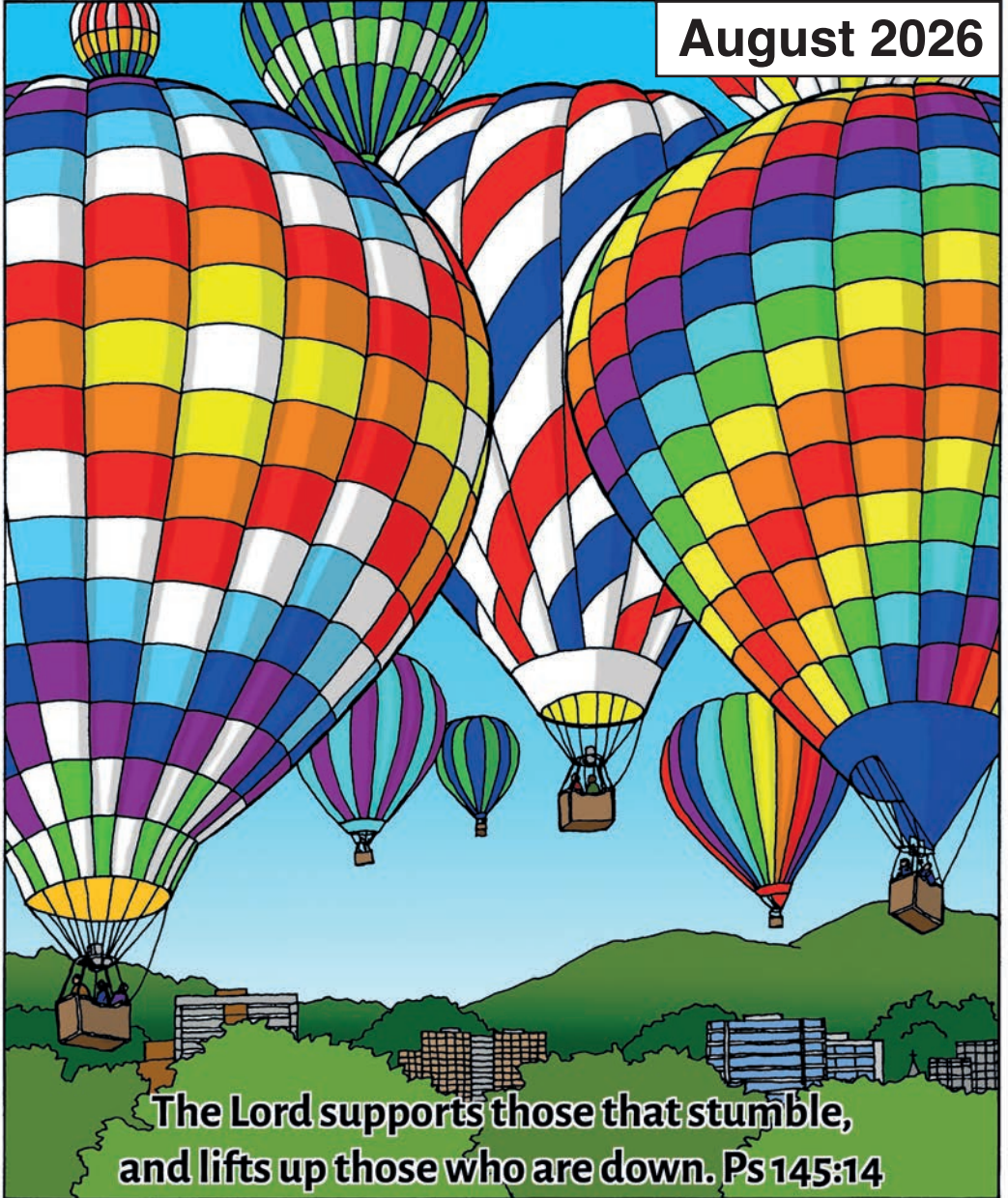


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The Lord supports those that stumble,
and lifts up those who are down. Ps 145:14

Reservoir Group of Churches



The Parish of

St Margaret's Downham,
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St Mary the Virgin Ramsden Bellhouse



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What's on when and where

Note: *There are currently no services at St Mary's Ramsden Bellhouse*

Sunday 2 August - Trinity 9

10.00am	St Peter's South Hanningfield	Holy Communion
	No service at Downham	

Sunday 9 August - Trinity 10

11.00am	St Margaret's Downham	Sung Eucharist
3.00pm	St Peter's South Hanningfield	Worship at Three

Sunday 16 August - Trinity 11

11.00am	St Margaret's Downham	Group Sung Eucharist
	No service at South Hanningfield	

Sunday 23 August - Trinity 12

11.00am	St Margaret's Downham	Sung Eucharist
	No service at South Hanningfield	

Sunday 30 August - Trinity 13

Note: *Change from normal service pattern*

11.00am	St Margaret's Downham	Sung Eucharist
	No service at South Hanningfield	

Sunday 6 September - Trinity 14

Note: *Change from normal service pattern*

11.00am	St Margaret's Downham	All age Communion with Baptism
5.00pm	St Peter's South Hanningfield	Flower Festival Songs of Praise

Other dates for your diary

Saturday 15 August

1.30pm	Chelmsford Cathedral	Wedding of Revd Jacqui & Revd David Cattle
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All are invited to attend - there will be light refreshments served in the Cathedral after the service. So that we know how many to cater for, if you intend to come along, please put your name on one of the lists in our churches, or email the Revd Jacqui.



