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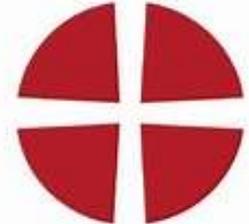
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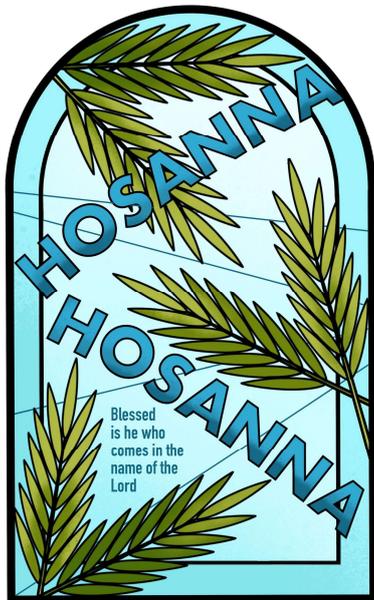
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**St Andrew's Trinity
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Sunday 10 May 26 (Earlier !)**

I love receiving your items,
please keep them coming.
Thank you for all your support.
Items can be phoned, emailed
or given to me. **Thank you,**
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- It is not great talents that God blesses, so much as great likeness to Jesus – *Robert Murray M'Cheyne*

**Next Church Council
Monday 27 April, 2 pm**

**World Day of
Prayer**



**Friday 6 March, 2 pm
St Andrew's Trinity**



**CLOCKS go
forward
Sunday 29 March**

We are part of



Berkshire & Hampshire Borders
Methodist Circuit

www.bhbcircuit.org.uk

March 2026

Dear Friends,

There have been times recently when I have wondered if it would ever stop raining! I am so grateful that where we live is on a chalky slope, not at the bottom of the hill where the rainfall runs off, collects and springs emerge onto the clay soil.

However despite the fact that water squelches out of our lawn whenever we venture across it, the daffodils, crocuses and snowdrops are in full bloom, lifting our spirits by their persistence and the bluetits, great tits, sparrows and robins are well into nest building. In fact we are all looking forward to better weather and the joy of spring.

All of that makes me bold enough to share with you some of the ideas that have been in my mind over the last weeks. I hope they will mean something to you too. "Send your best man"

During World War Two some of the brigades of soldiers fighting in the far East, known as Chindits, were under the command of Orde Wingate. On one occasion in Burma, Wingate was faced with a very difficult campaign; to take a mountain held by a particularly fierce Japanese Company. When the time came to pick an officer to lead the battalion attack on the mountain top, the instruction to Wingate from HQ was "Send your best man." Wingate chose Jim Blaker for the seemingly impossible task. Blaker led a successful charge with a company of Gurkhas, but died in the attempt. He was awarded the Victoria Cross posthumously.

The Old Testament prophets and leaders also did amazing feats and carried difficult messages in impossible circumstances as they worked in God's service. However the Israelites persisted for centuries in ignoring God's messengers and his instructions. Eventually in Jesus, God decided to "Send his best man", his son, a perfect man, to carry out a task so big and so difficult that no one else could do it. Jesus' life was given to

accomplish the job his father sent him to do and his resurrection was the ultimate demonstration of God's victory and power.

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him."
Luke 9 v35.

"Spring cleaning" In our hallway at the moment there are five boxes and bags waiting for collection by an organization which will recycle them and pass on some of the proceeds to charity. This part of the year is often a time when lots of us feel the need to declutter some of our belongings in an attempt to make our homes tidier, our minds clearer and our lives simpler.

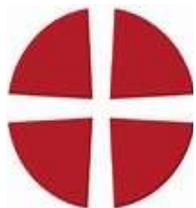
In the centuries immediately following Jesus' death and resurrection, numbers of people chose to leave the crowded, bustling cities of the ancient world to find peace, solitude and spiritual harmony in the deserts of the Middle East. These desert fathers and mothers chose a life of contemplation and relative poverty, free from all the distractions and undoubted pleasures, temptations and decadence of the bustling cities so that they could make room for the spiritual dimension of their lives and communicate with God. I am not suggesting that five boxes less of "stuff" in my life will make me a more spiritual person but it is certainly important to be aware of the way in which our possessions, our business and even just the tasks of daily living can crowd out our relationship with God. That relationship flourishes in the silence when we listen for God's voice in prayer and contemplation. The security of that relationship is what allows us to go forward with the certainty that as Spring follows winter, God's love and support will see us through to whatever comes next in our lives.

Each one of us would agree that we are not "the best man or woman" because the best man did the ultimate job and paid the ultimate price over 2000 years ago but he passed on the instruction to us to do to our

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cont'd..... very best ability, whatever job God has given us. Let's make sure that we keep our lives clear of clutter and the lines of spiritual communication open to understand where our contribution lies in God's great ongoing plan to change and save the world.

Have a great Spring, **Hilary**



Our Minister is: Revd Claire Simpson

Sunday Worship at St Andrew's Trinity and our Basingstoke Churches – Plan for Worship: March to May 2026

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The Plan is Sometimes Subject to Change

Berkshire & Hampshire Borders Circuit Plan, March 2026 (B/Stoke Churches)

Dates	1 March	8 March	15 March, Mothering Sunday	22 March	29 March, Palm Sunday
St Andrew's Trinity 10.30 am 2.30 pm	Revd Barbara McIntivey, HC	Revd Claire Simpson, Parade JAM, 2.30 pm	Mr Chris Marsh	LA	Revd Jackie Case
Church of L Stream 10.30 am	LA	Mr Terry Rowell	Mrs Anne Rowe	Mr Jonathan Skeet	Mr David Munns
Oakley 10.30 am	Mr Peter Frank	LA	Revd Jenny Ellis, HC	Revd Barbara McIntivey	Mrs Sarah Whithorn
Oakridge 10.30 am	Revd David Cook	Revd Jenny Dowding, HC	LA	Prof Tony Bell	Revd David Cook
Old Basing 10.30 am	Mrs Helen Watson (LP)	LA	Revd David Jenkins	LA	Revd Claire Simpson, HC

Berkshire & Hampshire Borders Circuit Plan, April 2026 (B/Stoke Churches)

Dates	5 April, Easter Sunday	12 April	19 April	26 April
St Andrew's Trinity 10.30 am 2.30 pm	Revd Barbara McIntivey, HC	Revd David Jenkins JAM, 2.30 pm	Mrs Helen Watson (LP)	LA
Church of L Stream 10.30 am	LA	Mrs Helen Watson (LP)	Mr Nick Klingaman	Mrs Sarah Whithorn
Oakley 10.30 am	Mr Terry Rowell	LA	Revd Claire Simpson, HC	Mr Symon Turner
Oakridge 10.30 am	Revd Claire Simpson, HC	LA	Mrs Paddy Jose	Revd David Jenkins
Old Basing 10.30 am	Mr Symon Turner	Revd Rachel Borgars	Mrs Linda Hoe	Revd Barbara McIntivey, HC

Berkshire & Hampshire Borders Circuit Plan, May 2026 (B/Stoke Churches)

Dates	3 May	10 May	17 May	24 May	31 May
St Andrew's Trinity 10.30 am 2.30 pm	Revd Claire Simpson, HC	Mrs Linda Hoe, Parade JAM, 2.30 pm	Mr Terry Rowell	LA	Mrs Anne Rowe
Church of L Stream 10.30 am	Rev Dr James Mather	LA	Mr Peter Frank	Prof Tony Bell	Rev Claire Simpson, HC
Oakley 10.30 am	Mr Nick Klingaman	Mrs Rosie Greenhalgh	LA	Mrs Helen Watson (LP)	Mrs Linda Hoe
Oakridge 10.30 am	Revd David Cook	LA	Revd Claire Simpson, HC	Revd Barbara McIntivey	Mr Terry Rowell
Old Basing 10.30 am	Revd Jackie Case	Mrs Paddy Jose	LA	Revd David Jenkins, HC	Mrs Sarah Whithorn

Additional Easter Services:

- **Maundy Thursday 2 April – Holy Communion Service 7pm at our Church.**
- **Good Friday 3 April – Short Service of Witness at 10.30 am, (outside, around the bare cross) – Hot Cross Buns afterwards.**



Sunday Lunch for People by Themselves

Following on from Church Council, it was agreed that Linda would host a **Sunday Lunch at St Andrew's Trinity** for those in our Church family who would normally be eating Sunday lunch by themselves. It is envisaged that these lunches would take place about four times a year. **The first lunch is on Sunday 22 March at 1 pm.** The cost will be £5 per person. There will be a **sign-up sheet available from 1 March.** For more information please speak to **Linda.**



PRAYING & LISTENING – Sunday Mornings after the Service:

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



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**



Enjoy Fellowship & Refreshments after Morning Worship

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



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



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service for everyone!

Friday 6 March

I will give you rest, come

Nigeria 2026

Come and share in this global, ecumenical service, prepared by the Christian women from Nigeria...

'I will give you rest, come'

**At: St Andrew's Trinity Methodist Church
Western Way, Basingstoke, RG22 6ER**

Time: 2 pm

(followed by refreshments)

ALL WELCOME



INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION

24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led

wwdp.org.uk

Registered Charity Number 233242

Mug and Biscuit + (*M & B plus*)

Will be running on **Thursdays 9 April & 28 May**



'Mug and Biscuit +' is the *Normal M & B* but with games & crafts for all the family, table tennis, and (*in the afternoon*) a family film.

Yvonne Hunt, Children Families & Young Persons Outreach Worker, Basingstoke Methodist Churches, Phone: 07462 040644.

