

# Christ Church Ramsbottom



**Prince of Peace**  
**The Most High God**  
**The LORD is peace**  
**Father Son Holy Spirit**  
The LORD who provides  
**The God of Eternity**  
**Wonderful Counsellor**  
**THE ANCIENT OF DAYS**  
**The LORD of hosts**

# Newsletter

**SEPTEMBER 2024**

# Church Services Sundays 10.30am

<b>1st Sept</b>	<b>Cafe Worship</b>	<b>Rev. Stephen Crook</b>
<b>8th Sept</b>		<b>Susan Applegate</b>
<b>15th Sept</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>	<b>Rev. Stephen Crook</b>
<b>22nd Sept</b>		<b>Rev. Stephen Crook</b>
<b>29th Sept</b>		<b>Rev. Stephen Crook</b>
<b>6th Oct</b>	<b>Cafe Worship Harvest</b>	<b>Rev. Stephen Crook</b>

# Regular Activities at Church

<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Rammy Pantry</b>	<b>10am - 12pm</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting (usually on Zoom)</b>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Explorers Starting 10th September</b>	<b>5.45pm - 7pm</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Little Stars Restarts 4th September</b>	<b>9.30 - 11.30am</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Drop-In Cafe</b>	<b>10am - 12pm</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Rammy Pantry</b>	<b>10am - 12pm</b>

# Dates & Events

<b>8th Sept 3pm</b>	<b>Circuit Service</b>	<b>@ Holcombe Brook</b>
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# From our Minister Stephen Crook

Hi everyone, Hello and welcome to September.

As the world continues to get smaller here's 'hello' in other languages.

Spanish - Hola / French - bonjour

German - guten Tag / Italian - salve

Mandarin - nín hǎo / Arabic - asalaam

alaikum / Russian - zdravstvuyte

Ukrainian - pryvit.

**There will be a small test on this when I next see you face to face (only joking).**

## Story

Two people - an English woman and her Chinese guide were walking along a forest path in China - when without warning, about 50 meters in front of them, a large, ferocious looking tiger stepped out of the trees and onto the path - it stood still looking in their direction - they were rooted to the spot!

The English woman, who was understandably very frightened whispered - "it's a tiger", her guide replied "no; in Chinese we say "lǎohǔ" - it's a lǎohǔ" - you try to say it! The lady replied "no it's a tiger", whilst again her Chinese guide said "no, 'lǎohǔ' - repeat after me - lǎohǔ".

The tiger of course was only interested in one language - "I'm hungry?" and whilst the two were debating, it had slowly crept up on them to the point where it was close enough to eat both of them - which of course it did.

I've made up this story based on some of the things I learned whilst teacher training all those years ago. One being - "what's the most important? - To know the name of a

tiger in another language OR whoever you are and whatever name you give to it - to know that it's likely to eat you if it can catch you?"

This reminds us that it's more important to know the 'meaning and characteristics' of something rather than just what you call it So remember, the next time you see a tiger in Ramsbottom . . . !!

The current scale and seriousness of conflict around our world is effecting everyone in our world, regardless of their skin colour, religion, fashion, customs, traditions, diet, wealth - and of course language.

The Bible - God's message of love has been translated into **many languages** from the **biblical languages** of Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek as of September 2023, the Bible has been translated into at least a book for speakers of 3,658 languages. This includes 1,658 languages with the New Testament and 736 languages with the full Bible.

Even before this, missionaries travelled the world trying to communicate God's love to others and often came across a language barrier that wasn't easy to overcome - they, like the people in the 'tiger story', were killed, often owing to the misunderstanding of the message.

The 'meaning' and 'message' of the Gospel story, crosses all language barriers and reminds us that it's essential to focus on this - i.e. "That God loves you" and "What this can mean for you should you accept it" rather than debating the intricacies and inadequacies of religion and tradition that

we sometimes think is important.

Knowing God's name and the name of the Saviour Jesus is ok BUT to know the person of God in Christ reveals his nature and

characteristics - the things He'll do and won't do - the way He wants you to live / not to live. Once these are known you can decide to live as He would want you to / or not, the choice is yours. Once a person truly understands that God loves them - and how; it blows their mind and overwhelms them.



The main message of God to everyone in the world is "I love you" and He proved this in Christ by dying on the cross for us and 'showing' us.

Pray today for those around the world who are trying to bring peace to others and in our own country for those who are making efforts to clearly communicate the meaning of God's love to others.

Oh and watch out for the tigers!!!

Every blessing to you.