St Peter's Church



Church Lane
South Hanningfield
CM3 8HW

Flower Festival 2026



Saturday 5 September 12.00noon - 5.00pm with outside Fete

Sunday 6 September 12.00noon - 5.00pm with outside Fete
with Songs of Praise service at 5.00pm

Monday 7 September 11.00am - 3.00pm

Light lunches and refreshments available each day



From the ministry team

Recently, I have been trying to have a bit of a sort out and an organise, and I must admit it is not my favourite thing to do. It is amazing just how much stuff you can accumulate over a relatively short amount of time and also how difficult it can be to part with things.

William Morris, the famous designer, once said, 'Have nothing in your houses that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful.' Which is great, and reasonably helpful. The issue being that my definition of what is 'helpful' or 'may be helpful at some unspecified time in the future' is apparently quite broad.

Marie Kondo, organising consultant, famously instructed those who wished to declutter, to get rid of anything that did not 'spark joy'. If I followed that strictly it would certainly help me to declutter, but I think I would be missing some important things, such as cleaning supplies! Also, do instruction manuals 'spark joy'?

There are many other helpful, or not so helpful, tips out there to declutter and organise, and there is even one in the bible. Jesus says in Matthew's gospel (Chapter 6):

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

When my mum died a couple of years ago, one thing really struck me. She didn't take anything with her. All her belongings stayed at the house, and we are still, slowly, sorting through them. It brought home a truth about this passage. There are some items we may wish to pass on to family members, but ultimately most of what we own will be donated or thrown away when we ourselves die.

But Jesus says that we can build up something of far greater significance than anything we may find in our homes. We can store up treasure in heaven. We do this when we live lives of kindness, love and generosity, when (as St. Paul might say) we show the fruits of the spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

I am very fortunate to have some lovely things in my home. Some beautiful things, some useful things, and things that bring me joy. But the bible teaches

that there is nothing more beautiful, useful, or joyful, than following Jesus and living as he has taught us to live. In the end, the rest is really all clutter.

God bless,

The Revd Jacqui

The Transfiguration of Jesus

The Church celebrates the Transfiguration of Jesus on 6 August.

It's an unusual story. One day, Jesus is with three disciples on a high mountain in Galilee, when His appearance dramatically changes. Also, Moses and Elijah suddenly appear, and from a cloud comes the voice of God. What is this all about?

This event was witnessed by James, Peter, and John. They were close friends of Jesus. In the future, they were to become prominent leaders in the Early Church. They needed to see something special that would help them remember Jesus in the difficult years ahead. They had a glimpse of Christ in His divine glory. His face shone like the sun and His clothes turned white as light.

While this was an extraordinary sight for the disciples, it served to encourage Jesus who once had glory and majesty in Heaven. One day He would have it again. But firstly, He had to fulfil His mission: to suffer on the cross and die.

Why were Moses and Elijah standing with Jesus? Moses was the giver of the Law and Elijah represented all the prophets. They had pointed people to the promised Messiah. Jesus was about to complete God's plan of salvation.

God's voice was heard to remind Peter there was no need to build shelters. They were not going to stay on the mountain. God spoke to get the disciples to fix their attention on Jesus. The wonder of the Transfiguration was a short interlude before Jesus had to return to His work and subsequent death on the cross.

This story is a reminder that our times of spiritual blessing have to be followed by down-to-earth commitments and responsibilities. In the same way that Jesus gave His friends a glimpse of His awesome glory, to help them face challenging and traumatic times ahead, our special times in His presence are provided to encourage us and equip us for the trials we may have to face.

Our journey through life may sometimes rise to the peaks but we can't stay on a 'high' all the time – no matter how much we want it! We have to descend to face everyday challenges if we are to fulfil our calling in Christ. From our mountain-top experiences we all need to find a balance between times alone with God and serving Him in the company of others.

From the registers

Downham

Baptism

19 July Zachary Thomas Webb

Burial of Ashes

12 July John Frederick Roy Lamb

Wedding

18 July Thomas Wells & Catherine Rock

St Margaret's Downham

No Family Service in August

With many people on holiday, a reminder that there will be no Family Service at St Margaret's on Sunday 2 August. There will be no services in church that day, but do try to join us at St Peter's South Hanningfield for a service of Holy Communion, which starts at the earlier time of 10.00am.

