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I was once in a band called the 'Manic Street Pastors'; we played for one night only at the 12 Bar in Westcott Place. I played a bad guitar, on the whole badly, or quietly when I wanted a break from that. But I am quite proud of playing there. Maybe the smallest of claim to fame.

We played one song called 'Sunday's Coming'.

The chorus was along the lines of,

*'That was Friday,
But Sunday's coming'*

It is the message of Easter.

Good Friday and all of the sadness and desolation that those following Jesus felt, would be wiped away; to be replaced with joy and hope.

For over a year now we have been in challenging times. A time of uncertainty, sadness, despair and separation. But there is light at the end of the tunnel. We have a 'roadmap to normality' which offers us hope.

Perhaps the big family get together is just around the corner.

But life will still be a challenge.

There will still be times of sadness and uncertainty, heartache and indeed heartbreak- that is what life on this earth is like. Sadly, we live in a broken world. All a bit depressing eh?

*'That was Friday,
But Sunday's coming'*

The message of Easter is one of love, hope, light and life.

It is a roadmap to the normality that God wants for all of us.

The cross shows us the love of God; how he loves each and every one of us. It is a sign for us all.

The resurrection shows us the power of that love and the power of God who is able to overcome everything to give us life and hope, on and beyond this world.

A sign of hope in despair; a sign of light out of darkness; a sign of life out of death.

So if you feel as though it is Friday, don't worry, Sunday's coming.

Rev Mark





Hello!

My name is Shirley and I have the privilege of working for a wonderful Christian charity called **Safe Families** in Swindon.



Facing life alone can be hard, can't it? This last year of COVID-19 has reminded us all of the importance of connection and community. When a family feels that they are isolated, that there is no one who can help them, it's a scary place to be. Safe Families exists to create relationship and connection because everyone deserves to belong.

At Safe Families we know there are people in the community who want to share God's love and make a difference to others. But it can be difficult to know how to support isolated families in a safe and effective way.

That is why we have developed some ways that you can make a difference:

We train caring volunteers who are willing to give a little time, once a week or fortnight, to connect with families to offer hope, encouragement and friendship. Volunteering usually lasts for around six months and our team are always on hand to offer support and guidance.

We have Resource Friends who help us meet practical needs for families as well as people who pray for our work or support us financially. We even have volunteers who host children for a few nights to give struggling parents a break.

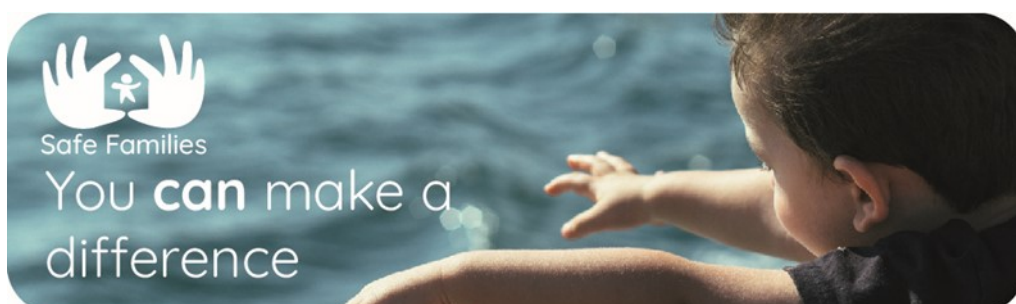
Since April 2019, we have supported over 90 families through our partnership with Swindon Borough Council.

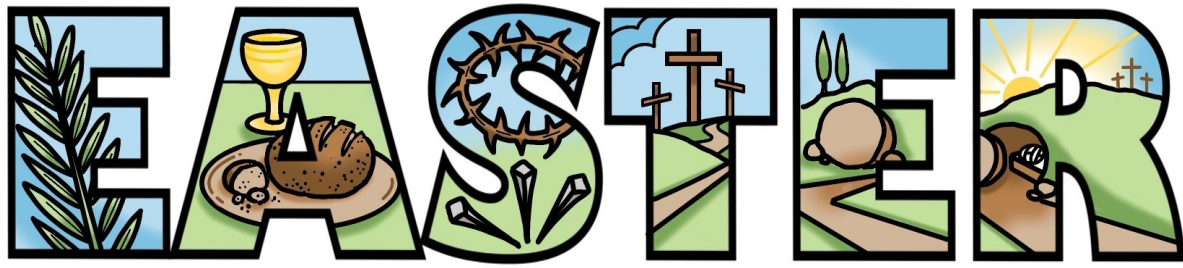
One mum told us, 'My volunteer was lovely and we're still friends. I was at the worst point in my life, but now everything is completely different.'

