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SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY SERVICES IN JULY

Thursday 3rd July

2.30pm Thursday Afternoon Service at St Peter's

Sunday July 6th

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Family Service at St Andrew's

11am Family Service at St Peter's

2pm Baptism of David, Kerry, Edie & Pippa at St Andrew's

6pm Taizé Service at St Andrew's

Sunday July 13th

8am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's

11am Holy Communion at St Peter's

3.30pm Messy Singsong & Picnic at St Peter's

Sunday July 20th

8am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's

11am Morning Prayer at St Peter's

Geoff & Cesia Baines will be speaking at all 3 services

Tuesday July 22nd

6pm Family Communion at St Andrew's

Sunday July 27th

8am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

9.30am Holy Communion at St Andrew's,

11am Holy Communion at St Peter's

2pm Baptism of Sienna-Hope at St Andrew's





SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY SERVICES IN AUGUST

Sunday August 3rd

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Family Service at St Andrew's

11am Family Service with baptism of Aurelia at St Peter's

6pm United Taizé Service at St Andrew's

Thursday August 7th

2.30pm Thursday Afternoon Service at St Peter's

Sunday August 10th

8am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's

11am Holy Communion at St Peter's

6.30pm United Service at Holy Trinity, Southchurch

Sunday August 17th

8am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's

11 am Morning Prayer at St Peter's

1pm Baptism of Remi, Jacob & Blake at St Peter's

7pm United Service at Shoebury Baptist Church

Sunday August 24th

8am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

9.30am Holy Communion at St Andrew's,

11am Holy Communion at St Peter's

6.30pm United Service at St Augustine's

Sunday August 31st

8am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's

11 am Morning Prayer at St Peter's



DAILY MORNING PRAYER

Morning Prayer is said at St Andrew's at 9am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Morning Prayer is said at St Peter's at 9am on Saturdays.

The services last approximately 20 minutes and all are welcome. There may be some disruption due to Bank Holidays.

These services are available to read or listen to on the Church of England website.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

WEEKLY SERVICES

Tuesdays 10.30am

Pram Service at St Peter's

A short service of songs and a Bible Story for pre-school children. This happens during our Tea, Toast and Toddlers morning (9.00-11.00am)

Wednesdays 10am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

A 40-minute service from the Book of Common Prayer, followed by refreshments in the church hall.

Thursdays 1pm

Be Still at St Andrew's

A 20-minute service of music, readings and prayers for reflection and peace.

MONTHLY SERVICES

6-7pm Sunday July 6th

& August 3rd

Taizé Service at St Andrew's.

Evening Prayer with chants from the Taizé community, candles and silence.

2.30pm Thursday July 3rd & August 7th Afternoon Service at St Peter's

30 minutes of singing familiar hymns, Bible readings, prayers and shared reflection. Followed by refreshments. All welcome.

3.30-4.30pm Sunday July 13th Messy Church at St Peter's

Craft, Bible story and singing for all the family.

6pm Tuesday July 22nd

Family Communion at St Andrew's

SERVICES IN CARE HOMES

Autumn Cottage at 6.15pm on July 28th & Sept 1st

Kathryn Court at 2pm July 24th & Aug 28th

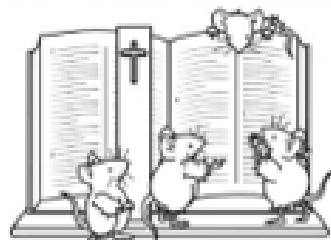
BIBLE STUDY

will meet from 2-3.30pm on Mondays at St Peter's.
We will meet on **July 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th. No Meetings in August.**

This is not an academic activity. We read the Bible together, pray and talk about our faith. We find it encouraging and supportive and welcome any who would like to attend. Speak to Louise if you are interested in finding out more.

All welcome.

For more information call Louise on 01702 292778



TEA, TOAST AND TODDLERS

Tuesdays, 9-11am at St Peter's
Group for pre-school children, babies and their carers.

Refreshments, lots of toys to play with.

