

November
2023

Stratton Team Ministry
Seeking, Sharing, and Serving God Together
www.strattonteamministry.co.uk

*We are like fragile clay jars
holding priceless treasure -
the strength
in us is not
ours but
God's.*

*2 Cor
4:7*



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Thoughts from the Rectory – November 2023

In November we enter the annual season of Remembrance, for our churches and our nation culminating in Remembrance Sunday on 12th November.

This year, as I write this piece in early October, I do so with a heart heavy with sadness against the backdrop of the dramatic and horrific escalation in the conflict in the Middle East which has become a dreadful reality for many millions of people in Israel and Gaza over the last few days. We are all,

I'm sure, grappling with the horrors unfolding day by day which are being relayed through the media and the stark images and stories of suffering, the personal stories of loss and grief and the utter hopelessness that many feel as homes, livelihoods and loved ones are taken on both sides. Some of you, no doubt will have friends or relatives who are in some way affected.



Yet again, as in the ongoing war in Ukraine, we see the dreadful human cost of war, particularly the cost to ordinary people, men, women and children caught up in a struggle not of their making.

It seems that we have learnt so little through the years, through the conflicts which we will recall again on Remembrance Sunday in two World Wars, through the wars in Bosnia, Afghanistan, Iraq, The Falklands, the conflict in Northern Ireland, Syria, and so many more....through the sacrifice of so many for the cause of power or identity, freedom or peace??

In such dark days where is hope to be found?

In times of trouble many of us turn to God, and ask the questions that have no answers, and pray for peace. I believe that God weeps with those who weep and stays close to those who ask for his presence with them.

I believe God longs for the day when humanity turns away from the foolishness and futility of war and seeks real and lasting peace across a world that so needs God's peace. Those days have been long awaited even from Old Testament times when the word of God came to the prophet Isaiah:

*'God will teach us what he wants us to do;
we will walk in the paths he has chosen....*

*He will settle disputes among great nations.
They will hammer their swords into ploughs
and their spears into pruning knives.
Nations will never again go to war,
never prepare for battle again.*

Isaiah 2:3-4

Today, and in the days to come I will continue to pray for peace in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine and beyond, across our world. I do not know what will have happened by the time you read this but I hope that you will share with me in that prayer and that, even now, nations at war will turn back to seek God's way of peace.

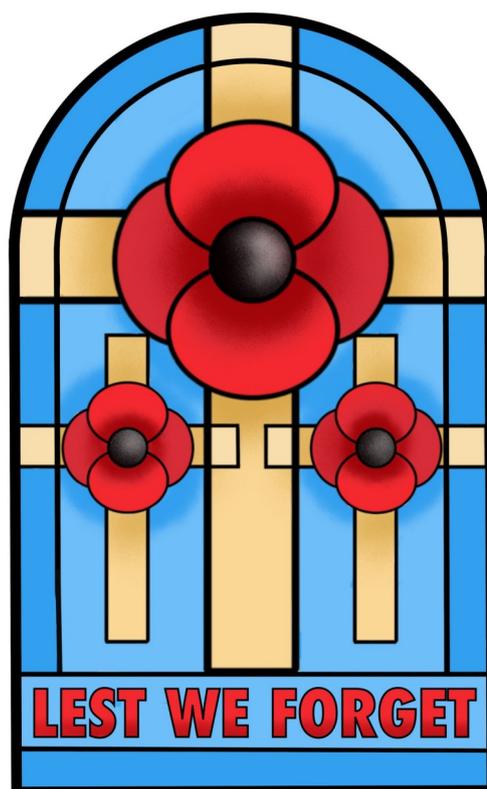
'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.'

Matthew 5:9

May God fill you with the hope of peace in a troubled world

Blessings

Rev Elveen



Autumn Cruise

My last cruise was in late September 2023 and I was captivated by the plethora of red berries alongside the “Cut”, there were literally millions and millions of them.

Each morning when we got under “weigh” (note the nautical expression) the sky was a cerulean blue and clear as a bell. Excitement came with each bridge. “Why”? one might ask, well, the Cratch Cover could on occasions foul the brickwork and it might be necessary to hastily lower it. Cratch cover to the uninitiated is the tent at the stern which protects the intrepid helmsman, or his lady first mate, since it can be very cold and wet for hours on end.

The range and artistry of the varying boat names is an education in itself, although for me I prefer the shorter and more everyday ones such as one that struck a chord with me which was simply “JOAN”.

Locks provide entertainment for the sedentary passenger as the boat can bounce from side to side as water rushes into or out of the chamber since fenders are forbidden in the locks.

We, too, can be buffeted from side to side as we journey through life but we know that our faith in God provides us with a sure and trusty fender.

Colin Howell



Weekly Prayers for November – Transformation of the mind

Monday: Transformation of priorities

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that the distractions and busyness of our lives make it difficult to listen deeply to your voice.

Transform our priorities so that we make space in our lives to be quiet and listen to you.

Jesus, Saviour and Lord, may the posture of our lives be shaped by listening to you; the goodness of our lives be shaped by love for you; and the service of our lives be shaped by a humility like yours.

This we pray in your

name. Amen

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Tuesday: Transformation of values

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

Jesus, seeker of the lost, we confess to becoming so shaped by the values of this age that your call on our lives is increasingly hard to hear.