If you would like to find out more about how you could be involved in making a difference in Swindon, please have a look at our website: www.safefamilies.uk or send me a message shirleybaxter@safefamilies.uk. I'd love to tell you more!

God bless you

Shirley





Thursday 1st April - Maundy Thursday

9am - Morning Prayer Online

Via strattonteamministry

10:30am - Diocesan Chrism Eucharist

Via @bristolcathedral

7pm - Agape Service

Via Zoom (email office for invite)

9pm - Compline Online

Via strattonteamministry

Friday 2nd April - Good Friday

9am - Morning Prayer Online

Via strattonteamministry

2pm - Live Last Hour

Via strattonteamministry

Saturday 3rd April - Easter Eve

9am - Morning Prayer Online

Via strattonteamministry

Sunday 4th April - Easter Day

10am - Sunday Service Online

Via strattonteamministry

9:30am - Sunday Service

At St Margaret's, Stratton (free ticket)

9:30am - Sunday Service

At St Leonard's Stanton Fitzwarren

11am - Holy Communion Service

At St Mary Magdalene, South Marston

April



Returning to Sunday communal worship service pattern for April

9:30am St Leonards Stanton

11:00am on second Sundays family service

9:30am St Margaret's Stratton

11:00am St Mary Magdalene South Marston

Starting from May

Holy communion services across the team

St Margaret's 1st Sunday of the month

St Mary Magdalen 2nd Sunday of the month

St Leonards 3rd Sunday of the month

PLEASE NOTE

Under current pandemic circumstances all services are subject to change.

Please see our website for the most up to date information

www.strattonteamministry.co.uk

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

Down Country Lanes and Tracks

St Michael's of the Rock, (St Michael de Rupe) Brentor, Devon

A few years ago we stayed with our family just outside Tavistock we visited St Michael's church on the way to Lydford Gorge. Once seen never forgotten the church stands 1150 feet above sea level built on the remains of an old Iron age hill fort. There are views on a clear day of Plymouth, Exmoor and Bodmin moor but other times it stands out in a layer of fog like an island in the sky.



It was first built as a chapel by a wealth merchant Robert Giffard, Lord of the Manor of Lamerton and Whitchurch about 1130 AD and given the name of St Michael de Rupe (St Michael on the rock).

Further building work was carried out over the centuries with a porch added and south and north doors. In about 1230 it was given to the monks of Tavistock Abbey and an annual Michaelmas fair was held for 300 years in the surrounds of the church. The church we see today was altered and strengthened by the Duke of Bedford in 1889 and they found 40 skeletons under the floor dating from Iron age times buried north to south (pagan rites)

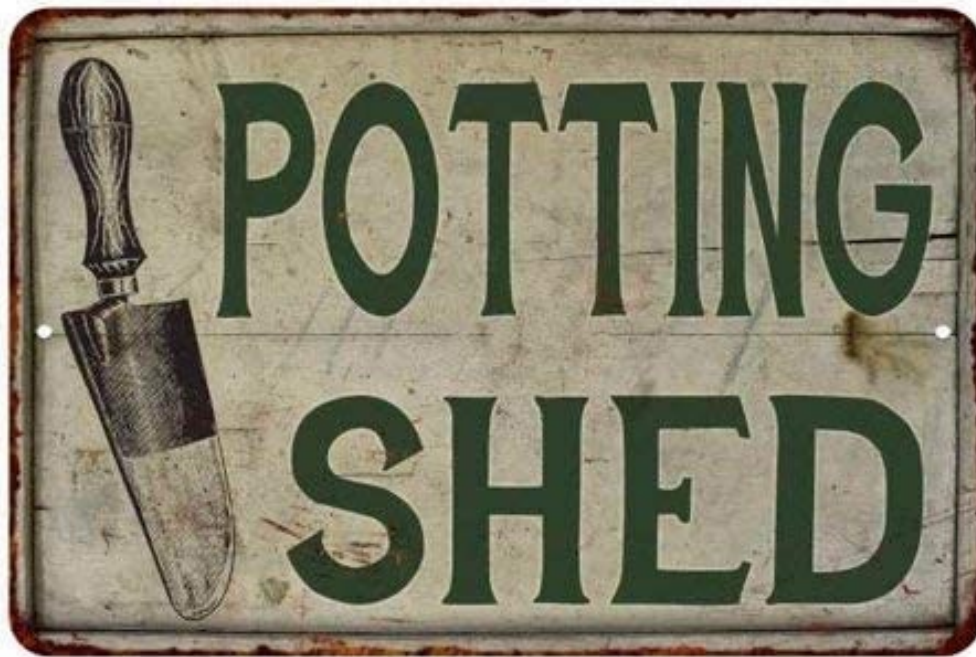
The plain octagonal font with a lockable lid was added because at the time people practising Black Magic would steal holy water. The bells date from 14th /15th century, the church is lit by gas light still today. St Michael of the rock measures 37 feet by 14.5 feet and is the fourth smallest parish church in Britain.