10.30am Singing, Bible story and a prayer. All welcome.

Please contact Mary for more information 01702 296393

SINGING FOR THE SOUL

Monday nights 8pm usually at St Peter's but occasionally at St Andrew's. A new community choir, all welcome. Contact Sandra for more information on 01702 294043

CHURCH FUN CLUB

After-school club for primary school children: The children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

We meet most Tuesdays in term-time 3.30 – 4.30 pm at St Andrew's.

July 1st & 8th (not 15th).

Bible story, games and singing for children at primary school.

We look forward to seeing you there! Please contact Louise for more information 01702 292778

TUESDAYS AT TWO



Mostly for retired people, for companionship and chat.

St Andrew's Hall, back room, 2-4pm every Tuesday.

Please contact Geoff for more information 01702 296249

DONATIONS FOR THE FOODBANK AND HARP

We continue to collect items for the Food Bank and HARP. Please only leave non-perishable items, tins, packets, toiletries etc.

We can't guarantee to pass on the items before they go stale!

Items may be left in the box on Louise's doorstep (42 Church Road) or in the box at St Peter's.



June 29th 3pm Churchyard Memorial Service at St Andrew's
July 5th Bradwell Pilgrimage
July 13th Picnic and community singing at St Peter's, 2.30pm-4.30pm, part of Shoebury in Tune
July 26th Quiz Night at St Peter's
Oct 4th Harvest Supper 6pm in St Andrew's Hall
Oct 5th Harvest Festival Services
Oct 25th Quiz Night at St Peter's
Nov 22nd Christmas Fair at St Peter's, 10.30am-12.30pm
Nov 30th Service of Light, 6pm at St Andrew's
Dec 7th Collection of Gifts for those in need
Dec 14th Memorial Service in St Andrew's at 3pm

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

June 1st Rosie Pritchard
 June 22nd Nelly Marsden
 June 29th Myles Atkins

Burials of Ashes

June 4th Shirley Draycott
 June 4th Peter Lewsey
 June 11th Leslie West
 June 11th Hazel Morgan
 June 18th David White
 June 18th Jean Bond

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

July 10th Val Jarvis
 July 12th Malcolm Bridgman
 July 12th Graham Slack
 July 15th Anita Barham
 July 16th Danny Waller
 July 20th Rose Grindley
 July 22nd Julie Spencer-Hawkins
 July 24th Doris Plowman
 July 25th Pat Dawson
 July 27th Sophie Holmes
 July 28th Grout Gill
 July 30th Mary Fane
 Aug 4th Pat Campling
 Aug 11th Rachel Hughes
 Aug 19th Val McKenzie
 Aug 29th Diane Bridgman

SHARED EVENING SERVICES

We are delighted that, once again, we will share in evening services during August, with other local services. Do note the different times of services.

Aug 3rd St Andrew's at 6pm
 Aug 10th Holy Trinity Southchurch at 6.30pm
 Aug 17th Shoebury and Thorpe Bay Baptist Church at 7pm
 Aug 24th St Augustine's Thorpe Bay, at 6.30pm

BIBLE READING NOTES

Daily Bread Bible reading notes provide the reader with a passage from the Bible to read, a prayer and a thought for the day following on from the daily reading. They are a very popular way of helping us to read and understand more about our faith. It also gives encouragement and teaching.

Would you like to receive a free copy each quarter of the year? Speak to myself or Louise. I'm at St Andrew's most Wednesday mornings or St Peter's on a Sunday.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Carol Rawson

BIRTHDAYS

Name:

Address:

Birthday:

I give permission for you to hold my details for the purpose of adding my name to the list here in the magazine and sending me a card from the church.

Signed.....
(Your details will be held securely on a computer. They will not be passed to any third parties.)
Please hand this to Louise

STAMPS

Many thanks for all the wonderful stamps you have been giving to Jane for the Animal rescue centres. We collect them all year round. Please bring to either church. Thank you!

Jane Grav

Magazine Contributions

Do you have any interesting news, articles, photos or information that you would like to be included in the magazine?

