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**From January Trinity will continue to Zoom Services at Trinity.**

**For Zooming at St Andrew's, see page 8.**

**Thanks to our 'Zoom team', who enable those at home to join us.**

**Trinity's Zoom Link:**  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99500813735?pwd=Rm9pbWgyS1pJam1zMXMzK0R6ay9QUt09>

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**Passcode:** 816173

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**Trinity E-News: Deadline: Feb 23 Newsletter – Fri 20 Jan**

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

I always love receiving your lovely pieces, so please keep them coming. **A Big Thankyou** to everyone who has sent me items, they can be posted or emailed.

**Thank you again, Hazel, Ed**  
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**We wish all our readers a very Happy & Joyful Christmas & New Year.**



**Wesley 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:**  
 Details are on Wesley's website  
<https://www.wesleychurchreading.org/150th.htm>  
 Begins in December through to October 2023.

Dec 22 &amp; Jan 23

Dear Friends,

I have recently read the book *'Mother Teresa, Come be my Light — the revealing private writings of the Nobel Peace Prize Winner.'* I have found an authenticity and humility in her writings that is second to none. In a letter to one of her spiritual directors, she said, 'Without meekness, we can never be able to accept others nor love the other as He [Jesus] loves us. She saw her work among the poor not as social action but as being Jesus to those she served 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Speaking to her own sisters, she explained, "The work is God's work and not our work...how often we spoil God's work and try to get the glory for ourselves." I was truly captivated by Mother Teresa's deep longing for God — to be Christ to others in every action, every word, and every attitude. It is said that Mother Teresa was in constant contact with human distress, yet she never got accustomed to it. Each time she encountered the suffering poor, it made a real impact on her. She would repeat: "I have never seen so much suffering." She saw God's greatness in the ability of the poor and marginalized to bear so much suffering.

Throughout Mother Teresa's work among the poorest of the poor, she lived with a profound spiritual darkness and a constant feeling of spiritual aridity in her own life. Through the guidance of her spiritual directors she came to realise that her darkness was the spiritual side of her work, a sharing in Christ's redemptive suffering on the Cross. Her darkness was an identification with those she served. She was drawn mystically into the deep pain they experienced from feeling unwanted and rejected and living without God. She believed that it is only by being one with them that she could bring God into their lives and so bring them to God.

This sounds to me like what it means to participate in the incarnational mission of God. We begin again our journey of 'Advent' — that time of preparation and waiting for the coming of God in flesh in Jesus Christ. God saw our poverty and chose to come to earth in Jesus Christ to be one with us so that we might be one with God. Mother Teresa told a story of a

Man she encountered who lived in a small one-room shack made of tin and old cardboard. After she had cleaned the shack she found in the corner of the shack a big lamp full of dirt. She said to the man, "Don't you light this lamp, such a beautiful lamp. Don't you light it?" He replied "For whom? For months nobody has ever come to me. For whom will I light it?" The sisters started going to visit him every day for about 5 to 10 minutes and they started lighting the lamp until he got into the habit of lighting the lamp. After a while, the sisters would only drop by in the morning just to see how he was doing. Two years later the man sent word — "Tell Mother, my friend, the light she lit in my life is still burning."

Certainly, the light that Jesus brought into the world over 2000 years ago is a light that keeps burning in the lives of countless people around the world. As we light our Advent candles, may we too be reminded of the first flickers of Jesus' coming into the world; and may the light of Christ be kindled in our hearts afresh, so that the flames of justice and peace may burn brightly within us, releasing in our lives the transforming power of God made flesh in Jesus Christ, the Light and Hope of the world, this Advent, Christmas and always.

Lord, Jesus Christ, Light of the world,  
kindle your light afresh in my heart,  
and help me to keep burning for you  
that I might be your light in a dark  
world. **Amen**

May our journey through Advent, Christmas, the New Year and always, be filled with the Hope and Light of Christ!

**Rev'd Audrey D Browne**

### A Couple of Dates:

- **6 December at 10 am – Worship Meeting in the Lounge.**
- **9 December at 2.30 pm – Support Services Group meet in the Lounge.**

## Advent Liturgy 2022

Our Advent candle liturgy this year will involve the whole congregation and use the whole church.



There will be an 'Advent candle station' at four corners of the church, each with a large candle decorated with evergreen foilage.

They will be labelled for the four weeks of Advent with the words HOPE, PEACE, LOVE and JOY. The final candle (for Christmas Day) will be at the front of the church and labelled LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

Each week the congregation will be provided with paper and pens on arrival and are invited to write their own short prayers on that week's theme, before or during the liturgy. These prayers will be gathered and added to each 'station' after the service.

Each week the previous week's candles will be re-lit before the service begins and the new candle lit during the liturgy, with the congregation invited to turn to face that week's candle as it is lit.

The liturgy will include a short reading linked to that week's theme, time for people to write their own short prayers and a prayer to be read after that week's candle is lit. ***Each week there will be an opportunity to contribute to a Retiring Collection to support the people of Ukraine.***

We hope the liturgy will be a time of blessing as we journey through Advent together.

**Ann and Hilary**





**St Andrew's Methodist Church**

**Christmas lunch  
and Carol Service**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
Lunch at 12.00 midday  
Carol Service at 2.30 p.m.

Lunch is free of charge,  
but donations will be welcome. Cash or card.

Please register your name for the lunch  
by email to [Lindahoe@Hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Lindahoe@Hotmail.co.uk)  
along with any special dietary requirements.

**200 years ago, on 27 December 1822,** Louis Pasteur, French biologist, microbiologist, and chemist was born. One of the fathers of germ theory, he was best known for the pasteurisation process, which is named in his honour.

**100 years ago, on 14 December 1922,** John Reith (*later Lord Reith*) was appointed as General Manager of the BBC.

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# Joint services at St Andrew's and Trinity January, February and March 2023

During January, February and March our two Churches will be joining together and sharing services. Here is some information that you should find helpful.

St Andrew's  
Western Way  
South Ham  
RG22 6ER

Trinity  
Sarum Hill  
RG21 8SR



## SERVICES — Where will they be?

**On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, services will take place at Trinity.**

(January 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>; February 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>; March 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>)

**On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, services will take place at St Andrew's.**

(January 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>; February 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>; March 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>)

**The Service on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of a month will take place at Trinity.**

Worship will start at 10.30 am every Sunday.

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**St Andrew's enquiries** to Linda Hoe — ☎ 01256 417219

**Trinity enquiries** to Diane Bath — ☎ 01256 320429

It is expected that services will be available on Zoom when at Trinity.

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**Transport:**



**St Andrew's Folk** — If getting to Trinity is difficult and you think you may require a lift, there may be friends at the Church who can help. Please speak to a Steward if you need assistance.

**Trinity Folk** — There will be lifts available from Trinity to St Andrew's and back again. If you require a lift you will need to be outside Trinity by 10.20 am at the latest. If you require this service please let Jennifer Pitt know on a weekly basis, by phoning ☎ 01256 816314.

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**Parking:**



**At St Andrew's** — There are parking spaces outside the church in the car park. If you park in the disabled spaces please make sure you display your disabled badge. If this car park is full, proceed through the car park to the exit and you will find opposite you another large parking area.

**At Trinity** — There is a large parking area at the church which should be able to take all cars, however if this is full there is a council car park opposite, but you will need to pay if you use this.

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**Readers:**



If you would like to do a reading at either Church and do not normally do so, then please make yourself known to a steward. We can accommodate people who would like to read from their seat in both Churches.

If reading at St Andrew's please read from the Good News Bible.

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**Start of Service:**



At both Churches a candle appears on the screen and music is played, a short time before the service starts. When this appears we request that you are quiet and prepare yourself for worship.



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**Offertory:**



There will be an offertory taken each Sunday. If you normally attend Trinity please put your offering in the weeks you are at Trinity and if you attend St Andrew's, put your offertory in on the weeks you are there.

If you wish to put in money at other services that is of course welcomed, but not expected.

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**Prayers:**



At each service we will remember those in need during our prayer time. If you would like someone included at this time and you have asked permission from that person, then please pass the name on a piece of paper to the door steward on your arrival at the service. Please only give the name of person concerned as no other details will be used.

