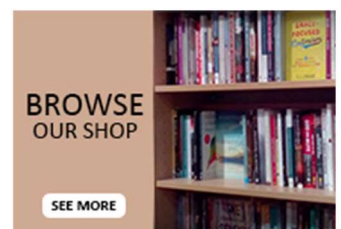
New Website for Shoemakers Bookshop: www.christophershoemaker.org.uk

Shop with Shoemakers – You can shop in the following ways:

- **In Person at our Shop, OPEN:** Tuesdays – Saturdays, 9.30 am – 4 pm
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- **Online** anytime at: www.christophershoemaker.org.uk
- **By email** anytime – office@christophershoemaker.org.uk
- **Our Coffee Shop is OPEN:** Thurs – Sat, 9.30 am – 1 pm
- **Facebook** messenger – visit us at: www.facebook.com/shoemakersbooks
- **Click and Collect** is available.
- **Orders can be posted or delivered to you.**
- **Please support** your local Christian Bookshop and take a look at the great resources we have at **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**

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And may Romans 8:37-39 encourage us all



For the Young & Young at heart

PUZZLES

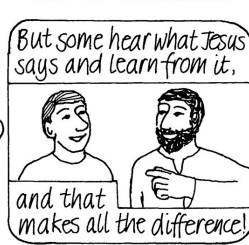
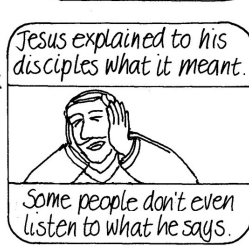
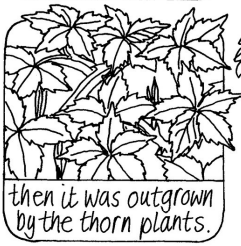
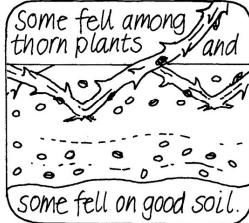
Crossword

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Mt. 13: 3-8, Mk 4: 1-9, Lk 8: 4-8

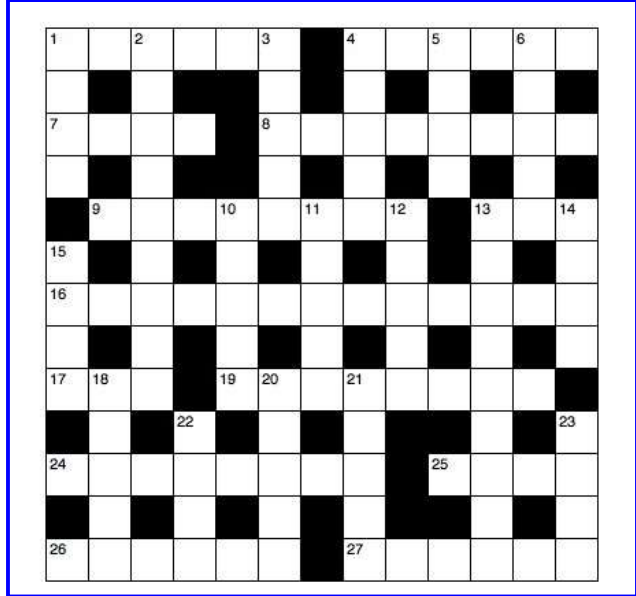
Crowds of people now came to hear Jesus, so he used stories to teach them; those who really wanted to learn would work out the meaning.



