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Principal Services in the Benefice

<u>3rd October</u>	<u>18th Sunday after Trinity</u>
9.00am	Holy Communion (Bromham)
10.30am	Holy Communion (Oakley)
<u>10th October</u>	<u>19th Sunday after Trinity</u>
9.00am	Holy Communion (Stagsden)
10.30am	Ecumenical Partnership Service (Oakley Methodist Church)
6.00pm	Evensong (Bromham)
<u>17th October</u>	<u>20th Sunday after Trinity</u>
9.00am	Holy Communion (Oakley)
10.30am	Holy Communion (Bromham)
<u>24th October</u>	<u>21st Sunday after Trinity</u>
9.00am	Holy Communion (Stagsden)
10.30am	Holy Communion (Bromham)
<u>31st October</u>	<u>All Saints Sunday</u>
10.30am	Holy Communion (Stagsden)

Weekday Services

Mondays	
11.30am	Messy Church (Bromham)
Thursdays	
10.00am	Messy Church (Oakley)

NB 10.30 church services are streamed via Zoom for those who find it difficult to attend in person (details on website www.bromhambenefice.org)

Please continue to check the Pew Leaflet or our website as venues sometimes have to change at short notice.



From the Vicarage

Can you complete the catchphrase: 'A Mars a day helps you...'? I was reminded of this advert from the 1960s the other day, because I was listening to someone talk about the missing phrase – '...work, rest and play'. Sugar gives you energy, milk is nourishing for our bodies, so a

delicious-tasting sugar-filled chocolate snack that contains both can only be good for you as you go through the day! Well maybe – our understanding of good nutrition has changed since then. And that's not the only thing that has changed. For many people, work now is a more static, sedentary occupation – maybe sitting at a computer, and possibly at home rather than in an office, so that even the journey to work might only be from one room to the next.

In the past eighteen months, lockdowns and furlough have forced some of us to rest more – if you can't leave your home, then there are limited options for work or exercise. Perhaps as a nation we have become too good at resting – the statistics showing average hours spent watching television or computer screens make worrying reading.

However, I spent a very enjoyable hour at the Oakley Show recently, and was so impressed to see the many entries in the different categories. There are clearly plenty of allotments, gardens and vegetable plots being tended, and a great variety of hobbies and crafts being enjoyed. The mouth-watering

array of home baking and preserves was evidence of even more creativity and time to 'play'.

For the advertisement-makers, work, rest and play were three elements in life which they wanted us to believe a chocolate bar could nourish and sustain. It is hard to get the balance between them right though; we all know someone who is a workaholic who has to be prised from their desks or working lives, as well as someone who needs great motivation to get up from the sofa, or indeed to walk away from an uncompleted jigsaw or come in from the garden. But it is also true that a balanced life is beneficial and worth working at: as the old saying goes 'all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy'!

A daily Mars bar is not (in my opinion) the best way to sustain a healthy lifestyle – its more likely to lead to a trip to the doctor or dentist! So, what can we do to help manage work pressures, ensure adequate time off, and give space for creativity and fun?

The speaker who drew my attention to this phrase had actually tweaked it slightly. 'Work, rest and pray' was their topic as we thought about how we could live well. If we give our relationship with God the attention it should have, then other things will start to fall into place – we can learn to care for ourselves and for others within our rhythms of work and time off to rest and play.

Why not spend a few minutes now talking to God about the work, rest and play in your life, and the balance between them? What might he be saying to you?

Rev'd Catherine



The next LINKUP for people living on their own will be at 2.30 on Thursday October 7 at 7 Leyside Bromham when Tessa will be talking about her experiences in Nepal. More information from Anne Tombs 01234 822949

Children's Society

Big Box Bash!

There will be a box opening for the
Children's Society
on Saturday 9th October 2021
from 10am to 12 noon
at St Owen's Fellowship Room.

There will be Tea / Coffee / Cake available. All welcome.

Please bring along the collecting box that has been on your shelf since 2019 and we will ***count the cash***

Thank You

Any enquiries to Anne Rooke, telephone number 01234 602718.

