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Dear Friends,

Life is full of ups and downs - no one said it was going to be easy – and so when the news gets too hard to bear, as Christians we do have the hope and encouragement offered through the experience of other Christians, who have been through hardship and difficult times and know exactly what suffering is, and how it can be conquered in the light of Jesus Christ. Read Romans 8: verses 28 to 39, and if the last two verses do not give you hope or strength or comfort then you certainly do need our Alpha course!!



Yes, we are having a Wigan Wide Alpha Course to be run

at separate venues, some daytime and others in the evening, launch date 25th September, 2017.

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha will be run all around Wigan, and everyone's welcome. No two Alphas will be the same, but generally they have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation. Even now, meetings have been taking place to encourage a variety of groups to take part in Alpha, such as a Special Needs Alpha, and Mother's and Toddler's Alpha, a Youth Alpha, and there was mention of a Craft Alpha! More precise details will be given on the Church Notice sheet.

Most sessions start with food because it's a great way to build community and get to know each other followed by a talk. The talks are designed to engage and inspire conversation. Usually around thirty minutes long and delivered over about eleven weeks, they can be given as a live talk or played as a video. They explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions from *Who is Jesus?* and *How can we have faith?* to *Why and how do I pray?* and *How does God guide us?*

This is followed by discussion. Probably the most important part of any Alpha: the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and simply to discuss it in a small group. There's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you can't say (seriously). It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment.

St. Paul's, St. James' with St. Thomas, St. John's Pemberton, and St. Matthew's will be sponsoring an Alpha Course attracting people from all areas and this will take place at

St. Matthew's Parish Hall, on Monday evenings, commencing 25th September, 2017 - more details to follow. Our main purpose now is to encourage as many people to take part in Alpha as possible. We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view. Alpha offers the opportunity to do just that – in an informal, friendly and open environment. No one can force anyone to believe anything, but we've found over the years that if we're hospitable and just let guests be themselves, lives will be transformed.

So be bold and mention it to your neighbours and friends, to your family and nearest and dearest. Arrange to meet them outside the venue, so they feel more at ease as they come through the door. Remember that the first step is the hardest, but once that step is taken they and you will have the opportunity to ask the big questions, to talk and find the answers that will change their lives and yours. We will need volunteers to help run the Alpha Courses, from Hosts, Small Group Leaders, Prayer Teams, Kitchen Teams, 'Set up and Set Down Teams', so if this is something you feel called to do, then please speak to me, or Neil, Christiane or Cliff Unsworth.

With every blessing,

Doreen



AUGUST



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SEPT.

"Growing to be fruitful for Jesus in the world"

2 Wednesday
10.30 am Holy Communion CW

6 Sunday Trinity 8
9.00 am Holy Communion BCP
10.45 am All Age Service CW

9 Wednesday
10.30 am Holy Communion CW

13 Sunday Trinity 9
9.00 am Holy Communion BCP
10.45 am All Age Service CW

16 Wednesday
10.30 am Holy Communion CW

20 Sunday Trinity 10
9.00 am Holy Communion BCP
10.45 am All Age Service CW

23 Wednesday
10.30 am Holy Communion CW

27 Sunday Trinity 11
9.00am Holy Communion
10.45am Family Communion CW

30 Wednesday
10.30 am Holy Communion CW

3 Sunday Trinity 12
9.00 am Holy Communion BCP
10.45 am Morning Worship + Baptisms CW

6 Wednesday
10.30 am Holy Communion CW

10 Sunday Trinity 13
9.00 am Holy Communion BCP
10.45 am Morning Worship CW

13 Wednesday
10.30 am Holy Communion CW

17 Sunday Trinity 14
9.00 am Holy Communion BCP
10.45 am All Age Service CW

20 Wednesday
10.30 am Holy Communion CW

22 Sunday Trinity 15
9.00 am Holy Communion BCP
10.45 am Holy Communion CW

27 Wednesday
10.30 am Holy Communion CW

St Paul's Visiting Team

If you would like a visit from our Visiting Team then please call Linda Caterall on Tel: 237333 and she will make the arrangements for you.

There is also the opportunity for them to bring Communion to you if you so wish, please just ask.

Looking Forward to hearing from you.

A warm welcome to our new Curate and his lovely family!