The service on the first Sunday of September will be slightly different. As St Peter's will be having their Flower Festival that weekend, there will be a simplified All Age Communion Service at St Margaret's, which will also include a baptism.

Normal Family Services will resume in October.

Jacqui and David's wedding

A reminder that the Revd Jacqui will be marrying the Revd David Cattle in Chelmsford Cathedral at 1.30pm on Saturday 15 August. All are invited to attend the service.

Downham WI

A volunteer from our nominated charity for this year 'Sailability' at Hanningfield Reservoir, came and gave us a talk on how it runs with 30 volunteers who help disabled people to sail. This worthwhile charity operates between April and August to respect the bird nesting season.

We put in a good performance at the newly established local WI Quiz organised by Little Burstead and held at the Billericay WI hall. No winners cup this year but a very pleasing amount of money was raised for Spinal Injuries charity.

On the theme of Quizzing, we have decided to hold our own quiz on

29 September between 1.00 and 4.30pm. Everyone is invited with tables of 8 people at a cost of £3.00 a head. Tea and cake will be served for a small donation, proceeds to our nominated charity.

Looking further ahead we plan to have a 'bring & buy' on 20 October 10.00 to 12.00 noon. All are welcome.

Wendy

Downham Church of England Primary School

Summer holidays are a great time to relax and rest. After months of learning, growing, revising and trying our very best, this break from school is much-needed for children and adults alike. It is a time to slow down, enjoy a change of pace and make the most of longer days and lighter evenings.

For many families, the summer break is also a precious time to enjoy time with family and friends. Whether that means days out, visits to grandparents, trips to the park, holidays near or far, or simply enjoying time together at home, these moments help to create happy memories. Summer gives us space to laugh, talk and share everyday life without the usual rush of school routines.

It is also a time to recharge. We all know how tiring term time can be, with early mornings, homework, after school activities and the many demands of daily life. A good holiday does not have to be exotic or expensive; sometimes the most refreshing moments come from quiet afternoons, a good book, a walk in the sunshine or simply having time to stop and breathe.

In the Bible, we are reminded that Jesus also understood the importance of stepping away. In Mark chapter 1, we are told that He went up a mountain early in the morning to pray and take time for himself. Even though He had so much to do and so many people needing His care, He still made space for prayer and quiet. That is an important reminder for us too: there will always be things to do and people who need us but it is important that we take time as well, to rest our bodies, settle our minds and reflect on what matters most. In the stillness, we can meet with the Creator and Redeemer of the universe, knowing that He offers us true rest and peace in a way that nothing and no-one else can.

Looking ahead, we are also getting ready for the new school year in September. There is always something special about a fresh start, with new opportunities, new friendships and new learning waiting ahead. We are especially looking forward to welcoming our new EYFS children to Ducklings Class. What a joyful beginning that will be! We also want to give a warm welcome to Miss Lennard, who will be teaching Year 3 and joining Downham Church of England Primary School. We are sure she will be a wonderful

addition to the team, and we look forward to all that the year ahead will bring.

Lynne Boyd

RE and Humanities Leader at Downham Church of England Primary School

St Mary's Ramsden Bellhouse

The sub-committee of the Parochial Church Council met towards the end of June to discuss the future of St Mary's. We plan to hold a public meeting in Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall sometime in early autumn and we hope to encourage people living in the village to come along and express their views on the future of St Mary's. We will publish more details shortly.

Ramsden Heath Social Club

The club will shortly be going into our annual summer recess and there will be no main event during August.

However, BINGO will go ahead as usual on Friday 7 August from 8.00pm and this month it will be SUPER BINGO, which means extra prizes!. For an admission fee of only £1 and £2 for each book you wish to buy, you can enjoy a relaxed evening in good company, tea/coffee and biscuits and the chance to be a winner too.

The club will reconvene in September with more bingo, followed by the AGM and a chance to see a great jazz band. More information on these events will appear in next month's edition of *The Herald*.

All our events take place in Ramsden Heath Village Hall, Dowsetts Lane.

For more information/tickets please contact:

Dave Quinney on 07950 309524 or email dave.quinney@hotmail.com
or Joan Parmenter 07779 175494

Community Cuppa & Cake afternoon

**Ramsden Heath Village Hall
Dowsetts Lane CM11 1HX**

Tuesday 11 August 2.00 to 4.00pm

As usual a lovely turnout for July afternoon and again it was good to see some new faces. We so appreciate everyone that turns up because for every cake and cuppa they buy (homemade cake for £1.50 and a cuppa for 50p) the money all goes to a worthwhile charity we decide on that month. The

Cupcakes donate every month their time and expense in making the cakes so the only expense is the letting of the hall. This month's money will go to support local food banks.

Everyone is welcome and hope to see more new faces in August.