If you have, please email them to Steve Thomas by the 18th of the month at

southshoeburyparish@outlook.com

Head your email, "Parish Magazine".

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SUMMER FAIR We have had some lovely events this summer, the Open Day, Plant Sale, Open Garden and Songs of Praise to name just a few. It has been a lot of work and sadly, we have concluded that it won't be possible to organise a summer fair this year. We're sorry for any disappointment.

LETTER FROM REVD LOUISE

Dear Friends,

Thank you to all who came along to support our 'Singing for the Soul' Community Choir concert in June. It was a great success so, congratulations to Sandra, Helen and all the choir. The following weekend, Karen and Alan welcomed us to their fabulous garden and we all ate far too much cake. This was followed by a very moving Songs of Praise. Various church members shared something of their personal stories and we enjoyed singing songs and hymns to God. As we said goodbye to Deji and Helen, we presented them with a gift and card and thanked them for all they have been to us in the past 18 months. Thank you to all who contributed to the collection for them.

If you enjoy singing and a picnic, pack some food and a rug and come along to a musical Messy Church at **St Peter's on July 13th at 3.30pm.** We will have community singing for all and we invite you to do a 'turn'! Den and her friends' ukuleles will be making an appearance. Can you sing or play an instrument? Why not help to entertain us? Please contact me in advance so we can plan the afternoon.



As the end of term looms, we send our best wishes to those who work in schools... you're nearly there! And we keep in our prayers children and young people moving on from their existing schools.

On July 5th a coachload of people from churches across Southend, will make its way to Bradwell on Sea for the annual Bradwell Pilgrimage. I'm thrilled that so many have decided to attend. Bradwell is the place on the Essex coast where Cedd, a monk from Northumbria, arrived as a missionary and built a chapel in about 660AD. The chapel is still there, perched on the edge of the salt marsh. It's a very special place both in terms of the history of Christianity in Essex but also in its sense of spirituality and peace. The chapel is a large, simple building but which holds a sense of God's presence. If you have never been there, it's worth a day trip!

The Pilgrimage itself is basically a service with Christians of all denominations, from all over Essex in Bradwell village, a 2 mile walk to the Chapel, another service, a picnic, a closing act of worship and a two mile walk back to the village. In many respects it's very simple and quite understated. But there is something beautiful about sharing with many others in worship and walking and company. God is there in all the aspects of the day and I anticipate arriving home tired but reenergised in faith and trust.

Pilgrimage and journey are images sometimes a bit overused in our world. (Think, 'Strictly journey'!). But it's an image that makes sense to us. In life we move from birth to death through many stages, places, times and seasons. A physical pilgrimage such as the journey to Bradwell, gives us chance to reflect and remind ourselves that, just as we have the company of family, friends and fellow Christians in life, so also God walks along beside us.

Recently, for a treat, Lizzy and I took my parents to Brentwood where we used to live. We drove past their old homes, the schools they and I attended and the church they were married in and baptised. We had a picnic... in the churchyard, and then wandered around remembering old friends and family. It was a real pilgrimage, bittersweet and lovely. In fact, my daughter was so inspired by this we then spent her birthday, roaming around east London where we lived for the first year of her life. Again, it was interesting, moving and evoked all sorts of memories.

Of course, we can't all go on a physical Pilgrimage. Physical frailty or caring or work commitments can make it impossible. Does that mean we can't benefit from a Pilgrimage?

Well, we probably all have old photos in our homes. Maybe dig some out and notice the life you have had, the good bits and the struggles. Hunt out a photo of your childhood home and remember when you first heard about God, or love. Dig out your old Sunday School prizes or first Bible. Where were you when you began to realise that God is real and that he walks along beside us? Maybe note down what God has been doing in your life recently, the things you have been learning, the prayers he has answered 'yes' to, as well as those times he seems to have said 'no' or 'wait'.

