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

I love receiving your lovely, varied pieces, so please keep them coming. **A Big Thankyou** to everyone who sends in items, which can be posted or emailed.

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Trinity continues Zoom Services. For Zoom at St Andrew's, see page 4.

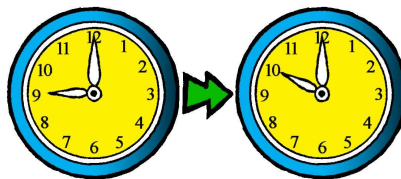
Our thanks to the 'Zoom team'; enabling those at home to join us.

Trinity's Zoom Link:
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Meeting ID: 995 0081 3735
Passcode: 816173

Link to Circuit Website:
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When the water was over my head, I cried out to you. You answered my prayer when I needed you. You rescued me and saved my life. Lam 3: 54, 58



Sun 26 Mar, Clocks go Forward



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The best vitamin for making friends is B-1, Anon

Wesley Church, Reading 150th Anniversary
 Details on Wesley's website, Dec 22 to Oct 23.
<https://www.wesleychurchreading.org/150th.htm>

Good Shepherd

God, there for us,
Offering care and support,
Open arms, ready to receive,
Drawing us to You.

Seeking us out,
Hearing our call,
Expecting us to come as we are,
Protecting and caring,
Happiness when we respond.
Everyone is welcomed,
Reaching out to all,
Dearly loved and accepted.

by **Jennifer Pitt**



March 2023

Burnley Ministers tell their Stories via TV

At the height of the Covid pandemic, the work of two Christian ministers in Burnley, Lancashire, moved TV viewers across the world. They were filmed by a BBC crew handing out food parcels and seeking to help people suffering deeply because of the lockdown.

The two men – **Pastor Mick Fleming** and **Father Alex Frost** – have now published books telling their remarkable stories.

In **'Blown Away: From Drug Dealer to Life Bringer,'** (SPCK), Mick Fleming tells how he struggled with a traumatic childhood and turned to drugs and to

crime, but ultimately came to faith following a series of events that many will call miraculous.

He explains how he launched **'Church on the Street'** in Burnley – one of the poorest parts of England – after he sat on the ground outside McDonald's *"with a suitcase of clothes, tea and coffee in flasks, and sandwiches, and a packet of cigarettes in my pocket."*

Pastor Mick tells how angry he felt when the churches closed their doors during the Covid lockdowns. People were suffering, going hungry and the Church was, he writes, nowhere to be seen.

In **'Our Daily Bread' (Harper North)**, the **Rev Alex Frost** gives telling insights into what Christian ministry is like in Britain in the 2020s, serving some of the country's poorest people. He shows the role played by one Church of England Priest, and his church, in serving the people of his Burnley parish, as they face life's challenges and setbacks.

He writes *"Here, in a deprived northern town, where the headlines usually scream poverty and destitution, there is also an undaunted spirit and an unwavering survival instinct. People here are stronger than you could ever imagine."*

Father Alex tells the stories of some of the people with whom he ministers, under headings such as Love, Broken, Calling, Grief and Transformation. As he tells their stories, he reveals his own, including working as a football referee, stand-up comic and an Argos store manager. Father Alex weaves his own story among those of the parishioners he serves.

He writes, with passion, *"I want to see the Church of England change dramatically, coming out of its middle-class bubble, its 'Waitrose worship' and start to represent who we are as a nation now."*

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

(Due to a mix-up with the Pastoral Letter for March, I have included these two items, Ed).

Monday 13 March at 2 pm at St Andrew's

"There is a Joint Church Council Meeting between Trinity and St Andrew's to be held at St Andrew's on Monday 13 March at 2 pm to which everyone is invited, whether members of Church Council or not.

The first part of the meeting would deal with the usual business of the Church Councils respectively, and the second part of the meeting would begin the formal process of the consultations about a possible merger between our two churches."

Rev'd Audrey D Browne

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Northern Housegroup

Our next meeting is on:

**Tuesday 7 March at 7.30 pm
in the Lounge.**

Our speaker will be:

**Revd Martin Beukes,
our Superintendent Minister**

This is an 'Open Meeting' and you are all most welcome to come along. We look forward to seeing you.

Hilary, Edna and Sonia

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**What's a perfect gift for a
person who has everything?
Storage space.**

Trinity Circle

Our Next Meeting is on

**Tuesday 14 March 2023 at 7 pm in
Sarum Hall. We are having a 'Fish & Chip'
Supper**, so if you would like to come along and join us, please speak to: **Jennifer Pitt** or give her a ring on ☎: 01256 816314.

There is a choice of **Fish, Chicken, Sausage or Burger, all with Chips**. The price is £10 a head and **Jennifer will need to know numbers no later than Sunday 5 March**. Jennifer would also appreciate the money beforehand.

There will also be a 'Pud' included in this.

Trinity Circle is open to everyone, so we would love to see you, **Sonia**



'Jesus And Me' ! (JAM)

**Meets from 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm, usually
on the 1st Sunday of the month.**



The Next JAM Dates are:

Sunday 5 March & Sunday 2 April

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JAM – Children & Families meet in the Lounge, usually on the 1st Sunday of the month, to hear stories of Jesus, craft, singing and tea. Some of what we do on a Sunday afternoon is often displayed in the foyer area at Church for all of us to see.

**All are very welcome.
Do come along and join us.**

**Joint services at St Andrew’s & Trinity
continue until the end of March 2023**

*Fuller information, on pages 4 & 5 of the
February Trinity E-News.*

We are created for community,
fashioned for fellowship, and formed
for a family, and none of us can fulfill
God’s purposes by ourselves.

Rick Warren

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**Sunday Worship – Trinity, St Andrew’s
and our Basingstoke Churches**



Plan for Worship – March, April & May 2023

Trinity & St Andrew’s will continue to join together to share their services until the end of March, Trinity hosting the 1st & 3rd Sundays & 5th Sundays where appropriate & St Andrew’s hosting the 2nd & 4th Sundays. Services will be Zoomed from Trinity when held there. Services will be Zoomed from St Andrew’s if possible.

