

Good News Parish Magazine

for Eastling, Otterden,
Stalisfield and Throwley

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MAY 2026

- 2nd May - 27th June Craft Flower Festival
Leaveland Church ME13 0NP 10am-4pm
- 2nd Pizza and Praise for 11 - 17yrs
Lynsted Church 4 - 6pm
- 4th Belmont Spring Fair
Belmont House & Gardens 11am
- 5th PC Morris Drop in Surgery
Painters Forstal Village Hall 1 - 3pm
- 6th Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.
Stalisfield Village Hall 7.30pm
- 12th Eastling Parish Council Meeting
Eastling Village Hall 6.30pm
- 13th Egerton Arts Society
Egerton Millennium Hall 2.30pm
- 14th Local History Society meeting
Charing Parish Hall 7.30pm
- 14th Stalisfield Annual Parish Meeting
Stalisfield Village Hall 7.45pm
- 20th Deadline for June Good News:
goodnewsmagazine@me.com
- 22nd *Together in Boots* walking group
Doddington Church leave at 2pm

JUNE

- 3rd Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.
Stalisfield Village Hall 7.30pm
- 6th Throwley Fête 1 - 5pm
Bar and Live music 6 - 11.30pm
Throwley Forstal Green
- 14th Doddington Open Gardens
from Doddington Village Hall 12 - 5pm
- 28th Summer Fête
Eastling School Field 12 - 3pm



May 24th - Pentecost. The word means '50 days after Easter'. It's the celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit as recorded in Acts chapter 2, and it's the birthday of the Church. So far so good; but beyond this, things get a bit hazy for some of us. We are familiar with the idea of God the good Father, and we've heard and read of all that Jesus - God the Son - said and did. But the Holy Spirit? *Who is He?!*

The images used of the Holy Spirit in scripture can be a bit of a barrier to understanding. Words like 'spirit' 'wind' 'flame' 'breath' are all a bit elusive, and they possibly leave us with a feeling that in trying to understand the Holy Spirit we're chasing rainbows. But if we dig a little deeper, we can see that these images speak of an unhindered force which can be powerful and yet gentle, cleansing and free.

The Bible is full of images of the Holy Spirit. There is 'dove', as seen on many Christmas cards and in stained glass windows. It's usually white. A white dove image speaks of gentleness and purity, unfettered as it wings its way across the sky.

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

Then there's the more difficult word 'advocate'. Someone who speaks up for us, comes alongside us, someone to aid us in times of need. We could go on with different images which tell us more of the character of the Holy Spirit, but there are two key things to remember. Firstly, this is the spirit of Jesus. All that Jesus was in earthly form, the Holy Spirit is to us now. Jesus is no longer among us as He was two thousand years ago, but the Holy Spirit makes Him available to us now.

Which brings us to the second point; the Holy Spirit is given by the good Father to us, His children - giving us, as it were, an injection of Jesus' personality, wisdom and holiness, enabling us to serve as Jesus did, enabling us, as Mother Teresa put it, 'to do little things with great love'.

The first Pentecost set the young Church in Jerusalem off on a great adventure which culminated in today's world where one in three people worldwide say they are Christians. It could be a great adventure for us as we ask God, the good Father, to gift us with the Spirit of Jesus. Let's do it!

Special Services coming up: Breakfast Church at Oare, 9am on 17th May.

There will be drinks and pastries with an opportunity to learn Bible stories, new songs and make crafts. We would love to see you there.

All children should be accompanied by an adult.

Animal Service at Doddington Church, 3pm on 7th June.

A joyous service to bring your pet to. Please keep all animals on a lead or in a cage. Refreshments at the end of the service

Message for the Month

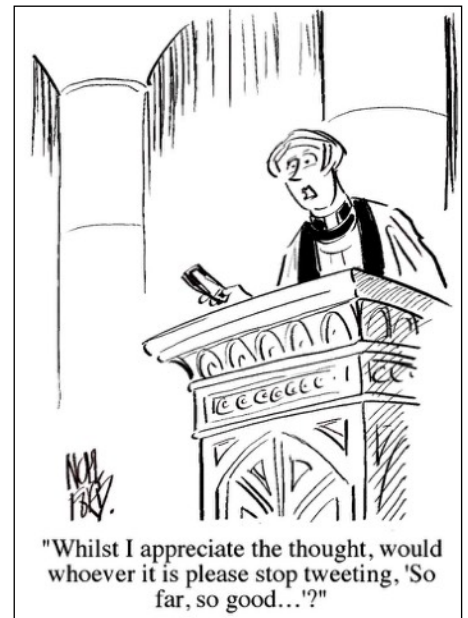
MAY - What a glorious month this is! The potential for lovely weather, the signs of new life and growth everywhere (including the garden weeds). The amazing chorus of bird song from early morning until dusk, and the lighter evenings to enjoy.

