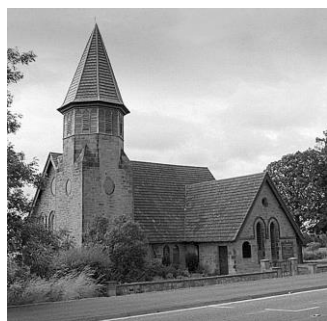


St George's, Widdrington & Great Bavington United Reformed Churches Newsletter



April
2024

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Worship & Events in April at St George's United Reformed Church

Wed 3rd	12.30pm	WOW Midweek Service
Sat 6th	xxx	Coffee Morning for Ukranian Group in Church
Sun 7th	10.30am	Morning Worship
Wed 10th	12.30pm 6.30pm	WOW Midweek Service CT Prayer Meeting (until 7.30pm)
Fri 12th	10.00am	Morning Holiday Club
Sat 13th	7.30pm	Country Dance Club
Sun 14th	10.30am	Morning Worship
Tues 16th	2.00pm	Coffee Club Meeting
Wed 17th	12.30pm	WOW Midweek Service
Sat 20th	10.00am	Christian Aid Toy Sale & Coffee Morning
Sun 21st	10.30am	Morning Worship. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wed 24th	12.30pm 6.30pm	WOW Midweek Service CT Prayer Meeting
Sun 28th	10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Worship with Orchestra Evening Service
WOW Midweek Service – doors open at Noon for refreshments		

Steward's Duty Rota

7	Gordon Slack and Christine Oakes
14	Madeline and Sarah Cleverley
21	Katherine Smailes and Karen Howe
28	Gillian Irvine and Christine Hawkins

Flower Rota for April

7	
14	Enid Smith
21	
28	Dorothy Luke
Rep	Joan Cooper 515682



What's On at St George's

SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP & JUNIOR CHURCH

10.30 am

MON	Age UK Exercise 9.00-12.00 noon Ronka Gbadebo	07952381160
	Age UK Exercise: 3.00 – 4.00pm As above	
TUES	Morning Badminton 10.00am – 12 noon Allen Oakes allen@oakesa.co.uk	
	Rainbows, 5.00pm Liz Kelly 783434 Mobile 07714481089 liz.kelly@jcpce.com	
	Brownies: 6.00pm Susan Fairgrieve . s.fairgrieve21@gmail	
	Guides and Rangers: from 7.00pm Liz Kelly Mobile 07714481089 783434 liz.kelly@jcpce.com	
	St.George's Coffee Club: 2.00pm (3 rd Tues) Contact: Sarah Cleverley	515257
	Cobweb Orchestra 7.30 – 9.30pm at KEVI Contact: Christine Oakes 518608 or Penny Oxley 514612	
WED	Morning Badminton: 9.30am Sarah Cleverley	515257
	Knitter, Natter Crafts & Chatter 2.00 – 4.00pm Joan Cooper	515682
	Afternoon Bowls 2.00pm Andrew Cleverley	515257
	Zumba: 6.00pm High Intensity with Lisa O on 07507 179 692 or zumbawithlisao@hotmail.com	
THURS	Morning Badminton: 10.00-12.00 Allen Oakes allen@oakesa.co.uk	
	Zumba: 5.45pm. Low Intensity with Lisa O on 07507 179 692 or email zumbawithlisao@hotmail.com	
SAT	Table Tennis: 10.00 – 12.00 Christine Richardson Country Dance Club: (Varies from month to month) Contact: Shirley Forster	513913
SUN	Orchestra: Norm. 4 th Sunday Andrew Hamnett (not August) Christine Oakes	518485 518608

The next joint newsletter with Widdrington & Bavington URC's covers events in May 2024

The deadline is Sunday 21st April

Please do not wait for the deadline if you already have articles ready to be included. Please contact Stephanie. E-mail: robson-robson@hotmail.co.uk

Canon Paul Hardingham considers what Easter has given us...

The Treasure of Easter!

It's amazing what treasure can be unearthed with metal detectors! In this season of Easter, let's rediscover the greatest unburied treasure of the Resurrection.

The Apostle Peter reminds us that God '*has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.*' (1 Peter 1: 3,4). What does he say about this treasure?