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**Communion:**



You will be directed by a steward to go to the front of the Church, to stand at the communion rail. After you have received communion please stay at the rail and wait for the dismissal prayer.

If you are unable to go forward to the rail, please make the steward aware and communion will be brought to you in your seat when the rest of your row is at the rail.

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***For Service details please see pages 8 - 9.***

## Christmas at Trinity - Some 'Dates for your Diaries'

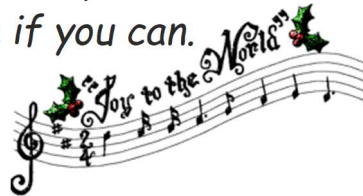


### Christmas Medley Thursday 15 December 2.30 pm in the Lounge

An invitation for you to join us for a 'Christmas Medley' on Thursday 15 December at 2.30 pm in Trinity Lounge. We will sing carols, share poems etc and of course mince pies and a cuppa!

We hope to see you there, so please put the 'Date in your Diaries' and come if you can.

Diane



### Winklebury Housegroup

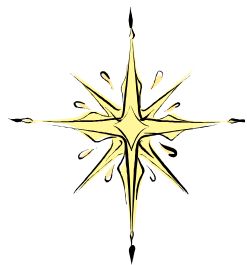
The Winklebury Housegroup are meeting on Thursday

1 December at 2.30 pm in the Lounge.

All our Welcome to join us.

The theme will be **Advent.**

We look forward to seeing you.



### Trinity's Carol Service

Trinity's Carol Service this year is on Sunday 11 December in the morning at 10.30 am.

The service will be followed by coffee / tea and mince pies in the hall afterwards.

Do put this date in your diaries and come along.



Our Christmas Day Family Worship is at 10 am on Sunday 25 December, led by Revd Angela Webb with Mr Peter Ansell

We are delighted St Andrew's will be joining us.



### Christingle Service Friday 23 December at 3 pm



Trinity's Christingle Service this year will be led by the 'JAM' Leaders and held on Friday 23 December at 3 pm.

Do come and join us for this lovely 'All Age Service' and make your own Christingle.

**A New Minister for our Basingstoke Churches – The following Circuit Announcement was read out at Trinity on Sunday 20 November – Following the Stationing Matching Group 1 Meetings earlier this month, we had a Presbyter come to visit our Basingstoke Churches. After the visit we invited the Revd Claire Simpson to serve God in our Circuit for 5 years commencing in September 2023. We are delighted to announce that Claire has accepted our invitation.**

*Please pray for a match for the Caversham and Woodley churches in the next round of Stationing which will take place at the beginning of next month.*

*With all good wishes, Marianne and the Circuit Stewards team.*

## Sunday Worship – Trinity & Our Basingstoke Churches

### Plan for Worship – Dec 2022 to Feb 2023

Live Worship at Trinity with Services Zoomed through December.

From January, services will be Zoomed from Trinity when services are held at Trinity. Services will also be Zoomed from St Andrew's if possible.

Enquiries St Andrew's: contact Linda Hoe on: ☎: 01256 417219 for confirmation, or email at: [lindahoe@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lindahoe@hotmail.co.uk)

Trinity Enquiries: contact Diane Bath on: ☎: 01256 320429 or email at: [dianebath51@gmail.com](mailto:dianebath51@gmail.com) Thank you.



## Basingstoke & Reading Circuit – Basingstoke Churches – December 2022

Dates	4 Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Advent	11 Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Advent	18 Dec 4 <sup>th</sup> of Advent	Friday 23 Dec	25 December Christmas Day
Trinity 10.30 am	Mr Tony Pitt & Mrs Ann Walker	Carol Service LA <i>(followed by mince pies)</i>	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	3 pm Christingle Service Led by JAM Leaders	10 am Revd Angela Webb & Mr Peter Ansell <i>(St Andrew's join Trinity)</i>
Kempshott 10.30 am	Revd David Jenkins, S	Mrs June Hardcastle, Zoom	4 pm Mrs Sarah Whithorn, Carols	-	9 am Revd David Jenkins
Oakley 10.30 am	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	Mrs Sarah Whithorn	Mr Stephen Appiah	-	10 am Revd Audrey D Browne
Oakridge 10.30 am	Mr Stephen Appiah	Revd David Jenkins, Nativity <i>(Old Basing join Oakridge)</i>	10 am LA <i>And</i> 4 pm Revd David Jenkins, Carols	-	Mrs Joan Coomber
Old Basing 10.30 am	Mrs Denise Baugh	Joint at Oakridge	Carols, LA	-	10.15 am Revd David Jenkins
St Andrew's 10.30 am	Mrs Kim Kelly	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	2.30 pm, Revd Audrey D Browne, Carols	-	Joint at Trinity



From 1 January 2023, Trinity & St Andrew's will be joining together to share their services. Trinity will be hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays and the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays where appropriate and St Andrew's will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

### ***Basingstoke & Reading Circuit – Basingstoke Churches – January 2023***

Dates	1 January 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Christmas	8 January 1 <sup>st</sup> Ordinary Time	15 January 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Time	22 January 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Time	29 January 4 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Time
Trinity 10.30 am	LA	Joint at St Andrew's	Revd Audrey D Browne	Joint at St Andrew's	Revd Martin Beukes
Kempshott 10.30 am	Revd David Jenkins, S	LA	Mr Tony Bell, Zoom	Mr Peter Frank, Zoom	Mr Symon Turner, Zoom
Oakley 10.30 am	LA	Mr Symon Turner	Revd John Sumitra	Revd Audrey D Browne, Covenant, S	Mr Stephen Appiah
Oakridge 10.30 am	Mr Symon Turner	Revd David Jenkins, S	Mrs Linda Hoe	Revd John Sumitra	Mrs Sarah Whithorn
Old Basing 10.30 am	Mr Stephen Appiah	Mrs Sarah Whithorn	Revd David Jenkins, S	Mr Chris Marsh	Mr Terry Rowell
St Andrew's 10.30 am	Joint at Trinity	Revd Audrey D Browne, Covenant, S	Joint at Trinity	Mrs Denise Baugh	Joint at Trinity

### ***Basingstoke & Reading Circuit – Basingstoke Churches – February 2023***

Dates	5 February, 5 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Time	12 February, 6 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Time	19 February, Sunday before Lent	26 February, 1 <sup>st</sup> of Lent
Trinity 10.30 am	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	Joint at St Andrew's	Revd Audrey D Browne	Joint at St Andrew's
Kempshott 10.30 am	Revd David Jenkins, S	Mr Jonathan Skeet, Zoom	Mr Tony Bell, Zoom	Mrs Sarah Whithorn, Zoom
Oakley 10.30 am	Mr Peter Frank	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	Mrs Sarah Whithorn	Mrs Linda Hoe
Oakridge 10.30 am	Mr Terry Rowell	Revd David Jenkins	Joint at Old Basing	LA
Old Basing 10.30 am	LA	Mr Stephen Appiah	Revd David Jenkins, S <i>(Oakridge join Old Basing)</i>	Revd John Sumitra
St Andrew's 10.30 am	Joint at Trinity	Mrs Anne Rowe	Joint at Trinity	Revd Audrey D Browne

## 'Jesus And Me' ! (JAM)

'JAM' meets from  
2.30 pm – 4.30 pm,  
usually on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
of the month.



### The Next JAM Dates are:

**Sunday 4 December**  
**Sunday 8 January**  
**Sunday 5 February**

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### JAM – Children & Families

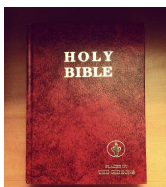
meet in the Lounge, usually on  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month,  
to hear stories of Jesus,  
craft, singing and tea.

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.**

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

The Bible Society is appealing for  
funds to send more Bibles to  
Ukraine. Bibles  
which share **"the love and power  
of God's Word."** Details at:  
[https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-  
involved/donate/](https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/donate/)



## Trinity Circle



Our next meeting is on  
**Tuesday 13 December at 7.30 pm**  
**in the Lounge**

This is a **"Christmas Evening"** and will be led  
by Margaret Hayes.

