



The Magazine for The Parish of Chigwell & Chigwell Row

September 2026



Taste and see that the Lord is good.
The Lord's words are sweeter to me than honey.

Ps 34:8, Ps 119:103

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St Mary's Church, Chigwell Village
All Saints' Church, Chigwell Row
St Winifred's Church, Chigwell



The Churches in Chigwell and Chigwell Row, open & online

St Mary's Church

High Road, Chigwell IG7 6QA www.stmaryschigwell.org.uk

Churchwardens: Joy Madeiros 07976 803887
Alison Jordan 01992 610717



Sunday Services: 9:15am – traditional CofE service
10:45am – service on a big screen with a blend of informality and liturgy, and our children's group, Treasure Seekers, during term time.

Morning Prayer: 9:00am on Wednesdays

All Saints' Church

Romford Road, Chigwell IG7 4QD www.allsaintschigwellrow.org

Churchwardens: Helen Ellis-Poole 07887 731320
Cindy Barber 07506 387070



Sunday Service: 10:00am
Morning Prayer: 9:00am on Thursdays
Holy Communion: 9:15am, on 17th September, in lieu of Morning Prayer

St Winifred's Church

Manor Road, Chigwell IG7 5PS www.stwinifredschurch.org.uk

Churchwardens: Daniel Forshaw 07591 857657
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Sunday Service: 11:15am with Tiga Club on the 2nd & 4th Sundays

Morning Prayer: 9:00am on Tuesdays



Morning Prayer is online as well as meeting in person as above. It is hosted on the [Parish of Chigwell & Chigwell Row Facebook page](#) at 9:00am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Watch live or later.

The Parish of Chigwell & Chigwell Row is part of the [Vale of Roding](#) benefice, alongside the parishes of Lambourne with Abridge, and Stapleford Abbots.

Paula writes...

It is Well with My Soul

*When peace like a river attendeth
my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught
me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."*

I have sung [*It is Well with My Soul*](#) at two separate memorial and funeral occasions over the summer and it has caused me to reflect deeply on what we mean when we speak about our souls. Scholars and theologians differ in

their specific views but essentially our souls are the 'real us' our 'true selves'; the spiritual part of us that lives on after our physical bodies have died. *It is Well with My Soul* was penned by Horatio G Spafford in 1873 after a series of personal tragedies and was first published in 1876: you can read the whole story here: hymnallibrary.org/hymns/it-is-well-with-my-soul/

At my licensing as Team Vicar here in May 2016, the Bishop committed me to share with him in the Cure of Souls of the parishioners, that is those who attend church regularly and those who don't. Cure is an ancient word which means care. Being there with the sick and the dying, leading worship in care homes and schools, teaching and sharing the Christian story in the community. Leading worship, sharing Holy Communion in large and small settings, interceding for the world and individuals. Caring for souls is what I and my ministry colleagues are here for.

Praise my Soul the King of Heaven is another great hymn which speaks to our souls. Composed in 1834 by Henry Francis Lyte this great Victorian anthem takes its inspiration from Psalm 103 written by the great Old Testament King David. Our souls need constant encouragement and attention to praise our God, when they do it is good for our whole wellbeing.

Psalm 103:1-3

Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his
holy name.
Praise the LORD, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—
who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and
compassion,
who satisfies your desires with
good things
so that your youth is renewed like
the eagle's.

The Bible

At the end of September, we have the joy of hosting a Confirmation and Baptism service, a wonderful occasion when members of our communities of faith will take courage and demonstrate that it is well with their souls. If you'd like to join them or find out how to get well with your soul, please do get in touch as I will be delighted to hear from you.

With my love and prayers, as ever

Paula

Team Vicar



The Whole Earth Shall Cry Glory

Almighty God, Creator:

The morning is yours, rising into fullness.

The summer is yours, dipping into autumn.

Eternity is yours, dipping into time.

The vibrant grasses, the scent of flowers, the lichen on the rocks,
the tang of seaweed,

All are yours.

Gladly we live in this garden of your creating.

by George MacLeod
(1895 – 1991; founder of the Iona Community)



We celebrated the Wedding of



Zakiya Reid-Wisdom & Dwayne Barrett

21st August

All Saints'

We mourned the loss of...



John Ford Taylor	16 th July	Funeral	Forest Park Crematorium
William Ralph Kirton	23 rd July	Funeral	Chigwell Cemetery
Richard Ian James	30 th July	Burial of Ashes	St Mary's Churchyard
Anthony Richard Everett (Tony)	6 th August	Funeral	Forest Park Crematorium
Uriel Erieta Nicholas (Rita)	17 th August	Funeral	Forest Park Crematorium
Elizabeth Ann Smart (Enid)	20 th August	Funeral	St Mary's Church

Prayer for September 2026

Dear Lord, September – the month of new starts!

New terms, new groups, new friends, new hopes, every year. Lord, be with us!

Lord, thank you for the new start you offer us when we put our trust in Jesus.

A new start that we make once – and then can renew every day.

Every time we falter, you pick us up. Every time we come back to you, you forgive us and accept us.

Thank you, Lord, for never letting us down, for never leaving or forsaking us, that new starts with you are always possible, not just in September. In Jesus' name, Amen.

by Daphne Kitching

Celebrating a Brand New Feast Day: The Festival of Creation in Christ

If you look at the Church calendar, you will find it shaped by the great mysteries of our faith: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. To add a brand-new festival to this historic calendar is an extraordinary event — but that is exactly what the Church of England's General Synod did this July.



Beginning this year, churches up and down the country will celebrate the **Festival of Creation in Christ** on the **first Sunday in September**.

What is the Festival?

The Festival is not a replacement for our traditional Harvest Festivals, nor is it simply a celebration of "Mother Nature". Instead, it is a deeply theological milestone that places Jesus Christ right at the centre of how we view the environment. As the Bishop of Lichfield, Michael Ipgrave, explained at Synod, the title reminds us that creation was "made through Christ, held together in Christ, and destined for renewal in Christ."

