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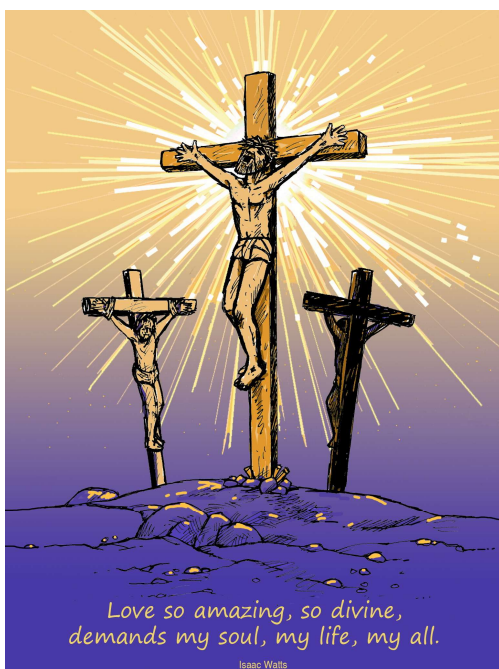
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*We are delighted to
welcome Claire back
from her Sabbatical.*



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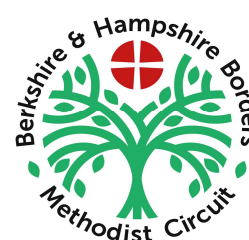
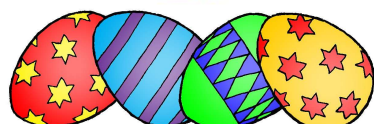
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I love receiving your items, so
please keep them coming.
My thanks to everyone who
sends in items, they can be
phoned, posted, emailed or
given to me. **Thank you,**
Hazel, Ed

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- He suffered not as God, but
He who suffered was God,
John Owen



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&
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April 2025

Dear friends,

In Matthew's gospel, a teacher of the law asked Jesus: '*which is the greatest commandment in the Law?*' – this in an attempt to trap him! The answer given was: '**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.**' But then Jesus added that there is a *second most important commandment*: '**Love your neighbour as you love yourself.**'

As we approach our Easter celebrations for 2025, I would like to focus on that second commandment, especially as I look out on the world around us and see the terrible things being done to people who are also our neighbours but in other countries!

In the first letter of John, chapter 4, John states: '**If we say we love God, but hate others, we are liars. For we cannot love God, whom we have not seen, if we do not love others, whom we have seen.**'

As I look at what has been happening to the people of Gaza, the scenes of utter devastation inflicted by weapons of mass destruction on civilians – where is any love for neighbours being shown?

As I watch the ongoing conflict being conducted by Russia against Ukraine with deliberate targeting of hospitals, blocks of apartments, the energy infrastructure, coupled with the vast loss of life on both sides – where again is any love for neighbours being shown?

Gaza and Ukraine are but two conflict areas among many more that are happening daily in our world. Others do not get the same level of publicity but are of equal importance for those involved.

I would ask everyone to look carefully at the passage in 1 Corinthians 13 which is often used at weddings but is far more reaching in its scope than just that use!

To paraphrase that passage:

I may have every gift, ability, knowledge, wealth, even total faith, but without **love** it has **NO** value!

Love's qualities are patience, kindness, truth, hope, peace, joy, humility, goodness, faithfulness and self-control.

These are very much the fruit of the Holy Spirit at work in lives changed by an encounter with the risen Jesus Christ!

In addition, love brings compassion, empathy and understanding into our relationships with our neighbours.

Whilst individually we cannot influence the global events we are witnessing, we can make a real difference in our own local situations by taking to heart this message about the importance of love.

Our neighbours are not just the people who live 'next door,' nor just those who live in the same street or town that we know!

The stranger we see and offer a smile to is our neighbour, the person walking their dog, the lonely person sitting on a bench in the town amid a sea of other strangers – each is our neighbour.

We can choose to interact with those around us, to offer a simple greeting such as 'good morning / afternoon', a smile, or offering a helping hand if needed.

Loving our neighbour can start small and grow into a real friendship, if we let it.

For our neighbours in far distant places, then please hold them in your prayers, especially for those in real danger, those being oppressed and those who know famine, drought, poverty...

There, but for the grace of God, could our own lives have been placed!

God bless & keep you! **Steve (Smith)**



Our Minister is: Revd Claire Simpson

**Sunday Worship at St Andrew's Trinity
and our Basingstoke Churches –
Plan for Worship: April & May 2025**



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Berkshire & Hampshire Borders Circuit Plan, April 2025 (B/Stoke Churches)

Dates	6 April 5 th in Lent	13 April, 6 th in Lent, Palm Sunday	20 April, Easter Sunday	27 April
St Andrew's Trinity 10.30 am	Mrs Anne Rowe	Mrs Rosie Greenhaigh	Revd Claire Simpson, HC	LA
Church of L Stream 10.30 am	Revd Dr James Mather	Mrs Helen Watson (LP)	Mr Terry Rowell	Mrs Sarah Whithorn
Oakley 10.30 am	Mr Chris Marsh	Mrs Linda Hoe	Revd Dr Ruth Midcalf, HC	LA
Oakridge 10.30 am	Mr Nick Klingaman	Revd Claire Simpson, HC	Cole	Revd David Cook
Old Basing 10.30 am	Revd Barbara McIntivey	LA	Mrs Helen Watson (LP)	Revd Claire Simpson, HC

Berkshire & Hampshire Borders Circuit Plan, May 2025 (B/Stoke Churches)

Dates	4 May	11 May	18 May	25 May
St Andrew's Trinity 10.30 am	Mrs Helen Watson (LP)	Revd Claire Simpson, HC	Revd Andy Fitchet	Mr John Smith
Church of L Stream 10.30 am	Mr David Munns	LA	Mr Neil Graham	LA
Oakley 10.30 am	Revd Claire Simpson	Revd Barbara McIntivey	Revd David Jenkins, HC	LA
Oakridge 10.30 am	Revd Jackie Case	Rev David Cook HC	LA	Revd Claire Simpson
Old Basing 10.30 am	Mr Terry Rowell	Mrs Sarah Whithorn	Mrs Linda Hoe	Revd Andy Fitchet, HC

Spring Sale

The amount of **£490.11** was raised at the **Spring Sale held on Saturday 22 March**. A big thank you to everyone who helped before and on the day and to everyone who came along and supported us.

Printing Copies from the E-News

It is easy for you to print one or any number of pages you may wish from the e-news 'pdf' file you receive by email. If you would like a particular page, bigger perhaps, or a printed copy of some of the pages to keep, or even if you want to print the whole newsletter. You can easily print what you like in A5 or A4 size.

An Unfortunate Name

What good people Victorians were at 'rubbing in' your station in life. They never let you forget where you came from.

Charles Dickens wrote in his various novels, about the labels society placed on people in his generation. There was a complete horror of the workhouse, and my own parents born in the late 1800's often expressed this.

The name given to St Thomas' Nursing home, in Darlington Road, Basingstoke, was the Home for the 'Friendless and Fallen.'

The foundation stone was laid in 1879, and the first women housed there were called Penitents. The Home had 48 young women, aged between 15 and 30 years, trapped in prostitution and poverty. They worked hard for their keep, and the home had strict rules and regulations. In 1884 a chapel was added, and in 1885, 60 women lived there. The 'Sisters of Charity' an Anglican Order ran the home. We can only guess about the day to day living.

