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**Trinity has Live Worship on Sundays, with Services Zoomed.**

Thanks to our 'Zoom team', those at home can join us.

Trinity's Zoom Link:  
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Meeting ID: 995 0081 3735  
 Passcode: 816173

Link to Circuit Website:  
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**Trinity E-News:**  
**Deadline:** for Dec 22 & Jan 23  
**Double Issue is Sund 20 Nov 22**

Trinity E-News is also available on our Basingstoke & Reading Website, see link above.

I always enjoy receiving your lovely pieces, so please keep them coming. **A Big Thankyou** to everyone who has sent in items. These can be posted or emailed. **Thank you again, Hazel, Ed** (☎: 01256-461375)  
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**These are the Words from the Picture on the Front of the October Trinity E-News (which were very small on the printed copies)**

*Faithful Lord, thank you that we have been given all we need to live as your children and that, no matter what we may be called upon to face, we can be sure that your grace is sufficient for all our needs, because your power is made perfect in our weakness.*

November 2022

Dear Friends,

I'm writing this in October ready for publication in the November newsletter.

By then we might know whether we have been matched with a Minister to look after all the Methodist churches in Basingstoke.

At the same time the Circuit is seeking a new Minister for Caversham and Woodley in Reading, and a Probationer Minister for the churches around Tadley.

These are always uncertain times, because we are aware that there is a shortage of Ministers and it is unlikely that we will receive people to lead us in all three situations.

At the same time our Minister, Audrey, will be seeking a new appointment, and we pray for her as she discerns the suitability of the Circuit with which she may be matched.

The Basingstoke churches have been here before, and have known times of prolonged waiting, as when Rev. Jayne Webb left and Rev. David Shaw held the fort for a year, while carrying many other responsibilities.

Please pray for everyone involved in this process - for Ministers who may consider coming to us, for the people involved in the decision about their suitability for us - our District Chair and the Circuit Invitation Committee, made up of Ministers and Circuit Stewards.

The issues it might raise for us include the part we can play in the Church's life in the offer of our skills and experience. We recognise that we are the Body of Christ and that, helpful as it is to have a Minister's leadership, it is the people of the Church who ultimately make the difference in the way we live and serve.

Our Church has many positives, including the depth of our welcome and care for one another.

Another issue that affects this particular situation is that of discerning together a person's gifts and personality and assessing whether what they offer is what we need now.

Discernment through prayer and consultation is one of the many, vital areas of our Christian life together.

It is a great gift to pray for and to seek to deepen among us.

At this time of changed leadership - a new Monarch and a new Prime Minister, it isn't only the Church that needs God's great gift of discernment.

With love,

**Reverend David Jenkins**

### **Circuit News:**

#### **'Church at the Margins' –**



**4 Nov 2022, 10 am – 3 pm at  
St Andrew's Church,  
Basingstoke**

Please find details below of an event put together by our own **Tizz** in conjunction with the Learning Network, where they have managed to secure the excellent **Eunice Attwood** to come and speak about:

#### **'Church at the Margins'.**

You may remember her coming to a recent Synod and speaking so vibrantly, and also movingly of her own story.

Please spread the word – the event is at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Basingstoke and all are welcome but there is also online access:

<https://sdmc-web-01.azurewebsites.net/calendar/church-at-the-margins/>

**info:** <https://www.sdmc.org.uk/calendar/church-at-the-margins/>

## Advent Liturgy 2022

Our Advent candle liturgy this year will involve the whole congregation and use the whole church.

There will be an 'Advent candle station' at four corners of the church, each with a large candle decorated with evergreen foilage.

They will be labelled for the four weeks of Advent with the words HOPE, PEACE, LOVE and JOY. The final candle (for Christmas Day) will be at the front of the church and labelled LIGHT OF THE WORLD.



Each week the congregation will be provided with paper and pens on arrival and are invited to write their own short prayers on that week's theme, before or during the liturgy. These prayers will be gathered and added to each 'station' after the service.

Each week the previous week's candles will be re-lit before the service begins and the new candle lit during the liturgy, with the congregation invited to turn to face that week's candle as it is lit.

The liturgy will include a short reading linked to that week's theme, time for people to write their own short prayers and a prayer to be read after that week's candle is lit. Each week there will be an opportunity to contribute to a retiring collection to support the people of Ukraine.

We hope the liturgy will be a time of blessing as we journey through Advent together.

**Ann and Hilary**

**Our Congratulations and very best wishes to Hilary Reed on completing her training and becoming a full-fledged Worship Leader. Well Done. With love from all your Trinity Friends.**

### **Circuit News: Reminder: To Church Safeguarding Officers and Trainers and Ministers in pastoral charge**

Please note that we have been offered places on some Advanced Module training courses being run locally, as follows:

- 9.45 am - 3.30 pm on Saturday 4 February 2023: Thatcham Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Thatcham RG18 4QL
- 9.45 am - 3.30 pm on Saturday 11 March 2023: St Andrews Methodist Centre, Weyhill Rd, Andover, SP10 3BH

Booking onto any of these courses should be through me, **Peter Frank via email: [resources@basingstokereadingmethodists.uk](mailto:resources@basingstokereadingmethodists.uk), or by phoning 07407 281986.**

**125 years ago**, on 15 November 1897, Aneurin 'Nye' Bevan, British politician was born, the sixth of ten children. The family lived in Tredegar, Monmouthshire, where his father was a miner, and his mother was the daughter of a colliery blacksmith. He was the Minister of Health 1945-51, who led the establishment of the National Health Service.

**The document below** was prepared by Michael Parker and Margaret Hayes following discussions at the Trinity Church Council Meeting in October. They were authorised by Church Council to do so and then to send it out. Diane Bath read it out at the Sunday Morning Service at Trinity on the 23 October.

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## Trinity Methodist Church: The Way Forward – for discussion

As a part of Church Council on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 we discussed the three questions that all churches have been given by the last circuit meeting.

- **Are we able to fill the key roles in the church in a way that is sustainable?** (2 Stewards, Safeguarding Office, Property Steward, Treasurer, Church Council Secretary, and Pastoral Secretary)
- **Is our property likely to become prohibitively expensive in the next 3 years?** (Maintenance, cleaning, or energy costs)
- **Is there some way that we might alleviate the pressure on the preaching plan between 10 and 12 on a Sunday?**



The meeting was also attended by 8 other interested Church Members and there were oral presentations on behalf of a CC member who couldn't attend.

We considered the questions in the light of our mission statement – To know Christ and to make him known.

In answer to the first question we concluded that we can't fill these roles and Treasurer and CC Secretary are particularly challenging.

In answer to the second question we were told that free will giving has declined by £10,000, we had a deficit of £25,000 last year, have run a deficit for the last 3 years and budget for a deficit of £15,000 for 2022-23 although that is likely to be more with Utility price rises. There is outstanding work to be done and the quinquennial inspection (property inspection every 5 years) carried out last year focused on replacement of flat roofs which would wipe out our reserves.

It was said that we have a lot of history in the building and love for it, but it is cumbersome, bizarre and too expensive so we need to agree a way forward.

The options discussed were

- **Close the church and disperse our members to other congregations.** This was rejected by the meeting, and it was felt that we should move together although not all might come along. Also that House Groups could support our sense of identity including reforming a Southern House Group.

