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

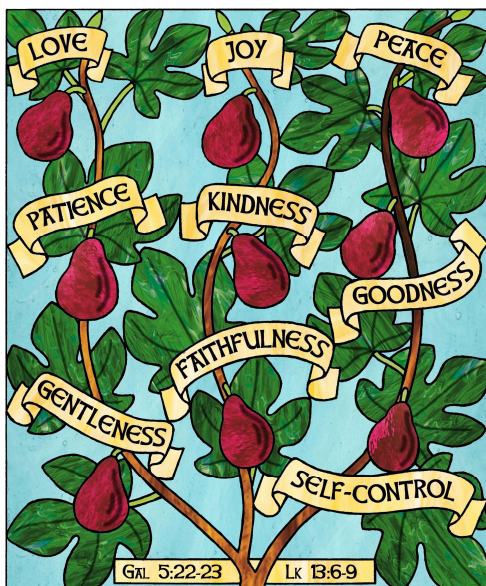
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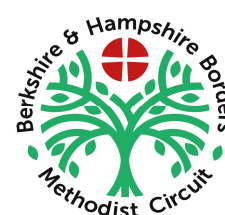
- What makes life dreary is
absence of motive. What
makes life complicated is
multiplicity of motive.
What makes life victorious
is singleness of motive –
George Eliot (PP)

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*Holy Spirit,
sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children
with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with
the breath of love, and
renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ
our Lord.*

- Make sure the thing you are living for is worth dying for –
Charles Mayes (PP)



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June 2025

Dear Friends,

As I write this message to you, next to me is a letter from the Alzheimer's Society's reminding me that June is the month for their **Forget Me Not Appeal**. We are being asked to make a donation and receive a forget me not badge to wear. I am sure that many of us have seen what the devastating effects of dementia can do to people we know and love and one of the worst symptoms is the loss of memory and recognition.

Remembrance may bring us joy or it may be painful, but in looking back at the twists and turns of our own life journey, the past enables us to make sense of our own identity and how we have become the people we are now. But how much of what we remember is accurate? If we were to go back in time, would things be exactly as we think of them now? Often, we can't remember the exact words that were spoken at the time or what really happened. We change ourselves over the years and our perception of events changes and we now see things in a different light.

During this month of June, the Church will be celebrating Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. During his discourse to his disciples at the Last Supper, Jesus spoke the following words:

'But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you'. (John 14; 26)

For the Gospel to spread after Jesus had ascended to heaven, it was important that his followers were all singing to the same hymn sheet, so to speak (excuse the pun). It was vital that they could each give a true and honest account of what they had witnessed in Jesus' ministry and what he had taught them, especially regarding the meaning of his death and resurrection.

By reminding the disciples of Jesus' teachings and the details of the events of his life, the Holy Spirit enabled the books of the New Testament to be written and available for us today.

As the apostle John wrote in his gospel:

....'these (signs) are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name'. (John 20:31)

So, the Holy Spirit acts as a divine teacher, helping believers understand the deeper meaning of Jesus' words and guiding them into all truth. He helps illuminate Scripture, making it clearer and more applicable to our daily lives.

Furthermore, the Holy Spirit also serves as a reminder of Jesus' teachings. In times of confusion, temptation, or struggle, the Holy Spirit reminds us of the words of Christ, encouraging believers to stay on the right path and live in obedience to God's will. This role of reminding ensures that the message of Jesus is never forgotten, but remains a guiding force in the life of every Christian.

Holy Spirit, thank you for being our Teacher and Revealer of Truth. Open our eyes to the wisdom of Your Word and guide us in understanding Your Will. Help us to live out the truths you reveal, bringing glory to God in all we do. Amen.

Blessings,

Anne Rowe

• **With Pentecost in mind:**

To be filled with the Spirit is to have the Spirit fulfilling in us, all that God intended him to do when he placed him there –
Lewis S Chafer (PP)



- Leisure is a beautiful garment, but it will not do for constant wear – **Anon (PP)**



Our Minister is: Revd Claire Simpson

**Sunday Worship at St Andrew's Trinity
and our Basingstoke Churches –
Plan for Worship: June to August 2025**



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

Dates	1 June	8 June Pentecost	15 June	22 June	29 June
St Andrew's Trinity 10.30 am	Revd Claire Simpson, HC	LA 2.30pm – JAM	Revd Barbara McIntivey	Mrs Linda Hoe	Prof Tony Bell
Church of L Stream 10.30 am	Mr Neil Graham	Mr Jonathan Skeet	Prof Tony Bell	LA	Revd Claire Simpson, HC
Oakley 10.30 am	Mrs Helen Watson (LP)	Revd Jenny Dowding	Revd David Jenkins, HC	Mr Tim Hedgecock	LA
Oakridge 10.30 am	Revd David Cook	Revd Claire Simpson, HC	LA	Revd David Cook	Mrs Rosie Greenhaigh
Old Basing 10.30 am	Mrs Sarah Whithorn	LA	Mr John Smith	Revd Claire Simpson, HC	Cole

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

Dates	6 July	13 July	20 July	27 July
St Andrew's Trinity 10.30 am	Revd Claire Simpson, HC	Mr Symon Turner, Parade 2.30pm – JAM	Mrs Anne Rowe	Revd Barbara McIntivey
Church of L Stream 10.30 am	Revd Andy Fitchet	Mr Peter Frank	LA	Mr Jonathan Skeet
Oakley 10.30 am	Revd Jenny Ellis	Judith Cole	Revd Claire Simpson, HC	LA
Oakridge 10.30 am	Mrs Sarah Whithorn	Revd Barbara McIntivey, HC	Revd David Cook	Mrs Linda Hoe
Old Basing 10.30 am	Mr Neil Graham	Revd Rachel Borgars	LA	Revd Claire Simpson, HC

Enjoy Fellowship & Refreshments after Morning Worship

Our Thanks to all who serve refreshments Sundays & Weekdays in the 'Mug & Biscuit'.



*(More Volunteers always very welcome, Sundays or weekdays.
If you can help, please have a word with **Linda**, thank you).*



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**



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

Dates	3 August	10 August	17 August	24 August	31 August
St Andrew's Trinity 10.30 am	Mr Terry Rowell	LA, <i>A Summer 'Songs of Praise' Service</i>	Mr John Smith	Mrs Anne Rowe	Mr Terry Rowell
Church of L Stream 10.30 am	LA	Mrs Helen Watson (LP)	Mrs Sarah Whithorn	LA	Revd Andy Fitchet
Oakley 10.30 am	Revd Claire Simpson, Joint	Revd Barbara McIntivey, HC	Mr Peter Frank	Revd Dr Ruth Midcalf	LA
Oakridge 10.30 am	LA	Revd Claire Simpson, HC	Revd David Cook	LA	Revd David Cook
Old Basing 10.30 am	Mr Malcolm Stone	Mrs Linda Hoe	LA	Revd Claire Simpson, HC	Revd Martin Beukes

**The Floral Cross**

The Floral Cross is a sign of God's love for all. On Good Friday we remember that Jesus Christ died on a cross to show us that God's love reaches out to us, even in the most difficult places.

On Easter Day we remember that Jesus rose again and met with his friends to comfort them.

We believe that we can know the guiding presence of the risen Christ as we journey through life here and now and in the future even after death.

You are welcome to join us for a chat and a cuppa at the Mug and Biscuit in the week or for worship on a Sunday morning.

"He Is Risen"

The Depth of His Love can be seen in the beauty, variety and array of colourful blossoms in His Eternal Spring Creations.

(St Andrew's Trinity Floral Cross, Easter)

Martin Frost 5th May 2025

(Photo to the left is by Martin F)



(Photo above is by Peter Harris)

**Piece to the left was displayed
beneath the Floral Cross**

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF 3rd BASINGSTOKE BOYS' BRIGADE



We started our celebrations with a Quiz on **Saturday 10th May**, which several of our old boys attended as well as members of the Church. Everyone commented that they had, had a good time and the Senior Boys who had created the Quiz had done a good job.

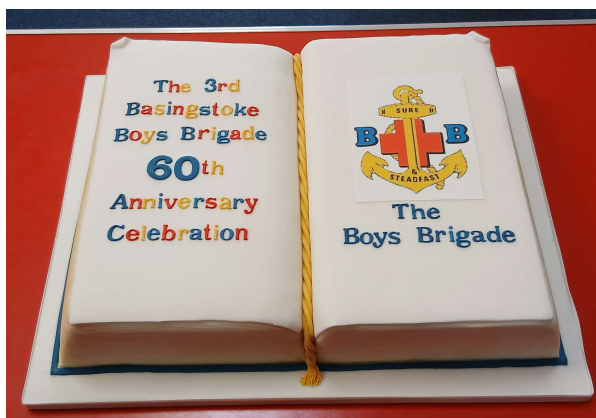
Sunday 11th May was the Celebratory Church Parade. All boys attended looking very smart, following the boys carrying the colours into the Church. The service was led by our own Minister Rev Claire Simpson, who interviewed one of the original leaders from 1965, who explained how the Company came about. Followed by Iain, a current Officer, who explained what happens on a Friday night and the subjects the boys' badge work covers, and finally, 3 Senior Boys told the congregation what coming to BB meant to them.

This was followed by a buffet lunch provided by Linda and her team with the help of the older boys. Thankyou Linda and all the boys involved and to everyone that came and supported the boys.

Theresa Strachan

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A wonderful cake was made and decorated by Frances Hammond for this very special occasion, some pictures below:



**Photos
taken by
Peter Harris
and used
with
permission
from
Theresa
Strachan**

3rd Basingstoke Boys' Brigade –

If there are any boys with nothing to do on a Friday night we run 2 sessions:

5-8 year olds 6.30 pm – 7.45 pm

(£2 per boy)

and 8-18 year olds 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

(£3 per boy).