Hello, my name is Mark and I am the new curate. I am married to Toni and we have Isabella (3) and Asa (1)

We are all excited to have arrived in Wigan and looking forward to getting to know you all. Thank you for your warm welcome and for amazing welcome party!

I am originally from Cornwall and Toni is from Sunderland, but we met in Manchester when we both worked for a theatre company. I previously was an actor, theatre company manager and then a church youth worker in Haydock. For the last three years I have been training in Durham.

I love all sports - watching and playing - and we enjoy being on the beach and at present we like watching a lot of Cebeebies particularly Topsy and Tim.

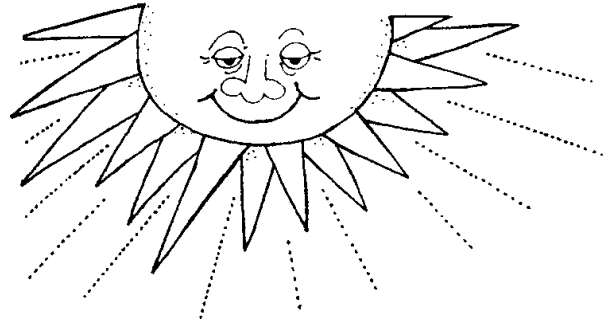
We look forward to getting to know you all.
Love and prayers

Mark, Toni, Izzy and Asa



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families



Hello again,

Here we are nearly at the school holidays and not a lot of sunshine for us yet. Although I believe it has been 30 degrees whilst I've been away. Also our new curate has arrived and Doreen has announced that the M.U. trip is to be no more. It's all happening as they say.

May We had John Southern as our speaker. He told us about three different characters from the Bible at Eastertime. He speaks as though he was the person, you feel part of the story, this makes it more interesting and was enjoyed by all. I think by now he will have had his 90th birthday he is quite amazing.

June Julia Pratt came, such a lovely lady. She talked about the life and times of Corrie Ten Boom. I have seen her books advertised many times but never read any, perhaps now I will. She was a Dutch lady who along with her father and other family members helped many Jews escape the Nazi Holocaust. She was imprisoned for her actions but survived and went on to write books about her faith and her adventures helping Jews. Her book *The hiding place*, tells about this. It certainly made me want to read it. Such an encouragement to our own faith.

God Bless, *Anne*

Congratulations

Our wonderful parents Roy and Jean Farrall celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 8th June 2017. They were married at St Paul's Church 60 years ago and have worshipped there ever since. They had a fabulous week of celebrations with their loving family. They are a very popular couple and much loved Parents, Grandparents and Great Grandparents.

Below is a photograph of Roy and Jean with the 'light of their life' their Great Granddaughter Ava

Best wishes from Wendy Allcock and Gillian Kelly (their daughters)
and all the family.



Things you do on holiday but never at any other time

Get up at 2am to go to an airport.

Say “are we nearly there yet?” after a drive of 20 minutes.

Climb on a bus without knowing quite where you are going, or where to get off.

Wear a swimming costume while shopping.

Buy postcards.

Lend your key to a neighbour and spend half an hour explaining the knack of locking the front door which entails pulling, turning and pushing at the same time.



Worry about your hanging baskets and runner beans.

Miss your cat/workmates/a decent cup of tea.

Spend an hour looking for window lock keys which you have not seen since last year and why aren't they in THEIR SPECIAL PLACE?

Have a pocketful of foreign coins which you try to spend on your last day.

Go to a quarry museum and try to convince yourself it is interesting as you never knew there was so much to know about slate and that it comes in so many colours (grey mainly).

Get on another bus and hope it is headed back to your hotel, whose name now escapes you.

Word Search

The Transfiguration: The story of the Transfiguration is told in Matthew (17:1-9), Mark (9:1-9) and Luke (9:28-36). On that day, high up on a mountain, Peter, James and John were given a glimpse of Jesus' true glory. For Jesus' face began to shine as the sun, and his garments became white and dazzling. Then Elijah and Moses, suddenly appeared, talking with him.

Overwhelmed, Peter offered to build three tabernacles on that holy place, one for each. But God's 'tabernacling', or God's *dwelling* with mankind, does not any longer depend upon building a shrine. It depends on being in the presence of Jesus, instead. And so a bright cloud covered them, and a voice spoke, saying that Jesus was his beloved son, whom the disciples should 'hear'. God's dwelling with mankind depends upon our *listening* to Jesus.