Lent 2026

In our last newsletter, Reverend Claire Simpson explained that we are using a Methodist Church resource called 'Our Church's Future Story' to help us explore our future as Saint Andrew's Trinity. As part of this process, we are currently engaging in 'listening', listening to one another within our church community and listening to others in the wider community. As we listen to others, we are also listening to God. Pauline has written us a beautiful prayer which we are using to help us to pray together.



During Lent 2026, we want to continue our journey by discovering new ways of listening to God as we meet together on Tuesday mornings from 11:30 am until 12 noon in the small hall at Saint Andrew's Trinity.

You may be someone who already comes down to the Mug and Biscuit on Tuesday mornings or joins the Tuesday coffee club. This half hour of prayer could provide a pause between coffee and lunch (either at the Mug and Biscuit or at home).

Alternatively if you do not normally come down to the Mug and Biscuit or to the Tuesday coffee club, Lent might be a good time to try these things and to join us for a half hour of prayer between 11.30 am and 12 noon. There will be plenty of opportunities to listen to one another and to God!

Angela Webb

Shopping Trolley – If you or anyone you know is in need of a trolley, I have one, little used, in good condition. Please let me know, **Heather Shepherd**



- The distinguishing mark of a Christian is his confidence in the love of Christ, and the yielding of his affections to Christ in return – *C H Spurgeon*

Praying Together Our Church's Future Story



This Lent

**Discover new ways of listening to God
in the Small Hall at St Andrew's Trinity
from 11.30 am to 12 noon
on Tuesdays**

beginning on:
Tuesday 24th February

And then on:

3rd March
10th March
17th March
24th March
31st March

You are welcome to come even if you cannot attend every meeting.

Lent Course in 'Old Basing' at St Mary's & Old Basing Meth Church

There's going to be a **joint Lent Course** led by Old Basing Methodist Church and St Mary's Old Basing for five sessions starting on Wednesday 25 February until 25 March (*no session during Holy Week*). The Parish Room at St Mary's will be used on the dates of 25 February, 11 and 25 March starting at 2pm. The Methodist Church will be used on 4 and 18 March, again at 2pm. Please note all sessions will be held on a Wednesday. The book the group will be studying is "**Meeting God in John**" by **David Ford**. Everyone is very Welcome to join us. **Contact** for more information: heather.symons@btinternet.com (*permission given to include Heather's email*).

The poem below is taken from a little booklet of twenty poems, entitled 'Padre's Pie', written in 1936 by J R Edwards. I found it in a bookshop in Wales many years ago and recently came across it again on my bookshelf. This particular poem struck a chord with me as I have fond childhood memories of Treffgarne Woods, near Haverfordwest in Pembrokeshire. I really enjoyed the imagery of the lantern and the bible and thought it was something worth sharing; simple but profound. So, I am sharing this first poem with you all and will share some more from this little booklet in later magazines. Hope you enjoy.

Mervyn Rees

The Lanterns

by Revd J R Edwards (1873 – 1959)

When I was but a little chap,
My mother said to me:
"I'm going to the church tonight:
I'd like your company.

It's very dark in Treffgarne Wood;
There's not a star in sight:
But here's a lantern you can hold:
'Twill shed a kindly light."

And so we journeyed safely on,
To Salem Chapel door.
And then I blew the candle out.
We needed it no more.

The years went by. My mother said:
"You'll soon be leaving me:
You're going on your own this time,
The road you cannot see.

The way of life is very dark;
Like Treffgarne Wood at night.
But here's a lantern you can hold:
'Twill shed a kindly light."

She put a Bible in my hand:
And then she did repeat:
"Thy word is like a candle, Lord,
A lamp unto my feet."

That friendly glow shall show the path
Despite a starless night,
Until I reach another door,
And greet th' eternal light.

Then tender memory will hold,
In heaven's unclouded day,
The little lanterns mother gave,
To guide my pilgrim way.

The Lanterns

This poem, written by Revd John Richard Edwards, a Baptist Minister and Military Chaplain, with Welsh roots, the publication date is given as 1936.

The "Padre" Connection:

During World War I, he served as a **Chaplain to the Forces** (often called "Padres"). His experiences on the front lines deeply influenced his writing, which is why his 1936 book was titled: *'Padre's Pie'*.

Copyright:

Recommendation:

If use is non-commercial (eg, a church service or a small memorial), it is generally accepted to use the poem with a clear credit to "J R Edwards, from *Padre's Pie* (1936)."

We Acknowledge this copyright

LOOK OUT:

For the Weekly Circuit Notices – giving information about 'What's On' in our Circuit and Ongoing Weekly / Monthly Services, Meetings etc

Forthcoming Meetings, all at St Andrew's Trinity:

Friday 9 March, 2 pm – Mission Group meet – open meeting, everyone welcome

Monday 13 April, 2 pm – Worship Meeting

Monday 27 April, 2 pm – Church Council

The Samuel Fund and Legacy Fund

You may remember that towards the end of last year, the church community at St Andrew's Trinity was asked by Church of the Living Stream if they would consider making a donation towards the Samuel Fund. This is a fund held by Church of the Living Stream that supports work in Zambia with prisoners and young people. Church of the Living Stream has a longstanding link with this work which began when they were Kempshott Methodist Church.

The request was specifically for the Good Shepherd Community School where they needed to upgrade their toilet facilities to be in line with their new status as a private school. We responded to this request with a retiring collection and the Church Council resolved to make up the collection to a donation of £1,000 in total from the church community. The money used to do this was taken from our Legacy Fund created from a very generous bequest given to the church by the family of former Trinity members, Les and Freda Durrant. Les and Freda were faithful members of Trinity for many years and they had a particular heart for overseas mission and youth work so it was felt that using some money from this bequest was very appropriate. Thank you to everyone who supported the retiring collection, Church of the Living Stream and the Good Shepherd Community School greatly appreciated our generosity, **Revd Claire Simpson**

Where Lies the Treasure

I rarely find a book that I am reading that I cannot put down. Mervyn Rees's recent book "*Where Lies The Treasure*" is such an example. Mervyn, a member of Trinity Church for many years and with us at St Andrew's Trinity, has been writing short stories from his teenage years through to his later years. His family recently decided to put together some of his stories in a collection for his friends and family to read and had them printed in this anthology. It is a collection of some 35 stories written in the course of his life. The stories take on many styles being funny, poetic, thoughtful, theological and even a little dark. They have been grouped into sections describing the contents, and with individual imaginative titles to stimulate your curiosity. They are stories from a life of reminiscence and imagination. As we read them we can find ourselves being taken back into our own memories of our lives over the years.

I am still in the process of reading and enjoying the stories which are each unique in their own way. I particularly enjoyed "*The Adventures of a Sixpenny Bit*", and "*The Eve of the Second Coming*". These titles themselves are enough to stimulate your imagination!

If you would like to find out more about Mervyn's book why not contact him after our Sunday morning services or email his daughter Helen: **email address:** pandh.garland@btinternet.com

Martin Frost, 8 February 2025, St Andrew's Trinity Methodist Church

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Note from Martin: 'I contacted Mervyn's daughter Helen with a copy of my review and asked for permission for it to be included in the magazine. She responded that her Dad was more than happy for it to go in the magazine, Martin'. Also received permission for Helen's email to go in, Ed

Three Piles

Three piles. One to keep. One to give away. One to dispose of.
Downsizing!



I am in the process of moving. The task is enormous. Where did all this stuff come from? The trouble is, so much has sentimental value. Memories of days past, people, animals, places, events, milestones. Each item must be looked at. Many which have been forgotten in the mists of time, suddenly have meaning, often with no importance to anyone else, but precious to me, oh so precious. In my case, it will almost certainly be a book. Many are worn, which signifies their age, dated? Yes, so am I. Many have been read and re-read many times.

Favorites cram the shelves. 'The mole had been working very hard all morning spring-cleaning his little home'. The opening sentence to 'Wind in the Willows' by Kenneth Grahame. In my mind's eye I see this story, and I am back on Pack Holiday with a group of Brownies. I am Toad, who is so naughty, for a whole week! Wonderful!

Then I see a Title, 'Jane Eyre', by Charlotte Bronte. 'My mother bought me this book, inside the inscription reads, 'To Margaret with love from Mum.' Eighty years have passed, but the attachment has not changed. She was the best Mum, in all the world. Another memory as I see the cover, 'Scottish Country Dancing' and I remember the snowy evenings, the laughter, the love, the 'Gay Gordons' the dancing, during that winter I spent in Glasgow. Books, Books, Books.

In the cupboard my husband's family Bible. Going back over generations, too heavy for a shelf. Inside each book, words, feelings, information imagination, love, kinship.

Within the written word, there is something of each author. Pilate wrote over the cross of Jesus. 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.' Then the protests started. The priests, and all who were so fearful said, 'no, he said he is the King of the Jews.' Pilate's reply is; 'What I have written, I have written,' Did he recognize the Kingship of Jesus?

There are many places today where the words of the Bible, are feared. Countries where to own a Bible is on pain of death. How sad that is. The Bible has the words of life. God speaks through His word, and people are forbidden to read it. I believe my life; is the only Bible some people will ever read the pen is mightier than the sword. As, I pack my favorites, I pray those going to Charity shops will be picked up, and appreciated in the future.

God bless you,

Margaret Garland

The Daughters of Mothers (15 March)

There are certain small things that you notice,
Little things you have started to do,
That prompt you to question, and wonder
If the face in the mirror, is *you*.