Ramsden Cupcakes

Ramsden Heath Horticultural & Allotment Society

Summer Show 2026

Our Summer Show this year will be on Saturday 1 August at Ramsden Heath Village Hall. This is an opportunity for our members and the children in their families to show their friends and neighbours, both in the village and beyond, what they have grown, baked, created, photographed or painted over the last few months. There will be lots to see, from vegetables and flowers to cakes and handicraft items. The children's entries are often particularly charming.

Everyone is welcome to come to the show. The hall will be open from 3.30pm for light refreshments and once the judging is finished there will be a public viewing, followed by the awarding of trophies.

So come along and see what your friends and neighbours have produced, and maybe you will be inspired to join us. We are a small friendly Society who meet once a month for various activities including talks, quizzes and a few suppers. You don't need to have a big garden or an allotment. Many of our members (including the Show Secretary) have small gardens, but we all support each other and just enjoy what we do.

If you would like any further information about the show, or our Society, please contact the Show Secretary.

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St Peter's South Hanningfield

We have had a very exciting time at St Peter's watching the refurbishment of the kitchen and toilet area. By the time this goes to print it will all be finished. The Kurnicks have done a fantastic job to complete the project well before the Flower Festival, which is fantastic. Paul and Paula have also helped to bring this to fruition.

The door from the church opens into a small kitchen area with a good sized

sink and plenty of cupboard space, and a dishwasher kindly donated by the Kurnicks. Behind the kitchen is the toilet and wash basin and some more cupboard space which will be so handy for storage.

At St Peter's we have been trialling a 3.00pm Worship service - the ministry team would be grateful for any feedback. There is one more service planned on 9 August at 3.00pm, then there are currently no more services planned. We were thinking that we restart these services in the spring once we can use the car park again.

The car park is next on the list to be sorted out, but that is a rather expensive proposition!

The Flower Festival is round the corner, 5 to 7 September. If anyone can help with manning stalls, helping with car parking and helping with refreshments, any offers are very welcome. It's such a fun weekend to all get together and raise money for our much loved village church.

We will also be looking for plants to sell on the plant stall and any home grown fruit and vegetables which we can sell.

Best wishes

Mission control

Thanks from Eileen Hanks

Eileen would like to thank all who attended and helped her celebrate her 100th Summer on 28 June. All the ladies that helped with refreshments and the gents in the preparation for the party. You all helped to make this a very enjoyable day for myself and others.

Thanks once again,

Eileen Hanks

Presentation to Councillor Roy Whitehead

On Wednesday 15 July Roy Whitehead was presented with the Honorary Freedom of the City of Chelmsford on recognition of his outstanding service to Chelmsford and its communities. The Freedom of Chelmsford is the city's highest civic honour and is awarded only in exceptional circumstances. The ceremony took place in the Council Chamber at the Civic Centre and the presentation was made by the Mayor of Chelmsford. As well as the city councillors friends and colleagues watched from the public gallery.

Before Roy became a city councillor he was a member of South Hanningfield

Parish Council where he continues to serve and is currently chair. Many congratulations to Roy, an honour well deserved.



Greetings from Revd Stephen & Fi Robertson

Jean and Robert Andrews recently visited the Revd Stephen and Fi at their new home in Scotland. They are both now retired and have settled into the local community, worshipping at the local Baptist church. They have a massive garden that was landscaped by the previous owners, so Fi told us that when Stephen is not playing golf he can be found hard at work tending the garden. It certainly looked to us as though his hard work is paying off. They send their best wishes to all who remember them.

South Hanningfield Village Hall

There is still time to join us for our next event, the **South Hanningfield Summer Garden Party** on Saturday, 22 August, from 3:00pm. Enjoy an afternoon of live music from Craig Joseph, performing a selection of well-loved songs spanning the decades. Whether you're a fan of classic hits or modern favourites, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. The event will take place in the field beside the Village Hall, thanks to the landowner's kind permission, weather permitting. Should the weather be unfavourable, the party will move indoors to South Hanningfield Village Hall. A variety of food and drink stalls will be available throughout the afternoon (additional charges apply). Bring blankets and camping chairs to relax and enjoy the entertainment. Ticket prices: Adults: £8; Children: £4 and Under 5s: Free.

To book your tickets, please contact Sandra at shvhall@gmail.com or call Clive on 07891 653238.

Date for your diary to do your festive shopping! **Christmas Crafts & Gifts Fayre** on Saturday, 21 November from 10.30am to 4pm There will be lots of Christmas crafts, gifts, festive refreshments and a Raffle. Free Entry. The tables have already been booked up as this is becoming one of our popular annual events with only outside space available! There will be over 30 craft and gift stalls with a wide range of items for sale as festive gifts.

We recently held our South Hanningfield Village Hall's **Annual General Meeting** The same committee remain for another year which are Clive as Chairman; Debbie as Treasurer; Sandra as Bookings Secretary; Richard and Geraldine. We also welcome Joanne who is joining us and Marguerite will be representing St Peter's Church on the committee.