Why did Moses and Elijah appear? They represent the Law and the Prophets of the Old Covenant, or Old Testament. But now they were handing on the baton, if you like: for both the Law and the Prophets found their final fulfilment in Jesus, the Messiah.



Transfiguration

High

Mountain

Glimpse

glory

shine

sun

garments

dazzling

appeared

Moses

tabernacles

holy

dwelling

shrine

presence

Jesus

Bright

Cloud

Mankind

Listen

Law

Prophets

Handing

fulfilment

HEALING HANDS

In 1962, Mamitu Gashe suffered horrendous injuries during childbirth. But she went on to dedicate her life to saving women in Ethiopia who have been through the same experience. Jane Yettram reports

Having been married at just 14, Mamitu was 16 years old when she went into labour with her first child. But the baby wouldn't come. After four days, Mamitu fell into unconsciousness. Her baby was stillborn – and Mamitu herself was left with holes torn between her rectum, bladder and birth canal, leaving faeces and urine trickling unstopably from her vagina.

'I imagined I would heal within a few days,' she says. But she didn't.

For three weeks Mamitu lay in a hut, in pain and distress, until her family carried her the many miles from her remote village to Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa. Luckily, she reached the Princess Tsehai Hospital. Because there she came across Australian gynaecologists Reginald and Catherine Hamlin, who operated on her injuries – and gave her a future full of love and support, as well as the opportunity to help others like her.

OBSTETRIC FISTULA

Mamitu's obstructed labour – common in undernourished young girls with underdeveloped pelvises – had caused her injuries, known as an obstetric fistula. This still occurs frequently in developing countries, including Ethiopia, where 85% of births are unattended by a doctor or midwife, 25% of women die from pregnancy-related complications, and eight per cent die from an obstructed labour like Mamitu's.

In developed countries like the UK, the latest medical facilities are on hand to deliver babies and prevent fistulas when mothers face complications. But in Ethiopia, lack of medical care and facilities, as well as the mountainous and inaccessible terrain (75% of the population live, on average, two and a half days' walk from an all-weather road), lead to such devastating outcomes.

Untreated, obstetric fistulas often leave a woman doubly incontinent – leaking waste that causes agonising sores on her skin and a constant appalling smell. And she may well be abandoned, made an outcast or banished to a distant hut because of the stench. The World Health Organization estimates



that more than two million young women live with untreated obstetric fistula in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. But Dr Catherine Hamlin, and her husband, Dr Reg, who died in 1993, dedicated their lives to treating these women – as has Mamitu herself.

CHANGING LIVES

Surgery can repair the damage to 80-95% of fistulas patients, with most out of bed within a few days and discharged within a couple of weeks. Sadly, Mamitu's injuries were so bad that she was never fully cured, despite many operations. But, back in the 1960s, Dr Catherine and Dr Reg saw immense potential in this young girl who had never been to school and

could neither read nor write. So when they opened their own fistula hospital dedicated to treating women for free, Mamitu was given a job as a nurse aide making beds. She then began helping out during surgeries and, after a couple of years of watching, she was asked by Dr Reg to cut some stitches. Soon, Mamitu started to perform fistula repair and – after carrying out more than 1,000 operations – became one of the world's most experienced fistula surgeons, training gynaecologists from around the world. In 1989, she, Dr Catherine and Dr Reg were all awarded the Gold Medal of the Royal College of Surgeons of Great Britain.

The fistula hospital gave Mamitu a home, a family, a future and the skills to change others' lives. And it has done the same for other women, with 150 fistula patients with ongoing care needs being trained as nurse aides, often by Mamitu, empowering them to give the love and empathy that patients – mainly poor, malnourished, frightened and a long way from their families – need.