We are happy for any boy to come and see what we do any Friday night but would appreciate a call to let us know you are coming.

Thankyou, Theresa ☎: 01256 329616
(to leave a message)

BOYS BRIGADE 60th CELEBRATIONS

I would to say a big thank you to the Officers, Helpers and Boys for arranging such an enjoyable weekend of celebrations for us all. The quiz was great fun and the questions made us really think!! On the Sunday morning it was good to see you all taking part in the service and to hear of all the various activities you do to achieve your badges. Then we were treated to a lovely meal served by you, (with a little help from your Officers). The BB cake, made by our gifted friend, Frances, was then cut and distributed to everyone. Let's hope the BB go on for another 60 years. Well done, **Sonia**

Prayer and Praise Evening
Sunday 8 June 2025, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
 @ Christ Church Chineham, Reading
 Road, Chineham, RG24 8LT

An opportunity for Christians from across Basingstoke to gather to worship God, pray for our town and rejoice in what God has been doing through the **'Pray in May' initiative**.

(taken from OneChurch Basingstoke)

At Silchester Methodist Church:

Cream Teas at Silchester Methodist Church – 3pm to 5pm Every Sunday in June and July.

Drop in during the afternoon, sit in the garden or walk over to the Roman wall or amble across the common?



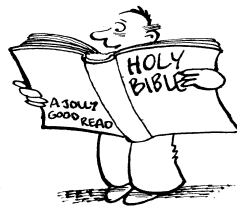
ZAC – Below & Opposite

*If you enjoy singing, playing an instrument or helping back of house, we would love to hear from you. Rehearsal from 10 am, performance 5 pm. Refreshments from 4 pm, including lunch provided. Questions? **David Webb** or 07848 843360 david@webbfamily.org.uk*

ZAC – Come and be immersed in a Musical Retelling of a familiar gospel story.....

Presented at Christ Church Chineham, **5pm Saturday 7 June**. A great opportunity to worship and meet friends old and new. We look forward to seeing you.

There is **free parking** for this, but we may have to use overflow parking. **The church site has Disabled Bays, but if you need a disabled bay, please contact me (details above) so I can ensure you have a suitable space?**



Fill me with Your Spirit, Lord

Fill me with your Spirit, Lord,
 Fill me with your love.
 Fill this empty heart of mine,
 Come down gentle dove.
 You see all my self-concern,
 Lovelessness and pride.
 Help me to open up my heart,
 Place your love inside.

Fill me with your Spirit, Lord,
 Fill me with your power.
 Give to me your source of strength,
 From this very hour.
 You have seen me trying hard,
 Failing every time,
 Show me how to let you now,
 Live Your life in mine.

Fill me with your Spirit, Lord,
 Fill me with your joy.
 Give to me that happiness
 Nothing can destroy.
 Even when my sufferings
 point me to despair,
 may I know that joy inside
 just because You're there.

Fill me with Your Spirit, Lord,
 Fill me with Your peace,
 Quieten all the turbulence,
 Bid my struggles cease.
 Often my anxieties fill my life with
 stress, show me how to let them go,
 Give to me Your rest.

by Howard Webber (PP)

A familiar gospel story with a different slant



ZAC

A new musical by Roger Jones

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


Refreshments from 4pm, performance at 5pm.

Event is free and no tickets are required.

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

Performance authorised by Christian Music Ministries

office@cmm.org.uk



ZAC
by Roger Jones

Saturday 7th June at 5pm

At Christ Church, Chineham, Basingstoke, **RG24 8LT**

Refreshments served from 4.15pm. No tickets or purchase required

Performance authorised by Christian Music Ministries office@cmm.org.uk

Foundations (Matthew 7:24-29)

What will happen to my house Lord, now that the rain is falling, now that the floods are rising, now that the wind is blowing and beating, beating upon it?

Sunday by Sunday I hear your Word with interest, with conflict, with questions. I hear your Word as I build my house.

But will it stand, Lord, when the rain and the floods and the winds challenge? Are my foundations Sunday sand of hearing only, Or daily rock of hearing *and* doing Your will, Living Your Word, Strong in the storm?

Lord, Lord, Help me to hear, move me to act. let my house stand.

by Daphne Kitching (PP)

'Change to our St Andrew's Trinity E-News Magazine'

Just to let you know that from September this year, the E-News will be just 4 issues a year (*instead of 10*) – coming out in *September, December, March & June* and coinciding with the *Circuit Plan for Sunday services* and at the same time as the *Flyer*.

But..... if there's someone out there who would like to take on the job of 'Collating, Editing, E-mailing and Printing the Magazine', then please do speak to us. We would love to hear from you.

With many thanks to you all for your continued support, **Hazel**

ST ANDREW'S TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
MINUTES OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 20 MAY 2025 AT 7.30pm

Present: 21. **Apologies:** 12

Welcome and Devotions:

Revd Claire welcomed everyone to the first evening Church Council meeting. She announced that Joan Thomas, had sadly passed away in Oakridge House, where she had resided for some years. We prayed for Joan in our opening devotions.

1. **The Minutes** of the Meeting held on 10 February 2025 were accepted as a true record. Revd Claire thanked Michael P for chairing this meeting while she was away on sabbatical.
2. **Matters Arising:** There were none.
3. **Property**
There had been no major changes since Bob's last report.

Finance

The Treasurer had circulated her financial report and the accounts for the 8 months to 30 April 2025. Margaret H. explained how the circuit worked out their assessments for each church. The Treasurer confirmed that the monies for the roof repairs contained within our expenditure would eventually be reimbursed. **Reports from Other Groups:**

Worship Group: Attention was drawn to the Harvest Lunch on 27 September, followed by our Harvest Service on Sunday 28 September

Pastoral Group: No changes since the last meeting.

Tech Group: Church Council voted to keep the current tech group going. David W. continued to talk about the benefits of a bigger screen which would allow more possibilities for mission. The meeting discussed I-Players and streaming, CCLI and the different types, and cost of licenses. It was agreed to pursue further investigation and potential benefits for worship. The Tech Team were thanked for all their hard work.

Mission: Revd Claire spoke about the importance of mission and the small number of people who meet as a group. She urged other members of the congregation to join in, for part, or all of it. We are now about to begin gathering information from our church community and surrounding areas of South Ham and Buckskin. Revd Claire talked about Our Church's Future Story and mentioned that in the coming weeks and months we will listen and share with the wider community as well. Angela W spoke about stories from our community and the process of coming together. There is a lot going on already, but many people are unaware of this. Stories from our church, our community and individual stories. These different groups should be encouraged to talk together and share their experiences. Revd Claire said that it is not about starting lots of new things as there is already a lot going on, it is more about being more intentional, and to make room for the Holy Spirit.

Outreach, Children's/Young People and Families Groups: Yvonne H. introduced her new full-time assistant, Louise C. who is currently engaged in visiting and supporting local nursery schools. Yvonne gave a talk on the transformative effect that 3G had on young people. The Circuit intends taking another group this year. The cost last year was
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cont'd..... Minutes of Church Council Meeting

£170 per person, and through lots of fundraising we were able to pay for the children from Oakridge and St Andrew's Trinity churches. Yvonne asked the meeting to agree to sending young people from Oakridge and St. Andrew's Trinity to 3Generate this year, without a cost to their families. There was a unanimous vote in favour of the proposal. Revd Claire suggested holding a retiring collection after Sunday worship with envelopes clearly marked for Circuit Youth. The sale proceeds, from items in Trinity's old building will all be donated to Circuit Youth. Other fund raising will take place throughout the year as well as 'individual' donations.

It is planned to open the Mug and Biscuit during August on each Thursday serving usual refreshments with the addition of activities in the church for children accompanied by their parents. The meeting agreed that Yvonne should explore the idea of a Christmas Tree festival at church.

Oakridge Friday Youth Hub welcomed 89 young people who come and go throughout the evening. Yvonne reported that they gave out 15 Bibles, and at the Basingstoke Youth Table in London Street URC, 150 Bibles had been distributed to young people.

4. Safeguarding/GDPR

No change since the last meeting. Margaret H. pointed out that safeguarding was everyone's responsibility.

5. Circuit News

The Circuit Steward reported that we now have a Deacon late into Stationing, who is new to this District.

Revd John Banks (Tadley, Silchester and Mortimer) is coming to the end of his probationary period. His Ordinance Testament Service is being held in Weeke Methodist Church, Winchester, on 8 June at 4.00pm.

6. Proposed Redevelopment of South Ham and Buckskin area

In the absence of Bob L, Revd Claire spoke of the great significance that St Andrew's Trinity Church is placed at the centre of this development. Although this is at the very early stages, people in this immediate area are affected, as well as people who come into our building. It is an uncertain time of upheaval for some. What mission possibilities are there for our church placed at the centre, significant to this and the next generation. How do we respond or offer support. What is our role as a Christian community being the stable building at the centre. Think about it now, listen to the local community, look on-line.

7. Any Other Business

Boys Brigade: The church council was asked to donate £500 to cover the cost of taking the Boys' Brigade to camp on 20 May and a further six weekends away during the year. There was a unanimous vote in favour of the proposal.

The Anna Chaplaincy: Revd Claire gave some background to this organisation and reported that she and Karen Frost had trained 8/10 people who now have trained as Anna Chaplaincy and are ready to be commissioned. There will be a Commissioning Service for 20 people on 20 July (possibly at Tadley in the afternoon) and the Founder of the Chaplaincy, Debby Thrower will be taking the service.

