

The Herald

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God commanded the earth to sprout all kinds of vegetation - seed-bearing plants and fruit-bearing trees, and it was so. . . and God saw that it was good.



Gen 1:11-12

Reservoir Group of Churches



— The Parish of —
**St Margaret's Downham,
St Peter's South Hanningfield and
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 because of structural problems there

Sunday 4 October - Trinity 18

10.00am	St Peter's South Hanningfield	Holy Communion
11.00am	St Margaret's Downham	Family Service

Sunday 11 October - Trinity 19

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

Sunday 18 October - Trinity 20 St Luke's day

11.00am	St Margaret's Downham	Harvest Festival Sung Eucharist
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followed by Harvest Lunch in the church

Note: No service at South Hanningfield

Sunday 25 October - Last after Trinity Bible Sunday

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

Sunday 1 November - All Saints

10.00am	St Peter's South Hanningfield	Holy Communion
11.00am	St Margaret's Downham	Family Service
3.00pm	St Margaret's Downham	Thanksgiving & Memorial Service

Other dates for your diary

Saturday 17 October 4.00 to 8.00pm

Display of oil lamps

by the Historic Lighting Club at St Peter's South Hanningfield

Come and go as you please. This is a free event, but we invite donations towards the upkeep of the church.

Complimentary drinks and cheese & biscuits

See page 12 for more details

From the ministry team

Congratulations to the Revd Nikki Firth on her ordination as deacon



Leaving Our Mark

Recently I was able to visit Pompeii. It is somewhere that I have wished to see ever since I learnt about the town, and the devastating volcanic eruption which destroyed it, at school.

It was an amazing place; to be able to walk along Roman streets and be able to imagine how life was there, nearly two thousand years ago. One of the things that really struck me were the water fountains. Without modern plumbing taking water to every home, these water fountains were the literal life force of the city. At regular intervals they both provided the inhabitants with their water supplies, but also - with each one being uniquely decorated with a different deity - a way of navigating the streets.

While each water fountain was unique, they all had something in common. On each side, right by the place where the water spout would have been, was a smooth indentation in the side of the fountain. Our guide explained that this was the result of the stone being worn away as people lent over the side of the fountain to collect their water or to drink from the fountain. There were other ways in which the people there had left their mark in the stone - on the streets were regular ruts created by the wheels of chariots moving up and down the streets.

We see this in our churches; steps worn smooth by the centuries of people walking on them. Small acts: leaning over to collect water, or walking down steps, leaves a mark which is visible long after the people who have made them are gone.

We may sometimes wonder if the small things we do make any difference. That greeting and smile we give to our neighbour, that donation we make, that piece of litter that we pick up, or that flower we plant. But each small act of kindness and generosity will leave its mark on the world around us.

Writing to a Christian community, possibly only a couple of decades before the volcanic eruption which destroyed Pompeii, St Paul wrote: *So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.* (Galatians 6 verse 9).

Repeated acts of kindness, faith, love, and generosity will leave marks on the world and the people around us, even if the impact is not seen straight away. Those marks may well impact the world long after we ourselves have departed from it. What small small mark could you leave today?

God bless,

The Revd Jacqui

St Luke the Evangelist, linking the sacred and the profane

The Church celebrates St Luke's day on 18 October

To St Luke, a Gentile, we owe the beautifully written Gospel of Luke, and the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician, a disciple of St Paul, a companion on some of his missionary journeys, and an inspired writer.

Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ. His gospel contains some of the most moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. This, with his emphasis on poverty, prayer and purity of heart, make up much of his appeal to the Gentiles, for whom he wrote.

Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner.

In Acts, Luke is remarkably good at linking sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. A principal theme of his Acts is how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

Luke is the patron saint of doctors, surgeons and artists (due to his picturesque style of writing). His symbol is an ox, sometimes explained by reference to the sacrifice in the Temple at the beginning of his Gospel. In England 28 ancient churches were dedicated to him.

From the registers

Downham

Baptism

6 September Rory and Barney Walters

Burial of Ashes

30 August Clive Derek Whatling

St Margaret's Downham

Improvement works at St Margaret's

Last month we wrote about the gas leak in the kitchen. Since then the defective pipe has been replaced and as we write this, the finishing touches are being added to the new kitchen, which looks amazing. Our first

opportunity to try it out will be on 18 October when we have our Harvest Festival Lunch.