In 1989 the building was marked for demolition, but was saved after protests, and is now a very different place.

Today, there are friendless people, but the term 'fallen' has ceased to exist. We have a kinder society, and 'Loved and Blessed' is a title we prefer, and should certainly aspire to.

In 1632 George Herbert wrote, '**Love bade me welcome**' (see page 8 for a copy of **this poem**). I have a copy on my bedroom wall. Our society today isn't perfect, but we are trying to understand what compassion for our fellow man looks like.

God bless you,

Margaret Garland

Enjoy Fellowship & Refreshments after Morning Worship.

*Our Thanks to all who serve
refreshments on Sundays & weekdays
in the 'Mug & Biscuit'.*

*(More Volunteers are always very
welcome, Sundays or weekdays.*

*If you can help, please have a
word with **Linda**,
thank you).*



YWAM (Youth With A Mission) House of Hope, Thank You!

Thank you to the Congregation of St Andrew's Trinity, from the **YWAM Egypt House of Hope** team for your generous donations to the **House of Hope**. We really appreciate your gifts, they are a blessing for us and well invested into God's Kingdom.

**Blessings, Olivia Keller, Project
Co-ordinator & Outreach Team
Co-ordinator, YWAM Cairo, Egypt, Mar 25**

A Prayer Request Book

Is available each Sunday and prayers will be included in the 'Intercessions'. Please ensure you have permission from the person you would like prayed for.

Diane Bath



Being Attentive to God

Our thanks to Rev Lesley Martin and Angela Hiscock for the March Retreat at Silchester, the first this year, the theme **'Being Attentive to God'**. We explored how we should tune into God and listen to Him without being distracted by our everyday busy active lives surrounding us.



We were invited during our Meditation time to take a smooth stone pebble, polished in the running waters of a stream. Holding the stone in our hands, **my stone, my rock, my Lord**, assisted us in focussing on God, listening to Him, and stilling our wandering minds.

We were given the opportunity in our quiet meditation time to read and take notes from a number of books and articles exploring prayer and how to come to God in the Stillness of Meditation. I was led to an article by Emma Lowth of the Renovare Community. She gives good advice in *"Listening to God and Stilling Our Wandering Mind"* from **Psalm 139**.

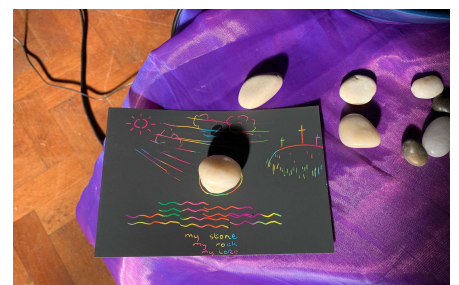
- 1) The thoughts that pop into our minds in the silence of meditation may be a surprise to us, but they are not a surprise to God. **Verses 1, 2.** *You have searched me Lord and you know me. You know me when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.*
- 2) Remember that the thoughts that enter your mind are there because your brain is working hard to process everything that has happened to you. God made us this way for our good. When the internal noise feels like a torment read **verses 13,14.** *For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*
- 3) The thoughts in our minds are not going to go away. It is how God made us. So there is no point resisting them or trying to distract ourselves from them – we have to go through them. But we cannot do this on our own. Ask God to lead you through your thoughts, and reveal the truth about them. **Verses 23,24,** *Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.*

Now that Spring is with us, Silchester Methodist Church is the ideal location for retreat and meditation. It has a relaxing tranquil garden with comfortable benches and a summer house, with views overlooking the adjacent woods. It is located alongside the local common, a natural open area with heathland, gorse bushes, trees and small ponds. A place to be part of nature observing and listening to the wildlife and birdlife as you walk and meditate.

I did just that and walked amongst a small herd of free ranging young cows grazing amongst the bushes and trees, content with their natural environment that meets all their needs. You may note from the photo that there is no colour prejudice with wildlife as they all feed and socialise together just as God intended!

The next Retreat at Silchester this year is **Wednesday 30th April, 'From Easter to Pentecost'**. Travel with the disciples as they meet the risen Jesus. Why not come along?

Martin Frost, 12th March 2025





AV Things in the Church Building



At the February Church Council I updated everybody about the Audio Visual work. Much of the work is visible and does not need describing here. I talked about 4 items that we believe need to be completed as part of the initial and agreed work. These were

- Tidy cabling for powered speakers
- Configure new audio mixer and remove previous audio mixer
- Training and familiarisation
- Provide a summary to Circuit to claim financial support

Because of the need to thread cabling through cupboards and loft spaces, the first item will probably take longer than a day, and we have not yet managed to identify a time to do this. However I am aware that it does look unfinished, and it will be done as soon as we can.

We plan to set up the new mixer on Saturday 12th April; please bear with us on Sunday 13th!

I have spoken to some of you to act as reviewers for my report to the Circuit. If I have not spoken to you, but you have business skills, particularly relating to business planning, and you are willing to help, please do talk to me.

Church Council also discussed the need to replace our current projection laptop, and agreed that this was necessary, and as a result we are now using a Windows 11 machine with a little more power for projection, and I believe the number of occasions where the projection has “failed” have been reduced.

I also shared my wish list with Church Council. You may have thoughts on this; if you do, please do talk to me about them.

1. Provide screen mirroring for those leading worship (as the monitors are too high) and screen mirroring for those who cannot see the screen regularly (this may be resolved with the new mixer configuration).
2. Review the operation of the hearing loop as there has been some suggestion of problems.
3. Review the microphones that are used as not everybody can always be heard, for various reasons (this is underway).
4. Consider a curtain to block the Cross window when required with low winter sun.
5. Consider visual worship enhancements to the sanctuary area to have a 24/7 presentation of our Christian purpose.
6. Consider the broadcast options into the Mug and Biscuit and Small Hall for occasions when the main hall is full.

Thank you,

David Webb

- 70 years ago, on 5 April 1955, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced his retirement because of failing health. He was succeeded by Anthony Eden on 7 April.

Some IT News



At the last Church Council there was some discussion about the church office computer. I have been working with Steve Smith to get a different computer, partly because the current one runs Windows 10, and cannot be sensibly upgraded to run Windows 11. (*You may be aware that the maintenance and support on Windows 10 ends in October*).

There was also a feeling that the existing computer was slow, and hopefully things will seem better with the new one.

There have also been discussions about a church email address that would be available for anybody to email the church community. I have set up the following email address, which can be received on the church computer, and can also be received by any appropriate people on their personal devices too.

This email address is:

StAndrews-Trinity@outlook.com (now on the front page of our E-News)

David Webb

Join us in telling a gospel story with a different slant

ZAC

by *Roger Jones*

at **Christ Church Chineham RG24 8LT** on **Sat 7th June**

If you enjoy singing, playing an instrument or helping back of house, we would love to hear from you.

Rehearsal from 10am, performance at 5pm. Refreshments, including lunch, provided.

Questions? – David Webb, david@webbfamily.org.uk or 07848 843360

Performance authorised by Christian Music Ministries

office@cmm.org.uk



For fuller information about 'ZAC', please see page 11 of our March E-News magazine.