Raffle Prizes Needed If anyone has any suitable items that could be used as Raffle prizes, please can you donate them to us which would be used at future fundraising events for the hall. The committee would be very grateful.

No Parking on Pavement by Hall South Hanningfield Village Hall Management Committee requests that vehicles don't park up on the pavement outside the village hall because of the health and safety risks. Please alert the volunteer committee if you see such vehicles parked in this way outside the hall on 07891 653238.

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library visit South Hanningfield Village Hall every three weeks.

Day of visit: Tuesday Time of visit: 11.25pm to 11.55pm

Next visit date is 18 August.

Regular Activities

Coffee Morning - 12 August

Second Wednesday of each month from 10.30am – 12.30pm

Please call the listed contacts below to book a place.

Pilates & Keep Fit

Monday 9.45am – 10.45am

Thursday 10.30am – 11.30am

Contact Hayley on 07758 427379

Puppy Dog Training Classes

Monday from 6.00pm

Dog training for puppies of all ages

Contact Rachel on 07484 706085

or email Rachel@PuppyPotentialDogTraining.co.uk

Minis/Pre-School Classes for 1-4 years

Tuesdays from 9.30am – 10.15am

3-week trials available! Phonics with Robot Reg

Contact Laura Dack on email 2lauras@robotreg.co.uk

or 01268 956859 for more information.

Line Dancing

Tuesday afternoons 12.30pm - 1.30pm (beginners) and

1.30pm - 2.30pm (more advanced)

Contact Richard from the Super Troupers Line Dance Club

email thesupertroupersldc@gmail.com or tel 07740 360554.

Boxfit Personal Trainer

Personal Trainer available from 7.00pm during Tuesday evenings.

For more information, contact Rachael, Boxfit instructor

on 07912 344560.

1-1 Ballroom and Latin lessons and wedding dance lessons

With Callie every Wednesday afternoon and evening from 3.00pm

£30 for a 45-minute lesson. Please contact Callie on 07885 630241.

Zumba and Yoga - Thursday night

Zumba 6.30pm to 7.20pm and Vinyasa Flow Yoga 7.30pm to 8.30pm.
Pay as you go. Tel: Charlene on 07772 443028
or email info@sakurayogastudios.co.uk

Upholstery Class

Friday morning 9.30am – 1.00pm
NEW Friday afternoon (from September)
Contact Fiona on 01621 776586 or 07887 507208

Wickford Board Game Club

Friday evenings from 6.00pm. The club are a friendly mix of players of all ages and experience levels with a huge range of modern board games for those interested to come and try! For more information, contact Mike on 07958 456575 or look up the Wickford Board Game Club on Facebook.

Zumba and Pilates - Saturday mornings

Zumba from 9.20am to 10.20am and Pilates 10.30am to 11.30am. Pay as you go Tel: Charlene on 07772 443028
or email info@sakurayogastudios.co.uk

If you would like to book the South Hanningfield Village Hall for any regular activities or events, please call Sandra Graves, our Bookings Secretary on 07396 546050 or email shvhall@gmail.com to check availability and prices.

Please continue to support our local village hall in 2026 and if there are any other ways you can help us, let us know. Please contact the Chairman, Clive Vallis for further information on 07891 653238.

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Instagram page <https://www.instagram.com/shvhall/>

All in the month of August

It was:

250 years ago, on 2 August 1776 that the formal signing of the US Declaration of Independence took place.

175 years ago, on 12 August 1851 that the American inventor Isaac Singer was granted a US Patent for his sewing machine. Since then, well over 100 million various models of Singer sewing machines have been sold worldwide.

Also 175 years ago, on 22 August 1851 that the first America's Cup yacht race was held. That first event was a race around the Isle of Wight, won by the American schooner America. The trophy was then named in honour of the first year's winner. The race is the oldest still-operating international sporting competition in any event.

150 years ago, on 7 August 1876 that Mata Hari, Dutch exotic dancer and courtesan was born. She was convicted of spying for Germany during WW1 and executed by the French in 1917.

Also 150 years ago, from 13 to 17 August 1876 that the German composer Richard Wagner's complete Ring cycle (*Der Ring des Nibelungen*) was performed for the first time, over four nights, at the Bayreuth Festspielhaus.

Also 150 years ago, on 19 August 1876 that the British Assyriologist George Smith died. Known for discovering and translating the Epic of Gilgamesh, one of the oldest known works of literature, written in about 2100 BC in ancient Mesopotamia.

125 years ago, on 4 August 1901 that Louis Armstrong, American jazz trumpeter and singer, was born.

100 years ago, on 17 August 1926 that George Melly, British jazz/blues singer, critic and writer on art history, especially Pop Art and Surrealism, was born.