On the one hand, it is the *reason for hope*. Peter was writing to Christians in Asia Minor (modern day Turkey) who faced persecution under the Emperor Nero. In an uncertain world we know that Jesus suffered, but by His resurrection has secured eternal life for us. This inheritance not only guarantees life now, but also for eternity, as it '*is kept in heaven for you*' (4). Do we share this confidence? D.L. Moody, the 19th Century American evangelist, spoke of the time when people would read his obituary: '*Don't believe a word of it! At that moment I shall be more alive than I am now*'. On the other hand, this treasure is a *source of joy*. This unburied treasure fills us '*with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*' (8,9). We face all kinds of trials in our lives, but God uses them to refine our faith and character, '*These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.*' (7). We reflect this treasure by developing the Jesus' character and becoming more holy, obedient and loving.

Christmas is the promise, and Easter is the proof!

Refugees April 2024

West End Refugee Service. Wers is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year and they say "Since 1999, we have delivered a range of integrated services to reduce levels of poverty, isolation, disadvantage and prejudice experienced by the people we support, as they navigate the asylum system in the UK. Our projects aim to help people regain control over their lives and rebuild a future here. We're a team of thirteen staff and over 90 volunteers."

Its Advisory Panel says to the current volunteers at WERS *"your contributions will be life changing to provide those seeking asylum and refuge the support, courage and confidence to make meaningful purpose to their lives."* Their plan is to spread their mission, expand their programming and reach out to their surrounding community to ensure the sustainability of the project for another 25 years.

WERS has been selected by Newcastle City Council as their partner in the quest for City of Sanctuary ambassadors. WERS says it tries to ensure that its clients have opportunities to relax, socialise and maintain a lifestyle that keeps them physically and mentally fit and active. This includes dance, badminton and hopefully football soon. They also have regular games nights and the gardening group continues at Scotswood.

WERS reports that it is running very low on baby toiletries, shampoo and conditioner, shower gel, toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant.

(They cannot accept tampons or razors.)

Justice and Peace Project

Their March newsletter starts with a quote from Albert Einstein, who said *"Our task must be to free ourselves – by widening our circles of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature and its beauty."*

The J&P Project *"depends on the hard work and dedication of volunteers, who give their time and energy to the project operations, either working face-to-face with our clients on Wednesdays and Fridays or by working behind the scenes on Mondays on preparing food and toiletries to be distributed. We currently have 54 volunteers and they are very much the backbone of the project. We always welcome new volunteers.*

Volunteers receive the appropriate Safeguarding training and a DBS check is required. If you are interested, please contact our Project Co-ordinator."

The J&P Project acknowledges it is gaining great benefit by operating from the same site as the St Vincent de Paul Society as their clients have been able to access household items and children's clothes and equipment including prams, for which the clients are very grateful. The SVP also supports their volunteers by providing information about local services and organisations which can assist their clients.

Toilet rolls, individual packets of biscuits, tinned tomatoes, tinned fish and chick peas continue to be used in the regular weekly baskets.

We thank God for the warm welcome that refugees and asylum seekers receive from these two charities and remember those who struggle without such support.

Margaret Brock

Morpeth Justice and Peace Group

Thank you to everyone who recently supported the Big Brew coffee morning which we put on to support Transform Trade's project to set up community shops in Bangladesh. A total of £152 was raised from the Fair Trade stall and £251 86 from donations. Special thanks go to the ladies from Knitter Natter for their knitting and their presence.

Recently one of our members wrote an article for the Anglican's newsletter. I enclose part of it here as I thought people might be interested in reading it. "One of the issues Morpeth Justice and Peace Group has been following is the development of renewable energy projects in Northumberland. We had heard of the Blyth Mine Water Heat Scheme that NCC had been investigating. This scheme involves unlocking the heat within the historic coal mine network to heat and cool homes and businesses. Heat exchangers and pumps are used to recover the heat. There is already a scheme in Gateshead which heats Gateshead College, the Baltic Arts Centre, several offices and 350 council-owned properties. In recent days a mine water Heat Scheme in Wakefield has also been in the news.

We contacted the NCC Climate Team who provided some information we could share.

Six initial feasibility studies have been completed across the towns of Alnwick, Ashington, Berwick, Hexham, Morpeth, and Prudhoe. All six studies identified viable schemes that utilise either industrial waste heat, river source heat or mine water heat. They are now planning to procure a commercial and legal advisor and create a heat supply framework over the next 12-24 months and then hope to begin construction by 2025/2026."

