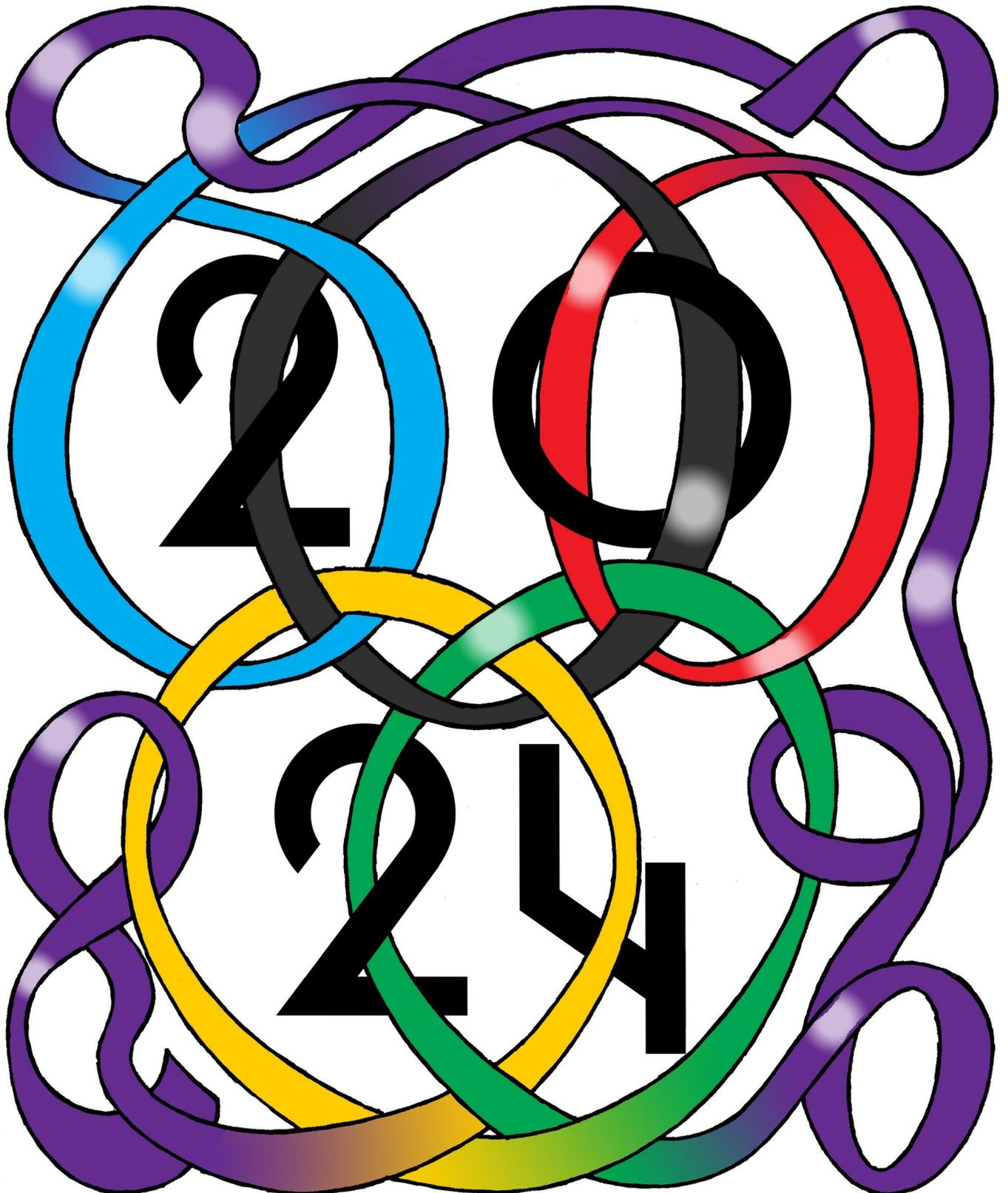


July &
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Dear Church Family

It's post election, we have voted and we have a new government. It's easy to have strong feelings on political matters- and it's right and good to have the integrity and honesty to be able to discuss things and disagree about political stuff, whilst also being able to be friends with those with whom we might disagree.

As we reflect on what we want from this new government, let's think about just two points from the teaching of Jesus- the importance of **honesty**, and of **kindness**.

Thinking of **honesty**, our mind might go to the Sermon on the mount, in Matthew 5, when Jesus says this:

“And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

Jesus values honesty and integrity. He teaches us to be people of our word, who will do what we say, and be truthful when we make mistakes. Our prayer for the leaders of the world is that they would be people of honesty and truthfulness.

And thinking of **kindness**, our mind might go to another parts of Jesus' teaching in Matthew 25 as he says the following:

Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? When did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?’

And the King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.’

Jesus' heart here is clear for the littlest, loneliest, and least. There is a real sense here that the way we welcome the stranger instead of casting away, the way we treat the hungry rather than point the finger, and serve the poor rather than ignore them, shows the depth of our worship to Jesus.

So this new season, we pray for those who lead our country- and we pray for them to have a real depth of honest and kindness. And we acknowledge that, wherever we placed our cross- there is one cross which is eternal. One cross which doesn't change every few years. One cross that has nothing to do with our preference, and is all about Jesus- the God of kindness, whose word is yes and Amen.

Blessings

Elveen



On being a Christian

I am a member of two voluntary Trusts, the Swindon and Cricklade Railway and the Wilts and Berks Canal. Both involve a modest membership fee and where possible, voluntary labour to fulfil their aims of rebuilding infrastructure.

Being a Christian does not involve membership forms, merely having faith and an endeavour to do the work of our Lord Jesus and to aspire to follow His teachings.