Of course, the best way of all to wipe out obstetric fistula is to give women good healthcare, including during pregnancy and labour. And, over the decades, Hamlin Fistula's work has expanded to do just that. Five regional hospitals have been set up across Ethiopia – including, for example, in Bahir Dar, an area of the country where girls are often married as young as seven or eight – with the ability to perform caesarean sections in difficult labours as well as do fistula repair. Each also has a network



Mamitu with Dr Catherine



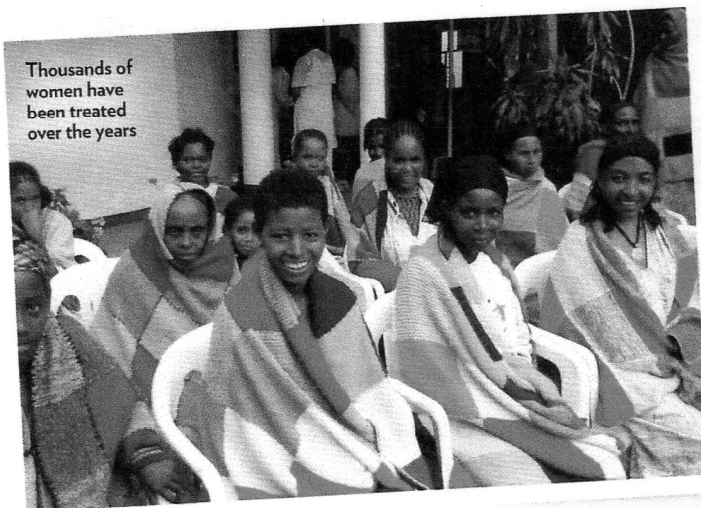
Patients at the Fistula Hospital

of local clinics, staffed by graduates of Hamlin Fistula's own midwifery college, which was set up to train midwives to provide antenatal and delivery care.

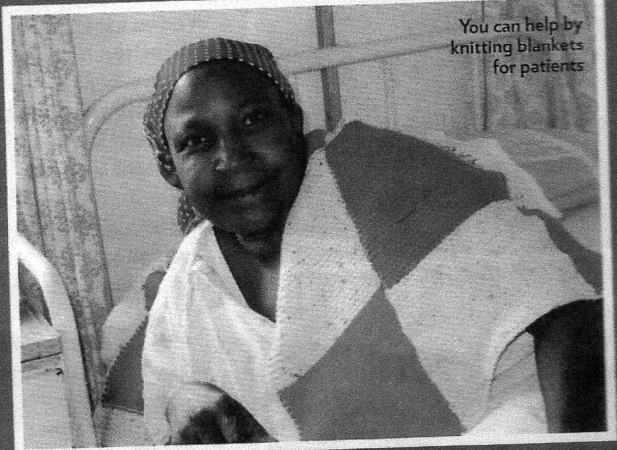
WORLD-CLASS SURGEON

Mamitu, now 71, has recently retired, but she still lives in the hospital grounds in a tukul, a traditional rondavel-style house. And she is respected by all. In 2009, she was honoured with an award from the Society of Ethiopians Established in Diaspora. It said, 'The society salutes Mamitu as one of the world's premier obstetric fistula surgeons who, despite never having been to medical school and having endured a fistula herself, has enabled countless fellow Ethiopians to live a healthier and longer life.'

In 2014, Dr Catherine celebrated her 90th birthday. At the festivities she called for work to continue to eradicate fistulas completely in Ethiopia, and her son, Richard, stated that his mother 'has one son and 35,000 daughters', summing up Dr Catherine's love and compassion for those she has helped. One of those daughters is Mamitu – who has also dedicated her own life to helping fistula patients. 'She is a very special person who is looked up to and is loved by everyone', says Dr Catherine. 'She is like the daughter I never had. She is a treasure indeed!'



Thousands of women have been treated over the years



You can help by knitting blankets for patients

How you can help too

- **KNIT!** The Hamlin Fistula Hospitals need blankets for patients and clothes for newborn babies. Items can be posted direct to: Hamlin Fistula UK, 4 Parade Buildings, Nimmings Road, Halesowen, West Midlands B62 9JJ. We know that Townswomen have already knitted hundreds – possibly thousands – of blankets, but we have no record of numbers. So if your Guild has knitted items in the past, we'd love you to let us know approximately how many.
- **FUNDRAISE!** Donations help keep the amazing work going – take a look at www.hamlinfistulauk.org
- **SHOP!** At www.hamlinfistulauk.org you can buy merchandise including *The Hospital by the River* and *Catherine's Gift*, which tell Dr Catherine Hamlin's story. And if you register at www.easyfundraising.org.uk, choose Hamlin Fistula UK as your charity, and shop through the site with all sorts of retailers from Amazon to John Lewis, the retailer will make a donation every time you buy something online – and it won't cost you a penny extra.