The festival serves three main purposes for our congregation:

- **To give thanks:** We praise God for the beautiful gift of the world he has trusted to us.
- **To reflect on our duty:** We acknowledge our role in the ecological crises and our calling to protect the Earth.
- **To pray for renewal:** We look forward with hope to God's ultimate restoration of all things.

A Global Movement

This new festival is the fruit of years of ecumenical work across the globe. It aligns the Church of England with the Orthodox Church (which has marked a day for creation in September since the 14th century), the Roman Catholic Church, and the World Council of Churches. It also marks the very first time since 1983 that a new feast day has been officially added to the widely used Revised Common Lectionary.

The introduction of the festival coincides with a landmark House of Bishops teaching document called *Hope for All Creation*, which reminds us that caring for our planet is not an optional extra for Christians—it is a core part of living out the Gospel.

How We Are Marking It

By introducing this day into our worship, we are committing to the "Fifth Mark of Mission" — to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

We will be observing the Festival of Creation in Christ on Sunday, 4th September at our services. We hope you will join us as we pray, reflect, and give thanks together.

Lovely Things

Bread is a lovely thing to eat –
God bless the barley and the wheat!

A lovely thing to breathe is air –
God bless the sunshine everywhere!

The earth's a lovely place to know –
God bless the folks that come and go!

Alive's a lovely thing to be –
Giver of life – we say – bless Thee!

by H M Sarson





JOIN US AT



Harvest

Sunday, 4th October

**Each church will be collecting
donations for the Chigwell
Community Cupboard.**

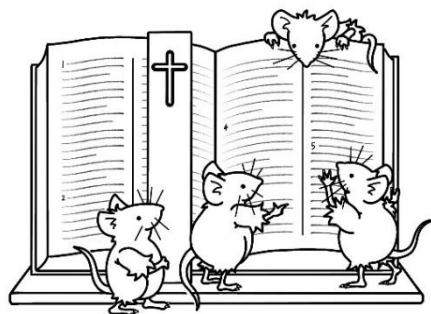
**St Mary's will also support Mill Grove,
and All Saints' will also be supporting
the Falconer Trust in Zambia with
financial gifts.**



Canon Paul Hardingham continues his series on the books of the Bible.

What's the Big Idea?

- an Introduction to the Books of the Bible: Daniel

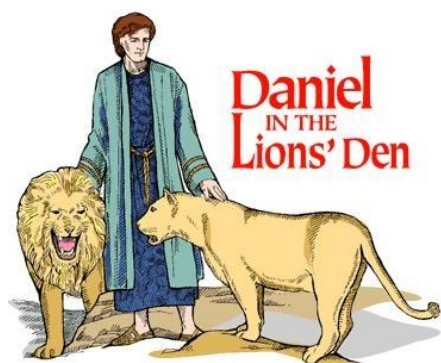


This month we return to looking at Old Testament books. The book of Daniel describes his life in Babylon during the sixth century BC, when he served both Babylonian and Persian rulers.

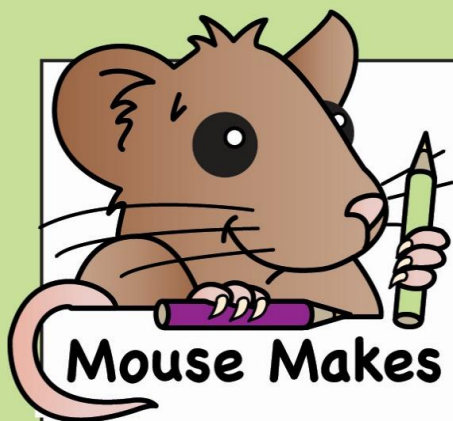
As a teenager, Daniel and his three friends were deported in 605 BC to Babylon, where he lived for over 70 years. They were trained as officials in King Nebuchadnezzar's court for three years. Their names and diets were changed to reflect Babylonian culture and take away their Jewish identity. However, Daniel and his friends showed the superiority of their Jewish diet and gained the favour of the king.

Chapters 1-6 are largely narrative, with Daniel and his friends (renamed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) demonstrating that God is in control. The three friends refused to worship the pagan Babylonian gods and were thrown into a fiery furnace. However, they emerged unharmed because of God's miraculous protection. He also delivered Daniel from a den of lions when he refused to worship the Persian king Darius. Daniel also interpreted several visions and dreams for King Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar. The second half of the book (chaps.7-12) consists of a series of visions, which show that God is in control of history.

The book affirms that God is the sovereign ruler of the world and rewards His faithful servants, as expressed by Shadrach, Meshach,



and Abednego: *'If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and He will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if He does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.'* (Daniel 3: 17,18)



Mouse Makes

THE TRUE VINE

Who is the vine?

— — — — —
John 15:1

What does Jesus ask us to do?

"Go and bear

— — — — —"
John 15:16

What happens to the branches that do not remain in the vine?

Thrown into the

— — — — —
and



READ
John 15:1-17

How many times does Jesus use the word **FRUIT**?

What does Jesus command?

To — — — — —
one another.

John 15:12,17

How many times does Jesus command us to **LOVE** one another?

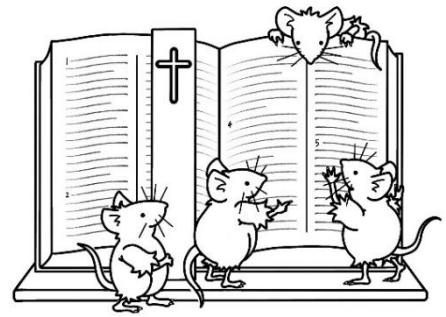
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John 15:6

H T H R O W N A W A Y
I R A B I D E W I S B
D U F R U I T F U L U
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C V U N F C U T V P N
L J I C W I T H E R S
E O T H O P J E S U S
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E R E M A I N F I R E

JESUS • I AM • TRUE • VINE • FATHER
GARDENER • FRUIT • FRUITFUL
BRANCH • PRUNES • CUT • WITHERS
CLEAN • THROWN AWAY • FIRE • BURNS
REMAIN • ABIDE • DISCIPLES • JOY

What's the Big Idea?