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**Trinity Methodist Church: The Way Forward – for discussion (cont'd)**

- **Merge with another church on their premises - specifically St Andrews**  
There was a long discussion, and it was seen to be a viable option which requires more and wider consideration including the need to understand how their mission is aligned with ours. We understand that this may not resolve all the problems of fulfilling roles.
- **Are there other options to consider?**  
Some present wanted to maintain a Methodist presence in the town centre (or even on the current site) and explore options such as renting shop premises or merging with another denomination to form a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP). We wanted to ensure that no possibilities were ruled out.

The meeting overall felt that the merger with St Andrews (if they are also agreeable to this) was the most realistic option but we didn't want to exclude any other possibilities.

We plan to have an Extraordinary General Church Meeting (EGCM) after the service on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022, chaired Rev'd Audrey Browne, where we can receive everyone's views on these and any other ideas following your prayerful reflection.

We have chosen this date to allow time for consideration before we fully enter the Advent Season.

In the New Year there will be a further Church Council meeting to agree the definitive way forward. If the merger is agreed, St Andrews will also need their Church Council meeting to agree to this.

Please can you keep the people of Trinity Methodist Church in your prayers as we travel through this process.

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### **On the 6 November join the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church**



Churches & Christians across the UK are being invited to remember the suffering of Christians persecuted and imprisoned for their faith in countries around the world. According to Open Doors, the 2022 rankings are as follows. The top 20 countries where it is most dangerous to be a Christian are:

1 Afghanistan; 2 North Korea; 3 Somalia; 4 Libya; 5 Yemen; 6 Eritrea; 7 Nigeria; 8 Pakistan; 9 Iran; 10 India; 11 Saudi Arabia; 12 Myanmar; 13 Sudan; 14 Iraq; 15 Syria; 16 Maldives; 17 China; 18 Qatar; 19 Vietnam; & 20 Egypt. **For the full list of 50 countries, go to:** <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/world-watch-list/>

- **What happens then?** A little boy was taken Christmas shopping by his mother. He watched the escalator going down for several minutes, and then asked with concern: "What happens when the ground floor gets full of steps?"

## Sunday Worship – Trinity and Our Basingstoke Churches

Plan for Worship, for November 2022 for our Basingstoke Churches. **Live Worship at Trinity with Services also Zoomed.**

**Enquiries:** please contact **Diane Bath** on: ☎: 01256 320429 or by email at: [dianeath51@gmail.com](mailto:dianeath51@gmail.com) Thank you.



### Basingstoke Churches – November 2022

Dates	6 November	13 Nov Remembrance Sunday 	20 November	27 Nov Advent Sunday 
Trinity 10.30 am	LA, JAM, All Age Worship	Revd Jackie Case	Mrs Anne Rowe & Mrs Ann Walker	Revd Audrey D Browne, S
Kempshott 10.30 am	Revd David Jenkins, S	Mrs Sarah Whithorn, Zoom	LA, Zoom	Mr David Munns, Zoom
Oakley 10.30 am	Mrs June Hardcastle	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	LA	Revd Dr John Sumitra
Oakridge 10.30 am	Revd Dr John Sumitra	Revd David Jenkins, S	Judith Cole	LA
Old Basing 10.30 am	Mr Peter Frank	Revd Martin Beukes	Revd David Jenkins, S	Mr Terry Rowell
St Andrew's 10.30 am	Revd Audrey D Browne, S	Revd Valerie Fisher, P	Revd Audrey D Browne	Mrs June Hardcastle

**Following our Trinity Service on 27 Nov,** there will be an Extraordinary General Church Meeting (EGCM), chaired by Rev'd Audrey Browne, to receive everyone's views on 'Trinity – The Way Forward', see pages 4 & 5.

At the time of going to print, only the Proposed Services for Trinity for Dec 22 & Proposed Shared Services for Trinity & St Andrew's for Jan & Feb 2023 were available. *Please see page 7 for Jan & Feb services, Ed*

### Basingstoke & Reading Circuit

(Trinity Services: December 22 –

To Be Confirmed by the Circuit, Alterations may occur

Dates	4 Dec Advent 2	11 December Advent 3 Carol Service	18 December Advent 4	23 December Christingle, AT 3 pm	25 December Christmas Day, AT – 10 am
Trinity 10.30 am	Mr Tony Pitt with Mrs Ann Walker	Carol Service, Local Arrangement	Revd Audrey D Browne, Communion	Christingle Service led by JAM Leaders, at 3 pm	Revd Angela Webb with Mr Peter Ansell, at 10 am. St Andrew's will join with Trinity for our Christmas Day Worship

From 1 January 2023, Trinity and St Andrew's will be joining together to share their services with Trinity hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday where appropriate, and St Andrew's hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

### Basingstoke & Reading Circuit

*(From 1 January 23, Trinity & St Andrew's begin meeting together for their Shared Services:*

*January 23 – To Be Confirmed by the Circuit, Alterations may occur*

Dates	1 January – New Year's Day	8 January Covenant Service	15 January	22 January	29 January
Trinity 10.30 am	Local Arrangement, Trinity	<b>No Service</b>	Revd Audrey D Browne, Trinity	<b>No Service</b>	Revd Martin Beukes, Trinity
St Andrew's 10.30 am	<b>No service</b>	Revd Audrey D Browne, Covenant, Communion, St Andrew's	<b>No Service</b>	Mrs Denise Baugh, St Andrew's	<b>No Service</b>

### Basingstoke & Reading Circuit

*(Trinity & St Andrew's continue meeting together for Shared Services: February 23 – To Be Confirmed by the Circuit, Alterations may occur)*

Dates	5 Feb, Trinity	12 Feb, St Andrew's	19 Feb, Trinity	26 Feb, Lent 1, St Andrew's
Trinity 10.30 am	Revd Audrey D Browne, Communion, Trinity	<b>No Service</b>	Revd Audrey D Browne, Trinity	<b>No Service</b>
St Andrew's 10.30 am	<b>No Service</b>	Mrs Anne Rowe, St Andrew's	<b>No Service</b>	Revd Audrey D Browne, St Andrew's

### Circuit News: Advance Notice – the Circuit Prayer Resource Group:

Are creating an Advent Liturgy for use in the churches of the circuit. It will be available next month (November), circulated in the weekly notices and placed on the website. *(Taken from the Weekly Circuit Notices, 18 October 2022)*

**100 years ago**, on 4 November 1922, British archaeologist Howard Carter discovered the tomb of the Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamen. On 26 November he reached a second sealed doorway and discovered the famous treasures.

**30 years ago**, on 20 November 1992, the Windsor Castle fire broke out in a private chapel and spread to a large part of the building. Damage was extensive and took five years to repair, at a cost of £40 million. Buckingham Palace was opened to the public for the first time to help raise the money.

**‘Jesus And Me’ ! (JAM)**

**‘JAM’ meets from  
2.30 pm – 4.30 pm,  
usually on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
of the month.**



**But on: Sunday 6  
November at 10.30 am –**

**Trinity’s Morning ‘All  
Age’ Worship will be led  
by ‘Members of JAM’.**

**Please come along and  
support JAM on 6 Nov.**

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**JAM’s December meeting  
is on Sunday 4 December.**

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**JAM – Children & Families**  
meet in the Lounge, usually on  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month,  
to hear stories of Jesus,  
craft, singing and tea.

Some of what we do on a  
Sunday afternoon is often  
displayed in the foyer area at  
Church for all of us to see.