Trinity Building Sale of Contents: Please note that this sale will take place on Saturday 28 June, ex Trinity Church, Sarum Hill, Basingstoke 10.00am – 3.00pm and refreshments will be available. All proceeds to the Circuit Youth fund.

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Table Tennis: Yvonne H. said that she would like to offer table tennis during the month of August on every Thursday evening. After discussion, the meeting agreed to this trial run in August.

Church E-News Magazine: Revd Claire spoke about the huge undertaking it was to produce a monthly e-news publication. The proposal is that from September 2025 the E-news will become a quarterly publication.

60th Anniversary Boys' Brigade: Linda H wanted to say everyone enjoyed the Saturday activities and the lunch on Sunday. She had received a lovey 'thank you' card from the Boys' Brigade which she showed to the meeting.

Flower Stands: We have a small team of 4 people that make up the Flower Group. Church Council asked if they would provide two stands of artificial flowers either side of the screen.

8. Dates of the next two Church Council Meetings

19th August at 7.30pm

6th November at 2.00pm

Date for the General Church Meeting 26th October after Sunday Worship

Signed.....

Date 19 August 2025

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Prayer for June 2025

Dear Lord, June is the loveliest month,
with long days and the beauty of summer all around us.

Thank you that, in the church's year this month,
we remember one of the loveliest of your followers –
Barnabas, known as the Son of Encouragement.

He encouraged the believers in Antioch to
remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.

Through his ministry of encouragement,
a great number of people were brought to know you.

Lord, we all thrive when we are encouraged.
And we, your people, so need to be encouraged today in this world which
can seem so confusing and discouraging.

So, thank you for those who have encouraged us in the past,
and for those who encourage us now.

Help us to read your living unchanging Word and to remain true to you with all our hearts.

Help us to be a *Barnabas* to those we know who might be struggling.
May we bear fruit in our discipleship.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

by Daphne Kitching (PP)

Published by St Andrew's Trinity Methodist Church

Sunday School



A high percentage of Church goers today, were children in Sunday schools. In 1780 when the Sunday school movement began, many children could not read or write. An Anglican layman, Robert Raikes, who was a publisher, living in Gloucester, decided to take a group of boys (no girls at this stage) teach them to read and introduce them to Christianity.

Their text-book was the King James Bible. Not the easiest book to study, but by learning from the Scriptures, they absorbed the Faith, as well as the words. They learnt the tenets of their faith, with the Catechism and in time the girls were included too. There is a statue of Robert Raikes in London, which marks the life of this worthy man.

Many of us will recall our Sunday school days. Some of us had a star card, which was stamped every Sunday, noting our attendance. Usually at the end of the year, there would be Prize giving, when we would receive, a suitable book. I remember receiving 'Mary Jones and her Bible.'

We learnt the Bible stories, we often received an illuminated text card, and we sang choruses, which remain in our memories today. The choruses had actions, such as 'Running over, my cup is full, and running over,' and 'Zaccheus was a very little man and a very little man was he.' In Sunday school we learnt how to be Christians.

We also went on a Sunday School outing, usually to the seaside, which finished with a tea party. We were so fortunate, and for children who did not have ready transport, this was amazing!

Moving on to 1885 an Anglican clergyman wrote a hymn, for the children in his village to sing in procession. His name was Sabine Baring Gould, and the village was Horbury in Yorkshire.

Much of the industry in the area closed at Whitsun, (Pentecost). Local churches held Whit Walks. The children processed around their villages, and local bands played suitable music, each village trying to be better than the next. The little girls dressed in white dresses, and the boys looking very smart. The hymn Sabine wrote was 'Onward Christian Soldiers.'

This hymn has featured in several films, and like other hymns has been altered over the years. The military aspect is misunderstood, and in some hymn books, it is now 'Onward Christian Pilgrims.'

One wonders where St Paul's message in Ephesians Chapter 6 vv 10-17 comes to the mind, when he urges the early church to 'Put on the armour of God'. The devil has not changed his tactics, indeed he has only sharpened them up. So, the nicety of our present generation, gives him free rein.

The young Curate of St Peter's Church, Horbury left a hymn which should stir the church into action. Unfortunately we have to ask has the church become too complacent and comfortable? It is a challenge for us all.

One denomination of the Christian Church says, 'Give me a child until he is 7 years old, and I will give you the man.' That is how important Sunday School was and could be again. Let us pray for all who work to teach children the Faith today.

God bless you

Margaret Garland

Defending Our Freedom

Lepe Beach, now part of Lepe Country Park in the New Forest, has long been my favourite beach resort. It has magnificent views across to the Isle of White, and there is always plenty of activity on the water with yachts and motorboats.

When I was young my parents would take us there to walk the shingle beach and to swim. We would take the number 59 bus from Hythe and enjoy our time there. I shall never forget our parents taking us all to see the June 1953 Spithead Naval Review celebrating the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. There was a vast fleet of some 200 Royal Navy Warships including Commonwealth ships. The bus service ran late that evening enabling us all to enjoy the event and travel home safely.

As we approach VE (Victory in Europe) Day I visited Lepe Beach again recently and enjoyed the walk along the beach. This time not just for the coastal walks and fresh air but to see its historic D-Day remains. It is one of the few surviving locations which played a crucial role serving as an embarkation point for thousands of troops and vehicles bound for the Normandy beaches on 6th June 1944. The site also witnessed the construction of parts of the Mulberry Harbours, prefabricated piers designed to facilitate the loading of troops and supplies. We can still see today the remains of brick and concrete structures and the remains of a pierhead.

Significantly, there is also a memorial there dedicated to the men of one of our Regiments who left from Lepe Beach for the D-Day landings but never returned. The dedication reads:-

'Take these men for your example.

*Like them remember that prosperity can only be for the free,
that freedom is the sure possession of those alone who have the courage to defend it'.*

This is no less true than it was 80 years ago when Britain and our Allies defended our Nation against Nazi aggression. We in Britain today owe our freedom in our democratic society, with free speech, and freedom to worship, to those who had the courage to defend our freedom in those challenging times.

Are we prepared, in today's world with its many diverse challenges, to have the courage and determination to defend our freedom, to pass on to our children and grandchildren, as did those that met the challenge 80 years ago?

Martin Frost, 3rd May 2025



Freedom Day

This week our country is celebrating VE (Victory in Europe) Day the 80th Anniversary of the cessation of hostilities in World War II, on 8th May 1945. I was 5 weeks old, and now looking back over my life and the immense opportunities that were given to us, the first post war generation, I see it as Freedom Day.

We can see the terrible suffering and loss of life that was inflicted on Europe during the War years by the Nazi dictatorship, and see that we, this new generation have been truly Blessed in our lives due to the courage and commitment of our parents' generation, who in many cases gave up their lives so that we may have Freedom in ours. We thank our Lord that we live in a Christian and Democratic Nation that continues to defend its Freedom through the challenging times since the War.

I reflect on some examples of this Freedom in my life. The National Health Service (NHS) was founded in 1948 giving free medical and hospital support to all of us. The standard of our education system was improved giving more of us the opportunities of higher education in Secondary and Grammar schools. Grants were available for University education enabling students from lower income families to go to Universities without the burden of debt. I am sure we can all remember many other benefits in our lives.

We also have the opportunity with our British passports to travel to many parts of the World for work and leisure. Many of these Nations, were part of the British Empire, now independent or in the Commonwealth, who fought with us as Allies against the Nazi Dictatorship.

We count our Blessings and remember those that gave their lives to defend our Nation's Freedom and Democracy, so that we too can continue to do so for future generations. We shall never forget.

Martin Frost 8th May 2025

A "Funny Story"

Well at least my hubby and friends thought it funny.

Many years ago we were visiting friends in South Wales, they lived on their Father's farm, and had a pony for their daughter, but it hadn't been ridden all winter, and had been fed oats (which is a no no if not riding).



They asked me to ride it so that it wasn't so frisky, all going well except they only had a felt saddle on a very rotund pony, family and hubby stood in kitchen looking out the window, part of the view was obscured by the greenhouse, I was on the pony one side, and pony came out otherwise alone, I could hear the laughter, not one came to ask if I was OK. Luckily I was, just pride injured.

Jenny Leighton 🙄

- 250 years ago, on 23 June 1775, the first Thames Regatta was held in London. **(PP)**
- 90 years ago, on 1 June 1935, driving tests became compulsory for all new drivers in Britain. **(PP)**

Yes we can Learn from Everyone

Before I came to Basingstoke, I lived in Grimsby and when I was 11 years old, we moved to a small village on the outskirts of the town (*now part of the town*). This village was called Scarthoe but all the locals thought the name a bit upper class and all called it Scather.



At church at Harvest time we always sang the hymn with the line "We plough the fields and scatter". It was noticed that all the children in the Sunday School were singing "We plough the fields at Scather".

The Sunday School teachers, the Stewards and the Minister all tried to stop this but to no avail. It eventually came up at the Annual Meeting. Many people spoke of how to stop the children until a man stood up and said "why stop them"? This almost stopped the meeting for a time and he said we all hope to involve the children in our hymns and by doing this the children are making this hymn very personal and local involved. There followed much discussion and the outcome was the meeting decided to stop trying to make a change.

It was very noticeable at the next Harvest that when it came to the line in the hymn, most of the congregation joined the children in singing 'at Scather'.

Everyone was delighted.

Nobby

Controversy about Canada and America

With this present controversy about Canada and America, it is good to remind people that there was a time when a military force did invade Canada.



It was in the early 1800's that a force crossed the river down-stream from Niagara with the intent of taking over Canada. Some 9,000 persons with lots of cannons and equipment invaded Canada with the intent of taking it over.