- an Introduction to the Books of the Bible: 2 Thessalonians



Paul wrote 2 Thessalonians from Corinth, after Silas and Timothy had returned from delivering 1 Thessalonians, in AD 51/52. His purpose in writing this letter was largely the same as the first, as the situation in the church remained largely unchanged. He writes to encourage new believers facing persecution (1:4-10), to correct a misunderstanding concerning the Lord's return (2:1-12) and to deal with the problems caused by some who refused to earn their own living (2:13-3:15).

The theme of the second coming of Jesus dominates 2 Thessalonians as with his first letter. When Jesus comes, He will defeat the '*man of lawlessness*' (2:8) and bring justice to oppressed Christians and judge their persecutors and unbelievers (1:5-10; 2:9-15). Paul was challenging the false belief that '*the day of the Lord has come*', leaving the Thessalonians shaken and frightened (2:1-2). As they were undergoing intense persecution, they thought that the second coming was imminent. Furthermore, the community contained believers who refused to work. They may have decided to stop working and await the second coming of Jesus. However, they may have been exploiting wealthier Christians' generosity in order to avoid work.

Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians is one that we can truly share in our own circumstances, as we also live in an uncertain world:

'With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of His calling, and that by His power He may fulfil every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.'
(1:11&12)

The Rev'd Dr Jo White continues her series on aspects of Christianity.

Reflected Faith Series – The Peace

Last time we reflected on the time of 'Intercessions' within our service. This month, we consider what comes next.

In a Common Worship Communion service, the 'Peace' comes straight after the Intercessions. There is no such thing with a Book of Common Prayer (BCP) service.



A time of sharing 'The Peace' is not restricted to Communion services but may take place in other services also.

It does not have to follow the Intercessions but instead could also be held towards the start or end of the service.

Where you place 'the Peace' is significant: having it at the beginning emphasises the community coming together, whilst towards the end of the service might be to emphasise the importance of being together that encourages and enables us to take God with us into our everyday lives.

But why have it at all? Haven't we all come together to this service to worship the same God? To be together with others who think and believe as we do?

Hopefully yes, but sometimes we just need a visible sign of that very unity and a reminder that we are a part of this community where we are, as well as a part of the wider church across the world.

It is so easy to forget this. To just go on repeat and not be conscious of this enormous honour that we have to 'meet together in His presence'.

'Sharing the peace' - however we do that - with one another is a demonstrative act of community. Everyone is included.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you – And also with you.

This month

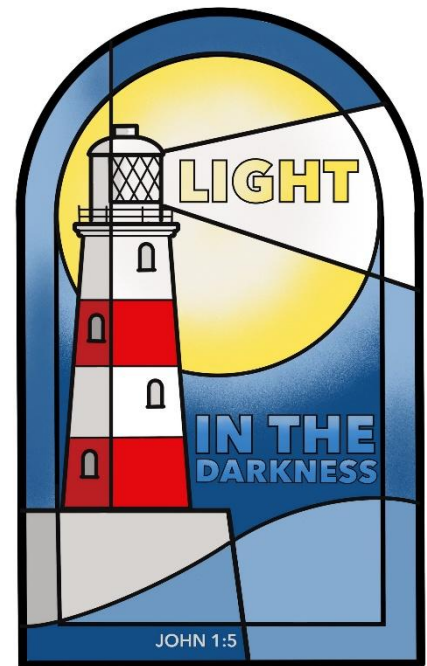
Where is 'The Peace' placed within your service and what do you think is the reason for that? Does making a physical connection – however you do that – with those around you make a difference to your thinking about 'community'?



By the Rev'd Roy Shaw, a retired but active priest in the diocese of York, where he is a spiritual director.

Just Listen!

Techno-dinosaur and curmudgeon that I am, I have clung to my old plug-in satnav for far too long. It has finally given up the ghost, and I have listened to the superior wisdom of Madame-my-wife, and started to use my smartphone, held in place via a holder on the car's dash, to navigate around areas I'm not familiar with.



Except of course, this morning, I thought I knew better than the info on the phone which advised an unusual route as I set off in the direction of my hydrotherapy session. (Techno-dinosaur, curmudgeon AND falling to bits- what a combination!). And ran into a long traffic queue at the new and extensive road works in the next village. Serves me right.

There's value in listening to someone who knows. The data on the phone had already taken into account the fact that the traffic queue would make me late, and had re-routed me away from the bottleneck. But curmudgeonly dinosaurs often think they know better- to their cost.

The art is, of course, in knowing who knows best. There are many false guides in this world, but it is the witness of Christians throughout time and throughout the world that listening to God- in prayer, or through His word- is a trusted way of navigating our way through today's world where many voices clamour for our attention, not all of which are trustworthy.

That great Welsh hymn 'Guide me O thou great Jehovah' is one of many which sings of our trust in God to guide us. It talks of being pilgrims through a land without waymarks, and it asks God to 'hold me with Thy powerful hand'. Here is Someone who knows and who is

worth listening to. God Himself has said 'I will never leave you nor forsake you' (Hebrews 13:5; we can trust the One who will not leave us to guide us down good paths. It's a life-time's work to learn to trust in God, but we can improve, we can know the One who says 'My sheep know My voice' more clearly.

May God guide us on all our journeys, and be a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path.

Lester Amann considers the woman who told the truth to Israel....

Deborah: Woman of Faith and Courage

Some people are good working behind the scenes. They don't make a fuss or want to grab your attention. Instead, they quietly do a job which always gets done, and it is only when they are missing for some reason do we realise the important work that they do!



Deborah was a bit like that. Her name may not be familiar to us, but her story is recorded in the Old Testament Book of Judges. She lived many years after Joshua had taken the former Egyptian captives into the Promised Land. After Joshua's death the Israelites disregarded God's laws. They intermarried with the heathen nations around them, practised all kinds of wickedness and worshipped at pagan shrines.

So, God responded by punishing His people. He allowed them to fall into the hands of their enemies which resulted in a period of oppression during which the Israelites pleaded to God for mercy. God answered their cries with a judge to deliver them, and Deborah appeared.

A judge in those days was a compelling figure who rallied the nation at times of defeat and called them back to God's laws and

standards. These judges delivered the people from danger and out of sin and rebellion. Into this male dominated society God gave them Deborah, a kind of mother figure. As far as spiritual things were concerned, they were like children and needed mothering!