Transform our values so they are shaped by your concern for the unloved and unlovely, and for the weak and powerless in our society.

Jesus, Saviour and Lord, may the posture of our lives be shaped by listening to you; the goodness of our lives shaped by love for you; and the service of our lives shaped by a humility like yours.

This we pray in your name. Amen

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Wednesday: Transformation of thought

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.
Romans 12:2

Jesus, friend of the poor, we confess that too often any outreach planning is weighed against economic viability.

Transform our thinking so that we risk believing that all things are held together, not by the bottom financial line, but by you.

Jesus, Saviour and Lord, may the posture of our lives be shaped by listening to you; the goodness of our lives be shaped by love for you; and the service of our lives be shaped by a humility like yours.

This we pray in your name. Amen

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Thursday: Transformation of heart

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.
Romans 12:2

Jesus, bearer of reconciliation, we confess that all too often we harbour thoughts which estrange and make us hostile towards one another.

Transform our hearts so that we are filled with the desire to forgive one another and make peace.

Jesus, Saviour and Lord, may the posture of our lives be shaped by listening to you; the goodness of our lives be shaped by love for you; and the service of our lives be shaped by a humility like yours.

This we pray in your name. Amen

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Friday: Transformation of faith

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.
Romans 12:2

Jesus, source of our faith, we confess that we forget all too quickly the words we say, and pray, and sing, in our worship.

Transform our lives so that they remain connected to you at all times and in all places.

Jesus, Saviour and Lord, may the posture of our lives be shaped by listening to you; the goodness of our lives be shaped by love for you; and the service of our lives be shaped by a humility like yours.

This we pray in your name. Amen

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Saturday: Transformation of mind

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.
Romans 12:2

Lord God, we come as living sacrifices, to offer you our worship and thanksgiving, our praise and our prayers.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit, transform our hearts and minds so we may recognise your presence, hear your voice, know your will, and walk in your way.

Jesus, Saviour and Lord, may the posture of our lives be shaped by listening to you; the goodness of our lives be shaped by love for you; and the service of our lives be shaped by a humility like yours.

This we pray in your name. Amen

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16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence And Domestic Abuse

What is it?

The United Nations' 16 days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence and abuse is an annual international campaign.

It takes place from November 25th (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) until 10th December (International Human Rights Day)

Domestic Abuse takes many forms, it can be subtle and is nearly always hidden from view. We believe it should not remain hidden and so we speak up and campaign against this, that all can live in peace, in harmony with one another and in safety.

This year Mothers' Union have launched a new campaign:



RISE UP against Domestic Abuse.

It has the backing and support of The Archbishop of York,
Stephen Cottrell who was present at the launch.

Churches are being encouraged to participate, by regularly praying for victims, survivors and perpetrators, for putting up help posters in all buildings, toilets etc and by supporting local places of refuge and support.

Visit the central Mothers' Union website to find out more and download resources- anyone can get involved! www.mothersunion.org/riseup

A Prayer for RISE UP

God of justice, peace and compassion, we pray that all those who endure cruelty and abuse would know your presence, strength, comfort and wisdom—even in their fear, confusion and pain. We commit ourselves to **RISE UP** against domestic abuse in all its forms.

We pray,

for your compassion as we seek to **RESPOND**,

for your wisdom as we seek to be better **INFORMED**,

for your gentleness as we try to **SUPPORT**,

for your strength as we hope to **EMPOWER**,

and the mark of your Holy Spirit that **UNITES** us together

to work and **PRAY** unceasingly, until situations change, and freedom, life and love are restored to all. In your dear and powerful name, we cry out to you. Amen

Useful info, free App, phone numbers & websites

The 'Bright Sky' is a free App. It provides practical support and information on how to respond to domestic abuse. It is for anyone experiencing domestic abuse, or who is worried about someone else. Importantly, on the phone home screen, it displays as a weather app to avoid suspicion.

ANI - Victims of Domestic Abuse can access immediate help from police or pharmacy by asking for **ANI** (code for Action Needed Immediately)

National UK Domestic Abuse Helpline

Free helpline, 24/7.

Online Live chat support and British Sign Language options.

Number: 0808 2000 247

Website: <https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk>

National LGBT and Domestic Abuse website

<https://galop.org.uk>

Advice Line: 0808 999 5428

email help@galop.org.uk

Women's Aid - online live chat at womensaid.org.uk

email:- helpline@womensaid.org.uk

Swindon Women's Aid

Tel: 01793 610610

November



5th November	All Souls	
St Margaret's Church	St Leonard's Church	St Mary Magdalene Church
9:30am	9:30am	10am
Rosemary Service	Sunday Morning Worship	Family Service
12th November	REMEMBRANCE	
St Margaret's Church	St Leonard's Church	St Mary Magdalene Church
10:45am	10:55am	10:00
Remembrance Service	Remembrance Service	Remembrance Service
19th November	Second Sunday before Advent	
St Leonard's Church	10am	Sunday Morning Team Worship
26th November	Christ the King	
St Margaret's Church	St Leonard's Church	Coleview Community Centre
9:30am	9:30am	11am
Sunday Morning Worship	Holy Communion Service	Holy Communion Service

Please see our website for the most up to date information www.strattonteamministry.co.uk

We will endeavor to give as much notice as possible to any changes but that may not always be possible.