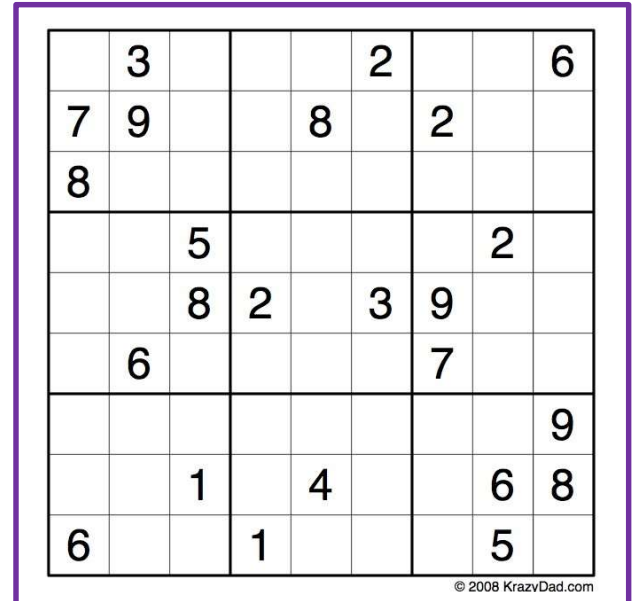
But soon they move onto another 'best thing.'

but then worries and busyness take over.

and that makes all the difference!



Sudoku



Wordsearch – The Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13.24-30)

Ever wonder why there is both good and evil allowed in this world? Jesus told a parable that touched on this subject – it is called the Parable of the Weeds.

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



Mouse Makes



Everyone who hears Jesus' words and **does** them will be like a _____ man.

On what did he build his house?

Matthew 7:24



Everyone who hears Jesus' words and does **not** do them will be like a _____ man.

On what did he build his house?

Matthew 7:26

The _____ fell,
The floods came and the _____ blew.
Matthew 7:25

Matthew 7:24-27 and Luke 6:46-49

What happened to the houses?
Read Matthew 7:25 and 27

What was the reaction of the crowd to Jesus' teaching?
Read Matthew 7:28-29

Look up the Bible references to find the missing words then look for them and the words below in the word search

JESUS • HEAR • LISTEN • WORDS
DOES • BUILT • FOUNDATION • MAN
DUG • DEEP • SOLID • GROUND
STREAM • RIVER • BURST • FLOODS
TORRENT • HOUSE • FELL • COLLAPSED
RUIN • DESTROYED

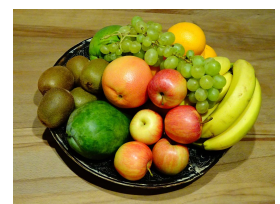
How many other words can you make from the word
FOUNDATIONS

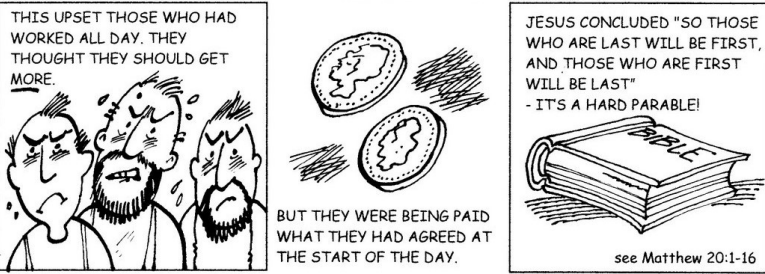
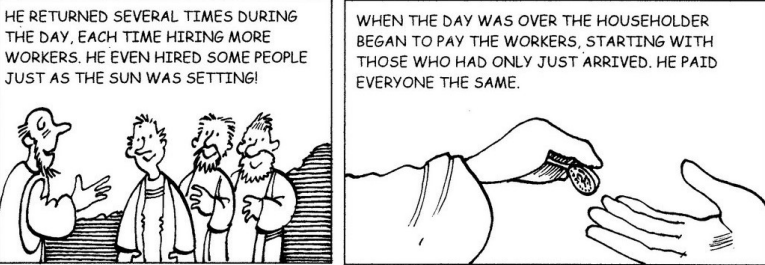
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- Crossword Clues – Across**
- 1 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders — in vain' (Psalm 127:1) (6)
 - 4 Season of the year (Psalm 84:6) (6)
 - 7 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. — here and keep watch with me' (Matthew 26:38) (4)
 - 8 It came over the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour on the first Good Friday (Luke 23:44) (8)
 - 9 Paul invariably did this in the synagogues he visited on his missionary journeys (Acts 17:2) (8)
 - 13 'It is God who works in you to will and to — according to his good purpose' (Philippians 2:13) (3)
 - 16 Members of the Church of Scotland (13)
 - 17 'Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain side and — down' (Matthew 5:1) (3)
 - 19 Mock (Luke 14:29) (8)
 - 24 Disgrace (Psalm 44:13) (8)
 - 25 First month of the Hebrew calendar (Exodus 13:4) (4)
 - 26 Christianity of the Britons before Augustine arrived from Rome (6)
 - 27 Mean (Numbers 35:23) (6)