God revealed to Deborah His plan to save Israel from their enemy. She rallied Barak, to muster the tribes of Israel and lead them into battle against the Canaanites. In an act of great faith, Barak agreed to do this, and Israel entered a period of peace which lasted 40 years.

The Book of Judges demonstrates God's grace in using unlikely people for His work. At a time when women were regarded of low status and expected to be silent, Deborah responded to God's call and became an unlikely hero. Deborah's great achievement was to inspire faith in others. Do we know a Deborah? Someone who encourages and supports us or helps another Christian in some vital way?

Deborah was decisive, determined and dauntless in bringing deliverance to her people. Once God had spoken to Deborah, she knew Israel would be victorious. We need the faith of Deborah. She believed that God was on her side, and He would not fail her. So must we.

25 years ago, that terrible morning in New York, by the Rev'd Roy Shaw.

Planes crashing into skyscrapers



Many of us will remember where we were 25 years ago this month, on Tuesday 11th September, when reports began to come in of planes crashing into skyscrapers in New York. For those of us who were at work, the shock was such that little work got done the rest of that day. Instead, we gathered round the nearest television we could find, watching the news unfold, watching the loop of film as the planes flew into the Twin Towers.

For an earlier generation, it was 'I remember exactly where I was when President Kennedy was shot'. These moments are ones which stay with us. They could be called 'hinge moments' when something changes, a new direction is taken, a moment that has such a profound effect on the world that history sets off in a new direction. Those horrifying scenes on 11th September 2001 led to many of the troubles we see in the Middle East today, and the West's responses to them.

But hinge moments do not have to result in wars and loss. As Christians we can say that the life, death, resurrection and teaching of Jesus was one such pivotal moment. Christians were accused of 'turning the world upside down', such was the effect of their radical and transformative message.

For one thing, we no longer throw unwanted babies out onto a rubbish heap - as Romans did - because the Christian message proclaims all have value before God, and there are better ways to deal with unwanted souls. It took a great deal longer, but slavery was abolished because of the tireless work of Christians. Western society is underpinned in all its fundamentals by the precepts of the Christian faith, and that influence is felt around the world in such proclamations as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We are not just economic units, not just parts of a machine; we are individually loved and valued since we stand in the image of God.

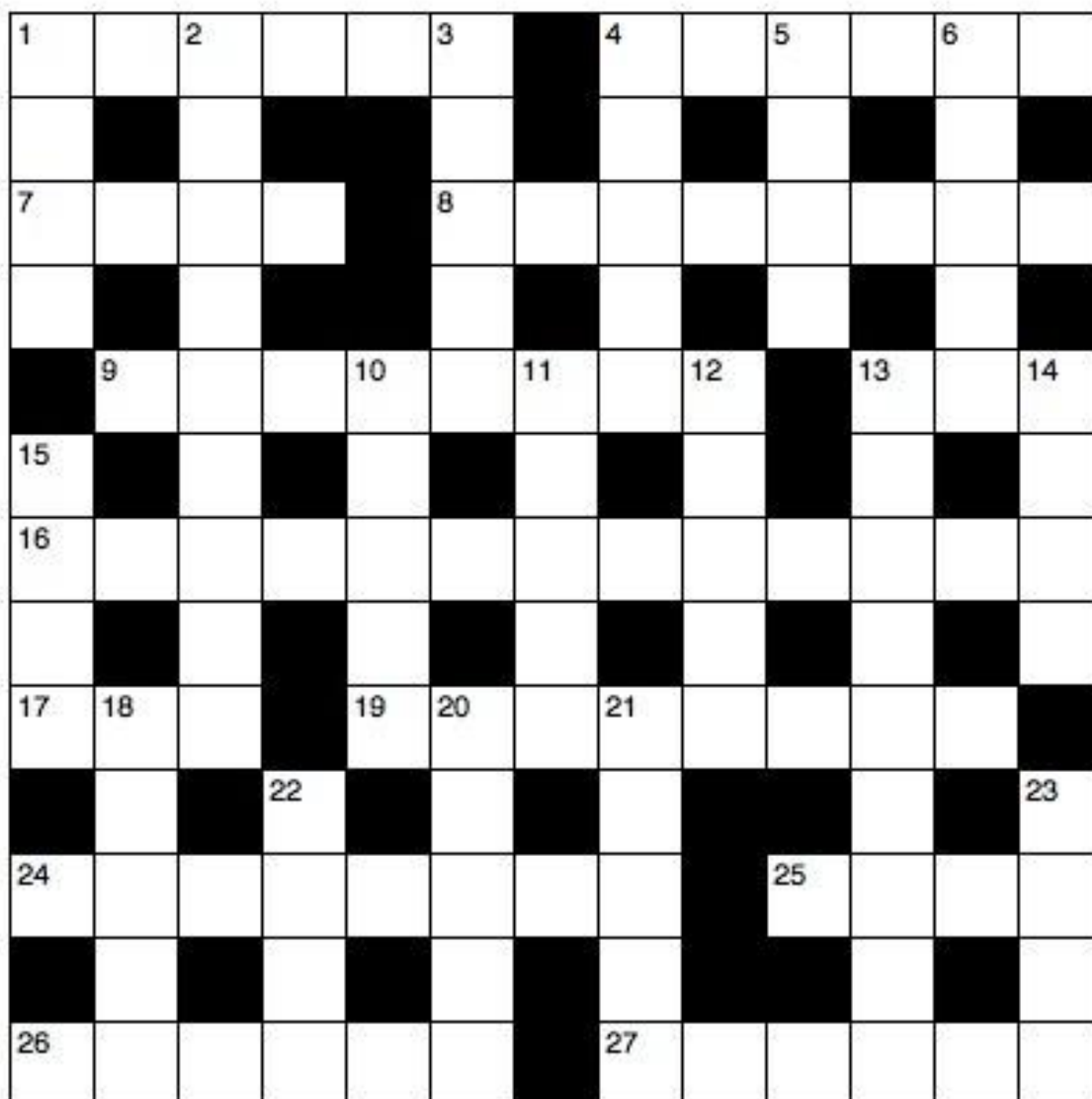
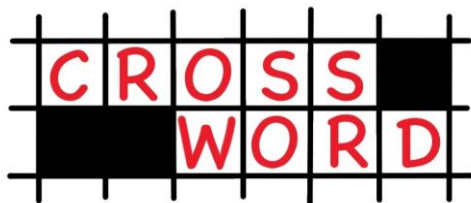
So, in spite of all the destructive forces that we may meet, may we be able to say with St Paul, 'I am convincedthat nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.' And God bless you as you discover more and more of that infinite love.