In a 'previous life' I would welcome in the dawn on May Day accompanied by Morris Dancing and sometimes the Jack-in-the-Green, which was a man dressed from head to foot in fresh spring foliage. Despite its so called 'pagan' connotations it was all a celebration of new beginnings and the breath of new life.

In the month of May, the church also has some important celebrations. Rogation, Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity. They don't always all fall in the same month, but this year they do. The last three are all a fixtures in our church calendar, but Rogation is often overlooked.

Rogation was traditionally marked by the Beating-the-Bounds, which was an ancient custom of marking and remembering the boundaries of our villages; those boundaries often defined by significant trees or boundary stones. This took the form of a procession around the Parish boundary, usually led by the Vicar, armed with sticks with which to beat the boundary markers. The Christian element of this, other than the vicar in attendance, was the blessing of the land and praying for the protection of the crops. The name 'Rogation' comes from the Latin 'rogare', to ask or to plead. Beating-the-bounds of our ten parishes might be a bit much for me and the Benefice team, however on the 10th May I will be travelling to each church to pray a blessing on the land. Pray with me that new life will come into land and that Jesus will come into our lives afresh. Amen

God Bless
Rev Paula



His Glorious Day

He's the Ground of all being,
The Spirit of life,
The Father of faith
And the Mother of love,
He's the Christ-child within
Who fills darkness with light,
He calms our worst fears
With the peace from 'above'!

He's the giver of comfort
When our spirit is low
And source of all courage
When faith calls out - 'Go:
Go tell all the nations
That peace truly comes
When God's voice is heard
And God's will is done.

So follow the Christ-man,
Hold fast on His way,
Then one day we'll all share
His glorious day'!

By Sam Doubtfire

Prayer Pointers

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| Sunday | For the joy and hope of Pentecost to be always present in our hearts. |
| Monday | For Peace for all whose lives have been affected by global price-rises and economic uncertainty. |
| Tuesday | For confidence and calm in young people taking exams in the coming weeks. |
| Wednesday | For those applying for jobs. |
| Thursday | For those accepting the need for end of life care and those giving that care. |
| Friday | For the Lord's blessing on couples marrying in our churches this year. |
| Saturday | For all living under persecution for their faith. |



Eastling Church Flower rota



3rd & 10th May - Aneta

17th & 24th - Sally & Sue P

31st May - Gaby & Pippa

7th & 14th June - Dorothy

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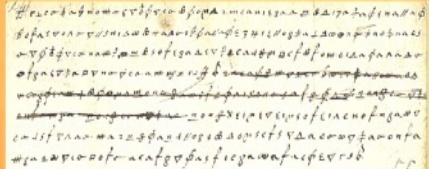
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WDN History Group



*Tales of Tudor Espionage:
Elizabeth I's Spymaster and a
Kentish Connection*

Dr Hannah Coates

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Friday 15th May – 19:30

Doddington Village Hall

All welcome – entrance £5

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE

THROWLEY FETE

1PM TO 5PM

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Garden Services


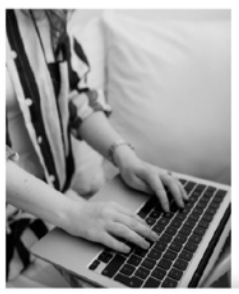
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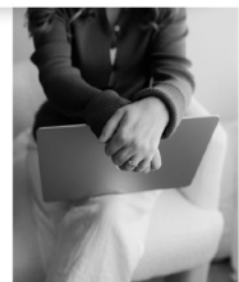




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As part of our Ecochurch initiative, we will be hosting events during the Week. Our events will include:

- A coffee morning at Newnham Village Hall on Saturday 6th June with information about Eco products
- A pet service at Doddington Church on Sunday 7th June
- Doddington Open Gardens on Sunday 14th June
- Exhibits and displays at Newnham Church

Potential subjects for exhibits and displays at Newnham Church include:

- A local organisation whose activities you would like to publicise, or perhaps those of a relevant charity
- Information you have about our local environment that you would like to share with others
- How to live an eco-friendlier lifestyle
- Your own photos, drawings, paintings or sculptures on the theme of nature.

