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REV SUE'S REFLECTION

Dear Friends

The television news in recent weeks has been talking about the upcoming French presidential election; there's coverage on the local news for the first elected mayor for the West Midlands region, and we're all just about to vote in the local council



elections in our own area. No doubt like me, you've been sent information from your local candidates, all hoping to secure our vote and trying to persuade us that they have the leadership skills required to serve our communities.

These days, much of what we hear from those who consider themselves to be our leaders comes in the form of sound-bites, be that a brief extract from a speech in our news bulletins or the current trend to 'tweet' a response to almost any situation. It makes me aware of how the power of personality, almost to the exclusion of policy, has become very influential in the way that people make judgements about who or what they support.

If we were to analyse Jesus' style of leadership, he certainly wouldn't easily fit into any of the current political models. I doubt his message of justice and love for the underprivileged and the outcast would be received any more favourably today than it was in his own time. One of the ways in which Jesus described himself was as 'the good shepherd' – not necessarily the people who spring to mind when we talk about leaders. And yet shepherds and their sheep occur throughout the Bible: King David was a shepherd and the popularity of Psalm 23 tells us that, at times, we all need the reassurance offered in the image of God's rod and staff providing us with comfort and protection when life is tough.

Following the resurrection, after breakfast on the shore when Jesus commissions Peter, who is often seen as the leader of the group of disciples, to be leader in a much greater sense, he uses the words 'tend my flock' and 'feed my sheep'. But it's a wider commission than just Peter. We are called, too, to shepherd one another as we travel together towards God's kingdom. Each of us has a leadership role to fulfil in terms of the encouragement we give to our fellow Christians and in the example we set to the wider world. By showing those around us that Christ is central to our lives we place ourselves under public scrutiny. Our own sound-bites will be listened to, analysed and others will form their own opinions from what they see and hear in us.

'I am the good shepherd,' said Jesus. 'The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.' What greater example of leadership can there be for us to follow.



Rev Sue Fairhurst

**CLOSING ADDRESS TO THE
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
APRIL 2017**



In the Beginning : As most of you already know "Love Lillington" - our new and exciting community project - was shaped from an initial request made for more prayer for our community. Following this our Vicar, Revd Charlotte Gale, shared her "Love Lillington" vision with us at our APCM in the Spring of 2015. We launched "Love Lillington" at a special service in February 2016.

As a church, we have resolved to try and help more people in need in our local community. Jesus teaches Christians to "love your neighbour as yourself" and this is one way we are trying to respond to that challenge. We love our neighbours in need in our community with gifts of PRAYER, MONEY and PRACTICAL ACTION. The gifts are freely given with nothing required in return.

Our referrals come from local professional organisations and local community workers - with whom we have formed good relationships of trust. It is great to know that we are acknowledged and welcomed by all that we work with.

My focus is on the third component of Love Lillington - the ACTION. Via a team of some 15 active and willing volunteers - from our church congregations - we are able to offer practical action to help people. It can be clearing an over-grown garden (and we have done a couple of those!) - helping to decorate a flat where maybe a new mum, or dad, with a baby has just moved in, fixing up curtain rails and other DIY tasks, or assisting with letter writing and filling in forms.

In recent times we have been involved with offering transport for people in difficulties, some of whom, for various reasons, cannot avail themselves of hospital transport. I think it is better that I speak to you through the volunteers and the clients themselves and the stories that we can share.

From a Volunteer

I have given lifts to three clients - for a hospital appointment, hospital visits, and a trip to choose charity furniture. Of course, you wonder beforehand how things will go - particularly with those who are living with difficult situations. However - on these occasions - it was always a pleasure. • The young woman chose her furniture, I'd sorted out the delivery details and we were back within 70 minutes. • In another case, I was always interested to hear about the client's husband's progress in health. • In the last case, I thought that the young woman - despite recent appalling suffering - was going to invite me in afterwards for a cup of tea. I would have declined, as my rôle was very limited and had to stay that way - but it shows how we humans, despite our very different individual histories, can share our mutual humanity to great mutual benefit.