Benefice Bring and Share Lunch

No lunch this month but the next one will be on Sunday
21st November - more details next month

Benefice BBQ - Monday 30th August 2021

Grateful thanks to Graham, Frances and your team of helpers for another very enjoyable event. Not forgetting Revds Catherine and Tim for the use of your garden!

New Chair for Christian Aid

The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu, the former Archbishop of York, will be the next Chair of the board of international development agency Christian Aid. Born in Kampala, Uganda, Dr Sentamu will be the first person of African descent to take up the position of Chair in Christian Aid's 75-year history. He will take over from Dr Rowan Williams in November.

Christian Aid's CEO Amanda Khozi Mukwashi said: "This is wonderful news for Christian Aid. Dr Sentamu brings with him a passion and energy for global justice, a deep love of the Church and a profound theological understanding that will be able to speak into the crises of climate change, Covid, conflict and debt that are affecting the world's poorest communities. We look forward to welcoming him to the Christian Aid family."



Baptism:

5th September Theo John Payne

Wedding:

18th September Hannah Hamilton & Jonathan
Smith (Bromham)

Funeral:

2nd September Martin Smith (Bromham)

Burial:

29th September Evelyn Scott (Bromham)



**HM The Queen has named
The Venerable Jo Kelly-Moore,
Archdeacon of Canterbury
as the next Dean of St Albans.**



The Dean leads the ministry of the Cathedral, the mother church of the Diocese of St Albans and one of the Church of England's 42 cathedrals. Cathedrals have seen sustained growth in visitor numbers and worshippers over nearly two decades and St Albans cathedral has had the largest worshipping congregation of any.

Dean-Elect Jo's appointment follows the departure of the Very Revd Jeffrey John who was Dean from 2003 to 2020 and who is now an Anglican Chaplain in Paris. The appointment of the Dean is made by the Crown on the advice of the Bishop and other leading figures in the diocese following a rigorous selection process involving a church and civic panel. The panel was chaired by the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, emphasising the reach of the Cathedral across all the communities of the Diocese of St Albans.

Speaking about the appointment, the Bishop of St Albans, Dr Alan Smith, said:

"This is a timely moment to welcome a new Dean to the Cathedral and the Diocese after eighteen months of lockdown. Jo brings outstanding experience to our Cathedral from Holy Trinity Cathedral, Auckland, Aotearoa, New

Zealand and from a leading post in the Church of England as Archdeacon of Canterbury – a post also playing a key part in the ministry of Canterbury Cathedral with its international dimension.

“That makes Dean Jo well placed to build on the legacy of Dean Jeffrey in establishing public understanding of St Albans Cathedral as the home of Britain’s First Saint, St Alban.

“She will commend herself to the community in St Albans and more widely in the diocese and beyond through her warmth and the sense of quiet command that she conveys.

“I warmly welcome her.”

Following the worst days of lockdown, St Albans Cathedral has discovered new friends online as services and visitor experiences have been shared with participants across the continents and has welcomed back visitors and worshippers in person.

Dean-Elect Jo has had a long-standing awareness of St Albans Cathedral: many years ago when she was a parish priest in New Zealand a parishioner brought her back a small wooden mouse as a memento from a pilgrimage all the way to St Albans Cathedral, which she still has.

Speaking about Dean Jo on learning of her impending departure from Canterbury Diocese, the Most Hon & Rt Revd Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, who is also Bishop of the Diocese of Canterbury, said:

“This is a fantastic appointment. Jo has been a real gift to Canterbury Diocese and she will be sorely missed. She navigates the complexities of the Church of England with humour, grace and skill and her commitment to the gospel of Christ is evident in her life.”

Editor: Here is a poem with a sad ring to it...

**Sorry, Lord, I just couldn't
make it**

The bells ring out on Sunday
morn,
O did you hear their call?
They call the faithful ones to
prayer
To Church they summon all.

But Lord, I cannot come today,
I live a busy life,
Still, when there's something
special on
I'll try and send the wife.