Stratton Team Ministry

Welcomes



Remembering

A Loved One

5th November

at 9:30

St Margaret's
Church





St Leonard's Church Stanton

Hosts Coffee Morning now at

Stanton House Hotel

10:15am - noon

On Wednesday

15th of November 2023

Everyone Welcome



Come and
join us for:

Activities

Songs

Food

Messy
CHURCH

Crafts

Games

Stories

SATURDAY SCENE

At St Margaret's Centre

(Kenwin Close, off Ermin street, Stratton St. Margaret)

Saturday 11th November

@ 4pm

Light of the World



FREE!

for more information Please contact us at

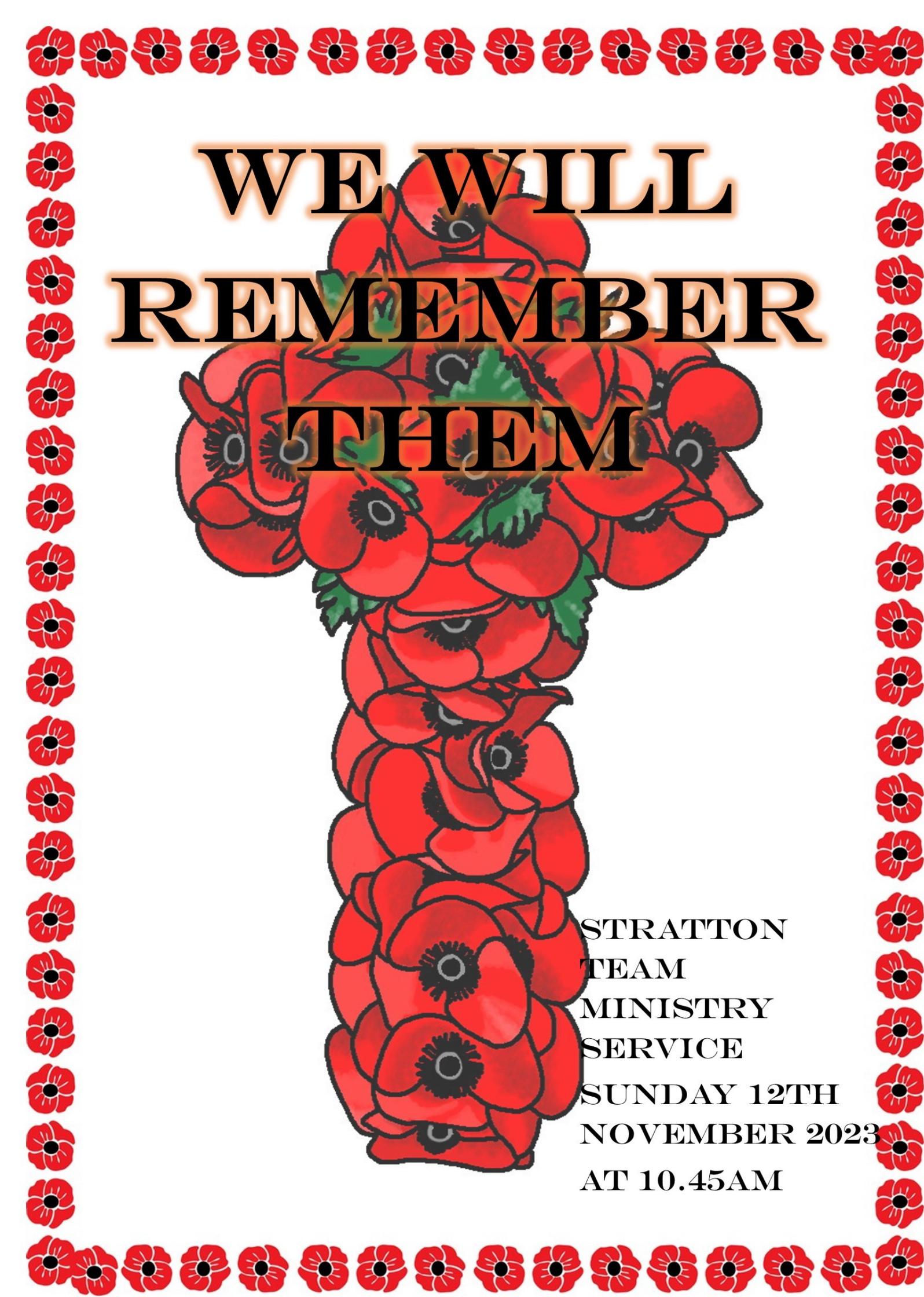
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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

**STRATTON
TEAM
MINISTRY
SERVICE
SUNDAY 12TH
NOVEMBER 2023
AT 10.45AM**

Stratton Team Ministry Sunday 12th November at St Margaret's Church

Taizé Prayer

A service of song,
silence and contemplation.

Please do bring pictures of any family members who have served and died in the field of battle, they will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Practise starting at 5pm if anybody would like to join us and Service to start at 6pm

ST. MARGARET'S PRE-SCHOOL

Christmas CRAFT FAYRE

**AT ST. MARGARETS CENTRE
KENWIN CLOSE, SWINDON, WILTHSIRE, SN3 4NY**



**November
18th
12pm – 2pm**

**COME AND
SHOP FOR:**

**HOMEMADE CRAFTS
CHRISTMAS GIFTS
SWEET TREATS**



**FREE
ENTRY
AND PARKING!**



BOOK A TABLE:

£10 a table and a donation towards a raffle

Contact: Email: stmargaretspreschool15@gmail.com

Phone: +44 (0) 7816 547752



St Margaret's Quiz Night

A note for your diaries, following the fun we had last time, we will be holding another Quiz Night.