“Whatsoever you do for the least of these, you do also for me”.

As Christians we need to lead where possible, by example. God does not need us to pay a membership fee merely for us to believe in Him and to do His work. It's a simple message, the blue sky is always there, sometimes hidden from view.

Let us seek God's hidden message, for trying to be a Christian does have its rewards!

Colin Howell



A busy time for the 5th Swindon Boy's Brigade, as we took part in the Gloucestershire Battalion Company hike competition. It was a damp start, but soon groups of Boys were given map co-ordinates to take them to the first checkpoint, where challenges were completed, before the groups were given the co-ordinates to the next checkpoint. The teams covered about 10 miles around the Cotswolds.

Two of our Company Boys went to the YMCA sports Centre in Cheltenham to take part in the Battalion badminton competition. Firstly, everyone played everyone else in a "round robin". Boys with the highest score went on to the semi-finals. Magnus, from 5th Swindon, played in the final, which was very tense!

The Boys took turns to go into the lead, with only one point between them at times. Magnus won 21-18 points. Well done Magnus.

On Sunday, 19th May, 5th Swindon Company hosted the Gloucestershire Battalion Annual Church Parade. Boy's Brigade Companies from around the Battalion arrived, ready to parade from the car park to St. Margaret's Church. Each Company paraded their Company Colours and Alfie, our Senior Boy carried the King's Colours.

It has just been announced His Majesty King Charles the third has become the U.K Boy's Brigade patron, becoming the fifth reigning Monarch to become the Boy's Brigade patron.

Each Company took their seats and with family members, there were about 90 people there. The Colours were presented at the Altar, as we sang the BB hymn "Will your Anchor hold". As it was Pentecost, the Bible reading was Acts 2:1-21. Adam put a new slant on the reading, getting 12 children from the congregation to help. Each child had a picture of a flame to put on their heads. At the end of the reading, Adam gave each child a phrase to read out, which was Jesus Christ Saves but in different languages, Latin, French, German, Greek, Japanese, being some.

Elveen gave a talk about the Holy Spirit. She got Adam and Gordon from 7th Gloucester, to wear blindfolds, then a Boy from their Company gave them instructions to get them safely around the Church. Both officers arrived together at the Altar. The Holy Spirit was like the Boys, giving instructions and guiding us.

5th Swindon Company and Senior Boys wrote and read the devotions which we finished with the Boy's Brigade prayer and the Lord's Prayer. Our Battalion President, Emma, presented certificates for the badminton competition and two President Badges. This would be Emma's final act as Battalion President, as she comes to the end of her term of office. Thank you Emma.

We sang "Come on and Celebrate" and after the closing Prayer, the Colours were collected and processed outside.

We went into the Church Centre for refreshments, where Dr. Chris Spackman had a display of Boy's Brigade archive items, which were a great talking point. It was wonderful to have so many people come to the service to help us celebrate the 5th Swindon Boy's Brigade 50th anniversary.

Teresa Daghish. 5th Swindon Company Captain.



Blunders and Blessings

Hymns for All

Accountant's hymn:

Count your blessings, name them one by one...

Archaeologist's hymn:

Rock of ages...

Building Contractor's hymn:

The Church's one foundation...

Cardiologist's hymn:

Give me joy in my heart keep me praising...

Campanologist's hymn:

Ding dong merrily on high...

Dentist's hymn:

Crown Him with many crowns...

Estate Agent's hymn:

When I survey....

Farmer's hymn:

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home!

Fisherman's hymn:

Shall we gather at the river....

Golfer's hymn:

There is a green hill far away....

Optician's hymn:

Be thou my vision....

Sailor's hymn:

I saw three ships...

Shoe Mender's hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy....

Vet's hymn:

All creatures of our God and King....

Weatherman's hymn:

There shall be showers of blessing....

Writer's hymn:

This is my story, this is my song....

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 13th July

@ 4pm

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together



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Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Diocese of Bristol

Mothers' Union Fellowship Group

We have now formed a Mothers' Union Fellowship Group

We meet on the 2nd Friday of the month and most months
we meet at St Margaret's Centre from 2.30-4.00pm

We start with a short service of worship and

Do come and join us.

For more info, visit the Bristol MU website

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- raising awareness of modern slavery

Anne Pope - MU Deanery Leader



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July 2024 Midday Prayers - Transformation of Relationships

Monday – Across generations and cultures

‘Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.

Isaiah 1:17

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the need of others,
open my ears that I may hear their cries,
open my heart so that they need not be without succour.

Let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Show me where love and hope and faith are needed and use me to bring them to these places.

Open my eyes and ears that I may, this coming day, be able to do some work of peace for thee. Amen

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Tuesday – Relationship with God

‘Remain in me, as I also remain in you.
No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine.
Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.’

John 15:4

Lord, we would grow with you
New shoots reaching out
Hands stretched upward
Like leaves newly formed
Soaking up your light and warmth
Lord, we would grow with you.

Lord, we would grow with you
In sunshine and rain
In darkness and light
In cold days and summer days
From Springtime to Winter
Lord, we would grow with you.

Lord, we would grow with you
And bring forth fruit
That is pleasing to you
Fed by your living water
Giving sustenance to others
Lord, we would grow with you.
Amen

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Wednesday – Support for relationships

‘Each of you should look not only to your own interests but also to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.’ *Philippians 2:4-5*

**Almighty God of all creation,
we join our voices to praise you today,
singing of your wonders,
giving thanks for your grace and care.**

We celebrate the joys of life you have blessed us with:
family and friends;
new relationships and deeper relationships;
new life and transformed lives;
reconciliation and restoration.

