

the NEW Messenger

JUNE & JULY 2019

Neither height nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us
from the love of God that is in
Christ Jesus, our Lord

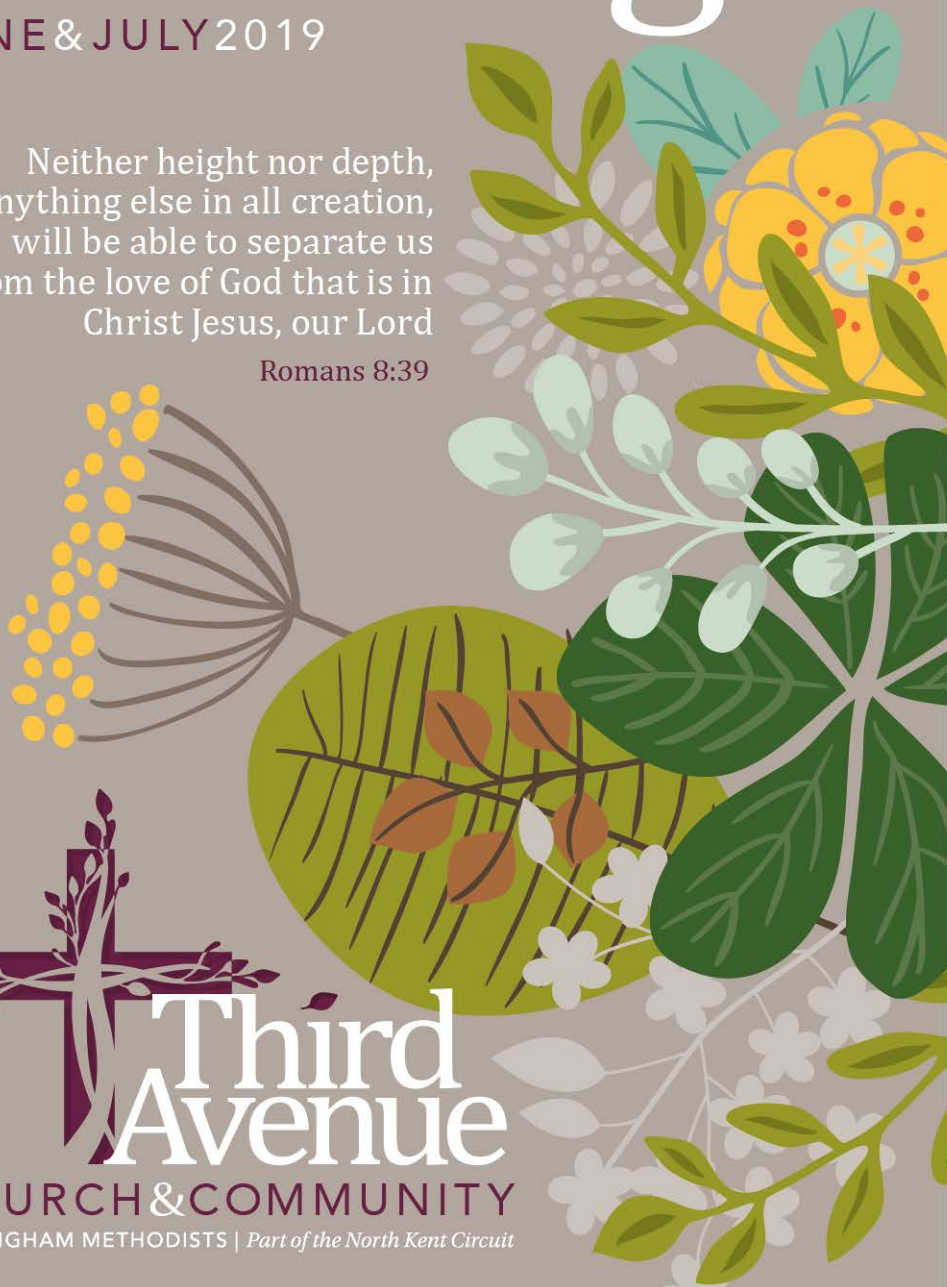
Romans 8:39



Third Avenue

CHURCH & COMMUNITY

GILLINGHAM METHODISTS | *Part of the North Kent Circuit*



Sunday Preaching plan for Gillingham & Hartlip

Third Avenue | Morning | 10.30am

Hartlip | Evening | 6.30pm

JUNE 2019

02 Jun Anne Boulwood

Judith German

09 Jun Evelyn Grainger-Smith

Rev Lynda Cooke
Church Anniversary

16 Jun Rev Robin Selmes
Holy Communion

Rev Robin Selmes
Holy Communion

23 Jun Captain Harris Giannaros
Church Anniversary

Alan Thorn

30 Jun Led by our Young People

Rev Robin Selmes

JULY 2019

07 Jul Rev Robin Selmes

Brian Davies

14 Jul Derek Gallagher

Rev Robin Selmes
Holy Communion

21 Jul Rev Robin Selmes
Holy Communion

Deacon Vic Downs

28 Jul Rev Robin Selmes

Derek Gallagher | 10.30am

28 Jul **Circuit Service @ Spital Street | 4pm**

Hello & welcome to the latest edition of the New Messenger...

...which is packed full with words of encouragement, inspiration and joy. In this edition we look back to the past with an article about the D-day landings and we look forward to the future with upcoming summer events (don't miss the Junior Heroes holiday club if you have little ones) and there are details of developments being made to our growing church, including a fund raising appeal for refurbishment of the foyer area. In the present moment our minister, Rev Robin Selmes, encourages our prayer life which links in with the summer sermon series "pray without ceasing".

Check out the book reviews which bring some great reads to our attention. The film review may also inspire you to watch an uplifting story about the journey taken by a dog which has deep relevance to our own life journeys. In fact there seems to be an underlying theme of journey throughout this edition of the magazine. There are journeys in time, linking the past and future events and journeys in developing our faith and understanding, but also the present journey we are currently undertaking to make our church even more welcoming and active in the community.

The word-search is always very popular, but if you normally overlook it then we encourage you to spend some time to dwell on the beautiful words of Saint Columba. He was an important figure in the early Celtic church and largely responsible for bringing the Christian message to mainland Britain.

There are many more articles which we hope you will find time to read, so why not put the kettle on and put your feet up for a little while.

Helen and Paul

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Gillingham | ME7 2LU or come and chat to any of the team.
Deadline to receive articles for the **AUG | SEPT edition will be 20 July 2019.**

A message from our Minister Rev Robin Selmes...

Pray without ceasing!

Much has happened in our world over the last few decades from terrorist attacks to internal uprisings, from natural disasters to famines, from climate change to political turmoil.

Many of us feel helpless to do anything about it. Well that's not quite true. There is one thing we can all do. I know that many do so already but perhaps those who do not and those who do, could spend just a bit more time doing it. Much has been written and spoken about it, so it's not difficult to find out more about it. I'm sure that you have guessed what I'm on about. Yes prayer.

The theologian Peter Kreeft once said:

"I suspect that if we saw the difference even the tiniest of our prayers make, and all the people those little prayers were destined to affect, and all the consequences of those prayers down through the centuries, we would be so paralysed with awe at the power of prayer that we would be unable to get off our knees for the rest of our lives."

Prayer matters, and prayer changes things. In my time I have seen God do amazing things through prayer ministry, many people have had real breakthrough in their lives in physical, emotional and spiritual healing.

Prayer is one of the most important things a Christian can do, it can draw us nearer to God. It is an opportunity to spend time with God. To really understand the heart of God. It is the place where pride is abandoned and hope is lifted. Prayer is the place of admitting our need, of adopting humility, and claiming



dependence upon God. Prayer is the exercise of faith and hope. Prayer changes us, our habits, lifestyles and thoughts. We become less self-centred and more focused on the needs of others.

We are changed inside out. Yet, Jesus did not wish each one to pray only for himself. We have a public and common prayer. When we pray, it is not for one person but for the whole people, because we all are one. And so, prayer can result not just in lives transformed but churches and communities too.

Corporate prayer is an important part of the life of the church, along with worship, sound doctrine, communion, and fellowship.

The early church met regularly to learn the doctrine of the apostles, break bread, and pray together. When we pray together with other believers, the effects can be very positive. Corporate prayer unifies us as we share our common faith. What better way to bond us together as a community and in fellowship than in a church worship space praying together to the One who has made us and called us. And to those being prayed for, to hear others lift them up to the throne of grace can be a great encouragement. It also builds in us love and concern for others as we intercede for them.