Sharp increase in numbers training to be priests

A 14% increase in numbers training for the priesthood has been welcomed by the Church of England. An anticipated total of 543 men and women will begin studies this Autumn at colleges across England.

Welcoming the increase, the Bishop of Guildford, Andrew Watson, said:

"I am delighted at both the number and the range of those whom God has been calling into ordained ministry over the course of the past year. Here are men and women who are choosing to put their faith on the line, so as to bring hope and spiritual nourishment to individuals and communities alike. In an increasingly uncertain world, nothing could be a greater privilege than walking alongside people in their joys and sorrows, from birth to grave."

An increase of 17% in women coming forward for ordination was welcomed by Catherine Nancekievill, Head of Vocation for the Church of England:

"The Church's aim is to reflect our diversity in the priesthood and whilst we have a long way to go in achieving this, I am delighted that increasing numbers of women now feel that a life in ordained ministry is for them. This is a big step in breaking down the stereotypes, which is crucial in order to attract underrepresented groups."

The figures show that 25% of the cohort beginning training this year are under 32. The increasing age profile of clergy has been a significant motivator for the Church in focusing on growing ordained vocations. Catherine Nancekievill said:

"The Church takes seriously the signs that God is calling Millennials to consider careers that offer the opportunity to work for the common good. We now have an officer working to raise awareness of what training for ministry can offer to young people. Our popular scheme which offers on the job ministry experience is to undergo substantial

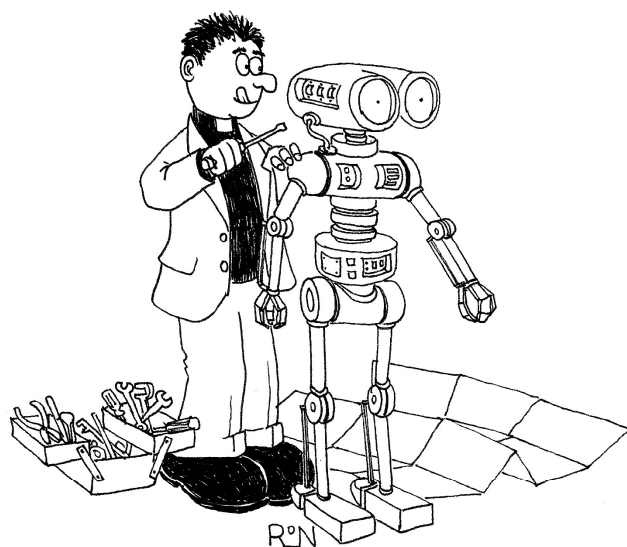
growth this year."

Commenting on the support of Allchurches Trust for the ministry experience scheme, Chairman, Sir Philip Mawer, said:



"Young people are known to care deeply about finding a role in which they can help make the world a better place and for an increasing number that means going into ministry. We look forward to working with the Church as they develop the Ministry Experience Scheme to offer a path to lay or ordained ministry for a greater number and ever wider range of people."

This increase in people coming forward for ministry training comes after the launch in 2015 of Renewal and Reform, a body of work which aims to breathe new life into the Church through growing lay and ordained vocations, increasing flexibility in funding and reducing red tape to enable local churches better to serve their communities.



The difficult bit was persuading a bishop to ordain him

After the General Election: a still small voice of calm

The Church of England is providing a “still small voice of calm” at a time when the people of Britain face “unprecedented questions about the future”, according to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

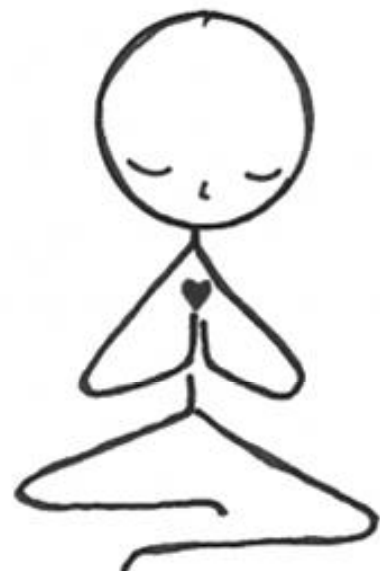
The recent General Election has left many questions unanswered at a “critical time in the nation’s history,” and Christians should therefore pray for political leaders to have courage but also give thanks for signs of political apathy receding, they say.