It poured with rain last
Sunday
An inch or two, I bet.
You surely can't expect me
then –
I'd get my new suit wet.

Today the sky is blue and
clear,
but the car's as black as ink.
And if I do not clean it soon,
What will the neighbours
think?

You know I do my bit, dear

Lord
I have a golden rule,
I sometimes send my kids
along
To be at Sunday school.

But I really couldn't come as
well,
There's grass to mow, and
beds to weed
Shelves to fix, a dog to walk,
and
Sunday newspapers to read.

And now this day has ended,
Lord
How fast the weekends go!
I ask for faith and strength
this week
For I feel (spiritually) quite
low.

Inflame, O Lord, my feeble
faith
My lamp burns rather dim,
For God depends on me, of
course,
And I depend on Him.

Author unknown

Coming soon...



Family Light Party

Sunday 31st October 4.30pm - 6.30pm

in St Owen's Fellowship Room

Games - Craft - Tea - Fun



Save the date - more details to follow!

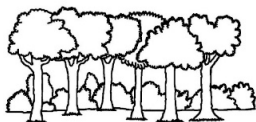
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Christian Aid's emergency appeal for Haiti

Following the devastating earthquake that hit Haiti in August, Christian Aid has launched an emergency appeal to help people that have been affected.

The nation - which is still recovering from the 2010 earthquake that killed 300,000 people and Hurricane Matthew in 2016, and more recently dealing with Covid and the aftermath of the assassination of its president – has now been struck another blow.

Figures of those killed or impacted are still uncertain. Houses have been destroyed, roads are cut off due to landslides, power lines and communications have been damaged.

People have lost their homes, belongings and means to make a living.

People will need emergency shelter, food, drinking water, access to healthcare and protection assistance, but in the long-term they will need housing, livelihood and psychological support.



Marc Pascal Desmornes, Regional Programme Manager for Christian Aid in Haiti said: "We see families moving to wherever they can to stay safe with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Swaths of Haitians are facing growing hunger and healthcare services are already overwhelmed by Covid-19."

Editor: Bible Sunday is 24th October, so this may be a good month to rediscover reading your Bible in a way that will really help you.

How to read the Bible

Reading the Bible is much easier if you follow some simple steps and get prepared. And, as you delve into it, you might find that you are more familiar with the Bible than you expected: it crops up in everything from Shakespeare to Hollywood movies; it's inspired musicians, historical figures down the centuries, and campaigners.

The Bible is complex. It's not one book but a collection of 66 books, split into two sections: the Old Testament and the New Testament. Each one of these books are divided into chapters and verses. People often find it easier to begin at the opening of the New Testament, which starts about three-quarters of the way through.

The New Testament begins with four accounts of the life of Jesus Christ, the founder of Christianity, known as the Son of God. These accounts are known as the gospels. They include eye-witness reports of what happened. Matthew and John were among Jesus' 12 closest followers. Here you can read about what Jesus did and said – His profound teaching, how He healed people of sickness and how He challenged the authorities. The Gospels also tell us about His death by crucifixion and how He came back to life and then returned to heaven.

The first Gospel, Matthew, opens with the story of Jesus' birth (the event which is celebrated at Christmas) and then jumps forward 30 years to when Jesus began travelling around what is now Israel and the Palestinian territories telling people about God. Starting with a Gospel introduces you to the person of Jesus and the basics of Christian belief.

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Early Christian teaching. A good next step is to read some of the teaching given to the early Christian Church. Much of the New Testament is a series of letters written by early Christian leaders such as Paul. He travelled around the lands of the eastern Mediterranean, telling people about Jesus. He then wrote to the various newly-established churches and individuals to encourage them in their beliefs. Letters such as Philippians or Colossians are short, bite-sized letters full of advice about how to live a Christian life.

Getting to grips with the whole Bible takes some time, but it is worth the effort. In his second letter to a young leader called Timothy, Paul says the Bible is “*inspired by God and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness*”.

