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Parish News

August 2021 50p



What an amazing few weeks it has been—
new bishops for the Diocese consecrated,
and the announcement of our new Vicar—
Reverend Rebecca Catherine Mathew

Dear Friends,

Well what a busy few weeks it has been, what with the Consecration of our two new Suffragan Bishops for Birkenhead— Rt. Revd. Julie Conalty and perhaps of more interest to St. Paul's Rt Revd. Sam Corley as Bishop of Stockport as we know he will live just down the road from us in Dunham and we look forward to being able meet up with both Julie and Sam as they are expected to take up their ministry within the Diocese in September.

They were both consecrated together at York Minister on Monday 19th July—a very sunny and rather warm day. The service is available to watch on and well worth a watch.

This was then followed up on Sunday 25th July with the very welcome announcement of our new Vicar—

**Reverend Rebecca Catherine Mathew
(Becky)**

The announcement was made by Yvonne Stevenson and Michael Riley who acted as our Parish Representatives.

The Patron's together with the Parish Representatives are pleased to announce the appointment of the Reverend Rebecca Catherine Mathew to the living of the Parish of Saint Paul, Sale (subject to all legal formalities being fulfilled).



The Reverend Mathew is coming to us from St. Nicholas, Allestree with St. Paul's, Quarndon, Derby. She is married to the Reverend Shemil Mathew who is an ordained Church of England Vicar, they have two primary school aged children.

It is envisaged that the Reverend Mathew will be Inducted in November. As we prepare to welcome the Reverend Matthew and her family, we pray that she will enjoy a long and fruitful ministry here at St. Paul's.

We pray for Becky, Shemil and their children as they begin their preparations to move and join us here in Sale



Bishop Mark
(Chester)

Bishop Sam
(Stockport)

Bishop Julie
(Birkenhead)

Archbishop Stephen
Archbishop of York



Our cover photo this month is taken from a recent exhibition held at the cathedral—

'The Last Supper' Artist's Statement

The last supper sculpture was inspired by the painting by Leonardo De Vinci, and completed in December 2019.

My aim was to recreate the painting as an abstract 3 dimensional form; I wanted to keep the details to a minimum while retaining all the expression and interaction of the characters.

This sculpture is the 3rd edition, the first 2 are the same form but with a smooth painted surface.

I wanted this sculpture to be finished with a mosaic but not in the conventional way. It is my intention for the sculpture to do a pilgrimage of the cathedrals and it is a pleasure to start here in Chester.

I realised that a computer keyboard is made up of squares which could be used as tiles. This led me to thinking of the possibilities, the letters, numbers and symbols could be utilised to create further interest and meaning.

I lost count of the number of keyboards used but it will be in excess of 50,000 keys. The structure is reinforced fibreglass and is; 4m long x 1.8m high x 1.5m deep and weighs approximately 450kg.

It is my hope that the sculpture will be enjoyed by children, adults and theologians.

Peter Barnes

Peter Barnes Sculpture on Facebook

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
2Sam 15, 16:15-19, 17:4-22, 18:1-12, 33, 19:1-8

King David had many wives and children. He loved his sons so much that he never punished them or told them off if they did wrong.

Also David had not said who would be king after him.



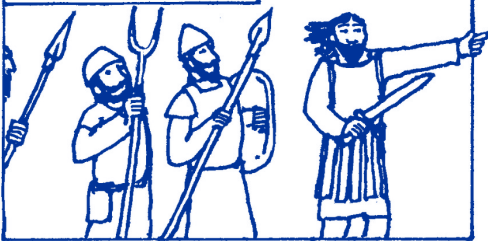
His son Absalom was very handsome, and he made friends with everyone.



People began to prefer him to David.



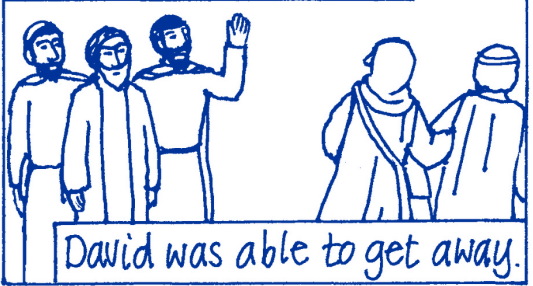
Absalom gathered an army of supporters and they headed for Jerusalem.