Stephen

## **What's the Big Idea? An Introduction to the Gospel of Matthew**

*By Canon Paul Hardingham*

This month we turn to the New Testament and look at Matthew, the first of the gospels. Although linked to Matthew the apostle, it is generally believed that the author used oral tradition, written fragments, eye-witness accounts, as well as common material in the other synoptic gospels (Mark and Luke).

Matthew, in writing for Jews, sets out to prove that Jesus is the true Messiah. He connects Jesus' birth, life death and resurrection with the Old Testament Scriptures. In fact, he quotes the Old Testament more than any other New Testament author. This is reflected in the opening genealogy which traces Jesus back to Abraham; in his use of the terms *kingdom of heaven* and *Father in heaven*, reflecting a Jewish reluctance to use God's name; and

in the way he portrays Jesus as the *Son of David*.

The whole gospel is structured around five blocks of teaching (chapters 5-7; 10; 13; 18; 24-25). This fivefold division reflects the structure of the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Old Testament).

Matthew provides a comprehensive context by which we see all God's creation and salvation completed in Jesus, and all parts of our lives (work, family, friends and future) completed in Him. At the end of his gospel, Matthew records Jesus' commission to His disciples share this good news, promising to be with them:

*'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'* (28:18-20)

# ADVANCE NOTICE

## Item to pray about and consider.

In October, we will begin looking for nominations for a number of new church officers, equivalent to a Baptist Deacon or Methodist Steward, as a number of officers will be stepping down after fulfilling their current period in post.

Please can you pray for our fellowship and that the right person will come forward, and also consider if that is something God may be calling you to do.

One post we need to replace is minute secretary as Marjorie steps down from this post.

You may also recall both John and myself (Treasurer and Secretary) should have stepped down last year, having completed 6 years, however both of us agreed to carry

on for a further 12 months as no volunteers came forward.

Please pray:

- Someone comes forward or is prepared to shadow these positions.
- If no-one comes forward please pray that we both feel that God is calling us to continue and we are willing and able to do so.

Treasurer and Secretary are the only 2 posts that under our constitution can be re-elected after 6 years.

If anyone would like to see a job description of a church officer's role, or of any of the roles within the church, please see Stephen or myself.

God Bless

Susan



A bishop visited a primary school in his full episcopal attire - with his mitre, robes and bishop's crook or crozier. A little lad's mother asked him later what he had thought of the bishop's visit to his school. The little boy replied: "It was great - now I know what a real crook looks like!"



**Happy Birthday**

**8th September Joan A.**

**30th September Joan H.**

To join the birthday scheme fill in the application form on the Birthday Scheme leaflet found on the notice board and leave in the office or talk to Mary.

# **God in Music - 'Glorious the song when God's the theme': Fauré's Requiem**

*The Rev Michael Burgess continues a year-long series looking at great works of Christian music.*

At the end of his life in 1924, Gabriel Fauré, the French composer, said to his sons, "When I am no longer here, you will hear it said of my works, 'After all, that was nothing much to write home about!' You must not let that hurt or depress you. It is the way of the world."

His concern was ill-founded, for Fauré's compositions, vocal, choral and instrumental, have become standard works in concert programmes, and are much loved by all who value the beauty and joy of music.

Curiously, the one work of Fauré's that is most frequently performed, his Requiem, had a lukewarm reception at its first performance. That was in 1888 at the funeral of an important Parisian architect in the church of the Madeleine. Afterwards the priests there told Fauré that the church's own musical repertoire did not require this new addition, and so for over 20 years the Requiem was virtually ignored.

Now it is one of the most loved and sublime settings of the Requiem. Is it because of the graceful, fleeting lines of melodies that Debussy compared to the gesture of a beautiful woman? Or is it because of the resigned, yet optimistic approach to death and eternal life that is at the heart of Fauré's setting. He wrote, "It has been said that my Requiem does not express the fear of death, and someone has called it a lullaby of death.

But it is thus that I see death: as a happy deliverance, an aspiration towards happiness above..."

Written on the death of his parents, the Requiem in many ways marks the end of Fauré's youth. It was a youth that could be said to have begun with another beautiful choral work, the Cantique de Jean Racine. This was composed in 1865 when Fauré was just 20 years old, and finishing his studies at the École Niedermeyer.

Yet however youthful, it has all the hallmarks of the great composer: a serenity and a delicacy in setting the words, and a clarity of line and beauty of proportion that makes the work sing out its prayer. It addresses Jesus the Word and asks that He will watch over us and send us His grace. If we have been forgetful, then stir our hearts again. Receive this song, it prays, which is your gift to us returned in full measure.