From two Clients

"Thank you so much to all of you who helped make my overgrown garden a lovely garden that my children and I can enjoy. Have never met such kind people. Lots of love from....."

"Sorry it's late. Not long in. I'm so pleased with the paint. Can't thank you enough!!! Keep in touch and my little girl was very happy with the Easter egg. Thank-you again amazing people"

In December 2016, through an initial idea that Judy Cooke had, the Love Lillington Action Volunteers - and others - got busy collecting baskets and covering boxes with Christmas paper, for our Reverse Advent project. This was a huge success and all the boxes and baskets, filled with Christmas goodies and gifts, were shared out between the local Foodbank and the Leamington Night Shelter. You have already heard from Margaret this evening about what a difference these gifts made to the clients that the night shelter supports and the volunteers who delivered the gifts found this such an uplifting and rewarding experience. Reverse Advent is definitely something we now hope to repeat annually.

So, please be assured that what you can give doesn't always need to be physically demanding or a real test of DIY skills. So many of the other gifts that God gives us are useful - a kind word, a pretty Christmas box, a gift of warm clothing, bright bed linen, or a pink bedroom for a little girl. There is so much that we can offer.

I leave you with an important final plea - we do need more volunteers on the Action team to enable us to do more and to respond to need more speedily. There are some unexpected bonuses - one really special one being the fellowship that is shared between volunteers working together. One recent volunteer to our painting team expressed her joy at finding such receptive and friendly ears to share her feelings with while she was painting away.

With thanks to everyone who has been involved in whatever way in the last twelve months to enable us to travel this road and come this far, we still have a long way to go but our Lord is helping us along the way and we will always be following in HIS footsteps.

Remembering

Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion
on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the
eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

God Bless : Christine Butler

John Butler (Churchwarden) ended the APCM with the Diocesan Prayer.

Father, pour out your Spirit upon us
And grant us a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power,
a new faithfulness to your word,
and a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us,
and your Kingdom come,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ELECTION TIME

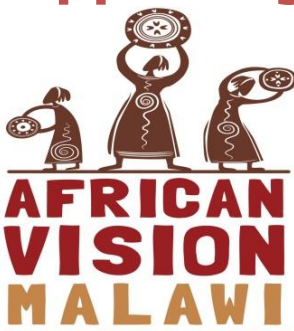
It's that time of year again.

Warwick District Council Elections will be taking **place on Thursday 4th May.**

Don't forget to have your say and Vote!

Coffee Morning

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<http://www.africanvision.org.uk>

Saturday 6th May

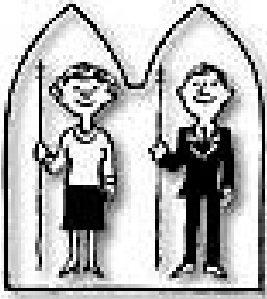
**Place : The Octagon, Lillington Parish Church,
St Mary Magdalene's
9.00am to 12.00noon**

All Welcome!

**There will be information on the amazing work of
this charity and a small second-hand-book stall**



WARDEN'S WORDS



Hello friends and neighbours,

We are all conversant with the concept of waiting aren't we? Waiting at bus stops, railway stations, airports and waiting in for that parcel to arrive or engineer to turn up for the annual service of the gas boiler. Queues in shops are also a daily occurrence and the time spent standing there can be used to great effect by 'people watching!'.

A couple of nights ago I was watching a programme about the life of Westminster Abbey. It's a series of programmes and I'm enjoying them, but am also sobered by the fact that a lot of the historical newsreel footage I can remember from my childhood.

'Waiting' is a fact of life at the Abbey, both in the sense of time passing and also in giving service to one another. We are always 'waited upon' every time we enjoy a meal at a restaurant for example. When the programme showed the Coronation of our Queen, there were some dignified shots of Her Majesty's Ladies-in-Waiting - quite a lot of them!

Carol Innes and I have dubbed ourselves the 'Ladies-in-Waiting' as we await the outcome of the vote at the Annual General Church meeting on April 27th to be elected as Churchwardens. If voted in, we will both do our utmost to wait on you and on the Lord, and to be patiently waiting for a new Vicar to arrive for St Mary Magdalene's.