David and his supporters had to flee.



A few stayed behind to be spies and to give bad advice.



David was able to get away.

The two armies fought in a rocky wooded place.



Absalom was riding through it when his hair got caught in a tree.



Joab and his men killed him.

When David heard Absalom was dead, he was so upset...



..his soldiers were ashamed they had won.

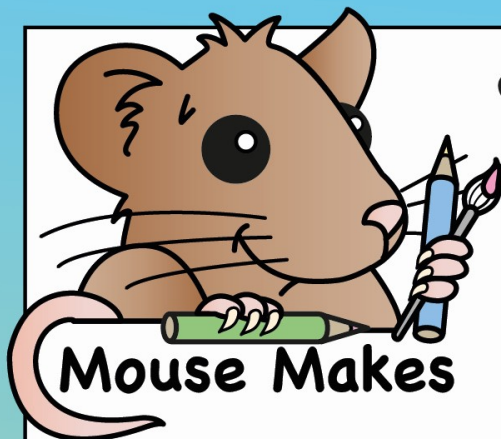


Joab came back from the battle and found David crying



You should be ashamed! You care more for your disloyal son than for those who risked their lives for you!





IN THE BEGINNING ...



What did God
create in the beginning?

— — — V — — —
and — — — — — H



What was the first
thing God said
on the first day?

"Let there be

— — — G — — —



What did God separate
on the second day to
create heaven?