So never underestimate the power of prayer!

Constant prayer, with full conviction, without loss of hope, really does create miracles.

As John Wesley once wrote:

“Prayer is where the action is”

Prayer forms a very important part of our ministry here and so during the month of July

we will be exploring prayer as part of our summer sermon series. The series will conclude with an evening bible study.

Enjoy some rest this summer but equally find time to be alone and with others as you lift your prayers to God.

Robin

Summer SERMON SERIES Pray without Ceasing

At times prayer can seem like hard work or a bit of a mystery. At other times it's an encounter with the living God. Wherever you are on the journey of faith, let our Summer Sermon Series and bible study encourage a discovery of a new found and delight in prayer.

PRAYER AS...

07 JUL	RELATIONSHIP	REV ROBIN SELMES
14 JUL	LISTENING	DEREK GALLAGHER
21 JUL	HONESTY	REV ROBIN SELMES
28 JUL	CARING	REV ROBIN SELMES

BIBLE STUDY | TUESDAY 30 JULY | 7PM



A message from our Youth Pastor...



3RD AVE YOUTH CAFÉ

Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays
3-5pm Starting Monday 10th September

A place to hang out, have refreshments and play games

The Green Room | Third Avenue Church & Community | Opposite TANS
Youth Pastor | Helen Young
youth@gillinghammethodists.uk

Youth Café

Youth Café is going well with our numbers steadily increasing. We have a great group of young people who come along and we spend most sessions playing

board games and cards. Please pray for this group and the young people who come along.

Youth Bible Study

This continues to meet on a Wednesday night on a fortnightly basis. It is a brilliant group where we have amazing conversations about a variety of things relating to God and our lives. Please pray for this group and the young people who attend it.

Youth Bible Study

for Year 11+ 7-9pm
Every other wednesday

Contact Helen for more information and details on venue


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wednesday night Youth Club ::

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06 Feb	Games night
20 Feb	Club night
06 Mar	Pancake evening
20 Mar	Club night
03 Apr	Murder Mystery
17 Apr	Day out
01 May	Outdoor games
15 May	Club night
29 May	Club night
12 Jun	Club night
26 Jun	Water games
10 Jul	Summer party



Youth Group

This group is still going well; recent activities have included a day trip to Whitstable where we did a treasure hunt, and ate fish and chips on the beach.

Sunday Mornings

God Squad and Spirit Squad are going well. In the last month in God Squad the topics were chosen and in some cases led by the young people. We have discussed Brexit, the environment, sexuality and poverty. All really interesting discussions and looking at how we respond to these things as Christians. Spirit Squad has had guest speakers for the last month. We had Comfort, Andy, Kirstie and Jon come and talk to the group about their faith, a huge thank you to them all for sharing with our young people. Looking ahead, they are about to start planning their youth service which is planned for the end of June.



Exams

Many of our young people are heading into exam season (if not already started). Please pray for them as they study, revise and take these exams. Please continue to pray for our young people and the youth team as we

God Bless ~ Helen x

Update on Church Life

Often I hear there is a lack of communication within churches. Communication is vital in building up trust, gathering support and ensuring that new ideas are surrounded with prayer. At Third Avenue we try to use a variety of different ways to announce what is going on, from meetings to the weekly notice sheet and magazine. We have also at times used slots within a Sunday service to share good news and future work. In fact, someone once said it is impossible to over communicate, with this in mind so we are always open to new ways of informing people what is going on. One new way is that we will be providing a quarterly update within the magazine which will inform everybody what is going on and future work that needs your prayers.

What's going on?

Sunday Worship | We have recently introduced a new presentation software for Sunday morning worship. The new software allows us to incorporate all video, audio and PP slides smoothly without crashing. The software has access to a database of songs/hymns and gives us the visual appearance to enhance worship for the congregation. We hope you have noticed the difference? To help enrich worship we also now include the full text of the readings on the screen.

Busy Bags | Many thanks to Kirstie and Jenny for making and supplying our 'Busy Bags', now available for children under three, to use during worship. And for Peter, for making the stand.

Charity of the year | The Annual General meeting voted for Street Angels as the charity of the year from September 2019. We are planning to invite, in the Autumn, a representative to share more information about their work.

Holiday Club | We have recently launched a Holiday club for primary school age called "Junior heroes". This will take place during the week of 29th July. If you would like to volunteer to help please speak to Karen Willing or Robin.

Foyer Project | We have launched the fund raising for the Foyer project and we hope we can commence work by the end of the Year.



Anniversary & Gift Day | We look forward to welcoming Captain Harris Giannaros, from the Gillingham Salvation Army, to lead our Anniversary Service on Sunday 23 June. Details of our Afternoon Tea and Concert, with the Kingfisher Singers, can be found on the next page. Tickets will be available at church or on the door and all profits will go to our Foyer Appeal.

Annual General Meeting | Minutes from the meeting are now available on our Church website: www.gillinghammethodists.uk

Please continue to surround all of these with your prayers as we further God's work within this Church and the wider community.

Rev Robin Selmes



Third
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Anniversary

**Afternoon
tea** at 4.30pm

Concert

with the **Kingfisher
Singers** at 6.30pm

Saturday 22 June 2019

Afternoon Tea & Concert
Afternoon Tea only
Concert only

£8
£3.50
£5

*Children 16
& under free*

in aid of our
Foyer 2019
appeal



Memories of Elizabeth Bessie May Mitchell | 1922-2019 |

It is hard to imagine what life was like 100 years ago for ordinary people. Fortunately, Elizabeth (Mum) wrote some memories about her early life, and tells us that: 'I was born on the 23rd of November 1922 at 4 Railway Cottages, Eastfields, Mitcham, Surrey. The railway to London ran opposite with a rough road in between. We had a two up and two down cottage with a scullery housing the sink and copper, outside toilets and an outside water tap serving four cottages. Our heating and cooking was from the kitchen range and our lighting came from oil lamps.'

Mum goes on to say that she started school at the age of five, and can remember walking to school through the lavender fields. Mitcham was once known for its lavender, but the fields are long gone. She remembers her first

teacher, Mrs Stewart, who she says was 'quite likeable' and goes on to say that: 'There were no books, only those the teacher had, and when another girl bought a book in one day, I was captivated. It was an annual, about ¾ inch thick full of stories, puzzles and games. I think I was seven at the time. I asked for a book for Christmas, thinking I would get that one. I didn't of course and was very upset - and Mum and Dad weren't too pleased either!'

She left school at the age of 14 and went to work at Harrods in Knightsbridge, in the accounts department. In 1938 she met her future husband (and our Dad) Jim at the Harvest supper at Mitcham Methodist church, and they started going out together. In 1939 however, war broke out and 'shattered all our future plans'. The following year a further tragedy struck Mum's family: her younger brother Ray died of an illness at the age of 14½. Mum was very badly affected by this and even in recent years became very upset if she talked about it.

So the earlier years of Mum's life had not been easy. When the bombing started in and around London, she recalls how the work at Harrods got very behind since they were spending so much time in air raid shelters, and that she slept many nights in shelters in the garden at home. I'm sure that Mum's determination to live her life to the full, and to live it well, came from the tough circumstances in which she found herself in her late teenage years and early twenties. And things did improve...

On March 7th 1942 she married Jim. They got married in Mitcham Parish church because by that time the Methodist church in Mitcham had suffered a direct hit from a bomb and had been flattened. After the war they had two lovely children (!!) firstly Carol and then Clive (me). They bought a house in Lewis Road, Mitcham. The house had belonged to Dad's parents, who had evacuated to Canterbury during the war to escape the bombing and had decided to stay in Kent. The house had

been requisitioned by the council and let to tenants, and Carol can remember Mum pushing her in her pushchair up to the council offices every week for months in 1947-48 until the council returned the house to their ownership.

The house was in a terrible pickle when Mum and Dad took it over. I can remember them telling Carol and I about the huge quantities of bottles they found buried in the garden and under the floorboards. However, they set about turning it into a good family home, and so it was. Mum was, during our school years, very much as you might imagine. She was always busy – an active member of Mitcham Methodist church (rebuilt in the late 1950s), a helper at the 12th Mitcham (Methodist) cub/scout group, and a great cook! We always had plentiful supplies of cakes and biscuits, and Mum was always prepared to try new recipes. She was also very active in maintaining contact with friends and family – something she has done all her life, and, until recently, she was a prolific letter writer. She had many good and lifelong friendships, which she nurtured and sustained.