During our shared time as a congregation and community without an incumbent it falls upon all of us to be calm while waiting for the process of welcoming a new Vicar, and to be waiters serving one another with civility and willingness to please.

So - what are YOU waiting for?

With my love to you all.
Glyn Wright (LIW)

ARCHDEACON VISITATION - MAY 2017

On Wednesday 10th May at St Nicholas Church in Kenilworth at 7.30pm our two newly elected Churchwardens will be attending the annual Archdeacon Visitation Service, to be formally 'sworn-in' for their term of office to serve us at Lillington Parish Church, St Mary Magdalene's.

I will be attending as the retiring Churchwarden and would ask that if it is possible for you to support our Wardens by coming along to the service, please do so. All are welcome.

John Butler

SPRING CONCERT

With: Judith Irvine - Soprano, Peter Irvine - Piano
Paul Monks - Saxophone, Michael King - Organ.

St Mary Magdalene's Church

Saturday 13th May, 7:30pm
Interval with cheese and wine.

GETTING DOWN TO PRAYER.....



I have two (human) guides on praying – and I doubt that they would have got on very well together if they had met. Fortunately, they were separated by the Alps and about eleven hundred years! The Italian **Saint Benedict**, whom Graham Cooper mentioned in some detail in last month's *Crosstalk*, was a pioneer of the regular, orderly monastic pattern of prayer spreading over the hours of each day. I aspire to my own, very much shortened, version – prayers first thing in the morning and towards evening, including a time to use the Parish Prayer Diary and to remember other individuals, other situations and what's in the news. Although I enjoy ideal conditions, retired and living alone in a quiet location with plenty of room (and a special space set aside), I often fail.

My other guide is **Brother Lawrence** – I presented a Morning Praise about him several years ago and also introduced him to our Youth Group recently. He wasn't a 'high flier' – just a rather ordinary Frenchman who found faith in God and joined a

monastery, working in the busy kitchen there and trying to cope with all the demands of his superiors. Lawrence wasn't so bothered about formal prayers – he advised making a "chapel of our heart, to which we can from time to time withdraw to have gentle humble loving communion with God." His biographer also wrote that "in the kitchen... Lawrence trained himself to do everything for the love of God, prayed at every juncture for grace to do his work, and made himself do small things for the love of God". I wish I'd known more about Brother Lawrence when I was working – neither local radio newsgathering nor school-teaching provided much time for contemplation before action.

Despite their different styles, I think the aim of both these 'spiritual giants' was **to stay always in touch with God**. That way, their thoughts and actions – especially when something unexpected or challenging happened – would reflect the highest Christian standards and not their own self-centred needs. What a world it would be if we all achieved that!

Roderick Clark

WALKERS' GROUP – MAY



Meeting as usual at Church, but are popping into the Octagon for coffee to support African Vision Malawi before we set off, which will probably be 15 minutes later than usual.

The walk is from Long Itchington and is a good 5 miles, flat with a few stiles, some of which are optional. There is one quite muddy field which we can't avoid, but hope for a fine day. We are eating at the Harvester pub in the Square. The food is good and reasonable.

Sandra and Ted Dear 01926 332958



WALKERS' GROUP - APRIL WALK

Due to several members being away, only five of us met for the April walk.

We drove to Barston, where we parked in the car park of the Bulls Head and ordered our lunch. Then we set off up Oak Lane to find the footpath we had returned on at the end of our June walk last year. This we followed northwards to just before the edge of Hampton in Arden, where we turned right onto the footpath we had missed last June, to continue with the more interesting part of the walk we started last year.

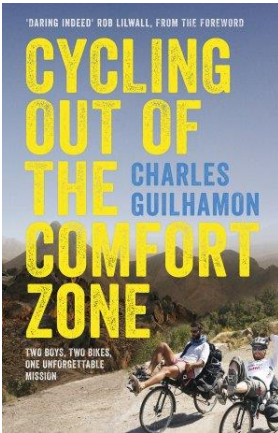
Some of the fields we crossed were quite wet on the downhill side, needing a few muddy crossings. We carried on close to Marsh Lane and the Coventry to Birmingham railway line, until we reached an old packhorse bridge.