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As we share our lives together
help us reflect the perfect relationship
between Father, Son and Spirit;
perfectly loving, perfectly equal,
united in total harmony.

**For then we will see true transformation
as we value each other above ourselves. Amen**

Thursday – Family challenges

“I know the plans *and* thoughts that I have for you,” says the Lord,
“plans for peace *and* well-being and not for disaster,
to give you a future and a hope.” *Jeremiah 29:11 (AMP)*

**Gracious God,
make known to us your plans
for peace and wellbeing;
to bring lasting transformation.**

Lord, we pray for lives to be transformed
into ones of self respect and sufficiency
through effective use of your resources.

We pray for families to be transformed
into strong and loving households
as they explore your ways for relationship.

We pray for communities to be transformed
into ones of resilience and prosperity
through trust and cooperation.

**Gracious God,
guide us in your plans
for peace and wellbeing;
to transform lives for good. Amen**

Friday – Love one another

‘I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. ‘When you did this to one of the least of my brothers and sisters you were doing it to me!’ *Matthew 25: 35,40*

God of family and community, draw us near to the lonely and isolated that they may find a place of welcome, purpose for their days, and company to enrich their lives. Amen

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or isolated.

In their loneliness, be their consolation;

in their anxiety, be their hope;

in their darkness, be their light;

through him who suffered alone on the cross,

but reigns with you in glory,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Saturday – Transformation

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.
He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit,
while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes
so that it will be even more fruitful.

John 15:1-2

**Abundant God,
dig deeply in our lives
to prepare us for acts of service
that will produce a good return.**

Loving Father,
our heavenly gardener,
we open ourselves to your spiritual nurture.

Clear away the debris amassed over time –
the dead works, the lurking selfishness,
the weeds of doubt and disappointment.

Draw us close to the truest of vines,
to the blessing of relationship with Christ,
that we may yield a fruitful harvest
of service and love for a needy world.

Amen

Weekly Prayers for August – Prayer

Monday: Bless the work of the Church

‘The same Lord is Lord of all
and richly blesses all who call on him.’

Romans 10:12

The Lord bless us and keep us

We pray God’s blessing for ourselves;
may we be sustained in all we do.
We pray God’s blessing on those whom we love;
may they be upheld by the presence of Christ.

The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us

We pray God’s light to shine clarity
on our plans for loving kindness.
We pray God’s grace to encircle
all who serve and those they support.

The Lord turn his face towards us and give us peace

We pray God’s divine favour and peace
that surpasses all understanding
to fill our lives today.

Amen

Tuesday – The words we speak

‘Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in the heavenly realms
with every spiritual blessing in Christ.’

Ephesians 1:3

**Eternal God, the refuge and help of all your children,
we praise you for all you have given us,
for all you have done for us,
for all that you are to us.**

In our weakness, you are strength,
in our darkness, you are light,
in our sorrow, you are comfort and peace.
We cannot number your blessings,
we cannot declare your love:
For all your blessings we bless you.

**May we live as in your presence,
and love the things that you love,
and serve you in our daily lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

St. Boniface, 675-754

Wednesday – The prayers we breathe

‘See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?’ *Isaiah 43:19*

**Loving Lord, transform our lives that we may reflect the glory of Christ
and share his love in the world.**

You are the potter, Lord,
and in your skilful hands
even the unlikeliest of clay
becomes a thing of beauty
and useful, bringing glory
not to the pot, but its creator.

So take these lives, this clay,
and in your loving hands
transform and make us
into what we long to be;
made useful, Lord, for you.

Transform our struggles into victories.
Transform our doubting into certainty.
Transform our stumbles into confidence.
Transform our sorrow into worshipping, gracious God, we pray.
Amen

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Thursday – The witness of our lives

‘We are being transformed into his likeness
with ever-increasing glory,
which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.’

2 Corinthians 3:18

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit
that my thoughts may all be holy;

Act in me O Holy Spirit
that my works, too, may be holy;

Draw my heart O Holy Spirit
that I love but what is holy;

Strengthen me O Holy Spirit
to defend all that is holy;

Guard me then O Holy Spirit
that I always may be holy.

St. Augustine of Hippo

**Loving Lord, transform our lives
that we may reflect the glory of Christ.
Continue in us the work of your Spirit;
the miracle of transformation
from the gloom of sin
to the glory of Christ
Amen**

Friday – Faith in Action

‘My people will live in peaceful dwelling places,
in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest.’

Isaiah 32:18

God of compassion, your eyes are turned to the poor and needy.
Turn our gaze to see the need around us.
Give us a vision of an equal society where everyone has a place.

God of justice, your face is set against poverty.
Shake us out of our comfort.
Challenge us to counter injustice whatever the cost to ourselves.

God of hope, your kingdom will come in its fullness.
Envision us to act and pray.
Inspire us to work for an equal society of fullness of life for all
that poverty may be overcome. **Amen**

Saturday – Blessed to be a Blessing

‘God is able to make every blessing of yours overflow for you,
so that in every situation you will always have all you need
for any good work. ‘

2 Corinthians 9:8 (ISB)

**God bless each step
that we take today,
whether that road
is rough or smooth.**

And in God’s strength
step out in faith,
step out in love,
step out in peace,
and bless this world
with God’s presence
in and through our lives

**May we be a blessing
to every life we touch,**

and the Spirit within,
that life-giving water,
be a gift of refreshment
in love shown and shared
with all who are thirsty
along the road we travel.

Amen

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‘A person of blessing will be enriched,
and he who gives water also will be refreshed.’