How reading notes can help. Many people find it helpful to find a quiet and comfortable place to sit and read the Bible and make sure that they read it every day. Take time to digest what it says. You could say a quick prayer – asking God to help you understand what you are reading and its relevance to you.

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God in the Sciences

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

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

Every person was once a sperm and an egg. Those two unique germ cells fused together, and in nine months they turned into a living, breathing, human being. One of the most important stages of this process is when each section of the body, from head to rump, takes on its identity.

In this context, identity means what shape it takes, and which limbs or internal organs grow there: legs or arms, lungs or

pancreas, and so on. The source of that physical identity is DNA: the networks of genes that are switched on or off in each segment of the body, making all the proteins that are needed to grow and develop in the right way. The master-genes that control the whole process are called homeobox, or Hox genes for short.

The most beautiful thing about the process of body patterning is the way it brings the dimensions of time and space together in such a tidy way. The Hox genes are organised into several clusters on the chromosomes, in the order in which they are needed during development *and* the order in which they appear on the body.

As the embryo develops, the cells near the head end activate the first genes in the Hox clusters. The cells just below the head then switch on the second genes in the cluster, and so on. A wave of gene activation passes down the embryo, specifying each section of the trunk in turn.

Once a Hox gene is switched on it can stay switched on in the next few sections of cells, and it is the overlapping activity of the genes which gives each section of the body its proper identity.

Biologist Jeff Hardin often quotes Psalm 139 to express the wonder of embryonic development. *"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb...your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth."* The story of the tidy Hox genes is very relevant to these verses, bringing out the hidden beauty in the process.

The more biologists get to find out about how we came to be born, the more we can say, *"I am fearfully and wonderfully made"*!

St Owen's Extension

On Sunday 26th September, Rt Revd Richard Atkinson, Bishop of Bedford, formally opened the extension and named the St Owen's Fellowship Room.

This milestone was finally achieved 6 years and 163 days after the launch of the fund raising appeal and we give heartfelt thanks to all those in any way involved in providing a facility fit for the 21st century.

Shown in the Fellowship Room are (*l to r*): Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire and Patron of the Appeal, Helen Nellis; Revd Linda Bond, vicar at the inception of the project; Bishop Richard; and Revd Catherine Wilson, Vicar.



In his address Bishop Richard thanked everyone for their tremendous effort in bringing about this splendid new facility. Whilst recognising the hard work and sacrifices made to complete the project, he went on to point out that the opening of the building is not the end of the story but rather a new beginning in the life of the Church and its role in the life of Bromham and its people. His prayer, and challenge to us, was that we will use it to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to a wider community.

For anyone who was unable to be at the service but would like to view a recording on-line please contact the Vicar for a link (see page 3).

Please note: our new meeting room, to be known as the Fellowship Room, will be available to hire for group activities (together with the kitchen if needed). If you are interested in making a booking please contact Edward Jones at 01234 826551 or e.jones142@btinternet.com

FRIENDS OF ST OWEN'S 100 CLUB PRIZE WINNERS SEPTEMBER 2021

First Prize - Vivien Butler

Second Prize - Pat Tanner

Third Prize - Amanda Young

Fourth Prize - Katina Louca

Fifth Prize - Linda Neal

Ageing Well Festival and Exhibition

Wednesday 13th October
Bedford Corn Exchange
10am to 2pm

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Also at Ageing Well - Mayor of Bedford's Clinic

Dave Hodgson will also attend the Corn Exchange on 13th October from 12noon - 2pm to discuss any issues raised by visitors. The clinic will be on a first come first served basis and discussions will be time-limited so that the Mayor can see as many people as possible.

Come along and see all the exhibitors and have a cuppa too.

Editor: Christians Against Poverty has some good ideas for how to teach children to best manage their money. This is an edited version of what you will find if you visit their blog at <https://capuk.org/connect/keep-up-to-date/blog/seven-tips-for-teaching-kids-about-money>

Seven tips for teaching children about money

Knowing how to manage your money is an essential life skill. The staff at Christians Against Poverty (CAP) offer some ways to help your children learn.

1. Encourage a healthy attitude towards money

Show them that money is a tool. It's important to be in control of it - rather than be controlled by it.

