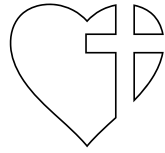


# PARISH MAGAZINE ALL SAINTS BELVEDERE



February 2026



Rembrandt van Rijn: Presentation in the Temple, circa 1640

"Master...my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."  
Luke 2:29-32 (NRSV)



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## From your Vicar

We come to Candlemas, the end Christmas on 2 February – yes, we were still in season and now at the moment when we turn from the crib to the cross. Before the month is over, we start the great season of Lent on Ash Wednesday [18 February]. In between 'love is in the air' we hear, but not just for Valentine's Day. The greatest commandment Christians live by is based on love:

*7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.  
11 Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ... and his love is perfected in us."* [1 John 4]

So whether it is loving yourself which we ought to start with, to be able to give or receive love, or 'loving our neighbour' – the theme for Racial Justice Sunday 2026 [8 February] or Valentine's chocolates & flowers, remember LOVE does make the world go round. We are reminded that it has always been about LOVE.

At the end of this month, it will be a year since I was inducted & installed as your Vicar and how that time has flown by! Thank you for your expressions of love and hospitality. I continue to look forward to engaging more with the community through various services, key life events or during my walkabouts in the village and environs.

Happy New Month and God's blessing for the start of a meaningful LENT.

*Revd Ethlyn*

## From the Registers

**Baptism on 28/12/2025: Zekiah Aura Adebukola Alakiu**  
**Funeral on 29/1/2026 and now at rest: Lily Fawcitt Barnard**

## EDITORIAL

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We are now entering a period of **light** (Candlemas), **love** (Valentines Day), and **intention** (Lent).

This month's cover features a Rembrandt painting of Simeon and Anna, two faithful witnesses who recognised Jesus as the light of the world during his' Presentation at the Temple'. Candlemas marks the end of Christmas, a celebration of light overcoming darkness.

Just after Saint Valentine's Day we start to reflect, prepare and look forward to **Lent**. Maybe a good time to reflect on how we are keeping up with our New Year resolutions, and how Lent can be a deeper spiritual continuation of our efforts, grateful for the strength and motivation to keep looking towards the coming Civic New Year!

### Your Voice Matters

This magazine is at its best when it reflects the many voices of our community. We warmly invite contributions from readers of all ages—whether that's a short reflection, poem, artwork, local advertisement, book recommendation, event report, or a few thoughtful words on a theme that matters to you. Is there something you would like me to include in future issues?

You don't need to be a writer—just willing to share.

If you'd like to take part, please get in touch at [allsaintspm@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintspm@gmail.com)

Wishing you all lots of love, light and pancakes this half term break, as we look forward to a new season- Spring!

"Beloved, since God<sup>E F</sup> loved us so much, we also ought to love one another."  
**1 John 4:11 (NRSV)**





Looking Back Briefly at Dec 2025:

## ALL SAINTS 'CHRISTINGLE' SERVICE- December 24th

Our **Christingle Service** on Christmas Eve raised **£243** for *The Children's Society*. *The Children's society*, founded in 1881 as the *Church of England Children Society*, is a national charity supporting vulnerable children and young people across the UK. They provide specialist support to empower young people to make positive changes, and inspire hope for positive change. Thankyou to Joan Newell for her words on the perils of bullying, and the story of the bunny who lost his tail. Thank you to the **160+** attendees who played a part in the evening, whether organising, or participating in Rev'd Ethlyn's '12 Days of Christmas' song and dance!



# **AT A GLANCE - SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS**

## **All Saints, Rochester Diocese & the national Church**

### Sundays of February

1st February- *4th Sunday of Epiphany*

8th February- (Sexagesima), *2nd Sunday before Lent*  
*[8<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter]*

15th February-(Quinquagesima), *Sunday next before Lent*

22nd February-*1st Sunday of LENT*

### **February 2026**

**2<sup>nd</sup> February- Candlemas : The Presentation of Christ in the Temple**  
(end of Christmas season) [celebrated on the 1st]

**5th February- Erith Deanery Synod Open meeting at All Saints. 7:30pm**  
Guest speaker: *Racial Justice Officer, Rochester Diocese, Zara Rawlinson*

**8th February- Racial Justice Sunday**  
Churches Together in Britain & Ireland (CTBI)

**17th February- Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)**  
Day of confession and feasting before Lent

**18<sup>th</sup> February- Ash Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> day of Lent**  
Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes, 7pm  
Ashing on Nuxley Road, outside church.