Have you lost some of your energy, faith and trust? Then maybe remind yourself of all that has been and all the blessings and struggles of this life. Remind yourself of all that God has been to you, all he has done for you. And if you have not really tried faith, if it all feels like something that other people do, then try church, open a Bible, talk to God even if you don't know much about him. Ask him to walk with you in your life's journey and set your heart to find him.

The 23rd Psalm is one of the best-known parts of the Bible. This version is from the Good News Bible. I've used this particular version as it is a bit different and may make us read the psalm as though for the first time. It's beautiful and true and I commend it to you for your life's journey.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need.

² He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water.

³ He gives me new strength.

He guides me in the right paths, as he has promised.

⁴ Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, Lord, for you are with me.

Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me.

⁵ You prepare a banquet for me, where all my enemies can see me; you welcome me as an honoured guest and fill my cup to the brim.

⁶ I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life; and your house will be my home as long as I live.

God bless you,
Louise.x|



"I am the Good Shepherd"

JULY'S CROSSWORD – ANSWERS ON PAGE 31



Across 1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (8)

4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)

7 'Praise the Lord, O my —' (Psalm 103:1) (4)

8 See 5 Down

9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)

13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)

16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)

17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)

19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)

24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)

25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)

26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)

27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

Down 1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)

2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)

3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)

4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)

5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards —' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)

6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)

10 Trout (anag.) (5)

11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)

12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)

13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)

14 'It is one of the Twelve,' he replied, 'one who — bread into the bowl with me' (Mark 14:20) (4)

15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)


18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)

20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)

21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)

22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)

23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)



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WITH A COMMUNITY PICNIC,
MUSIC AND SINGING
ALL WELCOME

LOVING GOD AND OUR NEIGHBOURS IN SOUTH SHOEBCURY

|1945 – 2025

This year marks 80th Anniversary of VE Day & also 80 years of trading for local Electrical firm GP Mason, a regular advertiser in this magazine.



Back in 1945 soon after WW2 Mr George P Mason began trading from his House in Lonsdale Road, Southchurch & biking locally to serve his customers installing new electrical wiring & repairs for a small but growing customer list.

Unfortunately, George P Mason passed away at a relatively young age but his sons Tom then later David rallied together & took over the jobs that George had started & continued the business with new liveried vans instead of a push bike and the first vehicles with hand written signage as GP MASON & SONS entered service.

Brothers Tom & David Mason worked the business with a dedication to servicing local householders & business for many years & purchased new premises in Durham Road (Southchurch) as an office/ yard where the Company remains based today.

Tom & David have both now retired & Tom's Son Darren has continued the family link in the business to this day. It very much remains a family company & focuses on the same principals of customer service & approachable attitude with a low turnover of staff numbering 10 full time technical staff & 4 admin staff sharing in the office work behind the scenes.

The red vans flit around the area carrying out large & small jobs for all customers domestic & commercial as well as Churches & local social groups. Modern electrical work has evolved over the years & is now much more diverse than 80 years ago. Solar panels - EV Chargers – LED lights & the multitude of appliances & items that are now used day to day, have increased our dependence on the unseen service of the electrical installation. Its protection has also improved with modern trip switch consumer units replacing the old fuse wire fuse boards that used to be in service.

So at 80 Years much has changed & now there is so much more to keep up with. Im sure we all feel that, but if you need help with reliability then GP Mason Electrical are happy to assist.



THE ADESIDAS

After a very happy 18 months we have waved Deji, Helen, Grace, Miriam and Ruth off to their new adventure in Chadwell heath! Having completed his theological training, Deji will be licensed to St Chad's, Chadwell heath, before being ordained Deacon in September. They have all been a great blessing to us with their kindness, friendship, music and preaching and we hold them in our prayers as they adjust to this big change in their lives.

PARENTS' ZOOM CATCH-UP

Some of our parents, whose children are under 16, value a monthly catch up with each other, followed by a short time of prayer. To save finding baby sitters, we meet via Zoom!