The realisation is dawning,
As one year hurtles after another,
That in word, thought and deed,
In gesture and glance,
You have somehow turned into your mother!

by Daphne Kitching (PP)



15 March

- Because of God's grace, failure is never final – Anon

An opportunity for informal worship



You are invited to join us on

Sunday 29th March 2026

(Palm Sunday)

At **5pm**

in St Andrew's Trinity Methodist Church,

Hot cross buns and crumpets in the Mug and Biscuit
followed by

At 6pm "Journeying with Jesus"

Travel from Palm Sunday to Easter Day

Worship in an relaxed atmosphere,

A chance to... share in conversation,

Join together in singing and prayer,

And explore faith in a creative way.

Truth Encounter

(Luke 4:1-14, John 17:17, James 4:7)

Led by the Spirit
And tempted by the devil
He wandered in the wilderness,
Hungry
And focussed on God,
And the truth and power of His Word.
Truth and power enough
To resist His enemy and ours.
To go on – armed with the Spirit –
To give His life, To give us life.

A lesson in tactics then:
Know the truth,
Submit to God,
Resist the devil
And our wildernesses will blossom.
We will bear fruit,
Fruit to be known by
As His.

By Daphne Kitching (PP)

Spring is Here

Spring is here. The snowdrops are now blossoming in the Gardens and the Woods at the Vyne National Trust. Soon the Bluebells will carpet the trees in the woods, a sight not to be missed.

We have Rebirth, God's Gift.

Martin Frost, February 2026



The World Around Us

We live in a continuously advancing Hi-Tech World where we have access to more information and understanding of the World around us. We see this on our TVs with regular news updates and documentaries giving us the latest information. My particular interests are International Travel, Nature and Wildlife, and Archaeology. We see first class presenters in these areas who give us in-depth access to this wealth of knowledge. What can be better than this? Well our local Basingstoke Anvil Theatre is giving us direct face to face talks from some of the more well-known documentary presenters. If you want to see and hear the behind-the-scenes' stories in your favourite interest, go and check out the Anvil program.

I recently saw Simon Reeve, the well-known international traveller known for his visits to challenging and sometimes dangerous locations. More recently I saw Gordon Buchanan the wildlife photographer who goes beyond filming behind the camera to living amongst the wild animals. He spoke about Lions, Tigers and Bears and the challenges of living amongst them. I am now looking forward to seeing Alice Roberts well known to us all in archaeology in "Digging for Britain". Not to be missed!

The "Ice on the Mountain" so to speak would be meeting the internationally acclaimed wildlife expert David Attenborough, renowned for Planet Earth and Blue Planet series among many others, but unfortunately I don't see that happening!

Nothing of course beats getting personally and actively involved in these areas of interest which are open to all of us if we have the energy, motivation and desire to do so. Don't leave it too late! There are many local opportunities giving us access to many historical and wildlife locations, as well as international travel. Let's do it!

Martin Frost, 8 February 2025, St Andrew's Trinity Methodist Church

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<https://e-voice.org.uk/standrewstrinitymc/>



Up-to-date information can be found on our **website**. Our **Flyers** both (*Quarterly & Mini*) give information about all the activities that happen at our Church. Our **Quarterly E-News** magazine has an abundance and variety of different articles, dates, events, prayers, church services and much more, (*coming out in Sept; Dec; Mar & June*). Copies of the **E-News & Flyers** can be found in the '**Mug & Biscuit**' or in the '**Spinner**' in the foyer area at church and handy to pass on to someone new.

We are very grateful to everyone for keeping us up-to-date with all the latest dates and happenings so we can include these on the web, in the flyers and in the E-News, thankyou, *Hazel and Peter*

St Andrews Trinity

Forever Smiling

Forever Smiling & St Andrews Trinity Church:
Let's Fill the Hall with Smiles!

Refreshments

Cakes

Local Business Stalls

Forever Smiling Make a Donation Table

Saturday
09/05/2026
11 TILL 14:00

Follow us on Facebook:
Daniel Rolfe Forever Smiling

07411374468

St Andrews Methodist Church,
South Ham, RG 22 6ER

We are grateful to **Forever Smiling**, working with us to help make this day, **9 May**, a success.

If you or your group would like to hire a table on the day to sell your own goods, then **the cost is £20 per table**. You keep whatever you make after paying the £20.

St Andrew's Trinity will be having a table and will be selling unwanted

gifts & presents – **no jumble!** If you would like to **book a table at this event, please speak to Linda Hoe**. Any proceeds after costs will be distributed within the Basingstoke Methodist Churches as & when needed. Nearer the time help will be required. **Please put the date in your diary & publicise amongst your friends**. Any questions speak to **Linda**.

- Let God's Word fill your mind, rule your heart and guide your tongue – *Anon*
- God's faithfulness always surpasses our unfaithfulness – *Anon*
- Holiness consists of doing the will of God with a smile – *Mother Teresa*

The Fountain Prayer Group

meets next in the **Worship Arena** at
St Andrew's Trinity Church on:

Thursdays: 12 and 26 March



We gather at 2.30 pm and begin at 2.45 pm with a short reflection. The rest of our time together will include a period of silence and some prayerful sharing. We finish the formal part of the meeting at around 4 pm.

Please see separate notice 'Below' about our new pattern of meeting after Easter.

Please come even if you cannot attend every meeting, **Angela Webb**
(angela@webbfamily.org.uk)

Trinity Circle Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at St Andrew's Trinity, at 7.30 pm

Everyone is welcome. Our first meeting back after the break is on Tuesday 10th March starting at the **Earlier Time of 7pm** as it's our **AGM** and we are having **Supper** first.

Janet and Sonia will be in touch with members for numbers re-Catering. **Our Subs for the year will also be due.**

**Future Meetings are on the
14 April and the 12 May.**

Sonia

Northern Housegroup Meets at Members' homes on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Hilary, Edna & Sonia

A New Pattern for the Fountain Prayer Group



From Easter the Fountain prayer group will meet **once** a month on the **second Thursday** of the month.

We gather at 2.30 pm and begin at 2.45 pm with a short reflection. The rest of our time together will usually include a period of silence and some prayerful sharing. We finish the formal part of the meeting at around 4 pm.

Our meetings from Easter will be on:

Thursdays: 9 April; 14 May; 11 June & 9 July

Please come even if you cannot attend every meeting, **Angela Webb**
(angela@webbfamily.org.uk)

We are also going to try out some different times and ways of praying in the next few months.

Look out for separate notice about the Tuesday morning Lent Prayer Group.

'TUESDAY COFFEE CLUB'

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



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



**The Next 'JAM' Dates are:
Sundays: 8 March, 12 April
and 10 May**

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

'The 'Singing Group' Meets Next at 11 am



on the following Mondays: (These Dates are 'To Be Confirmed'. Dates sometimes subject to change):
23 March; 13 & 27 April, 11 & 25 May, 11am at church, everyone is very welcome to join us for a 'fun time of singing'. *More info Peggy or Hazel.*

Playtime U5 Group (at St Andrew's Trinity)

Thursdays 9.30 am – 11 am
(term-time only)



Contact: Theresa Strachan

A Craft Group meets Tuesday evenings (**BUT NOT on the Second Tuesday of the Month**)

7 pm to 9 pm – Open to all, bring along your own craft, chat to like-minded people, no charge, donations welcome for tea & coffee, Yvonne Hunt

Oakley Methodist Church



Coffee Mornings on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays: 10 & 24 March, 14 & 28 April and 12 & 26 May from 10.30 am – 12 noon

£1 for a bottomless tea or coffee & biscuits

Paperbacks available, 30p ea

Proceeds to the Red Cross

Old Basing Methodist Church

CAMEO Club meets next on the:

3rd Tuesdays, 11.30 am to 1 pm
17 March; 14 April & 19 May



Light lunch provided. Please bring crafts of your choice. All Welcome.

Gillian Smethurst

Oakridge Methodist Church

Vivian Road, B/Stoke, RG21 5QB

'Welcome Hub' – Coffee & Craft – Wednesdays 10 am – 12 noon

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

Memory Worship at Oakridge Methodist Church

on the 2nd Tuesday afternoon monthly at 2.30 pm on:

10 March and 14 April

Everyone is welcome to attend this short informal service which we hope will benefit those who are struggling with memory loss or who, for other reasons, find a traditional Sunday morning service difficult.

The service will be followed by refreshments and a time of fellowship.



South Ham Churches Lunch Club

St Andrew's and St Josephs 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**.



3rd Basingstoke Boys' Brigade

Are there any boys with nothing to do on a Friday night?

We run 2 sessions: 5 - 11 yr olds,
6.30 pm – 7.45 pm (£2 per boy)

and

11 - 18 yr 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)



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.

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'Crafting Bits' – (paints, coloured sand, felt, google eyes, lollipop sticks & more), contact: **Yvonne Hunt**:

email: yvonne.h@bhbcircuit.org.uk



Around our Circuit – What's on & Where ? (from our circuit notices)

Web address: www.bhbcircuit.org.uk

- **Circuit Lent Prayer Guide:**

(produced by the Circuit Prayer Resource Group) for Lent. Contributions from across the Circuit and Connexion. A Great Resource in 'pdf' and sent round by email on Saturday 14 February – *Printed copies will go to churches soon.*

- **Bible Month Training Day – 14 March:**

The Bible Month Training day this year can be streamed live from Cliff College on 14 March, 10am – 3pm, and can be watched via YouTube. To book yourself, your church or Circuit, **you can do that at:** <https://bible-month-training-2026.eventbrite.co.uk>. **Download Resources:** [download here a few resources to promote the training day](#) **Questions – email:** whitej@methodistchurch.org.uk.