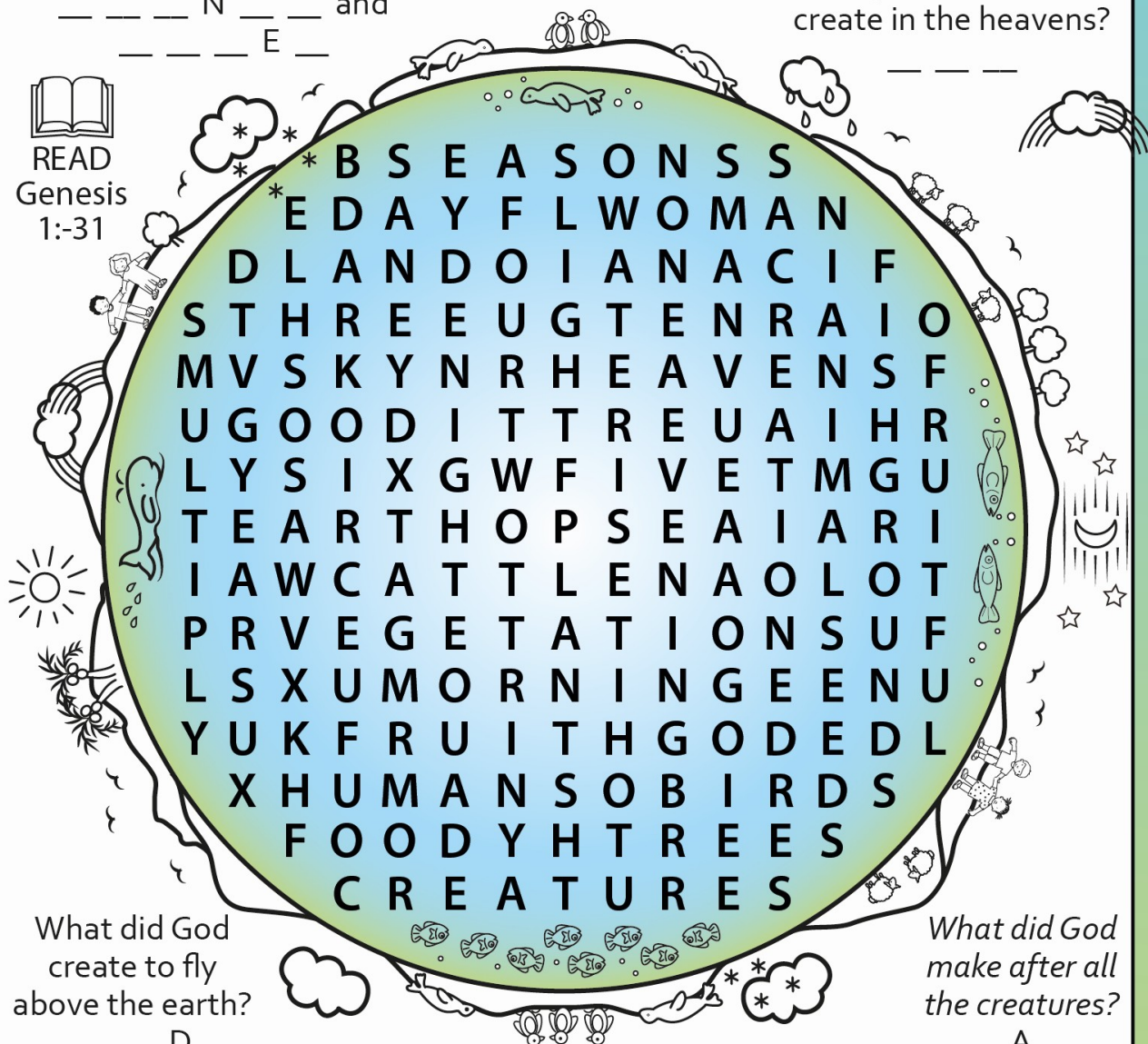
— — — T — — —

How many great
lights did God
create in the heavens?

— — — — —



READ
Genesis
1:-31



What did God
create to fly
above the earth?

— — — — — D — — —

What did God
make after all
the creatures?

— — — — — A — — —

Find the answers to the questions in the word search then find all these words too:



CREATION • ONE • DARK • DAY • NIGHT • EVENING • MORNING • SEA



VEGETATION • LAND • SEEDS • FRUIT • THREE • SEASONS • YEARS • FOUR



SKY • FISH • FIVE • CREATURES • CATTLE • ANIMALS • GROUND • HUMANS

WOMAN • FRUITFUL • MULTIPLY • FOOD • SIX • GOD • SAW • GOOD



Canon Paul Hardingham considers our need to find rest.

‘On Holiday with Jesus’

August is the month when schools are off and many of us go on holiday. This year will be very different, with many opting for a ‘staycation’! The good news is that Jesus offers us a true rest:

‘Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.’ (Matthew 11: 28-29). Are you feeling tired or burdened and in need of a holiday? Jesus invites you to spend it with Him!

The Invitation: Our holiday destination is Jesus Himself: ‘Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened.’ We can come just as we are, with all the burdens and sadness we carry from the last 18 months. Jesus doesn’t offer a ‘quick fix’ to deal with our issues; He simply offers Himself!

The Promise: Jesus promises us the gift of refreshing, sustaining and everlasting rest. When we go on holiday, we usually look forward to doing very little and yet this is not the kind of rest Jesus offers. His rest involves taking up His yoke and learning