The only thing in their way was a troop of British Soldiers, some 1300 strong with few cannons and a little equipment.

The result was that the Americans returned home very quickly, leaving most of their equipment behind.

I found this out by accident when our friends and Joyce and I took the caravan to stay at Niagara village. We found many youths dressed in a red uniform and carrying the long flint lock rifles.

They were re-enacting the battle, as apparently they do every year. I understand it is done mainly by the Scouts.

Nobby

Discipleship: Start This Way: Beginning to Live as an Everyday Christian Disciple by Guy Donegan-Cross, BRF, £9.99 (PP)

This book emphasises the difference that discipleship can make in our day-to-day experience. Both a resource for the enquirer and a tool for anyone wanting to support someone in their faith journey, this book provides an accessible and grounded route into the beginnings of discipleship, with a clear explanation of what it looks and feels like to become a disciple and to start to live as one.

Published by St Andrew's Trinity Methodist Church

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.



St Andrew's Trinity Website:

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



All of us and those running various groups & activities need to keep myself and Hazel informed of what's going on, so we can include it on the website and in the E-News magazine. I welcome any suggestions for changes and / or additions you would like to see on the website, **Peter Harris**.

Quarterly Flyer – newest will be out early June for 'June to August'. Copies should be available in the Mug & Biscuit or in the Spinner in the entrance area. A good way of telling people (*old and new*) what is going on at our Church. Why not take a copy to pass on to someone new. Next **Flyer** will come out beginning of September, **Hazel H**.

A Statement following the Death of Pope Francis

The Archbishop of York has issued a statement following the news of the death of Pope Francis recently. Here are excerpts from that statement:

"‘Let us walk together, work together, pray together.’ These are the words Pope Francis said to me when we met in 2023. They sum up his vision for the church, both the Roman Catholic Church but also ecumenically. ‘Francis’s whole life and ministry was centred on Jesus who comes among us, not to be served, but to serve. We saw that in Francis’s service of the poor, his love of neighbour especially the displaced, migrant, the asylum seeker, his deep compassion for the well-being of the earth and his desire to build the church in new ways. Francis showed us how to follow Jesus and encouraged us to go and do likewise.

“His encyclicals and teachings were supported by his deeds and actions. His whole life was instantly recognisable as those of one who followed Jesus. “Pope Francis was acutely aware of the divisions between our churches and I remember the powerful work he did with the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and the Moderator of the Church of Scotland in promoting peacebuilding in South Sudan. “I remember, in the brief times I spent with him, how this holy man of God was also witty, lively, good to be with and the warmth of his personality and interest in others shone out from him. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. **PP**

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**



District MWiB: Methodist Women in Britain, Southampton District Day – 7 June 2025, 10am - 3.30pm – ‘Women Creating Hope’. Speakers / Worship / Workshops. St James Road Methodist Church, Shirley, Southampton, SO15 5HE.

Old Basing Carnival, 21st June

The Methodist Church will have a Gazebo at Old Basing Carnival full of **'Fun Family Activities'**. If anyone wants to join us in supporting this outreach, do come, **Yvonne Hunt**.

Old Trinity Building Church Contents' Sale

Saturday 28th June

10am till 3pm

Tea, Coffee & Cake

10:30am till 2:30pm

As many of you are aware we will be selling Old Trinity Church building.

In preparation for the building sale we have pulled out all the contents of the cupboards, furniture, etc and will be selling all items.

All funds raised will go to the Circuit Youth Fund. This will be used to support our youth in their Christian journey.

**Saturday 28th June,
10 am – 3 pm**

**Sale of the 'Contents' of our
'Old Trinity Church'**

**Volunteers Needed
to help on the day,**

please speak to: Yvonne Hunt

Oakridge Methodist Church
Vivian Road, Basingstoke, RG21 5QB

**'Welcome Hub' –
Coffee & Craft**

EVERY Wednesday, 10am – 12 noon

Refreshments, some craft materials provided. No charge, donations gratefully received.

Why not come and give us a try?

Old Basing Methodist Church

CAMEO Club next meet on:

**Tuesday 18 June –
11.30 am – 1 pm**



Light lunch provided. Please bring your crafts along. All Welcome.

Gillian Smethurst

**Oakley Methodist
Church**



Coffee Mornings on:

Tuesdays 10 & 24 June

10.30 am – 12 noon

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

Paperbacks available, 30p ea

Proceeds to the Red Cross.

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**Oakley Methodist Church will
be taking part again in the
Oakley 'Front Garden Stalls
Event' on: Saturday 21 June
outside the church between
12 noon to 4 pm**

**Selling: cakes, books, plants
and bits & pieces.**



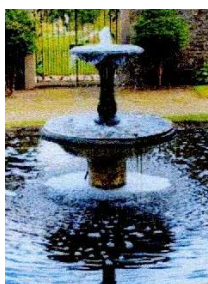
PRAYING & LISTENING Sunday mornings



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 12 & 26 June**



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 & enjoy a 'cuppa & chat', everyone welcome. Runs alongside **Mug & Biscuit**, back of church 10–11.30am, finishes in time to grab lunch in M & B! Aims to stay open **all year apart from Christmas**, Di Spencer



'Singing Group Dates' We meet next on: **Mondays 9 & 23 June, 11 am. All Welcome,** more info from Peggy.



Trinity Circle Meet next on: **Tuesday 10 June, 2 pm** (please note earlier time)

In the garden of Ann & Steve Walker for our Annual Garden Party which Ann & Steve kindly arrange for us. There will be a donation box put out for "Action for Children", the Charity we support.

Sonia

Northern Housegroup 'Out for a Meal' on: Wednesday 11 June, **6.30 pm.** We will be in touch with members regarding details of the venue nearer the time. **Sonia, Hilary and Edna**

(JAM) – 'Jesus And Me' Meet:
2.30 pm – 4.30 pm, *usually the 2nd Sunday of the month at St Andrew's Trinity Methodist Church*



The Next 'JAM' Dates are: Sundays
8 June; 13 July; 14 Sept; 12 Oct;
9 Nov and 14 Dec

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JAM – Children & Families meet to hear stories of Jesus, Craft, Singing & Tea. All welcome, do come & join us.

Yvonne Hunt – is our Children's, Families & Young Persons Outreach Worker for our B/Stoke Methodist Churches, contact: ☎ 07462 040644 email: yvonne.h@bhbcircuit.org.uk
Louise Craig is our new Assistant Outreach Worker, ☎ 07935 077713 email: louise.c@bhbcircuit.org.uk

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 £6 per head – (main course, pudding and a cup of tea). More info from **Churches' Co-ordinator, Hannah Lock**. If you would like to help, more information from **Bob Lock, Methodist Co-ordinator**.



August



During August, it is hoped we can open the 'Mug & Biscuit' every Thursday, 10am – 1pm, on: 7, 14, 21 & 28 August, *(if we can get a team together to run this.....for 'Accompanied Children' & families)*. This would include added family activities in the Worship Area. If interested, please speak to Yvonne.

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.

Useful ☎ & Email Contacts:

Our Minister is: Revd Claire Simpson
email: revclaire72@btinternet.com

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☎ 01256-461375

Prayers are asked for.....

Yvonne H asks us to '*Pray for all the Young People of Basingstoke this month*', as they navigate their 'GCSE's' and 'A Levels' and think about their futures.



'Crafting Bits' – If anyone wants some Crafting Bits

(we have paints, coloured sand, felt, google eyes, lollipop sticks & much more), please contact:

Yvonne Hunt: email: yvonne.h@bhbcircuit.org.uk



Other Useful ☎ & Email Contacts:

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Children's, Families & Young Person's Outreach Worker, B/Stoke, Yvonne Hunt can be contacted: ☎ 07462 040644 or by email: yvonne.h@bhbcircuit.org.uk

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We are now part of the newish Berkshire & Hampshire Borders Methodist Circuit, the new website is: www.bhbcircuit.org.uk

Berkshire and Hampshire Borders Methodist Circuit is a Registered Charity, the Charity No is: 1134891

Are bananas really good for you?

On the one hand, bananas offer good things. They count as one of your five a day, carry only about 90 calories, and are packed with the essential mineral potassium (*good in lowering blood pressure.*) But they are not perfect...

So, here are some pros and cons of bananas:

Pro: High in potassium, good for heart health, lowers blood pressure, has Vitamin C, helps digestion, provides energy, full of fibre, cholesterol-free.

Cons: Can raise potassium levels too much (avoid them if you have kidney disease), can lead to wind and bloating, cause blood sugar spikes, weight gain, and disrupt sleep.

Overall, experts recommend eating no more than two bananas a day. **PP**

3Generate – 3 to 5 Oct 2025, NEC Birmingham

Dear Churches (SEE Poster, on NEXT page PLUS Ticket Deadlines)

Do you remember MAYC? if so can you remember how much **Fun** you had and how it helped you grow in your faith. Were you lucky enough to have leaders who took you to London each year to gather with other young people from Methodist churches? Or were you one of those brave leaders who let young people explore London? Did you worship at the Albert Hall? How did that make you feel? What did MAYC do for you as a young Christian or Leader? How did it help you grow? If you were not lucky enough to do a MAYC London weekend talk to others in your church, there will be someone who did go.



OK now let's talk 3 Generate – 3 Generate is the MAYC London event, just moved and changed to reflect this generation of young people. 3 Generate gives our young people a chance to explore God through different ways, they get to meet other young Christian from all over the Methodist connectional, to grow in faith, to have that BIG worship time together. Have a say in the National Methodist Church. To know they belong that they are not the future they are the **NOW** and that their views are important to us as a church. But most of all that they are **LOVED by God**.