- **MWIB....would love to have a Representative from each Circuit:**

Please do share with your folk or approach anyone who may be called to this. Anyone can contact Hilary for an informal chat: hjfe49@gmail.com or 01794 368434



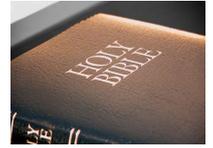
Berkshire & Hampshire Borders
Methodist Circuit

The List of – Church Stewards & Congregational Representatives on Church Council is on the Notice Board at the Back of the Church. ALSO a Copy of the most Current Church Council Minutes.

All Parish Pump Items are used with their permission, (written & graphics), Hazel, Ed

- Our mistakes won't irreparably damage our lives unless we let them – *James Sweaney*
- Blessed are those who can give without remembering, and take without forgetting – *Anon*

Who is the Holy Spirit?



There is much discussion on “Who is the Holy Spirit” or indeed “What is the Holy Spirit”. Holy Spirit – Spirit of Truth, both names are used in the Bible, the latter emphasising the absolute and unquestionable truth of the work of the Holy Spirit. Each of us, I believe, should read and meditate on this issue and draw our own conclusions.

For my part, I believe that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God the Father and of Jesus, God the Son, working together in unity and truth, absolute power and authority, universally throughout our World, and eternally to achieve God’s purpose. The importance of understanding that Jesus is an essential partner in the Holy Spirit with the Father can be seen in Colossians 1:15-20 (NIV 1984) where we see him actively involved in the creation of the universe. Verse 15 shown here.

15. The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

I then ask myself how can I believe that the Holy Spirit is living within me, active within my heart, which is what we are taught when accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour? I find the answer in John 14:15-21 (NIV 1984).

15. “If you love me, keep my commands.

16. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate (from the Greek parakletos meaning advocate, counsellor, comforter or helper) to help you and be with you forever –

17. the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. (This can be no other than Jesus as he was living with the disciples at this time.)

18. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

19. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. (Shown to be true in Jesus breathing the Holy Spirit into the disciples in the upper room (John 20:22-23), and at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4) receiving the full power of the Holy Spirit.)

20. On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. (True today for all Believers.)

21. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

There are many more verses in the Bible that teach us and confirm the absolute and unquestionable truth of the Holy Spirit. Without question the Holy Spirit is a person having mind, will and affections. He speaks, teaches and leads. He can be resisted, grieved and blasphemed. None of these things would be possible if the Spirit were not personal. Moreover the Spirit is omniscient, omnipresent and eternal. In short he is a Divine Person.

I find in my life that as I strive to be obedient to His Commandments, and see the positive results in my life and in others around me, I feel more confident and assured of His Truth and my future Salvation.

We should all ask ourselves the question: Where am I today in my personal one on one relationship with the Holy Spirit?

Martin Frost, November 2025

Ref. THE SPIRIT, The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Lives of Disciples by Douglas Jacoby.

ST ANDREW'S TRINITY CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2026 – MINUTES

(There is a copy of these Minutes on the noticeboard at the back of the church)

Present: 24 // Apologies: 6

1. **Welcome and Opening Devotions** Before the opening prayer, Revd Claire notified Council of the death of Ray P, formerly of Trinity Church. She paid tribute to his longstanding service as a member and organist. She also mentioned those who are sick or in hospital and asked for them to be remembered in prayer.
2. **Attendance/Apologies** A sign-in sheet had been provided and apologies were noted. Revd Claire announced members who were stepping down from roles: Sue D as Church Council Member, Eileen B as Communion Steward and Edna R as Church Steward. ER wishes to remain on Church Council and would be standing as Congregational Rep. As the Congregation are required to vote, usually at the Annual Church Meeting, Rev Claire would arrange for this to take place at a service in May. All of the people stepping down were thanked for their long service.
Action – At a service in May, the congregation is to be informed of Church Council and role changes and to vote on accepting ER as a Congregational Rep. **(CS)**
3. **Approve Minutes of the Meeting – 3rd November 2025** The Minutes were **approved and signed**.
4. **Matters Arising/Actions Review**
 - a. I Rodges Memorial Bench – Revd Claire has recently been given a contact at HCC and will progress. If there are any questions by members of the congregation, members were asked to let people know.
 - b. Photocopier charges and implementation – an outline of current and future costs and a retail comparison had been circulated in advance. Thanks were given to PH for providing the information.
There were discussions about what to charge Circuit and users from other churches, how to record usage and how often to invoice.
The new charges proposed by KC and seconded by BJ were agreed as follows: single black – 10p each, single colour – 20p each, A3 – 40p each. It was proposed by YH and seconded by JL to backdate Circuit charges to 1st September 2025 and was agreed. BJ proposed to begin charging the new rates to other users from 1st April 2026, seconded by SD and **agreed**.
It was also decided to: charge Quarterly for now, to continue to use a book for Circuit and other Church users to record photocopying details, with the new charges clearly labelled and to provide a separate book for internal users.
 - c. Lettings policy would be discussed under item 5.
Action: BL and SW to liaise for photocopier calculations and invoicing.
5. **Property, Lettings, Health and Safety** A property report had been circulated in advance. BL highlighted the recent boiler service and repairs. Although the boiler was in good working order, the Church was not being heated properly as the fan heaters were old. BL proposed for Council to approve hiring an engineer to check them and potentially to replace them, or the filters. He already had a recommended contact who had carried out work at Trinity. This was seconded by JL and **agreed**. It was also suggested he find out how often they should be serviced going forward.
 - a. Health and Safety Policy – this had not been updated for a few years and an up-to-date document would be brought to the next meeting for approval.
 - b. a Risk Assessment would be updated using a newer template and would be brought to the next meeting.
Action: DL-O to identify up-to-date H&S policies and risk assessment templates, and to work with BL to create a new policy.

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5. c. Lettings – BL presented LH with a small token and thanked her for standing in for him during his absence. He noted that there had been more bookings during that time than usual. A new booking form had been circulated with the papers and discussed. It was noted that a correction was needed in order to make it clear that the 'Trustees' are the Church Council and that a member is acting on its behalf. The typing of the church name also needed to be checked.
- Members were reminded that the decision had been taken at the last meeting not to allow raffles which may have been the case for a while. It was thought that some long-term hirers had not been made aware of this. Revd Claire said that she would write to groups to notify them of the updated form and confirm the decision of Church Council.
- Actions:** 1. BL to review and correct booking document 2. Rev Claire to write letter to regular hirers.
6. **Finance** Treasurer's report and balance sheet to 31st January 2026 had been circulated in advance. SW raised two requests for funding:
1. Oakridge for £165 for charges for 'Open the Book' which is ongoing. SW proposed, DB seconded and it was **agreed**.
 2. St Joseph's has asked that St Andrew's Trinity contributes half of the cost of running South Ham Churches Friday Lunch Club. Previously there were three churches but St Peter's no longer participates. £100 had been contributed last year. This year AWe proposed a sum of £150 which was seconded by BJ and **agreed**. A discussion about St Andrew's Trinity needing to receive an invoice for these contributions followed.
- Action:** HL to follow up with St Joseph's and clarify that Council expects invoices in respect of the Lunch Club.
- Regarding Treasurer's balance sheet, an observation was made that St Andrew's Trinity is using reserves and that 'in year' income/expenditure indicates a potential deficit of £8,000. A budget overview for 2026/27 was requested.
- Action:** SW to prepare a draft budget for Church Council Summer meeting
7. **Group Reports** All reports had been circulated in advance with the exception of Communication (to be circulated with the Minutes) and Children/Young People and Families that had not met since the previous meeting. CS reminded everyone that with the exception of Pastoral group, all other groups are open should anyone want to attend.
- a. **Worship (AW)** – attention was brought to the request to purchase 20 additional, large print 'Singing the Faith' hymn books to support. A question was asked about whether smaller print would be preferable as they are cheaper but it was felt the price was a good deal and bigger print was necessary for the users. BL proposed, LH seconded and purchase was **agreed**. Notice was given that St Andrew's Trinity will be hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday 6th March beginning 1.30-2pm. Focus will be Nigeria.
 - b. **Pastoral (JL/CS)** – It was highlighted that, after review, the anticipated changes to the approach to Pastoral care would not be necessary.
 - c. **Tech (DW) and Communication (PH)** – There had been limited progress with tech since last time and it was requested that people speak directly with DW regarding ongoing issues. PH outlined some of the items in his report: a request for old notices to be removed from boards, a reminder to send Circuit news items to Lee F, in order to advertise events more widely, and the website has had a significant number of visitors – average over a month more than 1,000 and in June/July 2025 over 8,000. Enquiries had also been received via the contact form.
- He proposed that the spinning display unit in the vestibule be replaced, as it was no longer in the best condition or suitable for some of the items needing to be displayed. A suitable replacement would cost £200-£500. The proposal was seconded by SW and **agreed**. DL-O added a correction to the AGCM that the St Andrew's and Trinity E-News and Flyer are both produced Quarterly.

