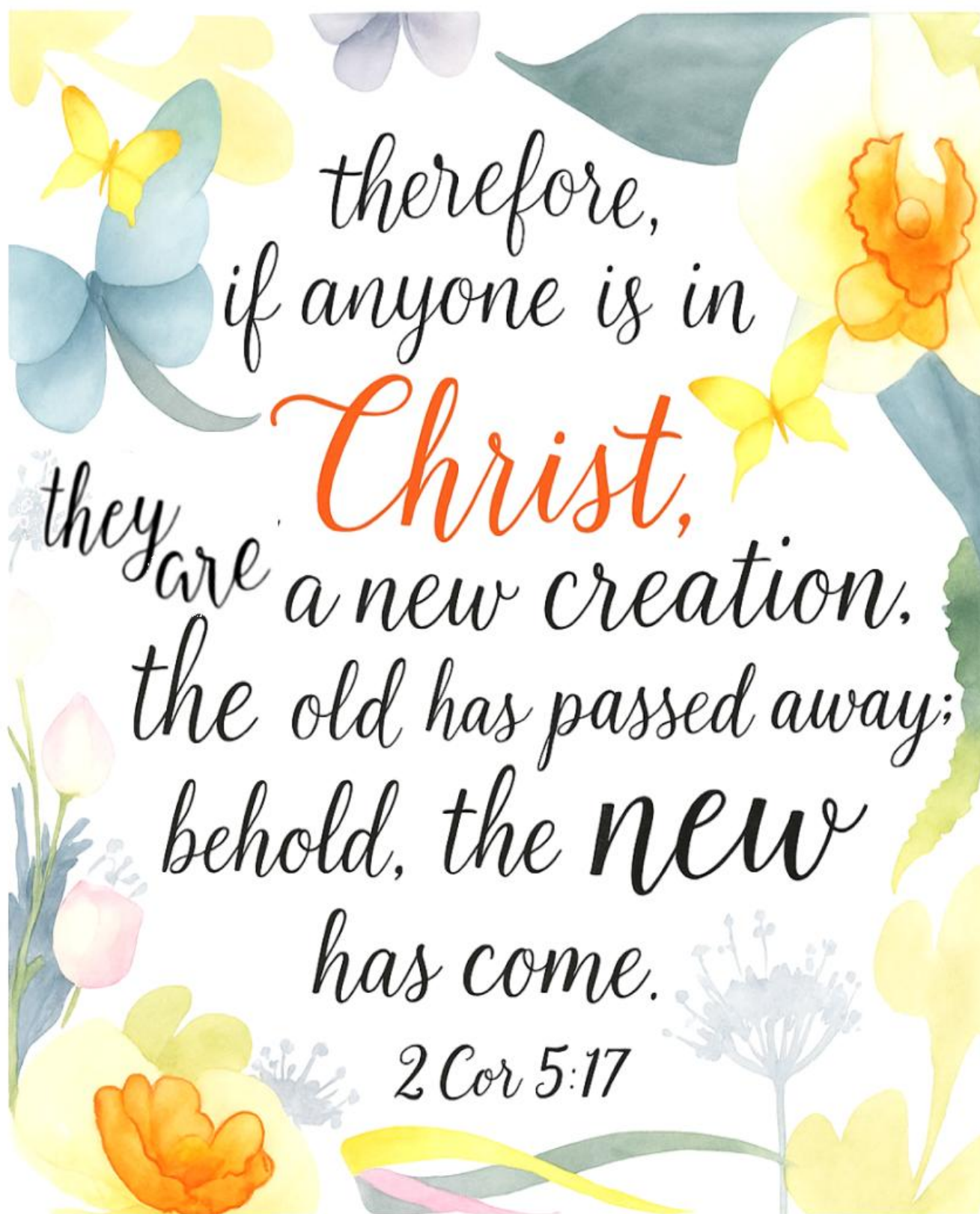


St. Philip's News



September 2025

New Starts

September always feels like a threshold month, doesn't it? Even if our schooldays are long behind us, there's something about the smell of new exercise books, the sight of fresh uniforms, and the return of routine after summer that gives the air a sense of beginning again. Schools, colleges, and universities fling wide their doors, and thousands of young people find themselves facing both the excitement and the nerves of a new start.