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

Basingstoke & Reading Circuit – Basingstoke Churches – March 2023

Dates	5 March, 2 nd of Lent	12 March, 3 rd of Lent	19 March, 4 th of Lent, Mothering Sunday	26 March, 5 th of Lent
Trinity 10.30 am	Mr Terry Rowell	Joint at St Andrew’s	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	Joint at St Andrew’s
Kempshott 10.30 am	Revd David Jenkins, S	LA, Zoom	Mr Stephen Appiah, Zoom	Mr Terry Rowell, Zoom
Oakley 10.30 am	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	Mr Chris Marsh	Mrs Sarah Whithorn	Mr Peter Frank
Oakridge 10.30 am	Mr Stephen Appiah	Mrs Paddy Jose	Revd David Jenkins, S	Mrs Linda Hoe
Old Basing 10.30 am	Mr Peter Frank	LA	Mrs Denise Baugh	Revd David Jenkins, S
St Andrew’s 10.30 am	Joint at Trinity	Mrs Linda Hoe, P	Joint at Trinity	Revd Audrey D Browne

• **Christ’s blood is heaven’s key – Thomas Brooks**

Basingstoke & Reading Circuit – Basingstoke Churches – April 2023

Dates	2 April, Palm Sunday	9 April, Easter Day	16 April, 2 nd of Easter	23 April, 3 rd of Easter	30 April, 4 th of Easter
Trinity 10.30 am	JAM Service	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	Mrs Anne Rowe	Revd Angela Webb <i>with Mrs Hilary Reed</i>	LA, Joint at St Andrew's
Kempshott 10.30 am	Revd David Jenkins, S	Mr Jonathan Skeet, Zoom	Mr Stephen Appiah, Zoom	Mr Tony Bell, Zoom	Mrs June Hardcastle, Zoom
Oakley 10.30 am	Revd Audrey D Browne	Revd Jenny Dowding	LA	Revd Audrey D Browne	Mr Chris Marsh
Oakridge 10.30 am	LA	Revd David Jenkins, S	Mrs Denise Baugh	Mrs Sarah Whithorn	Mr Symon Turner
Old Basing 10.30 am	Revd Valerie Fisher	Mr Symon Turner	Revd David Jenkins, S	Mr Stephen Appiah	Mrs Denise Baugh
St Andrew's 10.30 am	Mr Symon Turner	Mr Terry Rowell	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	Mrs Kim Kelly	Joint LA

Basingstoke & Reading Circuit – Basingstoke Churches – May 2023

Dates	7 May, 5 th of Easter	14 May, 6 th of Easter	21 May, 7 th of Easter	28 May, Pentecost
Trinity 10.30 am	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	Revd Jenny Dowding	Mr Tony Pitt <i>with Mrs Hilary Reed</i>	Revd Audrey D Browne
Kempshott 10.30 am	Revd David Jenkins, S	Mr Stephen Appiah, Zoom	LA, Zoom	Mrs June Hardcastle, Zoom
Oakley 10.30 am	Mr Stephen Appiah	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	Mr Terry Rowell	LA
Oakridge 10.30 am	LA	Mr David Munns	Mr Peter Frank	Revd David Jenkins, S / United
Old Basing 10.30 am	LA	Mr Tony Bell	Mrs Sarah Whithorn	United Service at Oakridge
St Andrew's 10.30 am	LA	Revd Lesley Martin, P	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	Mrs Linda Hoe

**Support Services
Group Meeting
is on:**

**Tuesday 7 March at
9.30 am, at Trinity**

Funeral Services – March

The Funeral Service for **Maurice Scorey** will be at Basingstoke Crematorium on Wednesday 8 March, 2.45 pm.

The Funeral Service for **Les Durrant** will be at Trinity Methodist Church, Basingstoke on Friday 17 March, 2.30 pm.



World Day of
Prayer 2023
Friday 3 March

www.wwdp.org.uk



*'A Service for Everyone'
'I have heard about your faith'*

2 pm at All Saints Church

Southern Road, Basingstoke, RG21 3EA

Informed Prayer, Prayerful Action

24-7 ● 365 Days of a year ● Prayer Movement

Ecumenical International ● Women-LED



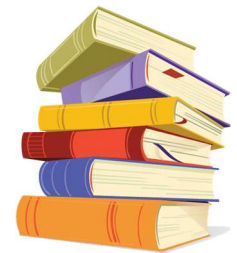
Spring Sale

Saturday 22 April

St Andrew's Church,
South Ham



Good quality items for sale (*not jumble*),
can be left at St Andrews during the
week beginning **3 April**.



Please contact *Linda* beforehand so that
there is someone there to receive them.

There will also be cakes and plants for sale and *of course*
refreshments too.

Look out for the opening times in the April newsletter.

Linda Hoe, ☎: 01256 417219 / email: lindahoe@hotmail.co.uk



WHAT MADE THAT CRUCIFIXION DIFFERENT?

The thoughts of the Centurion commanding the crucifixion

As a punishment it was all too common
Just three men this time
And yet there was from the beginning
A very different atmosphere.

Two bandits getting their just deserts
But the man in the middle
He wasn't your usual execution fodder
What was it that so impressed us all?

The most amazing thing was, is?
His concern for the others that were there
The people we regard as of little account,
Women, criminals, occupying troops.

Even as we hammered in the nails
He was praying for our forgiveness!
And when the real criminals
screamed at him
He spoke words of comfort to them.

His mother was there:
not a wise thing to do.
A very few of his friends also:
dangerous for them!
With gentle words he gave his mother
Into the charge of his closest friend.

Hearing his prayers and
screams of agony,
Seeing the way in which he died,
I suddenly realized who he really was
Not 'King of the Jews' but '**Son of God**'

Much later a rich Jew came to Pilate
To beg for his body!
We made very Sure
that he was quite dead
I didn't want to end up like him, up there!

Howard Fitall (and sent in by Anne Rowe)

- ***This precious Lamb of God gave up his precious fleece for us – Christopher Nesse***

SAVE THE DATE –

'David and Audrey'

for the **Circuit Farewell Service**
– a chance to say *farewell to Audrey Browne & David Shaw*
– it will be at:

4 pm on Sunday 23rd July at Trinity, Basingstoke

A Reflection on The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:1-18)



Our Father in heaven, please help us.
We, your children, learn slowly.