St Margaret's Centre

Saturday **18th** November,

Time **6:30/7pm** start

snacks and drink will be provided

Bring your own **alcoholic drink**

Table maximum of **6**.

Cost **£2** per person.

All monies raised in aid of **St Margaret's Church**.

PREMIUM
COLLECTION

St Mary Magdalene Church South Marston

MEETING POINT

The 'drop in' is for all members of our
community

Come and Join Us for Coffee

In the Village Hall

10:00 - 12:00

Saturday

18th November

16th December

20th January 2024

Enquiries or for table reservations
please call

01793 824339

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CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

STRATTON TEAM MINISTRY

INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM

AT ST MARGARET'S
CENTRE

ON THE 25TH NOVEMBER

2023 4PM

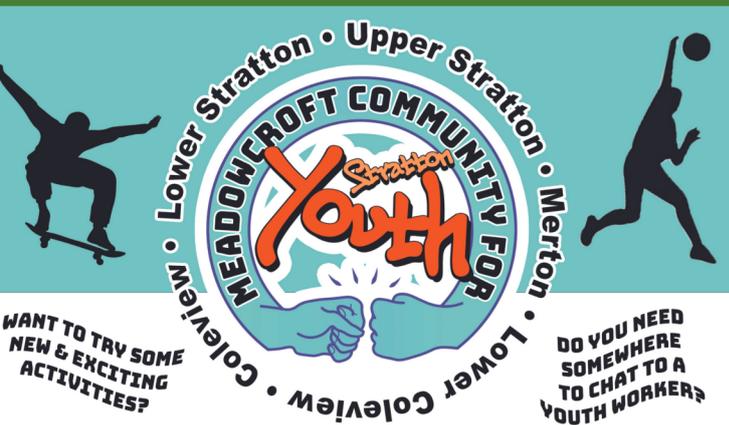
ONLY £15

PER WREATH

BOOKING LINK

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/make-a-christmas-wreath-tickets-725233842947>

STRATTON ST MARGARET PARISH COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES!



WANT TO TRY SOME
NEW & EXCITING
ACTIVITIES?

DO YOU NEED
SOMEWHERE
TO CHAT TO A
YOUTH WORKER?

Monday

7 - 8:30 AM
BREAKFAST CLUB
@ MEADOWCROFT CENTRE
*FOR PARENTS & CHILDREN
OF ALL SCHOOL AGES

Wednesday

3:30 - 5:30 PM
LGBT+ CLUB (AGES 10-14)
@ MEADOWCROFT CENTRE
6 - 7 PM
NEURODIVERSITY/ADDITIONAL
NEEDS YOUTH CLUB
@MEADOWCROFT CENTRE
7 - 9 PM
EVENING STREET SESSION
@ MERTON



Tuesday

3:30 - 5:30 PM
YOUTH CLUB (AGES 9-14)
@ MEADOWCROFT CENTRE
5:30 - 6:30 PM
OUT REACH SESSION
@ MEADOWCROFT

Thursday

3:30 - 5:30 PM
YOUTH CLUB (AGES 10-14)
@ MEADOWCROFT CENTRE
5:45 - 8 PM
OUT REACH SESSION
@ GRANGE/COLEVIEW



@SSMPCSWINDON



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Meadowcroft Community Centre Community Groups:

Mon	Carers Cuppa - Monday 27th 1:15-3pm	Martial Arts - 5:30-9:30pm
Tue	Swing Out Swindon - 7:30-8:30pm	Singing for Fun - 10am-12pm
Wed	Open Minds - 27th 1:15-3pm	
Thur	Thursday Club 1-3:30pm	U3A Dressmaking Group (9th&23rd) - 1-4pm
Fri	U3A Discussion Group - Friday 10th 2-4pm	Martial Arts - 5:30-9:30pm

Older Generation Walking Club!

Friday's from midday, starting at Meadowcroft Community Hall and ending at the Beechcroft Library for a cup of tea and a natter! Monday morning's at 9am starting outside the Coleview Community Centre and ending at Costa Greenbridge, to relax and unwind!



For More Info, Please Contact Us At:
01793 823761
info@strattonstmargaret.gov.uk

Our Weekly Free Community Cafe Groups Held At Meadowcroft Community Centre - SN2 7JX:

Every Monday morning from 7am until 8:30am we have a Breakfast Club providing cereals, toast, sweet treats, fruit and drinks, for parents and children of all school ages.



Every Friday morning from 10am until 12pm we have a Community Cafe which you can chat with your neighbours and housing officers from Swindon Borough Council, over a cup of tea, coffee and biscuits, and take home surplus food from local supermarkets.



Beechcroft Library Activities:

01793 680030
beechcroft.library@strattonstmargaret.gov.uk

- Public Engagement Session - every 1st Tuesday of each month (starting November 7th) 6pm to 7pm, At Beechcroft Library!