The Bible is full of "new starts". From the very first pages of Genesis, we hear of a God who speaks creation into being and calls it good. Later, when Israel wandered and stumbled, God did not abandon them but renewed covenant after covenant, promising to make all things new. The prophet Isaiah gives us that glorious word: *"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"* (Isaiah 43.19).

And at the heart of our faith is the most astonishing new beginning of all – the resurrection of Jesus. Out of despair came hope; out of the tomb came life; out of endings came a new creation. As Paul writes to the Corinthians: *"If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: the old has gone, the new is here!"* (2 Corinthians 5.17).



So September, with its timetables and sharpened pencils, offers us a reminder that God is always the God of fresh starts. That doesn't mean it's easy. New beginnings often bring uncertainty. The first day at school, the first lecture at university, or even the first meeting in a new workplace can make us feel rather small. Yet scripture reassures us: we are never alone. Jesus promised, "I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Perhaps this September is a new beginning for you – not necessarily in a classroom, but maybe in the shape of a new challenge, a shift in circumstances, or simply a renewed desire to walk more closely with God. Whatever lies ahead, we can step into it, trusting that the God who raised Jesus from the dead is also at work in us, breathing life into old bones, making paths through the wilderness, and offering new mercies every morning.

So let's pray for all those starting school, college, or university this month – and let's also remember that each day, for each of us, can be a holy new start with God.

Reed Jonathan

Services in September



Friday 5 September

2.00pm **Communion**
- Trinity 11 (G)

Priest: **TBC**

Sunday 7 September

9.30am **Morning Prayer**

1st Reading: *Philemon 1-21*
Jill Dorrington

Gospel: *Luke 14.25-33*
Stella Ambler

Intercessions: Beckie Briggs

Friday 12 September

2.00pm **Prayer Meeting**

Sunday 14 September

9.30am **Communion**
- Trinity 13 (G)

1st Reading: *Philippians 2.6-11*
Simon Carlton

Gospel: *John 3.13-17*
Maureen Martin

Intercessions: John Prior

Sunday 14 September

4.00pm **Songs of Praise**

Friday 19 September

2.00pm **Communion**
- Trinity 13 (G)

Priest: **Gordon Cooper**

Sunday 21 September

9.30am **All Together Worship**

1st Reading: *1 Timothy 2.1-7*

Gospel: *Luke 16.1-13*

Friday 26 September

2.00pm **Prayer Meeting**

Sunday 28 September

9.30am **Communion**
- Trinity 15 (G)

1st Reading: *1 Timothy 6.6-19*
Chris Prior

Gospel: *Luke 16.19-end*
Sue Saxton

Intercessions: John Edward

6.30pm **Taizé @ Barwick**

CARING FOR EACH OTHER...

If you haven't seen someone for a while, please either try and find out how they are or let us know and we will try and make contact. Please also ask the person if they would like to go on the prayer list (using their full name or just first name). A note to us giving a contact number or address of the person concerned often helps.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Is there something you'd like us to pray about? You can send your prayer requests by using this QR Code and completing the form. All prayer requests are confidential.



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Mothers' Union is a global Christian movement working with people of all faiths and none to develop communities, strengthen families and advocate for change. Our members are active in 83 countries and work tirelessly to serve their communities to build a future where everyone thrives.

Ending violence, ending poverty, ending injustice. We are a truly worldwide Christian movement. And a local one!

We usually meet on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm at St Philip's church.

If you want to know more, please contact:

- Sue Saxton ~ 07757 509 072
- Sally Wray ~ 07484 152 886

Our September meeting is on the 1st at 7.30pm at St Philip's. Revd Jonathan will be taking a Communion Service. All are welcome to join us.

