



July &
August 2025

Stratton Team Ministry
Seeking, Sharing, and Serving God Together
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See how the wild flowers grow! They don't work
to earn, or craft their own clothes, but even
King Solomon with all his wealth was not
dressed as well as they are. Lk 12:27-28

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A year in the life of a curate

Dear friends

I can't believe a whole year has passed since I joined you at Stratton Team Ministry as your Curate!

The welcome you all gave me and Anthony last July was heartwarming and I am so enjoying getting to know you. It's moving to see and hear how you live out your faith, and the love and care you share within each congregation and beyond.



Every week is different and brings its own joys and challenges. Alongside leading and preaching at Sunday services, and other special services (e.g. Advent), every month, I travel to Bristol for ongoing training with other curates. I take funerals, and also have the joy of baptising children.

I visit the housebound and those in hospital, sometimes sharing communion with them if appropriate. It is a privilege to come alongside people at such times, and moving to share communion with someone on a busy ward. I sense then that the Holy Spirit brings God's presence into that place, blessing not only those of us taking part but in a mysterious way also the other patients, visitors and staff.

I visit South Marston School each term to lead an assembly, often alongside Elveen, and have attended special school services in the church. As a newly-appointed Foundation Governor, I attend meetings of the governing board. Learning the special jargon used in education can be challenging! However I am also inspired by the insight we receive as governors into the life of the school, and by the dedication of the staff to supporting the children to the best of their ability, in all aspects of their lives in what is a relatively small school.

Along with Elveen, I attend monthly meetings of the Deanery Chapter (the other ordained ministers working in Swindon Deanery) and this gives me glimpses of ministry in different benefices and parishes, and of the richness of different approaches and traditions.

Elveen is my “Training Incumbent”, and I really appreciate our weekly supervision meetings – these allow me to reflect with her on the situations I meet and to learn from her experience and wisdom.

The ordination services outline the roles of Deacon and Priest: “Deacons are ordained so that the people of God may be better equipped to make Christ known... as he washed the feet of his disciples, so they must wash the feet of others”; “Priests are ordained to lead Christ’s people in the offering of praise and the proclamation of the gospel.... they are to set the example of the Good Shepherd always before them.”

So what will change when I am priested on 5th July? Priests are *still* Deacons, but are able to perform other duties including celebrating Holy Communion. I look forward to doing so for the first time at the Team Service at St Margaret’s on 6th July.

I am so grateful to all of you for your support on my ordination day – whether you will be there in the Cathedral, or whether you can’t be there in person but are also supporting me in prayer.

I’ve been asked by some of you, how much longer I will be with you in Stratton Team. All being well, in two years’ time my curacy will be “signed off” and I will look for a post as incumbent.

As I approach my ordination as priest, I am grateful as ever for all your support, encouragement and prayers. None of us can do what God calls us to do in our own strength, only by God’s grace and guidance.

I am so grateful to God for bringing me to come and work here, and look forward to continuing to work among you and learn from you over the coming months.

Blessings

Rev Charlotte

SYMBOLS

Since Ancient times flags, banners and standards have had their place in history. Today is no different, but how many “Wiltshire Moonrakers” know of their own County Flag?

It has a background of alternate horizontal green and white stripes signifying the Wiltshire Downs overlaying the deep chalk layers laid down eons ago.

In the centre, two concentric circles pay homage to the Neolithic stone circles of Avebury and Stonehenge. Six alternate green and white segments appear between the two rings which allude to the six counties that border our home county.

This flag has a green background and in the centre is a depiction of our county bird, a Bustard. This is the world's heaviest flying bird that can be seen in the skies of Salisbury Plain.

Countless other flags and standards abound all around the world but surely, as Christians, we revere the simple humble Cross, so full of meaning and hope!

Colin Howell



A LITTLE BIT OF HELP IS WORTH A LOT OF PITY

“A little bit of help is worth a lot of pity” was one of my Mother's sayings. In later life I finally understood it's meaning!.