Nearly finished. A little more woodwork to do and the cooker to be reinstalled

The kitchen is not the only work being carried out. Several years ago the Parochial Church Council decided to renew the worn and dirty mustard coloured carpet in the chancel. We sought permission to replace it with a blue carpet to match the other furnishings in the church, but the then Archdeacon refused permission. More recently, with a new Archdeacon, we applied again and this time permission was granted. Throughout this process, Suttons, the furniture shop in Wickford, had given estimates to supply and fit the new carpet and when we discovered that they were retiring at the end of September, we were prompted to take urgent action. After the service on Sunday 13 September we cajoled able bodied members of the congregation to help with removing the choir stalls and other furniture from the chancel. Contractors then spent four days stripping, sanding and varnishing the floor of the chancel in preparation for the new carpet that is due to be laid on 28 September. Renewal of the gas pipe, the new kitchen, refinishing the floor and the new carpet will cost about £17,000.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival Service takes place on Sunday 18 October at 11.00am and will be followed by Harvest Lunch in the church. We hope to see as many of you there as possible. For catering purposes, if you intend to stay for the lunch, please put your name on the list in church or advise churchwarden Mike or Lee. You will find their contact details on the inside front cover of this magazine. As usual we will be inviting donations of packet, dried or tinned food that will be taken to the Wickford Food Bank after the service.

Memorial & Thanksgiving Service

We are holding our annual Memorial and Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 1 November at 3.00pm. This is an opportunity to remember our loved ones who have gone before. There is a list in the church for you to record the names of anyone you wish to be remembered at that service, or you can email names to revdjean@rjandrews.me.uk

No Christmas Bazaar this year

Attendance at our Christmas Bazaar has been disappointing over the past couple of years, so the PCC has decided to cancel it this year. We may have a Christmas Quiz evening instead. More details next month.

News from Downham C of E School

At Downham Church of England Primary School we are taking time to celebrate the Christian festival of Harvest. It is a time to reflect on our blessings and thank God for all the good gifts He gives us. We are encouraging our school community to give thanks not just for our food but also our families, homes, education, healthcare and so much more! As we listen to or watch the news, it is easy to be bombarded by the many wars and natural disasters taking place around the world. Indeed, it could easily overwhelm us. How important it is, then, to remember that God is sovereign, loving and faithful even in the darkest of times.

Our Collective Worship sessions this half-term have focused on the theme of Compassion. We have been encouraged to take note of the problems around us, to care, and to act however and whenever we can. Just as Jesus looked upon the crowd with compassion and fed the 5000 who had come to listen to Him with just five loaves and two fish, we can donate food to local foodbanks. We can donate old clothes and toys to charity shops which will be able to sell them on and give the money to those in need. We can take time to chat and be patient with people who are feeling lonely or confused. Instead of losing heart because we can't change the whole world, we can reach out to our local community and beyond to make little differences because we know that lots of

little differences add up to big change!

As the evenings draw in and the dark days of winter loom on the horizon, let's take every opportunity to bring the light of Christ to our school and our community.

Lynne Boyd

Humanities & RE leader at Downham Church of England Primary School

Downham Village Hall

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 9th October 2026
in the Village Hall
at 7.00 for 7.30 start

£10 per head (tables of 8)

Bring your own food and drinks

Raffle

To book please call:
Mike Roome 07770 795388

All proceeds will contribute to the cost of maintaining the Village Hall
(Registered Charity no. 296139)

The Village Hall is available for hire and if you would like further information
please call 01277 413343 or e-mail contact@downhamvillagehall-esssex.co.uk

Allotment Plots Available in Ramsden Heath

Fancy growing your own fruit, vegetables or flowers? Plots are now available at the Heath Road allotment site, Ramsden Heath, CM11 1NA.

October is a great time to take on a plot, giving you the winter months to prepare the ground and plan ahead for spring. Rent is £55.00 for residents and £75 for non-residents with a £125 holding deposit.

To enquire or apply, email contact@shallots.org.uk or call 01268 710820.

Community Cuppa & Cake afternoon

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

Tuesday 13 October 2.00 to 4.00pm

After all that lovely hot weather, at our September Coffee afternoon it was absolutely pouring with rain. We still got a very good turnout so much so we have managed to donate to Wickford Food Bank, RSPB and supporting two walks one for Alzheimers and one for Cancer.