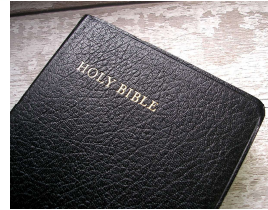
- 50 years ago, on 4 April 1975, Microsoft, the computer software / hardware company, was founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen in Albuquerque New Mexico.

Lent Group –

Started Monday 10 March, 2pm.

A weekly **Lent Group** in the church. The theme this year is '*Pilgrimage*'. Copies for each week can be emailed to you (or printed for those without email).

Please see **Pauline Ansell** or **one of the Stewards** for more details.



SAVE THE DATE

**10 & 11 May
2025**

(details to follow)

**Celebrating
60 years of:**

**'3rd
Basingstoke
Boys'
Brigade'
at our
Church.
Theresa
Strachan**

Love bade me welcome..

Love bade me welcome, but my soul drew back,
Guilty of lust and sin.
But quick eyed love, observing me grow slack,
from my first entrance in,
drew nearer to me sweetly questioning, if I lacked anything.
'A guest' I answered, 'worthy to be here.'
Love said, 'You shall be he' 'I the unkind, ungrateful?'
'Ah, my dear I cannot look at thee.'
Love took my hand, and sweetly did reply,
'Who made the eyes but I.'
'Truth Lord, but I have marred them,
Let my shame go where it doth deserve.'
'And know you not' says love 'who bore the blame?'
'My dear then I will serve. You must sit down,' says love
'And taste my meat.' So, I did sit and eat.

George Herbert 1632 (sent in by Margaret Garland)

BEWARE AND FORWARDED

On **Sunday 27 April** there is a Junior Netball Tournament taking place at Russell Howard Park. This means **car parking at the St Andrew's Centre and the car park at Russell Howard will be at a minimum.** Please share cars if you can, there should be parking available in the lay-bys in Western Way or see Bob about parking in his road, 2 minutes' walk to church, **Bob**



Sunday Car Parking

I am looking into the problem of parking at Church for Sunday Worship. Most roads adjacent to the church do not have yellow lines. For those who are severely affected I have a solution so please see me personally.

Bob Lock



Church of the Living Stream was on Radio 4, Sunday 23 March. The audio file is attached. It is interesting, hopeful and a little depressing all at the same time. If you want to listen to it on your website, *click here*....

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m00297t3> **(taken from Circuit Notices)**

St Andrew's Trinity own Website can be found at:

<https://e-voice.org.uk/standrewstrinitymc/> (use control & click)



Our Website – has details of Church activities, Church Services, the Mug & Biscuit, Church Groups, Children's Groups & other users of our premises. There are details of up and coming events at or relevant to St Andrew's Trinity as well as the current issue of the **e-news** magazine. It will be updated with new information as and when available.

It is up to all of us & those running various groups & activities to keep both myself and our e-news editor (*Hazel*) informed of what is going on, so we can include it on the website and in the E-News magazine. I am very new to this, so I welcome any suggestions for changes and / or additions you would like to see on the website, **Peter Harris**.

Our Quarterly Flyer – the latest one out now, is for **March to May**, copies should be available in the Mug & Biscuit or in the Spinner in the entrance area. A good way of telling people (new and old) what we have going on at our Church. Why not take a copy to pass on to someone new. The next **Flyer** will be out the beginning of June, **Hazel H.**

Memorial flowers

We have a small group of flower arrangers who are happy to offer to do small flower arrangements, on our memorial book cabinet (Max cost £10).

If you would like to mark a significant date in memory of someone special in this way, please **speak to Ann Walker or a steward**, preferably two weeks in advance.



3rd Basingstoke Boys Brigade –

**Especially
5 – 8 yr old boys**

If there are any boys with nothing to do on a Friday night between 6.30 pm – 7.45 pm, it's £2 per session and boys can come any Friday to see what we do.

If they want to join us on a regular basis that would be great. The older Boys meet from 7.45 pm until 10 pm.

New Appointments in Basingstoke:

Heather Symons who is a member at Old Basing Methodist Chapel has recently been appointed as Pastoral Assistant to Rev Claire Simpson and will take up her appointment from early March.

Louise Craig who is a member at Oakridge Methodist Church has recently been appointed as Assistant Outreach Worker. Louise will take up this new appointment in early April and will work mainly in Basingstoke alongside Yvonne Hunt who is the Basingstoke Outreach Worker.

Please pray for both Heather and Louise as they begin working for God in our churches and our town.

(taken from our Circuit Notices)



- 40 years ago, on 23 April 1985, the Coca-Cola Company changed the formula of Coca-Cola and launched it on the market as New Coke. The public were outraged, and the original formula was restored within three months.

Was it a Miracle ??

The Island of Malta was a great help to us during the war, they had RAF and submarines there who were a constant menace to the Germans trying to supply their forces in North Africa. They were bombed most days, they were only some 60 miles from Sicily.



On this day at a place called Mosta there was a large church with a high dome. It was the second largest in the world when it was built.

There was a well-attended service taking place when they were bombed and a bomb crashed through the dome and landed at the end of the central aisle, skidded right down the aisle to stop at the altar and did not explode. If you go there now the bomb is on display (*minus explosive*) and you can see where the dome has been repaired.

I think it was a Miracle with so many people involved.

I have another interest in Malta. On the Island is the only Roman Catholic Boys Brigade Company in the world. Joyce and I have visited them twice and been made very welcome. On our first visit we expected to see a small company with little equipment – not so, it is better equipped than most companies. They have a large two-storey building just for them and outside there is a full-sized basketball court with highwire and floodlights. They also have the use, on request, of a full-sized theatre. I was always amused to listen to the sports report on the Saturday television to hear how many baskets the Boys Brigade had scored that day.

Although the Island did receive the George-Cross I have always felt they did not receive enough recognition.

As people they are very laid back – this may explain – the passenger in a taxi watched as the driver was on the left and then on the right and said to the driver “In Malta are you supposed to drive on the left or right?”. The driver replied “**WE** do not do that, we drive in the shade”.

Nobby

Around our Circuit – What's on & Where ?

(from our circuit notices) – Web: www.bhbcircuit.org.uk

- **Monthly Zoom Events: 'Hot Potatoes'** (first Monday);
'Online Bible Study' (fourth Wednesday 7.30 pm).
 - **Weekly Zoom Events: 'Evening Prayer'** (Tuesday 7.30 pm)
'Men's Prayer Breakfast' (Saturday 9 am).
 - **'Hungerford Memory Worship'** (2nd Thursday 2.30 pm, monthly), Hungerford Methodist Church, Bridge Street, RG17 OEH, Free parking, Step-free access, Accessible toilet.
 - **Fuller information for the above events** can be found in our March E-News magazine.
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- **An evening of Sacred Music in Douai Abbey (RG7 5TQ) on 5 April 2025 at 7.30 pm:**
John Stainer: The Crucifixion & other music performed by Newbury Chamber Choir
and directed by Ben De Souza, a member of Wesley Church.
 - **Burghfield Common Methodist Church, RG30 3RS – Quiz/Pizza Night 2, Friday 11 April 7pm**, £5 pp, max 8 per team, please pay cash on entry – Pizzas kindly donated by Domino's, Raffle/Auction Prizes – contact: andy.brattesani@gmail.com Mob: 07749 485582.