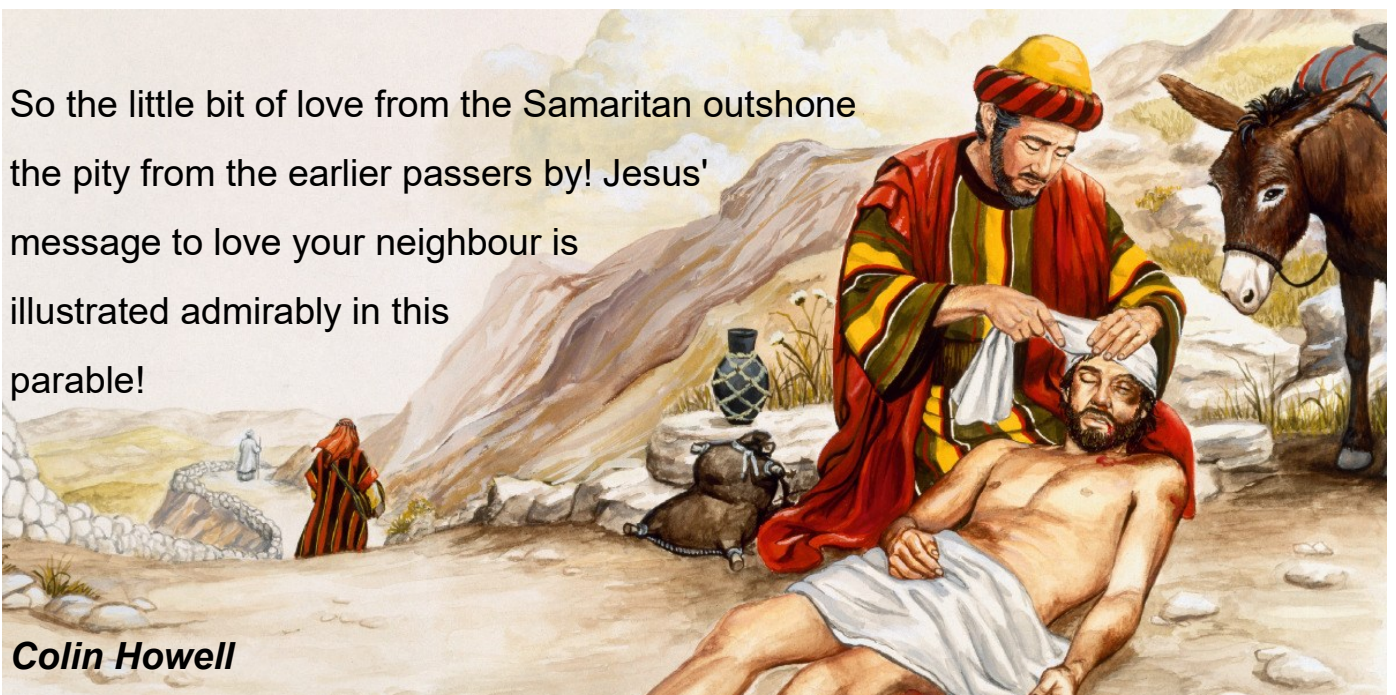
An example can be found in the parable of the Good Samaritan who was going down to Jericho from Jerusalem, some 15 miles to the north east and about 800 feet below sea level, hence the 'going down'

The road was notorious for being dangerous and a traveller was way laid and badly injured by thieves!

Passers by pitied him but took no action and continued on their way. Eventually a Samaritan came along and stopped, poured oil (no doubt the ubiquitous olive oil) and wine onto his wounds, bound them up and took the casualty to the nearest Inn for recovery!

At this time, there was animosity between Jews and Samaritans so Jesus' message emphasised how good should transcend all barriers and that his message is for love for all.

So the little bit of love from the Samaritan outshone the pity from the earlier passers by! Jesus' message to love your neighbour is illustrated admirably in this parable!



Colin Howell

Mothers' UNION

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Diocese of Bristol

"Join us, Join in!"

Mothers' Union Swindon Deanery Branch

No meeting

in St Margaret's Centre

in July

For more info about MU visit the Bristol MU website

www.mubristol.co.uk

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Mothers' Union Swindon Deanery Branch

Our August meeting will be on Friday 8th

It will be in St Margaret's Church at 2.30pm.

It will be a service celebrating

Mary Sumner Day and will be led by

Rev Elveen Mead

Do come and join us.

For more info, visit the Bristol MU website

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raising awareness of modern slavery



480 million women around the world can't read or write

Anne Pope - MU Swindon Deanery Area Coordinator

Weekly Prayers for July

Theme – Refreshment and Enrichment

Holidays are important, to recover from the busyness of our lives and to spend time with those we love. But we do not have to travel far to follow the long Christian tradition of a pilgrimage. Committing to undertake a sacred journey to meet with God is allowing ourselves to be refreshed and enriched by him. May we use this July to find ways to rest in the Lord, to reflect on experiences of his amazing grace and allow ourselves to be restored.

Monday

‘The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.’ **Psalm 23:1** (KJV)

As we move into a month where many of us take a break from the regular routine of life, we pray that we will find sacred moments of rest and reflection, of refreshment for our weary souls. Thank you for the opportunity to pause, to breathe and to be rejuvenated in your presence.

As we journey through these days of respite, may our spirits be enriched by the beauty of your creation, the warmth of fellowship and the joy of your love. Guide us to use this time wisely, to grow closer to you and to one another. In your Holy Name, Amen.

Tuesday

‘He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.’

Psalm 23:2 (KJV)

Use this time in whatever way helps you to rest and connect with God. Look outside your window or take a walk.

Look and listen to what is around you and discern what God may be saying to you. Remember the things that have gone well and the times when you have been truly blessed. Try to sit in silence – what thoughts enter your mind?

Wednesday

‘He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.’ **Psalms 23:3** (KJV)

Lord we thank you for our lives today and all the blessings that we have received. Let our souls find comfort in your presence and everlasting love. Protect this time we spend with you as we recharge, to be all that we need, to carry on, helping to bring your spirit to others.

Bless us O Lord, with renewal and vitality. Refresh our spirits and grant us the energy to embrace your mission with passion and joy.

May we grow in faith and strength, reflecting your grace to all. Amen

Thursday

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. **Psalms 23:4** (KJV)

Father, we give thanks for your loving arms, keeping us safe as we encounter life’s uncertainties.

We pray today for all those who are coping with challenging circumstances.

Help us to notice who needs refreshment today. May they be strengthened by our love and prayers for them.

God of all comfort, may we rest in your promises. Thank you that you catch us when we fall. Lord, let us *praise* you in times of joy as ardently as we *implore* you throughout dark times. Amen.

Friday

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. **Psalms 23:5** (KJV)

Loving God, as we rest, help us to recover. Help us not to feel guilty as we take a break, ensuring we can resume your plans for us.