Need prayer?

Got something on your heart and need a listening ear? Our Prayer Team are here every Sunday after the morning service, just come over to the Prayer Area on the right side of the church. It's private, confidential, and you'll be with people who care.



The Café will be open every Friday in September, from 9:00am to 12:00pm and on **Saturday 27th September** from 10:00am to 12:00pm for teas, great coffees, irresistible cakes, toasted teacakes, bacon butties & crumpets!



Scholes Home Group

We are Back!

The Home Group at John and Sally's house, 73 Nook Road, Scholes is starting up again on **Tuesday 2nd September 7.30pm to 9pm** Fellowship round the Bible, traditional hymns and light refreshments.

Everyone is welcome – no need to book, just turn up.

GIVING

SUPPORT THE WORK OF ST PHILIP'S

St Philip's is a charity which receives no funding from the government and is entirely dependent on donations to keep its doors open, continue its work in the community and maintain its buildings and surroundings.

If you would like to support us, you can donate in the plate or use the contactless device at the entrance to church. If you would like to give regularly, you can set up a Standing Order or use a Giving Envelope.

More info from Tim South, the Treasurer or Revd Jonathan.



Standing Order



Giving Envelope



Collection Plate



Contactless

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If you pay UK Income Tax, we encourage you to Gift Aid all your giving to church. Gift Aid in the UK is a scheme enabling registered charities to reclaim the tax from the Government on a donation made by a UK taxpayer, increasing the donation by 25p for every £1 you give, without costing you any extra.



Lighting your home

- ⇒ Light bulbs! If the average household replaced all of their bulbs with LEDs, it would cost about £100 and save about £35 a year on bills.
www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency/energy-saving-quick-wins
- ⇒ Use natural light when you can to save energy. Sit by the window. Decorate your home in light colours to maximise natural light.
- ⇒ Turn your lights off when you're not using them. If you switch a light off for just a few seconds, you will save more energy than it takes for the light to start up again, regardless of the type of light.
www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency/energy-saving-quick-wins
- ⇒ If you have lights in your garden use solar powered lights that charge during the day and don't require electricity.

TRUST
IN THE
LORD
WITH ALL YOUR
HEART
- PROVERBS 3:5



Prayer Group

What is prayer?

And why do we do it?

Prayer is our way of communicating with God and, incidentally, with each other.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Friday afternoon of every month to discuss and then pray for people and events within our local community and in the wider world.

If you want to know more, please speak to Ros Loach or email admin@elmetetrinity.org.

You would be very welcome to come along at any time, as and when you can, for a cup of tea and chat to find out what it is all about.

Prayer for Growth

*God of Mission,
who alone brings
growth to your Church,
send your Holy Spirit
to give vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions,
and power to our witness.*

*Help St Philip's to grow
in numbers, in spiritual
commitment to you,
and in service to our
local community,
through Jesus
Christ our Lord.*



**ALL SAINTS', BARWICK
SUNDAY**

28TH SEPTEMBER @ 6:30pm

If you've never been to Taizé worship service before, why not consider coming along.

It involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, periods of silence and liturgical readings.



The Food Bank is short of the following items and any donations are much appreciated:

- ⇒ **Tinned Meats**
- ⇒ **Tinned Fruit**
- ⇒ **Tinned Potatoes**
- ⇒ **Packet Mash**
- ⇒ **Pot Noodles/Super Noodles**
- ⇒ **Toilet Rolls**
- ⇒ **Shower Gel / Toiletries**

If you can pop an extra item into your shopping basket, it really does help - Thank you!

Foodbank
FOOD FOR PEOPLE IN NEED



Heritage Open Day

All Saints' Church, Barwick-in-Elmet

Saturday 13 September, 11am – 4pm

Why not come and join us any time between 11am – 4pm on Saturday 13 September, when you can learn more about the history of the church and the people who are commemorated on the various plaques on the inside walls. There will be an opportunity to see the bells being rung and perhaps a chance to ring them yourself. There will also be a display of local historical photographs.