So often we say nothing when
your name is mis-used.
Often our lives do not reflect your ways,
Mostly we do what we want on earth,
And this can make heaven
unimaginable.

We expect so much more than we
actually need each day.

Sometimes we think we don't
need forgiveness,
Sometimes we think we are
unforgivable,
And we forget that other people make
these same errors of thinking.

When it comes to temptation,
we find our own ways,

We are confused about what is
and is not evil,
We are confused about deliverance,
We are confused.....

And here is the wonder,
the grace and the mystery,
That you know us completely,
Our failings, our secrets,
and still love us forever and ever,
Amen

by **Daphne Kitching (Parish Pump)**

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usually on Wednesdays.

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Charity No. is 1128299

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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 October 22 Issue of Trinity E-News.

- **You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving –**

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



Circuit: Reminder for Church Safeguarding Officers, Trainers & Ministers in pastoral charge –

Places offered on some **Advanced Module training courses** locally run, as follows:

- **9.45 am - 3.30 pm, Sat 11 Mar 2023:** St Andrews Methodist Centre, Weyhill Road, Andover, SP10 3BH

Booking for courses should be through me, **Peter Frank** via

☎: 07407 281986 or email:

resources@basingstokereadingmethodists.uk

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/>



God loves us; not because we are loveable but because He is love; not because he needs to receive but because He delights to give.

C S Lewis

It's Spring!

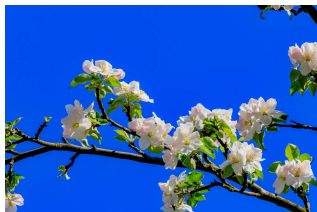
It starts quietly, unnoticed,
gradually imperceptibly,
Changing things
Walls of snow melt, rain hastens
their demise,
And we see again the familiar landmarks,
In stark reality.

People are rejuvenated,
The careful step is replaced by a skip.
The gloves put to one side.
We wait for the sun,
and smile at its appearance.

Hedges are trimmed, dead wood removed
New shoots appear on the branches,
Pussy Willow heralds the growth,
It is the beginning of Spring.

Dare we believe it? Nature's miracle.
Soon the mower will be out of the shed,
The soil will be turned, seed will be sown,
And we will believe in the harvest.

Margaret Garland



Sanctuary Service (Weekly, Zoom):

7pm every Thursday evening,

We hold a short online Zoom service,
based on the Service of
**Evening Prayer from the
Methodist Worship Book,**
but including a piece of music and a
Reflection. The service usually lasts
around 20 - 25 minutes.

While it was started within Tilehurst,
this isn't a Tilehurst-specific service,
and some of our regular attendees
aren't even in the same
Circuit or District.

All are welcome – please drop Jon
Skeet an email: skeet@pobox.com if
you'd like to find out more or to be
put on the mailing list to receive the
service sheet each week (with
absolutely no commitment to attend).

If you would like to get more of an
idea of what the services are like,
please see the [service web
page](#) where past service sheets and
reflections can be downloaded. We
hope you'll be able to join us for a
spiritual recharge in a friendly
atmosphere of fellowship.

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Revd James Mather, Ukraine: **Ukraine Chain** has been supporting the
community of displaced people at Ciudei, in western Ukraine, for some months now.
They number about 50, of whom 22 live in the church. You may remember that we
previously have appealed for funds for their support, including firewood for the winter,
and a generator. There were generous donations to help with this.

Now that they are reasonably secure, the Christian community at Ciudei has started to
assist less fortunate people who are stuck in the war zones in the eastern Donbas
region. The two priests and a team of volunteers go with vans full of food parcels to
areas devastated by war, where the people live under very dangerous conditions, some
taking shelter in ruins. **Ukraine Chain** is funding these food parcels and would very
much appreciate donations to help with this.

from the Weekly Circuit News 07.02.23

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***The world cannot bury Christ. The earth is not deep enough for his tomb, the
clouds are not wide enough for his winding-sheet – Edward Thomson***

St Andrew's Church, Western Way, South Ham, Basingstoke

Open Sight – Sight Loss Information Day
Monday 20 March 2023, 10 am to 3 pm

Vast range of aids & equipment on show at St Andrews Methodist Church

Old Basing

Old Basing stewards have decided that there will be no more Coffee Mornings or Craft Afternoons as they have become so poorly attended.

Instead from April we intend to start up a Monthly Group called **CAMEO** (*Come and Meet Each Other*), which will incorporate coffee / tea, sandwiches and / or cake, and sometimes home-made soup. You will be welcome to bring crafts along.



It will run on the 3rd Tuesday from 11 am – 1.30 pm starting on 18 April.

Denise

Oakley Methodist Church

Coffee Mornings on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month, 10.30 am – 12 noon:
14 & 28 March

£1 for a bottomless tea or coffee & biscuits.

Paperbacks available 30p each



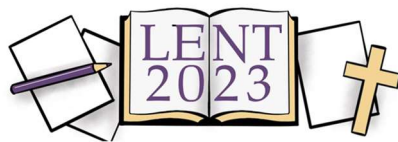
Tuesday Lunches at Christ Church, Chineham

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 and 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 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



Lent Resources / Bible Studies "The anointed One" put together and being used by Stephen Appiah at Oakridge, is also available on the Circuit Website on the right-hand side under 'News Flash'.

Lent Course at St Mary's, Old Basing & The Methodist Church Old Basing

Old Basing Lent Course based on Stephen Cottrell's book "*God forsakenness*" is being jointly led by the new Vicar of St Mary's, Old Basing, Rev Jo Mulliner and the Methodist Minister Rev David Jenkins.

Sessions are at: The Parish Room, St Mary's on Thursdays, 2.30 pm on 2nd & 9th March and at the Methodist Church, Old Basing on 16th, 23rd & 30th March. on Thursdays at 2.30 pm.