Trinity Circle is open to everyone, so if you are  
able to join us, please come along.  
We look forward to welcoming you.

**PLEASE NOTE: Trinity Circle**  
**is NOT meeting in January or February 2023.**  
We have decided to meet in July and August  
instead when hopefully the weather will  
be warmer.

**14 March 2023** will be our  
first meeting for **2023.**

**Sonia**

## The Northern Housegroup

Our next meeting is on  
**Tuesday 6 December at 7.30 pm**  
**at Sonia's home.**



This will take the form of our usual **"Christmas  
Evening"** with members bringing along favourite  
CDs of Carols etc and poems and readings.

**Our New Year get-together** is in the afternoon  
and we are inviting you all to come along for a  
cuppa, cake and chat.

This is on **Tuesday 10 January at 3 pm in the  
lounge.** This will be a fun afternoon and we do  
hope you will come and join us.

**Hilary, Edna and Sonia**

**90 years ago, on 25 December 1932,** the first Royal  
Christmas Message was broadcast on radio. King  
George V addressed the nation live from Sandringham.

**Useful ☎ & Email, Trinity/Other Contacts,**

**Our Minister:** Rev'd Audrey D Browne,

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**Our Church Office** is Open 1 morning a week,  
 usually on Wednesdays.

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**For:**

- 'Smalltalk' with Revd David Shaw
- Methodist JPIT – 'Stay & Pray'
- 'Dial a Prayer'
- 'News from the Wisdom Centre' Romsey
- 'Recycling your Old Spectacles'

**Please see the October Issue of Trinity E-News.**

**Kindness is a hard thing to give away. It keeps  
 coming back to the giver – Ralph Scott**

**Come and Enjoy 'Fellowship  
 with Friends' after Morning  
 Worship at Trinity, along  
 with an 'enjoyable cup of  
 Coffee or Tea and a Biscuit'**

Several people have  
 volunteered to help  
 but it would be nice



to have a few more volunteers to  
 help - one Sunday a month is all  
 we ask. Please think about it and  
 if you think this could be for you,  
 please telephone or speak to  
 either: **Barbara Johnson or  
 Sonia Jones**

**Circuit News: Reminder: To  
 Church Safeguarding Officers,  
 Trainers and Ministers in  
 pastoral charge**

Please note we have been offered  
 places on some **Advanced Module  
 training courses** run locally, as  
 follows:

- **9.45 am - 3.30 pm, Saturday  
 4 Feb 2023:** Thatcham  
 Methodist Church, Chapel  
 Street, Thatcham RG18 4QL
- **9.45 am - 3.30 pm, Saturday  
 11 Mar 2023:** St Andrews  
 Methodist Centre, Weyhill Road,  
 Andover, SP10 3BH

**Booking onto any of these  
 courses** should be through me,  
**Peter Frank via email:**  
[resources@basingstokereadingmethodists.uk](mailto:resources@basingstokereadingmethodists.uk)  
 or phone: 07407 281986.

**65 years ago, on 25 December  
 1957, Queen Elizabeth II's  
 Christmas message was televised  
 for the first time.**

## Seeing the Poppy with the Name of Ft/Lt Kenny on it Reminded me of the Following.....



When the Allies took Rome, they found that Mussolini had built a huge Sporting complex which he called Mussolini Stadium. This gave the Americans the idea to hold an athletic meeting for allied soldiers. They set a date and sent information to all the units in Italy asking for the names of entrants. We received this enquiry and not unusually, our Sports Officer (FI/Lt Kenny), called me in to discuss if we had anyone good enough to be put forward. It was obvious that the quality was going to be high so we decided, although we had some good athletes, we did not have enough quality to put anyone forward.

In conversation about this event to be, I did say how good it would be to go. He said he would check for details. About a week later he called me in to say he had checked up and it was not possible for us to go, as Rome was a captured city which was not yet running properly and so the only persons allowed in Rome were persons resident within the district of Rome, so it cut us out.

I thought that that was that and we could not go – hard luck. A little while later he called me in and said ‘I want to run something by you to see what you think’. He then said ‘we have a detachment outside of Rome which is within the district. This means that anyone at the detachment has a warrant to let them into the city’. He said he could get us a temporary posting to the detachment so that we could get permits. There would be no other help possible, no transport etc. We could be put up at the detachment and we would have to fall into the rules that apply. They would increase the rations but we would have to attend the meal times.

Four of us decided to risk it so he made the arrangements. It was a three-day event so he got us 5 days leave – one day there, and one day back. We were lucky on the way to Rome as we happened to have a vehicle going to the detachment so we begged a lift. It was most uncomfortable as it was a large open vehicle we called a Queen Mary with no comfort at all. The driver was able to show us the turning off the main road for future use. We were made welcome on our arrival and given some floor to sleep on and given details of the running of the place.

The event took place fairly late so we had some time to sight-see and we decided on the following: up in the morning – breakfast (as much as we could get) then into Rome. The first day we had to go to the Colosseum, we got there to find it had a six-foot fence round it with a locked gate and no-one there. We climbed over the fence and had a look round then back out. The second day we went to the Vatican to find the Pope was having an audience so we tagged on with about 200 others to find he spoke quite good English. The third day we walked round the Roman Forum etc.

The first day of the athletics we got a good position by the winning post and looked across the arena to the main entrance for the runners etc where there were steps down to the area itself.

The opening ceremony started with the Free French Band coming down these steps, they had white belts, white cross belts, white putties and white gauntlets, a bit flash but not too bad and they were applauded somewhat. The next down was an American Band who came down the steps with heads bobbing up all over the place. They strolled across and to the side with hardly any applause. The next down was the band of the Grenadiers, down as one man to their own march and to the centre, all in the arena were on their feet

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applauding – was good to be British. The athletics lived up to expectations and were very good indeed.

Now our trouble was to get back to the detachment where we had only made dinner on one occasion, the cook had left any surplus out for us so we ate it whatever it was. There was always some bread – I have never eaten so much bread in my life. Getting about we did manage to get lifts fairly easily mostly on military vehicles but sometimes on donkey carts. We found it was easier to split into two 'two's'. We hitched our way back to our unit having had a very hectic time but very enjoyable. We were very much envied by all and sundry.

Somber sequel – sometime later I was quite near to Fl/Lt Kenny when he was killed. Thank goodness he did not suffer – he was alive one minute and stone dead the next. I applied to go to his funeral but was not allowed as it was Officers only.

**Nobby**



## The Gift

*'What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man I would do my part,  
Yet what I can I give him, give my heart.* **Christina G. Rossetti**

The little boy on the bus, aged 3 years or thereabouts,  
did not want to give up his seat, next to the window.  
So, his mother, who was seated beside him, gave up hers.  
He resented very strongly the elderly lady, who took the seat.  
He threw a full-blown tantrum. No tears, but everything else.  
The passengers listened to the screams, the stamping etc. until,  
the elderly lady could stand it no more, she stood up, and said,  
'I am only going a couple of stops anyway.'

His mother sat down next to him and explained how selfish he was.  
He did not understand, but patience and kindness won.

He sat on his mother's lap by the window,  
Another elderly passenger sat down beside them.  
He started to sing a little nursery song,  
Peace was restored.

Learning to give and to share, cannot begin too early.  
Thank God for people with the patience to show that,  
And thank God for that little one. Still learning.

God bless you.

**Margaret Garland**



- I heard the bells on Christmas Day their old familiar carols play, and wild and sweet the words repeat of peace on earth, goodwill to men! – **Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**
- We know how God would act if He were in our place – He has been in our place – **A W Tozer**

## This is My Body Broken For You

Sometimes we do things by habit or ritual and perhaps lose sight of the original meaning or intent, and this can apply to our taking the sacrament of Communion. In our Home Group we decided to examine the Biblical meaning of Communion as written in Matthew 26:26-28. "Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it.....Take and eat; this is my body ..... this is my blood of the covenant ....." Luke 22:19 also includes "do this in remembrance of me". This is my take on it.