Once Carol and I were both at school she had a number of part-time jobs in shops and offices. At the end of the 1950s she had a job that paid £4 per week, which she saved for three years, until she and Dad had enough money to buy a car. They bought a Morris Minor 1000, and Mum was very proud of it. She loved driving and was well known in the family for nipping about in the car, something she did until the age of 93. It wasn't long before the car, weighed down by both camping gear and the four of us, was on its way one summer to St Tropez.

Mum was also the driving force in the family for doing new things and getting things done. By the summer of 1967 Carol had married

Colin (in 1966) and moved to Wigmore, and I had left school. Fulfilling a long-held ambition, Mum and Dad gave up their jobs, sold the house in Mitcham and moved to Burmarsh near Dymchurch, on Romney marsh, where they had purchased the village post office stores. They sunk every last penny into this venture. The next seven years saw the age of Elizabeth the shopkeeper and sub post mistress. She loved it and she was a formidable business woman. Efficient, well-organised and showing considerable care



for the customers, Mum and Dad transformed the shop into a going concern. It was very hard work and after seven years, during which they had had no more than 10 days holiday, they decided to sell up and move to Rainham. In 1974 they bought a bungalow in Wigmore and then in 1977 they moved to Pump Lane. Until they retired they both worked at Rainham Mark School, Dad as caretaker and Mum as a teaching assistant for domestic science.

There followed the glory years at Pump Lane,

with more than twenty years of wonderful, happy memories. The garden at Pump Lane is still lovely, but then it was absolutely splendid, with vegetables, soft fruits, roses and flowerbeds full of colour. These are the years that the grandchildren remember the most, with sunny days and the best of times. Many of you reading this will also remember the summer garden parties with tea, cakes and the legendary 'chocolate crunch' – Mum's secret recipe.

When Dad died in 1999 at the age of 79, it was a terrible blow for Mum. Yet her strength of character, determination and sheer love of life helped her through, and she continued to live her life to the full. She travelled – amongst others to Canada and Scandinavia - maintained the garden virtually single handed until her latter years, and carried on leading the life she and Dad had created.

She continued as an active member of the church and of the Rainham horticultural society and continued nipping around in her car, as ever. She started coming on holiday to Cornwall with the family. She was an enthusiastic holidaymaker, never wanting to 'waste the day' and always the first one in the sea, however cold the water. We will never forget the sight of Mum in her bathing costume and hat, in her late eighties, running down the beach shouting 'come on you lot!' To crown it all, at 90, she decided to do a parachute jump and was featured on the news on Southern TV.

She often said, over the past year or so, 'I was fine until I was 93½', and so she was. Just two years ago, at a family Easter at one of her grandchildren's homes, she was playing in the garden with her great-grandchildren, drinking pretend tea in the playhouse.

She wanted to leave her body to medical science, but unfortunately, as events turned out, she was unable to do this. The country's leading medical scientists were thus deprived of the opportunity to find the secrets of a life well lived. Whilst Mum, until the past 18

months, was healthy and rarely ill, her real secrets were less tangible. She was a life-long Christian and Methodist, and her faith sustained her from beginning to end. She had an utmost determination to live life to the full and to 'seize the day'. She was completely selfless, and always thinking of others. She was the original conservationist, never wasting anything and re-using anything that could be re-used. And of course she was an utter chocoholic. Last Christmas, she had accumulated a huge store of chocolates following her birthday in November, a short stay in hospital and then Christmas itself. I'm sure that they were all gone by mid-January. If Churchill had known her, he might well have said: "Never in the field of chocolate eating has so much been consumed by someone so little'.

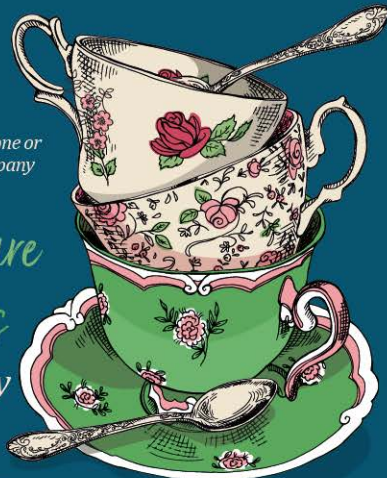
A year ago, she was recovering from a fractured femur. Her recovery was slow and a struggle, but she tackled it with characteristic resilience. 'I want to be independent', she would often say to Carol and I. She dearly wanted to stay in her bungalow for the rest of her life. That she achieved this was, in no small part, due to the support of neighbours who kept a watchful eye, family and friends whose visits she so enjoyed, church members who made her feel part of the church until the very end, and her carers and gardener who provided her with such excellent service. However, she would not have been able to stay in her home in her final years without the support of my sister Carol and her husband Colin, who visited daily, managed all the practicalities and administration of the household, liaised with the health services and were there during her not infrequent visits to A&E.

On behalf of the whole family, we would like to thank you all for your loving care and support for Elizabeth, a truly remarkable woman.

Clive Mitchell | April 2019

Tea at 2

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those living alone or
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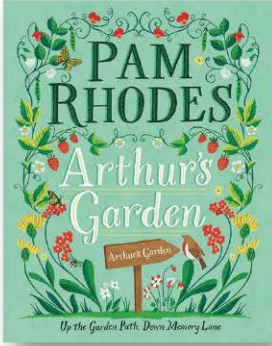


Talking Point
12pm to 1pm

Chrysalis
1pm to 1.30pm

Listening Ear
from 1.30pm

Book & Film reviews... *from Parish Pump*



Arthur's Garden | Up the Garden Path, Down Memory Lane **Pam Rhodes | Lion | £14.99**

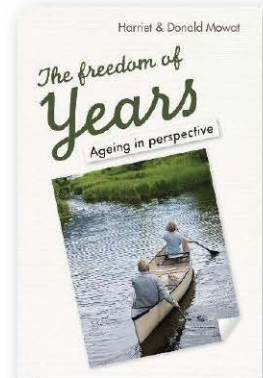
"As I stand at my kitchen sink and look across at what we optimistically call our herb garden, to one side I see an old wooden sign on which are carved the words 'Arthur's Garden'. Arthur doesn't live here. My wonderful great-uncle died nearly 30 years ago having spent most of his long life in the Victorian terraced house in which his mother had brought up 11 children. The sign had stood in the garden there for decades, a gift to the man who'd always cherished that small patch of Kent, creating a riot of glorious colour which lit up the row of long, narrow strips that tumbled down to a line of back gates from which you could look across the lane to the local coal yard below."

In Arthur's Garden, Pam Rhodes collates a heart-warming collection of songs and poems, advice and tit bits about the glorious, very ordinary, English garden - told through the life of her Uncle Arthur. This is a gardening book, with a story.

The Freedom of Years | Ageing in perspective **Harriet and Donald Mowat | BRF | £8.99**

What has been the purpose of our lives? As Christians, ageing gives us the opportunity to deepen and even transform our spiritual understanding. The Freedom of Years helps those who want to undertake the journey by examining the ageing task, the inevitable changes and the possibilities of joy along the way.

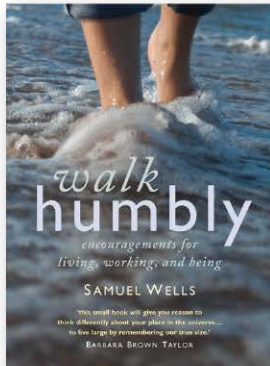
Read this book, see the potential and seek to age in the light of your Christian faith. Retirement may never be the same for you!



Walk Humbly | Encouragements for living, working and being **Samuel Wells | Canterbury Press | £12.99**

In the spirit of the popular poem 'Desiderata', world-renowned ethicist, theologian and preacher Samuel Wells offers eight exhortations in this extended meditation on being alive in the world and making our way through life.

Each exhortation is simple and direct - be humble, be grateful, be your own size, be gentle, be a person of praise, be faithful, be one body, be a blessing - and accompanied by thought-provoking comments that speak to our deepest needs for meaning and for belonging.