Rev David (Jenkins)



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



Green Money

I believe that we are all now very much aware of climate change on our planet and the negative effect in particular that emissions from fossil fuels are having. Each of us in our own way are looking at how we can reduce our individual carbon footprints. Maybe this might be by walking more, and not using the car for short journeys, or maybe even thinking ahead to having an electric car. However, there are other ways that we can make an even more significant reduction in our carbon footprint in the long term.

I recently attended an interesting talk at Christ Church Chineham on "**Green Money**" organized by Greener Basingstoke. As the title suggests it was focused on ethical financial investments both in pension funds and in personal savings, through funds that invest in environmentally friendly projects, and not in traditional fossil fuels such as oil and gas.

Many of us make contributions into either company or private pension funds in our working lives, or put money into long term savings plans. If these long-term investments are made into environmentally friendly funds it can result in significant reduction in our carbon emissions. Greener Basingstoke are making us aware of this. For more information why not contact them and investigate. We need a Greener World!

Note of course, that all financial service providers should be registered with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) who regulate the financial services industry in the UK. Its role includes protecting consumers, keeping the industry stable, and promoting healthy competition between financial service providers. The FCA works with [HM Treasury](#).

Martin Frost, February 2023

Zoom

A group from Kempshott Methodist Church, have a Zoom meeting every Wednesday on-line. I was invited to join this group during the Covid lockdown, and I have really enjoyed it.



It is great to share with other Christians.

The subject of the meetings is Hymnody and being a member of the Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland, this has particular appeal for me.

The theme each week is decided by the leader, Ian Harrison.

The hymns are read by us all in turn and follow the theme.

Some are from the Methodist Hymn Book, which preceded Hymns and Psalms, some from Hymns and Psalms, and some from Singing the Faith.

Ian takes time and has a comprehensive knowledge to share.

We think about individual writers of the words, many learnt during our childhood and the music usually associated with each of the hymns.

As a musician, Ian understands about the marriage of words and music.

The Zoom group started as a means of connection and continues as such.

It is a privilege to be part of this ecumenical group, we are not all Methodists.

Hymns give a great deal to our worship and the group understands that.

We also have a time of prayer, when personal needs and prayer for others is made.

We are blessed by this group, and thankful for it.

God bless you.

Margaret Garland

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The Wednesday Fellowship welcomes new folk and is open to anyone.

from: A February Weekly Circuit News

Please note that our **Circuit Service for Sunday 26th February will be the last one in its current format.** As a Circuit we have been providing weekly scripts and sermon recordings for almost 3 years since the start of the Covid Pandemic and we know they have been deeply appreciated by so many. Unfortunately it has become increasingly difficult to fill the rota of preachers for this as preparation of these services is a very time-consuming task. **From 1st March** it is planned that we will have an electronic online repository in which there will be three sermons on a theme each quarter, with a video sermon, suggested hymns, and some prayers to enable local churches to run local arrangements.

Thought for Food

John Paton brought Christianity to the people of the Pacific Islands. He taught them about the love of God and faith. Years later some Communists arrived and told the people they had been listening to mere fables and lies. "There is no God." "Well, you should thank the God that you do not believe in," the Chief retorted. "For if you had arrived before John Paton, we would have eaten you!"

A Poem by Pat Murphy for Easter

See Him hanging on a cross of shame.
Jesus is His wonderful name.
He hung there for you and for me,
That we might be forgiven and
from all sin set free.
He carried our sins in His spotless pure body,
As He brought salvation to you and me.
How can we ever thank Him enough for
all that he has done.
Jesus, our Redeemer, and God's own Son.
We will give Him our Lives and
Praise Him forever,
And tell of His Love,
our wonderful, precious, Saviour.

The Vicar's lost his iPad! (by Nigel Beeton, PP)

The Vicar's lost his iPad – disaster's come to church!
His sermon's on that iPad, it's left him in the lurch!
He's been looking for that iPad for most of half an hour,
He's searched the chancel and the nave
so now he's up the tower!
Oh! Where's he put that iPad? He had it when he came!
He's searching high and searching low
it's driving him insane!
The angels in the hammer beams for several hundred years
Have witnessed proper order but now they're all in tears.
For chaos reigns below them upon this modern day
For everyone is searching now –
both clergyman and lay!
The Vicar found his iPad. Tonight, we'll all be sleeping!
He sent a message from his phone and
set his iPad beeping!
And as he holds his iPad, we feel his happy glow;
But could he not have done that trick, that half-an-hour ago?
The answer comes upon us, that trick he could not do!
For, in the caverns of our church
He'd lost his smartphone, too!

A Poem by Pat Murphy for Easter

Loved with such Love that
knows no end,
Is given by Jesus my
Wonderful friend.
He gave Himself that this
Love I might know,
As on the cross His head in
death did bow.
This Love is so great,
I can hardly take it in.
While I was lost and
dead in sin,
Such Love is mine now and
always.
And I give Him myself for the
rest of my days.

St David's Day (Dewi Sant – 5th century)

Remembering a monk of
long ago
On 1st March – St David's Day
A preacher who was
greatly revered
Who lived his life in a
simple way.
He was made the
Patron Saint of Wales
Daffodils on that day abound,
Leeks are an option,
but flowers preferred,
And Welsh cakes in many a
kitchen are found.
"Always be joyful and
keep the faith"
A message St David
continues to give
"And remember to do the
little things"
A profound but simple way to live.
by Megan Carter, Parish P

RETREAT CENTRE SILCHESTER RG7 2NY PROGRAMME 2023



Come and join us for a day of refreshment and reflection at Silchester Methodist Church.

Our retreats are to enable you to explore and experience meeting with God; to be explorers and journeyers. To enable this we shall offer a variety of multi-sensory experiences.



Ukraine One Year On – an Individual's Story *(from All We Can)*

One of these individuals is Maryna, a twenty-eight year old who fled to Poland in March of last year. Maryna was directed to the services that our humanitarian partner was offering. She has been learning both Polish and English to help her build relationships and networks for work and leisure. She has also been able to go to Ukrainian speaking classes so that she can practice her native language, which is very important to her. Maryna attended classes that have encouraged her to learn more about herself: how she communicates with others, how she has been mentally coping with the conflict, as well as practical things such as cooking. Maryna is allowing herself to relax as well as invest in her future.