from Him! A yoke was the wooden collar that ran across the shoulders of a pair of oxen to enable them to work the fields. Jesus says: ‘My yokes fit well. They do not rub your neck and shoulders. Come to Me and get yoked to Me. Make an act of loyal obedience and trust in Me. And you will find a deep peace and satisfaction that you could never find anywhere else. I have come for you!’

What’s so amazing about this holiday is that you can get rest by simply staying at home!



Tuesday Group

This is mainly to remind you that there’s no meeting this month.

I do hope you enjoyed our get together in July. It was lovely to be back and especially to welcome our new member, Shirley.

We shall definitely meet on 14th September and I look forward to seeing you all then.

Diana

The Slide

As I watch
She climbs the steps steadily,
Holding the handrail,
Her two-year-old feet following each other
Rhythmically, unhesitatingly
To the platform at the top
Where she sits down
And freezes.
Holding tight to the sides,
Knees up, feet flat
She judders down a little way
Then looks up.
Her eyes meet my smile,
 my outstretched arms –
And she takes her hands off the edge
 of the slide,
Shooting forward with a squeal of delight,
Trusting the love she knows.

Lord, I have climbed so steadily,
I have come so far, in my own strength,
Holding on, holding back,
Sometimes freezing.
But I am Your child,
Today I will lift my eyes
And meet Your smile,
 Your outstretched arms,
I will lift my juddering feet -
And take my hands off the edge
 of the slide
Released to ride, by Your Spirit,
Into the freedom of Your will,
Trusting the Love I know.