Grounded in perceptive observations of contemporary life and reflecting a deep knowledge of philosophical and religious wisdom, Walk Humbly will inspire you to stop, wonder, reflect, and understand more clearly your life in the world.



**MOVIE
MOMENTS**

Nick and Carol Pollard from EthosMedia.org share thought-provoking reflections on the latest films.

People in our way?

A Dog's Way Home tells the story of Bella, a beautiful dog who becomes separated from her beloved human family and embarks on an epic 400-mile journey home. For those of us who have despaired at films filled with ear-splitting explosions or salacious storylines, *A Dog's Way Home* will be a breath of fresh air (indeed you can almost feel the fresh air as Bella travels through wonderful scenery beautifully filmed). But this is more than a feel-good movie for dog-lovers, as it illustrates important lessons for our own journey through life.



Though Bella is ceaselessly focused on her goal, yet she still stops to provide comfort and support to those she meets along the way. And, although her love for others is unconditional, the help she provides subsequently leads to assistance for herself in her own time of need. Sometimes this is reciprocated directly, as with the orphaned baby cougar whom she adopts and feeds. At other times the benefit is tangential, as with the man she digs out of an avalanche. But, in each case, her gift of love is selfless and the benefit is serendipitous.



Written by the animal-loving husband and wife team Bruce Cameron and Cathryn Michon, this film does not claim to be a true story, but the underlying principles certainly are true-to-life. And it might cause us to reflect upon how we, as humans, treat others. When we are resolutely focused on a goal, how should we respond to the needs of those we meet along the way? Might apparent distractions turn out to be blessings in disguise?

**ETHOS
MEDIA.org**

EthosMedia.org provides free resources to help people explore spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues through the latest feature films.



'Beach Scene' by Degas

God *in* the Arts

The National Gallery at Trafalgar Square in London houses one of the finest collections of European paintings in the world. It is home to 2,300 works spanning the centuries of artistic creation. During this year we shall be journeying through the gallery to explore one of those treasures each month.

By Rev Michael Burgess.

'Mindfulness' seems to be the 'in' word. In a world where people are moving faster and faster, we are called to slow down, to attend to the present moment and enjoy it for its own sake, whatever the pressures of work and family around. For Christians it is a call to live a simple and sacramental life, and an invitation to attend to what is holy there in front of us: it might be a meal, the countryside, a piece of music, family and friends, a pet or a painting.

They are all avenues for God's refreshing grace to touch us.

Over the next few weeks we are probably planning our holidays. It may be in this country or abroad. Sometimes a holiday can be a frenetic rush of journeying and queues, or it can be a 'mindful' time, when we can relax and allow the days to refresh and renew us. Degas has captured that sense of rest and enjoyment in his painting of 1870 which is in the National Gallery: 'Beach Scene.'

He is famous for his studies of ballerinas and racehorses, but he was also fascinated by the advent of the snapshot camera. This painting is like a holiday photograph. We see a maid combing the hair of a young girl. Her hat and swimming costume



are nearby, and we can see bathers in the distance where the shore meets the sea. Families and a dog, yachts and a steamer: they are all captured in this moment.

The sky looks misty but warm, and for those on the beach, it is a time to lie and relax, to bathe and swim – to live simply, enjoying the sun above and the sand beneath. The ordinariness of a restful day calls us to be patient and enjoy the good gifts of God's creation. Wherever we are on holiday this summer, I hope we find time to savour the delights of the world around, as we see young and old doing exactly that in this painting.

The Children's Society

No child should feel alone

How long could you make £60 last?

That is the latest challenge from Children's Society, as they seek to highlight the plight of many poor people.

Children's Society says: *"Imagine the worst week. Your car needs repairs, your boiler has broken, you need to get the groceries in, but you have only £60 left until you get paid next week. Can you make it last?"*

If you would like to test yourself, to see how you would manage, take the quiz at:

www.childrensociety.org.uk/news-and-blogs/our-blog/difficult-decisions-in-a-crisis?

Behind the quiz, however, the Children's Society is deadly serious. "Low wages, poor housing and public service cutbacks have left many families struggling. They have to make impossible choices every single day. One bit of bad luck quickly leads to families not being able to afford the basics.

"To make matters far worse, the council-run emergency funds that used to be there to support vulnerable families are at risk, and have disappeared altogether in some areas, leaving people with nowhere to turn."

If you can help, go to **www.childrensociety.org.uk**

Quiet Peace

O Lord, my heart is all a prayer;
But it is silent unto thee;
I am too tired to look for words,
I rest upon thy sympathy
To understand when I am dumb;
And well I know thou hearest me.

I know thou hearest me because
A quiet peace comes down to me,
And fills the places where before
Weak thoughts were wandering wearily;
And deep within me it is calm,
Though waves are tossing outwardly.

By Amy Carmichael (1867 – 1951)



JUNIOR HEROES HOLIDAY CLUB

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PUPPET AND DRUMMING WORKSHOPS*



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14th Gillingham



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Girlguiding



Hi, I'm May and I'm 21 years old; I started Girlguiding when I was 5, I was once a Rainbow with Linda and Trudy, a Brownie with Laura as my Brown Owl and a Guide with Christine at 14th Gillingham and now I am currently doing my leadership at 14th Gillingham Brownies so I can officially be a member of the Owl team at our Brownie unit.

During the Easter half term, our Brownie pack had a brilliant pack holiday adventure.

Our pack holiday

took place at Cudham Shaws camp ground; with the theme of Disney Around the World. The four films we chose were Mary Poppins, Aladdin, Coco and Moana. The days were filled with lots of activities including kite making (and flying), making our own mini magic carpets, decorated glass jars with pretty gems and foil tapes for our princess pamper evening, going grass sledging, creating some beautiful flower headbands and a fabulous sea themed photo frame. All our Brownies also achieved their Stage 2 Camp Skill Builder, which involved learning to pack their own camp bag and even starting their own campfires. Some of the highlights of camp were seeing Brownies develop new skills, overcome being away from home and overall having a great time! It was a brilliant week away with the Brownies, having so much fun and creating fantastic memories.



May





Worldwide, the news is not good: seven million people die of air pollution each year. Here in the UK, there are at least some simple steps you can take:

Leave the car when you can: there is actually less pollution walking or cycling along a busy street than going in a car. Larissa Lockwood, head of health at the charity Global Action Plan, explains that cars can be “toxic boxes. The pollution comes into the car via the ventilation, and it can’t get out again.” So open the windows of your car every so often.

Open your windows at home: The Royal College of Physicians warned (back in 2016) that indoor air pollution (from plastics, paints, furniture and air fresheners) can affect your health. And it seems that when you buy new furniture, that ‘new house smell’ is essentially toxic chemicals. Personal care products such as deodorants and cleaning products also contribute to poor air in your home. Instead, switch to more natural products, use creams rather than sprays, and ventilate your home. Open your windows on a regular basis.

Parish Pump

Hartlip

Methodist Church & Retreat Centre

Our preachers over the last month have ranged in experience from a local preachers in training through to a retired minister but all have had something thought provoking to say.

Easter is still less than a month ago and after church that morning was a chance to just chat before moving on to other activities during the day.

Our Spring Tea was not perhaps the busiest ever (though still very busy) but netted well over £400. Thank you to all those who made this possible.

The time is fast approaching for our Church Anniversary Service on June 9th, which is preceded by a tea, one of Hartlip’s specialities. The 9th is also our Gift Day.

We are pleased to welcome Reverend Lynda Cooke to take our service. Lynda is the wife of Melvyn who was our Minister and Superintendent Minister in Gillingham and Hartlip for a number of years. She also supported us for a year in Circuit ministry when Melvyn was moved to Bolton at very short notice. Melvyn is now a Superintendent Minister in Surrey but Lynda has returned to her main role as a hospital chaplain. She is currently lead chaplain at Medway Hospital. She has always been very supportive of both the church and the Retreat Centre in Hartlip so will be welcomed with open arms.

Margaret Bowerman



Hartlip's Chapel Anniversary

Sunday 9th June

4:30pm for Afternoon Tea
6:30pm for the service led
by Revd Lynda Cooke

Hartlip Methodist Church, The Street, Hartlip, Kent, ME9 7TG

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Strawberry tea.