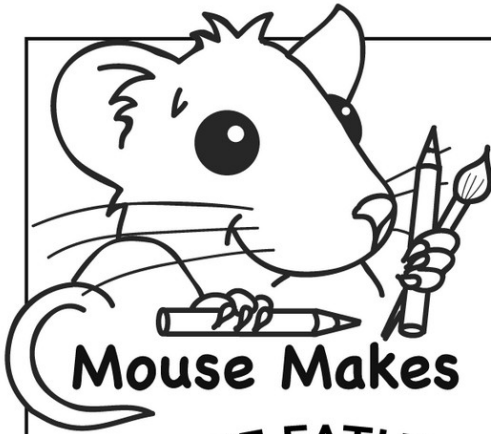
The call came in the text of a motion debated at the Church’s General Synod, which met in York in July. The archbishops used their legal powers to change the published schedule to include an urgent debate on the state of the nation.

Entitled ‘After the General Election: a still small voice of calm,’ it took place on the opening afternoon of Synod, Friday July 7.

Also before General Synod was a paper setting out the process for compiling a major new teaching document on human sexuality, and the work of a new Pastoral Advisory Group to advise dioceses on pastoral provision for same-sex couples. It follows a vote in February in which Synod opted not to ‘take note’ of the House of Bishops’ report on sexuality.

The paper, also issued by the two archbishops, reiterates a pledge to base the new teaching document on a “radical Christian inclusion” to be “founded in scripture, in reason, in tradition, in theology and the Christian faith as the Church of England has received it.”





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



2 Corinthians 13:13



Can you find all the names of the Trinity in this 3 in 1 word search?

GOD - THE FATHER

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

GOD - THE SON

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



LORD • GOD
JEHOVAH • I AM
YAHWEH •
HOLY • ONE
SAVIOUR • KING
ETERNAL
ALMIGHTY
CREATOR • JUDGE
FATHER • ON HIGH



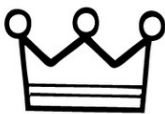
JESUS • CHRIST
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DOOR • LIGHT
BREAD • WORD
MESSIAH • VINE



GOD - THE SPIRIT

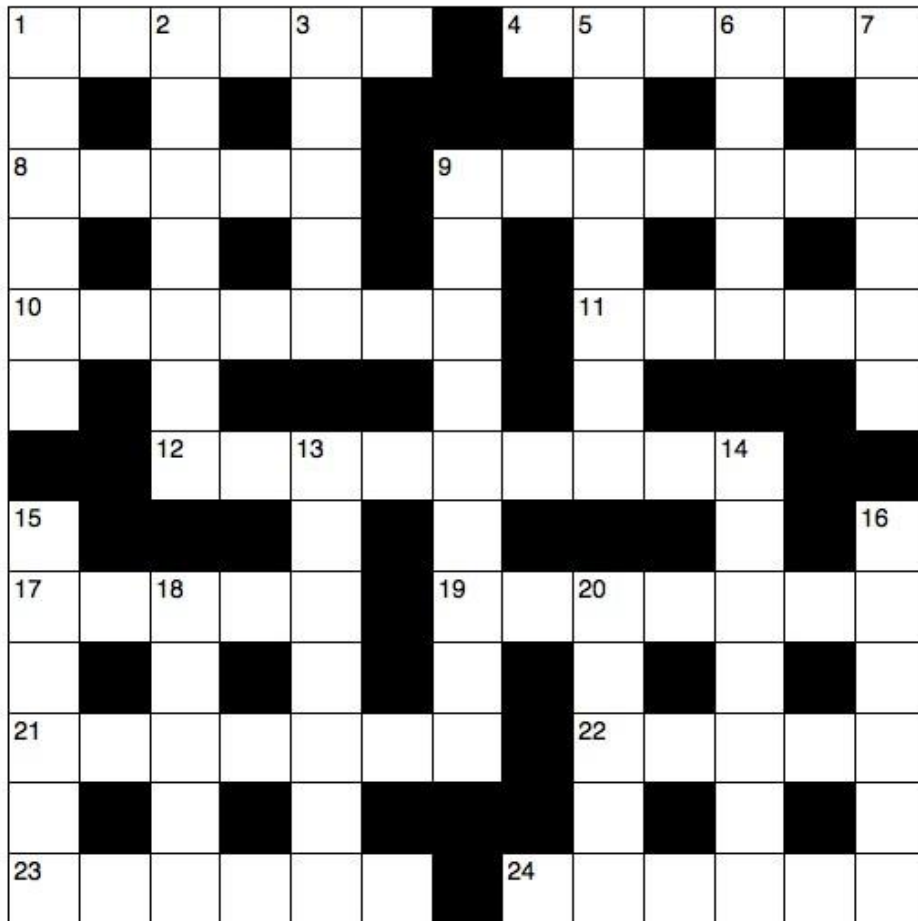
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Hiding in one of the puzzles is the word 'TRINITY', can you find it?