Let your peace guard our hearts and let us rest assured in your presence and protection. In your arms we find our rest. May the joy of the Lord be our strength.

Quiet stillness, refreshing rain, gentle breeze and abundant colour, Lord our spirit is renewed by all the glorious things you provide. Thank you. Amen.

Saturday

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. **Psalms 23:6** (KJV)

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for all those who have given us encouragement over the years.

For parents, guardians, teachers, role models and friends who have enabled us to grow in faith. Show us who we can share our own faith with.

Lord, guide our footsteps as we step out to embrace our future and shine your radiant love onto our path as we nurture and care for each other every day.

Help us to live our lives to the fullest and guide each of us to encourage others in their lives to walk with you.

We ask this all in Jesus' name, Amen.



July

6th July

St Margaret's Church **11am** Holy Communion Service

Followed by buffet lunch at St Margaret's Centre to celebrate Charlottes licensing.
All Welcome

13th July

St Mary Magdalene Church

9:30am

Holy Communion Service

St Leonard's Church

11am

Family Service

20th July

St Mary Magdalene Church

10am

Team Worship

St Margaret's Church

6pm

BCP Holy Communion Service

27th July

St Margaret's Church

9:30am

Sunday Morning Worship

**St Leonard's
Church**

9:30am

Holy Communion
Service

**Coleview
Community Centre**

11am

Holy Communion Service

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



August



3rd August

St Margaret's Church

9:30am

Sunday Morning Worship

St Leonard's Church

9:30am

Sunday Morning Worship

St Mary Magdalene Church

10am

All Age Worship

10th August

St Margaret's Church

9:30am

Sunday Morning Worship

6pm

Prosecco & Praise

St Mary Magdalene Church

9:30am

Holy Communion Service

St Leonard's Church

11am

Family Service

17th August

St Margaret's Church

10am

Team Worship

24th August

Coleview Community Centre

11am

Team Worship

31st August

St Leonard's Church

10am

Team Holy Communion

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**St Leonards Invite you
to our
Family Service at 11am
on the
Second Sunday
of the Month**



**All welcome for a lively
Family Service designed to
involve children and appeal
to adults.**



Stratton
Team Ministry

Everyone welcome

**St Margaret's Church Stratton
Hosts Coffee Morning**

at

St Margaret's Centre

Every Thursday

9:30am - 11:30am

Tea also available

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Welcomes you to a
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Morning



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19th July

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SUNDAY JULY 27th 2025

2-5PM | ST MARGARET'S RECTORY GARDEN, SN3 4NY

Proceeds in aid of St Margaret's Church Tower Roof Repair fund.

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ST MARGARET'S CHURCH



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St Mary's Church

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*That we may perfectly love thee and worthily magnify
thy holy Name.....*



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*Common Worship Communion, Order 2

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Bumps & Babes

ARE YOU A NEW
OR EXPECTANT PARENT?

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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/



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

*Bumps and Babes aims to provide a safe place for younger babies to explore, therefore the group is only open to babies up to a year old or until they are very mobile - you will be responsible for your child at all times. A babies and toddlers group runs in the St Margaret's Centre on a Wednesday and Friday where there are more age-appropriate toys for toddlers. Please contact us if you have a special request.

jokes



A happily married man had only one complaint, his wife was always nursing sick birds. One evening he came home to find a woodpecker with a splint on its beak sitting in his favourite chair.



In another chair was a condor wrapped in a blanket while in the kitchen his wife was comforting a shivering little wren that she had found in the snow. The furious husband strode over to where his wife was towelling down the cold little bird. "I can't stand this any more!" he yelled. "We've got to get rid of all these ...darn..!" "Please dear," she said, cutting him off in mid-curse. "Not in front of the chilled wren."



A salesman was demonstrating an unbreakable comb in a department store. After twisting it and pulling it he tried to show how amazingly flexible it was by bending it completely in half. Unfortunately the comb immediately snapped in two with a resounding crack. Without missing a beat, the salesman held up both halves of the supposedly unbreakable comb for everyone to see and said bravely. "And this ladies and gentlemen is what an unbreakable comb looks like on the inside...."



Some actual excuses: Notes to Teachers!

Please excuse Ray
Friday from
school. He has very
loose vowels.

Carlos was
absent yesterday
because he was
playing football. He
was hurt in the
growing part.

My son is
under a
doctor's care
and should not
take part in
P.E. today.
Please execute
him

Please excuse Roland from
P.E. for a few days.
Yesterday he fell out of a
tree and misplaced his hip.

Caesar is addressing the crowd in the Coliseum. "Friends, Romans and countrymen, I have returned from my campaign in France where I killed 50,000 Gauls". The crowd rises to its feet cheering, "Hail mighty Caesar!" At this point Brutus jumps up and yells, "Caesar lies, I've discovered he only killed 25000." Caesar replies, "Yes, but remember that away Gauls count double in Europe."



Ever wondered about those people who pay a fortune for those little bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backwards.

A Yankee and a Scot are walking in the mountains of Scotland. The Scot wishing to impress his visitor produces a famous echo to be heard in that place. The echo returns after nearly four minutes. The proud Scotsman turns to the Yankee and says "There, ye canna show anything like that in your country." "Oh I don't know," says the American. "Back in the Rockies, when I go to bed I just lean out of the window and shout, "Time to get up," Eight hours later the echo comes back and wakes me."

A ship's captain radios a lighthouse keeper, Radio reception is very bad, Please spell out your weather report. The keeper replies W-E-T-H-O-RR-P-O-R-T The captain says, "Wow! That's the worst spell of weather I've had in a long time."