The Cantique points to God as the author of all beauty. The music we compose is His inspiration and gift in our lives, which we offer to the world and to Him. In the novel *God's Apology* by Olivia Fane, the ten-year old girl, Joanna, talks of music as God's gift in this way. "I have come," she says, "because the lines of communication between our two worlds has been frayed. Music is the language of God. We can not only hear it, we can also sing it. So, sing now: sing in joy and in pain, sing to God." As we listen to Fauré's Requiem or Cantique, we can rejoice in that gift of music, and find it opening up God's world of beauty and harmony for us to hear and enjoy.

# God in the Sciences - Faithful to Scripture, Faithful to Science: Alister McGrath on science and Christian faith

by Dr Ruth M. Bancewicz, Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge.

See [www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/churches](http://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/churches) and <http://www.cis.org.uk>



Alister McGrath is well-known as a theologian, but he started out as a scientist. After becoming a Christian as a student, he wanted to learn about his new faith, so he studied

theology at the same time as completing his PhD in molecular biophysics. He has not lost touch with science, but has continued to write and speak about how science and Christian faith work together. In this extract from a recently released interview, he shares his experience of being a scientist and a Christian.

"I think my most vivid experience of wonder took place in the 1970s when I was on vacation in Iran. We were travelling on a bus in the middle of the night because it wasn't hot then, and the bus broke down. We found ourselves in the middle of this solemn black desert, and the night sky shone with a brilliance like I had never seen before. That just overwhelmed me, it made me think there is something really wonderful here.

"Now, I was a Christian by that time and I knew how Christianity could answer that but it just struck me, that sense of wonder has two possible outcomes. One is science - this universe is wonderful, what's it all about? But of course, it is also about religion, the deeper levels of things that science can't really engage. I think one of the things I have discovered over time is that maybe this

sense of wonder both opens the gateway to science and to faith, and that those two together are able to answer questions which on their own they simply couldn't.

"I think science is wonderful at asking questions. Some of those questions can be answered, but very often when you do answer them, they simply open up yet more questions. But of course, there are some more fundamental questions I think science simply cannot answer - they transcend its capacities to answer, and you might think of non-empirical questions like, 'Why am I here? What is the meaning of life? What is good and how do I live a good life?'

"These are real questions and they're good questions but they're not scientific questions. And the psychologists tell us that we really need answers to those questions if we are to lead a fulfilled human existence. You find some scientists who say, 'Well because science can't answer them there are no answers to be given', but actually most realise that there are answers waiting to be discovered - it's just that science can't deliver them.

"Science fills in part of a big picture but there are parts of the picture you have to fill in from somewhere else. Science is part of the answer but only part, and faith supplements it, giving us a vision of life that is exciting and reliable, and also something that we can inhabit meaningfully."

Find more on [wondersofthelivingworld.org](http://wondersofthelivingworld.org)



# Hymn of the Month

## *Lord for the Years*



Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith (b1926 d 2024) a prolific modern hymn writer died on 12th August. He wrote around 400 hymns some of which we have learnt and sung including "Tell Out My Soul"

and, especially, "Lord for the Years"

"Lord for the Years" was written in 1967 and Bishop Dudley-Smith later confessed: "I wrote it on a train when I was very pressed for time. I'm thankful if something I write gets picked up, but I suspect anyone who does something in a rush later regrets that they didn't find time to apply the sandpaper a bit more!"

Dudley-Smith had been asked to write a hymn for the centenary service of the Children's Special Service Mission, now Scripture Union, in St Paul's Cathedral. His commission was to write words that could be fitted to Jean Sibelius's *Finlandia*, as it was to be accompanied by an orchestra with this tune in their repertoire. And so - 'Lord for the years' was written.

Dudley-Smith need not have worried about lack of time - his lyrics were a 'hit' in the cathedral on the day, and went on to become so well-loved that George Carey chose the hymn to be sung at his consecration as Bishop of Bath and Wells, and then again later, in 1991, at his consecration as Archbishop in Canterbury Cathedral.

The hymn continued to be widely sung and loved, until in 2002 Timothy Dudley-Smith was asked to write an extra verse for it so that it could even be sung around the time of the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Many of the words in the hymn were true for the Queen herself. She did indeed thank God 'for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way'...

The 'extra' verse, added for the Queen, can now become our prayer and hope for King Charles.

### LORD FOR THE YEARS

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:  
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,  
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,  
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.