Proverbs 11:25 (LEB)

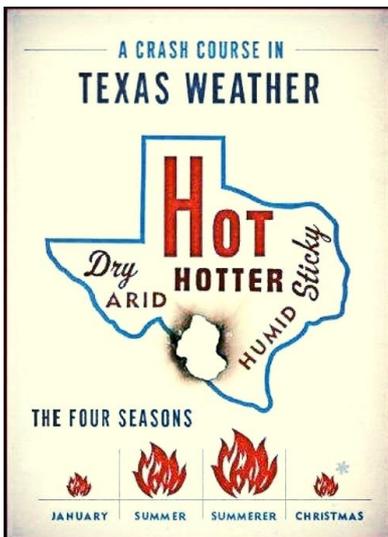
Jokes

A man asked his boss for a raise. "A raise?" thundered the boss. "Why should you have a raise? You're never here. Listen, there are 365 days in the year, 366 this year because it's a leap year. The working day is eight hours. That's one third of the day so in a year that comes to 122 days. The office is shut on Sundays, so that's 52 off leaving 70. Then you have a two week holiday - take off 14 which leaves 56. Then there are four Bank Holidays, so if you remove them that leaves 52. The office is closed on Saturdays. There are 52 Saturdays in a year, so you see you don't do anything at all."



Two farmers were standing in a field, one said, "Have you seen my flock of cows?" The other corrected him: "Herd of cows" "Course I've heard of cows, I've got a whole flock of them!"

A pilot and co-pilot were in a light aircraft that was spiralling out of control. Starting to panic, the co-pilot said. "If it carries on like this do you think we'll fall out?" "Of course not," replied the pilot, "We've been mates for years."



A visitor to Texas asked a rancher: "Does it ever rain here?" The rancher said: "Sure we sometimes get rain. You know that part in the Bible where it rained for forty days and forty nights?" "Yes," said the visitor, " I'm familiar with Noah's flood." "Well, we must have had half an inch."



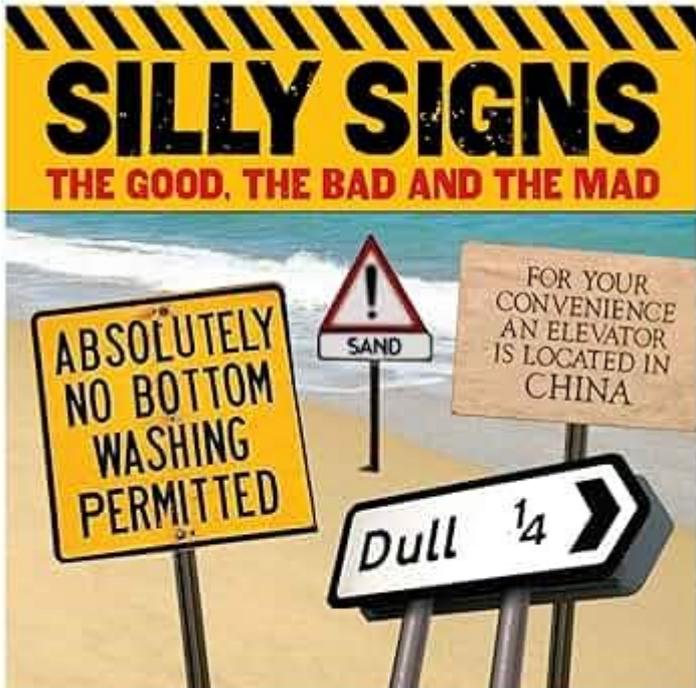
Sid had just driven his car into town to attend a very important business meeting but he's having trouble finding a parking spot. In desperation he looks up to heaven and says, "Lord, if you help me find a parking space I'll never lie or cheat again." At that moment a car in front of Sid pulls away from the kerb leaving an ideal parking space. Sid looks up and says, "It's all right, I just found one."

Clive is looking at a second-hand car. He says to the salesman, "How come this car is covered in dents? I thought you said it had one careful owner." "It did," replies the salesman, "but the rest of them weren't careful at all."



A judge addresses Mr. Jones, the defendant, in a court case. "Mr. Jones, do you understand that you have sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?" says the judge. "I do" says Mr. Jones, "Good," says the judge, "Now what have you got to say in your defence?" "Well," says Mr. Jones, "under those limitations nothing at all."

A few silly signs:



- ☺ Advertisement:
Cleaner required, two hours a day, to clean small officers.
- ☺ Advertisement:
Rings by post. State size or enclose tape tied round finger.
- ☺ Advertisement:
To let-small mouse
- ☺ In a health-food shop window:
Closed due to illness.
- ☺ In a launderette:
Automatic washing machines. Please remove all your clothes when the light goes out.

To end with dim wit:

-  Tonight we will meet the composer who crosses Persil with Handel's Water Music and got "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles".
Ken Dodd
-  I only know two tunes, one is "Clair de Lune", the other one isn't.
Victor Borge
-  I'd have given my right arm to be a pianist.
Bobby Robson
-  I saw a poster for Mission: Impossible III the other day. I thought to myself, it's not really impossible if he's already done it twice.
Mark Watson
-  I got kicked out of a movie theatre the other day for bringing my own food in. I argued that the concession stand prices were outrageous. Besides, I hadn't had a barbeque in a long time.
Steven Wright

Happy Hols.

St Margaret's Church Stratton



at

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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/



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Bumps and Babes St Margaret's Swindon



the Sandwich people

About The Sandwich People

More than just a sandwich!

Social Enterprise supporting homelessness locally.

Freshly made sandwiches, buffets, cakes & sweet treats delivered to your door. Our team of volunteers, most of who are experiencing homelessness are supported by qualified and staff members to help them gain confidence and qualifications, ready for them move on to independent living, work, or education.