OXYMORONS? Words that communicate contradictions.
Some examples:

- ~~✍~~ Act naturally:
- ~~✍~~ Holy war:
- ~~✍~~ Minor disaster:
- ~~✍~~ Auto pilot:
- ~~✍~~ Near miss:
- ~~✍~~ Angry patient:
- ~~✍~~ Genuine imitation:
- ~~✍~~ Death benefits.
- ~~✍~~ Pretty ugly:
- ~~✍~~ Tight slacks:
- ~~✍~~ Exact estimate:
- ~~✍~~ Free trade:
- ~~✍~~ Deafening silence:
- ~~✍~~ Original Copies:

To end with a riddle:
Where was the Magna Carta signed? - At the bottom.





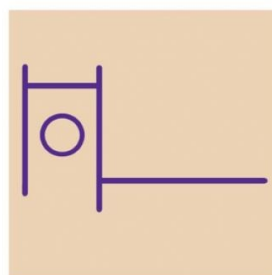
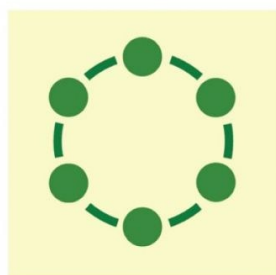
You may be aware that many charities and organisations are struggling at this time, this includes churches.

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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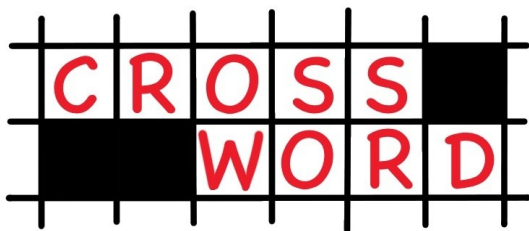
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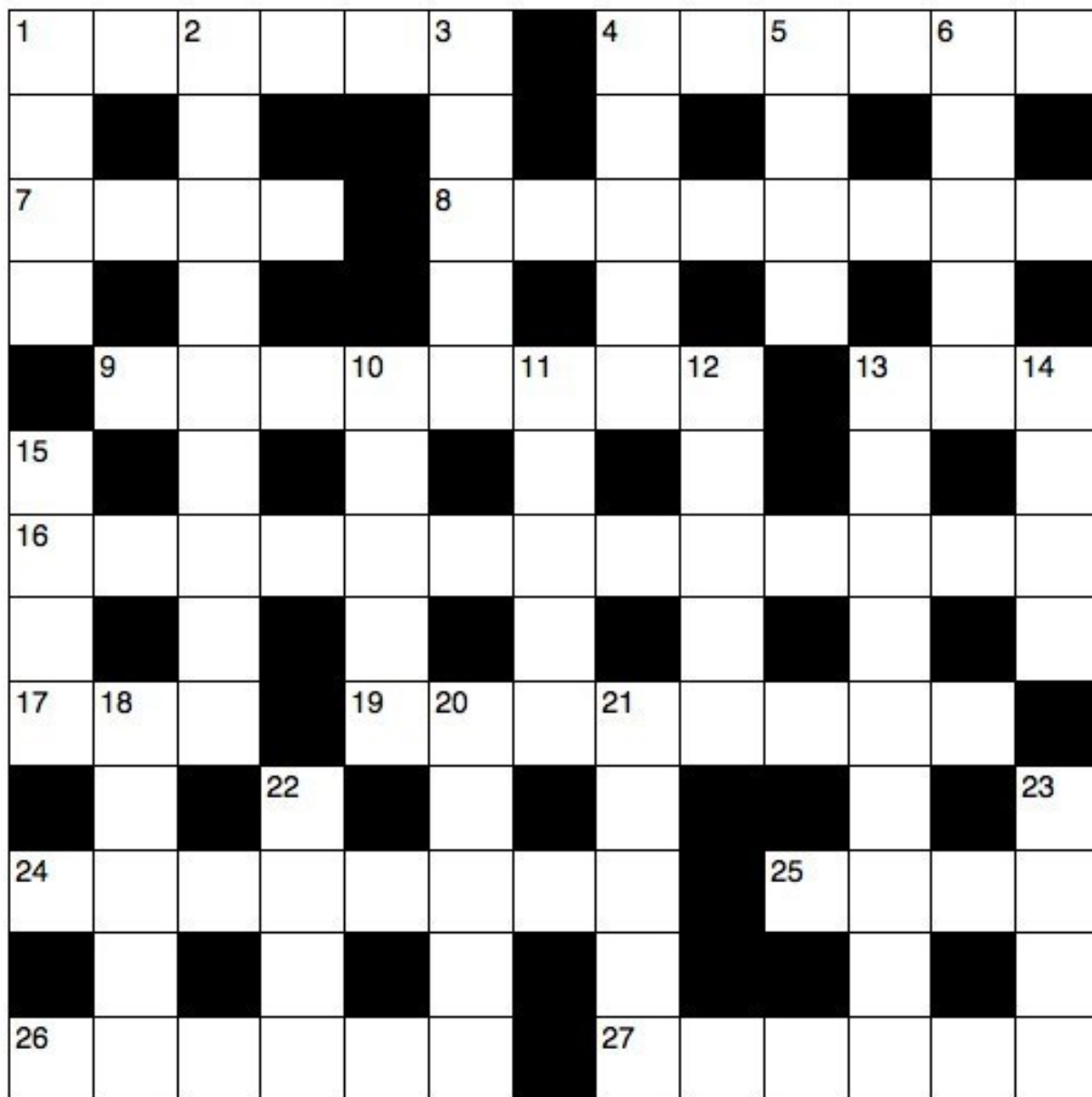
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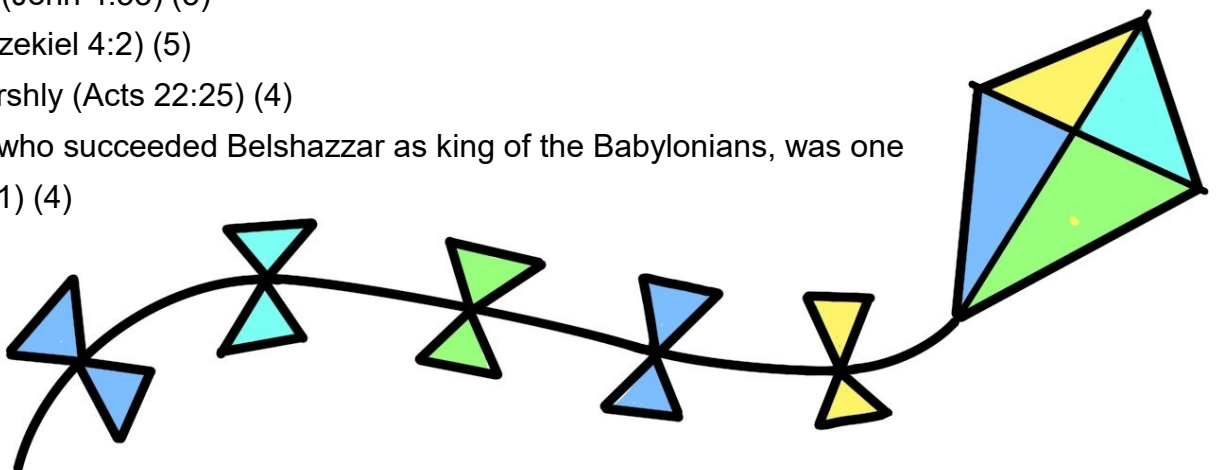
- 1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)
- 4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)
- 7 'Praise the Lord, O my — ' (Psalm 103:1) (4)
- 8 See 5 Down
- 9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)