Saturday 6 July
2:30~4:30pm

with Tea, Cakes, Scones & Stalls



£5000 Foyer²⁰¹⁹ appeal

To refurbish the foyer area with a view of making it totally independent from the worship area and fit for mission.

Work will include:

- Installation of a zoned heating system | New Flooring
- Additional lighting | Installation of new locks for the glass foyer doors
- New leaflet racks | Prayer Loom
- Upgrade various electrical appliances

As we invest some of our resources for the future work, witness and mission of Third Avenue, we are very aware that God calls us to be generous and willing givers, doing so from the heart.

Gift Aid envelopes available in the Foyer.

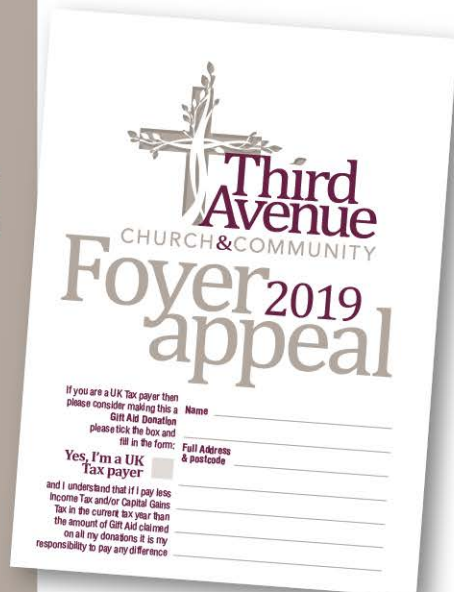
Marriage and Relationships 2019

At the General church meeting we were informed that the 'Methodist Marriage and Relationships Group' will be presenting a report to the 2019 Conference with recommendations about various issues to do with relationships in general and marriage in particular. If accepted by Conference, those recommendations will be submitted to the wider Church for consultation during 2019-2020, with a final decision being made at the July 2020 Conference."

The report can be downloaded from the Methodist website and Third Avenue Website. If you do not have access to a computer please speak to a Steward or Robin for a paper copy.

www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-church/marriage-and-relationships-2019/

www.gillinghammethodists.uk/news





Remembering June 6th | D-Day

Recently I asked a group of about 30 people, the youngest 36, the oldest 90, what would we be commemorating on June 6th? No one knew, though after a bit of prompting some of the older ones said D-Day.

To be fair, most of them weren't even alive, or were small children when that great turning point of the Second World War took place: the Normandy landings. But as our discussion continued distant memories on what many historians rate as the greatest sea-borne invasion of military history slowly emerged.

Strangely enough we remembered or remembered being told about the Doodlebugs which preceded the invasion in the summer of 1944. In fact, those horrible missiles and their deadlier counterparts the V2 rockets were, if we had known it at the time, simply the grim overtures to what was to be a staggering feat: the liberation of Europe from Nazi occupation due to the surrender of Germany and eventually the end of the war.

As a choirboy, I had sat amazed at one of the King's National Days of Prayer. The first of which

was in 1940 before Dunkirk. Our north London church was packed (standing room only) to pray for peace and, I noticed, the liberation of Europe. Seldom could prayers have been more spectacularly answered.

Of course, it wasn't a walk-over. There are many untold personal experiences. My 19 year-old brother was one of the hundred thousand strong invading force drawn from five nations. Under enemy fire he drove an RAF truck up a beach in Normandy on D-Day plus one.

The film 'The Longest Day' told the story of the bravery of the others who dropped from the skies by parachute or glider. One of these men was Private John Steele an American paratrooper whose parachute caught on the church tower in the village of Sainte-Mère-Église.

Eventually the occupying troops retreated as the Allied forces made their way into Germany. To the horror of the troops the discovery at Belsen confirmed that the Nazi regime was truly evil.

Canon David Winter | Parish Pump

**The Poet Nigel Beeton
writes:**

Before

*“Though I was brought
up as a Baptist I did go
through a phase in my
early twenties when
I thought I knew better,
when I truly thought
that the claims of the
Bible did not stand up
to modern science.
I did, therefore, have
the opportunity to
discover the ‘joys’ of life
without God, and
discovered how empty
they are. But God was
patient with me, and,
through a Christian
friend, gently but
firmly drew me back.”*

I saw the summer flowers on a bright and sunny day,
I heard the sound of birdsong as they fluttered on their way
I thought all this was science, only nature’s rules at play –
And that was such a shame.
I saw the stars of winter shining in a velvet sky
I knew creation’s wonders, but I never wondered ‘why?’
I thought that life was just for now and will finish when I die;
Life had no point, no gain
Before I knew your name.

I had a lot of company, of friendship I’d no lack
(I always had the feeling that they wanted something back)
Of what I spent on parties I could struggle to keep track;
My life was just a game.
I made a lot of money – I knew every business trick
I could earn it easily – I could spend it just as quick
It should have made me happy but instead it made me sick.
I lived without an aim
Before I knew your name.

I thought that church was not for me, I didn’t trust a word
I thought the things they said and did
were really quite absurd!
I really thought I understood, but in fact I hadn’t heard –
I just dismissed their claim.
And then one day a truer friend came in and sat by me,
And told me things of Jesus Christ with simple clarity
Their total faith in what it meant enabled me to see
That I was most to blame
Before I knew your name.

Before my birth you came to earth because you loved me so
My sin was why you had to die but still you chose to go
To Calvary to die for me despite my sin and woe
And then you rose again.
Your triumph saved me from the grave
and now from sin I’m free,
I’ve raised my gaze from my old ways and now I really see!
To live for you is what I’ll do and that eternally
And so, to live is gain
Because I know your name.

Thank You from Betty Boorman

I would like to thank all those who sent cards and visited me when I had 2 weeks in hospital in February. I did not have a fall but managed to fracture my hip.

I was not aware of this and had been walking about on it - not a good idea.

I was supposed to go to Platters Farm for rehab. but was sent home, I have nothing but praise for the hospital. All those I came in contact with

were so nice and a smile and a cheery greeting always there.

I am making slow progress, but the arthritis of the spine has been playing up, which is painful and makes walking difficult. I went to the chapel, a lovely holy communion service, led by Linda Cooke, only 7 there.

Again many thanks, God Bless,



the **BIG** Questions

Our monthly **DISCUSSION GROUP**

A place of open discussion and exploration on the questions of **Life and Faith**

Denominations: Is identity important? TUES 4 JUNE

Why do bad things happen to good people? TUES 2 JULY

No Meeting AUGUST



7.30pm in the FOYER

All are welcome

Drama Group News...

Thank you to all those who came to support the Junior Section on Tuesday 14th May - an enjoyable evening was had by all.

The Seniors are now polishing up their singing & dancing ready for the West End Musical '**South Pacific in Concert**' by Rodgers & Hammerstein. This is our most ambitious show since performing 'Guys & Dolls', for which we won a National Award for best musical production in SE Area & as it will be the first performance in the Medway Area, we are expecting considerable outside interest.

For those of you who don't know the story of this musical, its set in the dramatic background of an idyllic South Pacific island in World War 2. It intertwines the themes of romance, duty & prejudice to form a story that is heart breaking and thought provoking with some humour thrown in. Based on the anecdotes of a real life US Navy Commander who was stationed on the island, the musical follows two love stories, one of Nellie Forbush, a nurse from Arkansas, falling in love with Emile, a French plantation owner and secondly, Lieutenant Joseph Cable who falls in



love with a island native called Liat who has an 'interesting' mother, Bloody Mary.

The wonderful music includes such favourites as 'Some Enchanted Evening', 'Nothing like a Dame', 'Honey Bun' & of course 'Bali Hi'.

To remind you the show dates are **Friday 5th July at 7.30 pm & Saturday 6th July at 3pm & 7.30pm**. Tickets priced at £8 Adults & £6 Children(16 & under) are now available from either Keith Jackson (852712) or Sally Murphy (855343) or any member of the Group. Booking forms will be available in the Church Foyer or you can book tickets on the website.

Don't miss it - this is going to be an evening to remember.

Keith Jackson | www.stpaulsdramagroup.co.uk



A garden is a mystery
It makes me question 'why?'
The plants I nurture with such care
Just shrivel up and die?
While seeds that I don't know about
All vigorously thrive
And grow like fabled beanstalks
From cracks within my drive!