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7. d. **Mission** (CS) – attention was brought to the following: the questionnaire for the wider community that would be trialled with Church hirers and Lent prayer meetings on Tuesdays beginning 24th February 11.30am -12 noon. The next Mission meeting is on 9th March, 2pm. YH had requested feedback on Christmas events and ideas for Easter and Christmas 2026 and Council were asked to return the survey or to speak to YH.
- e. **Children/Young People and Families** – YH gave a verbal update. There was a request for extra volunteers for 'Open the Book'. She reported that there are good numbers for JAM but an increasingly wide age-range since St Peter's had stopped their sessions. Food Link had closed at the Blue Coats school and users had been re-directed to St Peter's on Wednesdays. The team were thinking of ideas for the Summer that would not be too costly, any ideas would be welcomed. Revd Claire thanked YH and LC for all they do.
8. **Safeguarding** MH was not present but had notified in advance that there was nothing to report. It was noted that a Training update would be given when information became available.
9. **GDPR** a number of forms were circulated in advance – Data Processor, Whole Church Data Mapping, a Consent form, Data Holder Mapping information request. It was noted that churches need to submit an Annual Return in May. Revd Claire was not concerned that people were not complying with GDPR but it was important to be able to provide evidence. The various forms were explained and some questions were answered. One was raised with regard to the Prayer diary and reassurance given that first names only, with no identifiers do not need consent forms. In response to another question, it was clarified that if someone leads two different groups then there needs to be consent for each group. DL-O will look at creating a more generic Consent form in order to minimise the number of different versions. Safeguarding of data online was also discussed. Members were reminded that it is important to use Bcc (blind copy) for groups on email. YH reminded everyone that in a WhatsApp group for example, everyone in the group will be able to see all the mobile numbers of those in the group. The national data breaches that had been in the news recently were all related to online systems. Everyone who leads a group or holds personal data was asked to return the mapping form to DL-O as soon as possible. Actions: 1. DL-O to create a more generic Consent form 2. data holders to return data mapping forms to DL-O .
10. **Circuit News** Council received the Circuit report that had been circulated separately to the meeting's papers. It was highlighted that the new Presbyter for Bradfield would be meeting churches on 28th February. Council were asked to remember all those moving to new churches. A letter regarding the plans for development at Oakridge Church had been circulated for information and was noted. Updates would be provided as the project progresses.
11. **Any Other Business** LH asked for views on holding a Sunday lunch in the Mug and Biscuit, for those in the St Andrew's Trinity community who may want an occasional change from eating alone. Her idea was to hold it on the 5th Sunday in a month and suggested trialling it on Sunday 22nd March. It was suggested that she charge £5. There was support for the idea. LH proposed, DB seconded and it was **agreed**. LH asked for volunteers to take the kitchen bin home for cleaning, HL had suggested a name and would ask. LH also informed members that there would be a Table-Top Sale on 9th May, charge £20 per table. The administration and money would be handled by the Charity 'Forever Smiling' and St Andrew's Trinity would have their own table. No jumble, good quality items only.

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11. LF raised an issue about a Nativity Painting that has gone missing from the foyer. Please could someone tell her if they know where it is? *(NB this has now been found).*
12. **Date of Next Church Council Meeting** Monday 27th April 2026, 2pm.

DROP-INS at the Foodbank Centres



From an email received from Paula at the Foodbank:

We have had Rick Dalton from LEAP '**Local Energy Advice Partnership**' coming to all our Foodbank Centres during February to offer one more round of practical tips and support to help people reduce energy bills & keep their homes warmer for less money. We've included their website link so people can contact them direct: <https://applyforleap.org.uk>
Freephone 0800 060 7567.

Foodbank Centres in the Basingstoke Area:

Winklebury – (Church of the Good Shepherd)

Brighton Hill – (Basingstoke Baptist Church)

Buckskin – (Buckskin Church)

Town Centre – (St Michaels Church Cottage)

Tadley – (Tadley Common Methodist Church)

Sarum Hill – (Hope Church)

Popley – (St Gabriel's Church)

Paula

Visit: <https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/> for information on how to access a voucher.

Afternoon tea, anyone?

Do you take afternoon tea? Ever wondered where it started? The custom seems to date back to the mid-19th century, and the seventh Duchess of Bedford, Anna Russell. The Duchess got hungry at about 4pm each day, calling it "that sinking feeling". As it was still four hours until dinner (at 8pm), she began to have sandwiches or a small cake with some tea. Her friends thought this was marvellous, and the idea spread quickly through (hungry) upper class circles. Soon, it seems, everyone in England was looking forward to Afternoon Tea, and a great British tradition was born. Though, during the last century, the sandwiches and cake gave way to biscuits, still we reached for the teapot each afternoon. Not so much anymore, it seems. In the last five years, sales of tea and biscuits have dropped. Perhaps we are drinking coffee? The research was done by retail analysts Mintel. **(PP)**



Five Good Reasons to Eat Greek Yoghurt **(PP)**

Real live Greek yoghurt is seriously good for you. Its protein and live bacteria have been linked to stronger muscles, boosted gut microbiome, and better heart, bone and brain health. **Greek yoghurt** is high in protein, with up to 10g of protein per 100g. That's about double the protein of low-fat yogurt or Greek-style yogurts. What's more, it is a 'complete' source of protein, with all nine of the essential amino acids that our bodies can't make by themselves. **Greek yoghurt** boosts your gut health. Its natural probiotics encourage a wider array of beneficial bugs to live in your gut. That means less inflammation, and probably fewer cancer-causing chemicals. **Greek yoghurt** contains the minerals potassium and magnesium, which can help to both support and regulate blood pressure. **Greek yoghurt** provides calcium. This can contribute to greater bone density and even re-build bone tissue if we are older or have been injured. **Greek yoghurt** includes the B vitamins – thiamine (B1), riboflavin (B2) and cobalamin (B12). These help support memory, critical thinking, and our problem-solving skills.



Circuit Stewards Report – Spring 2026 (from CC, printed with permission)

“In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you” Matthew 7:12 (NIV)

Staffing:

Since our last report we can praise God that we have been matched with a new Presbyterian for the Caversham and Woodley Churches, and who has accepted our invitation to join our circuit from 1st September 2026. Formal process and paperwork has still to be completed so we request that you continue to keep all involved in your prayers at this time.

We also continue to hold in prayer our friends in Newbury, Thatcham, Hungerford and Bradfield Churches for whom, we have just been notified, have been matched with a Presbyterian! Further details will be shared in due course.

Rev Rachel Borgars has also had some excellent news in that she has been matched to and accepted the appointment of Superintendent of the Bromsgrove and Redditch Circuit in the West Midlands District. This is a real answer to her prayers as she will be located just half an hour from her increasingly frail parents. Please continue to pray for Rachel and her family as they prepare for this move.

Rev Andy Fitchet has moved house to a new Manse in Picket Twenty, Andover. He will also be on Sabbatical from 26th April until 8th August. Please pray for him during this time of change and reflection.

Deacon Sarah Wickett will be joining the Circuit on 1st March. Her Welcome Service is to be held at Emmanuel Methodist Church, Reading on 8th March from 5:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

We are delighted to advise that our Finance Officer, Serwah Mensah, will be continuing her work for the Circuit but now on a full-time basis. A number of Churches have brought to our attention the difficulty of fulfilling the needs of the Circuit and the requirements of producing a Statement of Financial Activity (SOFA) at the end of each Church Financial Year. The extra availability of Serwah is to encourage Churches to use her experience and skills to make life easier for Church Treasurers. Please contact Serwah (Finance@bhbcircuit.org.uk) if you think she may be able to help in any way.

Finally, Terry and Sarah are stepping down as Circuit Stewards at the end of this Church year. We would welcome anyone who feels called to be a Circuit Steward or is interested to know more about the role, to let us or Martin Beukes as soon as possible.

Mission:

The Circuit Leadership Team have recently held our first all day gathering looking at Mission across our Churches. We are seeking God's guidance and provision to identify, best support and effectively utilise the gifts of the Spirit evident across our circuit. We had a very positive day and look forward to our next gathering later in the year.

Our Mission Groups have been created by those with a calling or passion, providing a focus for each area of mission, key to the nurturing and growth of God's Kingdom. If anyone would like to find out more about any of the Mission Groups, would like to be involved in any way, or would like to discuss more local issues and ideas, please contact the relevant leader or Circuit Steward who would be more than happy to help.

Our Mission Groups:

- Worship (Revd Claire Simpson, Circuit Stewards Rosie & Terry). Please pray for our trainee local preachers; currently 4 on trial and 2 on note.

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Circuit Steward's Report (cont'd.....)**Our Mission Groups (cont'd.....):**

- Nurturing Faith (Revd Andy Fitchet, Circuit Steward Donald) – incorporating Prayer Group. A Prayer Guide for Lent has been produced by the group. Please look out for copies of these from your Minister.
- Children and Young People (Revd Helen Watson and Yvonne Hunt). A delegation of children from our circuit attending 3-Generate again in October this year. We would be very grateful if churches could sponsor a child or children and ensure that any young person in their congregation has the opportunity to go.
- Later Years and Care Homes (Karen Frost, Circuit Steward Sarah). Look out for training in Dementia Awareness and Anna Chaplaincy, coming shortly.
- Eco Church (Revd John Banks, Circuit Steward Michael).
- Mission Resourcing (Revd Martin Beukes, Peter Frank, Circuit Steward David).
- HR Group (Revd Rachel Borgars, Margaret Hayes, Circuit Steward Peter).

We are very grateful for the contribution made to the life of God's Kingdom by so many people in all our churches and are mindful of the burden that some are feeling. Please could you pray for all in service to God, that they might know His Peace and Strength, especially for those suffering ill health at this time.

Please continue to pray for the ongoing improvements in the health of three of our Presbyters, Rev Rachel Borgars, Rev John Banks and Rev Claire Simpson.

To support and prepare our Church Stewards in their roles, the circuit shall be providing training in early September. Further details shall be shared in due course. All Church Stewards are encouraged to attend.