Margaret Brock

Breast Cancer Now coffee morning

Penny and I would like to offer a huge thankyou to everyone who supported the Breast Cancer Now coffee morning. What an exciting and happy morning we had!



Thankyou to those who contributed to the various stalls, those who helped out with the preparation and those who helped on the day to make it such a success. The total amount banked was £1324.80 with further donations since of £15.

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St Georges Coffee Club

Our next meeting will be on
Tuesday 16th April with

"Lets Do the Lindy Hop" – Sue and Steve

Start time 2.00pm

There is a small charge of £3 which includes
tea or coffee and a biscuit.

For further information contact **Sarah Cleverley – 515257**
or come along to the meeting.

St. George's Knitter Natter Group

We meet each Wednesday from 2.00-4.00pm
In the Drysdale Room



Our knitters are also looking for double knitting wool if anyone has any they
don't want. Odd balls are perfect.

Joan Cooper 01670 515682



St George's Church Morpeth

Country Dance Club

Saturdays 7.30-9.30

Feb 10th, March 9th, April 13th



Fly that Scotsman
Waltz that Willow
REEL THAT OXO
BUTTER THOSE PEAS

You don't need a partner. You don't need to know how to dance,
Dances are explained and there is plenty time for a rest and a chat.

£2.00 for St George's Church Morpeth. Bring your own refreshments

Info from Shirley Forster 07749525269 shirlsgurc@gmail.com

+ see us in action on facebook 'Morpeth Country Dance Club'



Aprils Sudoku... Solution on inside back page.

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Who is he?...A musical concert was about to be performed in a prison. The Governor was talking to a titled lady guest, explaining that the orchestra was made up of murderers, embezzlers and other hardened criminals. The lady then pointed to a man in the corner, holding a trombone. "He looks a tough customer," she whispered. "Whatever has HE done?" The Governor paused and smiled. "Ah, actually, he is the chaplain."

Heaven...Seen in a parish magazine: "We shall be meeting on Wednesday, when the subject will be 'Heaven – how do we get there?' Transport by bus is available at 6.45pm opposite the King's Arms.

Choir...Seen in a parish magazine: 'Next Sunday the choir will give a recital, after which the church will be closed for repairs.'

The 5th commandment...In reply to a question in Sunday school, one little boy said that the fifth commandment is: 'Humour thy father and thy mother.'

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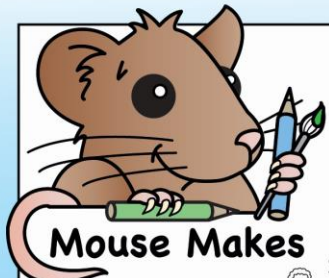
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Tea, Coffee, Biscuits and Homemade Scones



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Mouse Makes

How many times had the risen Jesus revealed himself to the disciples before this?

Read John 21:14



How many disciples were there? Who were they?
Read John 21: 11

How many fish did they catch?
Read John 21: 11



READ the story in John 21

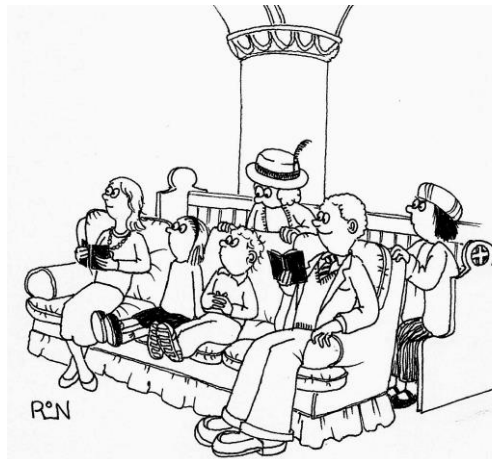
Some time after Jesus had risen a few of His disciples met together to go fishing. They fished all night but caught nothing. As the sun rose a man on the shore asked; "Have you caught anything?" "Not a thing" they answered. He said to them "Throw your net out onto the right side of the boat and you will catch some." So they did and they and they caught so many fish they could not pull in the net. Then John recognised the man, "It is the Lord!"