**Berkshire & Hampshire Borders
Methodist Circuit**

Basingstoke Chaplaincy Prayer Letter – March 2025

We live in uncertain times with the world order being shaken; international security and economic threats are to the fore. There are local changes and tensions too. What hope do Christians have in troubled times? While we may fear the future there are Christians suffering now in many parts of the world. The coming of spring-like weather helps lift us but Christians have a greater message. The promise given to the Israelites is repeated in the letter to the Hebrews: **'For God has said: I will never leave you, and I will never forsake you'**.

This is the message of hope Chaplains offer people. Through us God initiates engagement and hope for people in all the stresses and strains of life – in the Courts, at work or going about their daily business. Talking to a stranger in a Chaplain uniform helps some people, others build up a friendship and can trust a Chaplain with their secrets. Either way, God makes Himself known, person by person, step by step.

Thank you for supporting us in offering God's love and support to people we meet and showing people in Basingstoke something of God's ways for good community relations. Although we cannot divulge confidential conversations we can share generally and welcome invitations to meet congregations and church-based groups.

John, Chair of Trustees

Prayer Requests:

Please give thanks:

- For His continuous enabling and guidance.
- For the encouragements we have received as people have been supported.
- For all who support us.

Please pray:

- For those whose lives have been in turmoil that they will continue to be blessed and be drawn to Christ.
- For those in the community who are tasked with keeping us safe – the Police, in the Courts, security staff, bus and taxi drivers.
- For those seeking to bring people together in many different ways and for churches offering introductory courses to the Christian faith.
- That we can place Chaplains in the courts each day of the week – we need more Chaplains !
- That we can renew our lease on our town centre office.

Ukrainians in Desperate Need of Help

As Ukraine recently marked the third anniversary of the Russian invasion, charities have warned of the desperate need for humanitarian aid for the country. An estimated one in three people in Ukraine have been displaced by the war. Roughly 3.6 million have been internally displaced, while 6.5 million have fled the country. 90 per cent of these refugees are women and children. The children remaining are also traumatised, with schools destroyed, homes bombed, and an ongoing lack of food. As World Vision warns: "The emotional burden faced by Ukrainian children cannot be overlooked." One Ukrainian mother says simply: "We see death. We see destruction every day. There's too much pain and sorrow." Russia launched its largest-ever drone strike on Ukraine on the eve of the anniversary. **(PP)**

Oakley Methodist Church



Coffee Mornings on:

Tuesdays 8 & 22 April

10.30 am – 12 noon

**£1 for a bottomless
tea or coffee & biscuits**

**Paperbacks available
30p each**

Proceeds to the Red Cross.

Oakridge Methodist Church
Vivian Road, Basingstoke, RG21 5QB

'Welcome Hub'

EVERY Wednesday, 10 am – 12 noon

A 'busy group' doing mainly craft activities for local charities, but opportunity to bring along something you are working on.

Refreshments and some craft materials provided.
No charge but donations gratefully received.

Coffee & Craft

Why not come and give us a try?

- The church should be a community of encouragement – *Sir Fred Catherwood*
- Christians would never dream of intentionally running down other people with their cars; then why do we do it with our tongues? – *Doug Barnett*

Old Basing Methodist Church

CAMEO Club next meet on:

**15 April between
11.30 am – 1 pm**



**Light lunch provided. Bring along your
crafts. All Welcome.**

Gillian Smethurst

Canon Paul Hardingham Considers the Effect of Easter... (PP)

The Real Easter

In CS Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, the lion Aslan is put to death by the White Witch. The stone table on which He is killed cracks in two, but Aslan meets with Lucy and Susan alive again. He explains the Witch's failure: *'her knowledge goes back only to the dawn of time. But if she could have looked a little further back, she would have known that when a willing victim who had committed no treachery was killed in a traitor's stead, the Table would crack, and Death itself would start working backwards.'* This is a great picture of what Jesus' cross and His resurrection has achieved. As Paul writes, *'I want to know Christ, to know the power of His resurrection'* (Philippians 3:10). To understand the real Easter, we should experience the same power that raised Jesus from the dead!

New Hope: Like the girls in the story, Easter highlights the sadness and confusion that loss brings. Yet the resurrection of Jesus brings new hope, as it demonstrates the victory secured by the cross over sin, Satan and death. We can face life's difficulties knowing that Jesus walks beside us.

New Love: Our relationships are often characterised by a lack of forgiveness, hurt and betrayal. Yet Jesus' resurrection opens the possibility of new love, as His power enables us to accept others and forgive them.

New Life: When we are trying to make sense of life, like the girls in the story, Jesus offers us a living relationship with Himself. It's a friendship with God through Jesus that can begin today and continue for eternity.

When Lucy met Aslan again, she cried: *'Oh, you're real, you're real!'* We too can find the real Easter through a life changing encounter with the living Christ.

PRAYING & LISTENING Sunday mornings



Anyone wearing this badge will be available to listen & pray quietly with you at the back of the church after the service.

The Fountain Prayer Group
meets in the **Main Hall or Small Hall** at St Andrew's Trinity
on: **Thursdays 10 & 24 April**



We gather at 2.30 pm and begin at 2.45 pm with a short reflection. The rest of our time together includes a period of silence and some prayerful sharing. We finish the formal part at around 4 pm. Please come even if you cannot attend every meeting.

Angela Webb (angela@webbfamily.org.uk)

'TUESDAY COFFEE CLUB'

Come and enjoy a '*cuppa & chat*', everyone very welcome. Runs alongside the **Mug & Biscuit** at the back of the church **10 am to 11.30 am**, finishing in time to grab lunch in the Mug & Biscuit! Aims to stay open **all year apart from Christmas**,



Di Spencer

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Trinity Circle

Next meet on: **Tuesday 8 April at 7.30 pm** at St Andrew's Trinity. This will be '**A Musical Evening**' led by Ruth & Graham. A very warm welcome to everyone to come along, **Sonia**

Northern Housegroup

Meet next on: **Tuesday 1 April at 7.30 pm** at Sonia's home. We are very pleased to welcome Anne Rowe as our speaker for the evening.

Sonia, Hilary and Edna

(JAM) – 'Jesus And Me'

Meets: 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm,
usually the 1st Sunday of the month at St Andrew's Trinity Methodist Church



The Next 'JAM' Date is:
Sunday 6 April – Theme: 'The Big Surprise'

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JAM – Children & Families meet at St Andrew's Trinity, *usually the 1st Sunday of the month* to hear stories of Jesus, Craft, Singing & Tea.

All very welcome, do come & join us.

- The Lord does not shine upon us, except when we take His Word as our light – *John Calvin*

Yvonne Hunt – is our **Children's, Families & Young Persons Outreach Worker** for our **Basingstoke Methodist Churches**.

email: yvonne.h@bhbcircuit.org.uk

or phone on: ☎: 07462 040644

South Ham Churches Lunch Club

St Andrew's, St Josephs & St Peters run a Lunch Club on the **2nd & 4th Fridays, 12.30 pm**, at St Joseph's Church, St Michael's Road. Open to over 55's, cost £5 per head. More info from **Churches' Co-ordinator, Hannah Lock**. If you would like to help, more information from **Bob Lock, Methodist Co-ordinator**.