'I like to be part of the community that [our humanitarian partner] gathers around me, because during the period of adaptation to life in a new country, the support of compatriots, as well as creative and mental development support is particularly important.'

For individuals like Maryna, the support of our humanitarian partner has been vital. In the chaos of conflict, finding security in her new community has been essential for her potential to be fulfilled.

**ALL
WE
CAN**

Saturday 11th February

Dear Lord and Father

Journeying with God at the beginning of the year
"Let us rise up and follow thee".



Wednesday 26th April

New Life

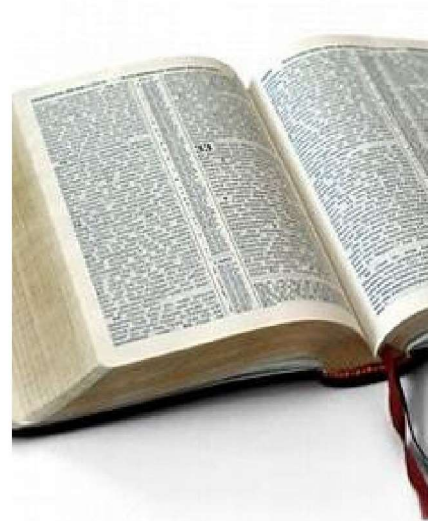
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

John 10:10 (NRSV)

Saturday 1st July

Stories

Jesus taught in parables.



King Charles's Favourite Dog Breed Surges in Popularity with the Public

When Queen Elizabeth II died last summer, there was a surge in the number of people wanting to buy Corgis.

Now, as the Coronation of Charles III approaches, it seems there is a trend to buy Jack Russell terriers. King Charles III has long been a fan of Jack Russell terriers. He and the Queen Consort currently own two, Bluebell and Beth, whom they rescued from Battersea Cats and Dogs Home more than a decade ago.

A spokeswoman for the Kennel Club said: *"Breeds certainly wax and wane in popularity – and there are a number of factors that can play a part, such as high-profile ownership."*



Wednesday 16th August

Trees

Being "routed" and grounded in God.



Saturday 23rd September

Glimpse of Glory

Finding God in music, art, and nature.



Wednesday 22nd November

Watching & Waiting

"Drop Thy still dews of quietness,"

from: A February Weekly Circuit News

Junior Church: We are conscious that there are a variety of experiences for children / young people on a Sunday morning. Some churches never have children, some occasionally and randomly have children, some have children every Sunday but not the same children as the previous week and some have a more stable Sunday cohort. Resourcing these different contexts is not straightforward. We are holding a resource morning at Tilehurst Methodist Church on **Saturday 25th March, 10 am – 12 pm**. Our hope is that there will be something for everyone in each of the above contexts.



Please can each church in the Circuit send a delegate to this event.

Contact: Lola Brown on ☎: 07885 784327 **by 10th March** to book your place.

For enquiries or to book for any of the Retreat Days please contact Angela Hiscock at angela.hiscock@btinternet.com or phone her on 01256 850432
Numbers are limited.

All days run from 10am-3pm. Refreshments from 9.30am.

Please bring a packed lunch.

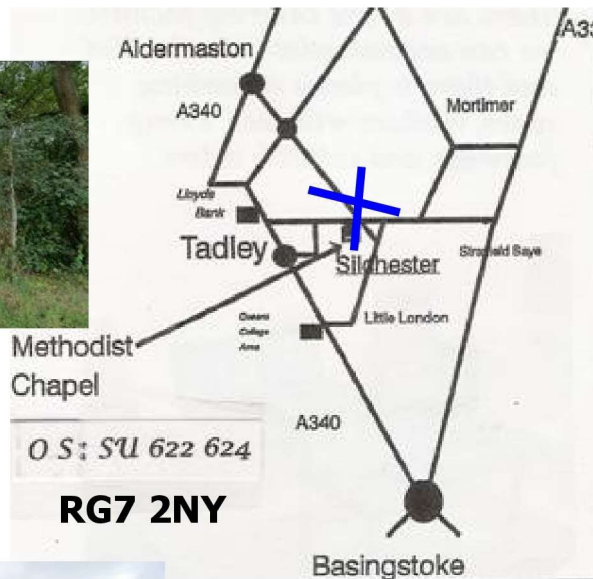
Hot and cold drinks, including cup-a-soup provided.

Cost per person: £10.

Location



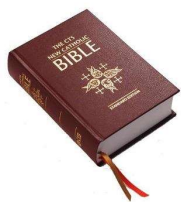
Entrance from Pamber Road



Car parking and entrance to hall at rear of the Church.

Empowering Women in Pakistan with the Word of God

The Bible Society is helping women in Pakistan learn to read by holding regular Bible-based literacy classes in the Khyber region. *“Before the Bible Society came, there was not a single school for girls in this region. Education for girls was considered immoral,”* says Beena, a former hospital cleaner and mother of eight children. *“Now we have started a Bible study group in the family and every day we read two or three chapters. We started with the New Testament.”*



The literacy rate in Pakistan is 58 per cent, but among Christian women it is estimated to be just 34 per cent. The Bible Society hopes to educate 3,500 women in the region by teaching them to read the Bible. If you can help, please visit:

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

Circuit Lent Card 2023

During Lent you are invited to take the Sunday Gospel Reading and spend some time during the following week reflecting on the passage and exploring what it is that God is saying to you.

As some of the weekly readings are long you may like to reflect on a different section of the reading each day, starting by reading the whole passage.

Sunday 26 th February	Matthew 4:1-11
Sunday 5 th March	John 3:1-17
Sunday 12 th March	John 4:5-42
Sunday 19 th March	John 9:1-41
Sunday 26 th March	John 11:1-45
Sunday 2nd April	Matthew 21:1-11

During the special time of Holy Week there are daily readings as we follow the path of Jesus to the Cross.

Monday 3rd April	Mark 14:1-9
Tuesday 4th April	Mark 14:12-21
Wednesday 5th April	Mark 14:22-26
Thursday 6th April	Mark 14:27-40
Friday 7th April	Mark 15:22-32

Overleaf is a prayer for our circuit which was composed in 2016 but still is relevant today. This may be used by each of us regularly in Lent and could also be used by church congregations.