**23rd February~ 1st March- Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2026**

### Sundays of March

Sunday 1 March – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Sunday 8 March – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Sunday 15 March – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

Sunday 22 March – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)

Sunday 29 March – Palm Sunday procession

## **People are coming to faith amidst the ‘darkness’ of crises around the world**

**So says several *Church of England* bishops. They believe that increasing numbers of people have been turning to the Christian faith.**

**The Bishop of Rochester**, Jonathan Gibbs said: “Something is going on. Or rather, God Himself seems to be up to something – way beyond what we as Christians have been doing to share the message of the gospel with the people around us. Humanly speaking, I believe this is happening because people have begun to realise that the things in which they had placed their hopes – things like ever-increasing prosperity or the ability of science and technology to solve all our problems – have started to crumble in the face of economic crises, global pandemics and climate change.”

**The Bishop of Gloucester**, Rachel Treweek said: “As I have listened to the voices of children, young people and adults across this diocese; the voices in Westminster, and indeed in prisons; I believe there is a yearning for certainty amid the turbulence, anxiety and uncertainty, and the endless messaging of crises.”

**The Bishop of Chichester**, Martin Warner, speaks of joyful celebrations of baptisms and confirmations in his Diocese and new congregation members at Chichester Cathedral. “A new generation attending Chichester Cathedral have shifted the atmosphere,” he said. “Buggies now take their place alongside the Zimmer frames, to the delight of everyone.”



### **Oxford's Children's Word of the Year 2025**

On **January 21<sup>st</sup> 2026**, *Oxford University Press* announced “peace” as the “Children's Word of the Year” for 2025. According to their research of nearly 5000 children aged 6-14, they found 35% of children chose peace, followed by 33% selecting AI, and 21% opting for resilience. This reflects a deep desire for harmony over conflict, As we reflect on this powerful word, may it inspire us to foster peace in our homes, our parish, and our communities.



The Diocese of Rochester is delighted to announce two significant appointments that promise to bring renewed vision and dedicated leadership to the **Erith deanery**.



Archdeacon Allie Kerr [ Bromley & Bexley] commissioned the *Revd Anthea Harris-Faulkner* as the new Area Dean for Erith at a service at Christ Church Erith on 11<sup>th</sup> January.

In this new role, Anthea will provide pastoral support to clergy across the deanery, encouraging collaboration among parishes and representing Erith's interests within the wider diocesan structures. The work of Revd Anthea and the congregations at Christ Church and St John the Baptist Church Erith, is a powerful example of community-focused ministry.

"I want our churches to be places where everyone feels they belong, no matter their background or stage of life. Our mission is about connection —both with each other and with the love of God. When we take the time to care for each other, we reflect God's love in the most tangible way. I'm so proud of how our congregations are stepping up to make a difference. Together, we're creating something truly beautiful for this community. **Revd Anthea Harris-Faulkner**, (above)

*Priest-in-Charge - Christ Church and St John the Baptist, Erith*

We want to thank the outgoing Area Dean Revd Dean, Jim Bennett for his support especially during the vacancy at All Saints. and extend our best wishes for retirement.

**NEW ARRIVAL - Joining the Erith deanery in January, as Vicar of St John's Welling, is the *Revd Ian Jennings*.**

We welcome these new appointments which ensure local churches are well positioned to continue their vital work of worship, outreach and community building. The following parishes are part of Erith Deanery's 13 churches within the Church of England:

- St Martin, Barnehurst
- All Saints, Belvedere
- St Augustine of Canterbury, Belvedere
- Christ Church, Bexleyheath
- St Peter, Bexleyheath
- St Andrew, Bostall Heath
- St Paulinus, Crayford
- Christ Church, Erith
- St John the Baptist, Erith
- Bishop Ridley, Falconwood
- St Paul, Northumberland Heath
- St Augustine of Canterbury, Slade Green
- St John the Evangelist, Welling



# LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 08.02.26

**“Racial Justice Sunday (February 8, 2026)** is an opportunity for churches to reflect on the importance of racial justice, to give thanks for the diversity of the human race and the Church, and to re-commit themselves to working shoulder to shoulder for a fairer world. Cultures of fear and division should be met with faith and hope. As Martin Luther King said: ‘Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that’. And we are in the business of love.” (***Bishop Jonathan Gibbs, Bishop of Rochester and Bishop Simon Burton-Jones, Bishop of Tonbridge***)