# TORK Paper Hand Towel Recycling

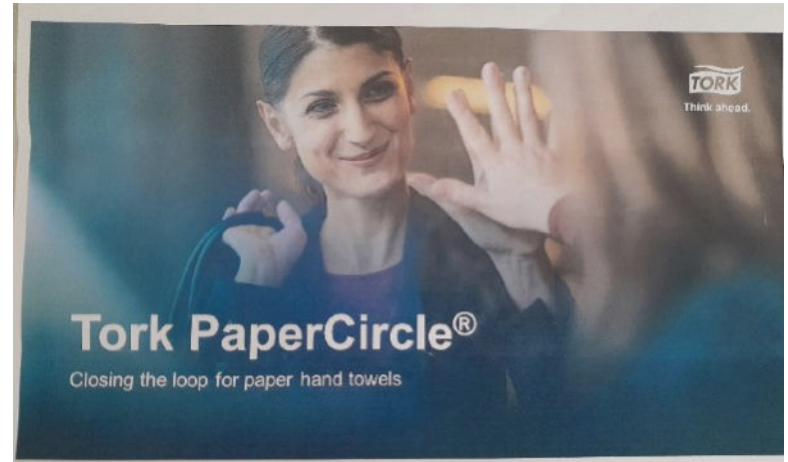
You may have noticed that over the last few weeks a few new bins and stickers have appeared in the kitchen and toilets. Some say 'paper towel recycling' and others say 'other.'

This is a new initiative we have started, in conjunction with **Essity Paper Mill** in Stubbins, to recycle used paper hand towels and is called **Tork Paper Circle**.

This initiative is looking to reduce the amount of used paper towels going to land fill.

The towels are kept separate from other waste, collected and taken back to the paper mill where they will be recycled into the fibre supply to make new Tork paper products.

They will also take other paper items, like envelopes, leaflets, newspaper, napkins, paper plates, cardboard etc that are not badly soiled; there is a bin in the office for these items.



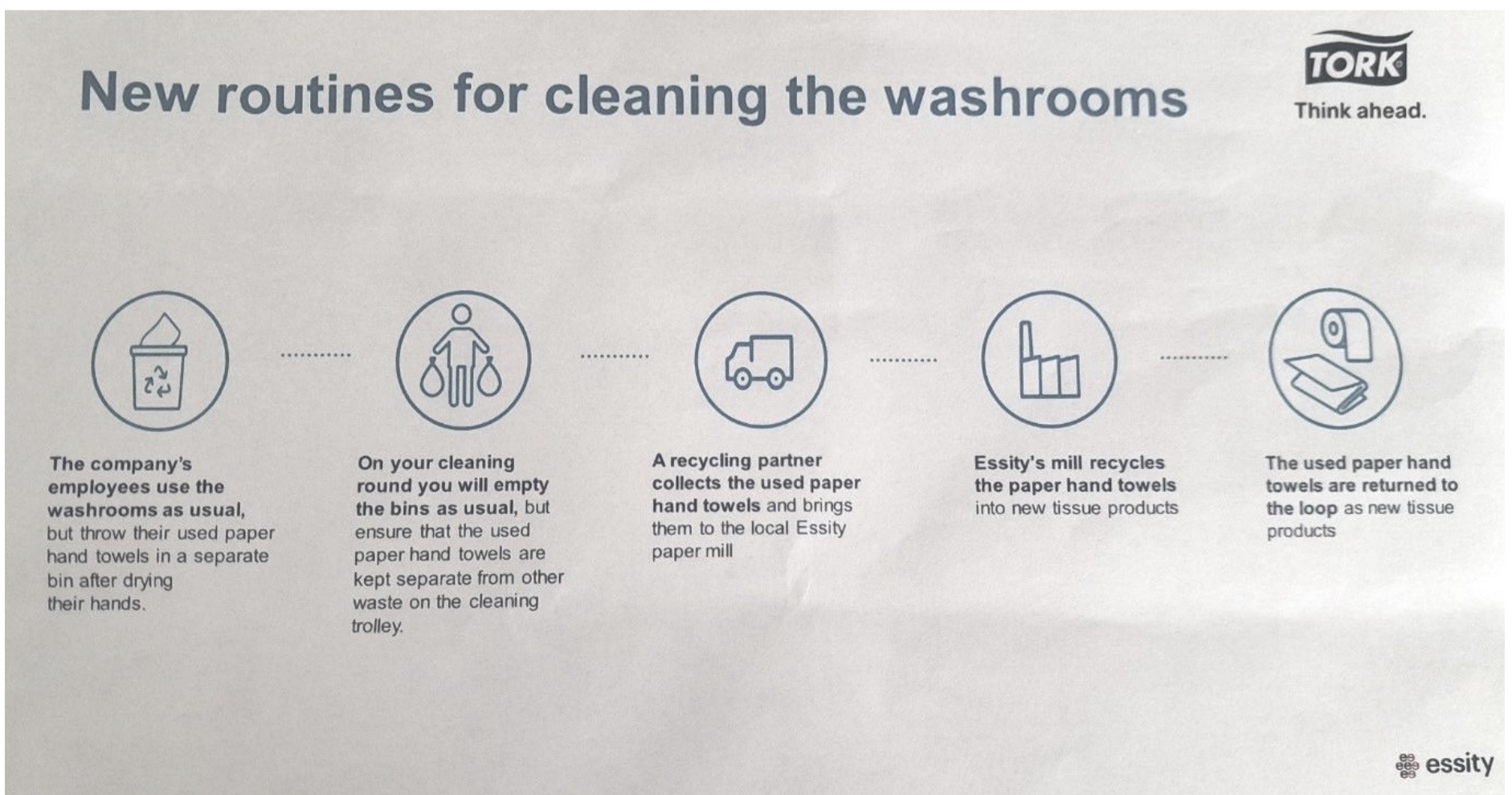
Food cartons are not included and should go in the bins marked 'other'.