'Singing Group Date'

The '**Singing Group**' meets next on **Monday 14 April at 11am.**

We look forward to seeing you, everyone is very welcome, especially a **few more men.** Do come and join us for an enjoyable 'sing'. If you would like more information, have a word with **Peggy, Peggy and Hazel**



The List of - Church Stewards & Congregational Representatives on Church Council can be found on the Notice Board at the back of the Church, also a copy of the most **Current Church Council Minutes.**

'Open the Book' –
OTB In-person
CORE Training in
Basingstoke



Tuesday 8 April 2025
10 am – 2 pm

At Oakridge Methodist Church,
Vivian Road, Basingstoke RG21 5QB

Refreshments provided, but participants are required to bring their own lunch.

Booking details are on the:
'Open the Book' website:

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/training/>

'Crafting Bits' – If anyone wants some Crafting Bits (we have paints, coloured sand, felt, google eyes, lollipop sticks and much more), please contact: **Yvonne Hunt:**
Outreach@BRMC.uk



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Newsletter: 'Events / Dates / Contributions'



Please send me any: '**Events**', '**Dates for Diaries**', '**other contributions**' you would like included or promoted in '**OUR**' Newsletter. **Thank you, Hazel, Ed.** (Items can be: bible passages, prayers, poems, stories, outings, holidays, events, anything else you would like included).

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Diary Page, St Andrew's Trinity – CHECK out the Church Noticeboards !

Dates	Timings	<u>EVENTS</u> at St Andrew's Trinity unless advised
<i>Weekly & Monthly Events – T/T (term-time)</i>		
Tue, Wed, Thur weekly T/T only	10am–1.30pm	Mug & Biscuit is Open for drinks, biscuits, cakes, tea-cakes, light lunches, p20
Tues, weekly	10am–11.30am	Tuesday Coffee Club, p13
Wed weekly T/T	1pm–3pm	Knit One, Drop One
2nd/4th Frid month	12.30pm	S/Ham Churches Lunch Club, <i>St Joseph's Church</i>, p13
2nd & 4th Thurs monthly	2.30pm–4pm	The Fountain Prayer Group twice monthly unless otherwise advised, p13
4th Tues evening	6.30pm	Harrow Way Housegroup
<i>Youth Organisations – Weekly, Mostly Term-time – abbreviated to T/T in places</i>		
Mon, weekly, term-time (T/T)	7pm–8.30pm	1st South Ham Guides, (age 10–14), Leader: Sarah, New Members Sign Up via Girl Guides' website: www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus
Wed, weekly, T/T	4.30pm–5.45pm	3rd South Ham Rainbows, (age 4–7), Lena Ponting
Wed, weekly, T/T	6pm–7.30pm	3rd South Ham Brownies, (age 7–10), Lena Ponting
Thurs weekly, T/T	10am–11am	Playtime U5 Group, Contact: Theresa Strachan
Frid, weekly	6.30pm–10pm	3rd B/Stoke Boys Brigade, Captain: Theresa Strachan, p9
<i>Other Events (including events that are once a month)</i>		
<i>Apr, May & Some Future Dates</i>		
Sun 6 April	2.30pm	JAM – Theme 'The Big Surprise', p13
Tues 1 April	7.30pm	Northern Housegroup at Sonia's home, p13
Mon 7 & 14 Apr	2pm	Lent Group at Church, p8
Tues 8 April	7.30 pm	Trinity Circle – A Musical Evening, p13
Thur 10 & 24 Apr	2.30pm	Fountain Prayer Group, p13
Mon 14 April	11am	Singing Group, p14
Tues 15 April	DEADLINE	For NEXT (May Issue) of St Andrew's Trinity E-News
Sun 27 Apr	10.30am	Car Parking at a minimum at Church, p8
Sat & Sun 10 & 11 May		3rd B/Stoke Boys' Brigade Celebrate 60 years, p8
Monday 20 May	7.30pm	Church Council Meeting – <u>NOTE</u> New Time
Sat 7 June		Circuit Musical, 'Zac' at Christ Church, Chineham, p7
Wed 30 April	10am – 3 pm	'Silchester' Retreat, 'From Easter to Pentecost', p21
April Dates	Various	Oakley, Oakridge & Old Basing, p12
Ongoing & New	Various	Around our Circuit – 'What's On and Where', p10
Sat 21 June	10 am – 3 pm	Silchester' Retreat, 'He makes me lie down.....', p21

- 150 years ago, on 17 April 1875, the game of snooker was invented by Neville Chamberlain, a British army officer stationed in India.
- 125 years ago, from 14 April – 12 November, the 1900 Paris Exposition, a World's Fair, was held. Nearly 50 million people visited Paris that year.



**Berkshire & Hampshire Borders
Methodist Circuit**

Prayers for Lent, Holy Week and Eastertide 2025

From Wilderness to Glory

*O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame,
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb.*

(William Cowper 1731-1800)



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An Autumn Daydream

Gentle breezes sighing
As brown leaves start
swaying

Gently falling to the ground
My mind starts to wander
and ponder
On different things.

I think of the summer just past,
The winter that is to come
With its snow so shining white
It's cool winds blowing
And I wonder at God's
beauty on earth.

God's beauty that I see
each day
Each day of the year
that brings
Something of beauty for me
The beauty that I can see
In Sun, Moon and stars.

God's beauty is in everything
Everything that exists
In Animals, leaves and flowers
In smiles, tears and love
God's beauty is the world.

Jenny Leighton

Night Light Winter Shelter – A Heartfelt Thank You!

As we wrap up another season of the Basingstoke Night Light Winter Shelter, we want to take a moment to reflect on all that's been achieved and express our deepest gratitude to everyone who made it possible.



Night Light
Winter Shelter

Over the past 90 nights (1st December 2024 to 28th February 2025), an incredible **144 volunteers** have come together to provide warmth, care, and support to those in need. Collectively, they have covered **6,382 hours**, with the average volunteer giving 44 hours of their time. A special mention goes to the ten volunteers who each gave over 100 hours, and 18 volunteers who covered half of all shifts between them—your commitment has been truly inspiring!

The impact of this work has been remarkable. We received **57 referrals, with 36 guests staying at the shelter at least one night**. More importantly, **19 guests have now moved into accommodation**, and an additional 8 people housed before they even needed to stay with us. On average, **guests stayed 21 nights before securing accommodation**, and in total, the shelter provided 783 bed nights of warmth & safety. A huge thank you goes out to the churches of Basingstoke, not only for providing venues but also for encouraging their communities to step up & get involved. Your generosity in offering space & encouraging volunteers has made such a difference, **The Night Light Winter Shelter Team** (*item abbreviated*)

They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.'

Mark 10: 32-34 (NRSVA)

Loving God, as we come to the seasons of Lent and Easter, help us to remember the road that Jesus trod, starting from the wilderness of temptation, turning to walk towards Jerusalem, facing with courage the suffering that lay ahead, and finally the path to resurrection glory. So may we prepare ourselves to follow in his footsteps.

May we be ready to turn away from those worthless distractions and foolish wrongs that cause us to forget his way of truth, peace and love, and instead may we follow him faithfully, living out our lives in accordance with his teaching and example. Give us the strength and determination to put aside all that impedes us on the journey, and find in ourselves that calm and peace spoken of in the hymn. May your light guide us on the road ahead and lead us to a deeper faith and trust.