LIBRARY



November Activities at Beechcroft Library

Stratton's Wellness Day Event

Saturday 18th November 2023
10am - 4pm

- Thurs 2nd 10:30am - Visit by Firefighter Dan
- Thurs 2nd 13:30pm - 15:30pm - Beechcroft Book Club
- Tues 7th 18:00pm - 19:00pm - Public Engagement Session With Your Parish Council
- Tues 7th - Sat 11th - Remembrance Day Display
- Wed 8th 14:00pm - 16:00pm - Employment Support/Guidance by Pioneer Programme
- Tues 14th 10:00am - 12:30pm - Cost of Living Help/Advice by Citizens Advice Bureau
- Tues 14th - Fri 17th - Children's Nursery Rhyme Week
- Sat 18th 10:00am - 16:00pm - Stratton's Wellness Day Event!
- Sat 25th 10:30am - 13:00pm - Lego Challenge



Regular Free Activities & Group

Tues	13:30 - 15:30	Fun Art Group
Wed	10:00 - 12:00	Friendship Group
	14:00 - 16:00	Tea and Tech
Thurs	10:30 - 11:15	Toddler Storytime
	10:30 - 12:30	Stratton Advice Point
	13:30 - 15:30	Bereavement Group
	16:15 - 18:30	Family History Research
Fri	11:00 - 12:30	Knit, Sew & Natter Group
Sat	10:30 - 13:30	Chess Club & Board Games
Sat	11:00 - 11:45	* Saturday Story Time



*Saturday 4th & 18th November

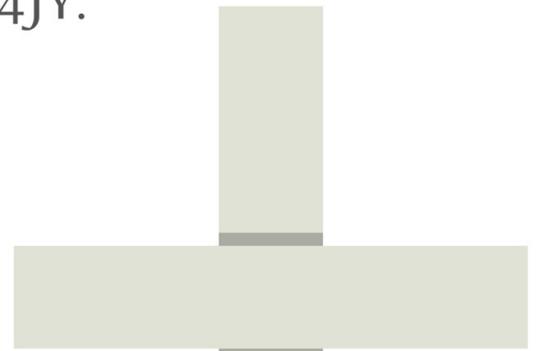
REMEMBRANCE DAY

Lest We Forget

SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER AT 3PM



Stratton St Margaret Parish Council would like to invite residents to join our Remembrance Sunday Service on Sunday the 12th of November at 3pm at the Peace Memorial (on the corner of Grange Drive and Ermin Street). Afterwards we will be supplying refreshments at Grange Leisure and Community Centre, SN3 4JY.



Stratton St Margaret
Parish Council



Introducing ...

Breakfast Club!



Stratton St Margery
Parish Council



Every Monday from 7:00-8:30am
At Meadowcroft Community Centre!

This is free for parents & children of all school ages.

Charity Christmas Coffee Morning

**Saturday
25th November
(10am to 12noon)**

Cup of coffee & a slice of cake

Price £5

• Raffle

**The Crown Inn,
Stratton,
Swindon.**

**(No need to book just
turn up).**

Jokes

A Few Puns:

- 😊 I don't trust these stairs because they're always up to something.
- 😊 When William joined the army he disliked the phrase 'fire at will'
- 😊 Something about subtraction just doesn't add up
- 😊 Yesterday I accidentally swallowed some food colouring. The doctor says I'm O.K. but I feel like I've dyed a little inside.
- 😊 I wondered why the cricket ball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.
- 😊 A friend of mine tried to annoy me with bird puns but I soon realised that toucan play at that game.
- 😊 I used to be a banker but I lost interest.



Shaggy, Dog Stories.

A few years ago the nuclear aircraft carrier Enterprise was returning to its base at the Oakland Naval Base when the ship's captain, misreading the tides, managed to run the carrier aground on the mud flats of San Francisco bay. This event went down in history as being one of the first examples of grounding the warship you walk on.

There is the story of a group of chess enthusiasts, good friends all, who had a long day of chess matches. Late in the evening these friends went to the lobby of the large hotel where the matches were held to talk a bit and rest. While their chat began quietly it gathered steam and got quite animated. They were telling each other of their successes of the day. One said he had won so many matches, another told of how he had beaten better players than himself. After a while of this the manager came over and summarily threw them all out saying "I can't abide chess nuts boasting in an open foyer".

It seems that a Royal dignitary visited the city of Mercy, Australia on the occasion of their centennial. During the celebration the mayor offered the Royal guest a cup of their famous Koala tea. Upon taking a sip the dignitary remarked, "There is a hair in my tea", to which the Mayor replied, "Yes, didn't you know? The Koala tea of Mercy is not strained,"