Must have the best village supporters ever!!

Looking forward to our October afternoon where you can enjoy a couple of hours having a chat and eating a piece of homemade cake for £1.50 and a cuppa for 50p

Ramsden Cupcakes

Ramsden Heath Social Club

The Club is now truly up and running for the new social season.

We held our annual AGM on 26 September and many members have renewed for 2026-27. If you wish to do so, you can renew online (only £12 pp), using the club bank account Sort code 30-98-97 Account number 88477662 (use surname and short narrative, e.g. SMITH MEMBERSHIP)

Our regular monthly BINGO will be held on Friday 2 October from 7.30 pm Just £1.00 to play plus £2.00 for each book you would like to play.

All welcome. FREE tea/coffee/biscuits at the half-time break, but please feel free to bring other drinks/snacks of your own.

On Saturday 17 October we plan to host a different kind of quiz event from 8.00pm. It is known as a SPEED QUIZ and the format is both exciting and interactive, involving teams of roughly 4-6 people. Each team will need to bring along a mobile phone or tablet, but please don't let that put you off.

The quiz host will ensure that all the technology works as required; several of our committee members and friends have tried it out and would thoroughly recommend it. Ticket prices £5 members, £8 guests, bring your own drinks and nibbles as usual.

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

For more information/tickets please contact:

Dave Quinney on 07950 309524 or Joan Parmenter 07779 175494

Ramsden Heath Horticultural & Allotment Society

We had a very good turnout for our first meeting after the summer break with everyone looking forward to the talk on Crop Circles. Unfortunately, our speaker, Andy Thomas, had got caught in a traffic hold up and had to turn back. We look forward to rescheduling him for next year. So that meant we were left with having to entertain our members for the evening. The problem was solved when Ken Maycey produced one of his many quizzes, promising to make it easy. It must have been as we had over 10 winners who all got a free raffle ticket as their prize.

We had a good variety of entries for our mini show, with beautiful dahlias and vegetables. Thank you to all those who took part. It helps to build points for the Banksian medal at the end of the year.

Our next event is the annual Harvest Supper on Thursday 1 October. Start time is 7.00pm.

This is the chance to bring something to eat for the table as well as sample other people's delights. You can make savoury or sweet dishes and if you don't feel like cooking, bring cheese, fruit, paté or something from the supermarket shelves. Don't forget to bring your own choice of liquid refreshment and a glass to drink it from.

St Peter's South Hanningfield

As we write this it is pouring with rain - we were so incredibly lucky that we had such lovely sunshine for the 2026 Flower Festival - although putting up marquees and bunting in a gale was interesting!

We have counted that there are roughly 80 local people involved in staging this incredible event, you know who you all are - we are incredibly grateful to you all.

We have raised a record amount of £8,034 which is £336 more than last year!

Sylvia and her team of very talented flower arrangers, did the most wonderful

job of filling the church with incredible displays of flowers all representing different titles of films, as the theme this year was The Silver Screen.

Sylvia's team spend 3 weeks in the church preparing and this does not cover all the time they spend before this creating props for their arrangements. It really is a spectacular effort and the results are truly wonderful.

We made a few changes this year. We had a 'Welcome Desk' as people walked in, so everyone could be greeted and given information about what was happening. We had a fresh lemonade stall which went down very well on such lovely sunny days. Clive very kindly let us borrow his walkie talkie system which made no end of difference to the car parking. We also went back to a Ploughman's lunch which proved very successful and we also provided a lovely afternoon tea.

Evie, Debbie and Robert's granddaughter, correctly guessed the name of the lovely teddy bear, and she was very happy to collect her new bear named Rosie'



You will find a selection of photographs of the event on the church's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SouthHanningfieldChurch/>

We are now looking forward to our next event which is held by the Historic Lighting Club who are displaying their amazing collection of antique vVictorian oil lamps. This is being held on Saturday 17 October from 4.00 to 8.00pm. Please do come and enjoy the lovely displays along with some drinks and nibbles. Admission is free but donations towards the running of the church are very much appreciated.

We have done super well this year installing the new updated kitchen and toilet and also the lovely new pew cushions. The work to the spire should start

any time soon and we are aiming to get the vestry and the car park sorted out as our next projects.