We are currently trialling this with a fortnightly collection. This will be reviewed in the autumn to assess if it is viable to continue.

If you want to bring your own used paper towels to recycle, or newspapers etc then please do and place in the bins marked.

Thank you for your co-operation in this initiative.

Susan



# September Prayer Diary



Please take time each day to pray for the event or the person mentioned in the diary. If you are unsure what to pray or are unsure who the people are, then simply pray that God might bless them and keep them safe.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Our Service today led by Rev. Stephen Crook</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>For those attending Messy Play</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>For those attending Jo Jingles</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>For Little Stars as they restart after the summer break</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>For the work of Rammy Pantry</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Carol &amp; David</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>For those attending Baby Ballet</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Our Service today led by Susan Applegate</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>For the new Explorers Group starting tomorrow</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>For Church Officers as they meet tonight</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>For the Circuit Meeting as they meet tonight</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>For our Drop-In Cafe</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Freda</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Lesley &amp; Tom</b>

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Our Service today led by Rev. Stephen Crook</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>For those attending Pilates</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>John &amp; Louise</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>For those attending Slimming World</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Recorded Music Society as they use our building</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Ian &amp; Joan</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>For Street Pastors, Bury</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Our Service today led by Rev. Stephen Crook</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Mary</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Rammy Pantry Clients</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>For those who are struggling and waiting for life to change</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Sara</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Andrea &amp; Mark with BMS in Chad</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Christine C.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Our Service today led by Rev. Stephen Crook</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>For those who live in the Great Eaves Area</b>

# Harvest



On 1st October we will be celebrating harvest.

As usual we will be collecting tin and packet goods for Ramsbottom Pantry or taking a cash donation, please help support our Pantry as much as you can. As last year, the list of goods required are:

Beans with sausages,  
Tinned meats  
Tuna  
Salmon

Vegetables  
Rice pudding  
Custard  
Cereal

Cleaning products,  
Men's deodorant  
Shower gel

As a church we also donate to the following charities from church funds:

"All we Can" <https://www.allwecan.org.uk/>

"Operation Agri" <https://operationagri.org.uk/>



...I take it our local supermarket has a rather good offer on tinned peas at the moment!

## Church Library - Recent Additions



The Surprising Return of the Neighborhood Church: Discover How Your Church Is Primed to Reach Your Neighbors by Sam Rainer, 2023, Tyndale. 9781496467065

Respected church expert Sam Rainer envisions an exciting new wave of revitalized neighborhood churches that are growing and thriving. At the turn of the 21st century, a new generation began looking to neighborhood churches to foster life-giving friendships, provide opportunities for service, and create a community dedicated to worshipping God. Sam Rainer describes this and asks • What are the marks of a healthy neighborhood church? • What are the most common myths about the neighborhood church? • What are the obstacles to church growth? • What are the best strategies to reach your neighbors? The potential is huge. God wants to do incredible things. Are you ready?

# Sudoku

Sudoku is a number puzzle based on a 9x9 grid. The object is to place the numbers 1-9 in the empty squares so that each row, column, and 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