**Erith Deanery Synod meets - 5<sup>th</sup> February**  
**at All Saints, Belvedere, 7:30pm**

**Guest Speaker: Racial Justice Officer- Zara Rawlinson**

The congregation is invited to this event as it is an open meeting and we are hosting it. Deanery Synod is where parishes like ours get a say in decisions that affect worship, buildings, clergy support and funding across our area. Please let our Deanery Synod Representatives Joy Abraham Obayemi and Paul Arkle know if you can attend, help with refreshments or for more information.

This meeting follows the *Parochial Church Council (PCC) Synod* taking place on January 28th, which will focus on church policy, strategy and mission across the whole diocese.

**“For where two or three are gathered in my  
name, I am there among them”**  
**Matthew 18:20 (NRSV)**


# THINGS TO DO

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**Ages 4-11**

**All Saints Church Belvedere**  
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All are welcome

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We have opportunities for children aged **5-10** and young people aged **11-16** to join our choir

### WHAT do we do?

We find out about singing, music theory and church  
We learn the music to sing on Sunday  
We make friends and earn certificates and medals

### WHEN do we meet?

**FRIDAY:** 7pm to 8pm – Main Choir Practice  
music theory, voice coaching & rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY:** 6pm to 7pm – Alternative Choir Practice  
(by arrangement with the Director of Music)

**SUNDAY:** 9.45am until about 11.15am – Church Service

### HOW can you join?

Just use the QR code to open our enquiry form and we will contact you to arrange a taster session to see if you enjoy singing with us!



## Altar Flowers 2026

Anyone with willing hands can give, arrange Altar Flowers or assist with festival flower decorations. Simply put your *Name & Contact* details on the chart by the Church entrance. For more information please **Call Pamela on 02083103828**



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on **Wednesday mornings**  
between **10:00 and 12:00**

Do you like to paint, craft or draw?  
Maybe you would like learn or are  
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**Come along & join our friendly group.**  
All abilities are welcome

Donation of £3 to cover materials, tea/coffee & biscuits.

For enquires please contact  
Janice Guyton - 07734 152 608

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### All Saints Arts & Craft Club: Making a Difference

To Janice Guyton, on behalf of RMHC & E.F (Parish magazine editor).

The *All Saints Arts & Crafts Club, Belvedere*, has raised an impressive **£500** for **Ronald McDonald House Charities UK (RMHC)**, demonstrating how creativity and community spirit can make a very real difference to families in crisis.

The funds raised will provide **14 nights of accommodation** for a family with a child who is seriously ill in hospital.



This cause holds particular meaning for our members, including Shelley and her family, who understand first-hand the importance of being close to hospital during a child's treatment, having experienced this when little Luca-Beau was unwell.

In 2024 the charity supported over 8000 families across the UK, saving them an average of 93 miles of travel per day and helping to reduce both emotional and financial strain. As an independent charity, RMHC relies on community support.

On behalf of the charity and the families who will benefit, sincere thanks have been extended to everyone involved. All Saints Arts and Crafts Clubs fundraising is a strong example of how local creativity can have a lasting impact.





## 23 February 2026 - 1 March 2026

### Eating Disorders Awareness Week

This Lent overlaps with **Eating Disorders Awareness Week**, reminding us that care and compassion comes first. While Lent is often associated with giving things up, for some people messages around restriction can be difficult. This season invites gentleness, understanding and attention to wellbeing of both mind and body.


We're here to remind you that you're not alone 💜 Do you suffer from an eating disorder? Or are you close to someone who struggles with one? If so, then you will know the long battle that sufferers can wage with anorexia, bulimia, binge eating and EDNOS (or 'eating disorder not otherwise specified'.)

Eating disorders ruin lives. They ruin relationships. They also ruin careers. They are estimated to cost the UK economy about £9.5 billion a year.

This year the annual Eating Disorders Awareness Week website says: "An eating disorder can be isolating, making people feel alone, whether someone has an eating disorder themselves or whether they are supporting someone.

And so it is that we're celebrating the power of community and the vital role family, friends, and other support networks play in helping someone feel supported, understood, and never alone on their journey from seeking help, undergoing treatment and beyond. How can people with eating disorders be best supported by their employer and colleagues?