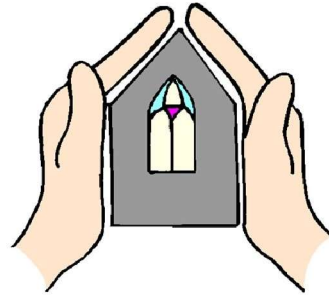
Fairtrade Fortnight 2023

This year Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 27 February to 12 March. It comes with a sombre reminder: climate change means that soon some of our favourite foods, such as bananas, cocoa and coffee could be harder to grow. And if that is combined with deeply unfair trade, then communities growing these crops will be pushed to the brink. This makes Fairtrade all the more vital – for all of us. You can help three ways during this Fortnight. First, why not join an online **Big Fairtrade Get Together?** Hear Fairtrade farmers and other experts explain what needs to change, for a sustainable future. Secondly, **let your friends know of any Fairtrade event in your area**, from a coffee morning to a quiz night. Thirdly, **buy Fairtrade** whenever you can, from flowers to coffee, clothes to teas, plus lots more. More info, visit <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk>



- **Life is made up of getting and giving, and forgetting and forgiving – Anon**

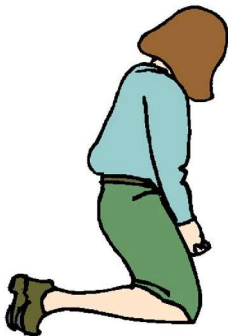
Loving Lord,
 We thank you for all the ways that you
 have blessed the people of our circuit
 and the communities they serve.
 In this season of repentance we
 acknowledge our failures to you.



We are sorry that we have not sought
 your vision for us as individuals, churches and as a circuit.
 We are sorry for the times we have not trusted you, when we
 have not remembered your power to inspire and provide, and
 our courage has failed us.
 We are sorry for the times when we have closed
 our eyes to the needs around us
 our minds to uncomfortable realities facing our churches
 and circuit
 our ears to your voice.

We are sorry for our reluctance to shoulder each other's
 burdens or for the times we have been unwilling to work
 together to glorify you.
 We are sorry for the times we have prayed for change and
 then resisted it for ourselves.
 We are sorry for the times we have failed to celebrate you
 working out your mission of love to all people.

You are always faithful and long for us to
 know the reality of your love.
 Forgive us for our negativity and lack of unity
 and lead us into ways of thankfulness and
 hope.
 Help us to seek your guidance in all things.
 We ask all this, trusting in your desire to
 forgive and transform us.
 Amen



Composed by the circuit prayer group 2016

Lent Worship Resource 2023, taken from the Circuit Website



24th March 20:00 – 25th March 08:00

**Sleep out for one night and help raise vital
 funds and awareness for people forced to
 sleep out every night.**

**Just swap your bed for a sleeping bag and
 brave the weather for one night outside at
 May's Bounty, Fairfield's Road.**

More information: please contact Gavin:
gavin.osborn@julianhouse.org.uk

***Join the Julian House team &
 others at May's Bounty Cricket
 Club for one night.***

taken from OneChurch

Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy Prayer Letter - January 2023



Christmas 2022 was celebrated with more events and visits than in recent years, although there were still various infections doing the rounds. The Chaplains took token gifts of sweets and cards to those they work with and this gesture of caring was appreciated. We received a specific donation to cover much of the cost. There were several deep conversations with people who needed pastoral care in the build-up to Christmas and also as the pressures of life had built up. Chaplains are as busy as ever listening and supporting people. It is a privilege. That we are asked about spiritual matters and can share something of our faith in Jesus Christ is a joy.

BTC was one of several chaplaincies represented at the Christmas meal hosted by a Turkish Muslim organisation. The theme was loneliness and various speakers stressed the presence and causes of loneliness in our community. Chaplains do meet lonely people.

We have been asked to provide more Chaplain time at the foyer of the train station where we can meet passengers and railway staff. This is an opportunity to expand and to explore different times of working. We will look to engage and see where God leads.

Before Christmas we had an encouraging time at Basingstoke Baptist Church sharing about the Chaplaincy; and we have recently been warmly welcomed at St Bede's church to give a 5-minute presentation on the Chaplaincy at each of their services and afterwards to talk to members of the congregation. We are open to visit any church that invites us or to talk to a small group. We value the prayer support of churches and individuals and also want to have good links with churches so that we can help guide people to a local church when we have opportunities to do so.

Recently we have received some positive feedback from the Magistrates' Court about the value of our service there. We have been able to expand the chaplaincy service to Stagecoach by facilitating Chaplains attending other bus stations in the region.

We had a lunch with some of our supporters recently and thought about the coming year. We liked the idea of "bold humility". We want to share boldly the good news of Jesus Christ but in a gentle manner to show God's love and relevance to each and every person's life.

Please continue to pray for the contacts, and resultant conversations Chaplains have, that the right words will be used and appropriate support provided.

We need more Chaplains. Please consider whether you, or someone you know, could be a Chaplain. Find out more about us. You are welcome to come and see what we do and go out on a round with a Chaplain. There is no obligation.

May you know the blessing and joy of the Lord throughout 2023.

John Hayward, Chair of Trustees

Town Chaplaincy Newsletter Cont'd.....

Prayer Points Give thanks for:

- God's blessings and for meeting our needs during another year of ministry

Pray for:

- Chaplains in the Magistrates' Court helping to resolve situations for the good
- Chaplains meeting those who are lonely
- Shop workers, often under stress from work pressures and customer rudeness
- Bus drivers
- Wisdom to best use the opportunity to be at the train station
- More Chaplains
- Closer links with more churches in Basingstoke

**Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy**

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admin@basingstoketownchaplaincy.org.uk

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Town Chaplaincy Prayer points February 2023

Despite so few people attending church, many people call themselves 'spiritual'. Chaplains find that there is an openness to the Good News when presented in love and relevance. Oh give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples. 1 Chronicles 16 v8.