[Nothing] will be able to
separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R O M A N S 8 : 3 9





Across

- 1 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders — in vain' (Psalm 127:1) (6)
- 4 Season of the year (Psalm 84:6) (6)
- 7 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. — here and keep watch with me' (Matthew 26:38) (4)
- 8 It came over the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour on the first Good Friday (Luke 23:44) (8)
- 9 Paul invariably did this in the synagogues he visited on his missionary journeys (Acts 17:2) (8)

- 13 'It is God who works in you to will and to — according to his good purpose' (Philippians 2:13) (3)
- 16 Members of the Church of Scotland (13)
- 17 'Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain side and — down' (Matthew 5:1) (3)
- 19 Mock(Luke14:29)(8)
- 24 Disgrace(Psalm44:13)(8)
- 25 First month of the Hebrew calendar (Exodus13:4)(4)
- 26 Christianity of the Britons before Augustine arrived from Rome(6)
- 27 Mean (Numbers 35:23)(6)

Down

- 1 'Whoever finds his life will — it' (Matthew 10:39) (4)
- 2 'My lord the king, let the — — on me and on my father's family, and let the king and his throne be without guilt' (2 Samuel 14:9) (5,4)
- 3 O raid (anag.) (5)
- 4 'If two of you on earth — about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven' (Matthew 18:19) (5)
- 5 Take care of (1 Samuel 17:15) (4)
- 6 What the older son heard as he came near the house the day his prodigal brother came home (Luke 15:25) (5)
- 10 'Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with — judgment' (Romans 12:3) (5)
- 11 Do ten(anag.)(5)
- 12 Architectural style first used in Greek temples in the sixth century BC (5)
- 13 Capable of being used(1Kings7:36)(9)
- 14 'Each one should — his own actions'(Galatians6:4)(4)
- 15 Among the items imported by Solomon's fleet of trading ships (1 Kings 10:22) (4)
- 18 'But I am afraid that just — was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray' (2 Corinthians 11:3) (2,3)
- 20 Outstanding 18th-century hymn writer, — Watts(5)
- 21 One of the four sons of Asher(Genesis46:17)(5)
- 22 Be distressed(Proverbs24:19)(4)
- 23 He was the father of Gaal, who threatened rebellion against Abimelech (Judges 9:28) (4)

Sunday Services & Readings for September

Sunday 30th August 13th Sunday after Trinity	Jeremiah 15:15-21 Matthew 16:21-end
St Mary's: All Saints': St Mary's: St Winifred's:	9:15 Holy Communion 10:00 Holy Communion 10:45 Morning Worship 11:15 Morning Worship
Sunday 6th September Creation in Christ	Psalms 148 John 1:1-5
St Mary's: All Saints': St Mary's: St Winifred's:	9:15 Matins 10:00 All Age Holy Communion 10:45 All Age Morning Worship 11:15 All Age Morning Worship
Sunday 13th September 15th Sunday after Trinity	Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35
St Mary's: All Saints': St Mary's: St Winifred's:	9:15 Holy Communion BCP 10:00 Morning Worship 10:45 Morning Worship & Baptism 11:15 Morning Worship
Thursday 17th September	
All Saints':	9:15 Holy Communion
Sunday 20th September 16th Sunday after Trinity	Philippians 1:21-end Matthew 20:1-16
St Mary's: All Saints': St Mary's: St Winifred's:	9:15 Holy Communion 10:00 Holy Communion 10:45 Holy Communion 11:15 Holy Communion
Sunday 27th September 17th Sunday after Trinity	Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32
All Saints': St Mary's: St Winifred's:	10:00 Baptism & Confirmation Service 10:30 Joint Morning Worship 11:15 Holy Communion
Sunday 4th October Harvest	Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Luke 12:16-30
St Mary's: All Saints': St Mary's: St Winifred's:	9:15 Holy Communion BCP 10:00 All Age Holy Communion 10:45 All Age Morning Worship 11:15 All Age Morning Worship



Please speak to Paula or Lorraine if you would like to be baptised or confirmed.

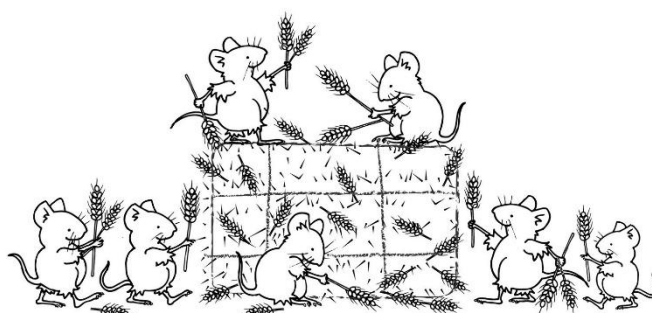
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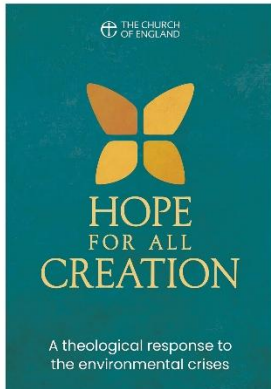
Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mondays	8:00pm	Hour of Prayer (except bank holidays & circulates around the parish)	
Tuesdays	9:00am	Morning Prayer (not 1st)	St Win's Church
Wednesdays	9:00am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church
	6:00pm (open 5:30)	Rest & Refresh (back on 16 th)	All Saints' Church
Thursdays	9:00am	Morning Prayer (24 th only)	All Saints' Church
	9:00am	Women's Group (back on 10 th)	Limes Centre
	10:30am	'Open House'	St Mary's Church