I don't think we dispute the meaning of the blood sacrifice as it was the practice in the time of Jesus to make annual blood sacrifices for the forgiveness of sins at the Temple in Jerusalem, with the sacrifice of the best of their flocks, including bulls, goats and calves. The crucifixion of Jesus as the one and only Son of God brought this to finality. Our drinking of the wine is our acceptance that Jesus shed blood, died and paid the price for our sins, and our reflection on what this means for us. Hebrews 9:22, "without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness".

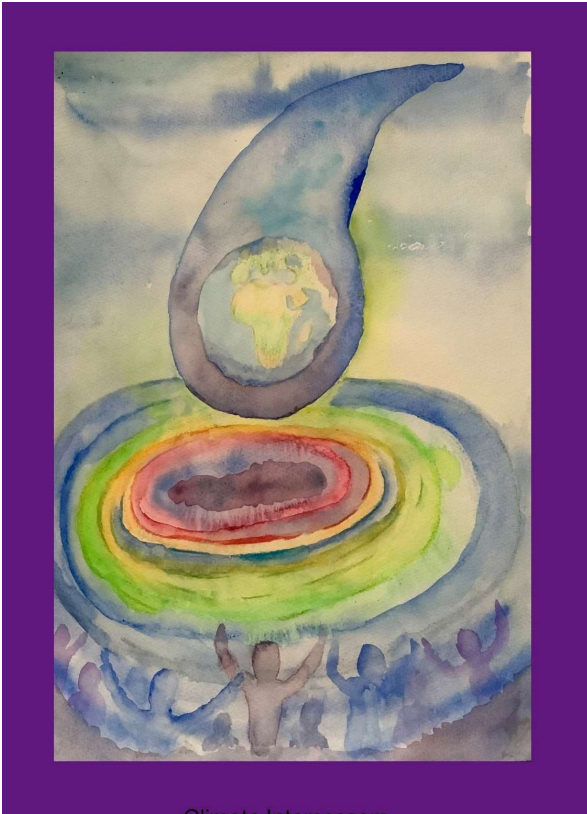
The meaning of the breaking of the bread, taking and eating it, however, is not so easy to fully understand. Jesus died on the cross in the most brutal and torturous manner that the Romans could devise. Crucifixion was devised to prolong pain and suffering by breaking and tearing the body apart, after flogging designed to tear the skin and flesh from the victim. Why might we ask was this brutality necessary as the Jewish sacrifice only required death and not brutality? This I believe is God demonstrating to us the appalling brutality that mankind has inflicted on his fellow man in wars and subjugation since the earliest times. This needed to be paid for in the sacrifice of His Son in a like manner to be credible. The breaking of the bread and taking a broken piece in our hand is therefore fundamentally important, so we can meditate upon the depth and meaning of Christ's sacrifice both for our own sins, and the appalling sins of man, continuing now in today's world. Taking food by hand was the norm in New Testament times, and we should do so today for this sacrament.

Finally, the eating of the bread is a very significant part of the sacrament as we are now remembering and fully accepting not only Christ's sacrifice, but also His teaching and Commandments here and now in today's world. The taking of the bread at the Last Supper would not have been a small morsel quickly swallowed, but a portion to be chewed and savoured, thus giving the disciples time to ponder on its meaning and their future calling. We as Believers today should also be asking ourselves what we should be doing in obedience to Christ's teaching, in the sure knowledge that we have His indwelling Holy Spirit to empower us into action.

No Eucharist miracles here with the bread and wine becoming physical flesh and blood, nor wafers taken on the tongue, and no need for any of them either. What we have is symbolism of the miracle of the once for all time blood sacrifice of Jesus for the Salvation of all mankind, and also the miracle of our growing personal relationship with the Holy Spirit living in the hearts of each one of us Believers giving us His love, power, support, guidance, and importantly motivating and empowering us to go out and do His work, and indeed miracles anew.

***Martin Frost, October 2022***

- A part of kindness consists in loving people more than they deserve – *J Joubert*
- Joy is the gigantic secret of the Christian – *G K Chesterton*



**For COP27 in Egypt**

Covenant God,  
 Light of the World,  
 Spirit of Hope,  
 Holy Dancing Trinity,  
 You promised, "never again"  
 You put a rainbow in the heavens.  
 We cry out to you as we see  
 That pattern reflected in our deep longing  
 For the renewal of the planet.  
 Only you can save our common home  
 But we know we each need to play our part  
 Prayer by prayer, step by step, action upon action.

When we have poured out our sorrow,  
 When we have grieved the dead and displaced  
 Of Pakistan and Africa,  
 Help us to listen to your still small voice,  
 Help us to heed the suffering of Africa,  
 Her cries for justice,  
 Guide us to come TOGETHER  
 A coalition of rainbow nations  
 Ready and Willing  
 To IMPLEMENT the promises made  
 In Glasgow.

Angela Webb 11/22

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**ACTION  
 FOR  
 CHILDREN**

(Registered charity nos.  
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**COFFEE MORNING  
 SATURDAY  
 3 DECEMBER**

**10 am – 12 Noon**

**at Silchester  
 Methodist Hall**

**(Opposite  
 Soke Road)**

**Bring & Buy Stall  
 with**

**Gifts, Cards, Cakes  
 & Home Produce**

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**For Christmas**

Kneel and worship this baby so small  
 He is Jesus, King of Kings and Lord of All.  
 He came for you and He came for me.  
 To bring salvation and set us free.  
 What a wonderful gift from our Father above.  
 Given so freely and given with love.

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Keep me close to your heart Lord,  
 I never want to stray.  
 Not for one moment, in the busy day.  
 To be close to you, is my heart's desire.  
 As you fill me with Love and set my heart on fire.  
 I could not live without you Lord,  
 For you are my everything, so treasured and adored.

**Two Prayers / Poems  
 by Pat Murphy** →

**A Couple of Poems by Jenny Leighton**

**Poem, I Wonder**

I wonder what it was like  
On that cold December night  
To see that wonderful sight  
I wonder, what was it like.

To be there in that  
lowly place  
With Mary, a glow on  
her face  
I wish I was there as well,  
What a story I could tell.

To see Mary the  
happy mum,  
with her baby,  
the chosen one  
to go to the crib and peep  
at the baby sound asleep.

To be a shepherd or a king  
who gifts to the baby bring,  
to stand at the stable door  
and look at the scene in awe.

I wonder what it was like  
on that cold and starry night,  
For Mary to look in the stall  
with wonder, love for all.

To see her tiny child,  
so tender, so meek, so mild,  
To look at his radiant face  
in this, such a lowly place.

The new king to worship  
they came,  
I too can today do the same,  
I can be right there as well  
And his story I can tell.

I wonder what God sees,  
when he looks at you  
and me,  
The love of God is  
blessed love,  
So draw near and  
worship with love.

**by Jenny Leighton**

**A Carol for the Hungry**

Christmas time is here again,  
Will anyone remember?  
The tree has been decorated  
What brightness have they?  
Parcels wrapped beneath the tree  
What parcels will they receive?  
The turkey is browning nicely  
But what will they eat?  
We open our presents with glee  
What presents will they have?  
We can give them a present  
Yes! We can give them their life.

**by Jenny Leighton**

**Presents –**

December is the month when the children begin to discuss what to get Dad for Christmas.

Some insist on getting him a shirt, others a pair of socks.

But the argument always ends in a tie.

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**Christmas Day**

**by Megan Carter, PP**

Carols sound throughout the land  
Heralding a special birth  
Rejoicing as from Heaven's realm  
Immanuel comes to bless the earth.

So in the town of Bethlehem  
The Saviour Jesus gently lies,  
Mary rocks the tiny child  
As angels serenade the skies.

Shepherds told the awesome story  
Divinity will now reside  
As He who ruled in Heaven above  
Yet Lord of all comes as a child.

***This poem uses the first letter of the word Christmas Day to start each new line.***





## MWiB District Partnership with Romania:

We are launching our new District Partnership with the Methodist Church in Romania through a Memory Stick, which can be played through computers and laptops. A Methodist Minister and his wife in Romania have become involved in supporting two Orphanages in their town of Sibiu. The Romanian orphanage is mainly for Roma children, the other orphanage has taken a group of Ukrainian orphans who fled the war in their country. They have a desperate need for our prayers, support and money to enable them to continue their life-saving work with these children.