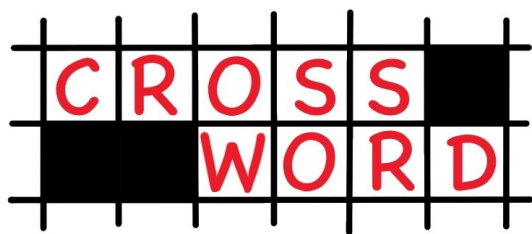
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- 13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)
16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)
17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)
19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)
24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)
25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)
26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)
27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

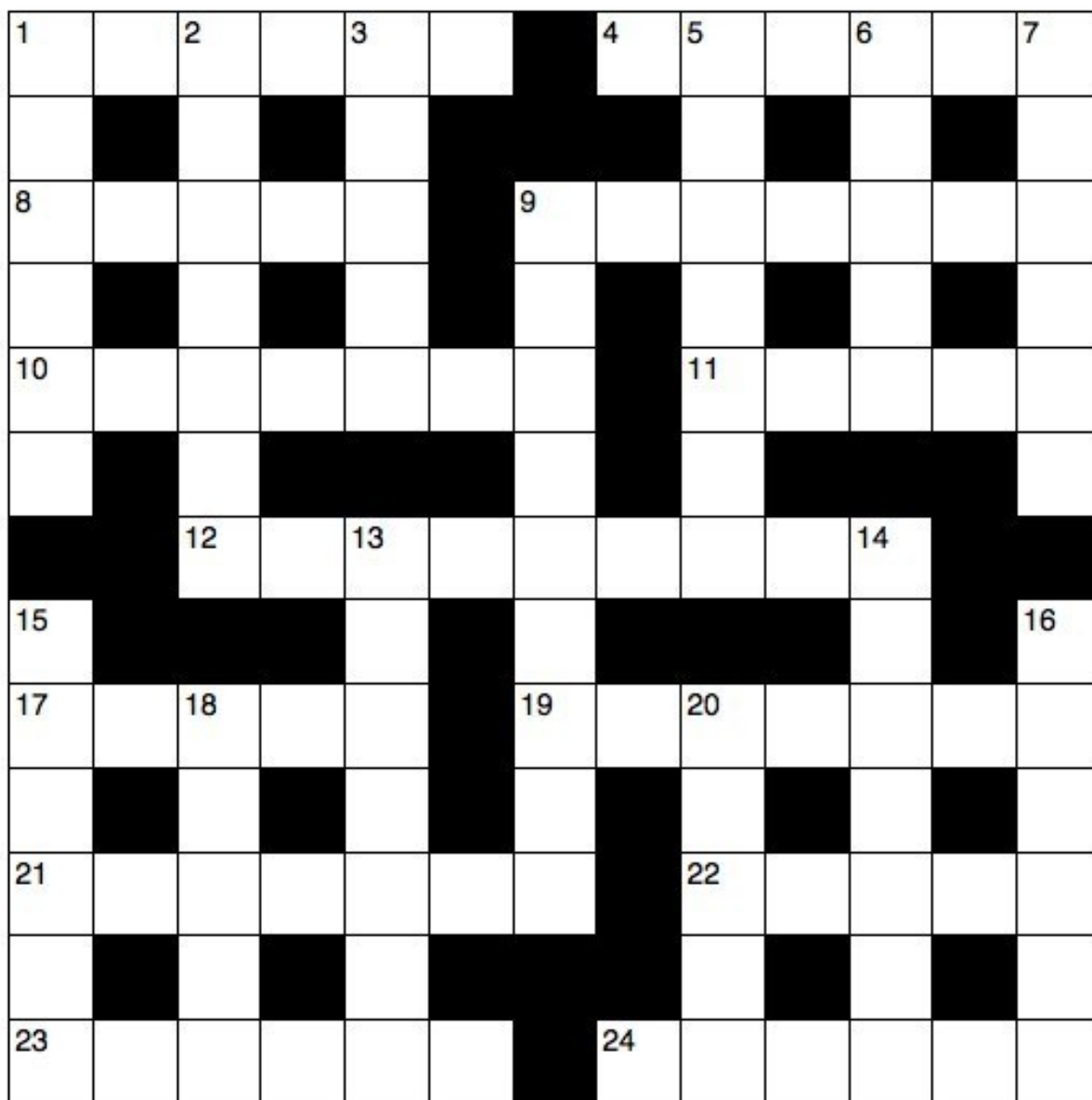
Down

- 1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)
2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)
3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)
4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)
5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards — ' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)
6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
10 Trout (anag.) (5)
11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)
12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)
14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who — bread into the bowl with me" (Mark 14:20) (4)
15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)
18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)
20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)
21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)
22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)
23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)





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Across