If you would like to get involved and organise an event however big or small, during this time, please get in touch with Lissie Bayford lissie1710@gmail.com, 07790 287878.

If you would like to provide a display for Newnham Church, please get in touch with bruce.leckie@live.co.uk, 01795 890550.

Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

In April, in place of our speaker who sadly had to cancel her visit because of illness, members enjoyed an "Eggstravaganza." With Easter as the theme, eggs were decorated and rolled. There was even a quiz. Did you know that 80 million Easter eggs are sold each year in the UK?



Our May meeting will include our AGM and a social time, together with an introduction to the preparations we need to make to fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

W.I. membership is open to women from 18 years of age and we would really love to add to our small village group, so please come along if you would like to meet us and find out more. Guests are always welcome for a £5 fee which includes home-made refreshments.

Our group is very informal. We meet at Stalisfield Village Hall at 7.30 on the first Wednesday of each month. If you would like to come along, just turn up or contact Helen Brooks on 07477 580727 or Ellie Cameron on 07775 649337.

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Wednesday 13th May:

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Visitors are always very welcome at £8 (just turn up and pay on the door), refunded if you join. For further information please contact Christine Willis, our Membership Secretary via cmwillis75@gmail.com or 01233 756377.

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Stalisfield Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting

- including the presentation of the KALC Community Award

Thursday 14th May at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

Followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting

For details, please check the website.

Eastling Parish Council

Annual Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 12th May at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

PC Gary Morris,

Local Police Officer for the East Downs area,
will be holding a Police Surgery on Tuesday 5th May 1-3pm, in Painters Forstal Village Hall.

Open to residents to notify him of any crime or anti-social issues in your community. Following dates are 2nd and 30th June at Painters Forstal, 1-3pm.

Congratulations to Roy Piles

who was presented with the KALC (Kent Association of Local Councils) Community Award at Eastling's Annual Parish Meeting in April 2026.

Roy has been a stalwart of various Eastling activities for many years and especially founding the short mat bowls club, which continues to run on Wednesday evenings in the village hall.

Shown here with his wife Eileen holding the presentation certificate and watch.



Eastling Parish Council

is pleased to announce that the new defibrillator was installed in the telephone box outside The Carpenters Arms on 25th April 2026. It is inside a purpose built yellow defibrillator cabinet and is visible from the road.

The defibrillator will be registered with the ambulance service via The Circuit and Community Heartbeat Trust so, in the event of a cardiac arrest, anyone calling 999 will be advised of its availability and location.

The Parish Council will look to facilitate some training later in the year and will publicise this through The Good News and Eastling Community WhatsApp.

As of 25th April the defibrillator at Manor Lees will no longer be in use.

If anyone has concerns about the new defibrillator or is aware that it has been used or moved, please let Caroline know on 07801702028.



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As can be seen there is plenty of livestock in the fields so do not forget the country code.

With the warm weather and the road verges growing up pretty quick please drive very carefully.

No doubt with the longer days there will be people around who would like to help themselves to our garden equipment so please make sure yours is secure.

On a different note, after looking after the defibrillator in the village for many years, I decided that it was time to move on and the Parish Council has taken over the responsibility.

I would like to thank all the people in the village who have attended the fund raising events to keep the defibrillator and a special thanks to Steve and Maria for overall funding and the support given. Thank you.

Have a good month and take care
Alan

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Eastling School

Summer Fete

Sunday 28th June

12 - 3pm

Eastling School Field



Lester Amann considers the man
who is our 'spiritual father' ...

**Abraham: the man who
made the biggest leap of
faith in history**

If we need to get somewhere by public transport, we look at the route and trust the driver knows the way. By faith, we accept that he or she will get us safely to where we want to go.

It was very different for Abraham. God told him to leave his homeland and begin a journey, physically (and spiritually) to an unknown destination. He didn't even understand why God wanted him to move, but he trusted God anyway. Abraham was born in a country far from Israel, now modern Iraq. His story covers hundreds of miles along with various events and incidents. Although he encountered numerous difficulties and challenges, Abraham lived in close fellowship with God.

We might like stability in our lives, but Abraham was unable to settle permanently anywhere. He lived a temporary existence. Slowly, gradually, God revealed to Abraham what he had to do. He was not

perfect. In fact, he made several mistakes but God's plans for Abraham were not thwarted. God showed patience. Despite this man's failings, at times, God revealed His purposes.