Circuit Meeting Date: 11 March 2026 via Zoom

With every Blessing, Your Stewards – Sarah, Peter, Rosie, Michael, Donald, Terry and David

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Prayer for March 2026

(based on Jn 3:21, Jn 14:6, Jn 8:12, Jn 16:33, Heb 13:5)



Lord, In these weeks leading up to Easter, many of us spend time reflecting on what Jesus has done for us and how he can help us live our lives. But we live in a harsh, confusing world, where traditional values are upended and we can hardly believe some of the things we hear from powerful world leaders. Truth seems to be lost in the darkness.

Lord, your word tells us that, ***whoever lives by the truth comes into the light.***

Jesus says he is ***the Truth***. He also says he is the ***Light of the world***.

Help us to hold fast to these facts. Help us to remember that Jesus said that in this world we will have trouble – so we shouldn't be surprised – but that he has overcome the world – so we should be encouraged.

Whatever is going on in the troubled world around us – we can live by the real Truth – and in the real Light – Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, who will never leave us or forsake us.

Thank you so much, In Jesus name, Amen.

Daphne Kitching (PP)

- You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in You – *Augustine of Hippo*

Oakridge Methodist Church Redevelopment Project (from CC, printed with permission)

Dear Church Council members,

I am writing to you on behalf of the whole church community at Oakridge Methodist Church, Vivian Road, Basingstoke, RG21 5QB. Oakridge Methodist Church is embarking upon a large project to redevelop their church site. The building is over 60 years old and needs significant redevelopment to be sustainable and fit for purpose for the mission that the church has on the Oakridge estate.



As some of you are aware, Oakridge Methodist Church is the only church building in Oakridge itself. It is home to St Bernard's Nursery and we have good links with them throughout the year. Our main outreach is currently focussed on Fridays when we have the Warm Hub in the morning, the Community Food Link over lunchtime and then the Youth café in the afternoon. We see significant numbers of folk across these three activities every week and we engage a large number of volunteers who work alongside myself and other lay employees. The opportunities for further outreach and mission are numerous. Alongside Fridays, we have also begun to host a monthly Memory Worship for those who live with memory loss and their families which is run and supported by some of the Circuit's Anna Chaplains and we also have some outreach into the local community in schools and care homes. Other one-off events are held during the year that also attract our local community.

The redevelopment of the church site is essential to enable us to engage in mission more effectively. In essence, it will involve a reworking of the building so that the church and nursery have more separate entrances and we can make more effective use of the space that we have for activities and storage. We also want to increase the profile of the front of the church to make it more attractive to our local community. This will also involve a redesign of our car park area.

A Redevelopment Group has been appointed by the Church Council comprising some members of Church Council, a Circuit steward, a Circuit Employee (Yvonne) and Peter Frank who is the Circuit Resources Co-ordinator. The first phase of the redevelopment that they are currently working on is securing funding and engaging an architect to lead a Feasibility Study. This, in itself, will cost in the region of £14,000. We are pleased that with some grants from Circuit and Connexion, along with contributions from donations and the church, we have covered this cost. The redevelopment itself could be in the region of £500,000 but as you will appreciate at the moment this is an estimate.

The Oakridge Church community understand that alongside applying for grants to fund the redevelopment we need to undertake some serious fundraising! This has already begun and will gather pace in 2026 and so this letter is to ask for your support in three specific ways:

Please pray for us and our mission at Oakridge as we embark on this ambitious project. Pray for our community and for those on the Redevelopment Group who will make decisions as the project gets going. We will endeavour to provide updates and prayer pointers on a regular basis.

Please support our fundraising events! We hope to do a range of things that engage the interests of as many folk as possible and if you have ideas for fundraising then we want to hear about them!

Lastly, when the cost of the project is more firmly known and the phases that will be part of the redevelopment are clearer, we would greatly appreciate it if our neighbouring Church Councils would **consider contributing financially to the project** as a way of supporting the work of another Methodist Church in Basingstoke.

Thank you, Blessings, Claire Simpson (*Revd Claire Simpson – Methodist Minister for B/S Area*)

Canon Paul Hardingham considers the crowds of Jerusalem...

The Way of the Cross



'Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me.' (Luke 9: 23).

These words of Jesus are spoken at a turning point in the gospel. Jesus challenged the disciples about His identity and their commitment to Him: *'who do the crowds say I am?'* (Luke 9:18). It is at this point that He *'resolutely set out for Jerusalem'* (9:51). On our journey through Lent, as we look to the events of Good Friday and Easter, what are our priorities as Jesus' disciples?

To deny ourselves: this means to saying *No* to ourselves and *Yes* to God, as we humbly submit our will to His. Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane *'not My will but Yours be done.'* (Luke 22:42). It means putting Jesus first in everything: our work, family, ambitions, possessions, marriage, finance and future. We will not be guided by self-interest, but by allowing God to show us how to live in His way.

To take up our cross: this reminds us that the disciple is not immune from suffering, as we follow Jesus along the way of the cross. Just as He carried His cross to Golgotha, we cannot avoid experiencing suffering in a fallen world. Every day we are to live in a way that demonstrates to everyone that we have died to ourselves, our selfish ways and ambitions, and seek to live for God. It means breaking old selfish habits and ways of thinking, as we allow God to renew us by His Spirit.

Perhaps that is something we should learn — to wait for Jesus our Master, to be always obedient to Him, to serve Him with all our hearts, and to bear the mark of His grace in our lives. In all of this we cannot lose, because like Jesus, it is only through death that we find God's new life. *'He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain that which he cannot lose.'* (Jim Elliot). **(PP)**

The Boys' Brigade Launches Alumni Network to Connect Generations

The Boys' Brigade wants to get in touch with former members to celebrate more than 140 years of shaping young lives. The organisation wants to connect with previous members to share their stories of how The Boys' Brigade (BB) helped prepare them for their lives and careers. To do so, it has launched a new alumni scheme (<https://alumni.boys-brigade.org.uk>). But the new scheme "isn't just about reminiscing about the past", the organisation states, "it is about giving you the chance to reconnect with us and help build a stronger future as The Boys' Brigade heads towards our 150th anniversary." The Boys' Brigade (BB) was founded in 1883 and today works with 1,200 churches of all denominations. For generations, BB has provided "opportunities to learn, grow and discover", and this positive influence "is as important and as relevant today as ever."



BB trustee Andrew Baldwin says, "One of the things that always makes me smile is hearing stories of people's connections to the organisation. There is a huge BB community out there – across the UK and around the world. "Former members are in every walk of life. We want to hear your stories, and the part that The Boys' Brigade played in your life. "The alumni scheme gives us the chance to reconnect and build a stronger future, as we head towards our 150th anniversary." **As one former BB boy said:** *'BB taught me how to become a leader, a good man and a better person. It pushed me to see what I was capable of. It gave me drive. I wouldn't be the person I am today if it hadn't been for The Boys' Brigade.'* **(from PP)**

The Mug & Biscuit, St Andrew's Trinity Methodist Church

Open, (Usually term-time - 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



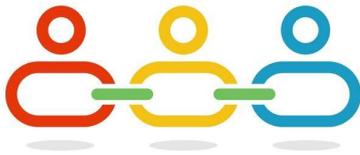
We look forward to welcoming old & new friends.



The Mug & Biscuit Team



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



TAKING A BITE OUT OF HUNGER

Basingstoke Community Food Link

For all the latest information and '*How to Get Involved*'; '*Donate Money*' or '*Become a Volunteer*', use the link below for the Community Food Link Website:

bcfd.org.uk/supporting.html



The Foodbank Website is:

basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk

For all the latest information and '*How to Donate Food*'; '*Donate Money*' or '*Become a Volunteer*', use the link above for their website.

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**



Photos, Pete's

RECYCLE Used Postage Stamps via the box in the Mug & Biscuit or '*St Michael's Hospice*'. THANKS, **Bob**



Photo, Pete's

'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



- 150 years ago, on 10 March 1876 the world's first telephone call was made. Alexander Graham Bell used his telephone to call his assistant, Thomas Watson, after spilling acid in his laboratory. The first words ever spoken on a telephone were: "Mr Watson, come here. I want you."

**Silchester Retreats:
Retreat Centre, Silchester,
Methodist Church, RG7 2NY**



Website: www.silchester-christian-retreat.org.uk

Discovering Strength for Today

Enquiries, Contact: angela.hiscock@btinternet.com
or phone Angela on: **01256 850432 (numbers are limited)**

Days run from 10 am – 3 pm, refreshments from 9.45 am.
Please bring packed lunch. Hot & cold drinks, including
cup-a-soup provided. Suggested donation per person £10.

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Dates for Retreats:

Wednesday 15 April – ‘God of Surprises’
*Looking for new beginnings, being attentive to
moments of resurrection. “See, I am doing a
new thing! Now it springs up; do you not
perceive it?” Isaiah 43: 19 (part) (NIV)*



Saturday 6 June – ‘Gifted.....’ You are loved.
*Your life itself is a precious gift. The world
needs you, you can bring hope. “You are the
light of the world.....let your light shine before
others, so that they may see your good works and give glory
to your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:14,16 (part) (NRSVA)*



Christian Resources Available:

**Steve Wood, supplies Christian Resources
to surrounding areas via ‘Sonrise Christian
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Contact Steve ☎: 07396 825097 or email for
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needed: General Christian books, cards, gifts...

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"Just cleared
out some space
in the freezer"
sounds so much
more productive
than "I just
polished off
another pint of
ice cream."