Give thanks to God for:

- several people exploring following Christ as a result of loving support from a Chaplain and the welcome of a church,
- His providing for our needs,
- involvement from another local church.

Pray that:

- others will join us as Chaplains,
- we will be able to take up Chaplaincy opportunities in new locations,
- more churches will invite us to share about this ministry,
- Chaplains will be sensitive to the needs of people they meet and gracious in sharing God's love,
- our lease will be renewed within our financial resources.

John Hayward, Chair of Trustees

- The Church is people, fallible and sinful people, and if it is no better than any other human institution it is certainly no worse. It is nonsense to pretend that we could have our religion without it; and though it has fallen into grave error from time to time, I doubt if it has done as much harm as nationalism, materialism, colonialism, capitalism, communism, fascism, militarism and apathy – *Gerald Priestland*

Town Chaplaincy Newsletter Cont'd.....



You might be just the person...

Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy is looking for Chaplains to provide pastoral support for people at:

The Discovery Centre

the library in Festival Place

The Safe

a Christian centre for mothers and babies

Camrose Centre

which provides meals and practical help to homeless people

The Railway Station

A College

Chaplains are Christians who want to show others that God loves them and is relevant to whatever their situation.

- We provide training and support.
- We have a uniform.
- Chaplains often work in pairs so there is mutual support and security.
- We look for about 2 hours a week or a fortnight; timing can be by mutual agreement depending on circumstances.



People are usually glad to see us and talk to someone independent of their lives. We do not push ourselves on those who do not want to engage.

We are happy for anyone to walk round with a Chaplain to see exactly what is involved and whether this is where God is calling them.

One of these settings might be just the place for you to serve God!

For more information or to arrange a visit contact Libby on:

admin@basingstoketownchaplaincy.org.uk

01256 842232



- I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his might to stay, his ear to hearken to my need: the wisdom of my God to teach, his hand to guide, his shield to ward, the Word of God to give me speech, his heavenly host to be my guard – *from St Patrick's Breastplate*

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 or ☎: 01256-816314

Basingstoke Choral Society *Putting the sing in Basingstoke*

www.basingstoke-choral.org.uk [BCS on Facebook](#)

Basingstoke Choral Society's Next Concert

'Bach Mass in B minor'

Basingstoke Choral Society with Croydon Philharmonic Choir
Hanover Band

Conducted by: David Gibson

The venue: The Anvil, Basingstoke

The details: Saturday 1st April 2023 at 7.30 pm

Tickets: from £15, from: The Anvil Box Office: anvilarts.org.uk ☎: 01256 844244

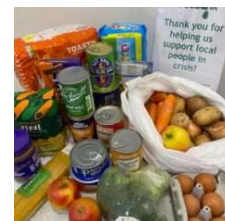
Join us at rehearsals on Wednesday nights – 7.30 pm at The Vyne School





UPDATE at: 28.02.23

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



The Foodbank was 10 years old!

October was the 10th 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)*

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 our 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.

Currently, at 28.02.23, we are SHORT OF only a few items:

- Desserts – Jelly, Sponge or Steamed Puddings
- Long Life Fruit Juice
- Evaporated Milk
- Powdered Milk
- Shampoo
- Dog Food
- Kitchen Roll

Currently, at 28.02.23, we have PLENTY of:

- Pasta
- Rice
- Baked Beans

Our foodbank Relies on Your Goodwill & Support.

Monetary Donations big or small also gratefully received.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY MEALS

Please remember that if your children have **Free School Meals**, we can help support you and your family over the school holiday by providing food to cover for school lunches.

- Contact your school;
- Citizens Advice on:
- ☎: 0808 2787829 (BStoke) or
- ☎: 0808 2787987 (Tadley)
- or Basingstoke Foodbank.

- ***If you can't sleep, don't count sheep: talk to the Shepherd – Anon***

THE FUTURE OF OUR RECYCLING



Over the years we have been recycling a variety of food and household packaging and wrappers. It all started back in 2013, I believe, when we collected Danone yoghurt pots. After that it was coffee lids and pouches, biscuit wrappers, various household cleaning packaging / containers, baby food pouches and crisps. We always had 2 or 3 collections on the go, taking on a new one when TerraCycle removed any. In the beginning I was able to send in any quantity / weight of recycling but gradually a minimum weight was introduced. This meant storing the recycling at home until I had enough to send off. It was just about manageable and worth it for the funds raised which went to *Contesa*, now *Future Pillars Zambia*.

Sadly for us, the large Supermarkets have taken over much of the recycling we were doing which has affected us quite badly, especially with the loss of the Crisp Collection. We now only have recycling for biscuit wrappers and household cleaning items. Both of these are not as forthcoming as the crisps were and it takes a long time to collect enough for the minimum weight. Therefore, regretfully I am going to be closing the recycling programme later on this year. The recycling will continue until I have enough to send off the last shipment for both recyclings. We redeem our points for cash twice yearly, April 1st and November 1st. To ensure we raise as much money as possible, I will aim to send the last shipments in towards the end of October. This will give enough time for the points to be allocated to our account so that we can then redeem them.

Meanwhile, please help us to save as many biscuit wrappers as possible, savoury and sweet varieties, and the items from the household collection. These are the flexible packaging from dishwasher tablets, detergent, household wipes, tinted fabric conditioner bottles, tinted plastic tubs and plastic air fresheners.

Through the money we raise we are supporting many vulnerable girls in Zambia who through the charity of Future Pillars receive a safe place to live, food, education and skills training in order to move from poverty to a better and sustainable future for themselves and their families. Help us to help them.

Many Thanks, Hazel Green
malandhazel@hotmail.com; 07776 442529)



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Books,
Children's
Books

For the Young & Young at heart

PUZZLES

Crossword

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Jn 1:29-34, Mt 3:13-17, Lk 3:21-4:13, Mk 1:9-12

People came to John to be baptised - washed in the river Jordan - to say sorry for what they had done wrong. Then Jesus came...