Visit <https://edaw.beateatingdisorders.org.uk> for details.



Would you like safe space to go for simply a hot drink and a chat? Or to have a quiet think in a non judgemental and welcoming environment?

- Refreshments
- Jewellery
- Pre Loved clothes

**The COFFEE POT**  
Cafe



**IN THE CHURCH HALL**  
**FRIDAYS**  
**9:30AM -NOON**

## **Canon Paul Hardingham considers the temptations of Christ**

*'I can resist everything but temptation' (Oscar Wilde).*

During Lent we remember Jesus' experience in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11), when 'He was led by the Spirit to be tempted by the devil.' Temptation is a test of whether we do things our way or God's way. After 40 days of fasting Jesus was tired, hungry and vulnerable. Like Him, the Devil will attack us at our most venerable moments, especially when we are stressed.

The first temptation was to turn stones into bread: Jesus' ministry was not about putting His own needs first, but being nourished by God's word. 'We do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God' (Deuteronomy 8:3). Like Jesus, we need to make God our priority and trust Him completely.

The second temptation was to put God to the test: Jumping off the Temple pinnacle would have been a dramatic way for Jesus to gain popularity, but this was not God's way! 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' (Deuteronomy 6:16). We too need to learn this lesson!

The third temptation was to worship Satan: The devil took Jesus up a mountain to offer Him worldly power. In contrast, His calling as Messiah was to be marked by suffering and honouring God. 'Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only' (Deuteronomy 6:13).

This is to be our experience of living for God.

Jesus stands with us in our temptations. As we claim the promises of Scripture, like Him, we will find strength in the Spirit's power and the victory of the Cross.

### **Consider these verses:**

'Watch and pray, so that you enter not into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.' (Matthew 26:41)

'Since Jesus Himself has endured being tempted, He is able to help those who are tempted.' (Hebrews 2:18)

'Blessed is the man that endures temptation, for when he is tested, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. (James 1:12)

'If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. But if you look at Christ, you'll be at rest!' (Corrie Ten Boom).



# Lent Bible Fellowship



**Let us journey through Lent 2026 together!**

*We reflect on the meaning of Lent, deepen our faith and support each other in our Discipleship and spiritual growth.*



**Every Wednesday**  
**starting 25 February**  
**Time: 7:15 -8:30pm**



**All Are Welcome**  
**Come with an Open Heart!**

Sunday 22 February - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Sunday 1 March - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