The Sandwich People are about changing lives. We are social enterprise run by people who have experienced homelessness and are now supported by The Salvation Army. Based at Booth House Swindon, we are your one stop shop for your buffet requirements.

We provide opportunities and training in a supportive but genuine working environment. We support people to develop a new social network based on respect, understanding and a shared hope for the future.

Since 2007 we are proud to have maintained our 5* food safety rating. Our buffets start from a little as £3.00 a head. All made fresh onsite daily using locally produce items.

To find out more, please email sandwichpeopleorders@salvationarmy.org.uk

Above wording taken from their website <https://thesandwichpeople.co.uk> and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/thesandwichpeople>

Thank you again to the Sandwich people for another wonderful buffet for our welcome lunch for Charlotte.



STRATTON'S COMMUNITY PANTRY

Available at Beechcroft Library!

There'll be a great selection of free
produce and pantry items available.
I'm sure you'll find everything you need here!

TUESDAY 10AM – 12PM
FRIDAY 1PM – 3PM



Stratton St Margaret
Parish Council

Located at:
Beechcroft Library , SN2 7QQ





Stratton St Margaret
Parish Council

Weekly Community Activities

	Activity	Time	Provider
Monday	Breakfast Club	7am-8:30am	SSMPC
	Older Generation Walking Group - Coleview Community Centre	9am	SSMPC
	Carers Cuppa	1:15-3pm	SYC
	Jiu-Jitsu	5:30-9pm	DDMAA
Tuesday	Good To Sing (Monthly)	11am-12pm	GTS
	Community Pantry	10am-12pm	SSMPC
	Fun Art Group	1:30-3:30pm	FOBL
	Stratton's Youth Club	3:30-5:30pm	SSMPC
	Public Engagement Session with Your Parish Council (Monthly)	6-7pm	SSMPC
Wednesday	Stratton Mental Health Support Group	10-12pm	MIND+SSMPC
	Friendship Group	10-12pm	FOBL
	Open Minds (Monthly)	1:15-3pm	OM
	Tea and Tech	2-4pm	FOBL
	Stratton's Youth Club – LGBTQ+ and Neurodiversity	3:30-7pm	SSMPC
Thursday	Toddler Storytime	10:30-11:15am	SSMPC
	Stratton Advice Point	10:30am-12:30	SAP
	U3A Dressmaking Group (Bi-Weekly)	1-4pm	U3A
	Thursday Club (Bi-Weekly)	1-3:30pm	TC
	Bereavement Group	1:30-3:30pm	SSMPC
	Beechcroft Book Club (Monthly)	1:30-3:30pm	SSMPC
	Stratton's Youth Club	3:30-5:30pm	SSMPC
	Family History Research (Bi-Weekly)	4:15-6pm	FOBL
	Homework Club (over winter months)	6pm – 7pm	SSMPC
	Jiu-Jitsu	5:30-9pm	DDMAA
Friday	Swindon Borough Council Community Cafe	10am-12pm	SBC
	Knit, Sew & Natter	11-12:30pm	FOBL
	Older Generation Walking Group – Meadowcroft Community Centre	12pm	SSMPC
	Community Pantry	1-3pm	SSMPC
	U3A Discussion Group (Monthly)	2-4pm	U3A
Saturday	Chess Club & Board Games	10:30-1:30pm	FOBL
	Lego Club (Monthly)	10:30-1pm	FOBL
	Saturday Story Time (Bi-Weekly)	11-11:45am	SSMPC



Key	Location
	Meadowcroft Community Centre
	Beechcroft Library
	Walking Group

Key	
SSMPC	Stratton St Margaret Parish Council
FOBL	Friends of Beechcroft Library
SYC	Swindon Young Carers
SAP	Stratton Advice Point
TC	Thursday Club
SBC	Swindon Borough Council
MIND	Mind Swindon
DDMAA	Draco Dojo Martial Arts Academy
GTS	Good To Sing
OM	Open Minds



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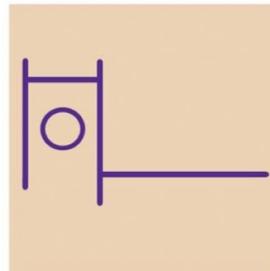
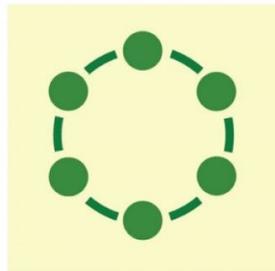
You may be aware that many charities and organisations are struggling at this time, this includes churches.

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:

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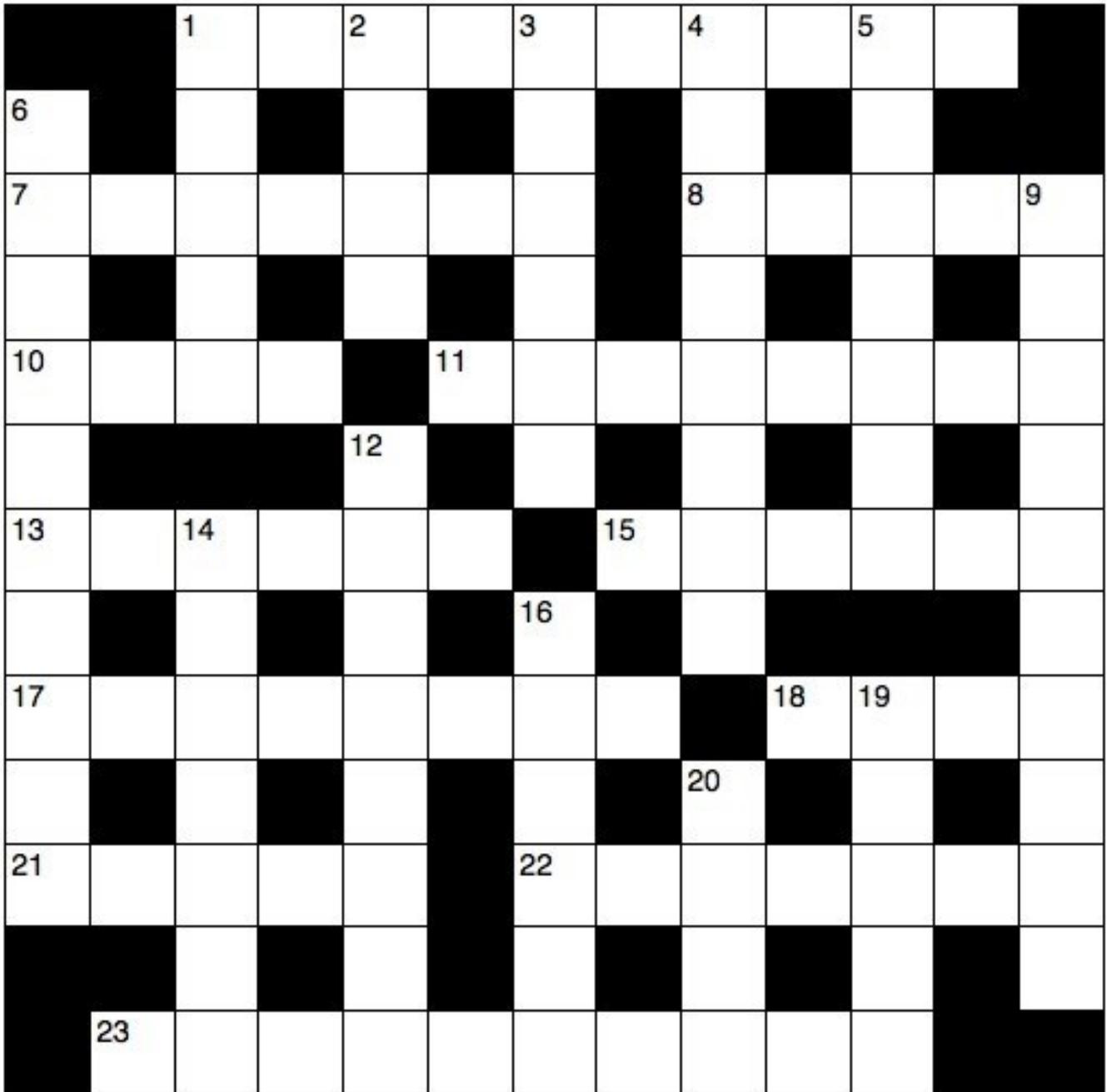
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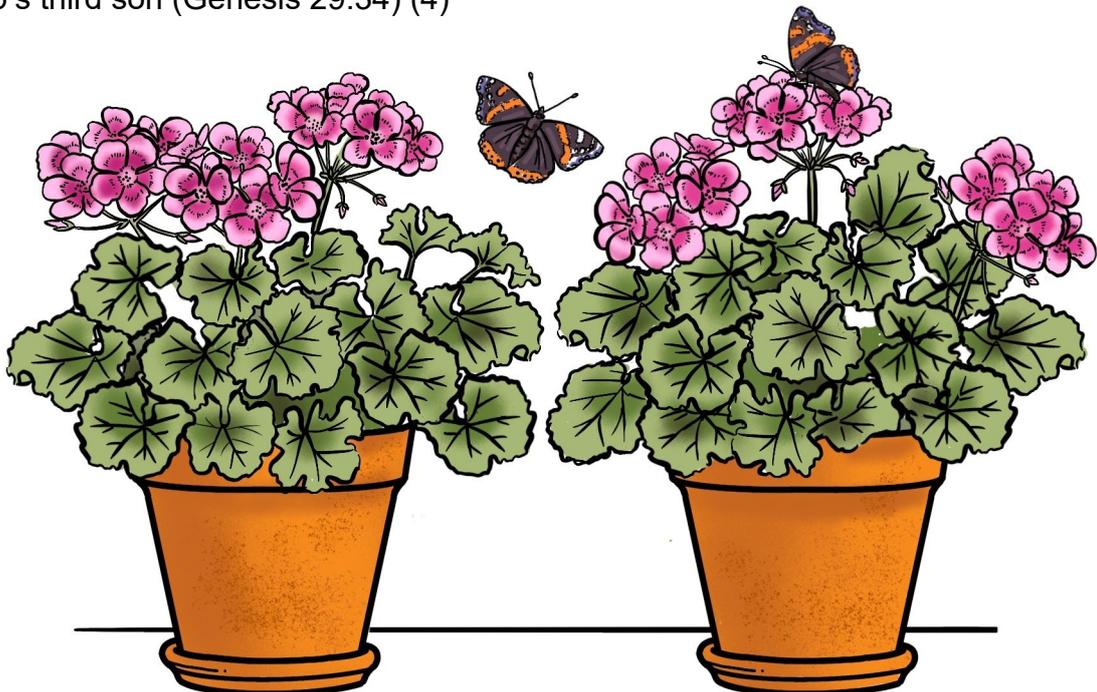
- 1 Relating to the Jewish day of rest (10)
- 7 Point of view (Matthew 22:17) (7)
- 8 20th-century Brethren philanthropist whose construction company became one of the UK's biggest, Sir John — (5)
- 10 Girl's name (4)