By Daphne Kitching



Help Needed

As you will have gathered we are now able to have coffee each Sunday after the 10am Service. Eileen and Joyce are doing the first one of each month, Anita the second and our new church friend, Shirley, the third one.

Unfortunately we have nobody for the fourth Sunday. I am happy to go on providing the tea/coffee etc and collecting the kind donations which are much needed for our church funds, but I do need help on the 4th week.

Please think about offering to help. I am only too happy to show you how it's done!!

Diana



Yet another of the vicar's money-raising wheezes, I see

Prayer for the new day

Dear Father,

In this strangest of summers, with its traffic-light travel restrictions and on-going concerns about Covid 19, help us to remember that You never change. Your light is constant. Your love continues. Your presence is assured, whether we stay at home, or travel within the UK, or further afield. There are no restrictions on Your Holy Spirit.

Just a thought—
what is your
favourite prayer
would you share
it with us?

Thank You, Lord, for the gift of each new day, wherever we may be. Thank You that by Your grace, we share all our days with You, secure in all circumstances, when we put our trust in Your precious son, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Queen's Platinum Jubilee – a celebration of faith & service

A four-day Bank Holiday from 2nd to 5th June 2022 will mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This is being called "an amazing opportunity" to bring our communities together for the celebrations, which end on Pentecost Sunday.

HOPE Together, the Church of England, the Methodist Church, Biblica and other key partners are currently planning for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with a specially commissioned souvenir book to give away; a new anthem for communities and churches to sing; a '70 Acts of Service' community challenge to adapt to use together with churches and other organisations, and lots of resources for children and schools.

Rachel Jordan-Wolf, HOPE's executive director said, "Churches are in an ideal place to bring communities together for national celebrations. We have the tables, chairs, crockery and PA systems – and we love making cakes!

"It is so appropriate that the nation and Commonwealth should be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the same weekend as Pentecost, the day when the church celebrates the gift of God's Holy Spirit."

The anointing of God's Holy Spirit was central to the Coronation and, in preparation for the day, The Queen prayed: 'Come, Holy Spirit, and daily increase in all of us, and in me, thy humble servant, thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and strength; the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and fill us, O Lord, with the Spirit of thy holy fear, now and forever. Amen.'

Revd Dr Jo White considers our need for quiet and space.

Reflected Faith Series: Who is in the building?

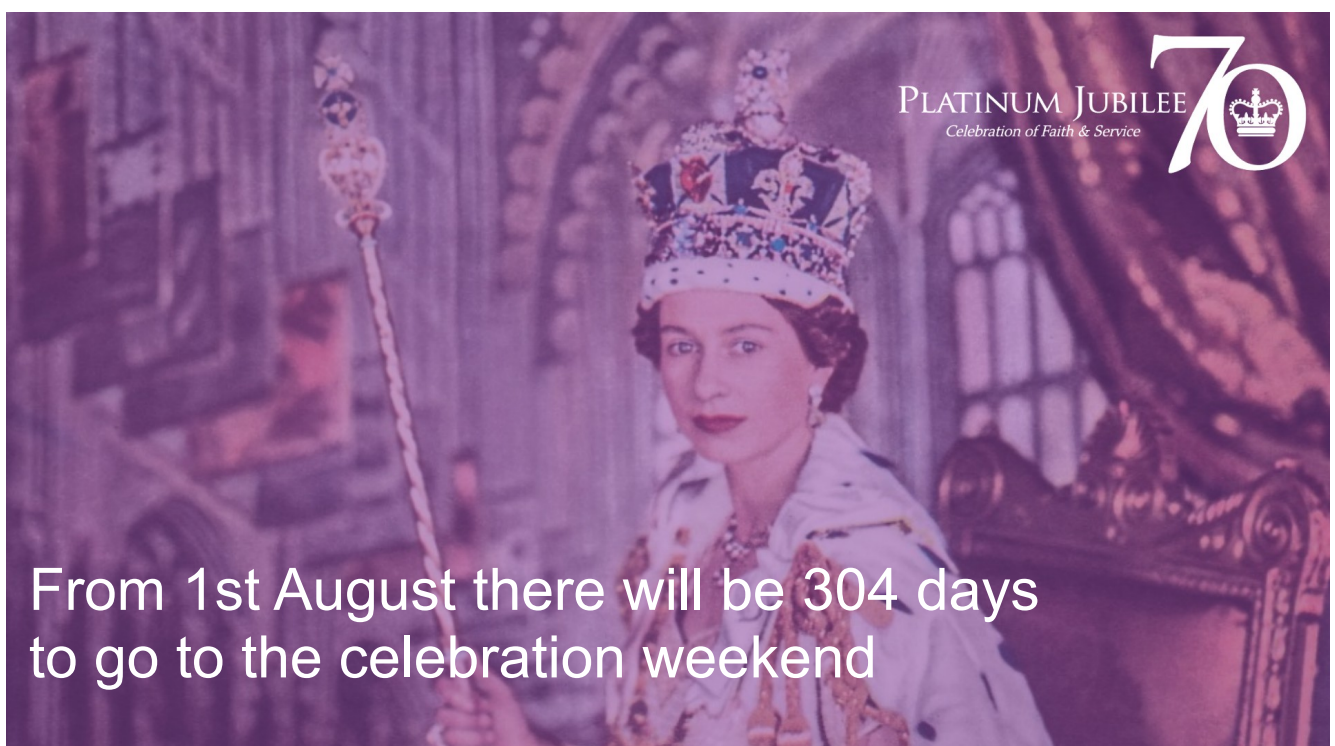
In England, hopefully by the time you read this, all the lock-down and social isolation measures will have been relaxed. Church buildings and services will be 'back to normal'. Working folk will be back in their workplaces, and all will be well with us all.