We detoured slightly off our route to see this, and stopped for a break and a photo (below).

We retraced our steps to the southward path which followed the edge of Barston Lake, a favourite haunt of fishermen; there were quite a few there on the day of our walk. At the end of the lake we passed the West Midlands Golf Club, and skirted the edge of the golf course to reach a track. This led back to Barston Lane, which we followed back to the Bulls Head, where we enjoyed our lunch.

Bob Cooke



BOOK REVIEW

By Charles Guilhamon, SPCK £9.99

A fast-paced travel narrative that vividly conveys the freshness of the Christian faith and the excitement of being on a gap year.

Just out of university, Charles Guilhamon and his friend Gabriel de Lépinau decide to take a year out to tour the world by bike. With a budget of a few euros a day, their travels bring them out of their comfort zone and into contact with people living in isolated or persecuted Christian communities in Syria, Iraq, India, China (Tibet), Thailand, the Amazon (Brazil), Senegal and Algeria.

With a delightfully ironic sense of humour, Guilhamon's vivid storytelling, intelligent analysis and authentic testimonies make for a hugely enjoyable read. In the best tradition of the travelogue, this is a true story well told. *Cycling Out of the Comfort Zone* concludes with an Afterword on recent developments in Syria and Iraq.

SERVICE DETAILS - SUNDAY WORSHIP MAY 2017

7 th May	Easter 4	08:00	Holy Communion
		09:30	Morning Praise & Sunday Club
		18:30	Evensong
14 th May	Easter 5	08:00	Holy Communion
		09:30	Morning Praise with Prayers for Healing & Sunday Club
		18:30	Youth Group
21 st May	Easter 6	08:00	Holy Communion
		09:30	Holy Communion & Sunday Club
		18:30	Evensong
28 th May	Sunday after Ascension	08:00	Holy Communion
		09:30	Holy Communion

Quiet Hour has been suspended until work on the roof has completed but will resume as soon as possible.

SUNDAY CLUB

For children aged up to 10 years during School Term time. Children join the main 09:30 service at the beginning and the end, and leave for a 30 minute Sunday Club session, which has a range of age-appropriate activities

WEEKDAY WORSHIP:

Tuesday	30 th May	13:30	Holy Communion
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THE CHURCH OFFICE

The office is open Monday to Thursday 9.00am till 1.00pm.

During these hours, the church may be used for private prayer - please use the office entrance.

For Baptism, Weddings and general enquiries please contact the church office (01926 470449). Outside of office hours please leave a message on the answer phone and we will get back to you.

MAY 2017

Sat 6	9:30	Walkers' Group, meet outside church. Contact Ted & Sandra Dear: 332958
Sat 6	09:00	Coffee Morning in support of African Vision Malawi, in the Octagon
Tue 9	18:30	Knitters' Group in the Octagon
Tue 18	18:45	Lillington & Cubbington churches, praying together. Location TBC.
Tue 23	18:30	Knitters' Group in the Octagon
Tue 30	14:00	Tea & Chat in the Octagon

JUNE 2017

Sat 3	9:30	Walkers' Group, meet outside church. Contact: Wendy Shear and Sue Wakem on 330825
Sun 4	14:00	Summer Plant Fair, at the church until 5pm
Tue 6	18:30	Knitters' Group in the Octagon
Fri 16	19:30	Quiz Evening in the Octagon
Tue 20th	18:45	Lillington & Cubbington churches, praying together @ Lillington Free Church.
Tue 20	18:30	Knitters' Group in the Octagon
Tue 27	14:00	Tea & Chat in the Octagon

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**For any events you wish to publicise please contact the
Editor or email events@lillingtonparishchurch.org**

COOKING WITH CROSSTALK

MAY – AFRICA DAY

To mark the formation of the African Union (AU), previously known as the Organisation of African Unity (PAU), May 25th is celebrated as Africa Day.