In 1994 the tower was struck by lightning and after repairs 4 lightning conductors were added. Services are held every Sunday evening when Evensong is celebrated and Carol concerts by Canticoram singers in Advent. It takes 10 minutes to reach the church from the carpark and it has been known that on snowy winter's day people have taken sledges to slide back down the Tor.

I remember when we visited the church there was a workman with hammer and chisel making holes to fix something to the outside of the church as there is no electric at the church.

They are a hardy lot in Devon.

Richard Pflieger



Warden's Potting Shed

April finds the potting shed in full swing with not an inch of space to sow more seeds, as soon as one tray comes out another is sown. The purchase of a second heater tube has helped with the seed germination and a good variety of plants are coming along nearly ready to pot on.

I am able to make up 6 hanging baskets this year. The Geraniums, Marigolds, Salvias and Cornflowers are doing well and other bedding plants are just behind.

I should be able to start selling plants at the beginning of May so let me know your requirements.

As you know all monies for the plants go to St Margaret's Church which this year needs as much help as possible due to a drop in funds over the last 12 months.

So please support the Warden's Potting shed so we support St Margaret's Church.

Richard Pflieger

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Back in the Day

Back in the days of tanners and bobs,
When Mothers had patience and Fathers had jobs.
When football team families wore hand me down
shoes,
And T.V gave only two channels to chose.
Back in the days of three penny bits,
when schools employed nurses to search for your
nits.
When snowballs were harmless; ice slides were
permitted
and all of your jumpers were warm and hand
knitted.
Back in the days of hot ginger beers,
when children remained so for more than six years.
When children respected what older folks said,
and pot was a thing you kept under your bed.
Back in the days of Listen with Mother,
when neighbours were friendly and talked to each other.
When cars were so rare you could play in the street.
When Doctors made house calls; Police walked the beat.
Back in the days of Milligan's Goons,
when butter was butter and songs all had tunes.
It was dumplings for dinner and trifle for tea,
and your annual break was a day by the sea.
Back in the days of Dixon's Dock Green,
Crackerjack pens and Lyons ice cream.
When children could freely wear National Health glasses,
and teachers all stood at the FRONT of their classes
Back in the days of rocking and reeling,
when mobiles were things that you hung from the ceiling.
When woodwork and pottery got taught in schools,
and everyone dreamed of a win on the pools.
Back in the days when I was a lad,
I can't help but smile for the fun that I had.
Hopscotch and roller skates; snowballs to lob.
Back in the days of tanners and bobs

Anonymous





We are online at 10am
for Sunday Service and
Daily at 9am for
Morning Prayer via
[@Strattonteamministry.co.uk](https://www.strattonteamministry.co.uk)

5TH SWINDON BOYS BRIGADE



Dear readers,

My name is Chris Spackman and for many years I was a member of the 5th Swindon Boys' Brigade. I will always be thankful for the time I spent in the Company and for the leaders who played a part in shaping my life.

Several years after leaving the Company I successfully completed my Ph.D in history and I am now one of the Trustees of 'The Boys' Brigade Archive Trust'. A part of this role is to preserve the history of The Boys' Brigade for future generations and we are just starting our journey to collect and sort records, write books, and build a website to share some of the exciting stories we have to tell.

If you have any items from The Boys' Brigade - paperwork / photos / camp items / badges / or your own memories - then I would be delighted to hear from you. Or, if you have old copies of the church magazine that could find a safe home in the archives I would be equally thrilled to receive a message from you.