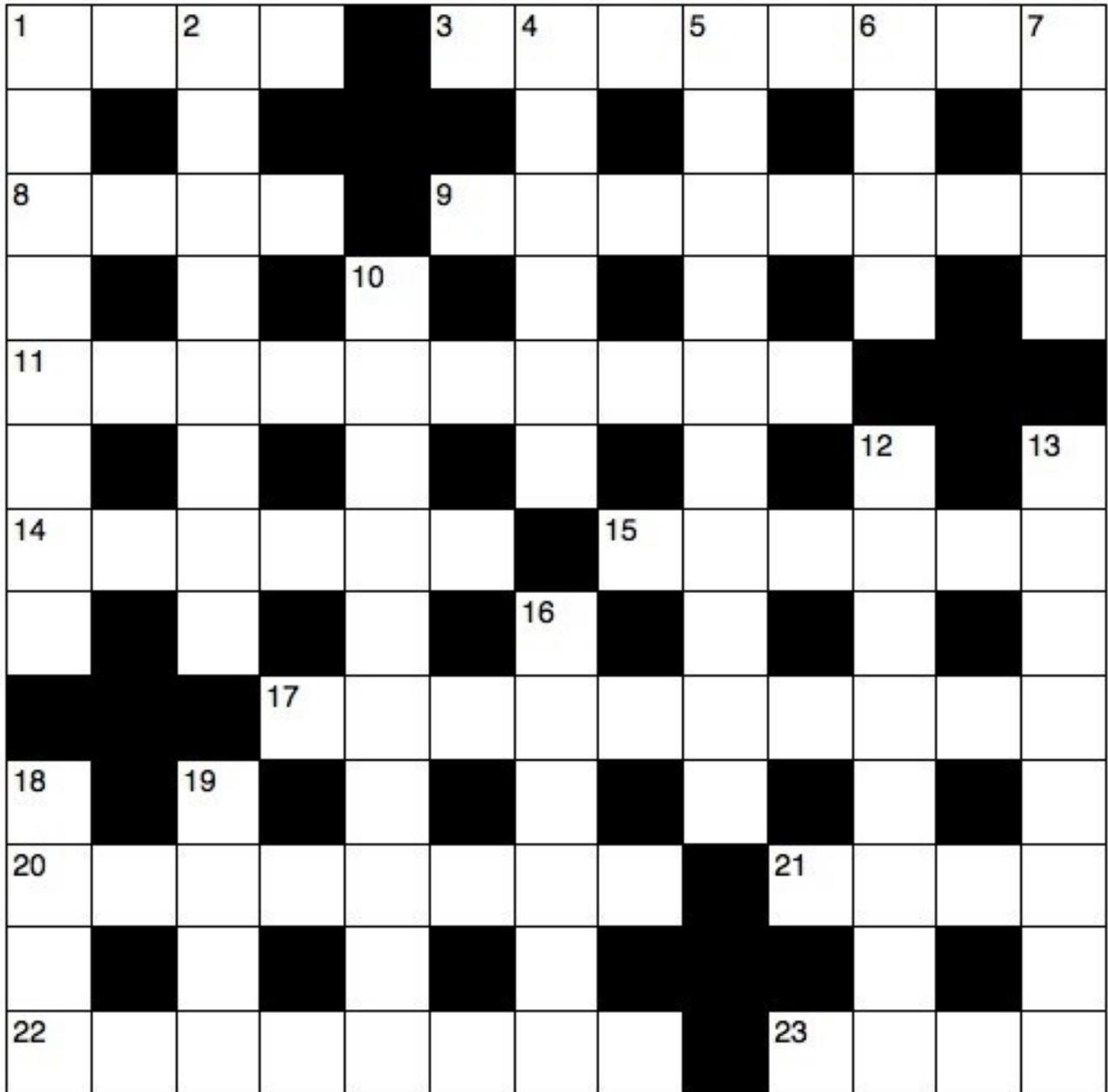
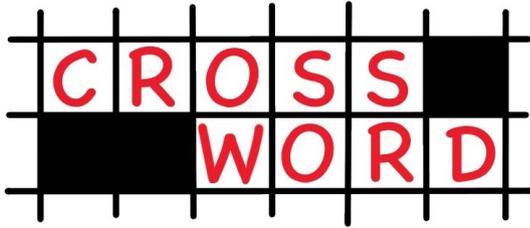
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- 11 Peter was accused of being one in the courtyard of the high priest's house (Luke 22:59) (8)
- 13 The fifth of the 'seven churches' (Revelation 3:1-6) (6)
- 15 'Now the famine was — in Samaria' (1 Kings 18:2) (6)
- 17 Banned by the seventh Commandment (Exodus 20:14) (8)
- 18 Insect most closely associated with itching (1 Samuel 24:14) (4)
- 21 Bantu tribe which gives its name to tiny landlocked country in southern Africa (5)
- 22 Familiar material in churches that use an overhead projector (7)
- 23 Last book of the Bible (10)

Down

- 1 The young David's favourite weapon (1 Samuel 17:40) (5)
- 2 'Your vats will — over with new wine' (Proverbs 3:10) (4)
- 3 Once yearly (Exodus 30:10) (6)
- 4 Milled it (anag.) (3-5)
- 5 Region north of Damascus of which Lysanias was tetrarch (Luke 3:1) (7)
- 6 Comes between Philippians and 1 Thessalonians (10)
- 9 Lake where the first disciples were called (Luke 5:1-11) (10)
- 12 Abusive outburst (8)
- 14 Are loud (anag.) (7)
- 16 Printing errors (6)
- 19 'Take my yoke upon you and — from me' (Matthew 11:29) (5)
- 20 Jacob's third son (Genesis 29:34) (4)