**All are very welcome.  
Do come along and join us.**

**The Latest Circuit Prayer  
Resource for September to  
November can be found on  
pages 18 - 21 of the  
September Issue of  
Trinity E-News.**

**Trinity Circle**

Our next meeting is on  
**Tuesday 8 November at 7.30 pm in the Lounge**

Our evening will be led by Jennifer Pitt who  
will be sharing with us memories of her  
recent Canadian holiday.

**Trinity Circle** is open to everyone, so if you  
are able to join us, please come along, we  
would love to see you.

**Sonia**

**The Northern Housegroup**

Our next meeting is on  
**Tuesday 1 November at 7.30pm in the lounge.**

Our speaker is: **Hilary Reed** and she will be  
telling us all about ‘*Amnesty International*’.

This is an ‘**Open Meeting**’ and you are all most  
welcome to come along.

**Hilary, Edna and Sonia**

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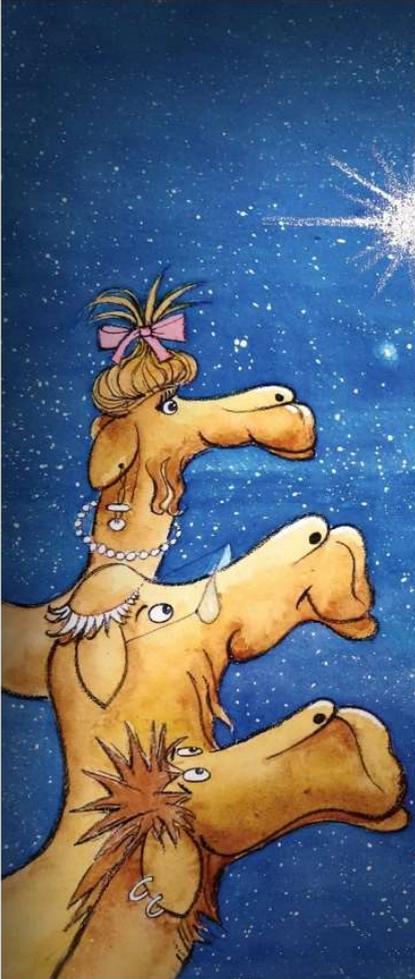
**The Northern Housegroup** are looking for new  
members and would welcome new members to join  
them. They meet on the **first Tuesday of the month  
at 7.30 pm**, either in the lounge or at someone’s home.

**Where?** A rather long-  
winded preacher was  
dealing with the Old  
Testament prophets, one by  
one. “And now,” he  
propounded, “we reach  
Isaiah. Where shall I put  
Isaiah?” At that, a little man  
in the front row stood up.  
“He can have my seat.  
I am going home!”

**God bless –** A little  
girl saying her  
prayers: “God bless  
Mummy, God bless  
Daddy, God bless  
my brother Tommy,  
God bless Granny –  
and God look after  
Yourself, ‘cos if  
anything happens to  
You, we’ve had it!”

- **The true soldier fights not because he hates  
what is in front of him, but because he loves  
what is behind him – G K Chesterton**

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**Basingstoke and Reading Methodist Circuit Musical – Three Wise Camels**

**Wesley Methodist Church , Queens Road, Reading, RG14BW**

**19<sup>th</sup> November . Free entry**

**Start at 4pm—Finish by 5pm**

We are also looking for singers to join us and participate in the musical. Please email Tony and Jennifer Pitt at [pitt@btinternet.com](mailto:pitt@btinternet.com) or on 01256 816314 if you wish to take part or want more information




**CIRCUIT MUSICAL Saturday 19 November 2022**

**“Three Wise Camels” at**

**Wesley Methodist Church, Reading**



***Calling all who enjoy singing to come and join us:***

We will be performing a new musical by **Roger Jones** called **“Three Wise Camels”** to a live orchestra in a day. Some rehearsals will be held for those who would like extra practice at **Tadley Common Methodist Church on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm – 9 pm.** (You do not have to attend any of these to take part on the day).

Please ask someone else for a lift or let us know if you don't drive & can't get there.

We will still also need a congregation to worship with us.

Copies of the musical or CD can be purchased from:

**[Christian Music Ministries at: www.cmm.org.uk](http://www.cmm.org.uk)**

**Email Tony & Jennifer Pitt at: [pitt@btinternet.com](mailto:pitt@btinternet.com) or ☎: 01256 816314 if you wish to take part, to let us know what part you would like to sing and contact details.**

- **Don't cross the line** – There is a line on the ocean where you lose a day after crossing it. There's also a line on all busy roads, where you can lose a lot more if you cross it.

## Trinity Church Council Meeting on 18 October 2022

This meeting was scheduled to include discussion about the Way Forward for Trinity. Church Council were joined by eight other church members.

Rev'd Audrey Browne led the meeting in reflection and prayer, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending this afternoon.

**Worship Leaders:** Hilary's reporting service was last Sunday (16 October). The meeting welcomed Hilary as a new worship leader, and Hilary expressed her thanks for the support given to her by June Hardcastle and Tony Pitt.

**News from the Circuit:** Margaret Hayes continues as the Circuit Steward for Trinity. The stationing process is well under way, and profiles have been received. The meeting was asked to keep this in their prayers.

The Worship Group will continue making arrangements for 10 - 12 Sunday services.

**Mission Action Plan:** Things remain the same as before. The three key people working on this were not at today's meeting.

**Finance:** Reports had been submitted in advance of the meeting.

A £10,000 'sundries' item was clarified as the fees incurred re the easement to the Community Church for their emergency use; these fees will be recouped. Also, the Church Council had agreed to make a £6,000 contribution towards the shortfall in the ministers' pension funds. These two items account for more than £9,000 of this sundries item. Audrey asked for these items to be itemised.

Margaret Hayes asked that Jennifer Pitt be authorised as a bank signatory. This was approved unanimously by the meeting.

Margaret also asked for approval to purchase a software program specially geared to churches like ours, which will make her life easier. Cost is £179, and this was approved unanimously by the meeting.

### **Support Services:**

In regard to the Jill Wigney legacy, Tony Pitt proposed that the money be made available to JAM. This was approved unanimously by the meeting.

Documents had been submitted in advance of the meeting, and all were approved. Property Checklist. Property Return Information: this goes to Circuit, and is much the same as last year's report.

A list was provided of maintenance work which has been carried out through the past year. Thanks were expressed to everyone involved in this work.

Hiring and parking: It is clear that our power costs will increase, and that to keep pace with that we would have to increase lettings by 25%. Current rate is £16.75 per hour, and this could soon need to be of the order of £25 per hour. The Nursery have already increased the amount they are paying for rental.

Proposal was that we increase letting rates by 16% but keep this in review through the year. Parking fees increase of 5% was proposed.

Both of these proposed increases were approved unanimously by the meeting.

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*Church Council Minutes (continued)*

**Finally, the Quinquennial Report** (five-yearly major property inspection): The surveyor report was from five years ago, and one year has already passed. We estimate that we shall have to spend over £100,000 on the building, the main cost being the flat roof. This spend does not improve insulation, it simply stops the building falling down.

**Safeguarding:** Report much the same as last year, just need to change the date. It was agreed that this can be done by email.

**GDPR:** We are trying to follow the rules.

**The Way Forward for Trinity:**

A summary of this part of the meeting will be produced separately by Michael Parker and Margaret Hayes for presentation at Church on 27 November.