Our next catch-up will be on **Wednesday July 23rd 8.30-9.30pm.**

If you are interested, please contact Louise for the zoom link.

revlwilliams@aol.com

YPZG YOUNG PEOPLE'S ZOOM GROUP

Our young people (final term of year 5 upwards) meet about once a fortnight on zoom to learn about faith, share thoughts and prayers: it's really enjoyable

We will meet from **7-8pm on Wednesday July 9th & 23rd**

If your young person would like to join in, please contact Louise for the zoom link. revlwilliams@aol.com



STILL is so POWERFUL

There are several quotes from the Bible on the huge benefits of being still.

From the Psalms 37:7 and 46:10 and from Exodus 14:14 - The Lord will fight for you; you need only BE STILL.

As Christians, where we are able, we need to spread the words that have changed our lives. BE STILL started in July 2021, as an attempt to give home workers an oasis space in the middle of their day. This caught the attention of the Times Online, who came and took photos!

Try to encourage those nearby who are stressed, very busy, lonely, lost or need that amazing peace gained from our rather special church, especially in those 20 minutes on a Thursday lunchtime.



If you have received that wonderful calm that happens after BE STILL please add your own review similar to the ones below. Your review might just help one person to a less stressed or unhappy life. You are welcome to write out your own review and drop it through the Rectory letter box (42 Church Road), or email it to Louise at revlwilliams@aol.com

"Attending Be Still has grown to be a focal point of my week. Twenty minutes in the sanctuary of an historic church gives a

sense of stability in this unstable world - Tony'

"After a tough and busy week plus a very frustrating morning, being able to sit in the peace of St Andrews wonderful old building, on a Thursday lunch time for 20 minutes, not having to stand or sing but listening to music and words, allowed me to mentally move on and emerge completely 'cured' of the stress and strains I carried in - Ian"

"I found the Be Still 20 minutes to be a lovely time to meditate on God and to spend time mentally praying for the people on my heart - Jenny"

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We have been so sorry to learn in recent days, that the Gospel Hall in Wakering Avenue, will be closing this month. The Gospel Hall has been a place of worship for over 100 years. We give thanks for the faithful Christian witness of so many over the years and pray for the members of the Gospel Hall as they adjust to this new time in their Christian journey.

INNOCENT/AGE UK FUNDRAISING HATS



Congratulations to Debs and all those who knitted or crocheted little hats for Innocent drinks. 100 hats have been sent to adorn the drinks bottles and to raise money for Age UK. What a fantastic achievement!

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COPD and Breathlessness Drop In

Shoebury Youth Centre
Delaware Road
Shoeburyness.

2 sessions held Thursdays (term time only) 11am to 12 noon and 12 noon to 1pm.



The COPD Drop-In provides a vital support network for individuals in Southend living with COPD and other respiratory conditions. It offers a safe, welcoming space where participants can speak openly with others who share similar experiences, fostering a strong sense of community and mutual understanding.

Group members consistently report feeling heard and valued, with each person encouraged to contribute to discussions and share useful information. This peer-led approach ensures that lived experience, personal insight, and mutual support are central to every session.

In addition to peer support, the drop-in regularly hosts expert guest speakers covering a wide range of practical and relevant topics, such as:

- Pulmonary rehabilitation
- Fraud and security awareness
- Fire prevention and smoke detector safety
- Breathing and psychological wellbeing
- “Making Every Contact Count” initiatives
- Accessing local support services (e.g. Blue

Badge applications)

Crucially, the Drop-In goes beyond conversation. It actively combats isolation and promotes both mental and physical wellbeing. It also plays a key role in influencing local policy: issues raised during sessions are captured by Community

Connectors and relayed to senior officials and decision-makers. This feedback loop has contributed to the ongoing development of more responsive and person-centred services in Southend.

The impact of the COPD Drop-In is far-reaching. It has transformed lives, built lasting friendships, and created a model of support that combines community connection with meaningful influence on local health and care provision.

Contact details

Sara Hadden – Southend Association of Voluntary Services

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‘NOWHERE TO LAY MY HEAD?’ – WHERE NEXT?