In these troubled and dangerous times, we pray for peace with justice, understanding of each other's needs and awareness of the potential consequences of climate change on life for future generations. Help us to share, with equanimity, the advantages that we have here, and remember that our aim, in all we do, is that closer walk with God.

In our communities, may we help each other along the road and, especially in our new Circuit, may we embrace change and new ways of working when they lead us to step out in faith along the road ahead.

In our own lives, may a closer walk with God bring calm in place of distress, hope in place of despair, and a new sense of purpose that will restrain our wanderings from the path and bring us back into the light that enables us to go forward in trust, whatever the future might hold.

So bless us all in our journeys along the way and bring us safely into the realm of light and love, where we shall be forever with the Lord. Amen.

An after-Easter prayer

Don't leave our Lord amidst the lilies
Within a hallowed sphere
Don't praise Him only in your churches
In Easter hymn and prayer...

Keep Him beside you through
The business of ordinary days,
In the common place encounters
Along the humdrum ways.

Our Master told us very simply
What He would have us do....
He taught: "Love one another
Even as I love you."

By Elsie Campbell, PP

- The empty tomb of Christ has been the cradle of the church –
W R Nicoll

Two Prayers by Pat Murphy

The Cross is empty,
because He has died.

The Son of God,
they crucified.
He has paid the price
with His sacrifice.

Our sins are all
forgiven and we are
going to Heaven.
Such love sent Him
there, for all people
everywhere.

Oh what a wonderful
Saviour is He.
To die so cruelly for me.
I love Him with all my
heart and soul.
For He has made
me whole.

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*The Saviour took on flesh
and blood to rescue us
from death. He had to
enter into every detail of
human life and all the
pain, **Hebrews 2***

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*The Saviour took on flesh
and blood to feel
everything that we feel.
Because the Son of
God came from
Heaven and
became real.*

*He was beaten and
crushed as He died on
the cross and He took
our sins into His
spotless body and
suffered loss.*

*We became free from
sin as we asked
Him to come in.
Such a wonderful life,
with such freedom,
living in God's great
Kingdom.*

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

Luke 23: 26, 33 (NRSVA)

Following Jesus on the road to Jerusalem

A disciple speaks.

Lord, we followed you, down the hill to the city. Hearing the people shouting 'Hosanna' and waving branches as you rode into town. We thought you'd made it, recognised, at last, as the saviour of your people. We were with you all that week and then we followed you into that Upper Room, looking forward to celebrating the Passover in your company. We didn't really understand when you shared the bread and wine, at least not then, but later it all started to make sense. Why didn't we stay awake in the garden, three times you had to wake us up when we should have been praying and then, we saw the soldiers, and Judas stepped up and kissed you. Judas the betrayer, thirty pieces of silver was all it took, to send God to the cross. As you were led away, we followed, saw you beaten and humiliated, the purple robe and crown of thorns, saw them put the heavy beam across your battered back, saw them goad you as you staggered under the weight through the streets towards that hill, Golgotha they call it. Suddenly the soldiers called a man out of the crowd to help you, Simon I think his name was, we could have helped you but we were too afraid. As we watched you being raised on the cross, heard the sound of the nails being driven home we huddled together a distance away. Only John and Mary were brave enough to move closer. We watched as you grew weaker, the sky darkened until it was completely dark, heard you gasp 'It is finished' and then the earth shook. We knew it was over, all our dreams, three years of following you, watching you heal and teach but now it's come to this. You have gone, your body sealed in a stranger's tomb. What are we going to do now?

Spring Harvest – More than 10,000 expected this year

April brings us Spring Harvest – the annual cross-denominational conference which attracts thousands of people every year to two Butlin's resorts. It is held over the Easter period in Skegness (7th to 11th) and Minehead (14th to 18th). It is also live-streamed from Minehead.

For details of this year's gathering, including speakers and worship leaders, go to:

<https://www.springharvest.org/events/news/spring-harvest-home-2025>

Easter Sunday Breakfast at Oakridge

Hello to you all!

The congregation at Oakridge are having breakfast together on Easter Sunday morning, April 20th.

We are planning to gather at 9 am and we are hoping that breakfast will end about 10 am in time to prepare for Worship. If anyone from your congregation would like to join us for breakfast they will be most welcome. There is no expectation for people to stay for our service (*although they would be most welcome*), instead we anticipate that people will leave in time to get to the service at their own church.

There is no charge for the breakfast, but there will be a bowl out for donations which we hope will cover the cost of the food.

Booking is essential, by Wednesday 16th April if possible. It would be really helpful if churches could generate their own list and then send numbers through to either Christine or myself en masse. Dietary requirements would be helpful, but not essential, although it would be helpful to know if anyone requires gluten free food.

It will be really lovely if us Basingstoke Methodists can have breakfast together on Easter Sunday morning.

Please ask if you have any questions or I have missed any key information.

**Marianne Sales and
Christine Embleton**

They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'

Luke 24: 15 (NRSVA)

Like the two on the road to Emmaus,
we are bewildered and despondent
at so much that is happening in our world,
and in our lives.

Risen Jesus, come near to us.
Walk with us and open the scriptures to us,
interpret their meaning, and give us faith,
that our grief may turn to joy and hope.

Like the two on the road to Emmaus,
we often fail to recognise you as you walk alongside us.
In times of brokenness and disappointment,
we don't expect to find you there beside us.
Risen Jesus, open our eyes to your living presence.
May we recognise you on the way,
as you offer us encouragement and healing.
Light a fire in our hearts,
that we may burn with joy, and love for others.

Like the two on the road to Emmaus,
we walk in the company of others.
Risen Jesus, thank you for giving us companions on our journey.
As we gather as your people in worship,
make yourself known to us in the breaking of bread.
Give us a glimpse of your glory, and unite us in your Spirit
that we may share together in the work of your kingdom.
Amen.

***So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the lamb.***

(William Cowper 1731-1800)

**On the first day of the week, in the evening
(John 20: 19-23)**

Locked in, afraid,
uncertain, even after Mary's
story, even after that,
behind closed doors
seemed safest,
on the first day of the week,
in the evening.

And then, the world changed.
He was with us!
Suddenly and wonderfully
with us.

Jesus, our Lord,
alive and with us in a new
and completing way,
to bless us with His Peace,
to send us out to witness
in the power of His own
Spirit breathed into us.

What a day!
The day of our risen Lord.
The first day of the week,
In the evening, Hallelujah!

By Daphne Kitching. PP

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- If walking / cycling is good for your health, our postmen will be immortal.
- How can you tell which rabbits are oldest in a group ?
Just look for the gray hares.

Christian Resources still available:



Steve Wood, continues supplying Christian Resources to Newbury, Thatcham & surrounding areas via 'Sonrise Christian Resources'. Lent / Easter Resources available now. Phone Steve on ☎: 07396 825097 or email as below for advice, or to talk through options / requirements. They are happy to help source any item needed: General Christian books, cards, gifts and more'.

Website at: www.sonrisechristianresources.co.uk

Contact by **Email:** stevewood@sonrisechristianresources.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/sonrisechristianresources

The Mug & Biscuit, St Andrew's Trinity Methodist Church is Open, (usually term-time but sometimes subject to change):



Tuesdays: 10 am to 1.30 pm (term-time)
Wednesdays: 10 am to 1.30 pm (term-time)
Thursdays: 10 am to 1.30 pm (term-time)



- We serve: **home-made cakes, jacket potatoes, toasted sandwiches & tea cakes.**
- Menu is subject to change. **Last Orders for hot food 1 pm.**
- Takeaway Available. Credit Cards Accepted.