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Colour in all the fish

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Regular worshippers were upgraded to first class



...between you and me, it's the only way I can remember my PIN number!

Seen in a West Country church:

Whenever I see a little church, I always pay a visit. So when at last I'm carried in, the Lord won't ask 'Who is it?'

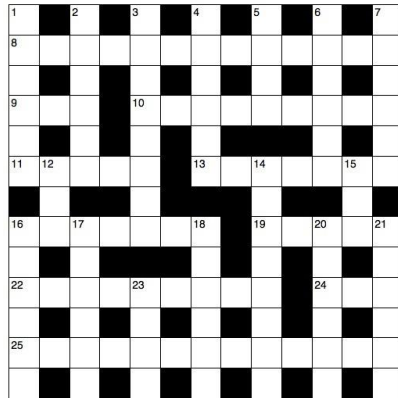
Those typos in the church newsheet...

The church's AGM will be hell on 22nd April. While the pastor is on holiday, massages can be given to the church secretary. More sinners wanted for the choir. **Rolled...** From a church magazine: "The restoration of the churchyard was finally completed by the resurfacing of our driveway. The following Sunday, the church wardens praised everyone who had helped, and gave special thanks to the vicar and his wife who had rolled in the gravel.



"Police? This is St Mary's Ladies' Knitting & Vigilante Circle. We've detained two gents trying to nick the church silver."

Crossword for April



ACROSS: 8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the —' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)

9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)

10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9) **11** 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)

13 Muslim holy month (7)

16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)

19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5) **22** How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)

24 'Go to the —, you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)

25 Debar from receiving Communion (13).

DOWN: 1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)

2 Festival of the resurrection (6) **3** 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8) **4** 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6) **5** Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)

6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4) **7** 'But Christ is faithful — — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3) **12** Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)

14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8) **15** Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3) **16** I, uncle (anag.) (6) **17** 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5) **18** 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2) **20** Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6) **21** 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6) **23** Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

Solution on inside back page.

The Bible version used in our crosswords is the NIV. Crosswords reproduced by kind permission of BRF and John Capon, originally published in Three Down, Nine Across, by John Capon (£6.99 BRF).

When I was a very young teenager, I attended the local Sunday School just to help. I wasn't involved in any arrangements.

One Mothers' Day the children were given cards to colour in and some flowers to take home. There was a bit of stress among the teachers. One small boy had a younger brother who was too young to attend Sunday School. They didn't have a mother. She had died, and their father was working extremely hard to keep his young family together. The teachers just didn't know how to handle the situation, and finally did nothing.

I managed to look over the boy's shoulder when he was colouring in his card. He had written "With love to Daddy on Mothers Day".

I have often wondered what his father thought when he received the gift.

Submitted by Janet Brown

Wordsearch

St George of the Golden Legend

St George is Patron Saint of England, but he never actually came here. He was a Christian officer in the Roman army under Diocletian, who refused to abandon his faith during the Terror. George was therefore martyred in Palestine about 300 AD. His courage became legendary, and St George became the example of a Christian fighting-man, a powerful helper against evil powers affecting individual lives. He was the soldier-hero of the Middle Ages. In the Golden Legend of the 13th century, Jacobus de Voragine tells the story of how St George helped rescue the people of Sylene in Lybia from a dragon, especially the princess, who had been offered to the dragon as a sacrifice. With the dragon dead, and the princess returned to her father the King, the people of Sylene converted to Christianity.



George Patron Saint England Officer Roman Army Diocletian Terror Martyred Palestine Courage Example Helper Evil Soldier Hero Golden Legend Dragon Princess converted. Solution on inside back page.

Great Bavington United Reformed Church

Here is the news from Great Bavington.

There will only be one service in April, on Sunday 21 April at 6.30pm (we are back on evening service times from April to October), led by Rev Julian Sanders.

Looking ahead to Rogation Sunday, 5 May

It has been a tradition since medieval times to walk around parish boundaries and pray for God's blessing on agriculture, industries and communities on the way. This Rogation Sunday ("rogation" comes from the Latin "rogare", to ask), there will be a walk from St Bartholomew's Kirkwhelpington, along St Oswald's Way, and another walk from St Aidan's Thockrington on footpaths across the fields, arriving at Great Bavington Church around 5.30pm in time for tea and cake before the Rogation Service at 6.30pm, led by Rev Julian Sanders.