Nigel Beeton

We are pleased that our friend David Brock, one of the organists at Hartlip, has agreed to write a series of articles for the New Messenger on 'Hymns', with the second, printed here, on the rousing hymn...

Born in Song

This hymn, together with the tune Chatsworth, was written by Rev Brian Hoare, later to become the President of Conference, in connection with the celebrations of the 200th anniversary of John Wesley's 1779 visit to Sheffield.

The author used as his motif the opening sentence of the Preface to the Methodist Hymn Book "Methodism was born in song".

At the time Brian Hoare was a tutor at Cliff College in Derbyshire, and lived not far from Chatsworth - indeed near enough to be able to see the top of the Emperor Fountain when it was operating at full pressure. The three octave leaps in the tune and the glorious high F in the last phrase are probably inspired by that fountain.

Brian Hoare has three other tunes in Hymns and Psalms, all having names associated with his time at Cliff College. He lived at Ridgeway (HP 186) in Cliff Lane (HP 69) and could look out at Curbar Edge (HP 398 and 604) from his window. Curbar Edge is a crag providing very steep and strenuous climbs, beyond the scope of the average climber.

David Brock

*Born in song! God's people
have always been singing.
Born in song!
Hearts and voices raised.
So today we worship together;
God alone is worthy to be praised.*

*Praise to God!
For he is the one who has made us.
Praise to God!
We his image bear.
Heaven and earth are full of his glory;
let creation praise him everywhere.*

*Christ is King!
He left all the glory of heaven.
Christ is King!
Born to share in our pain;
crucified, for sinners atoning,
risen, exalted, soon to come again.*

*Sing the song!
God's Spirit is poured out among us.
Sing the song!
He has made us anew.
Every member part of the Body;
given his power, his will to seek and do.*

*Tell the world!
All power to Jesus is given.
Tell the world!
He is with us always.
Spread the word, that all may receive him;
every tongue confess and sing his praise.*

*Then the end!
Christ Jesus shall reign in his glory.
Then the end
of all earthly days.
Yet above the song will continue;
all his people still shall sing his praise.*

Congratulations



Anne & Maurice were married in Canterbury Street Church, which was on the corner of Canterbury Street and Green Street on **27 June 1959**. The pipe organ which is in our Church was played at their wedding and also at Anne's parent's wedding 31 years earlier.

ANNE & MAURICE
ON YOUR DIAMOND
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Lola News...



Lola hereHello everyone, hope you are all well. I am enjoying a few longer walks with Trudy as the evenings are staying lighter for much longer, she says it is good for my waistline. I think Trudy needs reminding that

I have a 3 layer fur coat to carry around, well that's my excuse.

We recently visited a day centre in Sittingbourne and met some lovely people, including Trudy's Auntie Pat and Auntie Margaret. Most of the people there are caring for loved ones with Dementia and once a month they meet up to share conversation and precious time together, which is so important to them. A lady named Jane, who organises and runs the meetings is a tower of strength to all who attend. Trudy talked about the Canine Concern charity and also shared my story and how I came to be part of the special partnership that Trudy and I share. So many people came over to us and made us feel very welcome. We had a bit of lunch, yes me too, somebody accidentally dropped a few sausage rolls that conveniently rolled my way, oops, well it would have been rude to let them go to waste! Well best go, having a brush down in a bit, take care,



Woofwoof..... love Lola x



Congratulations to
Katy & Simon who
are getting married
at Third Avenue on
13th July 2019



Every Tuesday in
the Blue Room 1-3pm
All are Welcome



Our local preachers value your prayers as they preach in different Churches around the Circuit...

02 June Judith German

16 June Karen Willing
Colin Waddock
Judith German

23 June Karen Willing

30 June Brian Davies

07 July Derek Gallagher
Colin Waddock

14 July Trish Robb

21 July Mandy Harris
Karen Willing
Brian Davies
Margaret Bowerman

Hope Street

Larkfield
Strood
St Luke's

Gravesend

St Luke's

St Luke's
Tonbridge Toad

Strood

Burham
St Luke's
Hope Street
Newington

All in the month of

JUNE

It was...

200 years ago, on 12th June 1819 that Charles Kingsley, British clergyman and writer was born. Best known for his historical novels *Hypatia*, *Westward Ho!* And *Hereward the Wake*.

175 years ago, on 6th June 1844 that the YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association) was founded in London.

125 years ago, on 18th June 1894 that Uganda was declared a British protectorate. (She gained independence in 1962.)

Also 125 years ago, on 30th June 1894 that Tower Bridge in London was officially opened.

100 years ago, on 28th June 1919 that the Treaty of Versailles was signed at the Paris Peace Conference, marking the official end of the war.

90 years ago, on 12th June 1929 that Anne Frank, German Jewish diarist and Holocaust victim, was born.

80 years ago, on 7th June 1939 that King George VI became the first British monarch to visit the USA.

75 years ago, on 6th June 1944 that D-Day took place with the Normandy landings. Over 150,000 Allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy, France, at the start of the Battle of Normandy. The battle ended on 25th August and was an Allied victory.

70 years ago, on 8th June 1949 that George Orwell's novel *Nineteen Eighty-Four* was published.

65 years ago, on 7th June 1954 that Alan Turing died. This British mathematician, logician, cryptanalyst and computer scientist was noted for his contributions to codebreaking during World War II. Considered the father of

theoretical computer science and artificial intelligence. Prosecuted for his homosexuality.

50 years ago, on 22nd June 1969 that Judy Garland, American actress and singer, died. Best known for her role as Dorothy in the film *The Wizard of Oz*. Mother of Liza Minnelli. Died of an accidental drug overdose, aged 47.

40 years ago, on 1st June 1979 that Rhodesia ended 90 years of white minority rule, established a black government and changed its name to Zimbabwe-Rhodesia.

Also 40 years ago, on 7th June 1979 that the first elections for the European Parliament were held.

30 years ago, on 5th June 1989 that the Unknown Rebel ('Tank Man') of Tiananmen Square, Beijing, China, made world headlines. He temporarily halted a column of tanks by standing in front of them on the morning after the massacre. It became one of the most iconic images of the 20th century. (There are conflicting theories about what happened to him afterwards.)

25 years ago, on 7th June 1994 that Dennis Potter, British TV dramatist and screenwriter (*Pennies from Heaven*, *The Singing Detective*, *Blue Remembered Hill*, etc) died.

20 years ago, on 11th June 1999 that the Kosovo War ended when the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and NATO signed a peace treaty. NATO peacekeeping forces entered Kosovo the following day.

10 years ago, on 25th June 2009 that Michael Jackson, 'the King of Pop', died. This American singer, songwriter and dancer had hit songs that included *Beat It*, *Bille Jean*, *Thriller*, and *Bad*. He died of an anaesthetic overdose. **Parish Pump**

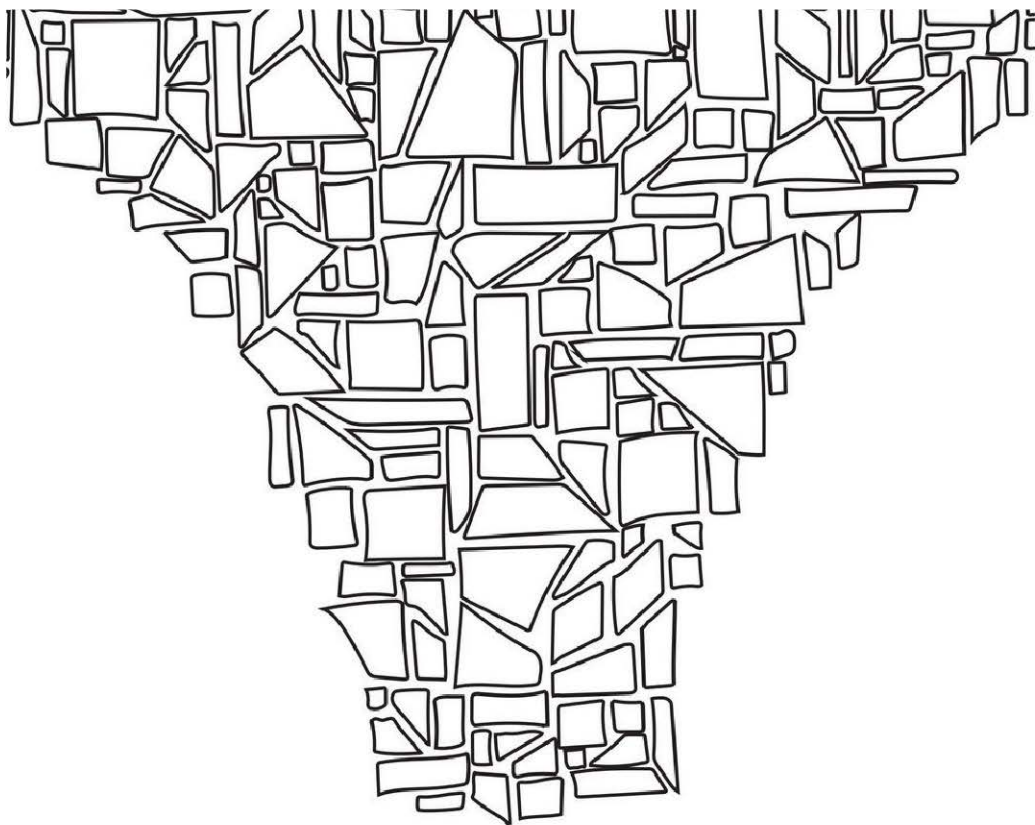
Fun and Games...