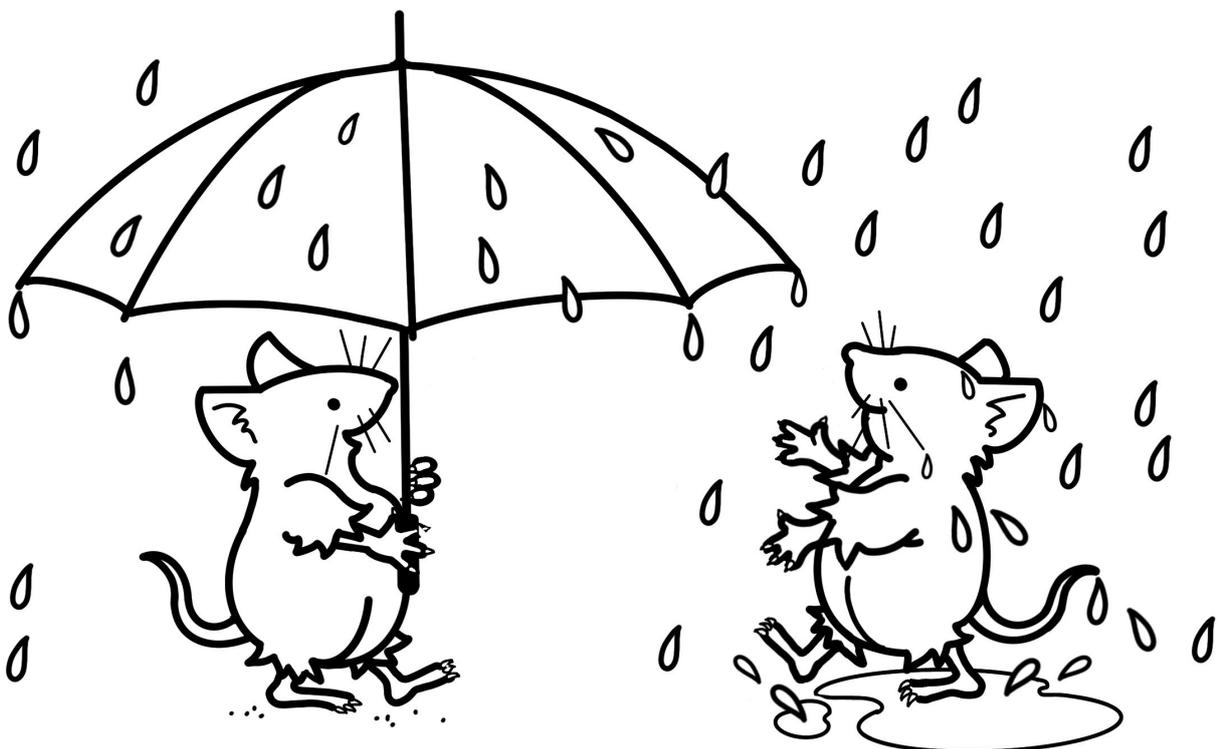
Harry applies for a job at a finance company, the manager tells him the job is his if he can crack their toughest account. Harry goes off and comes back two hours later having recovered the entire account. 'Amazing!' says the manager "How did you do it?" "Easy", replies Harry, "I said that if he didn't pay us I'd tell all his other creditors he had".



Some words of wisdom:

- ☺ A spoken contract isn't worth the paper it's written on.
- ☺ Anything not worth doing is worth doing well.
- ☺ Don't become superstitious- it's bad luck.
- ☺ Don't hate yourself in the morning- sleep till noon.
- ☺ If you can't tell the difference between good advice and bad advice you don't really need advice.
- ☺ If you lend someone £20 and never see that person again it was probably worth it.
- ☺ Never get in line at the bank behind someone wearing a ski mask.
- ☺ You're never quite as stupid as when you think you know everything.
- ☺ Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first.

Mark Twain.



Bumps & Babes

ARE YOU A NEW
OR EXPECTANT PARENT?

Register Now

forms.gle/fM4NesmSPYWTNuiC7

Come and join Stratton Team Ministry for our Bumps and Babes group on Tuesdays.

Bumps & Babes is a place for expectant parents and parents with babies (up to one year old*) to meet and chat over a coffee – sharing in the experiences of pregnancy and the joys and challenges of the early months of parenthood.

Mats and toys are available for you to play with your babies, as well as time for a few songs!

We are joined by guests each a month to share with us about subjects from weaning to breastfeeding; faith to reusable nappies!

Register for your place now via the link or complete a form on arrival – we look forward to welcoming you!

When: Tuesdays 11.15-12.15
(term time only)

Where: St Margaret's Centre,
Kenwin Close, SN3 4NY

Cost: Free

Contact Us & Useful Links



Bumpsandbabes9@gmail.com



www.strattonteamministry.co.uk/explore/kids-and-youth/bumps-babes/



Register for your place now
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Bumps and Babes St Margaret's Swindon



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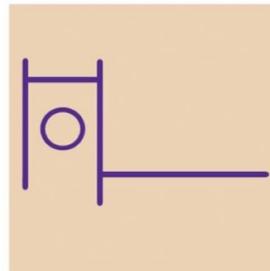
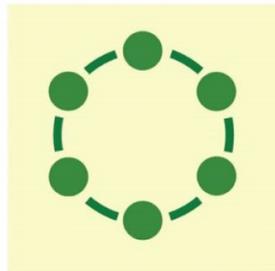
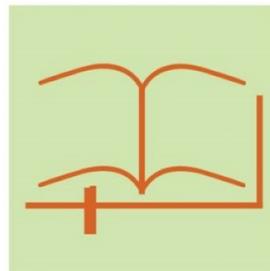
You may be aware that many charities and organisations are struggling at this time, this includes churches.