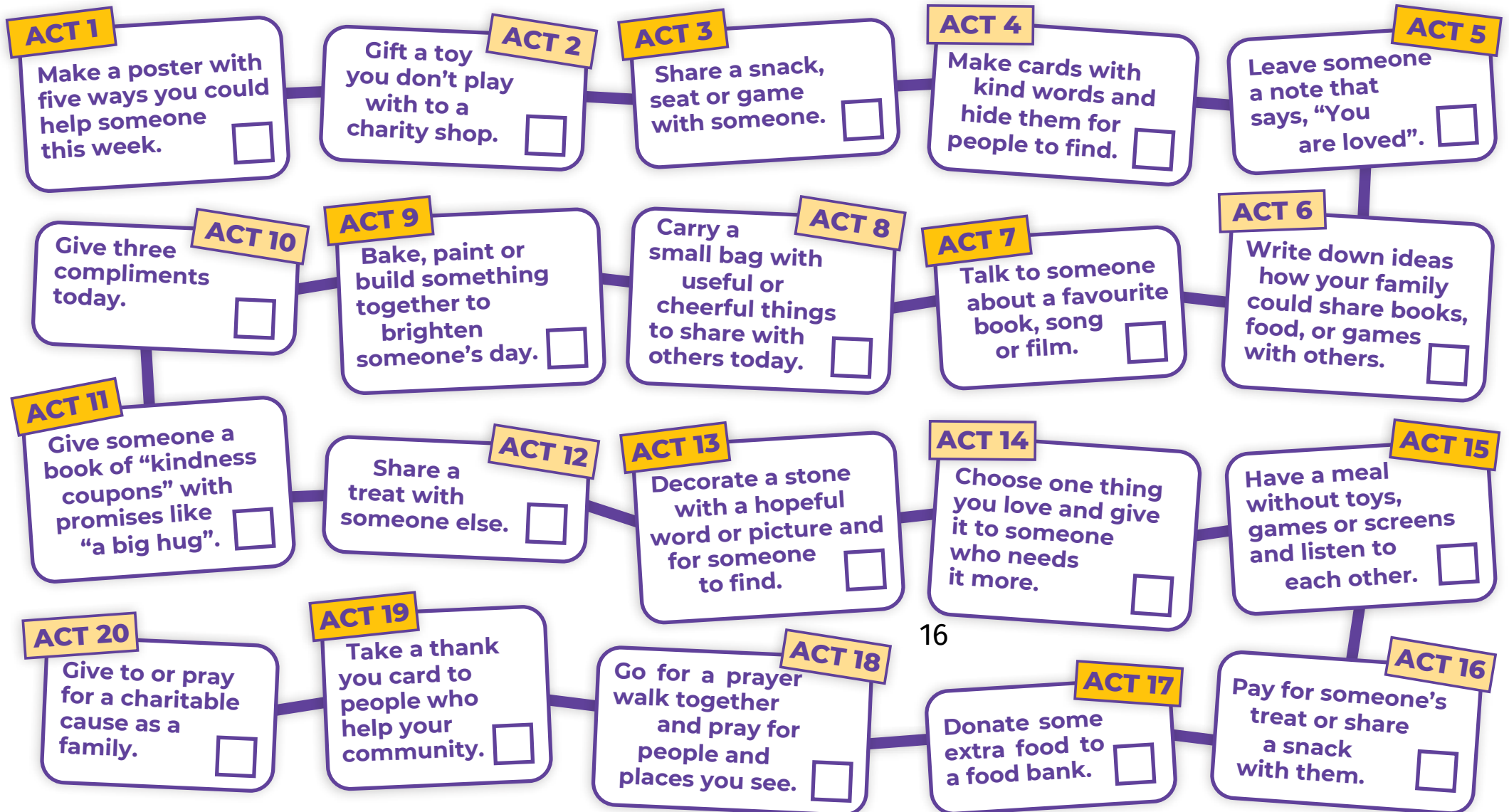
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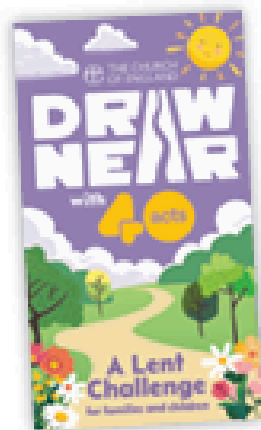
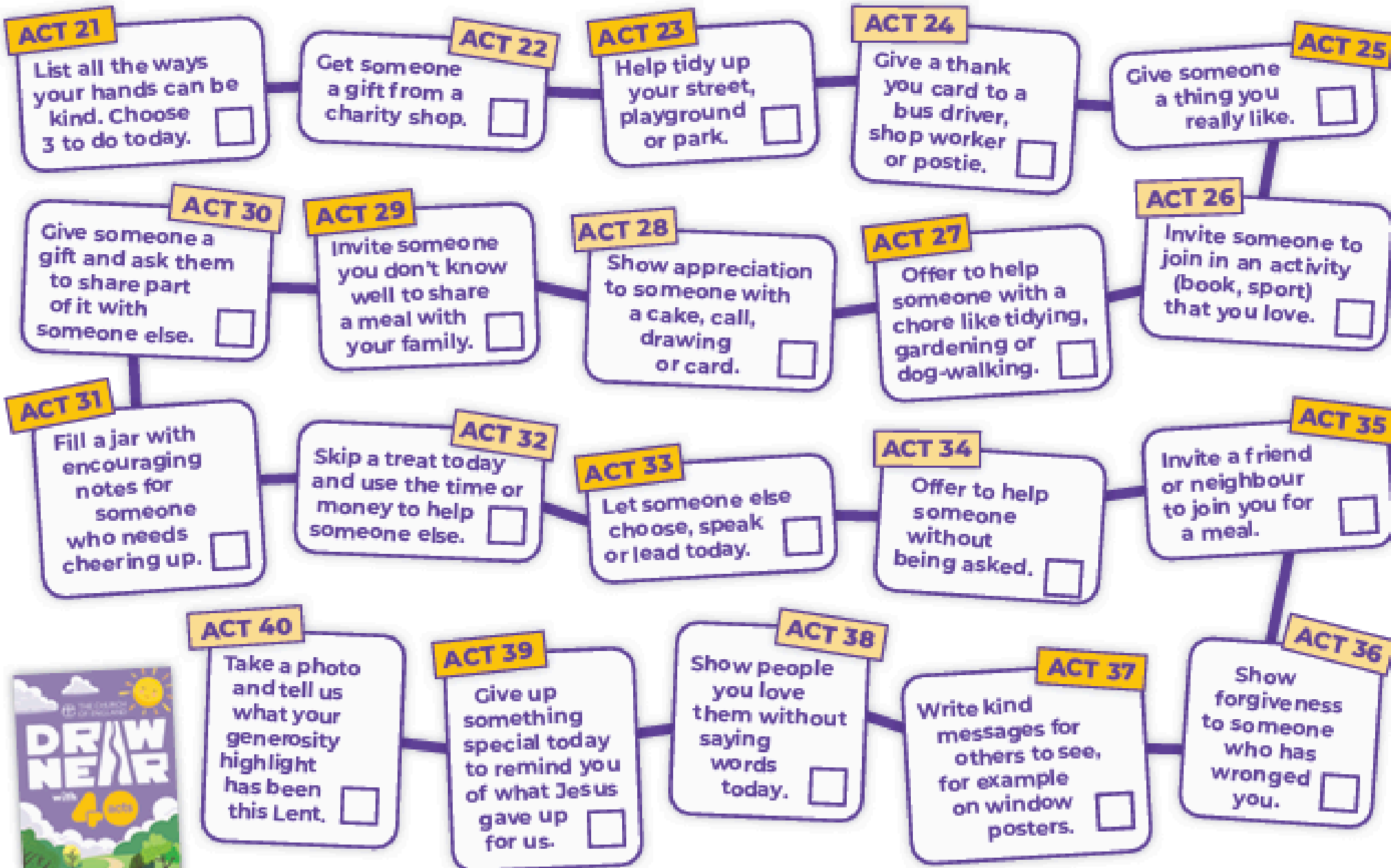
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## Across