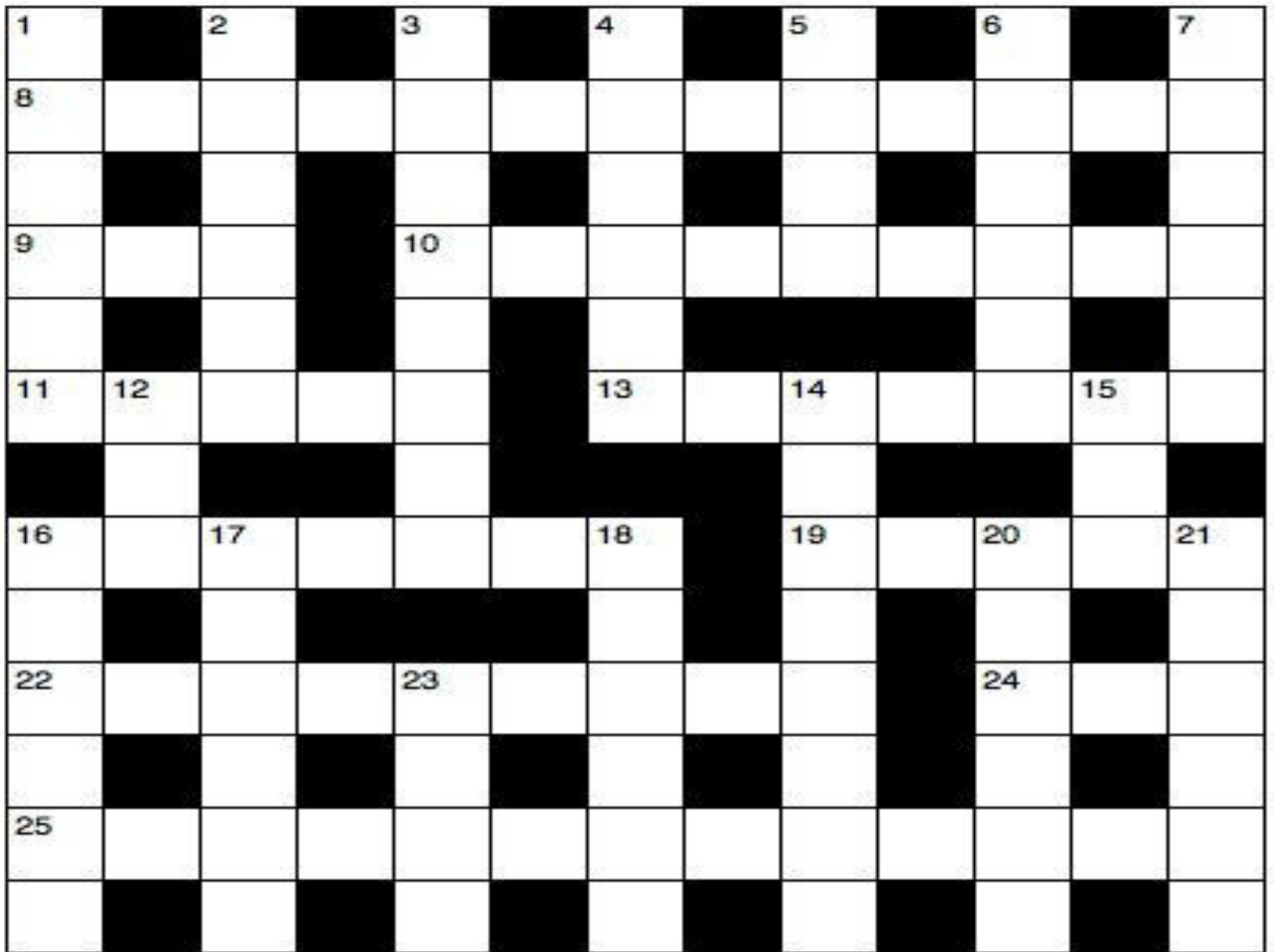
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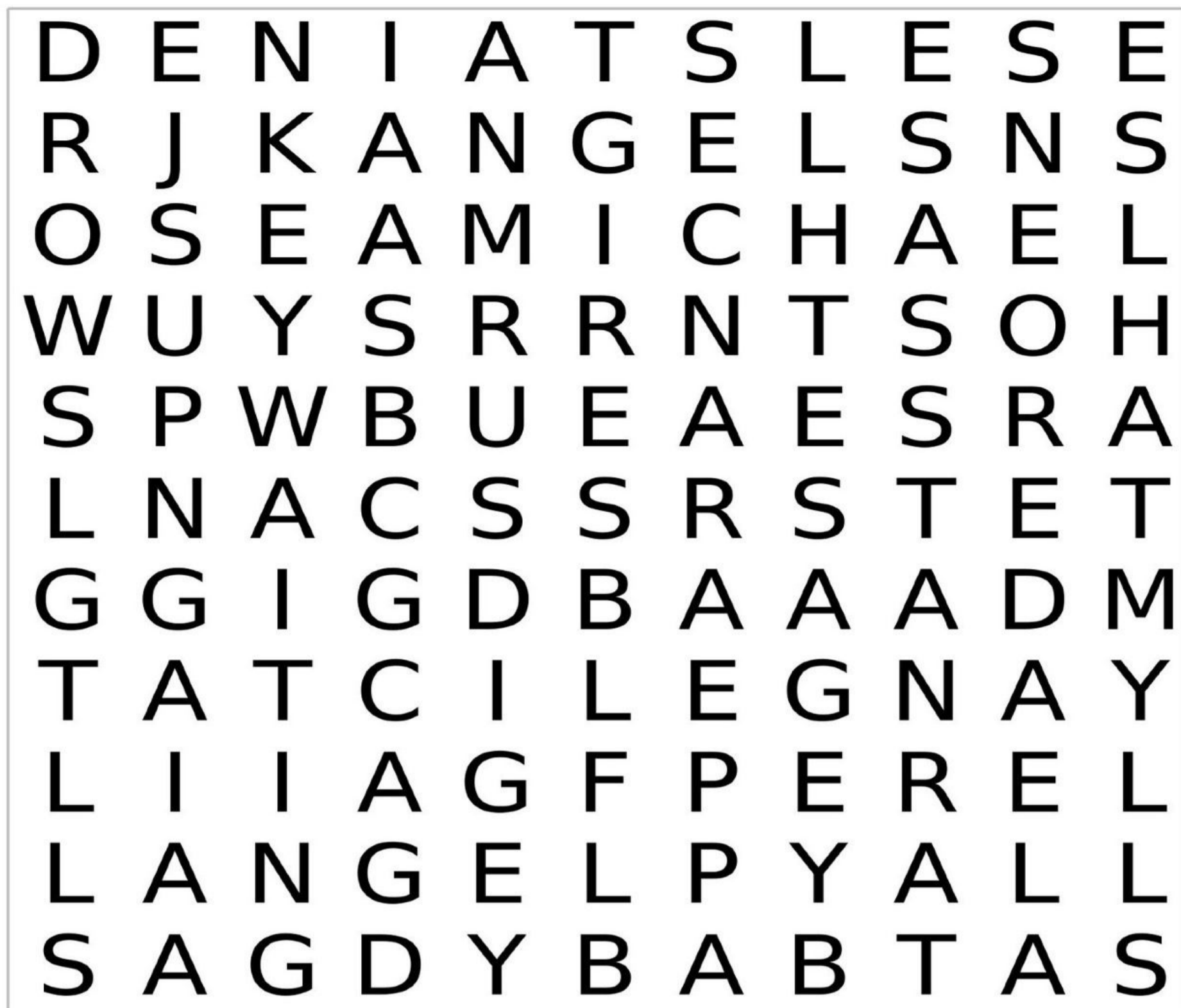
- 8 Where the ark of the covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
- 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14-17) (3)
- 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4)
- 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have –' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
- 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
- 16 'Jesus bent down and – to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)
- 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
- 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
- 24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under – the –' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
- 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