**Dates for diary:**

- Carol service on 18 December
- Christingle service 23 December at 3 pm
- Christmas Day – 10 am – Angela Webb at Trinity, joint service with St Andrew’s
- Next Church Council meeting: Tuesday 21 March 2023 at 2 pm

**The Mug and Biscuit, St Andrew's Church is Open on:**



**New Hours of opening are:**

**Tuesday: 10 am to 1.30 pm**  
**Wednesday: 10 am to 1.30 pm**  
**Thursday: 10 am to 1.30 pm**



- We will be serving home-made cakes, jacket potatoes, toasted sandwiches and tea cakes.
- The menu is subject to change.
- Last Orders for hot food 1 pm
- Takeaway Available. Credit Cards Accepted.
- Please come along and support this initiative.
- If you would like to help, please come along and speak to us.



**We look forward to welcoming old and new friends.**

**The Mug & Biscuit Team**

Any queries contact: **Linda Hoe** ☎: 07963 583506



**Tuesday Lunches at Christ Church Chineham:**

Christ Church Chineham cooks and serves a two-course lunch on the first & third Tuesday each month, 12.15 pm for 12.30 pm. Lunches consist of a jacket potato, two fillings (one is always cheese), salad & a pudding. No set charge – ‘guests’ are invited to give what they can afford. Come yourself & invite anyone you know who is feeling lonely or finding life difficult. Booking preferred, please sign up on ChurchSuite or phone the Office (☎: 01256 474280) if you are able. If you are bringing friends, please sign them up too. It is important you advise us of any food allergies. If you would like to join my ‘Team of Helpers’, please let Marianne know. **Marianne Sales:** ([MarianneBunn1610@hotmail.com](mailto:MarianneBunn1610@hotmail.com))



**Autumn**

He arrives in a coat of many colours,  
 flame, gold, russet and brown,  
 Autumn appears with dancing feet  
 crunching on leaves,  
 the wind has blown down.

Rustling and bustling, friend with the  
 wind, whistling and blowing and  
 whooshing around,  
 Creating a carpet of multiple colours,  
 teasing the leaves as they fall to  
 the ground.

Mellowing fruits and ripening corn,  
 Autumn's bounty for us to share,  
 Our God of provision, providing,  
 sustaining, whatever the season,  
 His presence is near.

*by Megan Carter (PP)*

**Bible Studies at  
 Old Basing:**



**Focusing on Philipians Series:**  
 Thursdays 2.30 pm at

**Old Basing Methodist Church**

- **3 November – Chapter Four – Joy**  
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**Advent Series: Thursdays 2.30 pm**  
**at Old Basing Methodist Church**

- **On December 1, 8 & 15 –**  
**Aspects of The Christmas Story**

**What's On at Old Basing**

- **Coffee morning –**  
**Friday 11 November at 10:30 am**
- **Weekday Communion –**  
**Tuesday 22 November at 2:30 pm,**  
**led by Revd David Jenkins**

*Anyone from Trinity or our other  
 Circuit Churches would be very  
 welcome.*

**'Want to do'** – When I was young my  
 parents told me what to do. Now I am  
 old, my children tell me what to do. When  
 will I be able to do what I want to do?

**OAKLEY METHODIST CHURCH**  
**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**  
**SATURDAY**  
**12th**  
**NOVEMBER**  
**10:00<sub>am</sub> - 12:00<sub>noon</sub>**

**St. Michael's Hospice & The Bluebells' Christmas Cards ON SALE!**

Drop in for tea/coffee and a mince pie  
 At the chapel by the pond

Proceeds to Church funds

**Oakley Methodist Church**  
**Coffee Mornings at Oakley**  
**are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Tuesdays of the month**  
**10 am – 12 noon (8 Nov & 22 Nov)**

£1 for a bottomless tea  
 or coffee and biscuits.  
**Also some paperbacks**  
**available at 30p each.**

**War in Ukraine: Help Support the Church in Ukraine with Bibles**

The Bible Society is appealing for funds to send more Bibles to Ukraine. Bibles which share **“the love and power of God’s Word.”** Details at:  
<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/donate/>

**Month of Prayer for Peace**

For the Month of December, Tearfund will be focusing on '*Praying for the Peacemakers*', '*Peace-bringers*' and '*Peacebuilders*' working in conflict-scarred situations all around the world.

Join them for this '*month of prayer*' and you'll receive a short email each day with information from Tearfund partners and staff. These will offer clear, simple ways to intercede for them and the work they are doing to bring peace where it's needed most.

You can sign up by visiting: [tearfund.org/peacemakers](http://tearfund.org/peacemakers)

*Sent in by Anne Rowe*

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***Advent this year begins on 27 November***

***Advent Song (Lk 21:28, Rev 1:7,8, 22:7)***

Lift-up your heads, prepare for the Promised One,  
the Promised One of Patriarchs,  
Hope-light of Israel shining through the dark years  
to Bethlehem and beyond. ***Light the candle of Hope.***

Lift-up your heads, prepare for the Promised One,  
the Promised One of Prophets  
Who foretell the Prince of the peace of hearts,  
Heart-peace which transcends understanding and shines  
through circumstances and generations. ***Light the candle of Peace.***

Lift-up your heads, prepare for the Promised One,  
the Promised One of John, Baptizer, who taught the need  
for turning, for forgiveness and receiving,  
Who made ready the way for Love to live. ***Light the candle of Love.***

Lift-up your heads, prepare for the Promised One,  
the Promised One, magnified through Mary,  
God-Man, gift, Joy-bringer, Jesus, to Jew and to Gentile,  
Joy to the world without end. ***Light the candle of Joy.***

Lift-up your heads, prepare for the Promised One,  
The Promised One who is Hope and Peace and Love and Joy,  
who lived and died and rose.  
Stand, lift-up your heads, worship the was, and is, and is to come King.

***by Daphne Kitching (Parish Pump)***

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***Please see the October Issue of Trinity E-News***

***As I interpret the President, 'we're now at the end of the beginning of the upturn of the downturn' – John F Kennedy when Senator***

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***Hardening of the heart ages people more quickly than hardening of the arteries – Anon***

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***Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important – Anon***

## An invitation



How are you with invitations? Suppose today, an invitation drops through your letterbox, how do you respond? What are your first thoughts? Suspicion? Intrigue? Resignation? Alarm? These are all responses. So, which is it? How will you answer the RSVP at the bottom of the page?

Could our questions go something like this? Where, Why, Who, and What? The what is probably very true of us ladies, because the next question is, what do I wear. In spite of having bulging wardrobes, we simply have nothing to wear!

Then there are other feelings of uncertainty. What do I take? Nothing too expensive or unsuitable, it is a dilemma. Shall I just refuse the invitation? There are parties where no gift is required, just our presence, so much easier to deal with.

Some of us may remember the first real big party we attended. It was a street party. Trestle tables lined the road, union flags flew everywhere, people sang patriotic songs, food for everyone in abundance, more than we could eat, and for us children newly back from evacuation, excitement, amazement. Neighbourliness was the key, we had all suffered, now we all rejoiced.

The next party I recall was my son's 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday party. The little guests came clutching their gifts for the birthday boy. The boys had their hair held firmly in place with hair cream, the girls in pretty party dresses, the jelly, cakes, candles to blow out, the games, the laughter, once the shyness was over and the happy waving when they went home, while, we sank into the armchairs.