Best wishes and thank you from

The Mission Control team

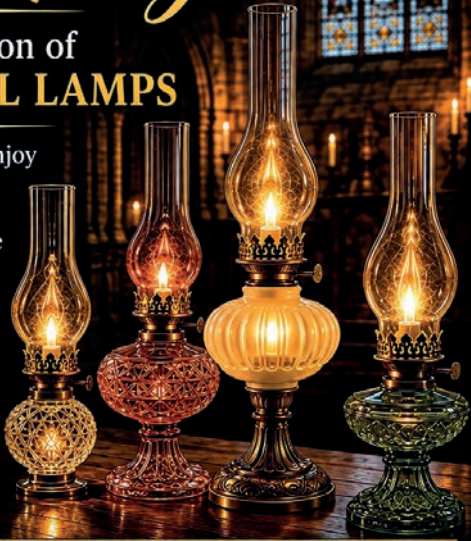
The Historic Lighting Club
presents

An evening by lamplight

an exhibition of
ANTIQUE OIL LAMPS

Step back in time and enjoy
the warm glow of the
fascinating display of
antique oil lamps in the
beautiful setting of
St Peter's church

**Saturday
17 October
4.00 to 8.00pm**



 Suitable for
children aged
12 and over

 Complimentary
drinks, cheese &
biscuits available.

 Everyone
welcome

St Peter's Church

Church Lane, South Hanningfield, CM3 8HW

Admission free, but donations requested to support our ancient church.

South Hanningfield Village Hall

Thank you to all those who came and supported South Hanningfield Summer Garden Party on Saturday, 22 August. It was a wonderful afternoon of live music from Craig and Cameron with Amy as special guest. Thank you to Craig, Cameron and Amy for their support. The weather was just right and we were able to hold it outside in the field beside the hall, thanks to the landowner's kind permission. Thank you to our great food and drink stalls, Beck and Call, Prim and Proper, Nicky's Soft Ices and Brewsual drinks vendor who kept us fed and watered. Thank you to all those who donated prizes for our great Raffle including Beauvoir Arms, Folly Bistro, The Old Windmill, Tesco Basildon, Cook shops and Perrywood Buckhatch Garden Centre. We raised an amazing fundraising sum, £1,500,. which will go to the upkeep of the village hall. See our hall website to view the photos taken on the evening <https://e-voice.org.uk/shanningfieldvillagehall> or click on this electronic link https://e-voice.org.uk/shanningfieldvillagehall/photos/album?album_id=61700503&page=1

Next year, we will have a local band 'The Reservoir Dogs' and we will hold the event outside with permission from the landowner (weather permitting). Put the date in your diary – Saturday, 21 August 2027!

Our next fundraising event will be our Christmas Crafts & Gifts Fayre on Saturday, 21 November from 10.30am to 4.00pm 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. For further information, please contact Clive on 07891 653238 or email vallisc@aol.com

Other Dates for your Diary in 2027

Hanningfield Ball on Saturday, 23 January at Stockbrook Manor in aid of St Peter's Church and South Hanningfield Village Hall

St Patrick's Ceilidh with The Yardarm Ceilidh Band on Saturday, 20 March at the hall

St George's Day with Chas & Dave on Friday, 23 April at the hall

Further details of these fundraising events will be in future editions of the Herald.

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 dates are 29 September and 20 October.

Regular Activities

Coffee Morning

Second Wednesday of each month from 10.30am – 12.30pm

Wednesday, 14 October.

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 to 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 Tuesday evenings.

For more information, contact Rachael, Boxfit instructor on 07912 344560.

1-1 Ballroom and Latin lessons and wedding dance lessons

Available 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 and

Friday afternoon 1.30pm to 5.00pm

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.

Website <https://e-voice.org.uk/shanningfieldvillagehall>

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All in the month of October

It was:

800 years ago, on 3 October 1226 that St Francis of Assisi, Italian friar, deacon and mystic, died. One of the most venerated religious figures in Christianity, and founder of the Franciscan Order.

300 years ago, on 28 October 1726 that Jonathan Swift's novel Gulliver's Travels was published.

175 years ago, on 18 October 1851 that Herman Melville's novel Moby-Dick was published.

125 years ago, on 12 October 1901 that US President Theodore Roosevelt renamed the Executive Mansion the White House. It is the official residence and workplace of the US President.

Also 125 years ago, on 19 October 1901 that Edward Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 and March No. 2 were performed for the first time, in Liverpool.