- 1 'The people were — at his teaching' (Mark 1:22) (6)
- 4 'He saved —; let him save himself' (Luke 23:35) (6)
- 8 He addressed the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14) (5)
- 9 Father of James and John (Matthew 4:21) (7)
- 10 One who charges another with an offence (Job 31:35) (7)
- 11 ' — thy ministers with righteousness' (Book of Common Prayer) (5)

Across

12 and 15 Down 'All — is God-breathed and is — for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness' (2 Timothy 3:16) (9,6)

17 'No — of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up' (Genesis 2:5) (5)

19 Made to feel embarrassed (Isaiah 24:23) (7)

21 This man built his house on sand (Matthew 7:26) (7)

22 David's hypocritical message to Joab on the death in battle of Uriah: 'Don't let this — you' (2 Samuel 11:25) (5)

23 Detest (Job 10:1) (6)

24 'God made two great lights, the greater light to govern the day and the — light to govern the night' (Genesis 1:16) (6)

Down

1 To make a serious request (1 Corinthians 1:10) (6)

2 Launches an assault against (Genesis 32:8) (7)

3 'The wicked man — deceptive wages' (Proverbs 11:18) (5)

5 Tuba ale (anag.) (7)

6 'The day thou gavest, Lord, is — ' (5)

7 Old Testament measure of weight, equivalent to about 12 grammes (Exodus 30:13) (6)

9 Where Elijah restored life to the son of a widow with whom he lodged (1 Kings 17:10) (9)

13 Paul said of whatever was to his profit, 'I consider them — , that I may gain Christ and be found in him' (Philippians 3:8) (7)

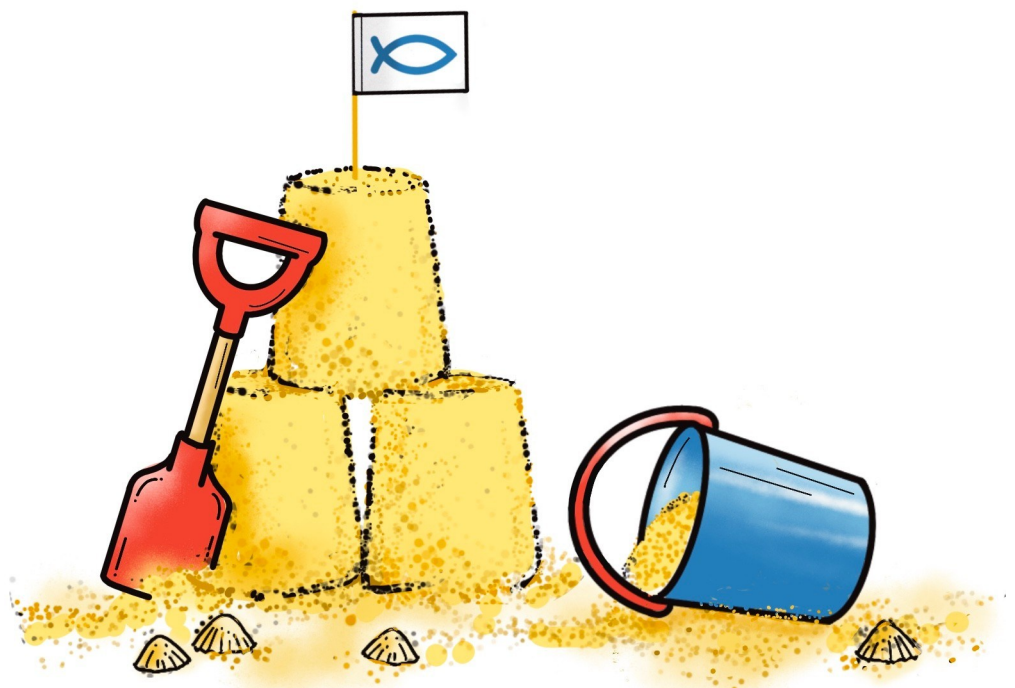
14 City visited by Paul, described by the city clerk as 'the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis' (Acts 19:35) (7)