You can receive a memory stick with all the information on by sending an email or letter to me and I will send one in the post to you. Deacon Glenda Sidding, 5 Waterford Gardens, Highcliffe, Dorset, BH23 5DW, [glenda.sidding@gmail.com](mailto:glenda.sidding@gmail.com).

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your involvement in this really special partnership and of how we can change children's lives. *(from circuit notices, 08.11.22)*

### The Mug & Biscuit at St Andrew's Church is Open on:



#### 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 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.



**The Mug & Biscuit is NOT OPEN during School Holidays.**

**The Mug & Biscuit is now registered as a 'Warm Hub Opening' during 'Mug & Biscuit' Hours**



**We look forward to welcoming old and new friends.**

**The Mug & Biscuit Team**

Any queries contact: **Linda Hoe** ☎: 07963 583506



### Tuesday Lunches at Christ Church Chineham:

Christ Church Chineham cooks and serves a two-course lunch on the first & third Tuesday each month, 12.15 pm for 12.30 pm. Lunches consist of a jacket potato, two fillings (one is always cheese), salad and a pudding. No set charge – 'guests' are invited to give what they can afford. Come yourself & invite anyone you know who is feeling lonely or finding life difficult. Booking preferred, please sign up on ChurchSuite or phone the Office (☎: 01256 474280) if you are able. If you are bringing friends, please sign them up too. It is important you advise us of any food allergies. If you would like to join my 'Team of Helpers', please let Marianne know. **Marianne Sales:** ([MarianneBunn1610@hotmail.com](mailto:MarianneBunn1610@hotmail.com))



## Oakley Christmas Fayre



On behalf of Oakley Methodist Church I would like to thank friends from the circuit who were able to come and support our Christmas Fayre. We haven't been able to see some loyal supporters since pre Covid so it was lovely to see you again. The Fayre was quite busy most of the morning and people were very generous.

For the church, we raised £350+ (some monies are still coming in).

**The weight of the 'Christmas Gift' (Amaryllis)** was 4lb 13.8oz or 2.205 Kgm and was won by Jane Redgrave.

St Michael's Hospice representatives were very pleased to make £117.20 and were surprised and pleased with the number of cards they sold.

**The number of 'Sweets in the Jar'** was 93 and was won by Mavis Burrows.

The Men's Shed was pleased with their result - £97. They had a fantastic display of all sorts of things they had made and they added a lovely variety to our Fayre.

Bluebells (Sebastian Action Trust) have yet to declare their total, but Margo, their volunteer seemed pleased with the morning's work. Margo also had beautiful quilling items for sale that she'd made. She hopes to start a Quilling Group at the church in the near future. Anyone interested, please get in touch with me and I will pass your details on to Margo.

So, all in all, a very happy and successful event, raising much needed funds not only for our church, but for local charities too.

Thank you for your support.

**Eldwyth Stacey**



### Bible Studies at Old Basing:



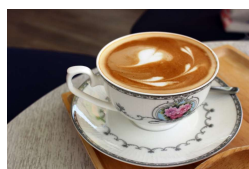
**Advent Series: Thursdays 2.30 pm at Old Basing Methodist Church**

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

### What's On at Old Basing

- **Coffee mornings** – are held on the following **Fridays: 9 December & 13 January from 10 am – Noon**

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



## Oakley Methodist Church

**Coffee Mornings at Oakley are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month, from 10 am – 12 noon: 13 December and 10 & 24 January**

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

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



## Final Posting Dates for the UK this Christmas are as follows:

- Friday 16 December: Royal Mail Bulk Mail Economy
- Monday 19 December: 2<sup>nd</sup> Class
- Wednesday 21 December: 1<sup>st</sup> Class
- Thursday 22 December: Special Delivery Guaranteed & Royal Mail Tracked 24

## Bee a Friend

I read a very interesting article in this September's edition of the Saga magazine on the life of bees and their importance in our wildlife today, the work they do in pollinating our wildlife, and also the contribution they make to our main agricultural crops where almost 80% are dependent on insect pollination. The honey they produce, which many of us enjoy, also has many impressive medical properties. Sadly, though bees are in decline as the conclusion in the article explains. I have included it here as its importance cannot be ignored.



“One in ten of the wild bee species in Europe is in danger of extinction – 35 species are endangered in the UK, with 20 lost in the past 100 years. This is due to intensive farming, pesticide use, climate change, air pollution, and the fact that 97% of wildflower meadows in the UK have been lost in the past century.”

Now looking on the positive side, I visited the gardens at the Vyne, National Trust, here in Basingstoke, and was amazed at the bee and insect populations I encountered there. I enclose pictures of a honeybee, a wasp and a fly on beautiful dahlia blossoms taken in late October. The National Trust are doing an amazing job in preserving and in many cases recreating our natural wildlife environment. In the Vyne walled garden they have created wildgrass areas of amazing beauty and diversity. They also have planted and nurtured a large variety of dahlia shrubs, which are attractive to us in their natural beauty, but more importantly a Godsend to the Bee and insect populations in sustaining them. All credit to the National Trust, its volunteers, and those that support this amazing and progressive organisation.

God has given us custody of His Creation, and we can now clearly see that we are not honoring His trust in us worldwide. We should ask ourselves, what contribution can we make, maybe even in our own gardens to **“Bee a Friend”**?



**Martin Frost, November 2022**



**Night Light  
Winter Shelter**

## **NLWS project for December to February 2022**

Dear friends

I have been asked, via One Church to coordinate the NIGHT Shelter project this year. The plan is to open on the days when the Camrose Centre is not open to offer a mid-day meal and a warm space for a couple of hours.

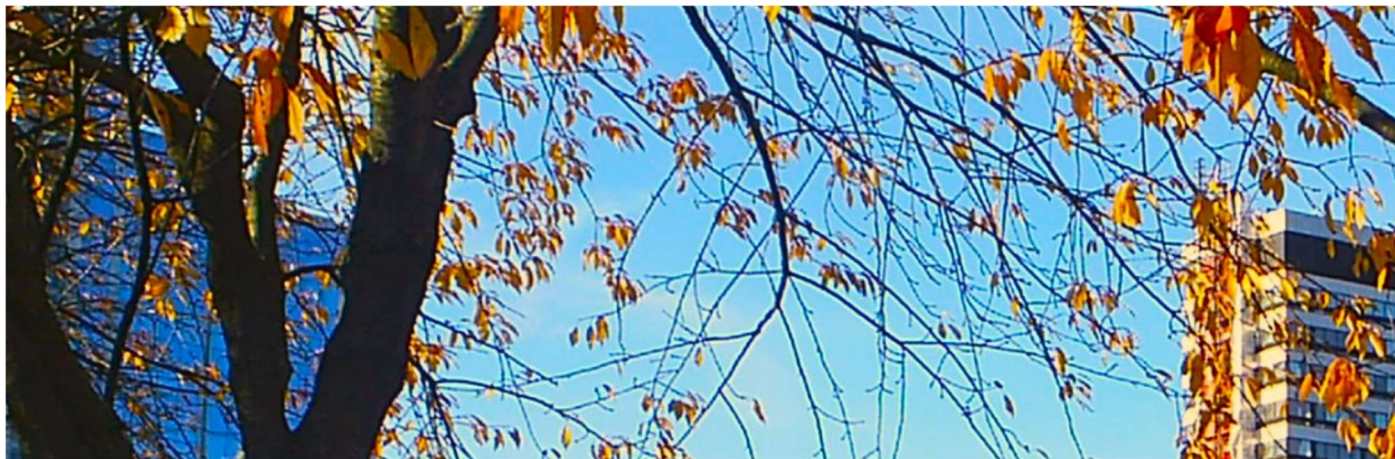
Time is really short and we need to have some briefing and training sessions. These sessions took place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30 pm and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 2:30 pm.