If you have anything to share please send an email to christopherjspackman@gmail.com or give me a call on 07515313414.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Dr Chris Spackman

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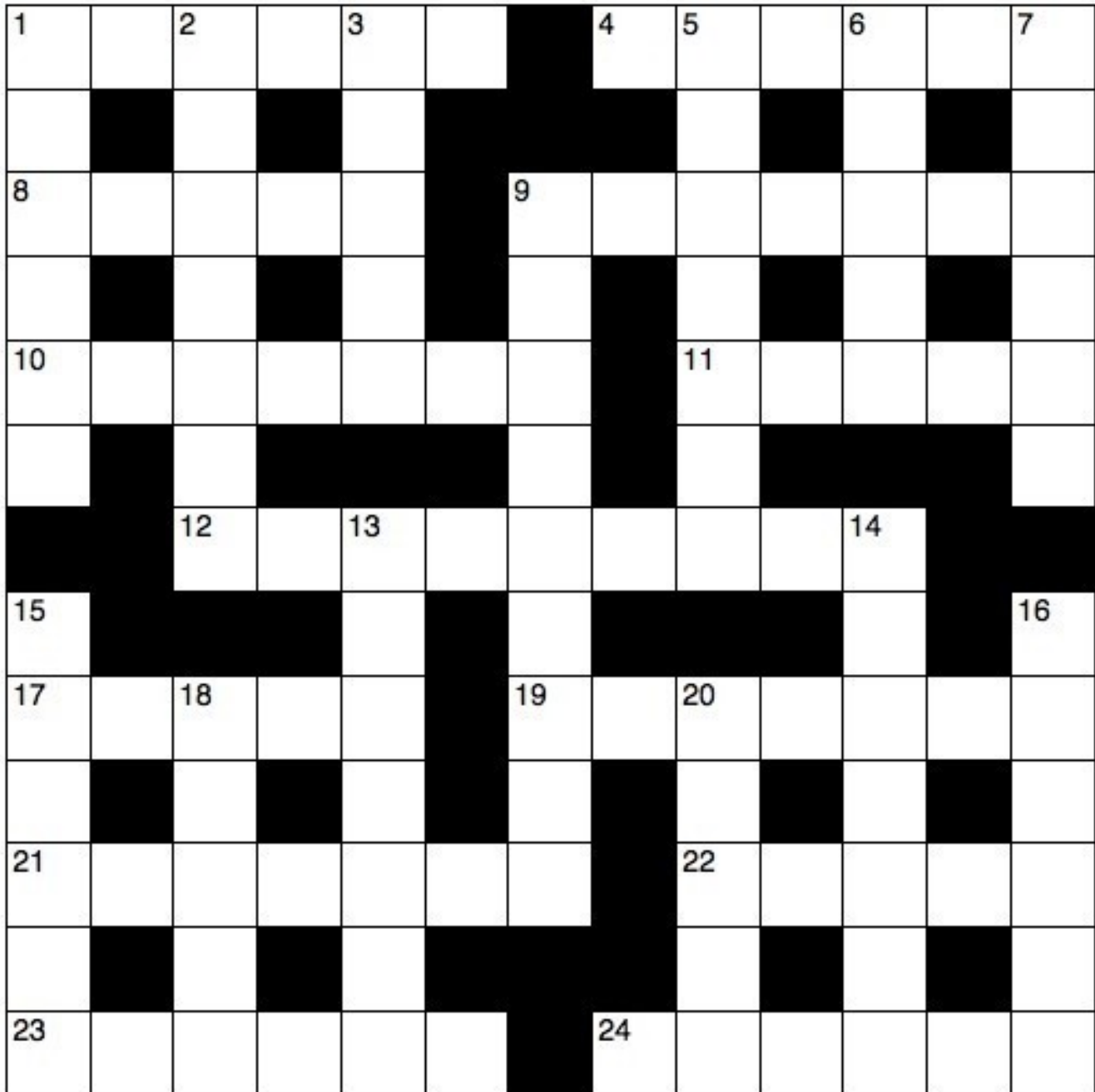
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CROSS
WORD



Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)

Across

- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Gen 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3–4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Ex 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is —' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not —' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)



We are looking for local material for your magazine

Do you have a story to tell?

Do you work in the local community run or attend a local club?

We would love to have your stories and to let our readers know about all that goes on in our community.

Covid-19 has damaged so many lives. Now we need, more than ever, to keep a sense of community going within our local church family. Christians are meant to stick together. Together, we are the Body of Christ.