Bobotie (Serves 6)

Pronounced ba-boor-tea, the national dish of South Africa is a delicious mixture of curried meat and fruit with a creamy golden topping, not dissimilar to moussaka.



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| 2 slices white bread | 2 tbsp peach or mango chutney |
| 2 onion, chopped | 3 tbsp sultana |
| 25g butter | 6 bay leaf |
| 2 garlic clove, crushed | For the topping |
| 1kg packet lean minced beef | 300ml full-cream milk |
| 2 tbsp Madras curry paste | 2 large egg |
| 1 tsp dried mixed herbs | |
| 3 clove | |
| 5 allspice berries | |

1. Heat oven to 180C/fan 160C/gas 4. Pour cold water over the bread and set aside to soak.
2. Meanwhile, fry the onions in the butter, stirring regularly for 10 mins until they are soft and starting to colour. Add the garlic and beef and stir well, crushing the mince into fine grains until it changes colour. Stir in the curry paste, herbs, spices, chutney, sultanas and 2 of the bay leaves with 1 tsp salt and plenty of ground black pepper.

- Cover and simmer for 10 mins. Squeeze the water from the bread, then beat into the meat mixture until well blended. Tip into an oval ovenproof dish (23 x 33cm and about 5-6cm deep). Press the mixture down well and smooth the top. You can make this and chill 1 day ahead.
- For the topping, beat the milk and eggs with seasoning, then pour over the meat. Top with the remaining bay leaves and bake for 35-40 mins until the topping is set and starting to turn golden.

Fruity Lamb Tagine

Tagine dishes are slow-cooked savory stews, typically made with sliced meat, poultry or fish together with vegetables or fruit and common across North Africa. Tagine actually refers to the pot they are cooked in.



2 tbsp olive oil
 500g lean diced lamb
 1 large onion roughly chopped
 2 large carrot, quartered lengthways and cut into chunks
 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
 2 tbsp ras-el-hanout spice mix
 400g can chopped tomato

400g can chickpea, rinsed and drained
 200g dried apricot
 600ml chicken stock

To serve
 120g pack pomegranate seeds
 2 large handfuls coriander, roughly chopped

- Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Heat the oil in a casserole and brown the lamb on all sides. Scoop the lamb out onto a plate, then add the onion and carrots and cook

for 2-3 mins until golden. Add the garlic and cook for 1 min more. Stir in the spices and tomatoes, and season. Tip the lamb back in with the chickpeas and apricots. Pour over the stock, stir and bring to a simmer. Cover the dish and place in the oven for 1 hr.

2. If the lamb is still a little tough, give it 20 mins more until tender. When ready, leave it to rest so it's not piping hot, then serve scattered with pomegranate and herbs, with couscous or rice alongside.

Carol Innes

Recipes from Good Food magazine

Next month – Its Italian Republic Day!

DID YOU KNOW?

A Tagine is a Moroccan, Berber earthenware vessel with a cone shaped lid. It is used to slow-cook the food on a clay stove filled with piping hot charcoal. They can also be made from stoneware, in which case they can only be used in an oven. Tagine, also refers to the dish cooked in the earthenware vessel.



...and the theme of this morning's service is... 'Preaching a Gospel of Simplicity'...

LOOKING AT GOD IN MAY

Editor: The Rev Paul Hardingham welcomes a national initiative for prayer from the Archbishops

Thy Kingdom Come

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are calling Christians of every denomination to join in with Thy Kingdom Come, a prayer initiative between Ascension and Pentecost (25th May to 4th June), to pray for the nation to know Jesus Christ. It is a time to seek the empowering of the Holy Spirit, that we may be effective witnesses to Jesus Christ.



Praying for others to know Jesus is one of the most powerful things we can do. Persistent prayer for others brings transformation to their lives. As Paul writes: 'Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.' (Colossians 4: 2-4).

As Paul says, consistent praying for others involves discipline ('be devoted') and responding to what God is already doing in people's lives ('being watchful and thankful'). We can pray for 'open doors' to point people to Jesus and what He can mean in their lives. We all have opportunities to do this, as even Paul prayed as a prisoner in chains!!