- **The Mug & Biscuit is NOT OPEN During School Holidays**

The Mug & Biscuit is registered as a 'Warm Hub Opening' during 'Mug & Biscuit' Hours



We look forward to welcoming old & new friends.



The Mug & Biscuit Team



Any queries, **Offers of Help** – contact: **Linda Hoe** ☎: 07963 583506

RECYCLE Used Postage Stamps via the box in the Mug & Biscuit for '**St Michael's Hospice**'.



THANKS, **Bob**

Image, Pete's photo

RECYCLE Bottle Tops – In the Brown Box on the right at the back of the church.

Proceeds to the Hospice. Please leave tops in the bag you bring them in if you can. **I also recycle 'Milkman' foil milk bottle tops too.**



Thank you, Helen



'RECYCLE plastic milk bottle tops' (only 'milk' ones), by giving them to Pamela who has a contact with the Hants & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance, or ☎: 012546 467702



At 26.03.25, the Foodbank – Most Needed:

- UHT Fruit Juice
- Ladies Deodorant
- Hair Conditioner
- Hot & Cold Desserts
- Tinned Fruit
- Cooking sauces
- Custard

At 26.03.25, the Foodbank – Running Low:

- Savoury Spreads, eg marmite
- Pet Food
- Household Cleaning
- Tinned Veg
- UHT milk
- Small Packs of Tea
- Tinned Meat
- Rice Pudding

At 26.03.25, the Foodbank – Running Low (cont'd):

- Tinned Spaghetti / Ravioli
- Sweet Spreads (Jam, marmalade etc)
- Tinned tomatoes

At 26.03.25, the Foodbank – We have Plenty:

- Pasta
- Rice
- Baked beans
- Pulses
- Hot & Cold Cereal
- Non-Dairy Milk
- Sanitary pads
- Baby Food, Formula & Nappies size 5 & below
- Hand soap



More info on web: www.https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/

RETREAT CENTRE SILCHESTER RG7 2NY



Come and join us for a day of refreshment and reflection at Silchester Methodist Church.

Our retreats are to enable you to explore and experience meeting with God; to be explorers and journeyers. On each day, themed multi-sensory experiences are available to choose from.

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**Wednesday
30th April**

**From Easter to
Pentecost**

Travel with the disciples as they meet the risen Jesus.

"It is the Lord"
John 21:7 (NIV)

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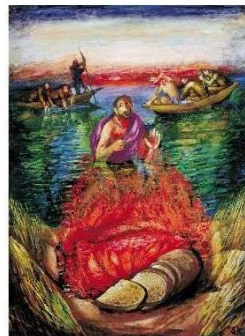


Saturday 21st June

**"He makes me lie
down
He restores my soul."**

"Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of
my life"

Psalm 23 (NRSVA)



Artwork by
Sieger Koder

Website: [Silchester Christian Retreat Centre](http://www.silchesterchristianretreatcentre.co.uk)

For enquiries or to book for any of the Retreat Days please contact Angela Hiscock angela.hiscock@btinternet.com or phone her on 01256 850432. Numbers are limited.

All days run from 10am-3pm. Refreshments from 9.45am.

Please bring a packed lunch.

Hot and cold drinks, including cup-a-soup provided.

Suggested donation per person: £10.

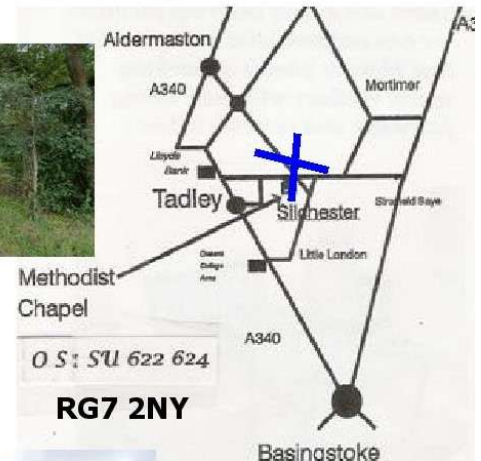
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Entrance from
Pamber Road



Car parking and
entrance to hall
at rear of the Church.

**Except where otherwise stated, all artwork
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Leadership team.**

• Four freedoms:

The first is freedom of speech and expression – everywhere in the world.

The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way, everywhere in the world.

The third is freedom from want.... everywhere in the world.

The fourth is freedom from fear... anywhere in the world – *Franklin D Roosevelt*

- At the rate that things are changing, anyone nostalgic for the 'good old days' is yearning for last week – *Anon*
- Christianity is the revelation of God, not the research of man – *J A Stewart*
- The fastest land mammal is a toddler who's been asked what's in their mouth.

For the Young & Young at heart

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Lk 22:1-13, Mt 26:14-19, Mk 14:10-16

It was just before Passover, when Jews celebrate God rescuing them from Egypt. Jesus and his disciples were in Jerusalem...

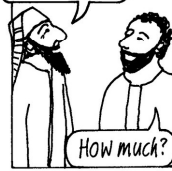
The Chief Priests were plotting



Jesus' disciple Judas came to them...



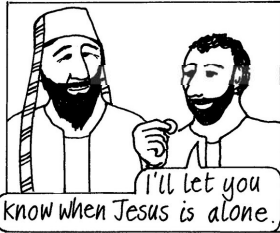
We'd be happy to pay you



30 silver coins



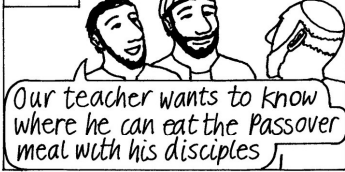
30 silver coins happened to be the same amount that had to be paid as compensation to the owner if a slave was killed Ex. 31:32



Meanwhile, Peter and John asked Jesus...



They did, and asked the house owner



The room is upstairs on the roof, ready to use



Peter and John got the meal ready

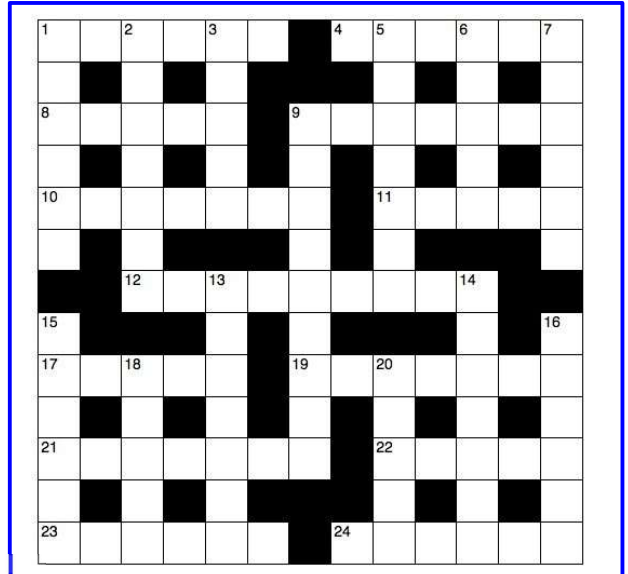


That evening, Jesus and his 12 disciples went to the room to eat the Passover meal.