Sudoku

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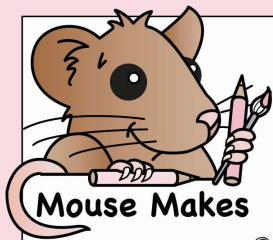
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March Wordsearch – St Patrick’s Day – Mothering Sunday – Annunciation – Lent

Leeks for St David’s day, daffodils for the rest of the month: March brings us Spring and is the month of Lent, of prayer and preparation for Easter, Mothering Sunday and Mother’s Day.

Leeks	Mum	Sunday
Daffodils	Mother	Lunch
Spring	Angel	Pregnancy
Patrick	Ireland	Preparation
Day	Wales	Prayer
Parades	Mary	Magnificat
Fasting	Lent	



BIBLE MOTHERS
Who had two sons called Cain and Abel?

— — — — —
Genesis 4:1-2

Who was 90 years old when she had her son Isaac?

— — — — —
Genesis 17:19

Whose prayers for a child were answered by God?

— — — — —
1 Samuel 1:20

Who was Ruth's Mother-in-Law?

— — — — —
Ruth 1:1-5

Eunice was Timothy's mother, but who was her mother?

— — — — —
2 Timothy 1:5

Who saved her baby by putting him in a basket in the river?

— — — — —
Exodus 6:20

Look up the Bible verses and find out who the Bible mothers are.

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Matt 1:16
2 Tim 1:5
1 Kings 1:11
1 Sam 1:20
Gen 34:1
Gen 30:22

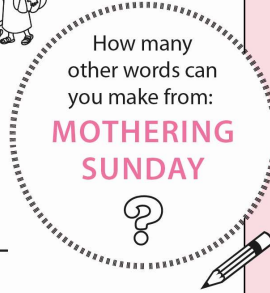
- WHO IS MY MOTHER?**
- | | |
|---------|-----------|
| CAIN | ELIZABETH |
| ISAAC | HANNAH |
| JESUS | RACHEL |
| JACOB | REBEKAH |
| TIMOTHY | EVE |
| JOSEPH | MARY |
| SAMUEL | SARAH |
| JOHN | EUNICE |

Look up the Bible verses then find the answers and the names below in the word search

- REBEKAH
- ELIZABETH
- EUNICE
- RUTH
- MARY
- RACHEL
- LEAH
- ZIPLAH
- MOTHER
- MUM

E E L O I S Z I L A M J H
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C I M B J H M U M A E P H
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MOTHERING SUNDAY

Crossword Clues – Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
- 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
- 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
- 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
- 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
- 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
- 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
- 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
- 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
- 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
- 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
- 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
- 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — —' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
- 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
- 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
- 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

Crossword Clues – Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
- 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
- 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
- 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
- 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
- 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
- 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
- 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
- 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)

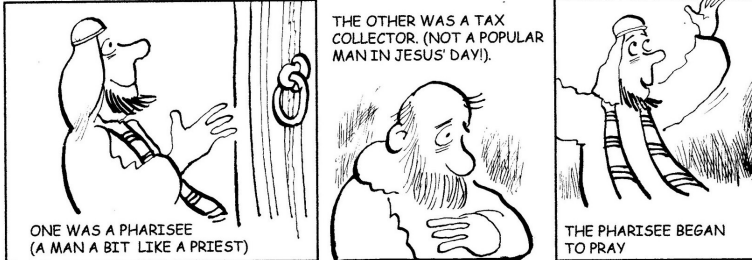
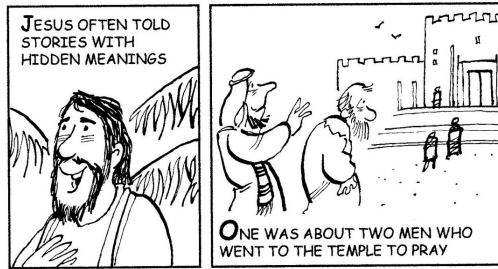
(Clues Continued in box to right)

Crossword Clues – Across (cont'd)

- 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
- 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been —, he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
- 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)



The Tale of the
TWO MEN SAYING THEIR PRAYERS



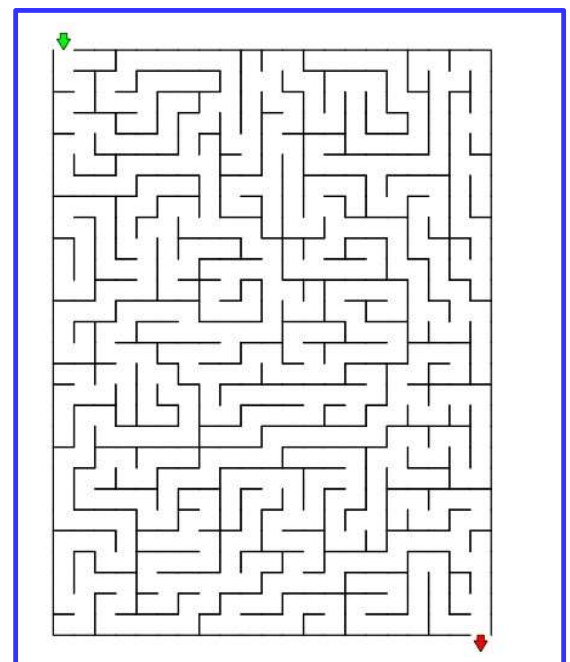
Puzzle Pages Solutions

- Across** 1, Corinthians. 9, Abandon. 10, Eglon. 11, Spa. 13, Deem. 16, Hi-fi. 17, Abijah. 18, Ohad. 20, Myth. 21, Now see. 22, Knit. 23, Tide. 25, Arm. 28, Nahor. 29, All done. 30, Kind-hearted.
- Down:** 2, Of age. 3, ISDN. 4, Tens. 5, Idea. 6, Nullify. 7, Hardworking. 8, Enlightened. 12, Praise. 14, Mad. 15, Vigour. 19, Abishai. 20, Met. 24, Is one. 25, Arid. 26, Male. 27, Slur.

Sudoku Solution

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| Alive | Spirit | Baptise | Washed | Devil | Eat |
| God | World | Sorry | Jesus | Stone | Bread |
| Temple | Angels | Jump | River | Desert | Manipulate |
| John | Worship | Precious | Drink | Jordan | Jerusalem |