As we get older the invitations become fewer and cost more. Now there are parties for all kinds of occasions. Engagements, Weddings, Christenings, Exam success, Retirement etc. We share in the joy, which hopefully makes us feel good, grateful to have been asked to the party.

Some of us remember Miriam Walpole. Miriam had been a Maths Teacher, she was very alert, although 100 years plus old. I sometimes used to take a bagatelle game to her home, she loved this, but I always asked her to add up each round. She was quicker than me.

The last time I saw her, Miriam was in a care home. I had arrived there at lunch time. I asked the nurse if I could see Miriam. She said yes, and asked if I could persuade Miriam to have her soup, which was getting cold. I sat next to Miriam. She had very little interest in the soup. Miriam just said, with real urgency, 'I have to get to the party, they are all waiting for me.' This, she repeated over and over again. My urging to have the soup was ignored, this was more important.

That night, Miriam died. She had heard the invitation, and she went to that party, what did she know that I was unaware of? To her, it was so real. I am pleased I went to see her. Sleep well my friend.

In Matthew Chap 25 we read of that invitation, '*Come you who are blessed by my Father, take your inheritance the kingdom prepared for you, since the creation of the world.*'

What shall I wear? Isaiah Chap.61 verse 10 reads: '*He has clothed me with garments of salvation, and arrayed me, in a robe of righteousness*' (INV).

Our invitation is assured through the blood of Jesus, God bless you.

**Margaret Garland**

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**The Unexpected Gift Activity Book – Creative  
 Christmas Activities by Annie Kratzsch & Tessa  
 Janes, 10Publishing, £6.99**

An activity book for youngsters aged 4 to 7 helps to make the Christmas story hands-on & tangible. It contains 25 activities to make, as well as 25 Bible verse ornaments to decorate. Templates to create a nativity scene, plus other crafts, can be torn directly out of the book, making it much easier to get creative with decorating & assembling the crafts. Each activity pairs up with a corresponding page from the storybook, so they can be used together to explore the Christmas story with your family.

**Come and Enjoy 'Fellowship  
 with Friends' after Morning  
 Worship at Trinity, along  
 with an enjoyable cup of  
 Coffee or Tea and a biscuit**

Several people have  
 volunteered to help  
 but it would be nice



to have a few more volunteers to  
 help - one Sunday a month is all  
 we ask. Please think about it and  
 if you think this could be for you,  
 please telephone or speak to  
 either: **Barbara Johnson or  
 Sonia Jones**

## We Remember

The Somme, Dunkirk and  
 Passchendaele  
 cause us to think of times of war,  
 when men and boys went bravely  
 out, they fought, some died and  
 returned no more.

They gave their all that we  
 should live, we never should  
 forget such cost,  
 Remembering with thankful hearts  
 our freedom gained  
 as lives were lost.

Another Man gave up His life,  
 another war, another fight,  
 With all mankind held fast in  
 chains as darkness fell as  
 black as night.

The cost was high, a sinless life  
 to break the chains and  
 set us free,  
 The Lamb of God on  
 Calvary's cross paid that price  
 for you, for me.

**by Megan Carter (Parish Pump)**

## Flying High

Recently something came up in conversation that I realised, although it happened in 1944, I had never told anyone about it. At the time it was necessary to keep it quiet.



However here it is.

I was repairing a plane in front of the hanger when a civilian type of plane landed near to me and the pilot opened the door and shouted 'I have a spare seat Nobby, are you coming?' I had been up in similar planes several times and immediately dropped my tools and got in. We took off and I said 'where are we going?' His reply was 'I got bored and we are not going to anywhere special, we will go and have a look round'.

I realised as soon as I got in that there was something unusual in that. I had a joystick waggling about in front of my knees. It was a dual control – I had never been in one before or since for that matter.

We flew around for some time and then I said to the pilot 'how about me having a go?' He thought about it for some time and then turned round to talk to the two in the back and said 'what do you think?' They both said 'yes, why not'. He then said 'alright but we are a bit low, I will take her up a bit', which he did. Then suddenly he took his feet off the pedals and folded his arms and said 'I haven't got her, have you Nobby?' I made a frantic grab for the stick and put my feet on the pedals and I was flying.

We all knew how to fly, but I found it quite different actually doing it. The three others in the plane were laughing at me, how gingerly I was doing it but I did not mind because I was having such a wonderful time doing it.

It was one of the best experiences I have ever had. I flew for quite some time and then out of the blue, the plane dropped like a stone. I do not know how far but it seemed a long way to me. The plane became very unstable and I was glad the pilot took back control. No one said anything. We all knew what the situation was and relied on the pilot. He had quite a job because we were quite low and the plane became quite unsteady.

We got quite low and people in the fields stopped work to wave at us thinking that we were looking at them whereas we had nowhere else to go. It was just then that the pilot steadied the plane and throttled up and pulled us out. Straight back to the drome and to be dropped off at my work. None of us said anything to anyone.

What happened was not the result of a mistake. It was just that we were quite low and over hilly country and we must have encountered some up or down draughts.

What a thought – in 1944 I very nearly 'bought it' and now in 2022, within a few weeks I am to become a great, great grandad.

### Nobby

**Great Invention** – The boys had been up in the attic together helping with some cleaning. They uncovered an old manual typewriter and asked their mother what it was. She briefly explained, but they were still puzzled as to how it worked. So the mother rolled some paper into the typewriter and began striking the keys, leaving black letters of print on the page. "WOW!" they exclaimed, "That's really cool...but where do you plug it in?" "There is no plug," she answered. "Then where do you put the batteries?" they persisted. "It doesn't need batteries either," she continued. "Wow! This is so cool!" they exclaimed. "Someone should have invented this a long time ago!"

## Grace Upon Grace

I recently went to a book presentation given by Rev. Angela Webb for her new book “Grace upon Grace” which was well received by all present. Angela has used her artistic gifts to present to us a new insight into our continuous and ongoing Salvation journey. There are many ways that we seek to understand God’s Word, through reading and study, preaching and teaching, in conversation and in meditation. Angela adds to this a new dimension, that of visual art and poetry. This gives each one of us uniquely the ability to let our minds explore the depth of His Word and His everlasting Love for us. She has given us a number of paintings, pictures and poems alongside the written Word taking us on our Spiritual journey. It is a continuous one as we often repeat as we come to understand that Salvation is ongoing, and that we are given Grace upon Grace to grow in Christ.



I was particularly inspired by her picture of “The Spring Mottisfont, Hampshire”, Mottisfont being one of my favourite National Trust Gardens. Over the centuries the Spring has sustained and given continuous life and growth to the wonderful woods and gardens at the site, and now particularly to the magnificent rose gardens that many of us have seen and enjoyed there. What greater analogy can we have with the everlasting life-giving water freely given to us, through the sacrifice of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, purifying us continuously through His Grace upon Grace, and freely giving us His Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-26).

Angela in her book has deepened and strengthened our understanding of Salvation, and the one on one personal relationship that we have with the Father through His Word, living with us and within us through His ever present Holy Spirit. Angela may be contacted by email on [graceupongrace.book@gmail.com](mailto:graceupongrace.book@gmail.com) Why not contact her today and get your copy?