I live in hope – but I am well aware that the reality will probably be different. It's the difference between a switch that turns the light fully on or fully off and a dimmer switch that allows the brightness to increase or decrease slowly. All of us will need time to 'rest' before we get our mojo and energy levels back up again. This last 16 months or so have been hectic and traumatic for everyone in different ways. That's why coming into the quietness and space of a church building can be so uplifting.

This month:

Listen out for / read the opening words of the service. Most often they will be the following or very similar: 'The Lord be with you'. And the congregation replies, 'And also with you'. It's a simple acknowledgement that we have come together with the same intention – to meet with God. And that He is with us. With all of us. We are encircled by His love and grace.

Just pause for a moment and drink in those words and the huge meaning contained in those short phrases. God is not just here for some of us, but for all of us. We are not only with those we can see, but with God Himself. How amazing is that! May those words enable you to stand up straighter again and give you strength for the days ahead.



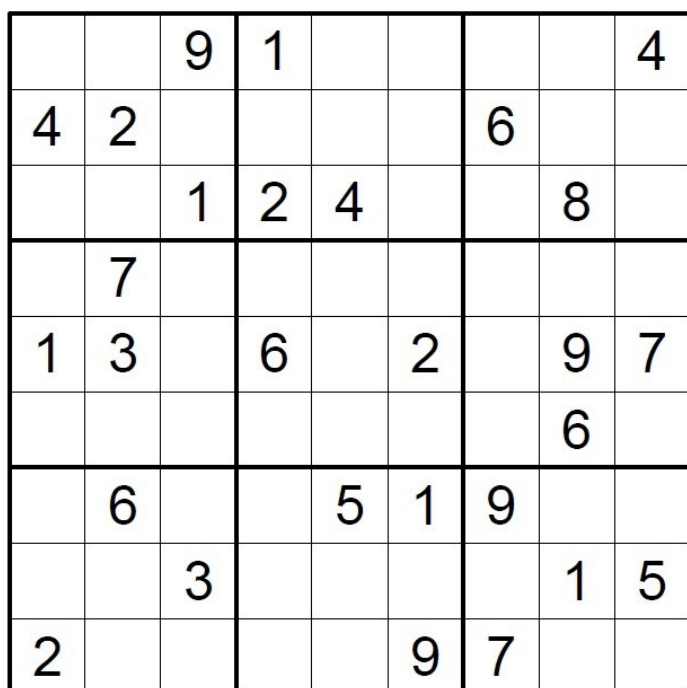
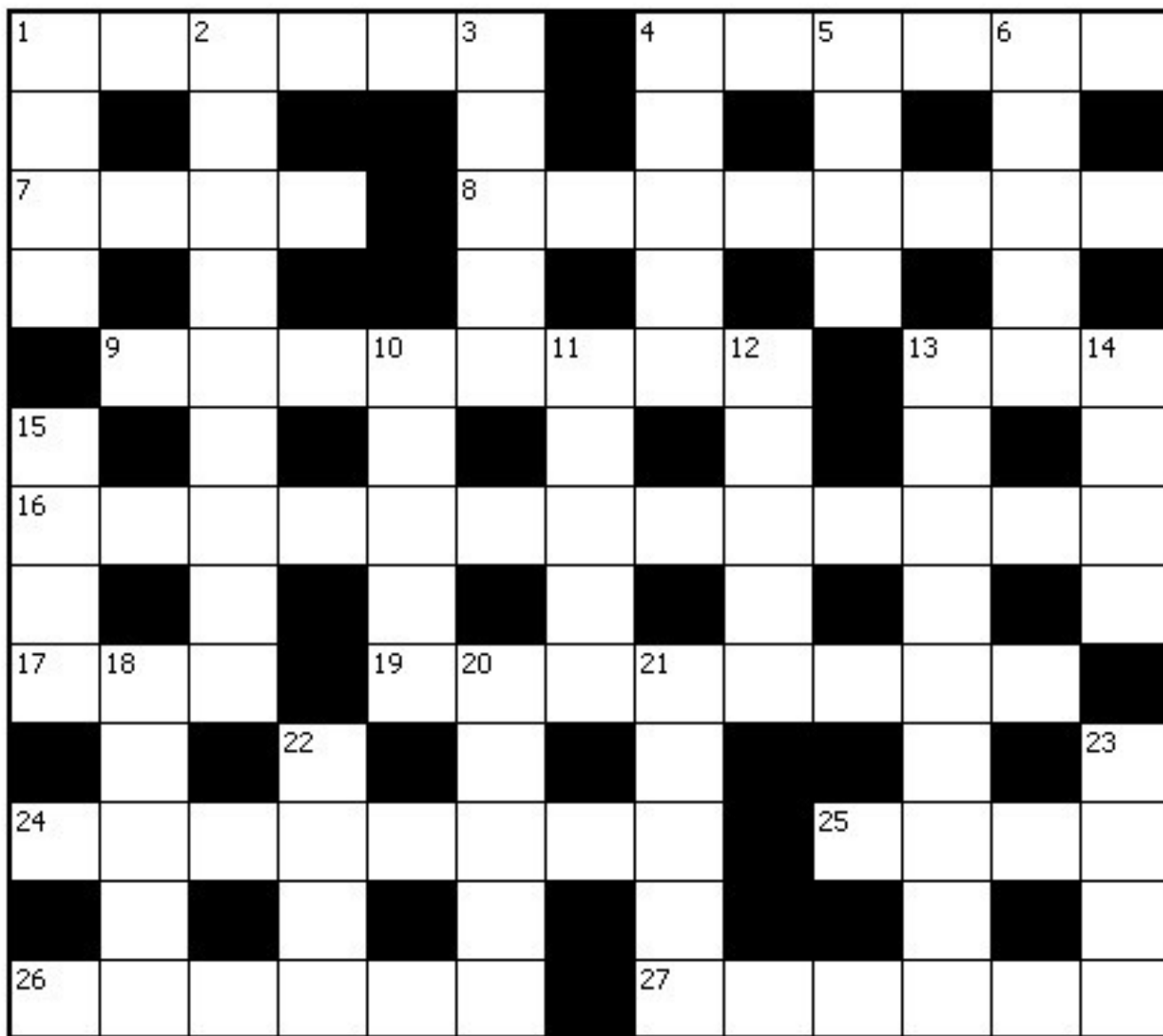
Time to puzzle it out