Following the recent evening for all churches in Southend considering a Christian response to housing need in the city we wanted to share some possible next steps congregations, or church members, may wish to prayerfully consider. It was lovely that a good number of our churches attended to find out more.

The ‘big picture’.

We were grateful to the 4 members of the council’s housing team who attended the evening to set the ‘big picture’ for us. They did an excellent job.

Christian housing initiatives and renting

Representatives from two Christian housing projects in Southend spoke about their experience of serving homeless people, or people at risk of homelessness, motivated by the love of God – ‘The Malachi Project’ and ‘Hope three 16’. And a member of our local landlords’ and tenants’ association spoke about the implications for people wishing to provide accommodation in Southend through the private rental market.

The Marketplace

A number of housing support organisations were invited to provide a ‘stall’ advertising their provision and volunteering opportunities which included, in addition to those speaking, HARP, The Isaiah Project, SHAN and Street Pastors

An unexpected outcome

As a result of church leaders seeking a way forward for a social housing project and two members of a Christian organisation which can raise funds and manage large scale housing projects ‘happening’ to both be at the evening, and an unplanned and unexpected conversation which ensued, the project is now set on a firm pathway from ‘dream’ to ‘realisation’!

Where next?

A prayer agenda

- for the housing team at the Council as they seek to work towards solutions for complex housing needs in our city, facing challenging demands every day

- for more people to provide rental accommodation at affordable prices
- for the many church and community agencies serving the homeless, those at risk of homelessness and those in overcrowded or inadequate housing
- for God's blessing and provision for discussions about a possible winter night shelter this winter

Achievable action

- volunteer for a homeless support or housing provision organisation in Southend
- explore becoming a 'social landlord' – providing rented accommodation based on affordability, not purely maximum profit
- explore financial investment in 'Green Pastures', a Christian housing initiative which is actively involved in 'Steven's Place' in Southend, providing currently 35 rooms of supported accommodation.

https://www.shan.org.uk/shan_partners/stephens-place/

<https://www.greenpastures.co.uk/our-partners>

- contact Pam Ring at Southend City Baptist Church for information about the possibility of a night shelter provision in Southend this winter -minister@scbchurch.org.uk
- pursue the wider spiritual, political and social implications of housing need and provision:

Shelter - [https://england.shelter.org.uk/what we do](https://england.shelter.org.uk/what_we_do)

Housing Justice - <https://housingjustice.org.uk/online-resources/why-should-churches-respond-to-housing-need>

CARE - <https://care.org.uk/news/2023/07/what-is-a-christian-housing-policy>

Kingdom Living - <https://www.kingdomliving.org.uk/>

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There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph – can you spot them?

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to his friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his friend John's boat. Another friend studies it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact! Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalised. Truthfully from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund-raising event which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reports that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they have ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight". Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that the books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also keep in mind that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember that there is no need for mad exodus. There really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.

14th July – St Camillus de Lellis, patron of the sick

Sometimes those who suffer are best at helping others in a similar situation. Discharged from the Venetian army with an incurable leg wound, St Camillus (1550 – 1614) founded a religious order called the Ministers of the Sick (the Camellians). Both in their Holy Ghost Hospital in Rome, and by travelling to plague-stricken parts of the world, the Camellians dedicated their lives to caring for the sick. Camillus is the patron of the sick and of nurses.

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3rd July – St Thomas the Apostle, confused and doubting

Thomas, one of Jesus' 12 apostles, was an impulsive, confused, honest sceptic. Jesus could understand and work with such a man. Thomas' impulsiveness was evident when Jesus prepared to visit Lazarus in Bethany. It was a dangerous trip to make, because of the Jews, but Thomas urged his fellow disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with Him." (John 11:16) Instead, Jesus brought Lazarus back to life.

Thomas' confusion is shown in later talks with Jesus. He was not really sure where Jesus was going long-term (John 14:5). But Jesus accepted this confused commitment, and began to untangle it, patiently explaining: "I am going to my Father", and "No one comes unto the Father but by me."