**Martin Frost, October 2022**

### ***Canon Paul Hardingham Considers the Value of a Brief Silence – The Two Minutes Silence***

In the month when we think about those who have given their lives in war, the Two Minutes Silence is a significant act of remembrance. The silence provides an opportunity to remember those who have suffered in war and how we can work for a peaceful world. However, we can also find ourselves thinking about lunch or whether we’ve switched off our phone? Victor Frankl, a victim of Auschwitz, suggested that the most intolerable of all human conditions is not imprisonment or hunger, but lack of meaning. The two minutes of silence enables us to connect with Jesus’ message, which offers true meaning to our lives and world. He spoke of giving ourselves in love for each other and the world, ‘Love your enemies and pray for those that persecute you’ (Matthew 5:44). He also demonstrated such love in sacrificing His own life, ‘Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends’ (John 15:13). When observing the silence, let’s use it to reflect on this sacrificial love, as we call to mind those who have laid down their lives.



In our busy lives, where so much clamours for our attention, silence gives us an opportunity to reflect on our priorities and rediscover true meaning in our lives. This is not just for Remembrance Sunday, as Jesus often withdrew to find silence to seek God (eg: Luke 5:16). Let’s use silence in our lives as space to seek God’s will and offer ourselves to Him, just as those who gave themselves in conflict through the years. *‘They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.’ (Parish Pump)*

## Basingstoke Choral Society's next Concert

### Handel's *Messiah*

Basingstoke Choral Society  
London Baroque Ensemble

**Conducted by:** David Gibson

**Venue:** The Anvil, Basingstoke, **Sunday 27 November 2022, 7 pm**

**Tickets:** from £15 (£7 for under 16's & students) available from the

The Anvil Box Office: ☎: 01256 844244 (*fuller information in October Trinity E-News*)

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**Our next concert is Bach's *Mass in B minor* at The Anvil, 1 April 2023**

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We're a friendly choir and are always delighted to receive new members, so please come along to our rehearsals on Wednesday nights at The Vyne School. Check out our website [www.basingstoke-choral.org.uk](http://www.basingstoke-choral.org.uk) or follow our Facebook page at [BCS on Facebook](#)



## ***Here are some tips for Everyone with a Garden...***

### **Help your Hedgehogs this Autumn**



With our warmer British autumns, hedgehogs now tend to begin hibernation later – in December or January. In the meantime, it is critical that they build up enough body weight to get them through those lean, bleak weeks of January to April... so now is the time to help them, by feeding them. The hedgehog is carnivorous and, in the wild, lives on a diet of beetles, earthworms and other invertebrates. But in the winter, the bugs are dead or buried, and the worms deep underground. So a hedgehog would appreciate your help! But don't put out milk and bread – both are actually bad for hedgehogs. Instead, they will thrive on tins of dogfood or non-fishy cat-food and water. And while your spiny guests are noisily munching their dinner, you can prepare a bedroom, should they decide to move in. A nice deep compost heap will keep a hedgehog warm. It is also possible to buy hedgehog hibernation nests – ask our local wildlife centre or the RSPCA for details.

## **You are my Memorial – my Legacy**

*(Some thoughts on Remembering) (by Sam Doubtfire, Parish Pump)*

### ***Remember me –***

as the poppies fall on the shoulders, heads, and at the feet of young and old  
all gathered for the Festival.

### ***Remember me –***

in the music played, in the clapping of the audience keeping time and  
uniforms so proudly worn.

### ***Remember me –***

in the stories told, most from the distant past, but others new,  
each one rehearsing memories stored.

### ***Remember me –***

and if a tear should chance to flow then let it flow for the world in pain,  
and dedicate yourself to peace.

### ***Remember me –***

and let the sun, moon, stars, shine bright to bring  
my love to you like the light that shines in the darkness all around.

## Blister Pack Recycling

Many thanks to all of you donating your empty pill packs and to those who are collecting them from others too. I am overwhelmed at how many have appeared for me to recycle. It makes me realise how many went into land fill before we started collecting them.



**I have now taken more than 31 very full 'Bags for Life' of blister packs to be recycled. Thank you for your support in this. However I do have one request:**

***Over the last few months I have found "foreign bodies in some of the bags. Please, Please can you give the message to those that you may collect from that we don't take "tissues" or any other type of foil, for example I had to remove six pie trays and they were not all clean. Your co-operation in this would be greatly appreciated.***

I am sure that the help that Marie Curie is getting from these is welcomed and of course it is helping to take care of the planet for future generations.

Please continue to leave them at church for me to collect, in the **white labelled bin provided, which can be found in the foyer area at church.** However I would be happy to collect locally if you are unable to get to church.

**Jennifer Pitt**

## Recycling of Plastic Milk Bottle Tops –

If you have plastic milk bottle tops (***only milk bottle tops***) and are not already recycling them and would like to, Pamela has a contact with a collector for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. Tops can be given to Pamela or ring the Bishop family on ☎: 01256 467702.



Thank you, **June Bishop**

## Trinity Collections

As you will expect, Trinity's income has been severely reduced over the last 2 years, partly because hirers stopped meeting during lockdown and church services also ceased. Nevertheless, much of our expenditure continued – almost half of our outgoings go to the Circuit to pay for, among other things but to a major extent, Circuit staff, both ordained and lay.



**Since we re-started worship in church, there is always a collection plate on the right as you leave church each Sunday.**

We would like to express our thanks to those who contribute by Standing Order, and those who have made contact to continue their regular giving via monthly envelopes. We would like to remind you all that there are a number of ways that you can contribute financially to God's work at Trinity and we would particularly welcome any donations at this time. If you need more information as to how you can give to Trinity, please contact:

**Tony Pitt** (Gift Aid & Envelope Secretary) – [organista@btinternet.com](mailto:organista@btinternet.com) or ☎: 01256-816314

- For every step you take towards God, God takes two steps toward you; and if you come to God walking, God comes to you running – *James Martin*



**UPDATE at 21.10.22**



**web:** <https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

**The Foodbank is 10 years old!** October was the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Basingstoke Foodbank. Every year since 2012 it has fed around 3,000 people in crisis in the Basingstoke & Deane area, including 800 children. Since 2012 a total of over 42,900 people have been fed and 488 tonnes of food distributed. “While we are immensely grateful to the people and businesses of Basingstoke for their support over the years, and for the sterling efforts of over 100 volunteers, we’re sad that in 2022 there is still a need for a foodbank in our town” said Phil Thomas, Chair of Trustees. “The current economic crisis means demand for our services is growing again and until the benefits system in this country is reformed, there will continue to be people and families in crisis with not enough to eat”.

The Foodbank provides a three-day supply of food to anyone in crisis who is referred to it by over 120 different agency teams across the town. There are now believed to be more foodbanks in the UK than there are branches of McDonald’s. The foodbank’s work is a massive achievement and a reflection of the fantastic effort by a dedicated group of volunteers from churches and the community across Basingstoke. The whole community of Basingstoke & Deane generously provide crisis food for some of the neediest people in our town” *said Phil.* (taken from *One Church Basingstoke*)

**Our foodbank Relies on Your Goodwill & Support. Monetary Donations big or small also gratefully received.** Over 90% of food distributed by foodbanks in **The Trussell Trust** network is donated by the public – that’s why your food donations are absolutely vital to enable us to give everyone referred a balanced, nutritious 3 day food supply.