2. Let them see how you plan your own finances

You (probably!) put time and effort into managing your money – let your children know this. Let them see whatever you use - a budgeting spreadsheet or app, that helps you to manage your income and spending.

3. Talk to them about budgeting

It's OK *not* to be able to buy your children everything they want. It can be an important learning opportunity for them.

Don't be afraid to talk about budgets, and the fact that money is a finite resource, and is to be used wisely.

4. Let them practise handling their own money with an app

If you want your children to practise their money skills, why not try the GoHenry app? <https://www.gohenry.com/uk/>
Here's what two CAP parents said about it:

'We opened a GoHenry account initially for our daughter at 10/11. It's a loaded-up debit card which got her used to keeping an eye on her pocket money, deciding what to spend it on, and also to using pin numbers/bank machines etc.'

'I use GoHenry with my kids. I have it set up that they get a fixed amount each week. My son is learning to check what money he has on the app before buying. He can also see quickly how much he has saved up. As a parent you can set up spending limits on it and you get a notification every time they spend money, which is really helpful too.'

5. Help them learn to save up for the things they really want

As it gets easier to 'buy now, pay later', one really useful skill is to teach our children *how and why* to save up for things.

"We involved our lad in money conversations from a young age. When he wanted to buy a particular toy, and we thought it 'cheap and tatty' we would discuss whether it was worth it. Then we agreed to wait a couple of weeks, save his pocket money, and buy a better version of it. He got a better toy, and also he learned the value/reward of saving. Now 15 years old, he can assess what he wants, think through how best to buy it, and shop for best deals."

6. Pocket money can be a useful tool to practise saving principles

"We have a nine-year-old and when she asks for things, our standard reply is, 'yes, you can save for it with your pocket

money'. That has helped her learn that if you are patient, you can save for what you want."

7. Give them some responsibility to choose how money gets spent

Finally, don't underestimate the power of giving children a bit of (age-appropriate) responsibility. If they're old enough to understand budgeting, why not put them in charge of deciding what to buy for pudding this weekend, or for a day out with the family?

For more tips on managing money, have a look at the CAP Money Course, which includes versions for young people. (<https://capuk.org/i-want-help/courses/cap-money-course/introduction>)

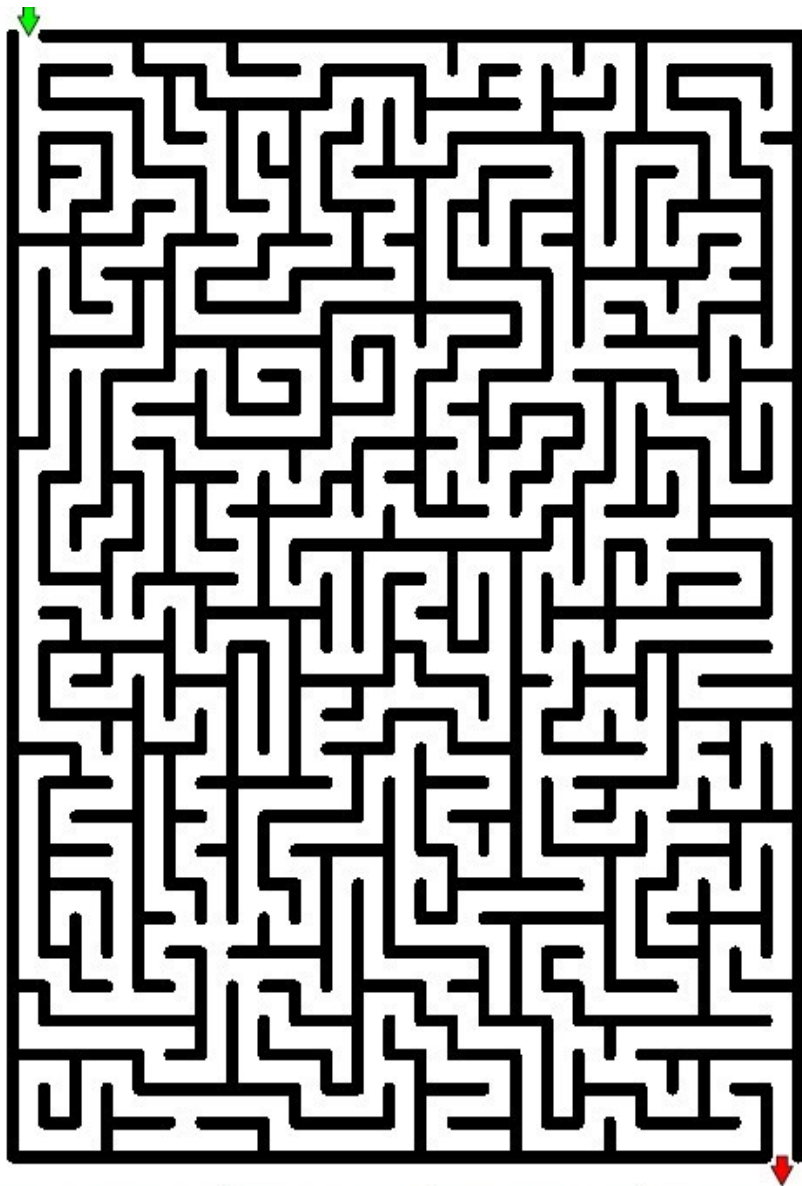
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PARAPROSDOKIANS...