Sat 5 th Sept	10:00am	Day of Prayer	St Win's Church
Monday 7 th	8:00pm	Hour of Prayer	St Win's Church
Thursday 10 th	7:30pm	Thursday Club	All Saints' House
Monday 14 th	8:00pm	Hour of Prayer	All Saints' Church
Tuesday 15 th	2:30pm	Time 4 Tea	All Saints' House
	5:00pm	Confirmation Class	All Saints' Vicarage
Thursday 17 th	9:15am	Parish Holy Communion	All Saints' Church
Saturday 19 th	8:00am	Men's Breakfast	All Saints' House
	8:30am	Ladies' Breakfast	St Mary's C/rooms
Monday 21 st	8:00pm	Hour of Prayer	St Mary's Church
Tuesday 22 nd	2:00pm	Time 4 God	All Saints' House
	7:30pm	PCC	St Mary's C/rooms
Tuesday 24 th	5:00pm	Confirmation Rehearsal	All Saints'
Monday 28 th	8:00pm	Hour of Prayer	St Win's Church
Sunday 4 th Oct		Harvest Thanksgiving	all churches



Hope for All Creation - a theological response to the environmental crises

By the House of Bishops, CHP, £12.99



Hope for All Creation presents a theological vision by which members of the Church of England might think, reflect and act in response to the current environmental crises, in partnership with other denominations and all people of good will. Drawing on a rich history of Anglican theological reflection on the environment, it takes forward this tradition to inform the Church of England's care for creation. It does so at a time when humanity's disruption of the Earth seems on the threshold of the catastrophes earlier reports warned of. It also seeks to deepen the Church's vision of creation and human responsibility and to articulate more fully God's reconciliation of all things in Christ and the hope for the redemption and renewal he provides.



Finally, it offers a vision of how Christians can seek to live in a reconciled relationship with other creatures in the light of this hope and integrate this fully into Christian mission and discipleship. *Hope for All Creation* is a teaching document from the House of Bishops of the Church of England and features a Foreword by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. Freely available here: bit.ly/3SQZGrQ

Fantastically Faithful Leaders Who Gave Their All for God

By Paul Kerensa, Starshine Books, £8.99

This book brings to life eight extraordinary people from history who answered God's call to lead - and changed the world in the process.

Perfect for children aged 7 and up, this lively, laugh-out-loud chapter book introduces young readers to a wonderfully diverse group of real-life leaders who stepped up, spoke out, and served others - all because of their faith in God.

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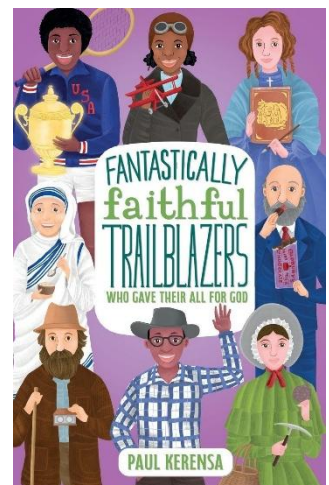
Billy Graham: evangelist who preached the gospel all over the world and led millions to Jesus

John Glenn Jr: rocketed into history as the first astronaut to orbit Earth and became a US Senator

Elizabeth II: queen who faithfully served God and her people

Demond Tutu: Archbishop who helped bring an end to apartheid in South Africa

Whether used as a family read-aloud, for independent reading, a classroom resource, or a Sunday school supplement, this book gives children real-life role models who show what ordinary people can achieve when they trust an extraordinary God.



Lester Amann considers a great prophet of Israel.

Samuel - the exceptional man who put the crown on David's head

The Bible contains descriptions of many kinds of leaders. These men (and sometimes women) were responsible for the wellbeing of groups of people. Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt. Joshua led the wilderness wanderers into the Promised Land. Gideon, Ezra and Nehemiah led people to fight against their enemies and improved their moral and spiritual lives.



While these people may be familiar to us, the Bible also mentions other individuals who had different leadership responsibilities. Some fulfilled their positions readily while others, like Joseph and Esther, gradually became aware of their roles and achieved the purposes God had for them.

As a baby, Samuel was dedicated to the service of God. While a young boy, God spoke directly to him. Samuel grew up gaining favour with both God and men. At an early age, God was with Samuel and made everything that Samuel said come true.

Samuel became the ruler of Israel. His style of leadership was based on godliness, fairness and good organisation. He settled disputes, served as a judge and banned pagan gods from the land.

When Samuel became old, the people became restless. They demanded to have a king to rule over them. God reluctantly agreed. Under God's guidance, Samuel chose Saul. Unfortunately, Saul failed to lead the people in the way of God. So, Samuel was directed by God to anoint David - to be the next king of Israel.

Samuel, it appears, was acutely aware of his responsibility to be a good leader. He was a man of good reputation but his obedience to

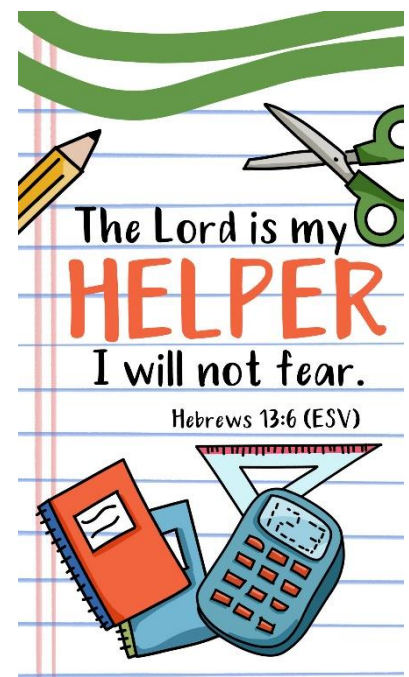
God brought about difficulty, uncertainty and hardship. He wanted Saul to be a good leader, but Saul failed to live up to his high calling. Samuel was deeply upset and departed from the king's presence. He knew that a bad leader would bring about the nation's downfall.