90 years ago, on 1 August 1936 that Yves Saint-Laurent, Algerian-born French fashion designer, was born. (Died 2008)

80 years ago, on 13 August 1946 that H G Wells, British science fiction novelist (*War of the Worlds*, *The Time Machine*, etc) died.

70 years ago, on 11 August 1956 that Jackson Pollock, American abstract expressionist artist, died. Known for his drip paintings. (Car crash, aged 44)

Also 70 years ago, on 27 August 1956 that Britain's first nuclear power station, Calder Hall in Cumbria, began operating. It was the first nuclear power station in the world to generate power on an industrial scale and formed part of the Sellafield complex. Closed in 2003.

65 years ago, on 13 August 1961 that East Germany sealed the border between East and West Berlin with barbed wire to prevent an exodus of refugees to the West. Construction on the Berlin Wall began on 15 August. The border reopened in 1989.

60 years ago, on 1 August 1966 that the Cultural Revolution began in China. Intended to preserve China's Maoist Communist ideology, millions of people were persecuted or displaced. It ended after Mao Zedong's death in 1976.

Also 60 years ago, on 4 and 5 August 1966 that US newspapers and radio stations quoted John Lennon as saying his Beatles band was “more popular than Jesus.” He provoked widespread protests, and many radio stations refused to play Beatles’ records. Lennon apologised on 12 August, at the start of the Beatles final tour of the USA.

50 years ago, on 7 August 1976 that NASA’s Viking 2 spacecraft went into orbit around Mars. In two years it orbited Mars about 700 times and sent back 16,000 images.

40 years ago, on 9 August 1986 that the rock band Queen performed its final live concert at Knebworth Park before the death of singer Freddie Mercury. (Pneumonia, late 1991.)

40 years ago, on 31 August 1986 that Henry Moore, British sculptor, died. His monumental, semi-abstract bronze sculptures are displayed in public spaces around the world.

30 years ago, on 23 August 1996 that Saudi Arabian-born terrorist Osama bin Laden issued a fatwa entitled A Declaration of War Against the Americans Occupying the Land of the Two Holy Places. Few people knew who he was, and his declaration received little attention.

Also 30 years ago, on 28 August 1996 that Prince Charles and Princess Diana were divorced after 15 years of marriage.

20 years ago, on 20 August 2006 that Joe Rosenthal, American photographer died. Best known for his iconic WW2 photograph Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima.

15 years ago, on 21 August 2011 that Hurricane Irene hit the Caribbean and then North Carolina. 49 people were killed and more than \$14 billion worth of damage was done.

Also 15 years ago, on 24 August 2011 that Steve Jobs resigned as CEO of Apple Inc because of ill health. (Pancreatic tumour, died 5 October.)

10 years ago, on 29 August 2016 that Gene Wilder, American film actor, died. (Films include Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory and Blazing Saddles.)

Don’t drive fast with your windows down

It can damage your hearing. So say experts from Boots Hearingcare and MoneySuperMarket.

The hot scorching weather of recent weeks can make it tempting to want to feel the wind on your face, but it does your hearing no good at all.

Experts warn that at 70mph, the wind noise inside a car can hit 90-100db, exceeding the level of power tools and just below that of a concert.

An audiologist from Boots warns: “Even just 15 minutes of driving at levels of 100dB can be harmful to someone’s ears. At high noise levels, your ears and brain are constantly working harder just to pick up conversations, the radio and even external noises like car horns and sirens. That extra effort can lead to listening fatigue.”

And Department for Transport data shows that distraction or impairment played a role in 34 per cent of fatal collisions in 2024, the last year for which data is available.

Alicia Hempsted, an insurance expert at MoneySuperMarket, said: “Distracted driving is one of the leading causes of accidents on UK roads, and noise is a distraction that doesn’t get nearly enough attention.”

So, she recommends closing the windows and using air conditioning when travelling above 50mph. For those drivers without air-con, open your windows partially, rather than fully, to reduce direct wind turbulence and protect your hearing.