Across

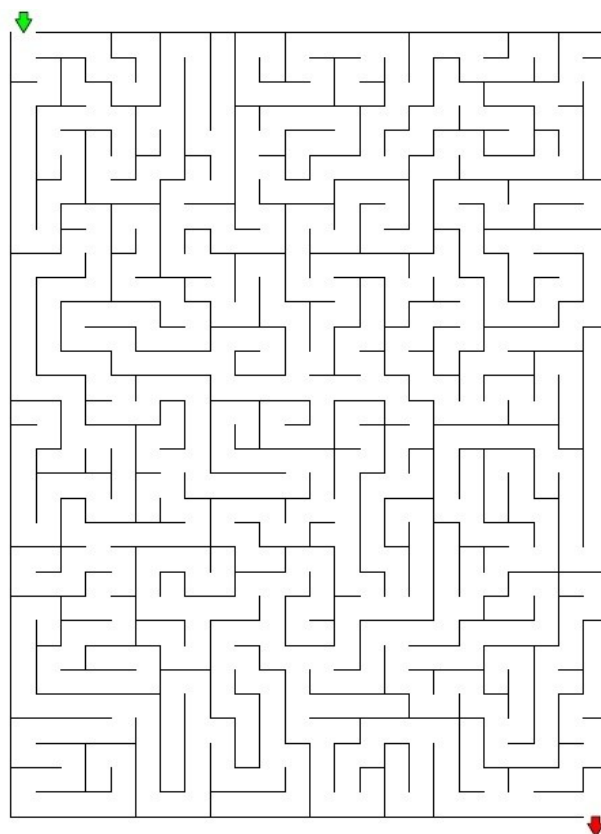
- 1 Of Moses (6)
- 4 'You have been weighed on the — and found wanting'
(Daniel 5:27) (6)
- 7 Where Jesus performed the first of his miraculous signs (John 2:11) (4)
- 8 Roman emperor who ordered all the Jews to leave Rome (Acts 18:2) (8)
- 9 Member of a conservative Jewish party in the Sanhedrin which believed there was no resurrection
(Acts 23:8) (8)
- 13 South London Mission (1,1,1)
- 16 Sure of one's own ability (2 Corinthians 11:17) (4-9)
- 17 'At this the man's face fell. He went away — , because he had great wealth' (Mark 10:22) (3)
- 19 Airs used (anag.) (8)
- 24 'The Lord is my — , I shall not be in want' (Psalm 23:1) (8)
- 25 'He has sent me to — up the broken-hearted' (Isaiah 61:1) (4)
- 26 At or towards the rear of a ship (6)
- 27 Cross-carrying evangelist and world traveller, — Blessitt (6)

Down

- 1 Ridicule (Luke 18:32) (4)
- 2 Encased in strapped-on light shoes (Song of Songs 7:1) (9)
- 3 Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union (1,1,1,1,1)
- 4 'Father, give me my — of your estate' (Luke 15:12) (5)
- 5 Assistant (4)
- 6 On a par (John 5:18) (5)
- 10 Credo (anag.) (5)
- 11 Beaten with a rod (5)
- 12 The fourth of Job's 'comforters', who deferred making his contribution because of his junior status
(Job 32:6) (5)
- 13 Chosen as a temple attendant, he was described by Ezra as 'a capable man' (Ezra 8:18) (9)
- 14 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where — and rust destroy' (Matthew 6:19) (4)
- 15 Employs (4)
- 18 Associated with penitence for sins, along with sackcloth (Matthew 11:21) (5)
- 20 Association of South-East Asian Nations (1,1,1,1,1)
- 21 Sub-continent to which Baptist missionary pioneer William Carey devoted his life (5)
- 22 Recess at east end of a church (4)
- 23 One of the nine sons of Beriah (1 Chronicles 8:15) (4)



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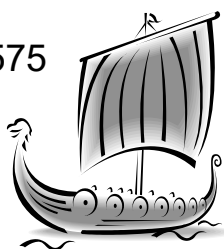


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August



1st August	Sunday	8.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	No BCP Communion Parish Eucharist Evening Prayer
2nd August	Monday		
3rd August	Tuesday		
4th August	Wednesday	7.30pm	PCC Meeting (<i>in church</i>)
5th August	Thursday		
6th August	Friday		
7th August	Saturday		
8th August	Sunday	8.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	No BCP Communion Parish Eucharist / Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
9th August	Monday		
10th August	Tuesday		
11th August	Wednesday		
12th August	Thursday		
13th August	Friday		
14th August	Saturday		
15th August	Sunday	8.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	No BCP Communion Parish Eucharist Evening Prayer
16th August	Monday		
17th August	Tuesday		
18th August	Wednesday		
19th August	Thursday		
20th August	Friday		
21st August	Saturday		
22nd August	Sunday	8.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	No BCP Communion Parish Eucharist Evening Prayer
23rd August	Monday		
24th August	Tuesday		
25th August	Wednesday		
26th August	Thursday	10.00am	BCP Communion
27th August	Friday		