Nevertheless, Samuel treated Saul with respect and courtesy. He understood the principle of submission to God-ordained authority. He was loyal to Saul, even though he turned out to be a bad leader.

Samuel's grief over Saul's failure is a reminder for us to pray for our leaders on a regular basis (whether or not they fall short in their official capacity!) We need God to provide us with leaders who are trustworthy and honourable. Let's pray for good leaders that they may enhance truth, peace and justice throughout the world.

Back to School - facing that first day

No matter how old we are, we can probably remember our first day at school – being left at the door, meeting children we did not know, separated from the adults we did know and had trusted since the day we were born. But on the other hand, there was the excitement: a big step along the road of life, new friends to make, another adult to become important in our lives. Yes, quite a lot to handle when you're rising five!



And that's what hundreds of thousands of children are going to experience this month. Parents may have prepared them for it, and they may in a slightly apprehensive way be looking forward to it, but it must feel to the five-year-old like a massive step into the unknown.

Not much less is the anxiety of mum, who leaves her precious child, proudly resplendent in their new school uniform, in the Reception classroom. Will he or she suddenly panic, and cry for that familiar parental cuddle? Will they feel abandoned in an alien setting? Will they like the teacher?

Of course we'll be praying for them, and we know that like millions of others before them they will very probably eventually decide that their schooldays were among the best of their lives. But end of class can't come soon enough for mum on that first day! How wonderful when they come running out, laughing and excited, clutching a piece of paper with some obscure crayon marks on it – written evidence of their first day's education.

Back to School

The summer days of leisure
Give way to autumn cool;
Our mood is hard to measure
As we go back to school.

The table that was bearing
The fizzy pop and snacks
The surface is now caring
For books and packed lunch packs.

It's sad when times of easy rest
Give way to daily grind;
The bright side, when we're feeling stressed
Can be quite hard to find!

But we can't live forever
On a beach of golden sand;
It wouldn't be so clever
To live our lives unplanned!

A new phase is beginning
New scope of things to learn,
New ways we can be winning
New corners we can turn!

When school days are behind us
And faded, like a ghost -
The summertime will find us
With two weeks hols at most!



You will go out
IN JOY
and be led forth
IN PEACE.

ISAIAH 55:12, NIV

by Nigel Beeton



Join Sandeep from All Saints' at Ultra White Collar Boxing in Romford and support a great cause! Sandeep will be stepping in the ring, boxing to support UNICEF UK.

UNICEF supports children in conflict and war-zone areas. Having a daughter made Sandeep realise that children deserve the right to grow, be nurtured and have a chance to succeed. UNICEF gives children with no hope, half a chance to succeed despite the odds. He will be boxing toe to toe and round after round to support this wonderful cause. Join him in giving some hope to a child that has none. bit.ly/4zROEn0



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 12:1-14, Luke 6:1-11

The Pharisees watched Jesus to see if he broke any of God's laws, or the rules they had made up to stop the laws being broken.

Jesus' disciples were hungry so they picked some wheat from a field as they walked.



The Pharisees said to Jesus



But King David broke the rules when he ate the bread that was only for the priests*



And priests are allowed to work in the temple on the Sabbath*



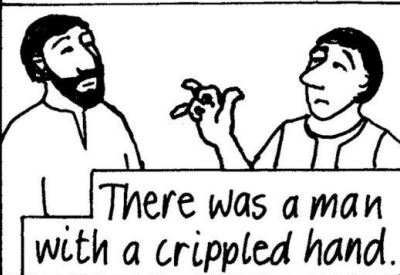
Don't you understand when God says 'Keeping rules doesn't make up for not having kindness'?*



If you understood, you would know my disciples did nothing wrong.



The Pharisees followed Jesus to the meeting place



The Pharisees wanted to accuse Jesus of breaking rules, so they asked him a trick question.



If your sheep fell into a ditch on the Sabbath you would lift it out.



People are worth far more than sheep, so it is right to do good on the Sabbath



Hold out your hand.



The Pharisees left and made plans.



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

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

It runs like this: Consider the world as if it were a field where a Farmer has sown good seed. But then an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat. So, when the wheat came up, so did the weeds.

What to do? Instead of destroying the weeds, and thereby risking the wheat, the Farmer tells his reapers to wait and let both wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. At the harvest he will instruct the reapers to gather up the wheat, but to discard the weeds. So do not despair when evil seems to thrive in this world – there is a reckoning still to come, and justice will be done.

Words to search for:

kingdom	heaven	good	seed
field	sleeping	grain	weeds
enemy	servants	master	sow
gather	reap	root	let
grow	together	harvest	bundles
barn	burned		