God often calls people without giving them all the details! If we knew everything, we would not need faith. God does not always explain to us His ways - neither completely nor in one go. Abraham discovered aspects about God as time went on. It was a journey of faith; a life lived one step at a time. We may look at Abraham's life and think we cannot have faith like him. If we were put to severe testing, we know we would fail. Our journey with God is different from his, but by his example we can rely on God's promises.

Abraham's life challenges us to believe in a great God and to obey Him. Like Abraham, at the end of our journey of faith, we have an eternal destination waiting for us.

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The Great Exhibition that started the V & A

By Tim Lenton

Some 175 years ago, from 1st May to 15th October 1851, the Great Exhibition was held in The Crystal Palace, Hyde Park. More than 10,000 exhibitors attended what is regarded as the first World's Fair.

Prince Albert was an enthusiastic promoter of the exhibition, which was described by some as a reaction to the successful French Industrial Exposition of 1844: he described it as a display of divine providence, though some religious writers took the opposite view, describing it as worldly and even ungodly with its emphasis on human achievement. Others welcomed it as an opportunity to evangelise.

Queen Victoria was an Exhibition enthusiast, visiting three times with her family and 34 times on her own. In fact, six million people – equivalent to a third of the population of Britain at the time – paid it a visit. The average daily attendance was 42,831, with a peak of 109,915 on 7th October. The Baptist preacher Thomas Cook, in a landmark achievement for his embryonic company, arranged travel there for more than 150,000. The event made a surplus of £186,000 – worth about £30 million today. This was used to found the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Science Museum and the Natural History Museum.

The original Crystal Palace, constructed of cast iron and plate glass, was built specifically to house the Exhibition – consisting mainly of examples of technology developed in the Industrial Revolution. Designed by Joseph Paxton, it was three times the size of St Paul's Cathedral and boasted the greatest area of glass ever seen in a building.

After the Exhibition, the Palace was rebuilt near the affluent South London suburb of Sydenham Hill and stood there until it was burnt down in November 1936. The nearby residential area was renamed Crystal Palace.



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3rd May Easter 5

Acts 7. 55 - end, John 14. 1 - 14

Eastling 10.30am Holy Communion

Norton 10.30am Morning Worship

Thursday 7th May

Wychling 11.00am Holy Communion

10th May Easter 6

Acts 17.22 - 31, John 14.15 - 21

Throwley 10.30am Morning Prayer

Newnham 10.30am Holy Communion

Lynsted 10.30am All Together Now

Thursday 14th May Ascension Day

Acts 1. 1 - 11, Luke 24. 44 - end

Doddington 7.30pm Holy Communion

17th May Sunday after Ascension

Acts 1. 6 - 14, John 17. 1 - 11

Oare 9.00am Breakfast Church

Eastling 10.30am Morning Worship

Norton 10.30am Holy Communion

24th May Pentecost

Acts 2. 1 - 21, John 20. 19 - 23

Throwley 10.30am Holy Communion

Newnham 10.30am Morning Worship

Teynham 4.00pm Evensong

31st May Trinity

2 Corinthians 13. 11 - end, Matthew 28. 16 - end

Doddington 10.30am Benefice Communion

Thursday 4th June

Wychling 11.00am Holy Communion

7th June Trinity 1

Romans 4. 13 - end, Matthew 9. 9 - 13, 18 - 26

Eastling 10.30am Holy Communion

Norton 10.30am Morning Worship

Doddington 3.00pm Animal Service



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From The Registers

Baptism

Kenneth Mackenzie Evans West

25th April 2026 at Stalisfield

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Anna Chaplaincy

Anna Chaplains are named after the biblical figure Anna, who dedicated her life to worship and prayer and was in the temple when Jesus was presented soon after his birth.

The main purposes of an Anna Chaplain are:

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It's completely normal to worry about rising energy bills. The good news is that adopting a few simple habits into your daily routine can make a real difference. Here are some practical tips to help you take control of your energy use and save money.

In the bathroom

Reducing the length of your shower time can help. Try reducing the water temperature of your shower too, as cooler showers use less energy

Doing your washing

Using your washing machine's 'eco' cycle takes longer, but uses less energy. For laundry that isn't heavily soiled, use a cold cycle (20 or 30 degrees Celsius). If possible, hanging your washing outside is an effective (and free) way to dry clothes - weather permitting! If not, using a heated clothes airer instead of a tumble dryer is a good option as they are cheaper to run.

In the kitchen

Air fryers, microwaves and slow cookers usually use less energy than an oven or hob. Putting lids on pans while you're cooking will use less energy heating it. Boiling water in the kettle before adding to the pan will also help your food cook more quickly meaning you use less energy. Defrost your fridge or freezer once or twice a year and don't hold the door open for extended periods of time - this will help use less energy to stay cold.