Finally, Thomas' honest scepticism is revealed after the Resurrection, which he flatly refused to believe – unless he could touch the wounds of the risen Jesus. Sure enough, Jesus appears – but instead of scolding him, shows him the wounds. Thomas responds: "My Lord and my God" (John 20:26ff).

Thus, Doubting Thomas' honest doubts, turned to honest faith, have become a reassurance for thousands of men and women across the centuries, who also want to follow Jesus, but who require some proof of this amazing event – the Resurrection. In Doubting Thomas' complete affirmation of faith, after meeting the risen, crucified Christ, they can find support for their own faith.



Ancient legends tell how Thomas went on to India as a missionary. There are rumours that Thomas even built a palace for a king's daughter in India, and thus he is the patron saint of architects. It is believed that he was martyred by a spear on 3rd July, 72 AD in Mylapore, near Madras. 46 ancient churches in England were dedicated to him.

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<p>Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-10.45am – 5678 Dance Performing Arts – Charlotte - 07880 605212 • 2-4pm – Tuesdays at Two • 3.30-4.30pm – Church Fun Club • 6pm-7.45 – 5678 Dance Performing Arts – Charlotte - 07880 605212 	<p>Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9-11am Tea, Toast and Toddlers • 5-6pm – Rainbows
<p>Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-11am – Dance Fit - Wendy - 07596 009398 • 11am – After Church Coffee • 4.30-7.30pm – Brownies & Rainbows – Jenny- 01702 295870 	<p>Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-11.30am – Art Class for beginners and improvers – Sandra – 07757 593499 • 4-5pm – Squirrels • 7-10pm – The Fifty Choir
<p>Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6-7.15pm – New Beginnings- Jackie 07900 497083 <p>newbeginningshealthieryou@gmail.com</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am- 12 noon Cake Club • 5-6pm - Beavers (boys & girls) • 6-8pm - Cubs (boys & girls)
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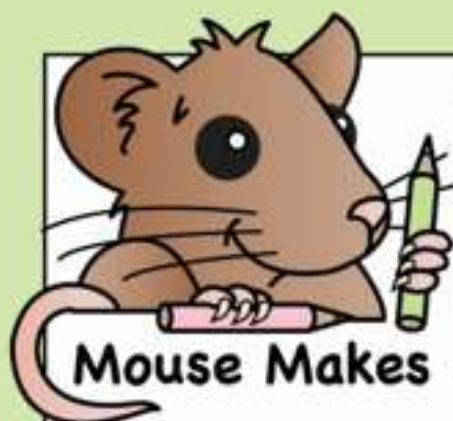
CROSSWORD ANSWERS FROM PAGE 12

ACROSS:

1, Riches. 4, Abner's. 7, Soul. 8, Damascus. 9, Statutes. 13, Add. 16, Craftsmanship. 17, Old. 19, Redeemer. 24, Walls are. 25, Wise. 26, Target. 27, Thief.

DOWN:

1, Rest. 2, Courtyard. 3, Sadhu. 4, Arm he. 5, Nose. 6, Round. 10, Tutor. 11, Timid. 12, Sense. 13, Ashbelite. 14, Dips. 15, Echo. 18, Lhasa. 20, Exact. 21, Erect. 22, Flog. 23, Mede.



"Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray..." And He said to them, "When you pray, say...."



Our _____
in _____
hallowed be your
_____, your
_____ come,
your _____ be done,
on _____ as it is in
_____.

Give us today our daily
_____.
_____ us our
S _____ as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into

_____ but _____
us from _____.
For the kingdom,
the _____ and
the _____ are
yours now and forever.
Amen

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Fill in the missing words of the Lord's Prayer then find them and these extra words in the word search:
LORD'S PRAYER
DISCIPLES
JESUS
GOD
WORLD
NEEDS
FORGIVENESS
TRESPASSES
PROTECTION
REPENTANCE



The versions of **The Lord's Prayer** we say today come from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.
Which version do you use in your church?



Read
Matthew 6:9-15
and
Luke 11:1-4