Great News! You can now sign up to join the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) online. There is a link for this on the Giving page of our website:

<https://www.strattonteamministry.co.uk/giving/>

If you haven't considered the PGS before, we would ask you to prayerfully consider doing so. It's very easy to sign up and it works in a similar way to a Direct Debit (that it is intended to replace), in that a regular payment authorised by you goes out either weekly, monthly or yearly straight to the church. It is perfectly safe and can be stopped or changed at any time.

PGS is a great way to give to the work and mission of St Margaret's Church. Donations given through PGS come straight to the Church, there are no admin fees or bank charges for us to pay. 41 people have now signed up to do this - Thank you



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PARISH
GIVING
SCHEME



Recycling @ St Margaret's Centre

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RECYCLE FOR



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AIR AMBULANCE**

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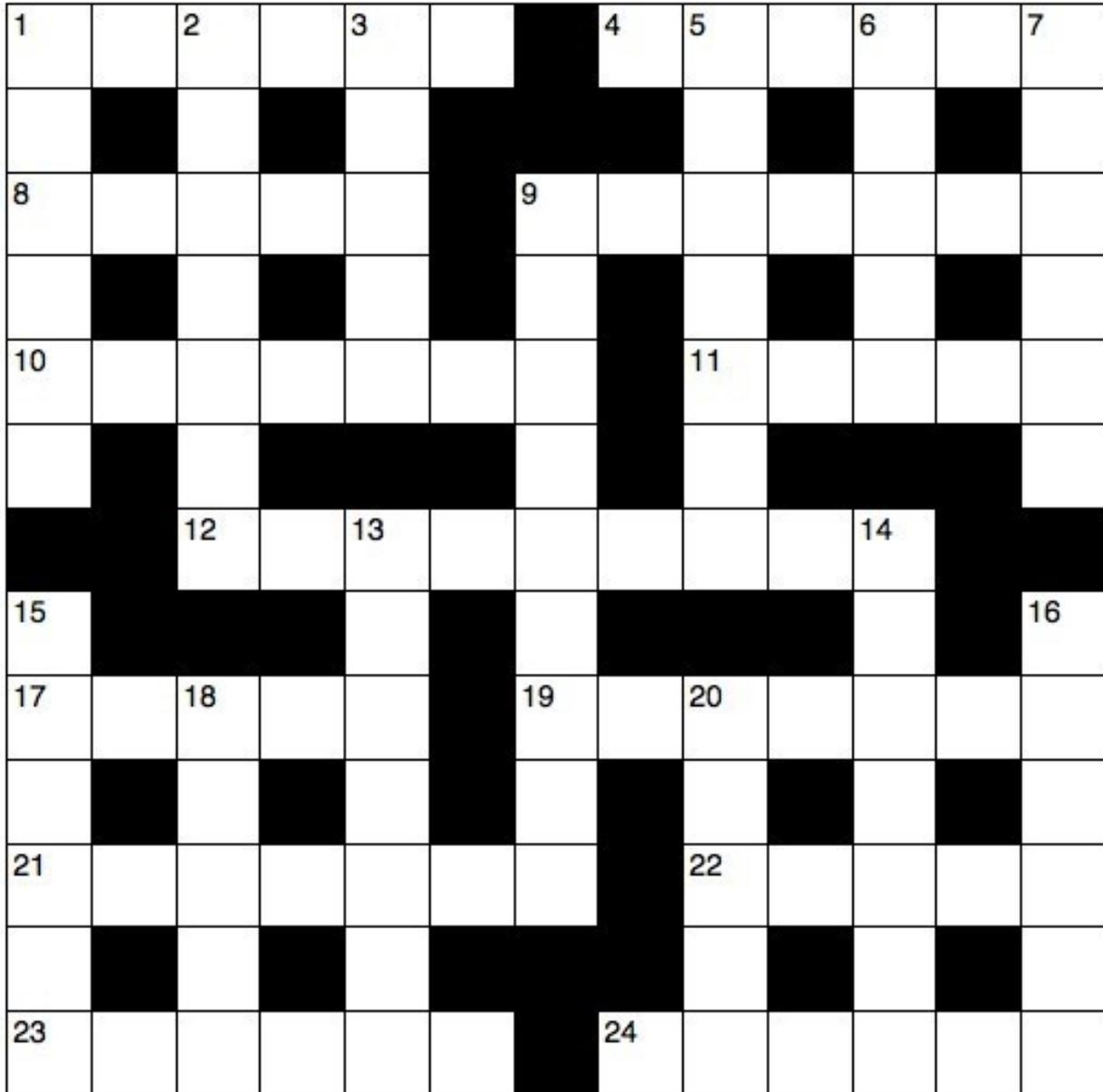
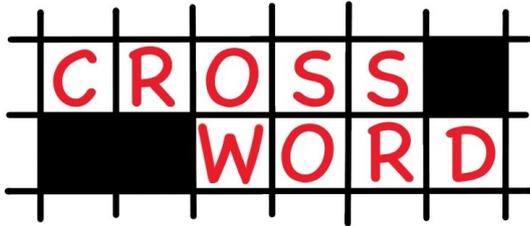
**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

**Recycling @ St
Margaret's Centre**



WE ARE PLEASED TO SAY WE
CAN TAKE
MEDICINE BLISTER PACKS
THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SUPPORT





Across

- 1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when he had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)
- 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
- 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
- 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)