100 years ago, on 14 October 1926 that the children's book Winnie-the-Pooh, by A A Milne, was published.

90 years ago, from 5 to 31 October 1936 that The Jarrow March took place. 200 men set off from Jarrow in north-east England to Westminster, to draw attention to the severe unemployment and poverty in their area following the closure of a shipyard.

80 years ago, on 15 October 1946 that Hermann Goering, German Nazi leader, died. He was sentenced to death at the Nuremberg Trials but poisoned himself with cyanide on the eve of his execution.

Also 80 years ago, on 20 October 1946 that the puppet character Muffin the Mule made his first TV appearance on the BBC series For the Children.

75 years ago, on 18 October 1951 that Snowdonia National Park was established in Wales. It was Britain's third National Park.

Also 75 years ago, on 30 October 1951 that Dartmoor National Park was established in the UK.

Also 75 years ago, on 31 October 1951 that zebra crossings were introduced in Britain. The first one was in Slough, Berkshire.

70 years ago, on 17 October 1956 that Britain's first nuclear power station, Calder Hall in Cumbria, was officially opened. It closed in March 2003, nearly 47 years later.

Also 70 years ago, on 23 October to 10 November 1956 that the Hungarian Revolution began and was crushed by the Soviet Union.

65 years ago, on 6 October 1961 that US President John F Kennedy advised

Americans to build bomb shelters to protect themselves from nuclear fallout, in the event of an attack by the Soviet Union.

60 years ago, on 21 October 1966 that the Aberfan disaster took place in South Wales. A colliery spoil tip (slag heap) collapsed and fell onto the village. Worst hit was Pantglas Junior School. In all, 116 children and 28 adults were killed.

50 years ago, on 4 October 1976 that the InterCity 125 High Speed Train service began operating in the UK.

Also 50 years ago, on 25 October 1976 that the National Theatre in London officially opened.

40 years ago, on 9 October 1986 that Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical The Phantom of the Opera premièred in London.

Also 40 years ago, on 29 October 1986 that the M25 orbital motorway around Greater London was opened.

15 years ago, on 31st October 2011 that the world's population reached seven billion.



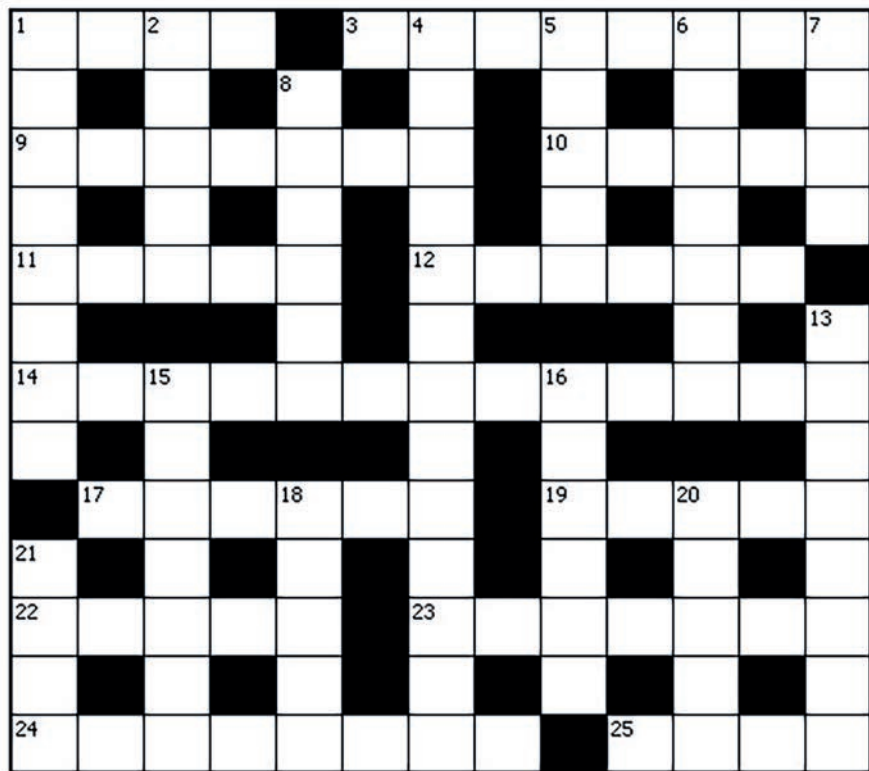
Bishop's Forest Pre School

Led by experienced and passionate staff on our
10 acre site in Rettendon Common, our
Freobel-inspired, term time Forest Pre School
for 3 to 5 year olds values curiosity, connections
and the wonder that comes from learning
outdoors.