Everyone welcome, including well-behaved dogs on leads.

**COMMUNITY
UPLIFTING
SPIRITUAL
WISDOM
PEACE
SPACE
FAMILY
WORSHIP
STILLNESS
BELONGING
INSPIRATION**

CHURCH
for me...

*what could
it be for you?*

**CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF
ST PHILIP'S CHURCH, SCHOLES!**

Four white musical notes are scattered around the central text: one at the top left, one at the top right, one at the bottom left, and one at the bottom right.

SONGS OF PRAISE

**JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SONGS OF PRAISE
SERVICE AS WE GIVE THANKS FOR 150 YEARS
OF WORSHIP, COMMUNITY AND FAITH.**

**UPLIFTING HYMNS AND MUSIC
REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW**

**COME AND CELEBRATE THIS
JOYFUL MILESTONE WITH US!**



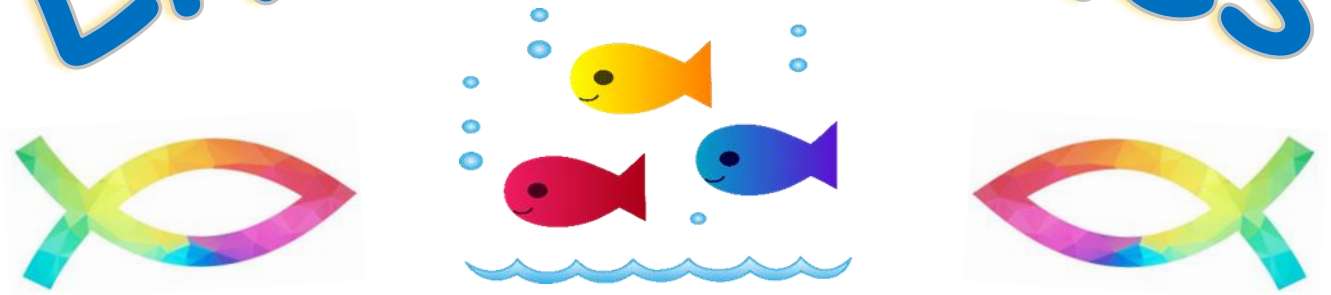
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**4:00
PM**

**EVERYONE
WARMLY
WELCOME**



Little Fishes



Parent & Toddler Group

For ages 0 – 4

Every Tuesday

10.30am – 12.00pm

St. Philip's Church, Scholes



Drop in for friendly chats,
craft activities and coffee & cakes



Find us on Facebook
www.stphilips-scholes.org



Elmete

Elderberries



Every Monday 1pm - 3pm
(except Bank Holidays)

Each week we offer:

- *Gentle, chair-based, exercise**
- *Help with family history research**
- *Crafting & card-making**
- *Games, Bridge, Jigsaws & Dominoes**
- *Drawing & Painting**
- *Brass Band & Folk Singing**
- *Knitting, Crochet & Needlework**
- *Computer & Camera assistance**
- *Refreshments & a warm welcome**

*Drop in to learn new things,
make new friends and enjoy a cuppa*

For Everyone: body, mind and spirit

Could you help?

Elmete Elderberries

are looking for more volunteers who can come either regularly or on a more ad hoc basis. Volunteers can either be on the welcome desk, a floater to chat to people, or help with the refreshments (or a combination). It is a really friendly group. We would also welcome people wanting to run other activities.

If you are interested, you are very welcome to come and take a look with no obligation.

For more information speak to Gill Sinclair (07803 925688, gillmsinclair@gmail.com), Lynn Pullen, or Dee Croft (07432 217114).



Notice of Funeral

The funeral service for Ken Walker will take place on Wednesday 17th September at 11am, here at St Philip's.



Parish Register

Funerals:

We commend into the hands of Almighty God those who have recently passed away.