We are Going 2025

For the Last few years, the circuit has taken a group to 3 Generate and the number has grown each year, but we would like more young people this year.

SO, we are inviting all young people aged 8 to 18 to join us this year for the full weekend Plus, the 4 to 7 year-olds (with a parent) to the Saturday.

NOW I know what you're going to say "Sorry Yvonne we do not have any young people on a Sunday."

BUT do you have Boys or Girls Brigade, youth club, messy church, children's groups, youth Café etc ...Church is not just Sunday there are 6 other days in the week.

Matthew 18: 20²⁰ "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

I love my home church. The Sunday service helps fuel me in my Christian faith, recently my parents moved to Basingstoke. I asked them if they would like to come, their reply was "No it's a bit to modern for us," this is ok we have found a church that fuels them. So, I talked to my now young adult sons about the church they grew up in, they both said it's a bit old fashion for us. Three generations of Christians, all different and therefore our worship styles are different. Our needs are different, we go to different places, my Church is great for me, my parents Church for them, and my sons when teenagers, their church youth group.

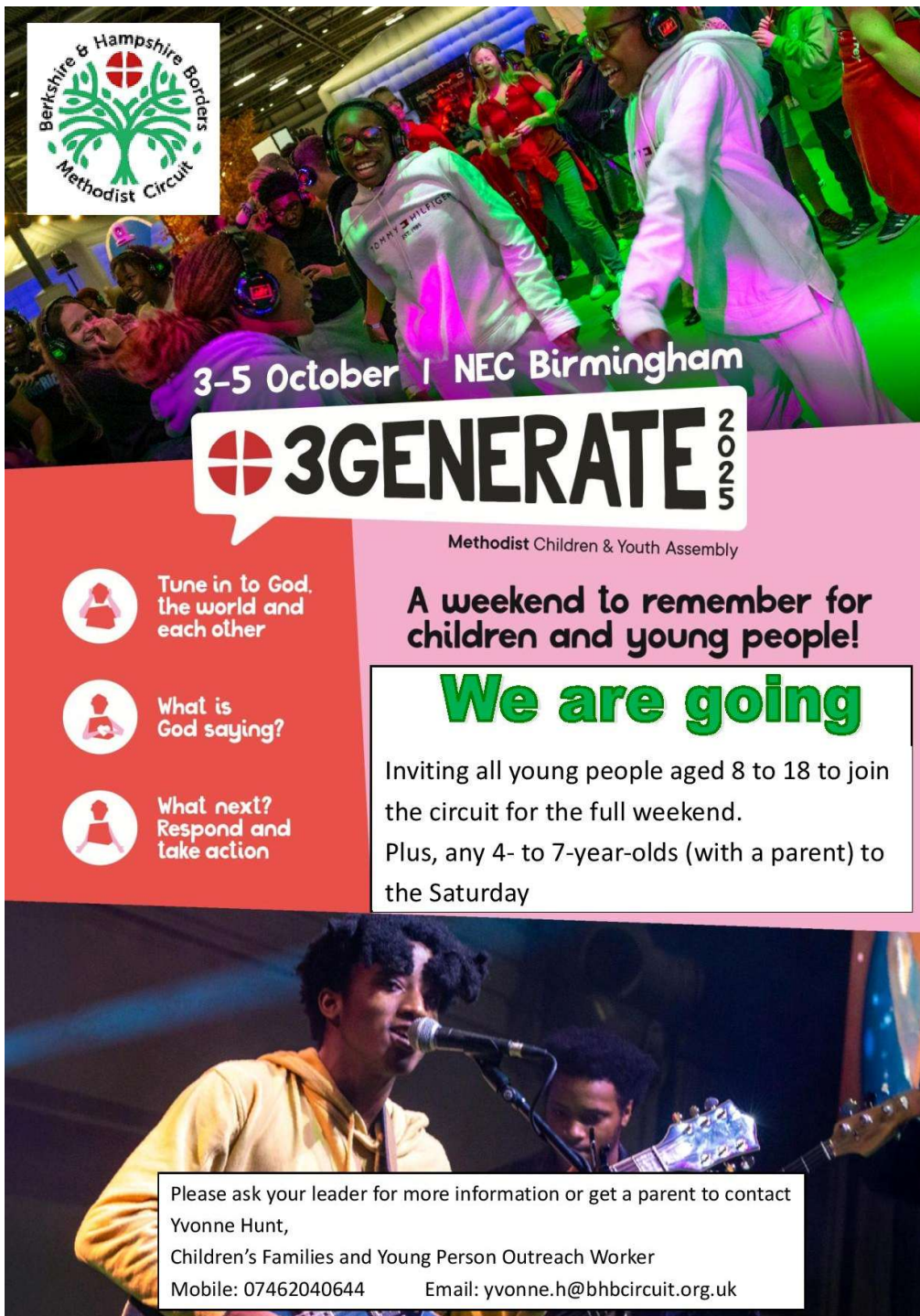
So, do you have any young people aged 8 to 18 who would like to come to 3 Generate Plus, the 4 to 7 year-olds (with a parent) to the Saturday. Because we are going and would love them to come.

Please let me know and I can come talk to them or send more information to the leaders.

God bless, **Yvonne Hunt**, **DEADLINE for 3Generate FORMS TO BE IN IS: 30 JUNE**

Children's Families & Young Person Outreach Worker based in Basingstoke Methodist Churches **Mobile:** 07462 040644 **Email:** yvonne.h@bhbcircuit.org.uk

- 50 years ago, on 7 June 1975, the first Cricket World Cup to be held in England began. (PP)



Berkshire & Hampshire Borders Methodist Circuit

3-5 October | NEC Birmingham

3GENERATE 2025

Methodist Children & Youth Assembly

A weekend to remember for children and young people!

We are going

Inviting all young people aged 8 to 18 to join the circuit for the full weekend.
Plus, any 4- to 7-year-olds (with a parent) to the Saturday

- Tune in to God, the world and each other
- What is God saying?
- What next? Respond and take action

Please ask your leader for more information or get a parent to contact
Yvonne Hunt,
Children's Families and Young Person Outreach Worker
Mobile: 07462040644 Email: yvonne.h@bhbcircuit.org.uk

3Generate – 3 to 5 Oct, 2025, NEC, Birmingham

**SEE More Information above and on
Previous Page 19, *but..... Please be
Aware that:***

***Yvonne needs 'Young People's forms'*
by: MONDAY 30 JUNE LATEST.**

Ticket Sales End 11 JULY

'Mini' is Named Best-ever British Car (PP)

What is your favourite British car? Think of the Land Rover, Aston Martin, McLaren, Bentley and Rolls Royce. Then think of the Mini.

That is what a group of judges for the Auto Express did recently, and they chose the Mini.

Their verdict? "Put simply, we reckon no other British-built vehicle better represents the relevant, innovative and pioneering UK automotive industry quite like the world's original small car."

Phil McNamara, editor at large, Auto Express, adds: "there was only ever going to be one winner of our Top 50 Brit cars rundown. The Mini was crowned undisputed champion."

It was in the late 1950s that the British Motor Corporation (BMC) asked car designer Alec Issigonis to come up with a sub-three-metre compact car that could accommodate a family of four. The result was the Mini, soon beloved of the public, celebrities and even (*in a modified version*) racing drivers.

The modern version of a Mini Cooper is nearly 90cm longer than the original, and prices starts at about £25,000.

Oakridge Friday Hub

As many of you are aware on a **Friday at Oakridge Methodist Church**, we hold a **'Warm, Food and Youth Hub'**.

The **'Warm and Food Hub'** have been going for quite some time and are now well established supporting the local community and meeting them in God's Love. We are on average supporting 50 families in the area. There are many conversations that happen and new people are always so surprised at how open we are, God's love is showed not just by the volunteers but by the community to each other, barriers have definitely been broken down,

Now let's talk about the **'Youth Hub'** this is our newest Hub but has still been running for 2 years a bit informally and when people ask me, I would say about 30 to 40 young people,

That was till a few months ago when we did a full count over several weeks, this can be tricky as youth don't come in one at a time, but on average we see 89 young people each Friday, **Yes that is right 89**, now some come in and do not talk to us, some just tell us about their day / week. And a few stop to have longer chats or hang out with their friends. But the question and the discussion have been amazing, challenging but amazing. The youth of today want to know what this Christian faith is all about.

We have just been given the little red New Testament Bible that used to be given out in schools, sadly most schools are now refusing to give them out. BUT, at Oakridge on the first Friday we had them, we gave out 15 Bibles and at the youth table in town (*outside URC church*) we have given out over 150 Bibles to the youth of Basingstoke, since being given them.

So we ask for continual Pray for the young people of Basingstoke and all the church youth projects that they may know God's Love.

Yvonne Hunt, Children Families & Young Persons Outreach Worker,
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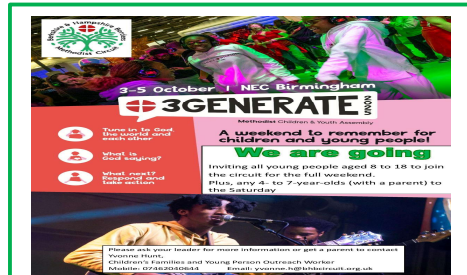
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Parish Pump

All Items taken from Parish Pump are used with their permission, (both written and graphics), Hazel, Ed

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'** (Tuesdays 7.30 pm)
- **'Men's Prayer Breakfast'** (Saturdays 9 am).
- **'Hungerford Memory Worship'** (2nd Thursday monthly, 2.30 pm), 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.



'From Easter to Pentecost' (Retreat)

Our Retreat Day at Silchester Methodist Church commenced with prayers. I can think of no better place to be than in the Church's garden. It was a glorious sunny morning in the company of birdsong from the garden and surrounding trees.