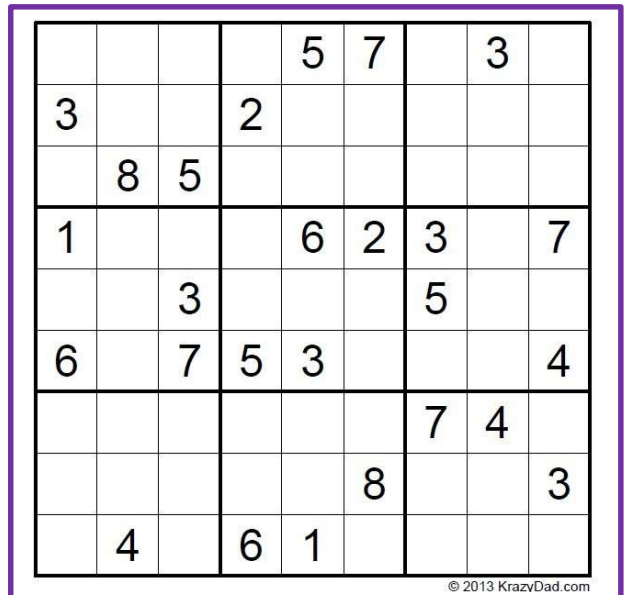


PUZZLES

Crossword



Sudoku



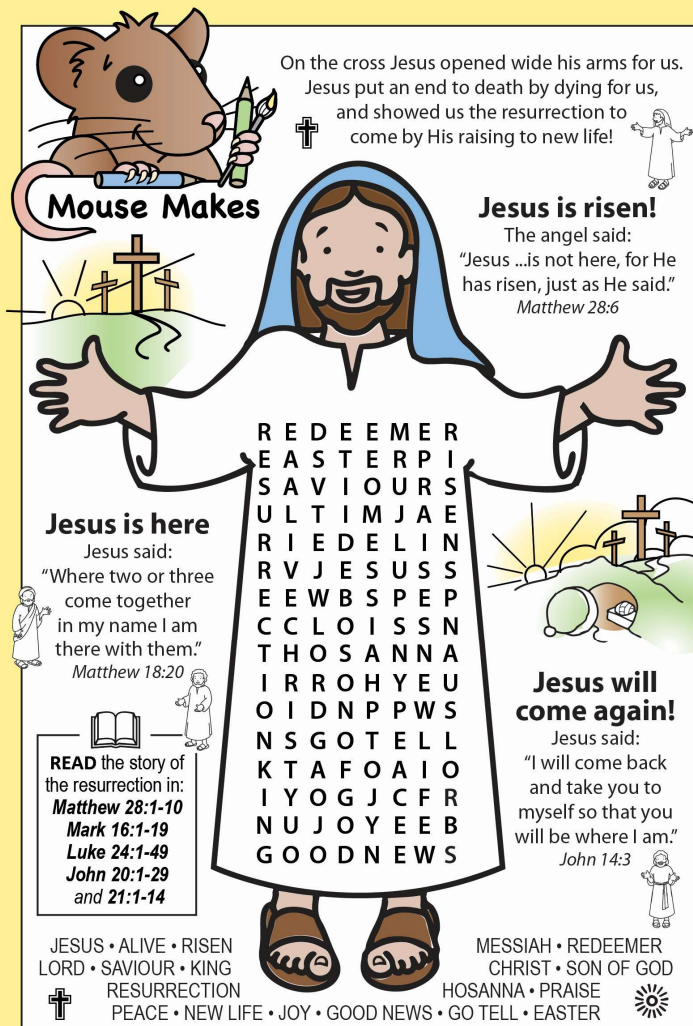
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Wordsearch Clues and Answers

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!
Hallelujah! April brings us to Easter – the crucifixion, death & resurrection of Jesus Christ – triumphant highlight of the Christian year. As St Paul pointed out, unless Jesus really did rise again, our faith is useless, we may as well forget any hope of heaven or eternal life. But because He does live, we have a sure and certain hope for our future.

Passover	Jerusalem	Soldiers	Tomb
Bread	Pilate	Cross	Angel
Wine	Judas	Nails	Stone
Body	Vinegar	Risen	Blood
Trial	Temple	Gardener	Mary
Betrayal	Curtain	Crucifixion	
Gethsemane			

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Crossword Clues, Across:

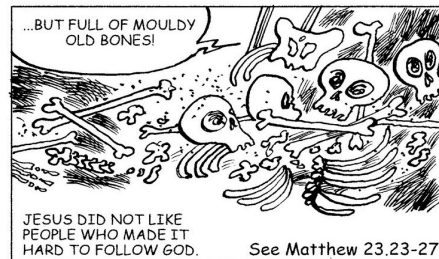
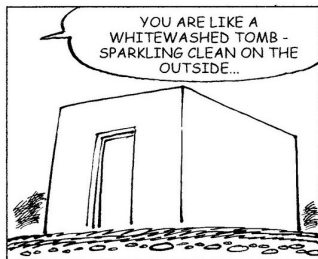
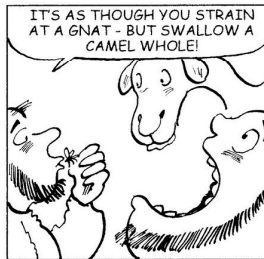
- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

**Crossword Clues, Down:**

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

- If you believe what you like in the Gospel, and reject what you like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself – *St Augustine*

"Some tough talking"



JESUS DID NOT LIKE PEOPLE WHO MADE IT HARD TO FOLLOW GOD. See Matthew 23.23-27

Puzzle Pages Solutions

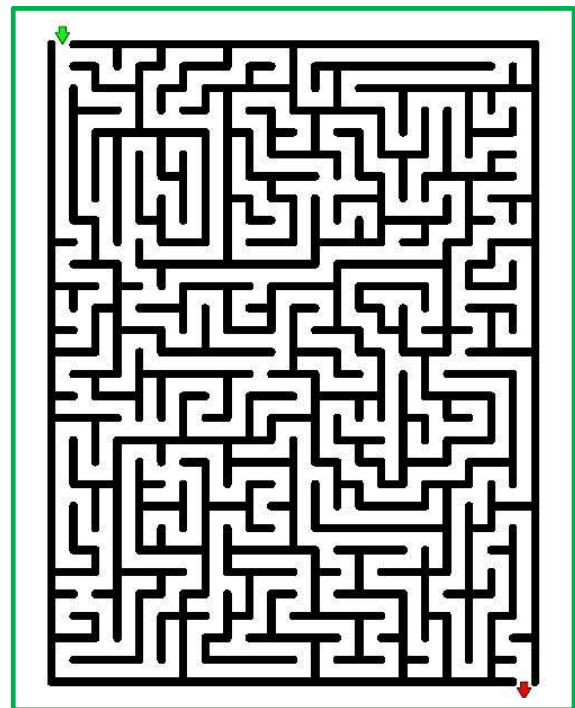
Across: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delaiah. 10, Falwell. 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur. 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison.

Down: 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist. 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche. 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.

Sudoku Solution

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Plotting
Prepare
Water
Silver

Teacher
Priests
Pay
Room

Rescue
John
Alone
Peter

Disciples
Passover
Crowds
Coins

Judas
Meal
Jesus
Jerusalem

Help
Evening
Upstairs
City