Across

- 1 and 3 Two of the disciples who witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus (Luke 9:28) (4,3,5)
- 3 See 1 Across
- 8 'Let us draw — to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith' (Hebrews 10:22) (4)
- 9 O Simon is (anag.) (8)
- 11 Form of government under the direct rule of God or his agents (10)

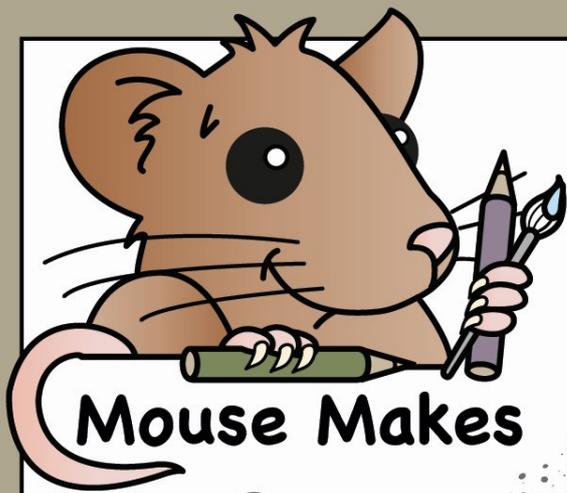
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- 14 How Jesus found his disciples when he returned to them after praying in Gethsemane (Luke 22:45) (6)
- 15 In The Pilgrim's Progress, the name of the meadow into which Christian strayed, which led to Doubting Castle (2-4)
- 17 Glad sin rat (anag.) (10)
- 20 Spinal column (Leviticus 3:9) (8)
- 21 Valley of the Balsam Tree with a reputation of being a waterless place (Psalm 84:6) (4)
- 22 'The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one — — sees clearly' (Numbers 24:3) (5,3)
- 23 Adam and Eve's third son (Genesis 4:25) (4)

Down

- 1 David's great friend (1 Samuel 20:17) (8)
- 2 'The Lord... will bring me safely to his — kingdom' (2 Timothy 4:18) (8)
- 4 'I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; — — or wine touched my lips' (Daniel 10:3) (2,4)
- 5 Seeking to vindicate (Job 32:2) (10)
- 6 Female servant (Isaiah 24:2) (4)
- 7 'For Christ died for — once for all' (1 Peter 3:18) (4)
- 10 'Offering spiritual sacrifices — to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Peter 2:5) (10)
- 12 Jesus said that some people had renounced this 'because of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 19:12) (8)
- 13 One of the three men thrown into the furnace for refusing to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image (Daniel 3:20) (8)
- 16 'You have — of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry' (Luke 12:19) (6)
- 18 'There before me was a white horse! Its rider held — — , and he was given a crown' (Revelation 6:2) (1,3)
- 19 Equipment to Charity Hospitals Overseas (1,1,1,1)





Mouse Makes

How many days did the Lord tell Joshua to march around the city of Jerico?

Joshua 6:3



What did the priests carry that were made from rams' horns?



What was carried along behind the priests?

The _____
Joshua 6:4

Joshua 6:4



On the seventh day how many times did they march around Jerico?

Joshua 6:6



Who was saved from Jerico along with her family?

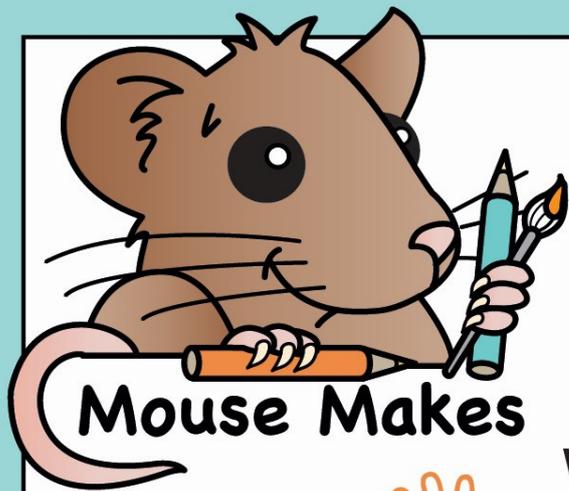
Joshua 6:17

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the story in *Joshua* 5:13-6:27

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Mouse Makes

"AND WHEN YOU PRAY,
PRAY THEN LIKE THIS ..."

Where does Jesus say
to go to pray?
Matthew 6:6



What does God know
before you ask Him?
Matthew 6:8



What can we ask God
to deliver us from?
Matthew 6:13

If you forgive others
what will God do?
Matthew 6:14



"Always be full of **joy**.
Never stop praying.
Whatever happens,
always be **thankful**."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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Crossword Solutions

July—

ACROSS: 1, Sabbatical. 7, Opinion. 8, Laing. 10, Olga. 11, Galilean. 13, Sardis. 15, Severe. 17, Adultery. 18, Flea. 21, Swazi. 22, Acetate. 23, Revelation.

DOWN: 1, Sling. 2, Brim. 3, Annual. 4, Ill-timed. 5, Abilene. 6, Colossians. 9, Gennesaret. 12, Diatribe. 14, Roulade. 16, Errata. 19, Learn. 20, Levi.

August—

ACROSS: 1, John. 3, And James. 8, Near. 9, Omission. 11, Theocratic. 14, Asleep. 15, By-path. 17, Stalingrad. 20, Backbone. 21, Baca. 22, Whose eye. 23, Seth.

DOWN: 1, Jonathan. 2, Heavenly. 4, No meat. 5, Justifying. 6, Maid. 7, Sins. 10, Acceptable. 12, Marriage. 13, Shadrach. 16, Plenty. 18, A bow. 19, ECHO.

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