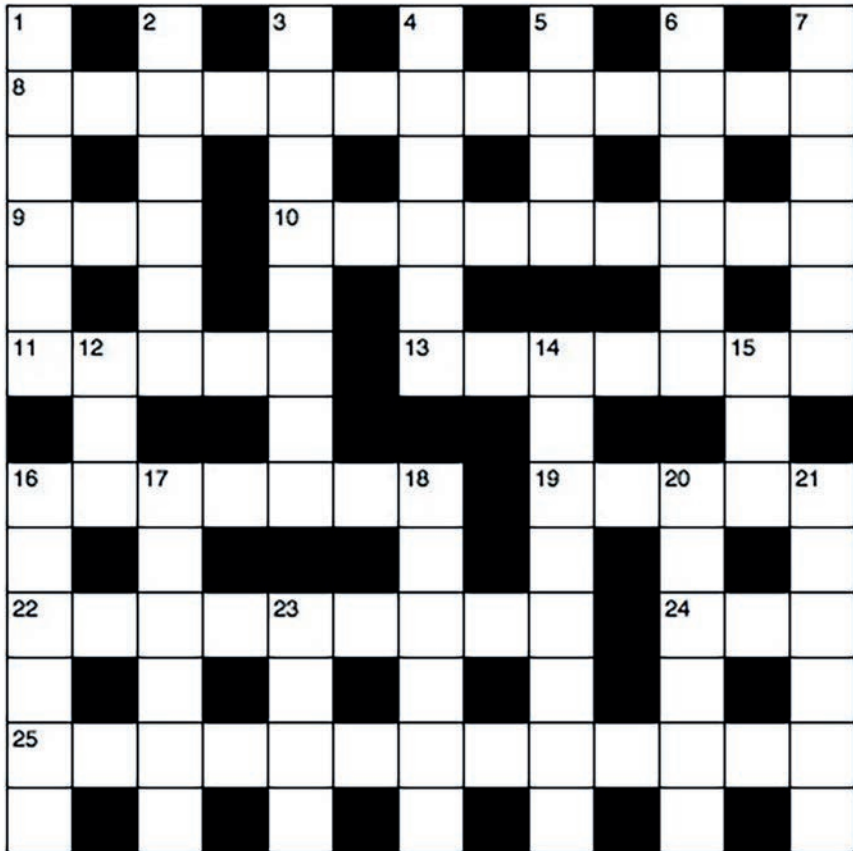
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Puzzle corner



Across

- 8 One of the titles given to the Messiah in Isaiah's prediction (Isaiah 9:6) (6,2,5)
- 9 International Nepal Fellowship (1,1,1)
- 10 Single (1 Corinthians 7:27) (9)
- 11 Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's seminal book about Soviet prison camps, The — Archipelago (5)
- 13 Treachery (2 Kings 11:14) (7)
- 16 Of India (anag.) (2,3,2)

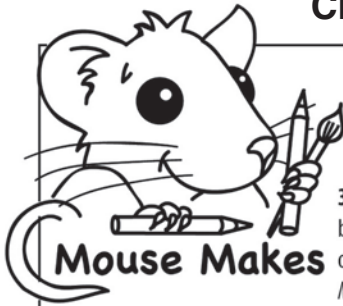
- 19 'God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the — ' (1 Corinthians 4:9) (5)
- 22 Follower of a theological system characterized by a strong belief in predestination (9)
- 24 'Put these old rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to— the ropes' (Jeremiah 38:12) (3)
- 25 They brought together all the elders of the Israelites in Egypt (Exodus 4:29) (5,3,5)

Down

- 1 The season when kings 'go off to war' (2 Samuel 11:1) (6)
- 2 Simon Peter's response to Jesus by the Sea of Galilee: 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a — man' (Luke 5:8) (6)
- 3 Beaten with whips (1 Kings 12:11) (8)
- 4 ' You shall not — adultery' (Exodus 20:14) (6)
- 5 Encourage (Hebrews 10:24) (4)
- 6 Service of morning prayer in the Church of England (6)
- 7 'Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and — — him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving' (4,2)
- 12 Run (anag.) (3)
- 14 Member of 17th-century party that denied the right of autonomy to the Church (8)
- 15 'We will triumph with our tongues; we—our lips' (Psalm 12:4) (3)
- 16 Earnings (1 Corinthians 16:2) (6)
- 17 'I rejoice greatly in the Lord that— —you have renewed your concern for me' (Philippians 4:10) (2,4)
- 18 How Paul described Philemon (Philemon 1) (6)
- 20 Multiple territories under the rule of a single state (Daniel 11:4) (6)
- 21 'You have been unfaithful; you have married foreign women,—to Israel's guilt' (Ezra 10:10) (6)
- 23 This month (abbrev.) (4)

Answers on page 33

Children's pages



Mouse Makes

1. To which city did God send Jonah?

Jonah 1:1-2



2. Where did Paul travel to after seeing a vision?

Acts 16:9-10

MOAB

3. Which sea did Jesus walk beside before he went up on the mountain?

Matthew 15:29

5. Which town did Naomi and Ruth travel to after leaving Moab?

Ruth 1:22



4 across

After Paul was stoned, where did he travel to with Barnabas?

Acts 14:19-20

LYSTRA

4 down

Where was Saul travelling to when Jesus appeared to him?