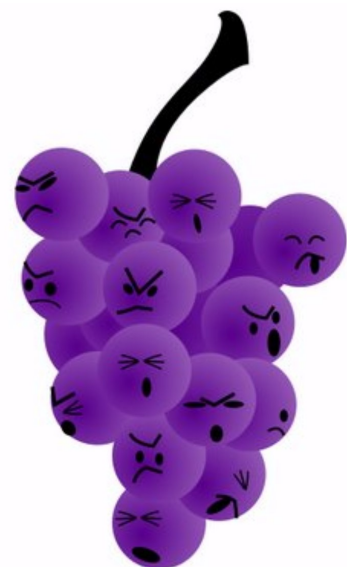
April Foolery

The Word and some examples of It's misuse from various sources

- ☺ Can you give me an anagram for the word "on"? No
- ☺ Are you a volatile player? Well I can play in the centre, on the right and occasionally on the left side.
- ☺ The allegations were denied as the police continue to question the allegators.
- ☺ He thought that lacrosse was what you found in La Church.
- ☺ Aquarium: interactive television for cats.
- ☺ Flabbergasted: appalled over how much weight you have gained.
- ☺ Paper clips: the larval stage of wire coat hangers.

Some idiotic idioms:

- ☺ Lets hope its not a case of sore grapes.
- ☺ He should turn a blind ear to that.
- ☺ You're barking up the wrong dog there.
- ☺ He's treading on dangerous water there.
- ☺ That's just the tip of the ice cube.
- ☺ He's a wolf in cheap clothing.
- ☺ Nigel and I hit it off like a horse on fire.



Now some misprints:

Before Miss Jenkinson concluded by singing, "I'll Walk Beside You," she was prevented with a bouquet of roses.

A light mole is given at 6pm. and then nothing by mouth until after test.

The patient was washed all over with warm soapy water.

The patient is left quietly in bed so that he can rust as much as possible.

The response to cold varies from parson to parson.

What symptoms were the patients displaying? - The patients four heads were bathed in sweat.

He could sneak away with a rye smile

Landlords: We have ten ants looking for good quality homes.

I really like that Thomas Hardy novel. Tess of the Dormobiles.

Push or Pull. On the door of a Dorset convenience store.

Is forbidden to steal towels, please. If you are not person to so such, please not to read notice.

Tokyo Hotel

Sign on the London Underground. Gents and Lift out of order. Please use stairs.???????

I hate it when I see one of those road signs that say, "Draw Bridge Ahead", and I don't have a pencil.

Bye now.