Word Search

This month the Church remembers the Irish monk who first brought Christianity to Britain in around 565. He was St Columba, and he left Ireland with 12 companions to settle on Iona, a tiny island off Mull, in the Western Highlands. Iona had been given to him for a monastery by the ruler of the Irish Dalriada. Columba's biographer, Adomnan, portrays him as a tall, striking figure of powerful build and impressive presence, who combined the skills of scholar, poet and ruler with a fearless commitment to God's cause. For as well as building his monastery on Iona, Columba also converted Brude, king of the Picts. A prayer of St Columba runs: *My dearest Lord, Be Thou a bright flame before me, Be Thou a guiding star above me, Be Thou a smooth path beneath me, Be Thou a kindly shepherd behind me, Today and evermore. Amen*

Church	Tiny	Powerful	Converted
Columba	Island	Impressive	Dearest
First	Mull	Skills	Bright
Ireland	Monastery	Scholar	Flame
Companions	Tall	Poet	Guiding
Settle	Striking	Ruler	Star
Iona		Fearless	

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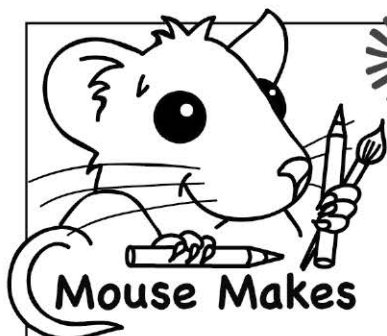
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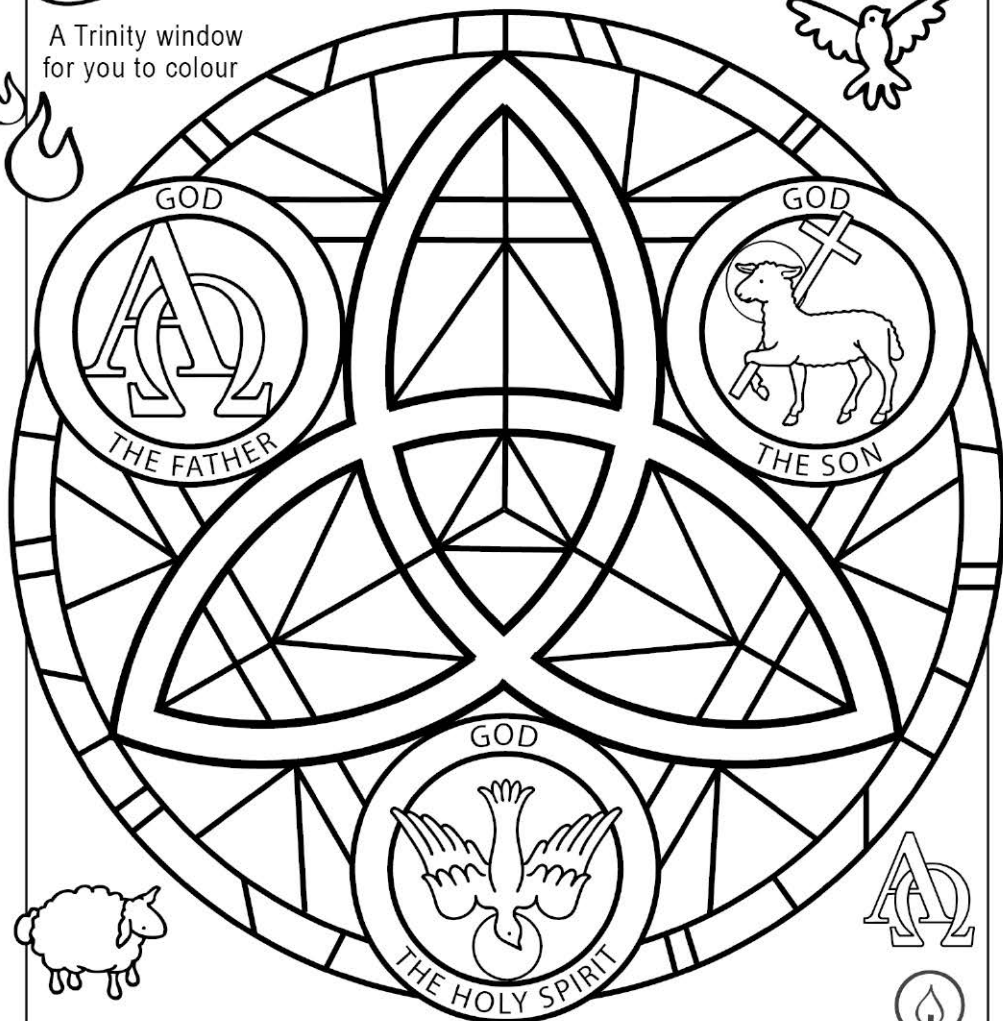
Take time out for some 'mindfulness' ...

"May the *grace* of
the Lord **JESUS CHRIST**
and the *love* of **GOD**
and the fellowship of the
HOLY SPIRIT be with you."

2 Corinthians 13:13



A Trinity window
for you to colour



The Bible teaches us that God is three persons in one:
GOD = FATHER and SON and HOLY SPIRIT



Sudoku

Easy...

Intermediate...