hello@bishopsforestschool.co.uk

Call: 07729 624222

Puzzle corner



Across

- 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)
- 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
- 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of — , the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)
- 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
- 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
- 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
- 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)

- 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)
- 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
- 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
- 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
- 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
- 25 Note (anag.) (4)

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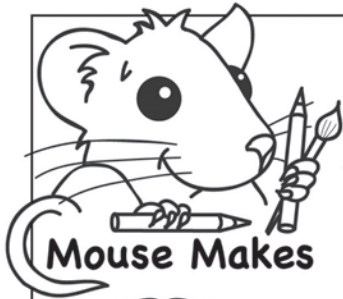
- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
- 2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free'
(Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
- 4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image'
(Judges 18:20) (9,4)
- 5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
- 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this
(Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7)
- 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
- 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)
- 15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day'
(Acts 2:41) (5,2)
- 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this
(Revelation 21:18) (6)
- 18 Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there,
the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
- 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
- 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

Answers on page 33

Observations on daily life

- Progress is a tide. If we stand still, we will surely be drowned.
– H Mayfield
- In many workplaces, it's not whether you win or lose, but how you
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- Reality is the leading cause of stress. *– Anon*

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2. Which book of the Bible has the shortest title?

1. How many books are there in the New Testament?

2



3

3. The Word of God is sharper than a two edged

Hebrews 4:12



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4. He was an Old Testament prophet that has a book named after him.

5. The first book of the Bible.



6. God's word is like?

A _____ and a _____
Psalm 119:105

8. The last book in the Bible.

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9. The Old Testament book of poetry and songs.

9

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11. The last book in the Old Testament.

11

12

10. Who wrote the third book of the New Testament?

13

14

12. Which book tells the story of the spread of Christianity?



13. The Bible is also known as the

of God.
Hebrews 4:12

14. A book of the Bible named after a woman



7. What are the first four books of the New Testament known as?

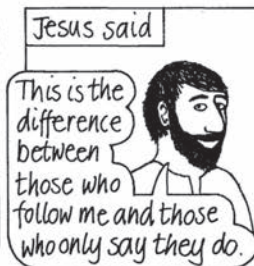


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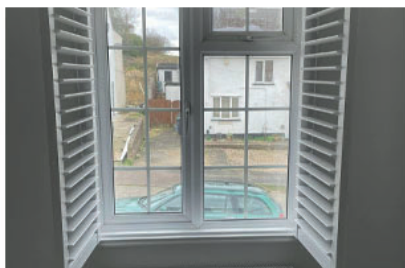
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Genesis for Cats

- On the first day of Creation, God created the cat.
- On the second day, God created man to serve the cat.
- On the third day, God created all the animals of the earth to serve as food for the cat.
- On the fourth day, God created honest toil so that man could labour for the good of the cat.
- On the fifth day, God created expensive furniture so that the cat would have objects whereon to sharpen its claws.
- On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the cat healthy and the man broke.
- On the seventh day, God tried to rest, but the litterbox needed changing.

Miscellaneous observations on daily life

- At my age I have given up on health foods; I need all the preservatives I can get.
- Ever feel like life is a car wash and you're on a bicycle?
- It's good to have self-confidence. It's even better to have a reason for it.
- You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.
- Blessed are the flexible people, for they don't mind when the demands of family and work ties them in knots.
- My favourite childhood memory is having energy.
- My mind is like an internet browser. At least 19 open tabs, three of them are frozen and I have no clue where the music is coming from.
- It's weird being the same age as old people.
- I like to make a shopping list. I like to guess what's in it when I get to the store and discover I left it at home.

Bats on the wing

Two bats went for their midnight feed. After an hour or so, one bat got tired of looking and went home with no blood. Later the other bat came back, with blood dripping from its mouth. The first bat said enviously, "Where did you get all that blood from?"

The second bat replied "Follow me. I'll show you." He led the first one to a cave and said: "You see that wall over there?"

The hungry bat excitedly says, "Yes!"

The other bat said, "I didn't."

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