For more information please email [chris@kvsc.co.uk](mailto:chris@kvsc.co.uk)

Many Thanks, Chris (Chris Clarke-Williams)

**(taken from OneChurch, Basingstoke)**

## Chaplaincy Prayer Letter – Autumn & Winter 2022



A recent Anglican prayer for the day begins: “Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you..” Salman Rushdie said: ‘I don’t have a God, but I have a God-shaped hole inside of me’, and many people concur with him. We do seem to have been made that way so we are all seeking after God, which these days is often expressed as ‘being spiritual but not religious’. Churches do a good job inviting people to meet with God through their many varied activities. There are regular and special services conducted along with playgroups, foodbanks, events and courses.

Chaplains in the town have a supplementary role in meeting others and engaging with people who are not considering God in their lives but who want to talk about issues they have. Especially in the last three years people seem much more open to discussing their lives and are willing to think about God and whether He cares about them.

Chaplains are open about their faith and wear a uniform, which people find reassuring. Many conversations begin as polite engagements which then lead to trust and greater openness. By being friendly and interested in other people Chaplains are able to listen with concern as people unburden themselves. They can help them put their life and concerns into context, consider their options and maybe offer suggestions which might help.

Chaplains are not founts of all knowledge but empathise and can often signpost people to where more help is available. This could include referring people to a local church; we are looking to strengthen links with local churches. We also offer to pray for people, or even pray with them; the invitation is usually welcomed.

Conversations are confidential so we cannot share too much. However, we can say that we are made very welcome in many shops in town, at the Magistrates’ Court and elsewhere and we have got to know people by meeting them regularly in the streets.

If your church or fellowship would like someone to speak about the Town Chaplaincy, we would be delighted to do so. At a Sunday service we are happy to give a 5-minute introduction and then talk afterwards to anyone interested in learning more. Just send an email or leave a phone message to arrange it!

The prayer continues “pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself”. May that be a prayer for ourselves and also for others, that all may know the peace that God gives us through Jesus Christ.

**John Hayward, Chair of Trustees**

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*Chaplaincy Letter (cont'd)*

**Your prayers are valued for:**

- Casual meetings, which God seems to engineer, to enable Chaplains to speak to people in their need.
- The regular visits we make.
- There are more opportunities to engage with people than we can manage so we need more help.
- The death of Her Majesty has led to conversations about faith, loyalty and death.
- Christmas will provide more opportunities to talk about God's initiatives of love.
- Some of our oldest Chaplains have retired after several years of service.
- We are blessed with good offices in the town centre and would be grateful for prayer that our office lease agreement can be renewed with the rent set at an affordable level.

**Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy**

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# Share the Joy of Christmas



## Christmas Hamper Appeal

Make a Christmas Hamper or donate Christmas treats for a local individual or family in need



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|--|--------------------------|----------------------|
| • Box mince pies                         | <b>No alcohol please</b> | • Cooking sauce      |
| • Box of chocolates                      |                          | • Dried stuffing     |
| • Box or nice packet of biscuits         |                          | • Tinned fruit       |
| • Pudding                                |                          | • Custard            |
| • Cake, ideally Christmas cake/yule log  |                          | • Jam                |
| • Hot drink – tea, coffee, hot chocolate |                          | • Toiletries         |
| • Tinned meat/fish (no pies, please)     |                          | • Christmas Crackers |

Please bring your hamper or food items to Festival Place (Upper Floor near Next) between 9am and 6pm on Monday to Saturday from 1<sup>st</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> December. We also need helpers to assemble hampers!

Contact details for Basingstoke Foodbank Christmas hampers are:

Email: [Abigail@comptonburnett.com](mailto:Abigail@comptonburnett.com)

Telephone: 07747-111336

Website: <https://www.thebesominbasingstoke.org/hampers>

## First Sermon in British Sign Language at St Paul's Cathedral



A Baptist minister, the Revd Sue Whalley, has recently delivered the first ever known sermon in British Sign Language (BSL) at St Paul's Cathedral. The invitation grew out of a meeting in London between Deaf Church Leaders and Church of England Clergy.

Building on the momentum of the BSL Act last April (when British Sign Language was accepted as an official language in England and Wales), it was suggested that a Deaf person preach at St Paul's Cathedral.

A maximum of 30 Deaf people were expected to attend alongside the hearing visitors to the cathedral. But instead, 60 - 70 Deaf people turned up, "highlighting the importance and significance of the event."

*(Parish Pump)*

## Call for Benefits to Rise in Line with Prices

*The President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Canon Graham Thompson, has joined a call for the Government to affirm its commitment to ensuring benefits rise in line with inflation. Along with the Revd Fiona Bennett, Moderator of General Assembly, United Reformed Church, and the Revd Lynn Green, General Secretary, Baptist Union of Great Britain, he points out: "The social security system should prevent families from being pushed into hardship, yet foodbanks are facing rapidly rising demand and almost half of claimants receiving Universal Credit report skipping meals to make ends meet. "The value of benefits has declined for the last decade and already an average family of four relying on Universal Credit will be £1,400 worse off this winter than last – despite the interventions already put in place. Against this background it would be outrageous to erode benefits further." (Parish Pump)*

## Canon Paul Hardingham (Parish Pump)

### Who is the Baby?

A little girl was examining a Christmas crib with her grandmother and commented, *'Grannie, it's really nice, but there's one thing that bothers me: is the baby Jesus ever going to grow up? He's the same size He was last year!!'* The birth of Jesus must be the most well-known birth in the world, but are we really growing in our understanding of this story?

The angels announced, *'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.'* (Luke 2: 10,11). The birth of a baby is a time of great joy and excitement and Jesus' birth is good news for *all* people! He is none other than the king of the universe, who has come as our Saviour. To experience this joy, we must let go self-centredness and living as our own saviour. His deliverance and wholeness *is* a real cause for joy!

*'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.'* (Luke 2:14). We may feel anything but peace with God, ourselves, or even with those closest to us at Christmas. How can a Jewish infant born to a peasant family in first century Palestine be the source of peace between God and man in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? Jesus came to establish such peace through His death on the cross. Trusting the Prince of Peace in our lives brings peace with God. If we ignore this message of Christmas, we won't benefit from it. As the carol says, *'Joy to the world, the Lord has come, let earth receive her King.'*

## Extraordinary Gifts from Methodist 'All We Can' – Can Change Lives

Go to: [www.gifts.allwecan.org.uk](http://www.gifts.allwecan.org.uk) Below are just a few of the many gifts you can buy from 'All We Can'.

- 'Busy Bees' – £9 could help a family set up their own 'Honey' business.
- 'Goat for It' – £28 could provide a vulnerable family in Zimbabwe with a Goat.
- 'Change Begins with a Bike' – £66 could provide a secondary school child with a bike.
- 'Transformational Toilets' – £31 could help a vulnerable family in Zimbabwe build a toilet.
- 'Living Water' – £100 could provide two families in Zimbabwe with access to clean water.
- 'Bookworm' – £30 could enable a teenage mother in Malawi to return to school to learn vital skills of reading, writing & arithmetic.



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CAN

## Blister Pack Recycling (Update)

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 the equivalent of **70** “bags for life” of tablet packs into Superdrug. I was filling their recycling box with one visit, so I have now been given my own supply of large plastic bags by Superdrug. 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.

Many thanks to all who donate.

**Jennifer Pitt**

## Recycling of Plastic Milk Bottle Tops –

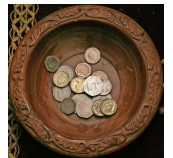
If you have plastic milk bottle tops (*only milk bottle tops*) and are not already recycling them and would like to, Pamela has a contact with a collector for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. Tops can be given to Pamela or ring the Bishop family on ☎: 01256 467702.



Thank you, **June Bishop**

## Trinity Collections

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



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

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

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

## The Hoity-Toity Angel – a Christmas story By Caroline Hoile, SPCK, £6.99

Here is a fun re-telling of the Christmas story, for children aged 3-6. There was once a very beautiful angel. Her hair gleamed, her wings sparkled and her dress was whiter than white. She was the most elegant angel that you could ever have wished to see. But she was also very, very proud. She really thought that she was the best! When Gabriel appears to Mary, the Hoity-Toity Angel is not at all impressed – Mary is not even a princess! And how can a king be born in a scruffy and smelly stable? Follow the Hoity-Toity Angel through the events of the Christmas story as she discovers that it’s what’s on the inside that counts.