(Winston Churchill loved them) are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous. Like this.....

- Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
- Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- Buses stop in bus stations. Trains stop in train stations. On my desk is a work station.

Can you find a way from top to bottom?



For younger readers.....

The gardener and the Vine



JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONCE HE TOLD HIS FRIENDS ALL
ABOUT A GARDENER.

THE GARDENER'S JOB WAS
TO CARE FOR THE VINES



HE WOULD LOOK AT EACH
BRANCH CAREFULLY...

... AND IF IT WAS PRODUCING
GOOD FRUIT, HE WOULD CARE
FOR IT AND NOURISH IT.



IF IT WAS PRODUCING BAD
FRUIT...



...OR NO FRUIT AT
ALL...

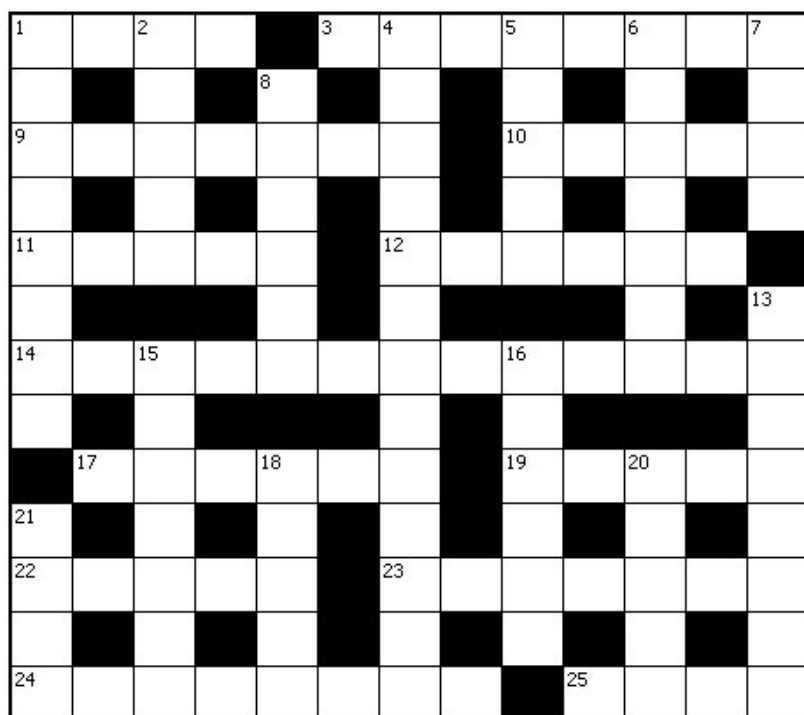


...THEN THE GARDENER WOULD
CHOP IT OFF, AND BURN IT IN
THE FIRE!!