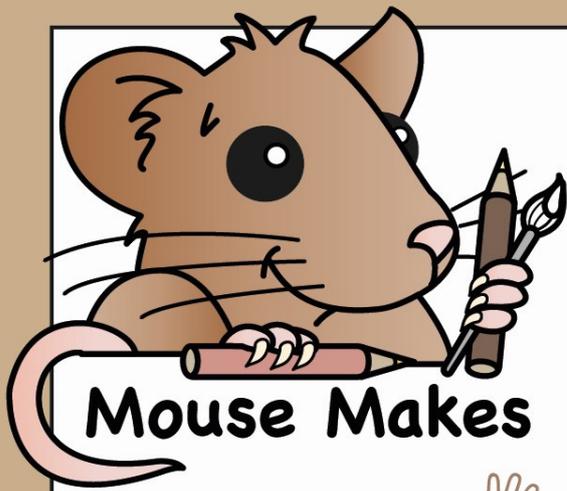
Across

- 10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)
19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)
21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
22 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)
23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6)
24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

Down

- 1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)
2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)
3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)
5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
6 and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
7 A three (anag.) (6)
9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
16 See 6 Down (6)
18 Paste (anag.) (5)
20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)





Mouse Makes

"Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by
_____ and

with thanksgiving, present your
_____ to God."

Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

"The

is

to all who

on him in

Psalm 145:18

"For where two or three

in my name, there
I am with them."

Matthew 18:20

SAY SORRY

PRAY FOR OTHERS

PRAY FOR YOURSELF

THANK GOD

FOR MY FAMILY

PRAY FOR FRIENDS

PRAY FOR THE NEEDY

PRAY FOR THE SICK

PRAISE GOD

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH

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 MEDITATE
 HEAR • LISTEN
 BLESS • PRAISE
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 CRY OUT • AMEN

" _____
 always, _____
 continually, _____

 in all circumstances."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Therefore,

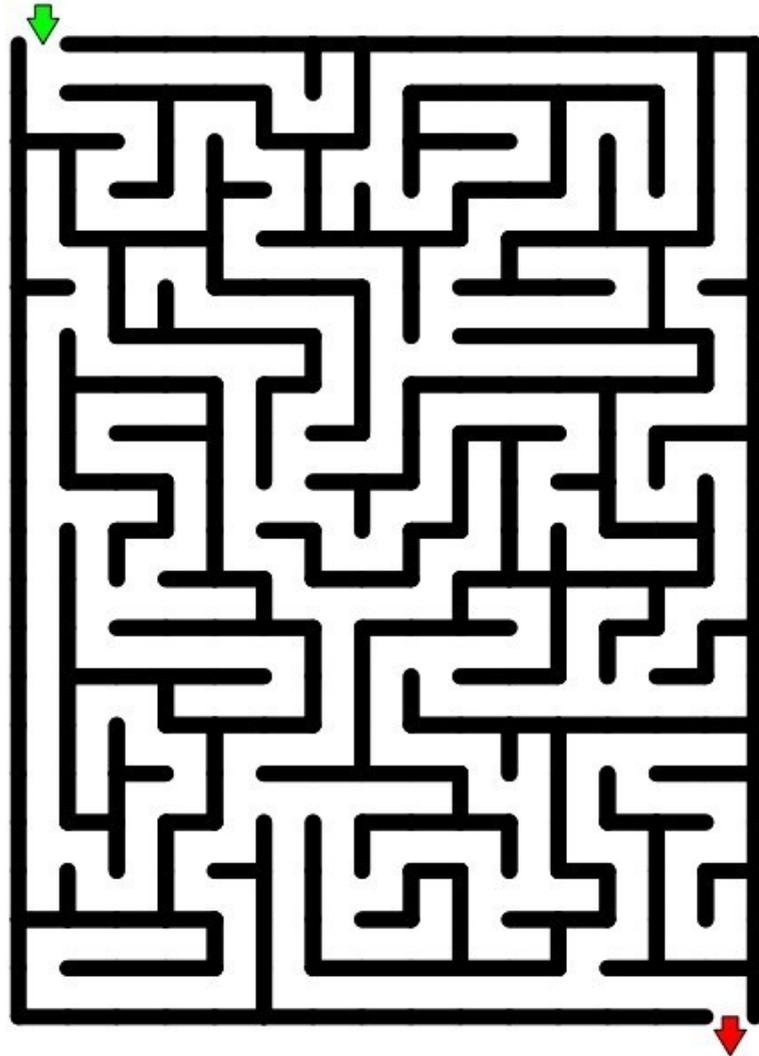
 your sins to one another and
 _____ for one another,
 that you may be healed."
James 5:16

" _____
 yourselves
 to prayer, being
 watchful and
 thankful."
Colossians 4:2

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Crossword Solutions

ACROSS: 1, Thanks. 4, Banner. 8, Esher. 9, Azariah. 10, Compare. 11, Ishma. 12, Doorposts. 17, Oaths. 19, Galatia. 21, Papyrus. 22, Frail. 23, Listen. 24, Hyssop.

DOWN: 1, Trench. 2, Ashamed. 3, Karma. 5, Ananias. 6, Neigh. 7, Reheat. 9, Areopagus. 13, Observe. 14, Satraps. 15, Compel. 16, Gallop. 18, Tapes. 20, Lofty.

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