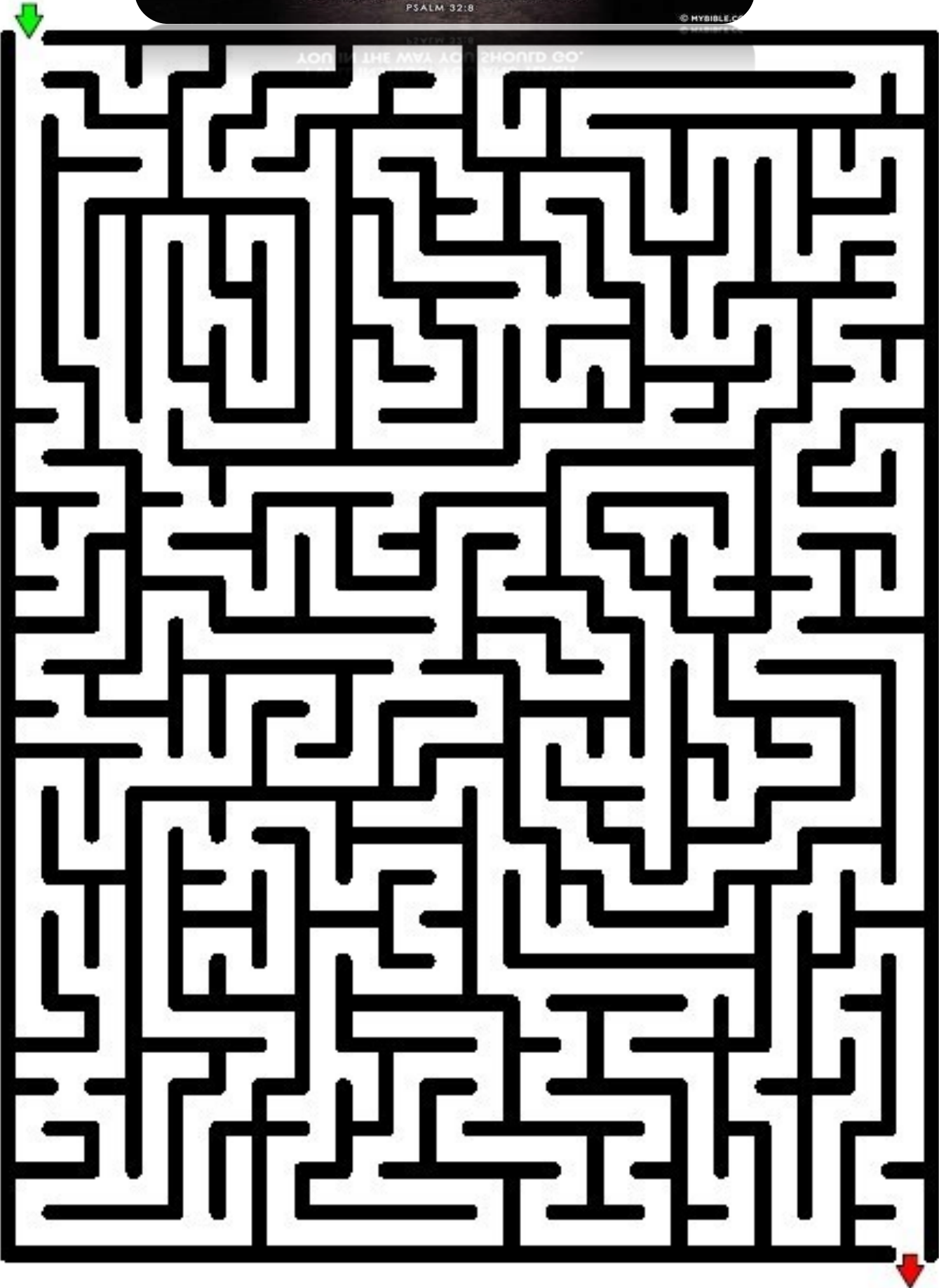
...rumours that we would be giving out easter eggs are unfounded - er, there aren't any left!

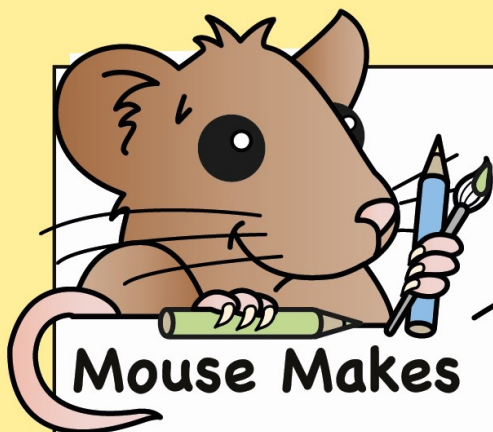


I WILL INSTRUCT YOU AND TEACH
YOU IN THE WAY YOU SHOULD GO.

PSALM 32:8

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Mouse Makes

Can you find these names of **Jesus** in the word search?

SON OF GOD

Matthew 3:16-17



KING OF KINGS

Revelation 17:14

PROPHET

Luke 24:19



PRIEST

1 Timothy 2:5

ROCK

1 Corinthians 10: 4

LORD

1 Corinthians 1:9

AMEN

Revelation 3:14

LIFE

John 11:25-27

MESSIAH

John 1:41

SHEPHERD

John 10:11

LIGHT

John 8:12



WORD

John 1:1-50

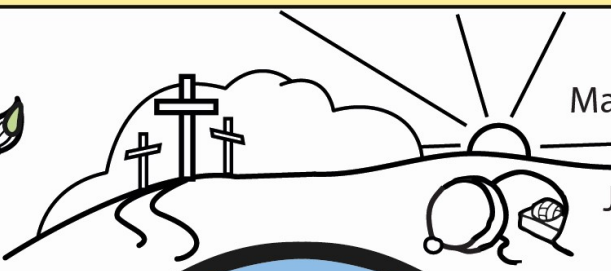


BREAD

John 6:35

CREATOR

1 John 1:3



CHRIST

Matthew 16:16

SAVIOUR

John 3:16-17

HOLY ONE

Mark 1:24

VINE

John 15:5



DOOR

John 10:9



WAY

John 14:6

LAMB

John 1:29



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Crossword Solutions

ACROSS: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delilah. 10, Falwell. 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur. 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison

DOWN: 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist. 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche. 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.

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