## Down

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)

2. See 24 Across
- 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
- 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
- 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus –' (John 11:35) (4)
- 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her – and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
- 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
- 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the – of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
- 14 Second city of Cyprus (8)
- 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)
- 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
- 17 Braved (anag.) (6)
- 18 – of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
- 20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and – in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)
- 21 'Neither – nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
- 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

# WORDSEARCH



## Michael and All Angels

Some churches remember angels this month, with the feast day of Michael and All Angels on the 29<sup>th</sup>. The Bible is full of angels, where they often had a key role in crucial events. It seems that Michael is their leader, an 'archangel'. In stained glass he's often seen with a sword, because in the Book of Revelation he leads the angelic host who fight and defeat Satan and his army.

In the Gospels, angels make numerous appearances. Just two examples: Gabriel was sent to Mary to announce the coming of her baby, Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God. Another angel was sent to sit in the empty tomb on Easter morning, waiting to tell the startled women that Jesus wasn't there - He had risen (Mark 16:5)!

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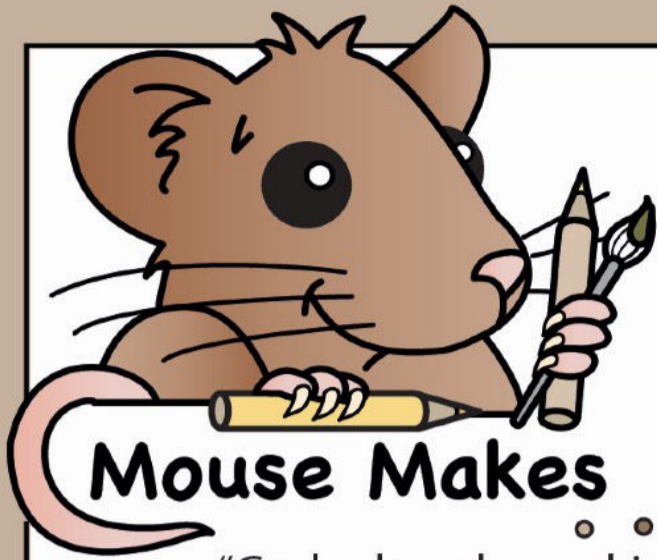
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waiting  
Angel

# Mindfulness Colouring for all ages







# Mouse Makes

## HARVEST THANKSGIVING

"May the peoples  
\_\_\_\_\_ you, O God!  
May all the peoples praise you!  
The land yields its harvest;  
God, our God blesses us."