Your heating

Check the temperature on the thermostat - between 18 and 21 degrees Celsius is fine for most people. If you have a boiler, set the temperature two or three degrees lower (or programme it to be off), when you're out or asleep. Check the thermostatic radiator valves - some have numbers on them. You can set each one to the lowest number that keeps the room comfortable. Install radiator reflectors behind radiators on external walls if your house isn't well insulated. These are easy to install even in rented homes, and will make rooms feel warmer.

Do you need help with energy or utilities? We have a dedicated team of energy advisers who can assist you with energy debt, understanding your bills, and more.

How can we help you?

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Sittingbourne

Mondays 10am-12pm - Swale House

Tuesdays 11.30am-1.30pm - Murston Family Hub

Sheppey

Tuesdays 10am-12pm - Sheppey Gateway (except the second Tuesday of every month, which is held at Sheerness East Working Mens Club)

Faversham

Wednesdays & Fridays 10am-12pm - 43 Stone Street, Faversham

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When Spring Comes

By Audrey Keen

Love comes to the tender wood,
Love dwells within,
For this is budding spring.
Faint blossom coyly clings
To trees beloved;
The wood, tinged green and yellow
now,
Is life reborn.
Blue banks and blue skies
And a powerful sun,
Make this a happy place.
And all young creatures
Dash to business
In the undergrowth or trees,
Or hedge, or copse covered dell.
And quietly I proceed
Beneath the candled Chestnut tree,
And feel the very presence of this
love
Engulf me. -
But when I look toward the
meadows
Filled with sweet faced lambs,
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Have you seen the new Report Fraud Website?

<https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/>

Report Fraud and Report Analysis Services.

The site offers help for individuals as well as businesses to protect against for cyber crime - lots of us now spend more time online for shopping, banking, socialising and managing our lives digitally, providing more opportunities for criminals to access our money and personal information.

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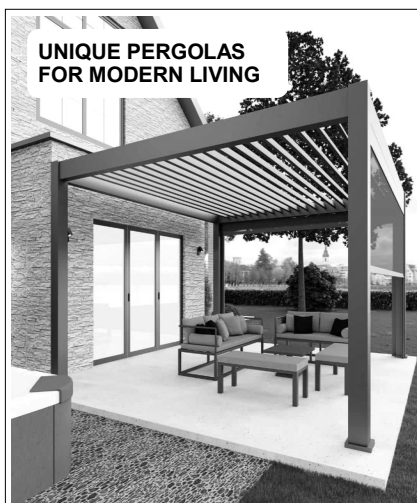
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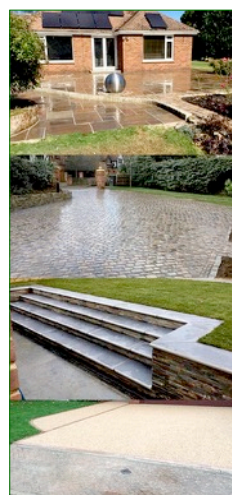
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In your bible (or online) you can read the Palm Sunday story in Luke's gospel, chapter 19, verses 28 to 48.

If you would like help understanding the bible, please ask your church warden for details of a study group near you.



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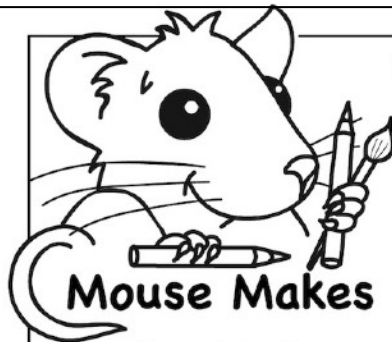
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Call: Francette on 07929 511596, or simply come along to our next session on 2nd May.

What the Bible really means....

- A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means, Daddy."
- His father smiled "Okay. What does the Bible mean?"
- "It's easy, Daddy." the boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"



WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Spirit of _____
Genesis 1:2

The _____
of the Father.
Acts 1:4

What happened when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost?

read Acts 2:1-41

How many believers were baptised that day?

The Spirit of _____
A _____
Romans 8:15

H _____
John 14:26

The Spirit of _____
John 16:13

The Spirit of _____
Acts 16:7

The Fruit of the Spirit
Galatians 5:22-23

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Look up the Bible verses and fill in the missing words. Look for them in the word search then look for these words below.

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