Peter Snowden



We need more volunteers in every area of church life, so if you would be interested to help with:

- Music Group
- Reading / Intercessions
- PA Desk
- Refreshments
- Welcome team

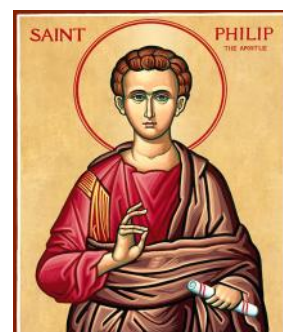
or would just like to find out more, please contact Revd Jonathan or Ann Riley.

All volunteers would be required to undertake necessary training / legal checks (DBS).

The Apostle Philip was one of Christ's first disciples, called soon after his Master's baptism in the Jordan. The fourth Gospel gives the following detail: "the next day Jesus was about to leave for Galilee, and He found Philip. And Jesus said to him: Follow Me. Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him: We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and the Prophets wrote, Jesus the Son of Joseph of Nazareth. And Nathanael said to him:

Can anything good come out of Nazareth?

Philip said to him: Come and See" (John 1: 43ff)



A recently released report “*The State of Us: Community strength and cohesion in the UK*” explores why people are feeling more “divided, disconnected and under pressure”. This describes how things still feel a bit fragile after recent racist protests and unrest in many parts of the UK – attributed mainly to the challenges of making ends meet alongside shortages of public services. Immigration and asylum are described as being used as “political footballs”.

The “*State of Us*” report describes how communities are quietly holding things together ...through everyday acts of care, connection and welcome; and actively raising awareness of issues facing migrants. One such organization is LASSN.

LASSN describes its vision to be “for *asylum seekers and refugees to be safe, respected, supported and empowered to rebuild their lives free of persecution*”. There are several strands of work and projects that address the needs of refugees, asylum seekers and other migrants at risk of harm or exploitation. These include projects around ‘Housing and Hosting’ (providing safe places to sleep), ‘Welcome and Connect’ (matching refugees with volunteers to help them access support, education and leisure opportunities), and ‘English at Home’ (providing one to one lessons for refugees who cannot access mainstream classes, enhancing independence and confidence).

And what do we do within LASSN?.... Deborah is a trustee, and the organization safeguarding lead. Tim and Ann are involved in housing projects. Ann also



Drumming at recent Annual LASSN picnic



volunteers within one of the houses, with activities ranging from befriending and advocacy through to practical support. We value not only the work that LASSN undertakes, but also the opportunity we have to walk alongside the LASSN team and those refugees in need.

There are many opportunities to get involved in a number of areas of need. Full training and support are given. Please feel free to talk to any one of us if you also would like to consider getting involved; there are a range of options depending on your availability and what you would feel comfortable with (<https://lassn.org.uk/volunteers/>).

Quite honestly, it is an absolute privilege to be part of the LASSN organization.

*Deborah Murdoch Eaton,
Ann South and Tim South.*

<https://www.britishfuture.org/publication/the-state-of-us-report/>

<https://lassn.org.uk/>

Asylum myths: when truth loses, scapegoating takes over Britain's migrant debate

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Word list:

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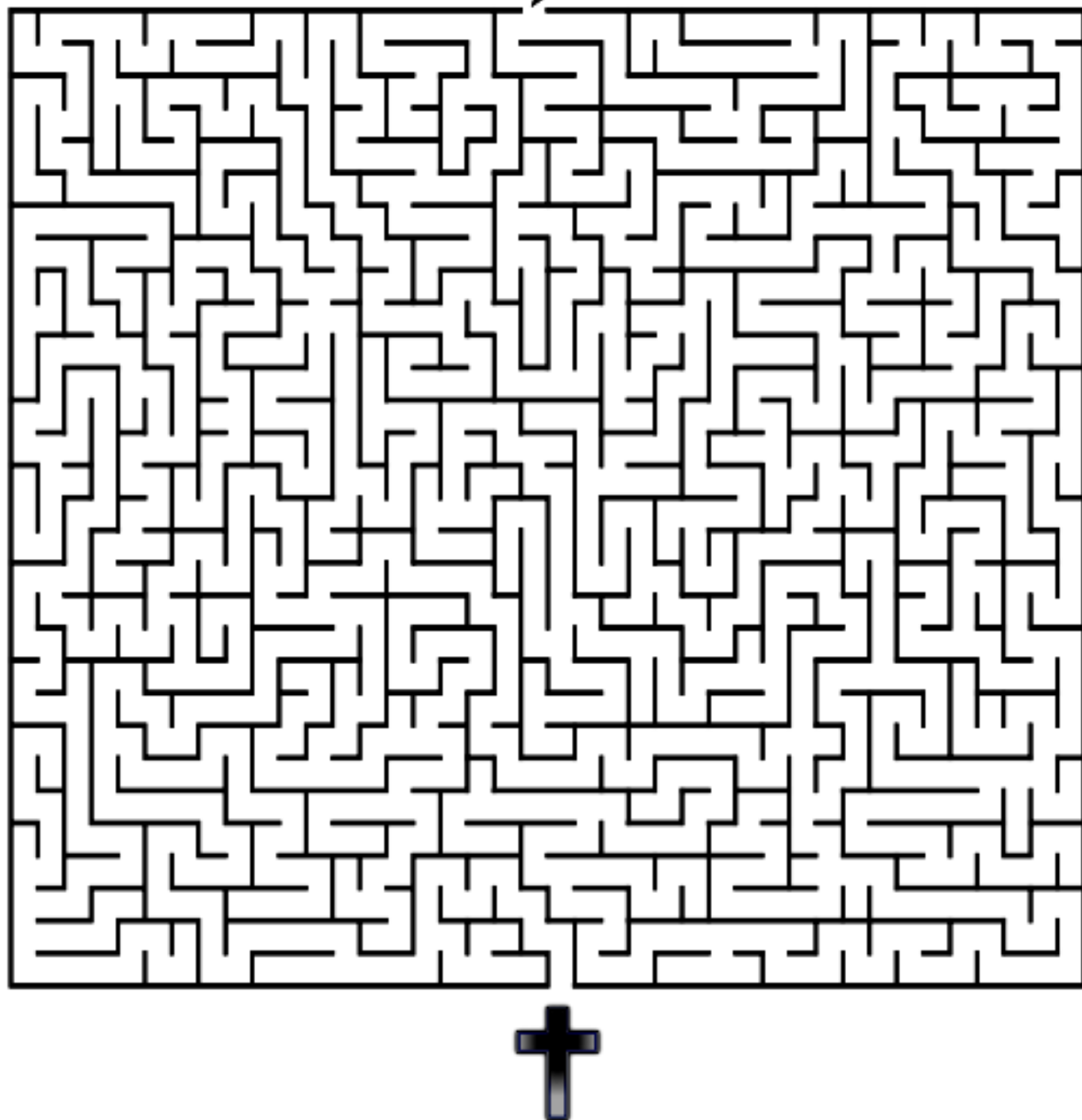
But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:33 NIV)

**ACTIVITY:**

Think of one thing you tend to worry about (or have worried about in the past). Try to find a verse about it in the Bible. With your parent's (or teacher's) help, you can use a Bible concordance or do an online search to help you. As an example, let's say someone worries about being bullied. Read Deuteronomy 31:6. This person could read, memorize, and speak this verse.

Find your way to the cross.

Start





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If you would like to speak to someone about any aspect of St Philip's Church safeguarding policy, or you have any concerns, please speak to Beckie in the first instance. You can also contact Revd Jonathan Brennan.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for entries into the October issue of this Newsletter is
Monday 15th September.

Please send any items to
admin@elmetetrinity.org

If you need anything advertising between editions of the Newsletter, please contact Diane who will send out information via email and Facebook.