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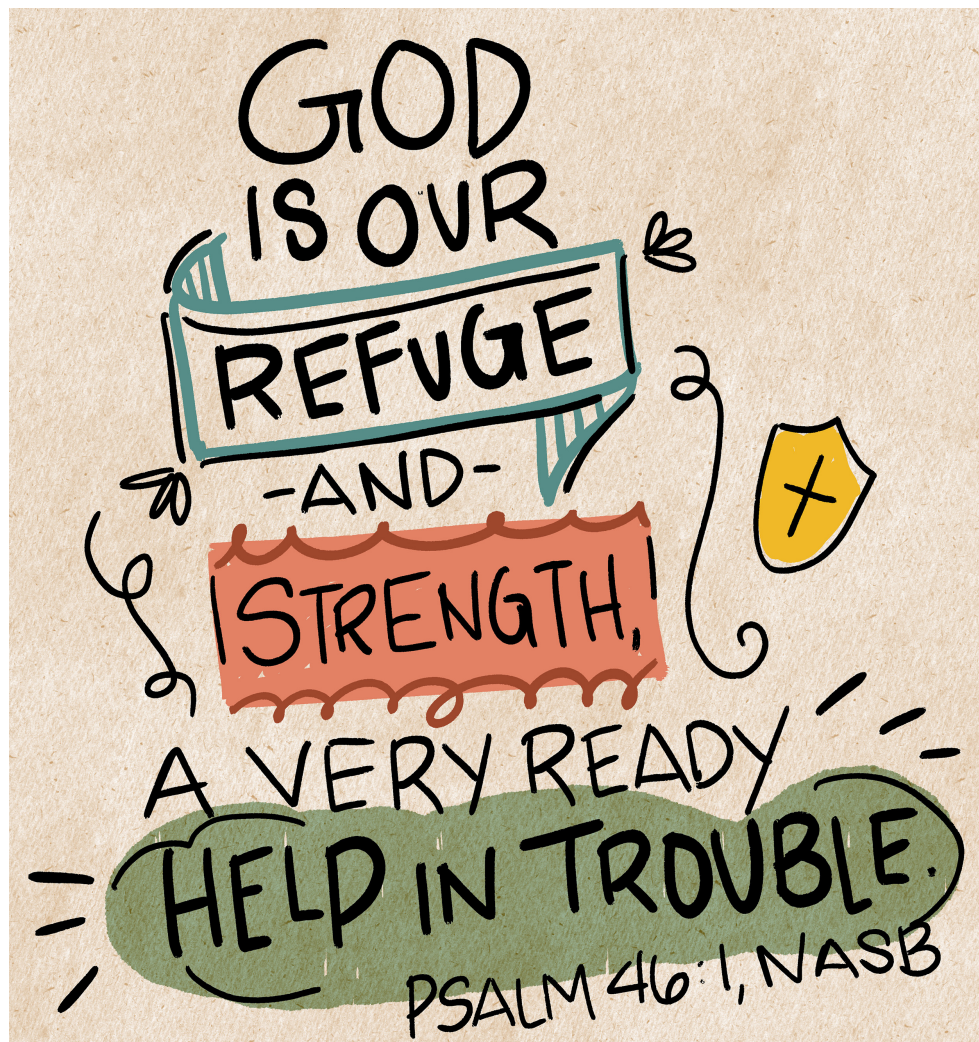
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Creation

One day a group of scientists got together and decided that man had come a long way and no longer needed God. So, they picked one scientist to go and tell Him so.

The scientist walked up to God and said, "God, we've decided that we no longer need you. We're to the point that we can clone people and do many miraculous things by ourselves."

God listened very patiently and then replied: "Very well, how about this? Let's say we have a man-making contest.

We're going to do this just like I did, back in the old days with Adam."

The scientist said, "Sure, no problem" and bent down and grabbed himself a handful of dirt.

God looked at him and said, "No, no, no. You go get your own dirt!"



...Rodney, I've been meaning to have a word with you about your carbon footprint!

Police

A young clergyman, fresh out of theological training, thought it would help him better understand the world if he served as a policeman for a while before taking on a congregation.

He studied hard and passed the exams; passed the physical; and then came the all-important final interview. One question was: "What would you do to disperse a frenzied crowd?"

He promptly responded, "I would pass an offering plate." He got the job.

Wedding guest

A little boy at Sunday School learned about the time Jesus went to a wedding and changed the water into wine. "And what did you learn from that story?" asked his father afterward.

The boy thought for a moment and answered, "If you're having a wedding, make sure Jesus is there."

Payment

Three boys were in the school playground, bragging about their fathers. The first boy said, "My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, and they give him £50.

The second boy said, "That's nothing. My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him £100."

The third boy was not impressed. "Big deal. My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

Answers



Crossword

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

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



"...and once you've done the flower arrangements, polished the pews, scrubbed the floor, shined the silver and taken a look at the problem with the boiler we wondered, well, you have to laugh, but all six bell-ringers are on holiday at the same time and..."

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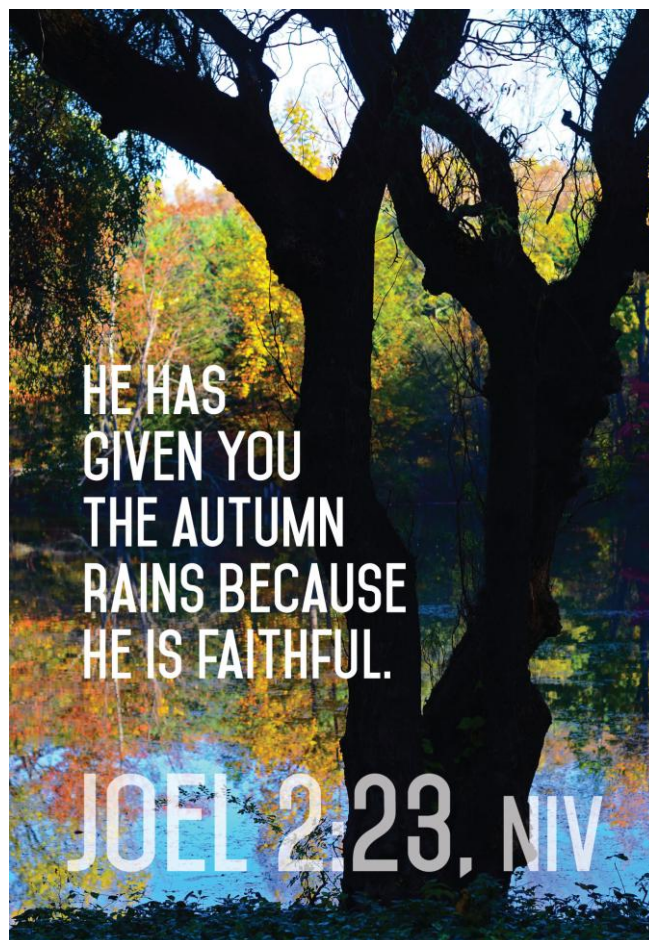
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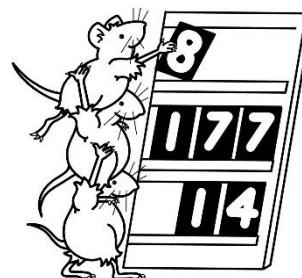
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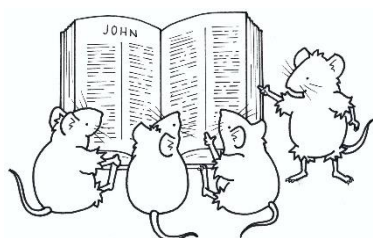
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