Everyone is very welcome to join the walks, or just come in time for tea and cake. It would be really helpful if you could let us know in advance (by Wednesday 1 May) so that we have plenty of cake! We will arrange to get the walkers back to their starting point after the service.

If you would like to walk from Kirkwhelpington:

Meet at St Bartholomew's at 3.15pm, to set off at 3.30pm. Please let Jane Armstrong know if you would like to take part: jarmy_55@yahoo.co.uk or 01670 775168.

If you would like to walk from Thockrington:

Meet at St Aidan's at 4.15pm, to set off at 4.30pm. Please let Sarah Lunn know if you would like to take part: sarahlunn63@gmail.com or 01434 681721.

If you would just like to come for tea and cake, and not do the walk:

Meet at Great Bavington URC at 5.30pm, and please let us know at bavingtonchurch@gmail.com or 01830 540350.

The church is open for visitors every day

There is also the tuck box outside, where visitors can help themselves to snacks and drinks. People leave lots of appreciative comments:

"Cycled here and forgot my water so the drink was very welcome - thank you!"

"We left our lunch in the car by accident. Great idea, thanks for feeding us."

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Nicola Bell



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WIDDRINGTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

PRAYING TOGETHER

If you would like to add any topics to next month's prayers, please let me know.

During April, please pray for:

All war zones

Refugees

Those suffering religious or ethnic persecution

Victims of natural disasters

Victims of crime

The work of relief agencies

Those suffering still from Covid19 throughout the world

Health workers and workers in essential industries and services

Medical researchers

The sick, both with physical and mental problems, and the recently bereaved

Those in financial difficulties, and fuel poverty

The homeless

Farmers, praying for a successful lambing

"Prayer, the Churches banquet, Angels age,
God's breath in man, returning to his birth,
The soul in paradise, heart in pilgrimage,
The Christian plummet, sounding heav'n and earth" (George Herbert)

Seven days without prayer makes one weak

WIDDRINGTON CHURCH NEWS

I'd like to invite everybody to contribute information that they think might be of interest. Just give me the details *in writing* either on a piece of paper or by email to elliemist@gmail.com and I'll do the rest. (I'd still welcome articles though). The **Copy Date** for each magazine is the second last Sunday of the month before the next issue. If you miss the deadline your contribution may have to be held over to the next issue.

Flowers: Flowers in April and May by Kathleen. Donations of cash or garden flowers are always welcome

Easy Fund Raising (Easy?) Do you shop online? Have you joined Easy Fund Raising yet?

The chances are that your vendor will be part of Easy Fund Raising. Amazon and John Lewis are, for instance. This means that if you register for Easy Fund Raising at easyfundraising.org.uk and select Widdrington United Reformed Church as your Good Cause 1 or 2 % of the purchase price of your item will come to us at no extra cost to yourself. This can range from a penny for a Kindle 99p short to several pounds for a major purchase. Please talk to Fiona about it soon (though you can easily register with no help from me, as all our members have discovered). We have raised over £400 so far with just nine members. We get a payout each quarter provided at least £15.00 has been raised. Sadly we missed out on the last quarter's payout.

Fund raising: A report from the Easter Monday Coffee Morning will be available next month.

Worship: Please feel free to wear a mask - or not - as you wish. Hand sanitisers continue to be available. You are invited to join us for coffee/tea after the service. Preachers for April along with duty rotas are in the table below.

Social: Coffee Morning season will soon be upon us. Our Easter Monday Coffee Morning will be on April 1st. Gifts of tombola and home baking would be appreciated. Please **no bric-a-brac!**

Remember, if you have a good idea for a social event which you think people will enjoy, please suggest it to the Elders (or organise it yourself!)

The AGM will be on 9th April at 11am on the hall after Coffee Club (see below)

Regular events: 1st Tuesday: Coffee Club meets on the 1st Tuesday in the month at various coffee shops in the area. However, as stated above, we are holding our AGM as part of Coffee Club in the hall, which will be a week later than usual, on April 9th. Friends who are not members are welcome to join us for coffee and even to stay for the meeting if interested. The refreshments will be served at 10.30, with the meeting starting at 11.00.

1st Wednesday: Prayer Group: We gather at Cook's Hemmel, Causey Park at 7.00pm. You are welcome to join us, or tell us any of your concerns for prayer.