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- 80 years ago, on 25 March 1946 London's Heathrow Airport first opened as London Airport. It was renamed Heathrow Airport in 1966.
- 75 years ago, on 15 March 1951 Dennis the Menace first appeared in the British children's comic, *The Beano*.
- 40 years ago, on 3 March 1986 Queen Elizabeth II signed the Australia Act, severing Australia's remaining legal ties with Britain and granting it full independence.

*Nigel Beeton writes:
St Paul writes in
1 Corinthians 12:1-11 that
the Spirit speaks within our
hearts to call out our gifts,
so that we may use them to
build up the Church. But we
must learn to hear the
Spirit's voice; it is like a
gentle whisper, a song, and
can easily be overwhelmed
by our doubts, our lack of
faith, and cares of the day.
Yet the song of the Spirit
can make the ordinary
person extraordinary.
But it is our job to listen out
for God's Spirit, as He sings:*

The Song of the Spirit

O when Your Spirit
softly sings
Within our hearts of stone
Lord, speak to us of
Godly things
And make our hearts
Your home.

Sometimes our doubts
like briars grow
Sometimes our faith is weak,
O Spirit, sing, that
doubt may go,
Lord, help us hear
You speak.

Transform us through Your
Spirit's voice
And set our hearts alight,
So truly may our
hearts rejoice
And shine with Godly light.

For those who hear the
Spirit's song,
Are filled then with
His power!
Their light shall shine the
whole day long
And praise fills ev'ry hour!

by Nigel Beeton (PP)

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Our values

- Working as one organisation
- Integrity and respect
- Professionalism
- Making a difference
- Continuous improvement

Hampshire County Council Fostering Service, part of Hampshire County Council, is made up of a community of over 450 fostering households and 60 staff members. Based within Children's Services, we find and assess new foster carers for the children of Hampshire as well as support our current foster carers.

Rated **'Outstanding'** by Ofsted, Hampshire County Council provides ground-breaking support, quality training and competitive allowances through flexible and robust fostering opportunities for its community. Hampshire County Council is dedicated to making Hampshire an even better place for children and young people, where all, including those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged, have the best possible start in life and are supported by the whole community to succeed.

If you would like to find out more about fostering opportunities, contact our friendly foster carer recruitment team: Email: fostering@hants.gov.uk, Tel: **01489 587 052**'.

hants.gov.uk/fostering
www.facebook.com/HampshireChildren/
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The information above came from an enquiry to our website asking if we could advertise fostering within our congregation, in case there might be someone interested in finding out about fostering.

- Instead of a sign that says: **'Do Not Disturb'**, I need one that says: **'Already Disturbed, Proceed with Caution'**.

Diary / Dates Page, St Andrew's Trinity – CHECK OUT the Church Noticeboards TOO !

Dates	Timings	EVENTS , St Andrew's Trinity unless advised
Weekly & Monthly Events – TT (term-time)		
Tue, Wed, Thur weekly TT only	10am–1.30pm	Mug & Biscuit is Open for drinks, biscuits, cakes, tea-cakes, light lunches, (sometimes subject to change) p26
Tues, weekly	10am–11.30am	Tuesday Coffee Club, p14
Wed weekly TT	1pm–3pm	Knit One, Drop One
2 nd /4 th Frid mnth	12.30pm	S/Ham Churches Lunch Club, <i>St Joseph's Church</i> , p15
2 nd Thurs monthly after Easter	2.30pm–4pm	The Fountain Prayer Group twice monthly, BUT Changing after Easter – CHANGING to Just the 2nd Thurs each month from 9 April, SEE p14
4 th Tues evening	6.30pm	Harrow Way Housegroup
Youth Organisations – Weekly, Mostly Term-time – abbreviated to TT in places		
Mon, weekly, term-time (TT)	7pm–8.30pm	1 st South Ham Guides, (age 10–14), Leader: Sarah, New Members Sign Up via Girl Guides' website: www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus
Wed, weekly TT	4.30pm-5.45pm	3 rd South Ham Rainbows, (age 4–7), Lena Ponting
Wed, weekly TT	6pm–7.30pm	3 rd South Ham Brownies, (age 7–10), Lena Ponting
Thur, weekly TT	9.30am–11am	Playtime U5 Group, Contact: Theresa Strachan, p15
Frid, weekly	6.30pm–9.30pm	3 rd B/Stoke Boys Brigade, Captain Theresa Strachan p16
Other Events (including events that are monthly)		
Future Dates		At St Andrew's Trinity
Tues 3 March	11.30am-12noon	Lent 'Prayer Time', (also on 10, 17, 24 & 31 March), p6 & 7
Tues 3 March	7.30pm	Northern Housegroup meet (also on 6 Apr & 4 May), p14
Fri 6 March	2pm	World Day of Prayer, at St Andrew's Trinity, p5
Sund 8 March	2.30pm	JAM meet (also on 12 April & 10 May), p14
Mond 9 March	2pm	Mission Group Meet, Open meeting, everyone welcome, p9
Tues 10 March	7 pm EARLIER	Trinity Circle Meets (also 7.30pm 14 April & 12 May), p14
Thurs 12 March	2.30pm	Fountain Prayer Group (and on 26 March), p14
Mond 23 March	11am	TBC , Singing Group (and 13 & 27 Apr & 11 & 25 May), p15
Sund 29 March	5pm for 6pm	Informal Worship, Hot cross buns & crumpets, M & B, p11
Sund 29 March		Clocks Go Forward
Thurs 2 April	7pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service, p4
Fri 3 April	10.30am	Short Service outside, around the bare cross, p4
Thurs 9 April	2.30pm	Fountain Prayer Group (also 14 May, 11 June), p14
Thurs 9 April	10 am – 4 pm	'Mug & Biscuit +' Family Fun, games, craft, film, p5
Mond 13 April	2pm	Worship Meeting, p9
Mon 27 April	2pm	Next Church Council Meeting, p1 & p9
Sat 9 May	11am – 2pm	Forever Smiling Table-Top Sale at St Andrew's Trinity, p13
Sund 10 May		DEADLINE for June 2026 E-News (EARLIER this time), p1
Thurs 28 May	10 am – 4 pm	'Mug & Biscuit +' Family Fun, games, craft, film, p5
Tues, NOT 2nd Tues – 7pm – 9pm		Craft Group, bring your own craft, p15
Wed 15 April	10am – 3pm	Silchester Retreats, 'God of Surprises', p27



For the Young & Young at heart (PP)

PUZZLES Crossword

Bible Bite

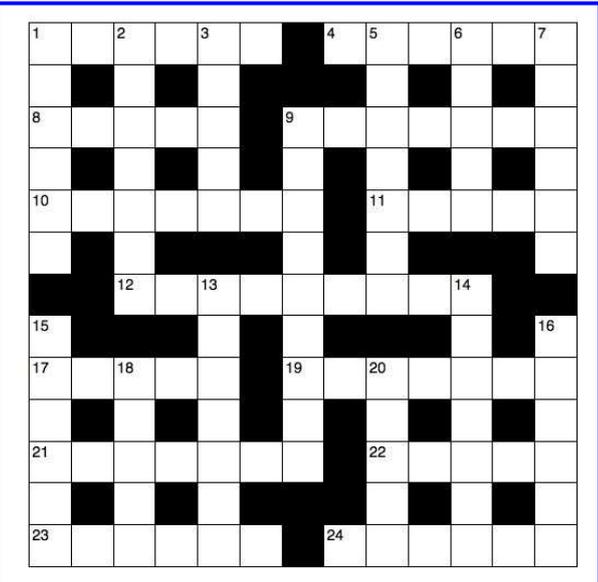
A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Matthew 25: 14-30

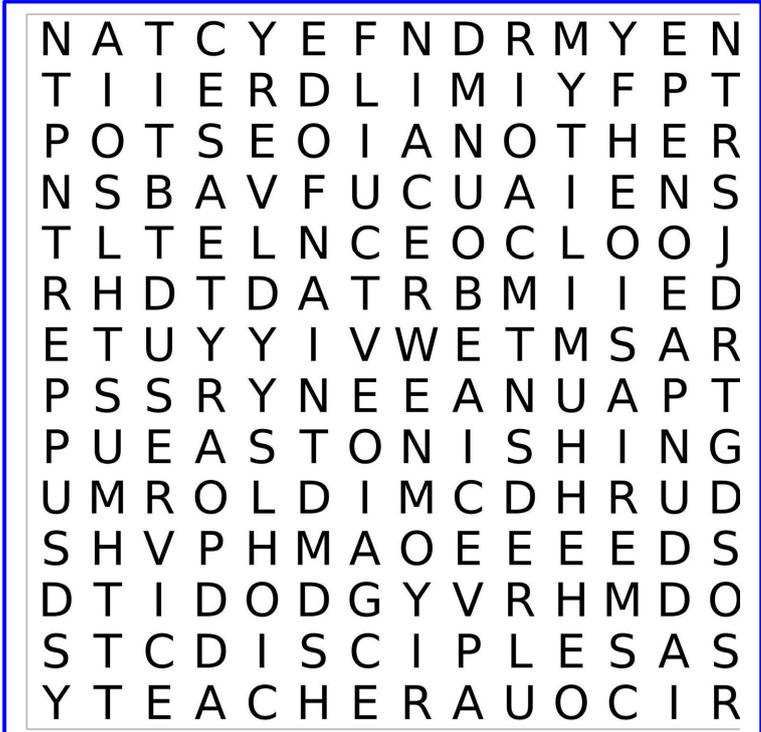
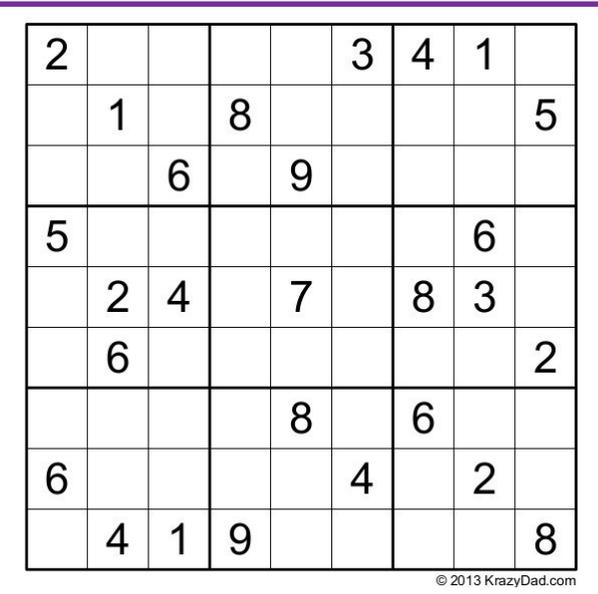
Jesus told a story to help his disciples to be ready for the end of time. 'A rich man was about to go on a journey...'