## UPDATE at 21.11.22

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



**The Foodbank is 10 years old!** October was the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Basingstoke Foodbank. Every year since 2012 it has fed around 3,000 people in crisis in the Basingstoke & Deane area, including 800 children. Since 2012 a total of over 42,900 people have been fed and 488 tonnes of food distributed. “While we are immensely grateful to the people and businesses of Basingstoke for their support over the years, and for the sterling efforts of over 100 volunteers, we’re sad that in 2022 there is still a need for a foodbank in our town” said Phil Thomas, Chair of Trustees. “The current economic crisis means demand for our services is growing again and until the benefits system in this country is reformed, there will continue to be people and families in crisis with not enough to eat”.

The Foodbank provides a three-day supply of food to anyone in crisis who is referred to it by over 120 different agency teams across the town. There are now believed to be more foodbanks in the UK than there are branches of McDonald’s. The foodbank’s work is a massive achievement and a reflection of the fantastic effort by a dedicated group of volunteers from churches and the community across Basingstoke. The whole community of Basingstoke & Deane generously provide crisis food for some of the neediest people in our town” *said Phil.* (taken from *One Church Basingstoke*)

**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, Mon to Frid**. If you would like to donate items, please look at the Foodbank website or previous newsletters where you will find fuller information – you can **‘Shop and Drop’** goods into the permanent crates provided by our supporting supermarkets – **see website.**

**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 21.11.22, we are VERY SHORT OF:**

Desserts  
Marmite  
Ladies Deodorant  
**At 21.11.22, we are SHORT OF:**  
Long Life UHT Milk  
Powdered / Dried Milk  
Tinned Tomatoes  
Tinned Spaghetti/Ravioli  
Tinned Vegetables  
Tinned Fruit  
Savoury Spread:  
(marmite, meat paste)  
Long Life Fruit Juice  
Cooking Sauces  
Noodle Pots

### **At 21.11.22, we are SHORT OF (continued):**

Desserts/Puddings: (hot, cold, jelly, whips etc)  
Treats (Crisps, Sweets, Chocolate etc)  
Nappies (Size 6 & 7 Only)  
Toilet Rolls  
Toothbrushes  
Men’s Shaving Gel  
Hair Conditioner

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

### **At 21.11.22, we’ve PLENTY of:**

**We have PLENTY of PASTA & CEREALS** – (hot & cold) and  
Porridge sachets  
Baked Beans  
Tinned Beans  
Tinned Soups  
Biscuits & Crackers  
Sweet Spreads  
Rice  
Tinned Rice Pudding  
Baby Food  
Non-Dairy Milk  
Kitchen Paper Rolls  
Coffee, Tea & Fruit Teas  
Nappies (Other than size 6)  
Cat & Dog Food  
Washing Tabs / Powder



## SAD NEWS FOR OUR RECYCLING



We can no longer collect **Baby Food Pouches & Kids Yoghurt Pouches**, and no longer collect **Crisp Packets**. The reason given for closing these recyclable collections is Supermarkets are running their own recycling schemes. This 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 & 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 please continue to support our scheme by recycling these with us.

Thank you, **Hazel Green**

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**Coffee Shop**

**Gifts & Cards**

**Shoemakers Environment**

CHRISTIAN BOOKS & COFFEE SHOP

Open Tuesdays – Saturdays – 9.30 am – 4 pm

**Bibles, Bible Notes, Books,  
Children's Books & Kid's Corner**

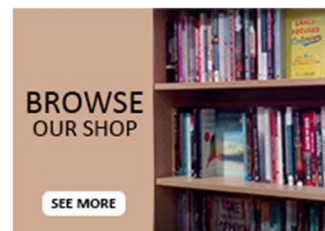
**Church Supplies**

**Shoemakers Christian Bookshop, The Arcade, Market Place, Newbury,  
Berkshire, RG14 5AD**

**New Website for Shoemakers Bookshop:** [www.christophershoemaker.org.uk](http://www.christophershoemaker.org.uk)

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

- **In Person** – Shop **OPEN**: Tuesdays – Saturdays, 9.30 am – 4 pm
- **By Phone** during opening hours as above on: ☎:01635 37836
- **Online** anytime at: [www.christophershoemaker.org.uk](http://www.christophershoemaker.org.uk)
- **By email** anytime – [office@christophershoemaker.org.uk](mailto:office@christophershoemaker.org.uk)
- **Coffee Shop is OPEN**: Thurs – Sat, 9.30 am – 1 pm
- **Facebook** messenger at: [www.facebook.com/shoemakersbooks](http://www.facebook.com/shoemakersbooks)
- **Click and Collect** available.
- **Orders can be posted or delivered to you.**



*And may Romans 8:37-39 encourage us all*

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  
NHS  
CHAPLAINCY

## NHS Chaplaincy Team at Hampshire Hospitals – Facebook Page

For fuller information, please see October Newsletter or search [Chaplaincy Team, HHFT](https://www.facebook.com/chaplaincyteamhhft) which gives patients and their families direct access to chaplaincy resources from their mobile devices.

**The Holy Family** – A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One child answered, "Mary." The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?" Another child ventured: "Verge?" Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?" He replied hesitantly: "Well, you know they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."



For the Young & Young at heart

PUZZLES

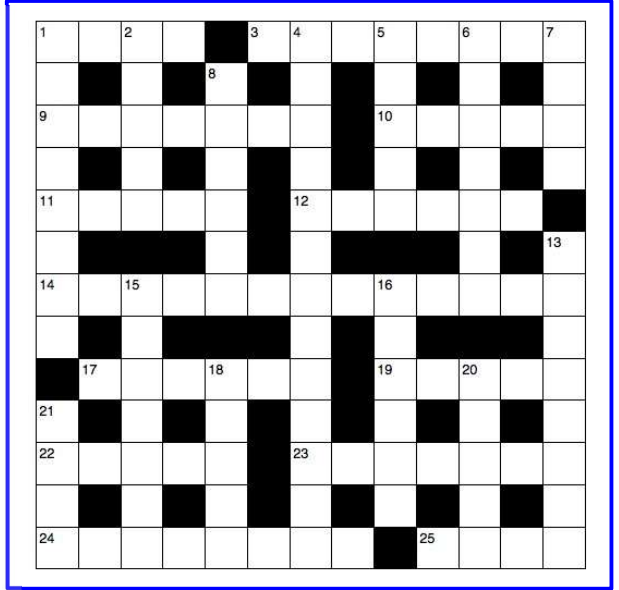
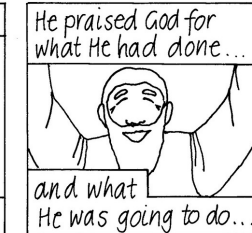
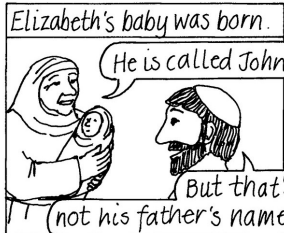
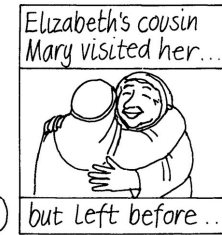
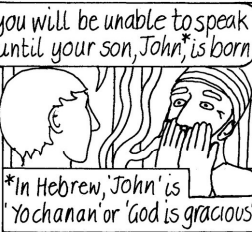
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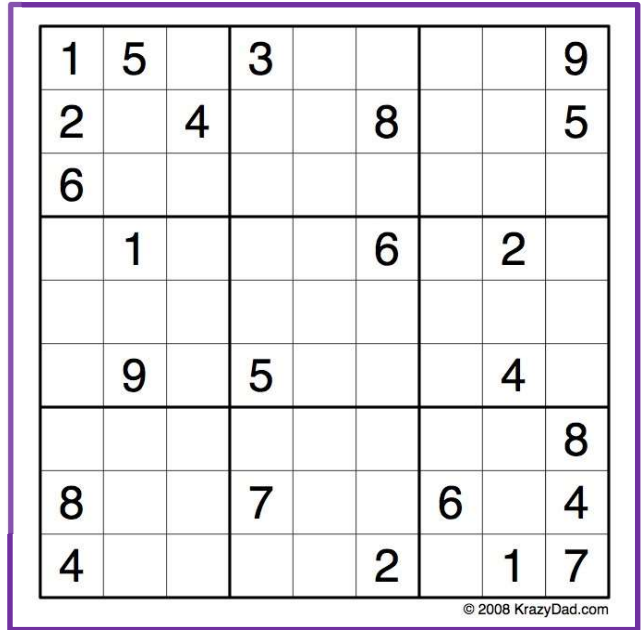
A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Luke ch. 1 verses 1-25 & 57-80

The Romans had invaded Israel and still ruled it. Zechariah and Elizabeth were an old childless couple living in the hill country.