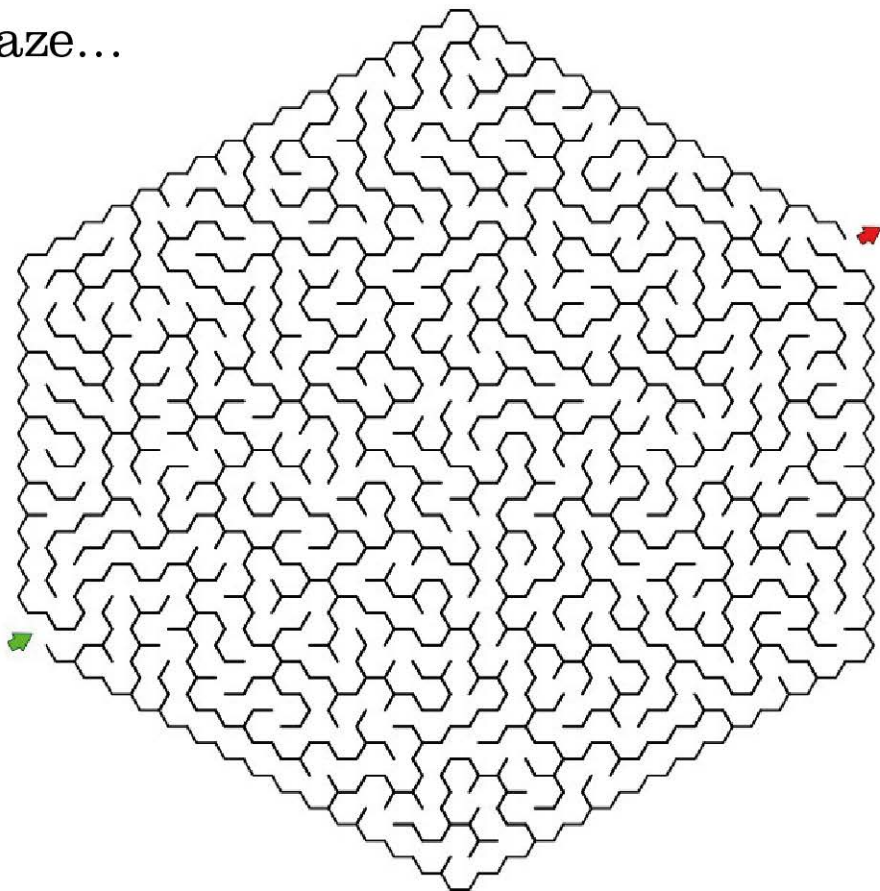
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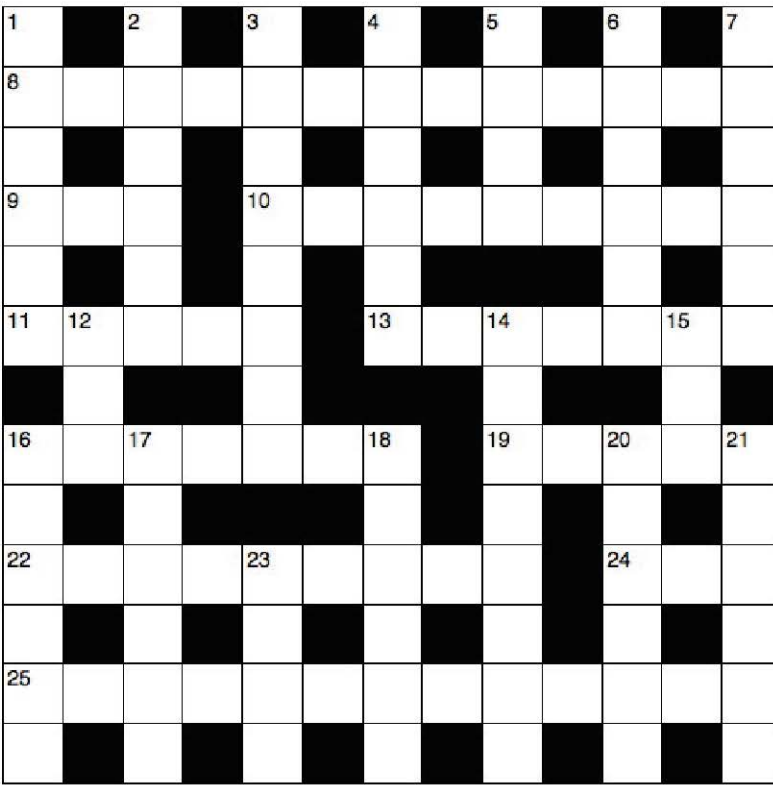
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Maze...



Crossword



Across

- 8 Laban complained he had not been allowed to kiss them when Jacob fled with his family (Genesis 31:28) (13)
- 9 In favour of (3)
- 10 'The child's father and mother — at what was said about him' (Luke 2:33) (9)
- 11 Swagger (Psalm 12:8) (5)
- 13 'Terrors — him on every side and dog his every step' (Job 18:11) (7)
- 16 Bay bits (anag.) (7)
- 19 Preach, address an audience, speak in public (5)
- 22 Holy Communion (9)
- 24 'On their way to — out the land, Joshua instructed them, "Go and make a survey of the land"' (Joshua 18:8) (3)
- 25 Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint these to administer his grain storage plan

(Genesis 41:34) (13)

Down

- 1 'Assyria's pride will be brought down and — sceptre will pass away' (Zechariah 10:11) (6)
- 2 'And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in — with God and men' (Luke 2:52) (6)
- 3 The descendants of Esau (Genesis 36:9) (8)
- 4 The components of the crown that Jesus was made to wear before his crucifixion (John 19:2) (6)
- 5 Colour of cloth which was to cover holy objects in the tabernacle when moving camp (Numbers 4:6–12) (4)
- 6 One of the gold articles plundered from the Midianites offered to the Lord by the Israelite army 'to make atonement' (Numbers 31:50) (6)
- 7 'The father have eaten sour

grapes, and the children's teeth are set — —'

(Jeremiah 31:29) (2,4)

- 12 Ate (anag.) (3)
- 14 'We ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our — as sons' (Romans 8:23) (8)
- 15 Abram's nephew (Genesis 14:12) (3)
- 16 Rupture (Job 30:14) (6)
- 17 'Yet to all who received him... he gave the right to — children of God' (John 1:12) (6)
- 18 'I... asked him the true meaning of all — . — he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things' (Daniel 7:16) (4,2)
- 20 Military units (Exodus 14:20) (6)
- 21 'Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to — her to public disgrace' (Matthew 1:19) (6)
- 23 Diva (anag.) (4)

Smile

Signs Found Outside Churches

It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin.

If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again.

This is a ch_ _ch What is missing? (U R)

Forbidden fruit creates many jams.

In the dark? Follow the Son.

Running low on faith? Stop in for a fill-up.

If you can't sleep, don't count sheep.
Talk to the Shepherd.

Too grand a piano

The story is told how after the concert hall at Broadcasting House was built there was doubt whether the door would admit a concert grand. "Try it," said somebody. But the musical director objected on the ground that if his beautiful Bechstein got stuck it would be damaged. So they instructed the carpenter to take measurements and make an exact replica in plywood. This was done, and then they found they couldn't get the model out of the carpenter's shop. *(From Alexander Donald)*

Intelligence?

Should we be surprised to read in a guide to degree course vacancies that the place to study Artificial Intelligence is at Westminster?" *(From P C Holderness)*

Grows

The fastest growing thing in nature is a fish – from the time the fisherman catches it until the time he can tell someone all about it.

Sky fright

An airliner flew into a violent thunderstorm and was soon bumping around in the sky. One very nervous lady happened to be sitting next to a clergyman and turned to him for comfort. "Can't you do something?" she demanded forcefully.

"I'm sorry ma'am," said the minister gently. "I'm in sales, not management."

When children write to their ministers...

Dear Minister...

I'm sorry I can't leave more money in the plate, but my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you have a sermon about a raise in my allowance?
Love, Patty. Age 10.

My mother is very religious. She goes to play bingo at church every week even if she has a cold. Yours truly, Annette.
Age 9.

I would like to go to heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there.
Stephen. Age 8.

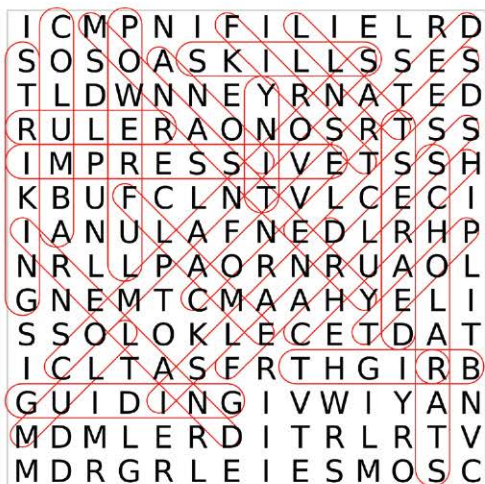
I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland.
Loreen. Age 9.

I liked your sermon on Sunday. Especially when it was finished. Ralph. Age 11.

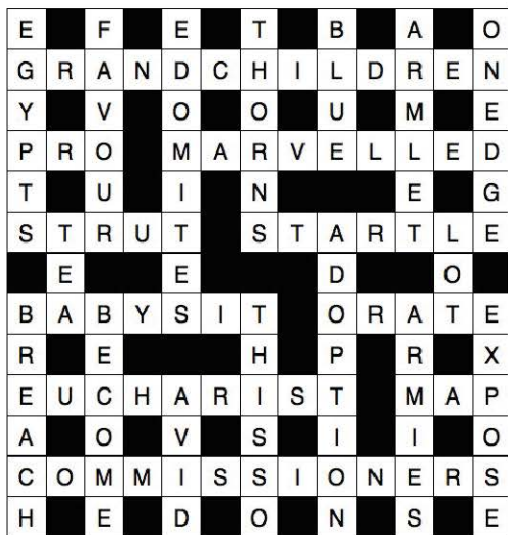
How does God know the good people from the bad people? Do you tell Him or does He read about it in the newspapers?
Sincerely, Marie. Age 9.

Puzzle solutions...

Word Search...



Crossword...



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Sudoku Easy...

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