Our theme was *"From Easter to Pentecost"*, travelling with the disciples as they meet the risen Christ. This period in Christianity gave us the firm foundation of our Christian beliefs and was very challenging to Jesus' disciples who were questioning "What was the purpose of his ministry that it should end with his tragic death without victory?" In our own personal lives with its many difficulties and challenges, many of us are asking the same question today.

The Retreat, led by Rev Lesley Martin and Rev Angela Webb, gave us the opportunity to meet the risen Christ in our own personal way whether it be through readings, books and pictures reflecting the drama of that time, or in our own quiet meditation. Different areas of the retreat premises focused on a number of places where the disciples met with the risen Christ, these included the Garden, the Road to Emmaus, the Lakeside and the Mountain.

We also had the opportunity to walk in the adjacent Silchester Common on this beautiful Spring day and walk amongst the trees, heathland and small ponds with none of the distractions of daily life, and to listen to the birdsong around us as we walk and meditate. The gorse bushes were radiant in their beautiful yellow blossoms. I took this opportunity to take this walk! See *picture*.

I found myself perusing David Kitchen's book *"Easter Inside Out"*, the story as if you were there. Kitchen re-imagines the Easter message through a variety of characters from Mary Magdalene to Caiaphas.

It gives you a chance to see the story in your head, feel it in your heart as if you were there. If you want to understand who might have been where and doing what as the Easter story unfolds, this book gives you answers. It also lets you sense what it could have been like to be one of those involved. I like to think that at many periods in history the characters and thinking of the people were very similar to ourselves in our world today. Technology and communication have changed of course but would a political leader or a manual worker assess their situations any differently across time? I think not!

The story concludes with Mary Magdalene, sometime after Pentecost, sitting beside the Sea of Galilee reflecting on how her life had changed since meeting Jesus. Seeing the effect of the wind blowing across the water confirmed to her the living reality of Christ in her life and in her world. We should ask ourselves, "How does Christ reveal himself to me in my life today?"

I have a copy of *"Easter Inside Out"* on order!

I came away from the Retreat with a re-affirmation that Jesus the Risen Christ is with us today, no less so than for the disciples those many years ago revealed at Pentecost. We need, each one of us, to continue to walk with Him, placing our daily problems at His feet, receiving His Love and Support, and receiving His personal Guidance, day by day in serving His Will.

The next Retreat at Silchester this year is Saturday 21st June, ***"He makes me lie down He restores my soul."*** Why not come along?

Martin Frost, 2nd May 2025

- 50 years ago, on 18 June 1975, the first North Sea oil was pumped ashore to Britain. (PP)

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

Dates	Timings	EVENTS at St Andrew's Trinity unless advised
Weekly & Monthly Events – T/T (term-time)		
Tue, Wed, Thur weekly T/T only	10am–1.30pm	Mug & Biscuit is Open for drinks, biscuits, cakes, tea-cakes, light lunches, p24
Tues, weekly	10am–11.30am	Tuesday Coffee Club, p17
Wed weekly T/T	1pm–3pm	Knit One, Drop One
2nd/4th Frid mnth	12.30pm	S/Ham Churches Lunch Club, St Joseph's Church, p17
2nd & 4th Thurs monthly	2.30pm–4pm	The Fountain Prayer Group twice monthly unless otherwise advised, p17
4th Tues evening	6.30pm	Harrow Way Housegroup
Youth Organisations – Weekly, Mostly Term-time – abbreviated to T/T in places		
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 p5
Other Events (including events that are once a month)		
June & Some Future Dates		At St Andrew's Trinity
Sat 7 June	5pm	Performance of 'Zac', Refreshments from 4pm, p6 & 7
Sund 8 June	2.30pm	JAM meet, p17
Mon 9 June	11am	Singing Group, p17
Tues 10 June	2pm Earlier	Annual Garden Party at Ann & Steve's, p17
Wed 11 June	6.30pm Earlier	Northern Housegroup go Out for a Meal, p17
Thur 12 June	2.30pm	Fountain Prayer Group, p17
Sund 15 JUNE		DEADLINE for July / August E-News, p1
Mon 23 June	11am	Singing Group, p17
Thur 26 June	2.30pm	Fountain Prayer Group, p17
Mon 30 June	D/LINE LATEST	DEADLINE: 30 June for Forms for 3Generate, p20 & 19
Sund 13 July	2.30pm	JAM meet, p17
June, Jly, Aug		Other Circuit Churches
June Dates	Various times	Various Activities – Oakley, Oakridge & Old Basing, p16
Ongoing & New	Various	Around our Circuit – 'What's On & Where', p21 & p29
Sat 21 June	10am – 3pm	Silchester Retreat, 'He makes me lie down.....', p25
Sat 21 June	-	Old Basing Carnival, Old Basing, p16
Sat 28 June	10am – 3pm	Old Trinity Building 'Church Contents Sale', p16
Wed 6 August	10am – 3pm	Silchester Retreat, 'Just Peace' p25
June, July & August	6.30 pm	Evening Services at Wesley Methodist Church, Reading in June, July & August, p29

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



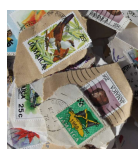
We look forward to welcoming old & new friends.

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



 <p>At 20.05.25, the Foodbank – <u>Most Needed</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UHT Fruit Juice • Ladies Deodorant • Hair Conditioner • Hot & Cold Desserts • Tinned Fruit • Cooking sauces • Custard • UHT Milk 	<p>At 20.05.25, the Foodbank – <u>Running Low</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Savoury Spreads, eg marmite • Pet Food • Household Cleaning • Tinned Veg • UHT milk • Small Packs of Tea • Tinned Meat • Rice Pudding 	<p>At 20.05.25, the Foodbank – <u>Running Low (cont'd)</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tinned Spaghetti / Ravioli • Sweet Spreads (Jam, marmalade etc) • Tinned tomatoes 	<p>At 20.05.25, the Foodbank – <u>We have Plenty</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pasta • Rice • Baked beans • Pulses • Hot & Cold Cereal • Non-Dairy Milk • Sanitary pads • Baby Food, Formula & Nappies size 5 & below • Hand soap
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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.



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)



**Wednesday 6th
August**

Just Peace

Becoming
peacemakers

“.....seek peace, and
pursue it.”

Psalm 34:14 (NRSVA)

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.

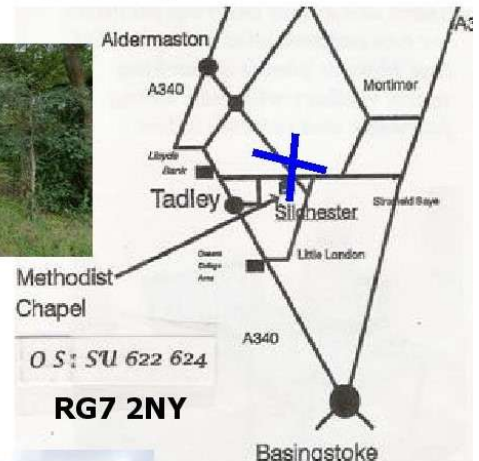
Location



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Entrance from
Pamber Road



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

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Christian Resources still available:



Steve Wood, supplies Christian Resources to surrounding areas via 'Sonrise Christian Resources'. Contact Steve ☎: 07396 825097 or email for advice about requirements. Happy to help source any item needed: General Christian books, cards, gifts & more'.

Website at: www.sonrisechristianresources.co.uk

Email: steve@sonrisechristianresources.co.uk

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- 40 years ago, on 2 June 1985 UEFA banned all English football clubs from playing in European competitions following the Heysel Stadium disaster of 28 May. Ban lifted after five years (PP)

Canon Paul Hardingham Considers our Three-in-One God

Understanding the Trinity

Trinity Sunday has its place in our liturgical calendar (15 June), yet we do not often hear sermons on the Trinity. The term 'Trinity' isn't found in the Bible, and the Early Church took nearly 400 years to come up with a clear understanding of it.

However, there are hints of trinitarian language in the New Testament, eg Jesus instructs His disciples to baptise 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' (Matt 28:19). Our understanding of the Trinity arises from God's activity in our world, as reflected in the creedal questions:

'Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the One for whom we exist?

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

So why should the Trinity be important for us? If 'God is love' (1 John 4:8) it means that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are in a community of love together. Their relationship has been expressed as a divine dance, as they interact with one another, expressing love for each another and complementing the work each one has to do. As people made in God's image, we are called to live this community of love in our lives and churches. The Trinity also provides the basis for our mission, '*As the Father has sent Me, so send I you.*' *Just as God the Father sent Jesus into the world, so Jesus sends us into the world to do the Father's work, equipped and accompanied by the Holy Spirit. In sharing God's love, we share the life of the Trinity.*

Augustine spoke about the Spirit being the love between God the Father and the Son. 'At the heart of reality lies the love between the Father and the Son. The Spirit unites us with Christ so that we begin to experience the same depth of love that exists between the Father and the Son.' (Graham Tomlin). (PP)

Surprising Realizations!

Sometimes the way we spell our words
May change from shore to shore
The structuring of nouns and verbs
Can sometimes be a chore!

Our friends across the pond delight
In colors, splendors too!
The British think it's only right
By putting in a 'u'!

The New York man may mark his land
By putting in a 'fence';
But if you cross it, understand
That you will cause 'offense'!

Pedants may, perhaps surprised
With U.S. friends agree;
For both will spell out 'realized'
By dropping 's' for zee!

And nether nation's pundits wise
Will cease their harmony
Both will spell the word 'surprise'
With no sign of a zee!