- Crossword Clues – Down**
- 1 'Whoever finds his life will — it' (Matthew 10:39) (4)
 - 2 'My lord the king, let the — — on me and on my father's family, and let the king and his throne be without guilt' (2 Samuel 14:9) (5,4)
 - 3 O raid (anag.) (5)
 - 4 'If two of you on earth — about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven' (Matthew 18:19) (5)
 - 5 Take care of (1 Samuel 17:15) (4)
 - 6 What the older son heard as he came near the house the day his prodigal brother came home (Luke 15:25) (5)
 - 10 'Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with — judgment' (Romans 12:3) (5)
 - 11 Do ten (anag.) (5)
 - 12 Architectural style first used in Greek temples in the sixth century BC (5)
 - 13 Capable of being used (1 Kings 7:36) (9)
 - 14 'Each one should — his own actions' (Galatians 6:4) (4)
 - 15 Among the items imported by Solomon's fleet of trading ships (1 Kings 10:22) (4)
 - 18 'But I am afraid that just — was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray' (2 Corinthians 11:3) (2,3)
 - 20 Outstanding 18th-century hymn writer, — Watts (5)
 - 21 One of the four sons of Asher (Genesis 46:17) (5)
 - 22 Be distressed (Proverbs 24:19) (4)
 - 23 He was the father of Gaal, who threatened rebellion against Abimelech, Judges 9:28 (4)

Harvest





Puzzle Pages Solutions

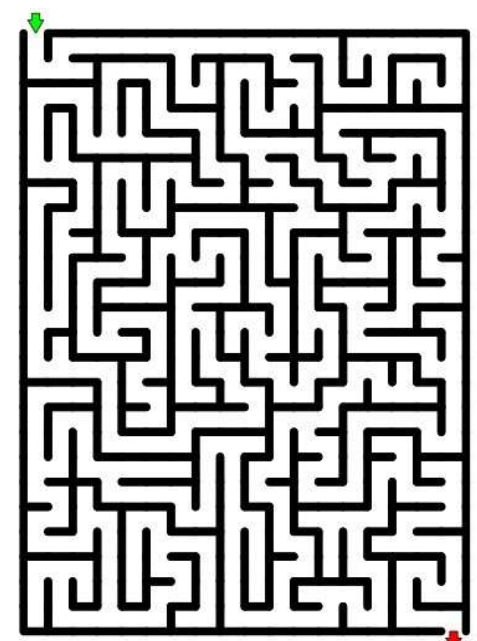
Across: 1, Labour. 4, Autumn. 7, Stay. 8, Darkness. 9, Reasoned. 13, Act. 16, Presbyterians. 17, Sat. 19, Ridicule. 24, Reproach. 25, Abib. 26, Celtic. 27, Intend.

Down: 1, Lose. 2, Blamerest. 3, Radio. 4, Agree. 5, Tend. 6, Music. 10, Sober. 11, Noted. 12, Doric. 13, Available. 14, Test. 15, Apes. 18, As Eve. 20, Isaac. 21, Ishvi. 22, Fret. 23, Ebed.

Sudoku Solution

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s	w	p	u	k	f	p	d	g	r	n	g



Seed	Outgrown	Field	Ever	Farmer	Fantastic	Corn
Learn	Path	Difference	Rocks	Sower	Thorn	Birds
Plants	Sprouted	Good	Grew	Soil	Harvest	Eaten
Water	Best	Died				