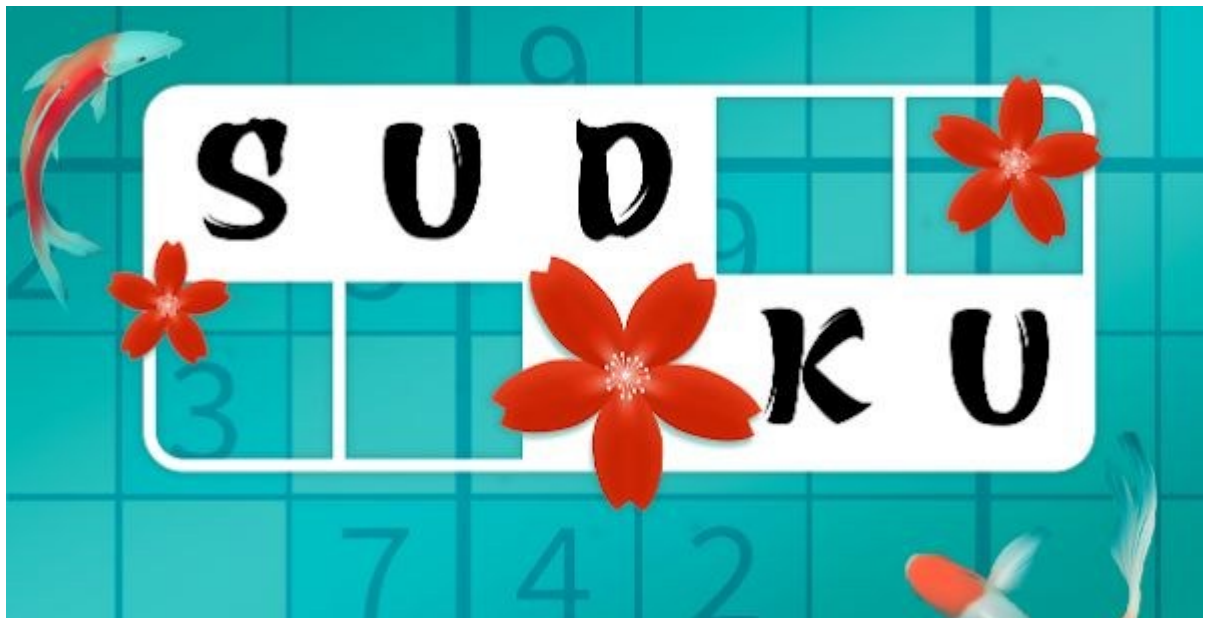
15 See 12 Across

16 Rioted (anag.) (6)

18 She had a surprise when she answered the door and found 8 Across outside (Acts 12:13) (5)

20 Maltreat (1 Chronicles 10:4) (5)





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Hello everyone,



Swindon Food Collective is your local independent food bank that collects and redistributes donated non-perishable food and non-food items to those in need. We help individuals and families that are finding it hard to feed themselves for a variety of reasons such as low wages, low income, family crisis, delayed benefit payments, redundancy, bereavement or sickness.

We currently operate 11 Food Distribution Centres in and around Swindon.

Should you wish to support our collection then please read below for further information.

WHAT WE DO NEED:

Regular sized Tins, Jars, Bottles, Cartons or Packets of the following:

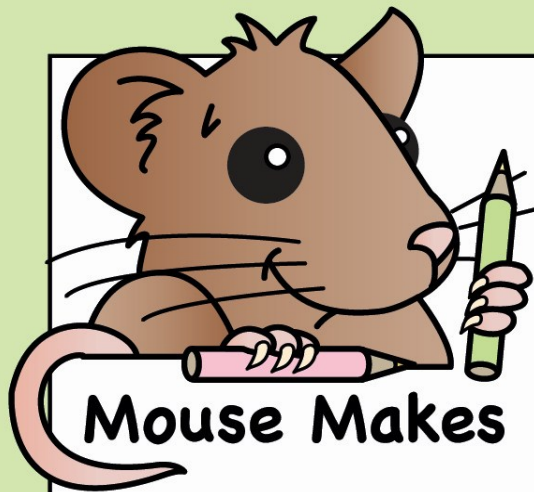
"Potatoes; Meat; Fish; Tomatoes; Soup; Vegetables; Fruit; Puddings; Pasta Sauce; Cereals; Small Jars of Coffee; Tea (40 bags); Small Bags of Sugar (500g); Biscuits; 1L Bottles of Squash; Washing Up Liquid; Toothpaste; Laundry Pods; 2 in 1 Shampoo & Conditioner; Male and Female Deodorants"

WHAT WE DON'T NEED:

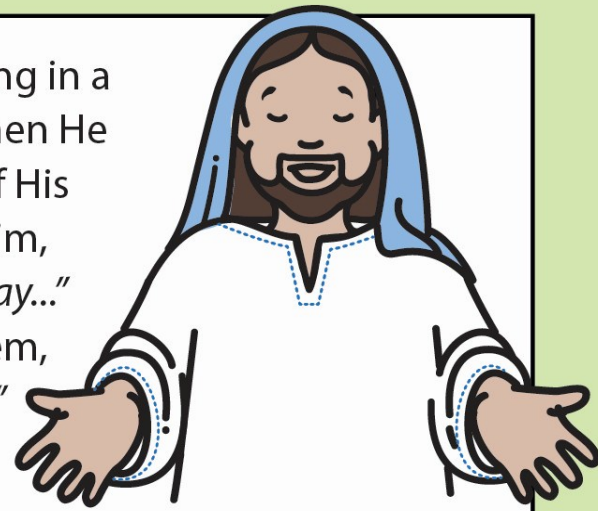
We do not need pasta, cereals and shower gel.