(But Gentle Reader, we both know
That they will fight instead -
Their arguments will hotly flow -
Should it be 'zee', or 'zed'?)

by Nigel Beeton (PP)

- Grandmother-grandchild relationships are simple. Grandmas are short on criticism and long on love. (PP)

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A SUMMER EVENING OF MOZART REQUIEM AND SOLEMN VESPERS

Saturday July 5th. 2025 at 7.00pm.

All Saints Church Odiham RG29 1LZ

Basingstoke Choral Society

Organist George Castle

Conductor Ben Cooper

Soloists:

Maddy Morris

Tim Carleston

Simon Irwin



**Wine or soft drink served with
fresh strawberries from 6pm.**

**Tickets including refreshments: Adult £20,
12 - 18 yrs. £10. Accompanied children under 12 free.**

Buy 4 or more tickets get 1 free.

A Sunday Traffic Jam (PP)

It causes me quite
some dismay
To be held up in
traffic this way
"I want to get
home!" I grumble
and moan,
"Don't they know it
is Sunday today?"

With the cars
inching forward this
morn

And somebody
blaring their horn,
At length I could
see what the
problem must be,
And then I was not
so forlorn!

No more was I
needing to search
For the cause of
this traffic-flow
lurch!

For what they'd
been doing, these
motorists queuing
Was attending a
service in church!

The Merchants of

Doom are
confounded!
Their tales of
decay are
unfounded!

The story is
graphic as told by
this traffic –
Christ's Church is
growing
unbounded!

Praise God!

by Nigel Beeton

Basingstoke Choral Society present a summer evening of Mozart



When: Saturday 5 July 2025

Concert starts: 7 pm

Where: All Saints Church Odiham

Conductor: Ben Cooper

Accompanied by: Professional Soloists and Organ

Programme:

Mozart Requiem

Mozart Solemn Vespers

To book: <https://www.basingstoke-choral.org.uk/events-all>

***Strawberries and glass of wine or soft drink included
in ticket price available from 6pm.***

We present an unforgettable evening of music performing one of the most iconic works in the choral repertoire: Mozart's *Requiem*. This haunting and emotionally charged piece has captivated audiences for centuries with its profound beauty and timeless power.

- The last ten years of life are the best, because we are freest from illusions and fullest of experience – *Benjamin Jowett (PP)*

Father's Day – What we most Value in our Fathers

Father's Day is 15 June – a day to honour and appreciate our fathers and father figures, such as grandfathers and fathers-in-law. Many of us will make a special effort to see them on the day.

No two fathers are alike, of course, but various polls across the internet reveal some interesting similarities of what people have most valued in their dad.



These traits include: being dependable, approachable, protective, patient, affectionate, honest, willing to listen, compassionate, and having spent time with them when they were young.

That's quite a list! People whose fathers had even some of those strengths have a lot to be thankful for.

Thankfully, our Father in Heaven certainly has all those traits. Jesus said the Father is totally dependable and protective of us, longs for us to turn to Him, and is full of compassion and love. And we are to call Him 'Abba' – Daddy! **(PP)**

Open Farm Sunday – 8 June

This month, they might just provide you with an interesting day out! For June brings '**Open Farm Sunday**', which can be a "fabulous opportunity for the public to discover the crucial work farmers do in producing food, nurturing nature, and protecting the environment for future generations." So says the website, www.farmsunday.org And on the day, nearly 200 farms throughout the country will be welcoming the public to come and see their farms.



From Inverness to Cornwall, about 170 farms will be putting on guided tours, self-guided walking routes and static displays as part of the event. Visitors will be able to take part in a national pollinators survey. This will involve standing near a crop area for five minutes to count pollinating insects before doing a comparative count in a different habitat. The day is organised by the group Linking Environment And Farming (LEAF). **(PP)**

Thank God for Farmers! – A Prayer

Open Farm Sunday is 8 June, when Christians are being asked to remember farmers. This prayer contemplates where our food comes from and celebrates the work of the farmers who produce it.

'Cabbages come in polythene bags, devoid of hidden insects and other creepy crawlies. Potatoes are mud free and ready for the oven. Meat is presented in sterile packs whilst milk is pasteurised and semi skimmed in conveniently shaped containers that fit in the fridge. It's all a million miles from where the story began, and the world of those who should tell it. Those who prepare the land, plough it, cultivate it; sow it, plant it, weed it, spray it, irrigate it, harvest it, and sort and transport the crop that's produced. Those who calve the cow, stay with it, tend it; feed it, milk it, help with the birth and watch the calf grow. Who tag it, protect it, nurture it and feed it, until it's ready for market as a strong healthy beast.

So many hours, so much skill. Generations of experience, tending the land, caring for stock. So much effort, so many risks, weather, disease, the whim of the market all to put food on my plate.

Lord, I thank you for those who produce the food that I eat, for their commitment and effort, their knowledge, their skills. And forgive me, I pray, that I take them for granted, forget what they do and ignore what I owe. May I value their work and all it produces. May I give them the respect and the appreciation they deserve. And may I give You the glory, as Creator Provider, the giver of all that I now thank You for, **Amen**'. **(from the Arthur Rank Centre Charity, PP)**

Additional Notices from the Circuit Notices, 27 & 28 May 2025:

- **10 Days of Prayer for Pentecost:** See website <https://www.prayer4reading.uk> for info and resources.
- **Evening Services at Wesley Reading (June to August)**

Please note that there will be evening services (at 6:30 pm) at Wesley Church, Reading during the summer as follows:

- 8 June – Revd David Jenkins with Holy Communion
- 22 June – Revd Rachel Borgars
- 13 July – Revd Rachel Borgars with Holy Communion
- 27 July – Revd Claire Simpson
- 24 Aug – Revd Martin Beukes with Holy Communion

Request from Churches in Ghana – In addition to the requests below

Books suitable for The Trinity Theological Seminary which is the premier and leading ecumenical (including Anglican and Methodist Churches) theological tertiary institution in Ghana and the West African sub-region. The seminary exists to offer Christian training, teaching, guidance, counselling, practical experience and an enabling environment to resource leaders for holistic ministry. <https://trinity.edu.gh/>

And a continuing need for:

1. Any Bibles that are spare in churches, including AV/KJV Bibles which are often not used in churches in the UK.
2. 1933 Methodist hymn books (Both Words only, and Music Editions),
3. Hymns and Psalms (Music edition)
4. Hymns Ancient and Modern (Music Edition)
5. BBC Songs of Praise (Music Edition)
6. Anthem Books in English
7. Piano/ violin or Guitar Tutors/ music books for the children's Department
8. Sankey Sacred songs and Solos
9. Books about the writers of hymns and hymn tunes
10. Any hymn books with music
11. Books of Carols
12. other related books which might help churches in Ghana.

Please email Cornelius Nii Amu Quarshie on niiamuquarshie@gmail.com to inform him as to what you might be able to send to him.

If you or your churches have any of these books spare, then Cornelius would be very grateful.

Shipping these books to Ghana is free via:

Catherine Brown
C/o Brown Logistics
Unit 4, Regent Court, South Way, Andover SP10 5NX
07412 687214

You just have to contact Catherine by phone or email enquiries@brownlogistics.co.uk and arrange for the books to be delivered to her. Her firm ships to Ghana and they do not charge us for the cost of shipping to Cornelius. He then sorts through the books and gives to where they are needed in the country.

For the Young & Young at heart (PP) PUZZLES Crossword

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 2:1-12, Mk 9:1-8, Lk 5:17-26

The Pharisees had come to Jesus' home in Capernaum to make sure he wasn't breaking any of their religious rules...

So many came to hear Jesus speak that they filled his house...



and the streets outside.

Four men brought their paralysed friend to Jesus for healing

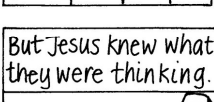


But the crowd wouldn't let them get close



so they climbed up to the roof and took off some tiles.

They lowered their friend down, right in front of Jesus



Jesus was so impressed by their faith, he said to the paralysed man



Your sins are forgiven.

The Pharisees were shocked!



Only God can forgive sins...so this fellow is insulting God!

But Jesus knew what they were thinking.



Why are you thinking such wrong thoughts?

Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Get up, take your mat, and walk'?



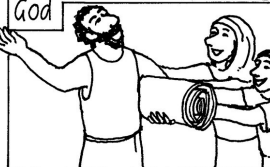
But I want you to know that I do have the authority to forgive sins...



Get up, take your mat and go home!



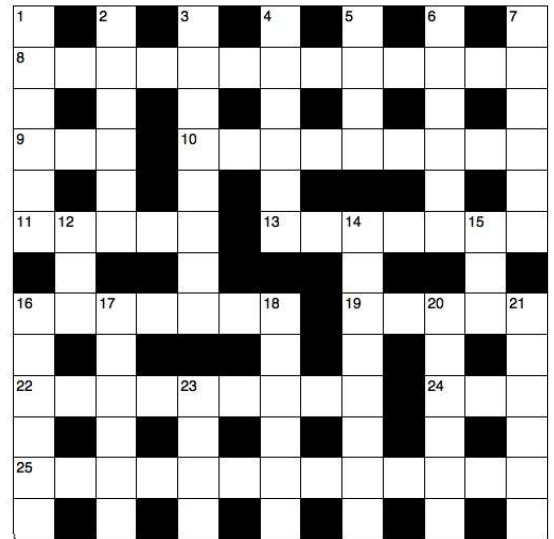
He got up, picked up his mat and walked home, praising God



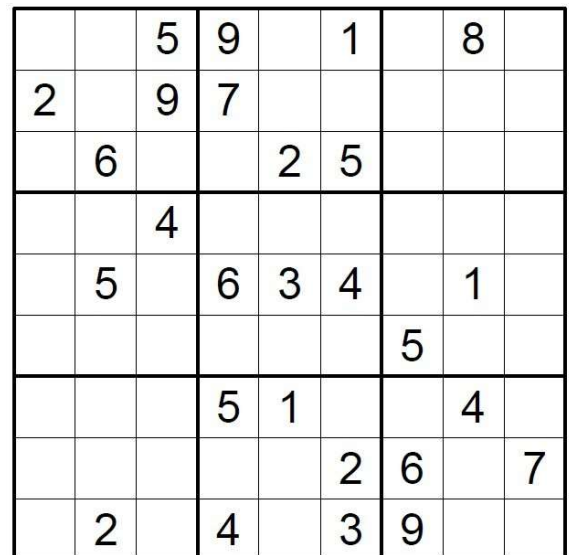
The crowd was amazed...