JESUS WANTED HIS FRIENDS TO SHARE
THE GOOD NEWS - THAT'S LIKE THE
VINE BEARING GOOD FRUIT.



YOU CAN READ THIS SPECIAL PARABLE IN JOHN'S
GOSPEL, CHAPTER 15.



Across

- 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)
- 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
- 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of — , the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)
- 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
- 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
- 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
- 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
- 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)

- 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
- 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
- 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
- 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
- 25 Note (anag.) (4)

Down

- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
- 2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
- 4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
- 5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
- 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7)
- 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
- 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)
- 15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)
- 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)
- 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
- 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
- 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

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All in the month of OCTOBER

It was:

500 years ago, on 11th Oct 1521 that Pope Leo X granted the title 'Defender of the Faith' to King Henry VIII of England and Ireland. It recognised the King's defence of the sacrament of marriage, the supremacy of the Pope, and his opposition to the Protestant Reformation and the ideas of Martin Luther. The title has been inherited by British monarchs since then.

250 years ago, on 17th Oct 1771 that the premiere of Mozart's pastoral opera, *Ascanio in Alba*, took place in Milan, Italy. Mozart was then aged 15.

125 years ago, on 3rd Oct 1896 that William Morris, British textile designer, poet novelist and socialist, died. Best known for his association with the Arts and Crafts Movement.

75 years ago, on 1st Oct 1946 that the International War Crimes Tribunal in Nuremberg ended. 12 Nazi leaders were sentenced to death for war crimes committed during WWII.

70 years ago, from 15th to 17th Oct 1951 that the first party election broadcasts were televised in the UK. The three main parties, Liberal, Conservative and Labour, were allocated 15 minutes each.

Also 70 years ago, on 31st Oct 1951, that zebra crossings were introduced in the UK. The first one was in Slough, Berks.

65 years ago, from 29th Oct to 7th Nov 1956 that the Suez Crisis took place. Israel invaded Egypt in an attempt to regain Western control of the Suez Canal and remove President Gamal Abdel Nasser from power. Britain and France joined the invasion but were forced to withdraw by the United Nations, the USA and the USSR. British Prime Minister Anthony Eden resigned in Jan 1957 and Sinai was occupied

by Israel until March 1957.

50 years ago, on 1st Oct 1971 that the first CT scan was performed on a patient at Atkinson Morley Hospital in Wimbledon.

30 years ago, on 20th Oct 1991 that the Oakland-Berkey Firestorm took place in California. A grass/bush fire spread to the hillsides, fanned by strong winds. 25 people were killed and 150 injured. Thousands of homes were destroyed.

25 years ago, on 18th Oct 1996 that the journal Science published the first study that showed a causal link between a toxin found in tobacco smoke and the development of lung cancer.

20 years ago, on 7th Oct 2001, that the first US and British forces arrived in Afghanistan to launch a massive military offensive following the 9/11 terrorist attack.

10 years ago, on 20th Oct 2011, that Muammar Gaddafi, head of state of Libya (1969-2011) was captured and killed by military from the National Transitional Council.

Too clean

My mother is a cleaning fanatic. One Saturday she told me and my brother to get down to the living room and straighten it up. We had held a party there the previous evening, and she was none too happy about the mess.

As she watched us work, it was clear that Mum was completely dissatisfied with our cleaning efforts and let us know it. Finally, my brother, exasperated with having to do it all over again, reached for a broom and asked Mum, "Can I use this, or were you planning to go somewhere?"

(I had to think about that one! - Ed)



...if you have been affected by any of the issues raised in this sermon...

What you need

A Sunday School teacher had just concluded her lesson and wanted to make sure she had made her point. She said, "Can anyone tell me what you must do before you can obtain forgiveness of sin?"

There was a short pause and then, from the back of the room, a small boy spoke up. "Sin?"

Haiti - were you right?



Sudoku - medium

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

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

Solution to puzzle on page 31

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



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