The Archbishops are encouraging us to choose five people who we can pray for regularly. Why not ask God to guide you, as you settle on five names and commit to praying for them daily, perhaps by using the following prayer:

'Loving Father, in the face of Jesus Christ your light and glory have blazed forth.

Send your Holy Spirit that I may share with my friends the life of your Son and your love for all.

Strengthen me as a witness to that love as I pledge to pray for them, for your name's sake. Amen.'

THE GARDEN PARTY WITH A DIFFERENCE

One of the delights of Spring is new life, whether it be lambs, trees with bursting leaves and blossom, or the dawn chorus. As I write this (mid-April) we have just had the most marvellous weekend with “wall to wall” sunshine. And Spring has only just sprung!

Before Spring ends we are going to have a garden party with a difference where the theme of new life will be very much in evidence. This is the Summer Plant Fair on Sunday 4th June (2-5pm) which will be held in the grounds of St Mary Magdalene church. A wide range of garden plants and flowers will be available to buy along with demonstrations of basket making and other gardening attractions.

Of course, the weather will be fine!

This year the summer event is combined with the Looking at Lillington Open Day which will be held inside the church. We’re hoping that more “new life” will be in evidence as children bring their parents along to see displays of the work they started back in March. Also inside the church will be artwork on the theme of plants and flowers as well as demonstrations of flower arranging.

In the Octagon there will a chance to relax and chat with friends over a cuppa – with a slice of cake or other delicacy to whet your appetite! And while you’re there, take a chance on the Grand Gift Tombola.

What’s not to like?

Make a date for **Sunday 4th June 2pm.**

SUMMER PLANT FAIR – SUNDAY 4TH JUNE 2017

GRAND GIFT TOMBOLA



There will be a **Grand Gift Tombola** stall at the **Summer Plant Fair** this year.

Do come and see me in Church and try your luck - for a chance to win a fabulous prize!

I would like to appeal to your generosity now and ask for donations of new (unwanted) items and gifts for this tombola stall.

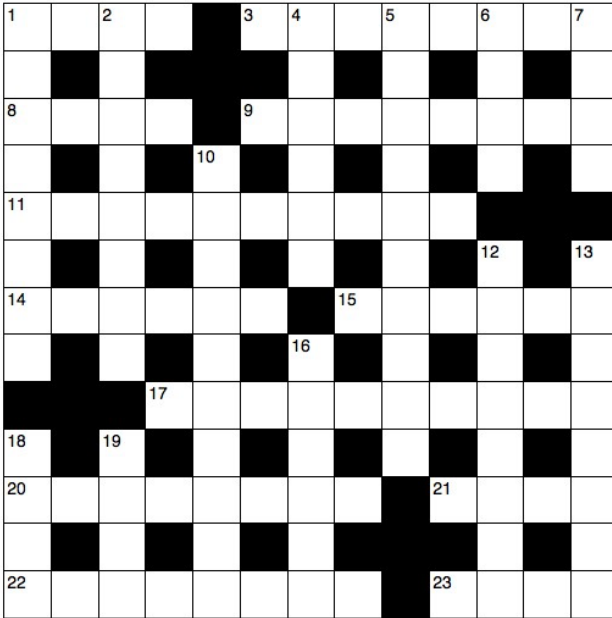
Please place your items in my boxes at the back of church.

Many thanks
Christine Butler (07963 229756)

FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS

FUNERALS	
02 Mar	Carol LAMBERT Age 67
16 Mar	Dorothy SHILLIDAY Age 82
31 Mar	Betty RUSSELL Age 92

CROSSWORD



22 Pool where Jesus healed a man who had been an invalid for 38 years (John 5:2) (8)
23 '[Jesus] said to them, " — here and keep watch"' (Mark 14:34) (4)

Down

1 Follower of Christ (Acts 16:1) (8)
2 One of the punishments endured by Paul (2 Corinthians 6:5) (8)
4 Soldiers (Exodus 14:9) (6)
5 Scholarly study of melody, harmony and rhythm (10)

