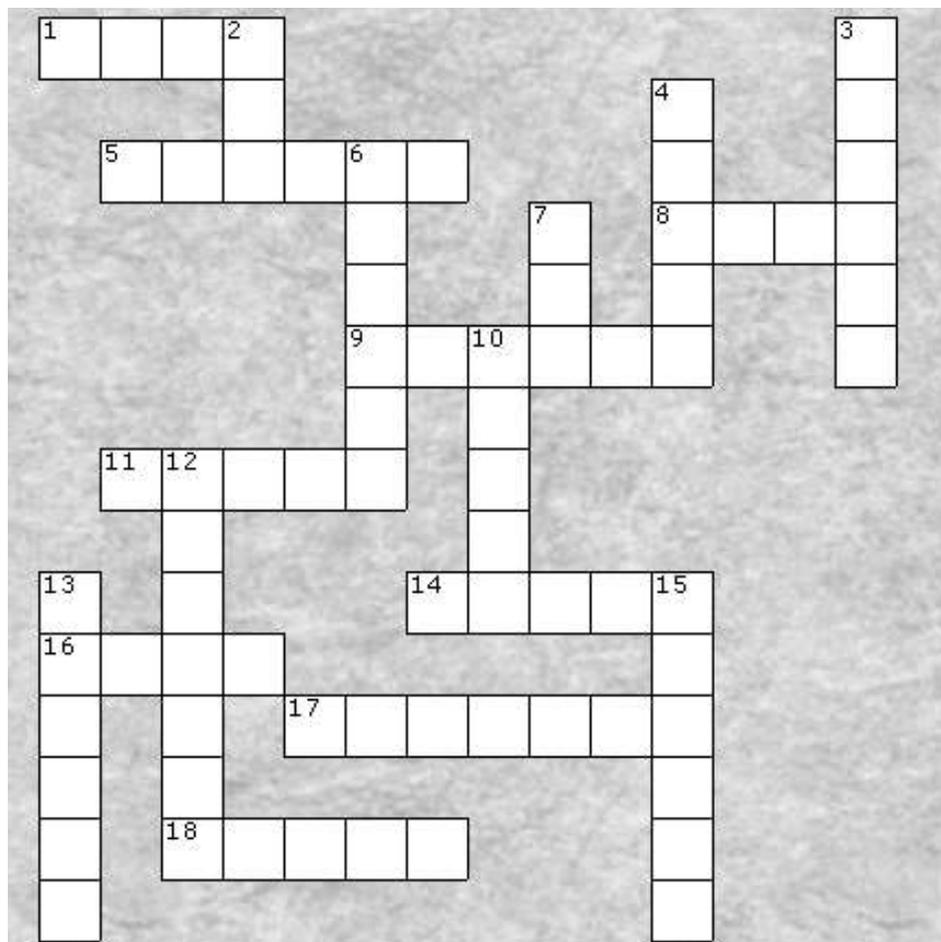


Quick Crossword - Old Testament people



Across

- 1 First king of Israel
 5 The queen who saved her people from Haman
 8 He built an ark
 9 He had a coat of many colours
 11 Wife of Abraham
 14 He killed Goliath
 16 The first man
 17 Known for his wisdom
 18 Led God's people out of Egypt

Down

- 2 He was rescued from Sodom
 3 He won the battle of Jericho
 4 A great fish swallowed him
 6 This prophet was taken up into heaven in a whirlwind
 7 The first woman
 10 Queen of ___ visited Solomon
 12 He was the father of Isaac
 13 Noted for his strength
 15 He survived in a den of lions

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'Looking back with thankfulness'

Our January issue went to press before our Pastor announced this theme for the morning service on New Year's Eve. These photos remind us of some of the highlights of last year.



February - a bright day for our ramble



April - Aroma's 9th anniversary



July - Barry King speaks on 'Is God Good?'

October - Harvest Thanksgiving



From the Pastor's study

Do you *pray* or just say your prayers? During our studies on Tuesdays in the book of Daniel we came to Chapter 9 and looked at Daniel's prayer. We saw that Daniel was in awe of the greatness of God, that he prayed with deep humility and admitted his share in the sins of his fellow countrymen. Yet we also saw that he understood that God was faithful and would keep His promises, so he could boldly ask Him for help, while accepting that Divine assistance was not deserved. By this time Daniel was getting old but he had been reading part of the Scriptures and this fired him up to pray again. All this set me thinking. It is too easy to be vague about praying – to avoid that, we have to know Who we are praying to and what we can expect from Him. So we need first of all to get a right relationship with God by placing our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and experiencing the forgiveness of sins. Prayer has a big place in the Bible; Jesus prayed often and taught His disciples to pray. Yet we can make it formal, lacking in trust and passionate appeal, so matter-of-fact. Excuse me, I must go, I'm off to *pray*!

*Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
Uttered, or unexpressed;
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.*

(From James Montgomery's hymn.)

Prayer requests

As we pray for those who are unwell we can give thanks for **D. L.** and for **W. M.** who have had better news from the doctors. Pray also for **D.B.**, recovering from an accident at work.

Remember those who have been recently **bereaved**.

Pray for the **young people** in our country who are bombarded with many conflicting messages. Pray for those trying to help them.

Many churches as well as ours need more people to **help** in their work. Ask God to challenge those who know Him to serve Him.

News of the conflict still continuing in **Syria** causes us much sadness. Pray that peace may come and for those suffering.

Go on praying that the Lord will **revive** His work in our nation.

Who's who at Langford Chapel

An occasional look at the people we see here

John Chaplin comes over from Congresbury to help us with the music sometimes and we also see him with his wife **Kathleen** at the *Aroma* coffee mornings. John used to farm in Duck Lane but now he is still busy in "retirement" for his musical skills are much in demand. Apart from that, he is always willing to help with practical tasks and also visiting folk for his church.



For your diary

The first month of 2018 is drawing to a close as we go to press so here are some items for February:

Our Sunday services have returned to their usual pattern after Christmas and New Year and our Pastor is continuing to share the letter to the Hebrews with us. However we do have some visiting preachers again this year and we look forward to hearing them all, including **Pastor David Field** who will be with us on **18th** February and also on Tuesday **20th**.

On the subject of the Tuesday Prayer and Bible Study meetings it has been decided to try putting back the start time to **7.45 p.m.** We hope this will make it easier for busy people to join us after work. The change will take effect from **Tuesday 13th** February.

There's no change to the **Aroma** coffee mornings: Still on the **fourth** Saturday, so that's the **24th** this month, and still open from **10.30** onwards. We are also planning extra events this year, details later.