We hope you will be able to support us once again

THANK YOU.



"Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, *"Lord, teach us to pray..."* And He said to them, *"When you pray, say..."*"



Fill in the missing words of the Lord's Prayer then find them and these extra words in the word search:
LORD'S PRAYER
DISCIPLES
JESUS
GOD
WORLD
NEEDS
FORGIVENESS
TRESPASSES
PROTECTION
REPENTANCE

Our _____
 in _____,
 hallowed be your
 _____, your
 _____ come,
 your _____ be done,
 on _____ as it is in
 _____.

Give us today our daily
 _____.

_____ us our
S _____ as we forgive
 those who sin against us.
 Lead us not into

but _____
 us from _____.

For the kingdom,
 the _____ and
 the _____ are
 yours now and forever.
 Amen



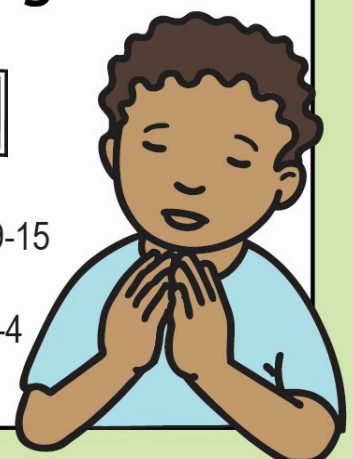
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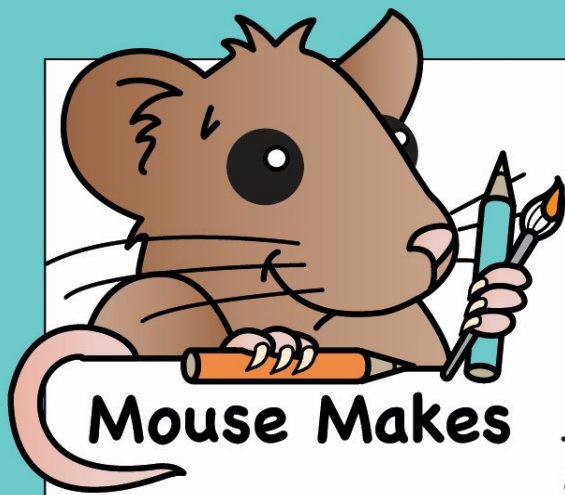


The versions of **The Lord's Prayer** we say today come from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.
Which version do you use in your church?



Read
 Matthew 6:9-15
 and
 Luke 11:1-4





"Just as a **body**, though **one**, has **many** parts, but all its many **parts** form one body, so it is with **Christ**. For we were all baptised by one **Spirit** so as to form one body... Even so, the body is not made up of one part but of many...

...Now you are the body of Christ, and **each** one of you is part of it."

from 1 Corinthians 12:12-27



Just as the different parts of our body need each other to make a **whole**, living person so Christians need each other to make a whole living church!

K N E E S
J O W H O L E
T E E T H H Q J V
E A F H E A D O E
Y C F M A N Y I R
H E B O D Y N Y
C E Y E S D E F
H T K C P M D I
R U Q U I O I N
I N F T R U F G
S I M O I T F E
T O G E T H E R
O N O S E A R S
N G D B Q I E N
G I W O U A N F
V U F A P A R T S M
K E T L R L M V Y D
B W S L E G S Q E B

Look in the Bible verses for the words written in **bold** then look for these words too!

GOD • TOGETHER • EQUAL • ALL • EVERY
HEAD • EYES • EARS • MOUTH • TONGUE
TEETH • NOSE • ARMS • HANDS • FINGERS
LEGS • KNEES • FEET • TOES • GIFTS



"Though we are many, we are one body in **union** with Christ, and we are **joined** to each other as **different** parts of one body."

from Romans 12:1-7



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Crossword Solutions

ACROSS: - July

1, Riches. 4, Abner's. 7, Soul. 8, Damascus. 9, Statutes. 13, Add. 16, Craftsmanship. 17, Old. 19, Redeemer. 24, Walls are. 25, Wise. 26, Target. 27, Thieve.

DOWN: 1, Rest. 2, Courtyard. 3, Sadhu. 4, Arm he. 5, Nose. 6, Round. 10, Tutor. 11, Timid. 12, Sense. 13, Ashbelite. 14, Dips. 15, Echo. 18, Lhasa. 20, Exact. 21, Erect. 22, Flog. 23, Mede.

ACROSS: - Aug

1, Amazed. 4, Others. 8, Peter. 9, Zebedee. 10, Accuser. 11, Endue. 12, Scripture. 17, Shrub. 19, Abashed. 21, Foolish. 22, Upset. 23, Loathe. 24, Lesser.

DOWN: 1, Appeal. 2, Attacks. 3, Earns. 5, Tableau. 6, Ended. 7, Shekel. 9, Zarephath. 13, Rubbish. 14, Ephesus. 15, Useful. 16, Editor. 18, Rhoda. 20, Abuse.

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