'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)

4 'They threw the ship's — overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6)

7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4)

8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:22) (8)

9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8)

13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts 3:2) (3)

16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4)

17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1)

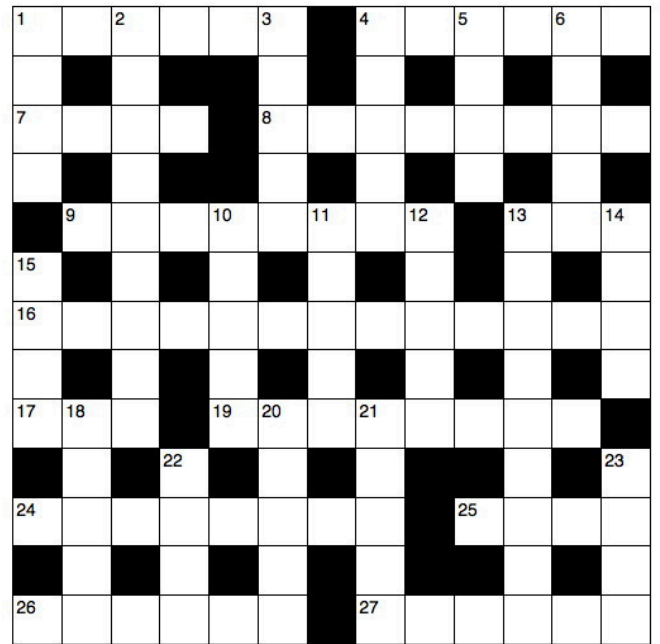
19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. — — I will praise you' (Psalm 145:1–2) (5,3)

24 Simon had (anag.) (8)

25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4)

26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6)

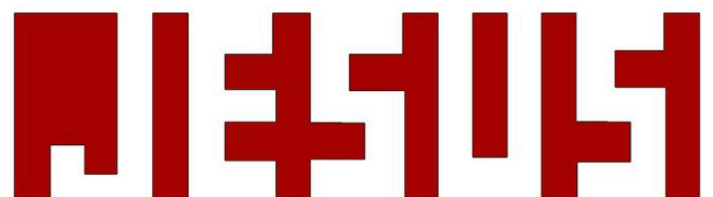
27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)