*Psalm 67:5-6 NIV*

"God ... has shown kindness by  
giving you rain from heaven  
and crops in their seasons.

He provides you with  
plenty of \_\_\_\_\_. He fills  
your hearts with joy!"

*Acts 14:16-17 NIV*

"Let us fear and respect  
the Lord our God.

He gives us autumn and  
spring \_\_\_\_\_  
at the right time.

He makes sure that we  
have the harvest at  
just the right time."

*Jeremiah 5:24 ERV*

"Honour the Lord with your wealth  
and the first part of your harvest."

*Proverbs 3:9 ERV*

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HARVEST • THANKSGIVING • LAND • EARTH • FERTILE • SOIL • SEED • SOWN  
NEED • WATER • SUN • SEASON • AUTUMN • SPRING • YIELD • PRODUCE  
FRUIT • GATHER • CROPS • PLENTY • PRAY • GOD • PROVIDE • JOY  
BLESSED • GOODNESS • SHARE

Find the words from the questions too!

# Puzzle Answers

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

D	E	N	I	A	T	S	L	E	S	E		
R	J	K	A	N	G	E	L	S	N	S		
O	S	E	A	M	I	C	H	A	E	L		
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L	N	A	C	S	S	R	S	T	E	T		
G	G	I	G	D	B	A	A	A	D	M		
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S	A	G	D	Y	B	A	B	T	A	S		

Sudoku Easy

2	8	7	9	3	1	5	4	6
6	3	9	5	4	2	8	7	1
5	1	4	8	7	6	9	2	3
1	9	8	3	2	7	4	6	5
7	4	6	1	9	5	3	8	2
3	2	5	6	8	4	1	9	7
8	7	3	2	1	9	6	5	4
9	5	2	4	6	3	7	1	8
4	6	1	7	5	8	2	3	9

Sudoku Medium

7	4	2	8	9	1	3	6	5
5	9	6	4	3	7	2	8	1
1	8	3	6	5	2	9	4	7
4	2	7	9	8	3	5	1	6
6	3	1	7	4	5	8	9	2
9	5	8	1	2	6	4	7	3
2	7	4	3	6	9	1	5	8
3	1	9	5	7	8	6	2	4
8	6	5	2	1	4	7	3	9

# September Rotas

## Sundays

2024	Chairs	Opening up	Door	Closing	Vestry	Refreshments	Communion
1st Sept	Joan & Bill	Joan & Bill	Bill	Joan & Bill	Joan H.	Joan & Bill	
8th Sept	Louise & John	Louise & John	Julie	Louise & John	Bill	Louise & John	
15th Sept	Joan & Ian	Joan & Ian	Ian	Joan & Ian	Joan R.	Joan & Ian	Joan & Bill
22nd Sept	Valerie & Norman	Valerie & Norman	Tom	Valerie & Norman	Louise	Julie & Lesley	
29th Sept	Joan & Bill	Joan & Bill	Bill	Marjorie	Susan	Joan & Bill	

## Thursday Drop in Café

2024	9am	9am	Baker 1	Baker 2		
	Set up 1	Set up 2	3 x cakes	1 x cakes	Help to close 1	Help to close 2
5th Sept	Susan	Julie	Joan H.	Marjorie	Stephen	Susan
12th Sept	Susan	Julie	Louise	Marjorie	Stephen	Susan
19th Sept	Susan	Julie			Stephen	Susan
26th Sept	Susan	Julie			Stephen	Susan

## Little Stars

Date	Lead	Helper 1	Helper 2	Kitchen
4th Sept	Louise	Judith	Carol	Julie
11th Sept	Judith	Louise	Carol	Marjorie
18th Sept	Louise	Judith	Carol	Julie
25th Sept	Judith	Louise	Carol	Joan & Bill

## Junior Church

8th Sept	Diana	Louise
15th Sept	Louise	Joan H.
22nd Sept	Louise	Judith C.
29th Sept	Diana	Julie

# Do you have a child at Primary School?



If so, we'd love them to join us as we start our  
new **'EXPLORERS'** group in September.

An evening of games, crafts, music, activities, snack time  
and stories - there's something  
for everyone.

If your child is 5 years of age or older bring them along from  
5:45pm to 7pm beginning on Tuesday 10th September.

We'd love to see you.

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