Across

1 Infant (Luke 2:12) (4)
3 Luis must (anag.) (8)
8 What Jesus called the devil (John 8:44) (4)
9 'My God, my God, why have you — me?' (Matthew 27:46) (8)
11 Anglican form of church government (10)
14 'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like — ' (Isaiah 40:31) (6)
15 Ministers of religion (6)
17 Make stronger (1 Thessalonians 3:13) (10)
20 Devoutness (1 Timothy 2:2) (8)
21 The father of Jesse (Ruth 4:22) (4)

6 'I am God, and there is none — me' (Isaiah 46:9) (4)
7 'And how can they preach unless they are — ?' (Romans 10:15) (4)
10 Favourable reception (1 Timothy 1:15) (10)
12 Hip orbit (anag.) (8)
13 End of life (Isaiah 22:14) (5,3)
16 'About midnight the sailors — they were approaching land' (Acts 27:27) (6)
18 He married Jezebel (1 Kings 16:30–31) (4)
19 'According to your great compassion — out my transgressions' (Psalm 51:1) (4)

Answers on page 26

JUNIOR CROSSTALK



Mouse Makes


The Man in the Tree

With Jesus passing through the town
A crowd of people gathered round,
But as Zacchaeus could not see,
He ran ahead and climbed a tree.

Jesus stopped as he passed by,
And saw Zacchaeus there up high,
Said, "Dear Zacchaeus, come with me,
I'm going to your house for tea".

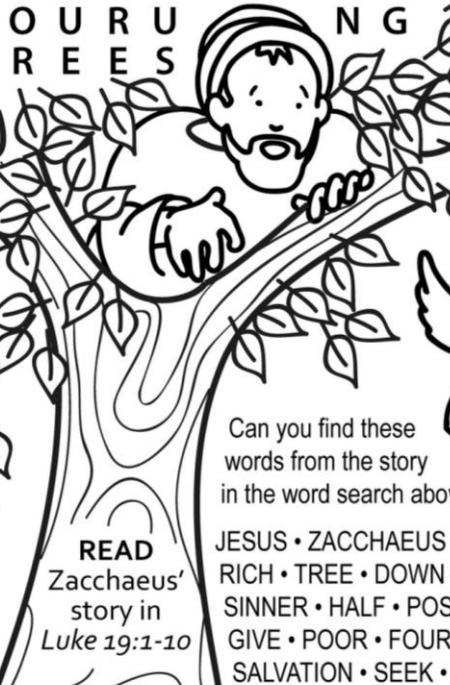
Zacchaeus climbed
down to the floor,
And walked with Jesus
to his door,
Amazed the Lord would
want to be
With such a liar and
cheat as he.

Zacchaeus, sorry for
all he had done,
Said, "Lord, I'll pay
back everyone,
Half I own I give
to the poor,
Those I've cheated get
four times more."



Jesus said,
"Today you're saved!"
Zacchaeus replied,
"May God be praised!"

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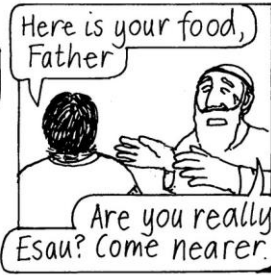
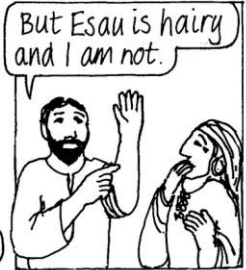
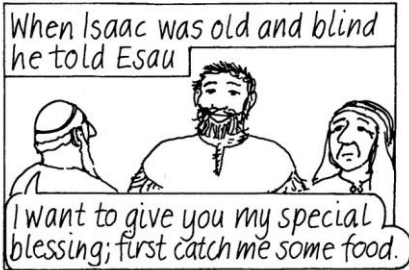
READ
Zacchaeus'
story in
Luke 19:1-10

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Genesis ch. 25:19-33, 27:1-42

Isaac and Rebekah had twin sons - Esau ('Hairy') and Jacob ('Grasper'). When the boys were born, God said...



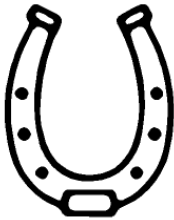


St DUNSTAN

Dunstan (909 - 988) was the most popular saint in England for nearly two centuries, being famous for many stories about defeating the devil.