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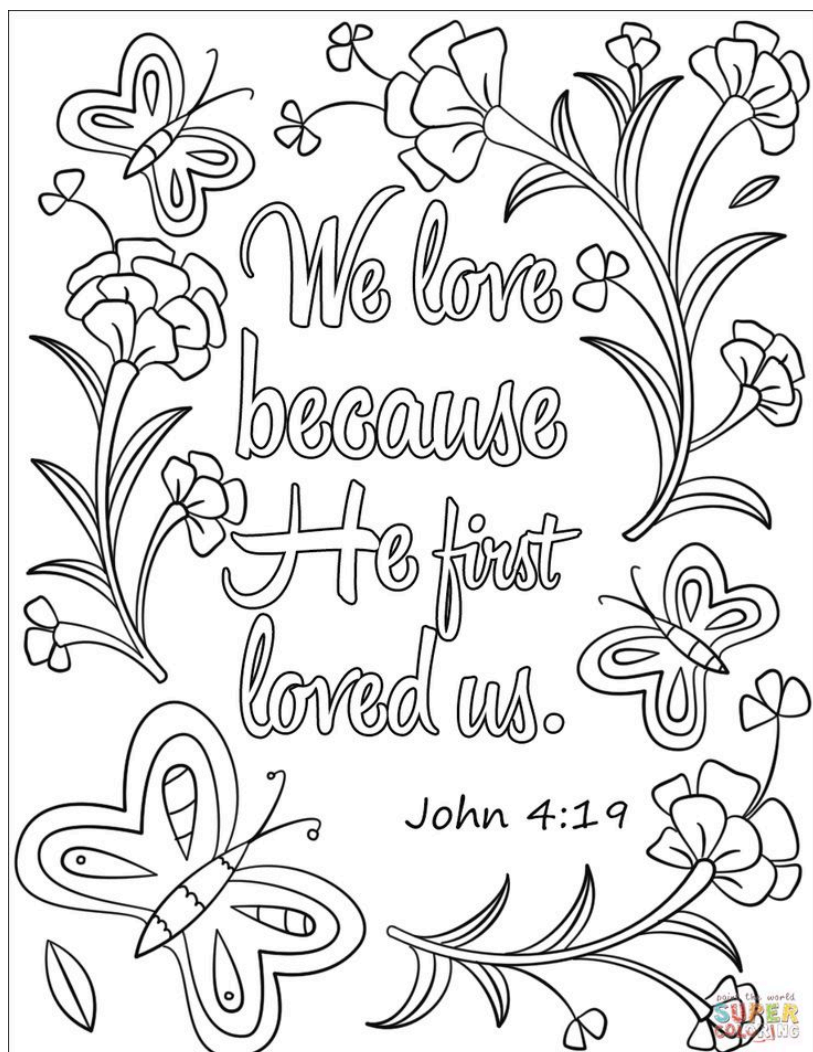
## Can you make out the Optical Illusion below?

(Clue: He is Risen!)



## Down

- 1 'Before the — crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4)
- 2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9)
- 3 'They have — the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5)
- 4 Belief (5)
- 5 'Take the following fine spices: ... 250 shekels of fragrant — ' (Exodus 30:23) (4)
- 6 'Do not — Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5)
- 10 A seer (anag.) (5)
- 11 'Even there your hand will — me' (Psalm 139:10) (5)
- 12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5)
- 13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilized people (Colossians 3:11) (9)
- 14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of
- 16 Across, — and Dolls (4)



- 15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4)
- 18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2)
- 20 'Today, if you hear his — , do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebrews 3:15) (5)
- 21 The Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5)
- 22 'And now these three remain: faith, — and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13) (4)
- 23 'God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end' (Daniel 5:26) (4)

**Winnie the Pooh and Lent 2026: By the Revd Roy Shaw, a retired but active priest in the diocese of York, where he is a spiritual director.**

Remember the Winnie the Pooh stories? And Kanga's insistence on Baby Roo's taking his Strengthening Medicine? It's 'really quite a nice taste when you get used to it', she explained, although I'm not convinced Baby Roo always agreed.