CROSS



WORD

Across

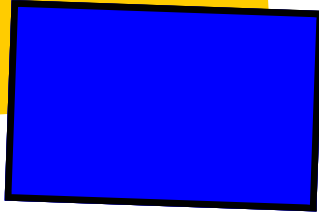
- 1 'The people were — at his teaching' (Mark 1:22) (6)
- 4 'He saved —; let him save himself' (Luke 23:35) (6)
- 8 He addressed the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14) (5)
- 9 Father of James and John (Matthew 4:21) (7)
- 10 One who charges another with an offence (Job 31:35) (7)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



Fun Page



"Did the play have an unhappy ending?"
"Oh no – everyone was glad when it was over!"

Hymns for People Over 50

Give Me the Old Timers' Religion
Precious Lord, Take My Hand, And Help Me Up
Just a Slower Walk with Thee
Go Tell It on the Mountain, But Speak Up
Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing

There was a clergyman who was an avid golfer. One Sunday was a picture-perfect day for golf, and the minister could not resist the temptation. He rang his assistant and told him he was too ill to attend church. Then he packed up the car, and drove three hours to a golf course where no one would recognise him. Happily, he began to play the course. But an angel up above was watching the minister and was quite perturbed. He went to God and said, 'Look at the minister. He should be punished for what he's doing.'

God nodded in agreement. The minister teed up on the first hole. He swung, and the ball sailed effortlessly through the air and landed right in the cup three hundred and fifty yards away. A perfect hole-in-one. The minister was amazed and overjoyed. The angel was a little shocked. He turned to God and said: 'Begging your pardon, but I thought you were going to punish him.' And God smiled. 'Think about it; who can he tell?'

When young People Pray:

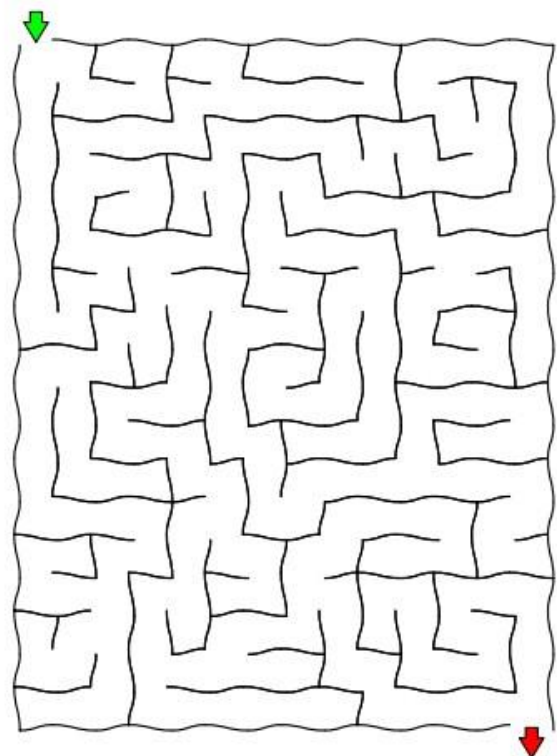
"Lead a snot into temptation."
"And forgive us our trash baskets, as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."
"Give us this day our jelly bread."
"Our Father, who art in heaven, how didja know my name?"

Church Notices that didn't come out right:

This evening at 7 pm there will be a hymn-sing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the church hall on Friday afternoon.

The Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. All proceeds will be used to cripple children.



In Brief



This is our facility for young children from 1-4 years of age, in church. Would you like to help? Are you willing to be put on a rota to assist us in this ministry? Please see a Church Warden.