Open Church: Open Church will continue, on Wednesday mornings from 10.30am. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments, and the chance of quiet reflection in the church.

Facebook: If you are on Facebook, have you checked out our Facebook page yet? Search for Widdrington United Reformed Church. Please like us and let me know if you think I've missed anything that should be on. The page now has 186 likes, with another 8 people 'following'!

Any information we have about service arrangements and social events will be published there.

Please note: Sean, our sheep, has his own Facebook page! Search for 'Sean'.

Sean now has 24 (+2 following!) page 'likes' but he wants some more, so please tell your friends about him!

The **website** is at: www.widdringtonurc.org.uk

I'd appreciate some help to improve it, as it's very wordy at the moment, partly because I'm happiest with words. I'm still looking for volunteers to be additional site editors. Someone with hardware that can post pictures would be good.

Churches Together in Widdrington and Ulgham:

We are in the process of planning an event for Christian Aid Week on May. (Not a quiz!) This will probably be in the Community Centre, though our hall is a back up venue of the centre is not available. Details on next month's magazine, and church notices.

FEM

We are still collecting things!

- *Medicine blister packs for Cancer Research
- *Green plastic milk bottle tops to make wheelchairs: these seem to be no longer available. We are not sure if the clear ones are still wanted.
- *Basic toiletries for the Ukraine appeal
- *And don't forget the hamper for the food bank!

April Rotas

Sunday	Preacher	Vestry	Door/Offering
7th	Worship Team	Fiona Middlemist	Kathleen Bailey Audrey Grieves
14th	Rev'd Julian Sanders	Kathleen Bailey	Diana Hogg Elizabeth Barber
21st	Sue Rutherford	Diana Hogg	Ruth Gordon Fiona Middlemist
28th	Carol Dixon	Fiona Middlemist	Kathleen Bailey Audrey Grieves

Solutions....

ACROSS: 8, Transgressors. 9, Out. 10, Ephesians. 11, Throb. 13, Ramadan. 16, Nearest. 19, Neath. 22, Childless. 24, Ant. 25, Excommunicate.

DOWN: 1, Utmost. 2, Easter. 3, Assemble. 4, Archer. 5, Isis. 6, To hand. 7, As a son. 12, Hoe. 14, Monastic. 15, Apt. 16, Nuclei. 17, A piece. 18, Tied up. 20, Ararat. 21, Hatred. 23, Dome.



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Wages...Seen on a church notice board: 'Despite inflation, the wages of sin remain the same.'

Do it...Here's a sure-fire way to cross off every item on your To-Do list: Do the chores first, then write them down and *then* cross them off!

Problem...I don't have a problem with caffeine. I do have a problem without it. **Beyond...**I'm living so far beyond my income that we may almost be said to be living apart.

What am I? ...I'm not old. I woke up, I lifted my arms, I moved my knees, I turned my neck. Everything made the same noise: Crrrrraaaaaacccccckkkk! So I've come to the conclusion that I'm not old, I'm crispy!

Running...Insanity runs in some families; in others it positively gallops.

Up or down?...Is this apisdn umop or am I just standing on my head?

Warning...*Sign seen in a store:* Unattended children will be given espresso and a puppy.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Exodus 7:14-10:29, 12:21-23, 29-33, 14:5-29

God told Pharaoh to let the Hebrew slaves leave Egypt, but he refused. God then showed his power over Egypt (and its gods)...

The Nile turned blood red (Hapi)

Frogs (Heket)

Gnats (Geb)

Swarms (Khepri)

Death of Livestock (Hathor)

Boils and sores (Sekhmet)

Hail (Seth and Nut)

Locusts (Nepri)

Darkness (Ra)

... but Pharaoh still said 'No!'

God told the Hebrews to prepare to leave, and each family to kill and cook a lamb. He told them..

Mark your house door with the lamb's blood.

That night, in each un-marked house, the eldest son died.



The Hebrews left Egypt...

but Pharaoh followed with his army.

The Hebrews were trapped by the Reed Sea..

Egyptian Army

Hebrew People

Reed Sea

Gulf of Suez

God made a cloud to hide them from the Egyptians..

and sent a wind. By morning the sea bed was dry and they walked across..

but as the Egyptians followed, the water flowed back.