It can be helpful to think of Lent as a sort of medicine; an opportunity to strengthen us in the things that are good, rein in other facets of our personality, and reset the compass to the true North of following Jesus. A Spring-clean of the soul, if you like

Baby Roo (and Piglet on the one occasion he was subject to it) found Strengthening Medicine not to their liking, and we may groan inwardly at the thought of 'giving up something for Lent'. Think of what lies behind this 'giving up'. It's so that we may be strengthened, our character refined, our prejudices examined, our junk thrown overboard, and we may come to Passiontide and Easter more fit to walk the way of the Cross, and rise in new life with Jesus at His Resurrection.

Nor is Lent just a case of giving up chocolate. One year I gave up Facebook for Lent, having spent far too much time scrolling through it each day. It freed me to do other, more constructive things. And instead of giving up, why not take up something you've been meaning to do but never got round to; something life-affirming, something good for God.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on 18th February. Many Christians go public with their intention to keep a good Lent by being 'ashed'- the sign of the Cross made on the forehead in a mixture of ash and holy oil at a special service that day. The ash is usually the burnt remains of the palm crosses from last year. Having been ashed, the intention of the 40 days of Lent is to maintain a steady course closer to God, symbolised by the giving up of something – like chocolate – which has a hold on us.

We walk with Jesus on the way to the Cross, mindful of the 'riches of God's kindness, forbearance and patience' as St Paul has it, and mindful too of Jesus' choice of the Cross as a way for us to enter those riches more fully. And to face the immensity of that sacrifice, and the immensity of God's riches made available to us in Jesus, we need all the Strengthening Medicine we can get!



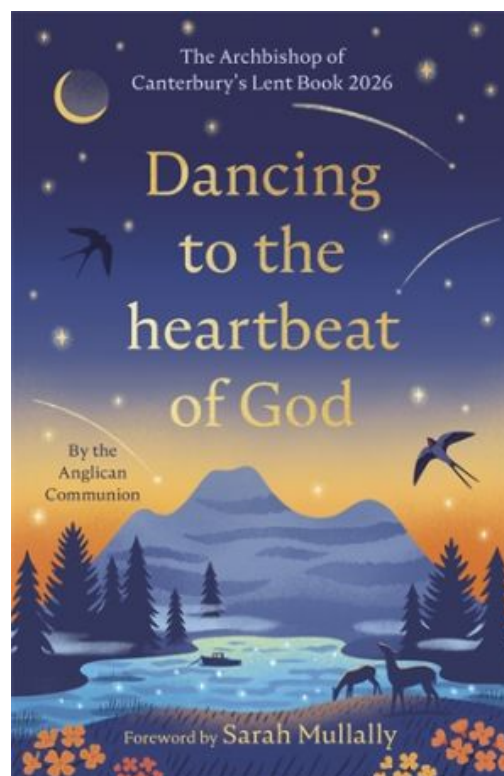


## **BOOK OF THE MONTH**

Dancing to the Heartbeat of God Stories of Discipleship: The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2026, SPCK, £11.99

With a foreword and an afterword by the Archbishop of Canterbury designate, an introduction by the Archbishop of York, and chapters by around thirty authors drawn from across the globe, the volume creates a sense of excitement, dynamism and faithful witness in its gloriously diverse writers and readers alike.

Its testimonies and stories aim to encourage people in the Church of England and across the Anglican Communion to share their faith with others.



## **COOKERY CORNER - 'Walk in Love' (Ephesians 5:2) Cookies**



### Ingredients

225g Butter (softened)  
110g Castor sugar  
1/2tsp Vanilla extract  
275g Plain flour  
A pinch of salt  
Decoration: Icing sugar and  
Water/lemon juice, Red/pink food  
colouring, Heart sprinkles

### Method

1. Cream together the butter and sugar until smooth, (don't over whip).
2. Mix in salt and vanilla extract.
3. Gently stir in the flour until it's a soft dough.
4. Wrap and chill the dough for 20 minutes.
5. Preheat oven to 170 (150 fan).
6. Roll out to about 1cm thick, and cut into heart shapes.
7. Place on lined tray and bake for 15 minutes.

As we mix, roll and share these biscuits, we are reminded that love is something we prepare and give, not just something we feel. Valentines Day offers a chance to show care in practical ways- through time, kindness and generosity.

These biscuits are perfect for sharing with family, friends, neighbours, or someone who might need a reminder that they are valued.

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## **CAN YOU HELP?**

- Garden of Remembrance: Memorial Beds
- General DIY (sanding & painting doors needed urgently)
- Health & Safety Officer needed for the church

## **PUZZLE ANSWERS**

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