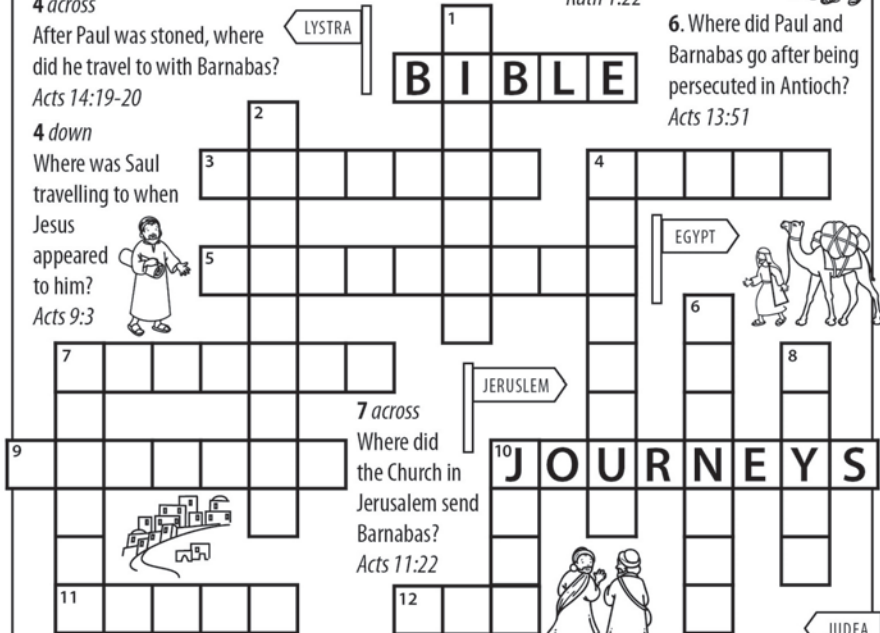
Acts 9:3



6. Where did Paul and Barnabas go after being persecuted in Antioch?

Acts 13:51

EGYPT



9

11

7 across

Where did the Church in Jerusalem send Barnabas?

Acts 11:22

JERUSALEM

JOURNEYS

12

7 down

Where did Noah's ark come to rest after its journey?

Genesis 8:4

9. To which city did Philip travel to proclaim Christ?

Acts 8:5

10. To which river did people travel out to to be baptised?

Mark 1:5

11. After a five day journey where did Paul arrive?

Acts 20:6

GALILEE



12. Which sea did Moses walk through to get away from the Egyptians?

Exodus 15:4

8. To where did Mary and Joseph flee to get away from Herod?

Matthew 2:13



13. Where did Paul travel to after he left Athens?

Acts 18:1

JUDEA

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Luke 7: 1-10, Matthew 8: 5-13

When the Romans invaded Israel, they used soldiers to keep order. For the centurion in Capernaum it was more than just a job...

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The leaders told Jesus..



This man deserves your help. He loves our people.

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This could have been a tricky situation, for Jews never went into the houses of non-Jews.



But Jesus said..

I will go and heal the boy.



But the centurion knew that, as a Jew, Jesus could not go into the houses of non-Jews so as Jesus got near, he sent some friends to him.



He says he isn't worthy enough for you to come to his house.

But he says he understands authority and knows you have it. You only have to say so and his servant will be healed



Jesus was amazed!



I have never met anyone in Israel with as much faith.

He said to the friends...

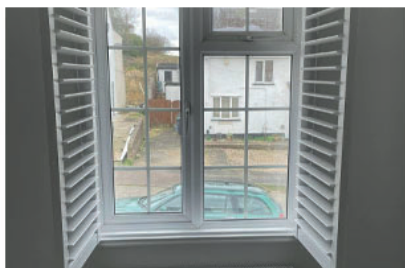


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Smile lines

Won't go far

The new curate went to the building society about their investments, adding: "We want to know how far afield we can go for our holiday."

Handing them their statement the cashier enquired very gently: "Have you got a field at the back of your garden?"

Slow

A curate consistently arrived late for work until their long-suffering vicar asked what was wrong. "My problem," explained the curate, "is that I sleep very slowly."

Where are we?

When Columbus started out, he didn't know where he was going. When he got there, he didn't know where he was. When he got back, he didn't know where he had been. And he did it all on other people's money. Can't help thinking that Columbus reminds me of some teenagers who go on family holidays...

Sky at night

The scientific theory that I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline luggage

Sky fright

An airliner flew into a violent thunderstorm and was soon bumping around in the sky. One very nervous lady happened to be sitting next to a clergyman and turned to him for comfort. "Can't you do something?" she demanded. "I'm sorry ma'am," said the reverend gently. "I'm in sales, not management."

Quotes from children

- "Everyone has feelings, except for snakes and head teachers." -
Donna, age 9
- "Laugh and the world laughs with you, cry and the world laughs at you." -
Rob, age 8
- "Moses came down with the Ten Amendments, which were God's Bill of Wrongs." -
Susie, age 7
- "Doctors automatically know what's wrong with you. They have a sick sense." -
Beau, age 10

Bad driver?

You know you're a bad driver when Siri says, "In 400 feet, stop and let me out."

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DOWN: 1, Spring. 2, Sinful. 3, Scourged. 4, Commit. 5, Spur. 6, Matins. 7, Feed on. 12, Urn. 14, Erastian. 15, Own. 16, Income. 17, At last. 18, Friend. 20, Empire. 21, Adding. 23, Inst.

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