Sudoku



**Wordsearch Clues for December**

Messiah	Favour	Crown
Broken	Prisoners	Beauty
Heart	Comfort	Ashes
Freedom	Mourn	Son
Darkness	Bestow	God
Jesus	Seen	Father
Whoever	Longing	Thousand



**Mouse Makes**  
HAPPY CHRISTMAS!  
Read the Christmas story in Luke 2:1-21.  
Answer the questions, colour the picture and colour one star each day until Christmas.

Where was Mary's baby born?  
Why were Joseph and Mary there?  
What did Mary dress her baby in?  
Where did Mary lay her baby and why?  
Why were the shepherds afraid?  
What good news did the angel tell?  
What did the shepherds do after they had seen the baby?  
Who appeared praising God, what did they say?

ALL • DECREE • JOSEPH • DAVID • BETHLEHEM • MARY • BIRTH • SON • LAID • MANGER INN • SHEPHERDS • FLOCK • NIGHT • LORD • GLORY • GOOD NEWS • JOY • DAY SAVIOUR • CHRIST • SIGN • BABY • GOD • PEACE • ANGELS • GO • SEE • TOLD • PRAISE

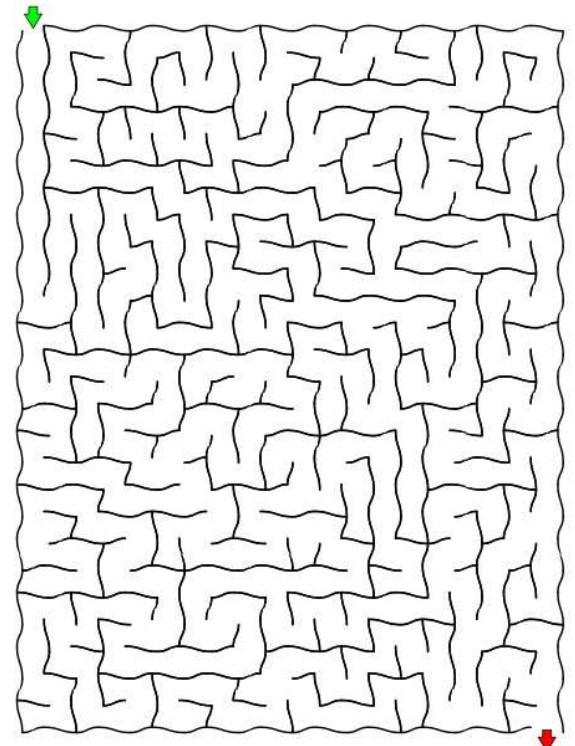
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**Crossword Clues – Across**

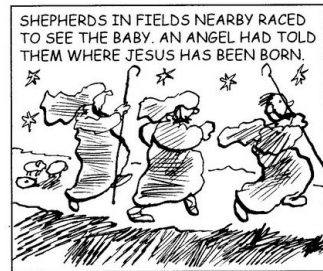
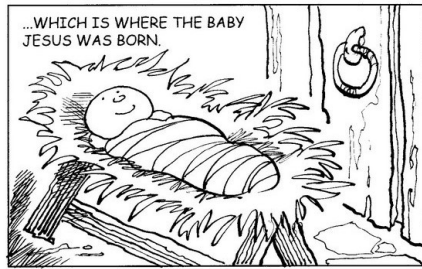
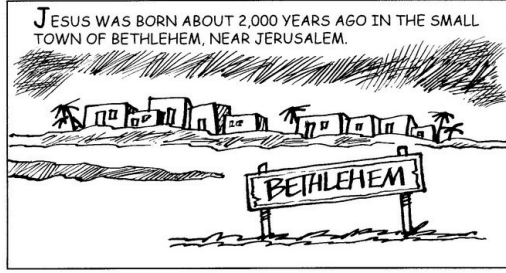
- 1 'How long will you — your face from me?' (Psalm 13:1) (4)
- 3 'Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the — he bore'(Hebrews 13:13) (8)
- 9 Posh sin (anag.) (Romans 8:15) (7)
- 10 Solemn pledges (Matthew 5:33) (5)
- 11 Italian term for full orchestra (5)
- 12 'For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not — the cry of the afflicted' (Psalm 9:12) (6)
- 14 Prescience (1 Peter 1:2) (13)
- 17 Where a Hindu holy man lives (6)
- 19 'If he found any... who belonged to the Way, whether — — women, he might take them as prisoners' (Acts 9:3) (3,2)
- 22 Fragrance (2 Corinthians 2:15) (5)
- 23 Vine hen (anag.) (Jonah 1:2) (7)
- 24 Precious stone decorating the twelfth foundation of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (8)
- 25 'Will you keep to the old path that evil men have — ?' (Job 22:15) (4)

**Crossword Clues – Down**

- 1 'Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with — — ' (Numbers 20:11) (3,5)
- 2 'You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, " — — murder"' (Matthew 5:21) (2,3)
- 4 One of Paul's many hardships endured as a servant of God (2 Corinthians 6:5) (13)
- 5 'We ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, — inwardly' (Romans 8:23) (5)
- 6 Changed (Daniel 6:8) (7)
- 7 'My yoke is — and my burden is light' (Matthew 11:30) (4)
- 8 Recoil (Revelation 12:11) (6)
- 13 'O Lord, you have — me and you know me' (Psalm 139:1) (8)
- 15 ' — to me the joy of your salvation' (Psalm 51:12) (7)
- 16 Express sorrow (Isaiah 16:7) (6)
- 18 'Then he said to Thomas, " — out your hand and put it into my side"' (John 20:27) (5)
- 20 'God has said, " — will I leave you; — will I forsake you"' (Hebrews 13:5) (5)
- 21 Son of Onam and brother of Shammai (1 Chronicles 2:28) (4)



# The First Christmas



## Puzzle Pages Solutions

**Across:** 1, Hide. 3, Disgrace. 9, Sonship. 10, Oaths. 11, Tutti. 12, Ignore. 14, Foreknowledge. 17, Ashram. 19, Men or. 22, Aroma. 23, Nineveh. 24, Amethyst. 25, Trod.

**Down:** 1, His staff. 2, Do not. 4, Imprisonments. 5, Groan. 6, Altered. 7, Easy. 8, Shrink. 13, Searched. 15, Restore. 16, Lament. 18, Reach. 20, Never. 21, Jada.

## Sudoku Solution

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

c	o	u	s	i	n	v	a	d	e	d	l
f	e	h	g	o	n	d	n	g	s	t	f
o	f	l	o	o	n	c	g	m	e	e	i
g	c	h	i	l	d	l	e	s	s	m	s
m	a	r	y	z	y	l	i	n	s	p	r
p	r	e	g	n	a	n	t	u	s	l	a
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h	n	g	p	r	a	y	e	r	t	n	r



God	Romans	Mary	Temple	Holy	Israel
Duty	Elizabeth	Name	Incense	Prayer	Burn
Jerusalem	Childless	Angel	Rescue	Pregnant	Son
Gracious	Invaded	Baby	Cousin	Zechariah	John