A story tells how as a monk Dunstan nailed a horseshoe to the Devil's hoof when he was asked to re-shoe the Devil's horse. This caused such pain, and Dunstan only agreed to remove the shoe and release the Devil after he promised never to enter a place where a horseshoe is over the door. They say that is why people

still hang
horse shoes
over
doorways.



St Dunstan is
the patron
saint of

blacksmiths and bell ringers as well as goldsmiths and silversmiths. His Feast Day is 19 May, which is why the date year on the hallmarks on gold and silver runs from 19 to 18 May, not the calendar year.

NOT JUST ON YOUR FEET....

The answers to these are all something you could wear on your feet, but the word also means...

1. A sure-footed pack animal
2. A thin sharp knife
3. A wobbly dessert
4. A poisonous snake
5. Isn't safe on ice
6. A gymnastic move
7. Equipment used to move water
8. An Irish accent
9. Part of a car used for storage
10. A sports coach



What do you call a shoe that looks like a banana?

A slipper.

Who always goes to bed with his shoes on?

A horse.



Answers: 1 Mule 2 Stiletto 3 Jelly
4 Moccasin 5 Slipper 6 Flip flop
7 Pump 8 Brogue 9 Boot 10 Trainer

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1, Baby. 3, Stimulus. 8, Liar. 9, Forsaken. 11, Episcopacy. 14, Eagles. 15, Clergy. 17, Strengthen. 20, Holiness. 21, Obed. 22, Bethesda. 23, Stay.

DOWN: 1, Believer. 2, Beatings. 4, Troops. 5, Musicology. 6, Like. 7, Sent. 10, Acceptance. 12, Prohibit. 13, Dying day. 16, Sensed. 18, Ahab. 19, Blot.



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SMILE...

Who's been good?

A father of five young children won a toy at a raffle. Back home, he called his children together to let them determine which one should have the present. 'Who is the most obedient?' he asked. 'Who never talks back to Mother? Who does everything she says?'



Five small voices answered in unison: 'You do, Daddy!'

The I AM

He walked on water, stilled the storm,
Wherever He went the blessings came
He touched the leper, bought sight to the blind,
Whoever He met was never the same.

His teaching had never been heard before,
He spoke as one with authority,
They listened enrapt to His every word,
He was not like the scribes or the Pharisees.

He healed on the Sabbath; it upset them all
And then He said the unthinkable thing,
They could hardly believe their ears when He said
'I am the I Am and can forgive man's sin'.

Enough was enough, they plotted His death,
'This blasphemous talk must end' they said,
'Crucify Him and that is the end',
But He proved them all wrong – and He rose from the dead.

By Megan Carter



It's just not cricket!

It's really just not cricket
How hard a mother works
To get her kids to the wicket
A job that lacks in perks!

Rising, driving, and making
The sandwiches and teas;
Cleaning, ironing, baking
The cakes which greatly please!

Mum's taxi covers the miles
So they can score those fours.
She claps and broadly smiles,
But she should get applause!

By Nigel Beeton

A NOTE FROM NESSIE

Hasn't it been lovely to have the warmth of the sun these last couple of weeks? It lifts the spirit no end - though it did also highlight the need to clean my windows!



I love seeing all the lovely spring flowers and shrubs come to life again as we slowly move towards the summer. Talking of flowers and shrubs, don't forget that's what our Summer Plant Fair this year is about, so whether you're a budding (no pun intended) or experienced gardener, do let us have your seedlings, plugs and plants for the event. You will find more details about this on pages 20-21 and in our weekly Handout.

Don't forget, if you would like to submit an article of interest or a poem for our new Poetry Corner section, just send it to me before the deadline so that it can be included in our next issue.

That's it from me for now, so until next month, may you find a simple joy in every day. God bless.

***Nessie**, Editor*

MAY QUOTES

"Life is a journey that no one makes alone. The more people you touch along the way, the more meaningful and rewarding your time." *Anon*

"Joy is the serious business of heaven." *C S Lewis*

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