28th August Saturday

29th August Sunday

8.30am
10.00am
6.00pm

No BCP Communion
Parish Eucharist
Evening Prayer

30th August Monday

31st August Tuesday

1st September Wednesday

2nd September Thursday

3rd September Friday

4th September Saturday

5th September Sunday

8.30am
10.00am
6.00pm

No BCP Communion
Parish Eucharist
Evening Prayer

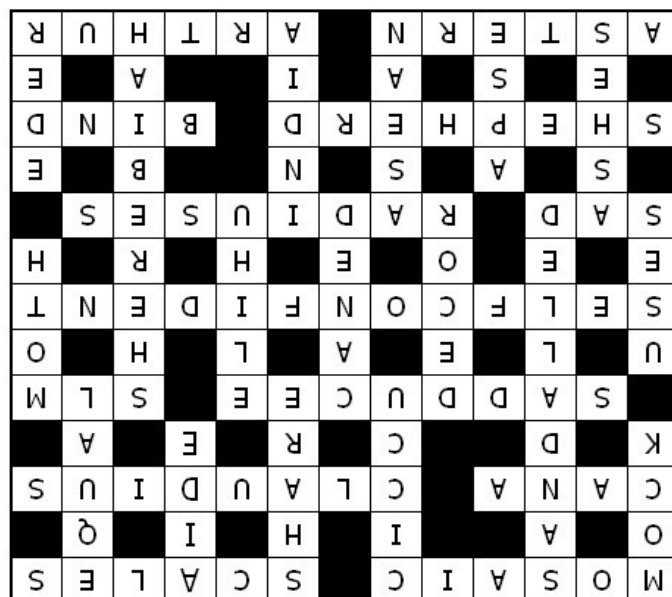
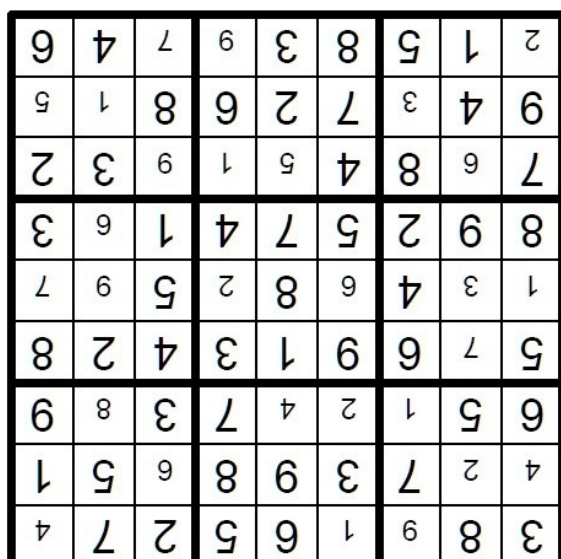


11th September Saturday 10am to 5pm Heritage Day

We hope that more groups will return to meeting in September—watch and listen for announcements.

During this Vacancy until our new priest is with us all services as advertised are subject to change depending on whether we have been able to obtain clergy cover. All Sunday 8.30am BCP Communion Services are currently suspended. So please check our website and Facebook pages regularly for updates and any last minute changes.

At this time although the need to observe the social distancing rules and to wear face-coverings (**remember these must cover your nose and mouth and be on before you enter the building**) is no longer mandatory and only advisory. The wearing of a mask helps everyone in that it helps protect you from me and me from you from the spread of the virus. Let's take the next steps carefully and prayerfully as we pray that numbers begin to drop particularly locally and that we continue to support each other.



St. Paul's Parish Directory

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Parish Organisations

Monday		
Tuesday	9.30am	St. Paul's Babes & Tots
	6.15pm	4 th Sale Central (St. Paul's) Brownies
	7.30pm	4 th Sale Central (St. Paul's) Guides
	1.00pm	Women's Tuesday Group (2 nd of every month)
Wednesday	8.00pm	Badminton Group
Thursday	9.30am	St. Paul's Babes & Tots
	7.30pm	Chorister Training and Choir Practice
	8.00pm	Men's Society (last of every month Sept to May but not Dec)
Friday	1.00pm	Community Choir
Saturday	9.30am	Open Church
	10.30am	Charity Coffee Morning