We have never seen anything like this!



Sudoku



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Wordsearch Clues and Answers

The story of Pentecost is found in Acts 2. After the Ascension of Jesus, the disciples had obeyed His command to stay in Jerusalem and to 'wait for the promise from the Father'. Jesus said this would be the 'baptism of the Holy Spirit'.

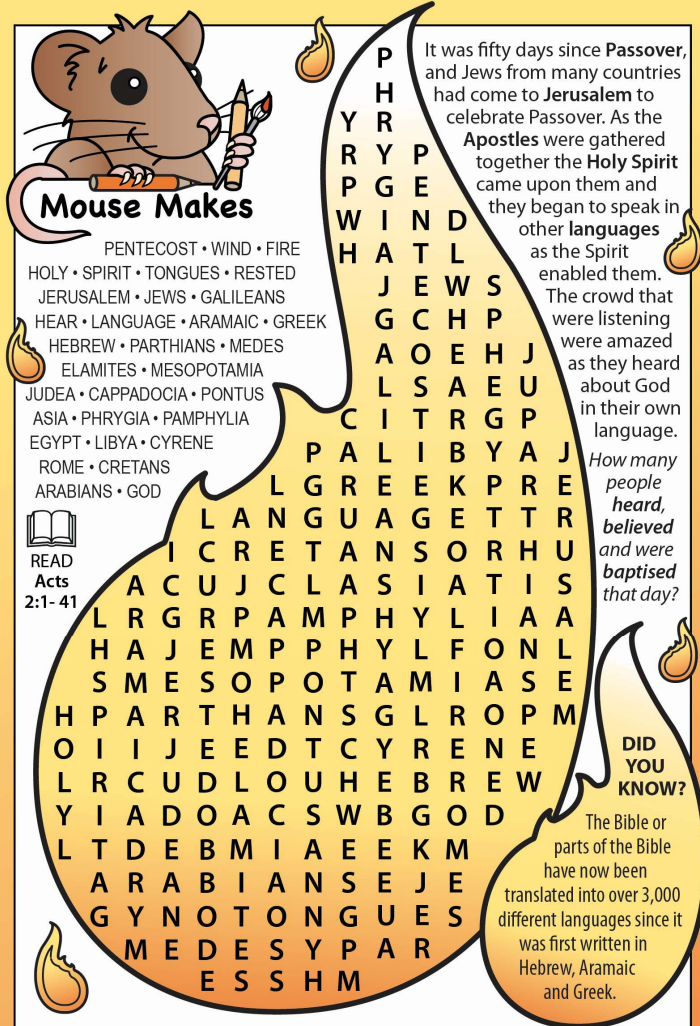
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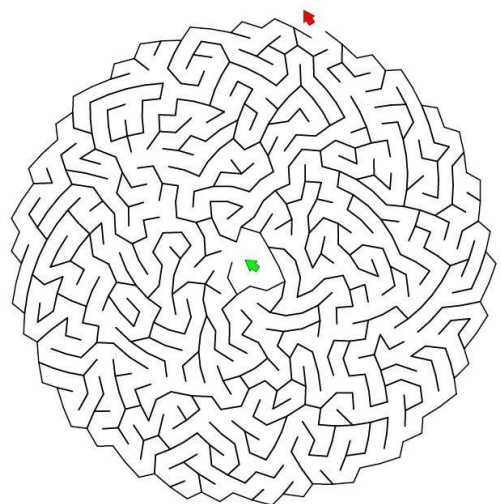
Crossword Clues, Down:

- 1 'Assyria's pride will be brought down and — sceptre will pass away' (Zechariah 10:11) (6)
- 2 'And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in — with God and men' (Luke 2:52) (6)
- 3 The descendants of Esau (Genesis 36:9) (8)
- 4 The components of the crown that Jesus was made to wear before his crucifixion (John 19:2) (6)
- 5 Colour of cloth which was to cover holy objects in the tabernacle when moving camp (Numbers 4:6–12) (4)
- 6 One of the gold articles plundered from the Midianites offered to the Lord by the Israelite army 'to make atonement' (Numbers 31:50) (6)
- 7 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set — —' (Jeremiah 31:29) (2,4)
- 12 Ate (anag.) (3)
- 14 'We ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our — as sons' (Romans 8:23) (8)
- 15 Abram's nephew (Genesis 14:12) (3)
- 16 Rupture (Job 30:14) (6)
- 17 'Yet to all who received him... he gave the right to — children of God' (John 1:12) (6)
- 18 'I... asked him the true meaning of all — . — he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things' (Daniel 7:16) (4,2)
- 20 Military units (Exodus 14:20) (6)
- 21 'Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to — her to public disgrace' (Matthew 1:19) (6)
- 23 Diva (anag.) (4)

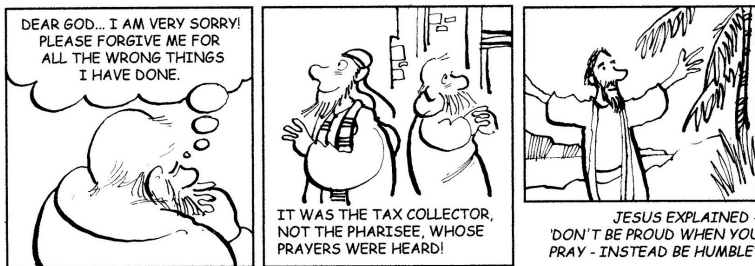
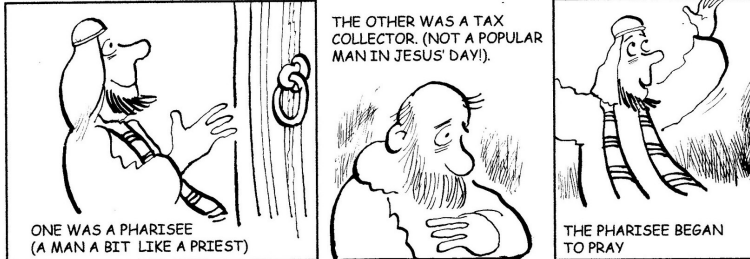
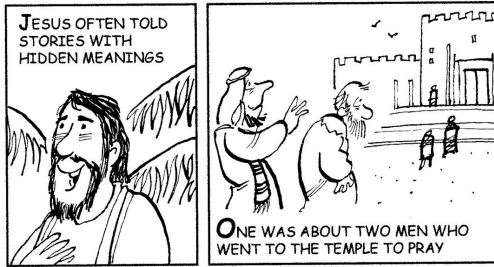
Crossword Clues, Across:

- 8 Laban complained he had not been allowed to kiss them when Jacob fled with his family (Genesis 31:28) (13)
- 9 In favour of (3)
- 10 'The child's father and mother — at what was said about him' (Luke 2:33) (9)
- 11 Swagger (Psalm 12:8) (5)
- 13 'Terrors — him on every side and dog his every step' (Job 18:11) (7)
- 16 Bay bits (anag.) (7)
- 19 Preach, address an audience, speak in public (5)
- 22 Holy Communion (9)
- 24 'On their way to — out the land, Joshua instructed them, "Go and make a survey of the land"' (Joshua 18:8) (3)
- 25 Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint these to administer his grain storage plan (Genesis 41:34) (13)

- Tell me how it is that in this room there are three candles and but one light, and I will explain to you the mode of the divine existence — *John Wesley (PP)*



The
Tale of the
**TWO MEN
SAYING
THEIR
PRAYERS**



Puzzle Pages Solutions

Across: 8, Grandchildren. 9, Pro. 10, Marvelled. 11, Strut. 13, Startle. 16, Babysit. 19, Orate. 22, Eucharist. 24, Map. 25, Commissioners.

Down: 1, Egypt's. 2, Favour. 3, Edomites. 4, Thorns. 5, Blue. 6, Armlet. 7, On edge. 12, Tea. 14, Adoption. 15, Lot. 16, Breach. 17, Become. 18, This So. 20, Armies. 21, Expose. 23, Avid.

Sudoku Solution, medium

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- **Get a grip** – It was said that Archbishop Tench of Dublin, in his later years, had a fear of sudden crippling paralysis.

One night at a formal dinner he sat looking more and more forlorn. Finally, he confided to the guests around him: "Well, it's come at last – total lack of feeling in my right leg."

Whereupon the lady sitting next to him said soothingly: "Not at all, your Grace. It will comfort you to know that during the whole of this meal it has been *my* leg that you have been pinching!" (PP)

- Sometimes I think I understand everything – but then I regain consciousness. (PP)

Thinking	Man	Forgive	Capernaum	Lowered	Wrong
Friends	Thoughts	Anything	Streets	Pharisees	Praising
Crowd	Sins	Knew	Paralysed	Impressed	Never
Walk	Jesus	Mat	House	Authority	Home