Any information for the Church Notice Sheet should be given to Pam wilkinson by the Thursday evening of each week Tel: 716668



Pastoral Support

The Queen's Hall offers confidential support for those who are going through any personal problem. The service is free and available on each Thursday 9.00am. to 5.00pm. You will need to make an appointment and that can be arranged by phoning 07944014246 any day.

Standing Order

Have you thought about giving your gift this way? It helps us manage our budget and gain our tax relief. The scheme is confidential, most of our P.C.C. members now subscribe to it, why not follow their lead? For more information see Gordon or one of the Wardens.

Prayer Box

The Prayer Box is situated by the Bookstall at the back of church. It is for anyone who has a prayer request—just write it on one of the leaflets and put in the box provided. All these requests are prayed for by the Monday group and others.



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Baptisms

7th May

Darcey Baron	14 Darley Rd
Carter Ronnie Jones	276 Poolstock La
Lennon Craig Abbott	2 Alma Gr

4th June

Daisy-Anne May Baldwin	5 Vulcan Rd
Scarlett Christy Shepherd	81 Ruskin Av

18th June

Macie Robinson	24 Stewart Rd
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2nd July

Ruby Grace Birchmore	8 Cromer Rd
Freya Rose Collinson	109 Prescott La
Nate Harlan Briscoe	9 Fielders Cl

**DONATIONS FOR INCLUSION IN OCTOBER/NOVEMBER
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Church Funds

In loving memory of **Mrs Birkett**
From Florence Crook
 For continued Blessings
From Mr & Mrs S. Ward

Burials and Funerals

May

5 th Kenneth Bolton	aged 84
19 th Winifred Garswood	aged 90

June

1 st Elizabeth Birkett	aged 98
22 nd Joyce Anderton	aged 92
30 th Patricia (Pat) Blackledge	aged 68

If you wish for your donation to appear in the Church Magazine could you please **PRINT** the information to be enclosed clearly on the front of your envelope and hand it into **CHURCH**, so as to avoid any unnecessary upset.



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Affiliated Organisations

ST PAUL'S HOUSE GROUPS

Linda Catterall Wed 8.00 pm	7 Sidmouth Grove 237333
Anne & Arthur Hubbard Thurs 1.30 pm	14 Crestwood Ave 321977
Brian & Irene Marsh Wed 8.00pm	37 Rushdene Pool stock 243265
Mike & Gill Greenwood Wed 7.30pm	1 Fadon Close 825670
Vicarage Mon 8.00pm	Ring for venue 242984

MOTHERS UNION In Church Hall
2nd Tuesday each month at 7.30 pm
Branch Leader : Anne Hubbard 321977

St. PAUL'S LADIES In the Church Hall
3rd Thursday each month at 10.00 am Coffee Morning

BOWLING CLUB (Venue to be notified)
Mens Bowling Team To be Confirmed
Ladies Bowling Team Mrs M O'Malia

Milkshakes at St Paul's Church Ages 0-4
This runs at the same time as the service

Junior Church in the Church Hall
Sun from 10.30 am

Sprites	Age 4 - 7 (Infants)
Tango's	age 7-11 (Juniors)
7up	age 11+ (Y7 & Above)

Sun 6pm Church Hall
7up age 11+ (Y7 & Above)

For all enquiries about Junior Church please contact Christi-
ane Cook Tel: 242984

CHURCH LADS' & CHURCH GIRLS' BRIGADE

In Church Hall	Pam Wilkinson	716668
Tues 6.30-8.30 pm	Y3—Y5	Y Team
Tues 7.00-8.30 pm	Y6—Y8	Junior Training Corps
Tues 7.00-8.30 pm	Y9—21Years	Senior Corps

Friends Together Luncheon Club

In Church Hall
Supporting the elderly with a hot meal and companionship.
Meeting on the 1st Tues of the month. (please see notice
sheet for details of future meetings)

Linda Berry Tel: 492521
Lynn Conroy el: 202249

ST PAUL'S LITTLE STARS In Church Hall
TODDLER GROUP For Children up to School Age
Monday 9-11am
Thur 1.30 - 3.00 In Term Time
Contact St. Paul's School 243068
Or Christiane Cook 242984
Or Sarah Glascott 200843

THE FLOWER ARRANGERS
In Church Pam Wilkinson 716668

CRAFT WORKSHOP In the Church Hall
Every 3rd Tuesday in the month, 200pm-400pm
Gillian Greenwood Tel : 825670

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