When the master came back, he called his servants to him...



Sudoku



Wordsearch for March – Love and serve one another – On Maundy Thursday we recall the final command that Jesus gave to his disciples before his death. After the Last Supper, He rose and washed his disciples' feet. This was astonishing for a 'teacher' to do, but He had a firm purpose in mind: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

Maundy	Disciples	Feet	Loved
Service	Thursday	You	Must
Astonishing	Domination	Final	Death
Purpose	Obedience	Latin	Command
Supper	Teacher	One	Ceremony
Jesus	Washed	As	Another
Medieval	Humility	Last	

Mouse Makes

The Bible has many stories of mothers who had great faith in God. With their love, care, encouragement and prayers their children grew up to be great people of God.

Who saved her baby by putting him in a basket in the river?
Exodus 2:1-3 and 6:20

Who was 90 years old when she had her son Isaac?
Genesis 17:19

Whose prayers for a child were answered by God?
1 Samuel 1:20

Who had two sons called Cain and Abel?
Genesis 4:1-2

Across

- Obed's mother
Matthew 1:5
- John's mother
Luke 1:57-60
- Reuben's mother
Genesis 29:32
- Joseph's mother
Genesis 30:22-24
- Jesus' mother
Acts 1:14

Down

- Boaz's mother
Matthew 1:5
- Solomon's mother
1 Kings 1:11
- Timothy's mother
2 Timothy 1:5
- Ishmael's mother
Genesis 16:15
- Jacob and Esau's mother
Genesis 25:21-26

Answer the questions then put them into the crossword

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Crossword Clues Across

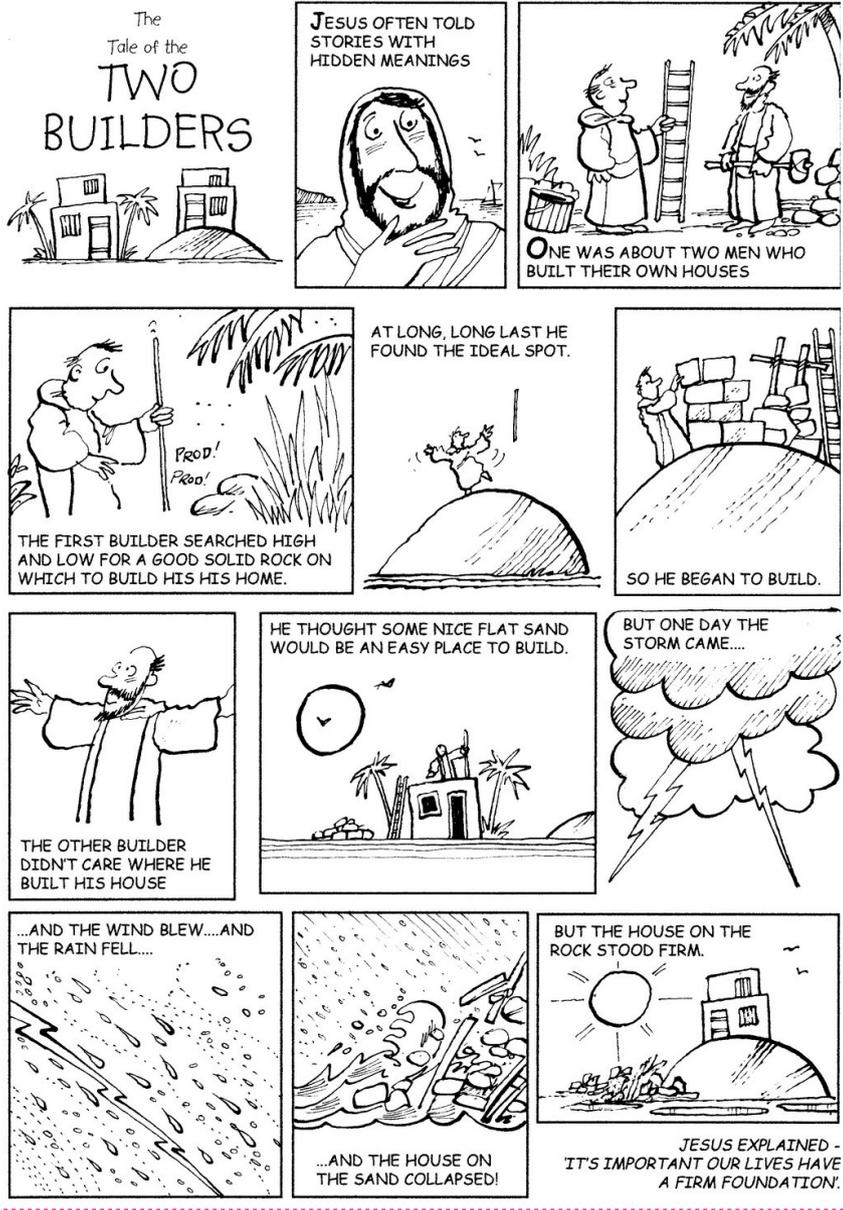
- Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)
- Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)
- "They — —," you will say, "but I'm not hurt!" (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)
- Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)
- Jewish (7)
- Dirge (anag.) (5)
- 'A truthful witness gives honest — , but a false witness tells lies' (Proverbs 12:17) (9)
- Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)
- 'Do not use your freedom to — the sinful nature' (Galatians 5:13) (7)
- 'As you can see, he has done nothing to — death' (Luke 23:15) (7)
- Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)
- 'All the people — — one man, saying, "None of us will go home"' (Judges 20:8) (4,2)
- Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham's side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)

Crossword Clues Down:

- Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)
- 'In an — to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea' (Acts 27:30) (7)
- Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)
- 'But I have a baptism to — , and how distressed I am until it is completed!' (Luke 12:50) (7)
- 'Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — — ' (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)
- Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)
- 'For I desire mercy, not — , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings' (Hosea 6:6) (9)
- One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob's well (John 4:5) (7)
- Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)
- Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)
- One of Paul's first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)
- Donkeys (5)
- Raked (anag.) (5)



- When you kneel to pray, don't give orders – report for duty! – Anon



Puzzle Pages Solutions

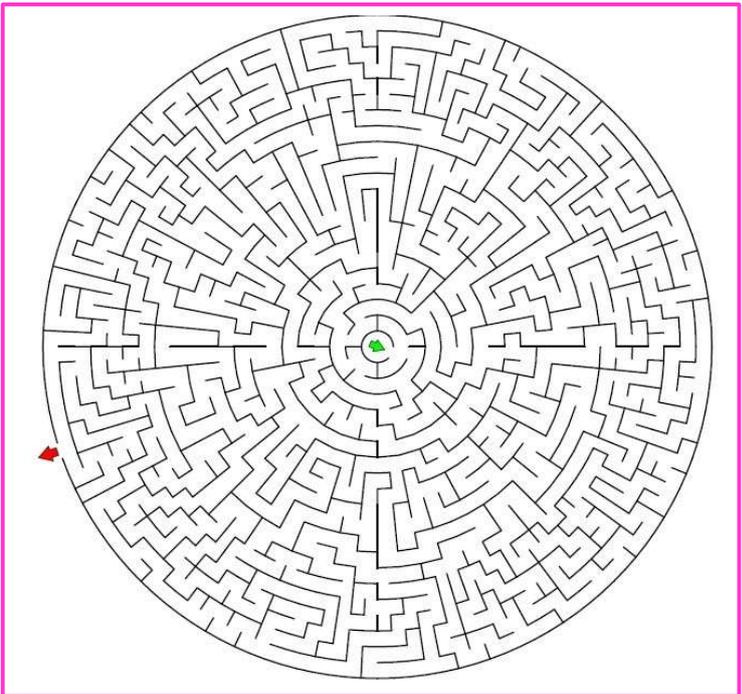
Across: 1, Awaken. 4, Quench. 8, Hit me. 9, Sadness. 10, Semitic. 11, Ridge. 12, Testimony. 17, Psalm. 19, Indulge. 21, Deserve. 22, Ariel. 23, Rose as. 24, Beggar.

Down: 1, Aghast. 2, Attempt. 3, Eject. 5, Undergo. 6, No end. 7, Hasten. 9, Sacrifice. 13, Samaria. 14, Yelling. 15, Spider. 16, Dealer. 18, Asses. 20, Drake.

Sudoku Solution, medium

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Could	Third	Rich	Story	Servants	Showed	Second	Time
Bags	Master	Hard	Expected	Hole	Disciples	Buried	End
Earn	Started	Money	Journey	Jesus	Coins	Work	First