Our **Basingstoke Centre & Warehouse at Houndmills** remains open for donations of food & toiletries including fresh veg, bread & eggs during regular opening times **10 am – 3 pm, Mon to Frid**. If you would like to donate items, please look at the Foodbank website or previous newsletters where you will find fuller information – you can **‘Shop and Drop’** goods into the permanent crates provided by our supporting supermarkets – **see website.**

**A Typical Food Parcel Includes:** breakfast cereals; soup; pasta; rice; pasta sauce; tinned beans; tinned meat; tinned vegetables; tinned fruit; tea or coffee; sugar; biscuits; snacks; toiletries; household items; limited supply of fresh bread, fruit & vegetables.

<p><b>At 21.10.22, we are <u>VERY SHORT OF:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Desserts</li> <li>Marmite</li> <li>Washing Up Liquid</li> <li>Ladies Deodorant</li> </ul> <p><b>At 21.10.22, we are <u>SHORT OF:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long Life UHT Milk Powdered / Dried Milk</li> <li>Tinned Tomatoes</li> <li>Tinned Fruit</li> <li>Savoury Spread: (marmite, meat paste)</li> <li>Long Life Fruit Juice</li> <li>Cooking Sauces</li> <li>Noodle Pots</li> </ul>	<p><b>At 21.10.22, we are <u>SHORT OF (continued):</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Desserts/Puddings: (hot, cold, jelly, whips etc)</li> <li>Treats (Crisps, Sweets, Chocolate etc)</li> <li>Nappies (Size 6 Only)</li> <li>Toilet Rolls</li> <li>Toothbrushes</li> <li>Men’s Shaving Gel</li> <li>Hair Conditioner &amp; Shampoo</li> </ul>	<p><b>At 21.10.22, we’ve <u>PLENTY of:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Pasta – Please <u>NO</u> PASTA, we’ve enough for a Year !!!</b></li> <li>Cereals (hot &amp; cold)</li> <li>Porridge sachets</li> <li>Baked Beans</li> <li>Tinned Beans</li> <li>Biscuits &amp; Crackers</li> <li>Rice</li> <li>Tinned Rice Pudding</li> <li>Baby Food</li> <li>Non-Dairy Milk</li> <li>Kitchen Paper Rolls</li> <li>Coffee, Tea &amp; Fruit Teas</li> <li>Nappies (Other than size 6)</li> <li>Cat &amp; Dog Food</li> <li>Washing Tabs / Powder</li> </ul>
<p><b>We always welcome Donations</b> and promise to use them to provide help for local people in crisis. <b>Thank you for your continued support.</b></p>		

## SAD NEWS FOR OUR RECYCLING



We can no longer collect **Baby Food Pouches & Kids Yoghurt Pouches**, and no longer collect **Crisp Packets**. The reason given for closing these recyclable collections is Supermarkets are running their own recycling schemes. This is good news for the planet but not for our charity and I am very sad that we will not have as much to give to 'Pillars'.

**However, we are still collecting cake & biscuit wrappers, flexible packaging bags** used for dishwasher tabs and detergent capsules, packaging of household wipes like Flash or the anti-bacterial ones, plastic air fresheners, tinted fabric conditioner bottles or the tinted plastic boxes used for home cleaning products. So please continue to support our scheme by recycling these with us.

Thank you, **Hazel Green**

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*And may Romans 8:37-39 encourage us all*



Chaplaincy Team, HHFT  
Facebook Page



Like, follow and share

- Discover useful information
- Follow a guided meditation
- Link to faith communities
- Watch a religious service



## NHS Chaplaincy Team at Hampshire Hospitals – Facebook Page

For fuller information, please see October Newsletter or search [Chaplaincy Team, HHFT](#) which gives patients and their families direct access to chaplaincy resources from their mobile devices.

**When I grow up** – A small boy returned from Sunday School in floods of tears. When questioned by his mother about his distressed state, he sobbed: "We sang 'Jesus wants me for a sunbeam', but I want to be a train driver!"

For the Young & Young at heart

PUZZLES

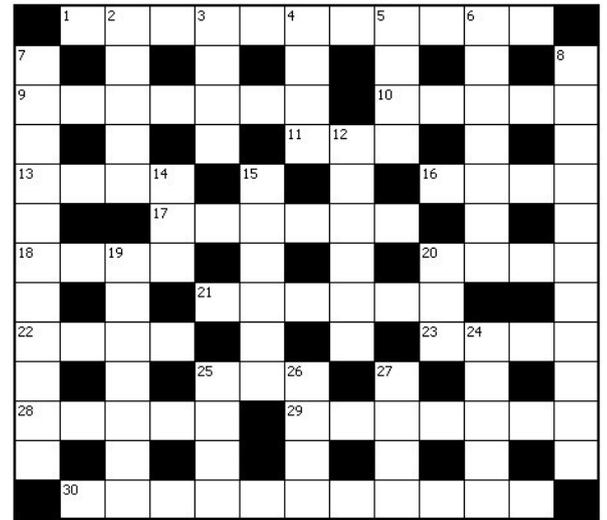
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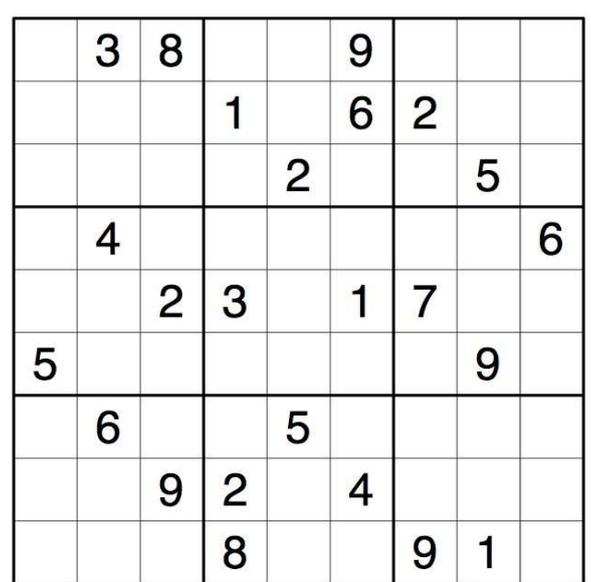
A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Lk 5:1-11, Mt. 4:18-22, Mk 1:16-20

On the shore of Lake Galilee, Jesus was trying to teach people but there were so many that he couldn't be heard.



Sudoku

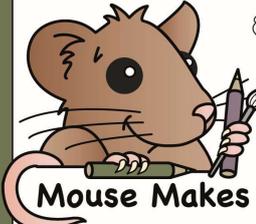


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**Wordsearch** – November is a wistful month, tinged with sadness and good-byes. It is a month of remembrance, of poppies, of remembering lost loved ones. It is a month of bonfires for the 'Guy'. And Advent begins ... looking forward to a very special Baby!

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|--------------|--------|-----------|
| Poppies      | Turkey | Angel     |
| Remembrance  | Iraq   | Mary      |
| Courage      | Peace  | Elizabeth |
| Bravery      | War    | Bonfire   |
| Flanders     | All    | Sadness   |
| Gunpowder    | Saints | Guy       |
| Afghanistan  | Advent | Leaves    |
| Thanksgiving | Guns   | Dead      |



**THE COMING OF A KING**  
The birth of Jesus is told

God sent a messenger to Mary  
What was the angel's name?  
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Luke 1:26-28

Mary was frightened,  
what did the angel say?  
Luke 1:30

What was Mary to  
name her child?  
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Luke 1:31

What is her son  
going to be?  
Luke 1:32-33

What happened  
to Elizabeth  
when Mary  
went to  
visit her?  
Luke 1:41

What does the angel  
say about God?  
Luke 1:37  
(LEARN this verse)

Mary praises God, what does  
she say God has done?  
Luke 1:46-55

**READ**  
the story  
in Luke  
1:26-55

Find the words  
in the word  
search and  
the \_\_\_  
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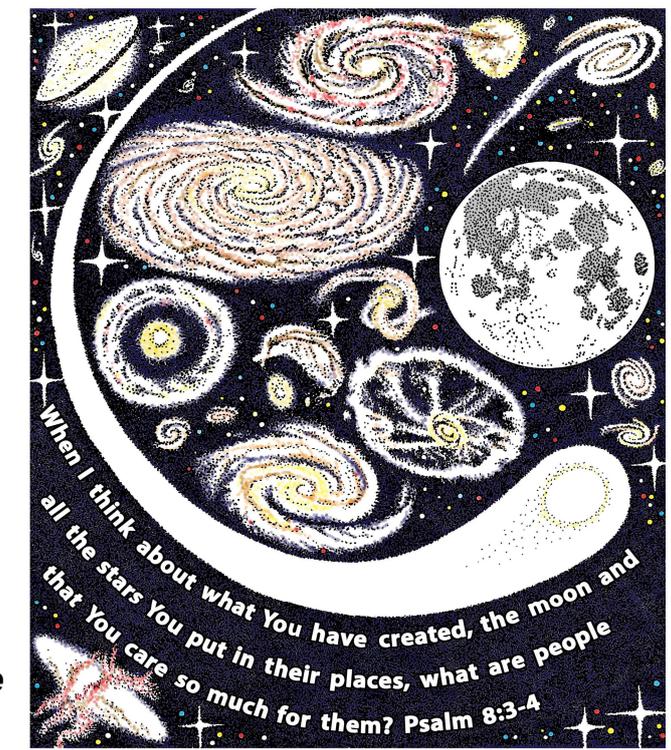
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- Crossword Clues – Across**
- and 20 Down 'Lord of all \_\_, Lord of all \_\_, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy' (11,3)
  - Moses question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: 'Why are you \_\_ your fellow Hebrew?' (Exodus 2:13) (7)
  - Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline \_\_ (2,3)
  - 'At even \_\_ the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay'(3)
  - A descendant of Gad (x Numbers 26:16) (4)
  - 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but \_\_ for the gift my Father promised' (Acts 1:4) (4)
  - Clambers (Jeremiah 48: 44) (6)
  - Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: 'We must \_\_ God rather than men!' (Acts 5:29) (4)
  - Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, \_\_ Eareckson Tada (4)
  - Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)
  - 'Such large crowds gathered \_\_ round him that he got into a boat and sat \_\_ \_\_ '(Matthew 13:2) (2,2)
  - Infectious tropical disease (4)
  - Tree (3)
  - 'No fear of me should \_\_ you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you' (Job 33:7) (5)
  - For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)
  - Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

- Crossword Clues – Down**
- 'O Jerusalem \_\_ how \_\_ I have longed to gather your children together' Matthew 23:37) (5)
  - Way out (4)
  - Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)
  - Done (anag.) (4)
  - Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)
  - Concerning the study of God (11)
  - Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)
  - Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)
  - Frozen (3)
  - Established form of religious ceremony (6)
  - Inscription often found on gravestones (7)
  - See 1 Across
  - Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)
  - Time (anag.) (4)
  - Lists choice of meals (4)
  - 'For the wages of sin is death, but the \_\_ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Romans 6:23) (4)



**More than an end to war, we want an end to the beginnings of all wars – Franklin D Roosevelt**

**Puzzle Pages Solutions**

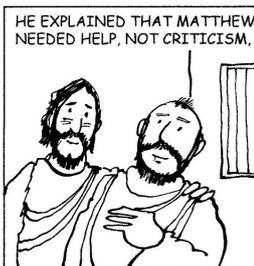
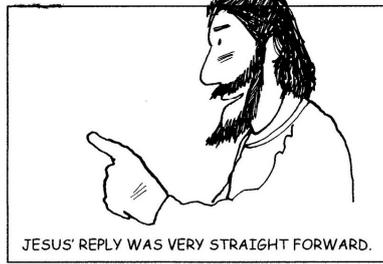
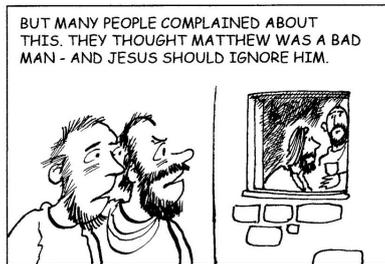
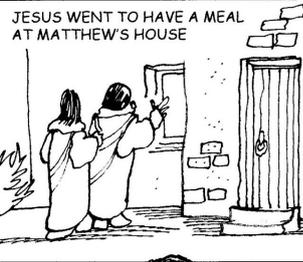
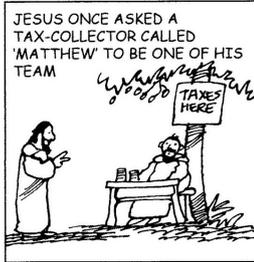
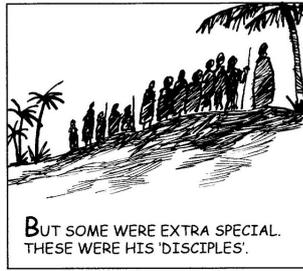
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**Down:** 2, Often. 3, Exit. 4, Urge. 5, Node. 6, Soprano. 7, Theological. 8, Westminster. 12, Rebuke. 14, Icy. 15, Ritual. 19, Epitaph. 20, Joy. 24, Acted. 25, Emit. 26, Menu. 27, Gift.

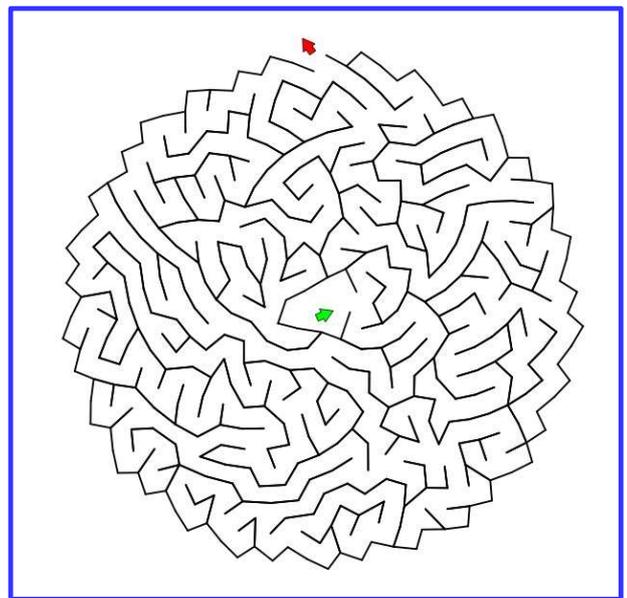
**Sudoku Solution**

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**The Doctor and the Patient**



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Catch	Come	Idiot	Sank	Galilee	James	Jesus
Peter	Fishing	God	Nets	Daytime	Teach	Help
John	Night	Job	Beach	Fish	Andrew	Amazing
Boat	Finished	Everyone				