

Rob reading from John's Gospel during the Carol Service



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## New Year Mini Crossword

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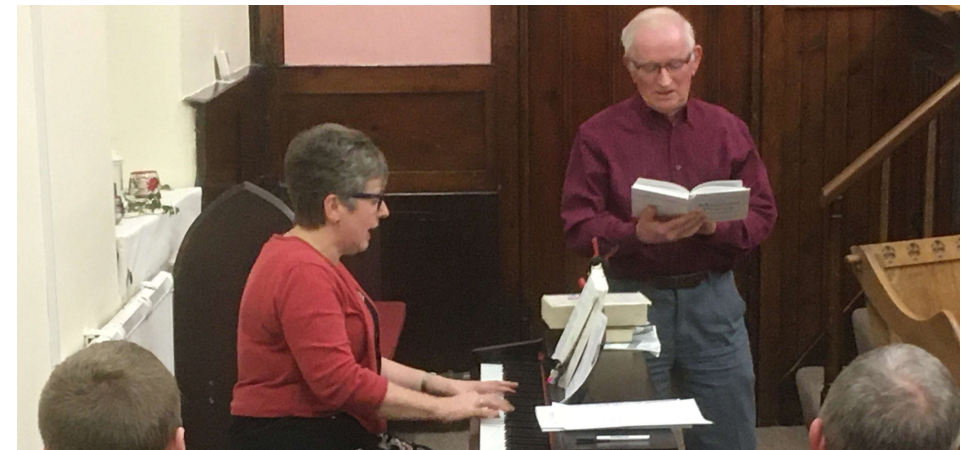
- Across:**
- 1 "Beginning of months" is in Chapter 12 of this Bible book.
  - 4 This place is mentioned near the Bible's beginning.
  - 5 Abraham left this ancient city to follow God.
  - 7 None of this in the beginning.
  - 8 Hebrew word for day.
  - 9 His years will not fail (Hebrews 1)
- Down:**
- 1 Starts his book 'in the 30th year'.
  - 2 This prophet wrote about God changing times and seasons.
  - 3 Ezra begins his book by writing about this king's first year.
  - 6 Seven times the Bible writes about the \_\_\_\_ of your life.

## Verse for the month

"And the LORD, He is the one who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you . . ." (Deuteronomy 31:8 NKJV.)

## A Happy New Year to all our readers

### Memories of the 2019 Carol Service



*Vikki and John sing "In the bleak mid-winter" together*

### In this issue:

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# My favourite hymn

by Chris Gadd

*“I’ve chosen this as my favourite because, as a believer in the Lord Jesus, He is most precious to me. This hymn really brings out the comfort, the peace, the security, the relationship, the strength, and the hope I have in Him.”*

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
And drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole  
And calms the troubled breast;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,  
And to the weary rest.

Dear Name! The rock on which I build,  
My shield and hiding-place,  
My never-failing treasury filled  
With boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! My Shepherd, Brother, Friend,  
My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,  
And cold my warmest thought;  
But when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
With every fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy Name  
Refresh my soul in death!

*John Newton 1725-1807*



## Prayer requests

Continue to remember those for whom the festive season has been a **difficult** time because of bereavement or illness.

Pray that hearts will have been touched by hearing the **Christmas message** of the love of God in Jesus.

Ask God to **guide** our Pastor and the Deacons in 2020.

Pray for our **nation** and the new **Government**.

Support in prayer friends serving the Lord **overseas**.

# Tweet of the month

**Langford Evangelical Church** @Langford\_Chapel · Dec 1

The two thieves that died with Jesus at #calvary represent mankind's greatest choice in this life. On the one hand the thief who recognised Him as #Lord and accepted his own guilt and the other who rejected Christ's saving grace even at the end. We stand forgiven at the #cross.

## From the Pastor's study

**As we start the year** at Langford Chapel we can do so with confidence that the same Lord who encouraged and helped us in 2019 is ready to add His blessing again. I don't do New Year resolutions. (I know that I will probably fail to keep them!) What do I pray for most for 2020? More folk trusting Christ as their Saviour and all of us who have already done that growing spiritually. Much has changed for us; we were encouraged last year by additional members and a new Trustee. We thanked God for His help over the past ten years and made plans for improvements to the interior entrance which will be carried out shortly. Some of our new people engaged in practical tasks and we revived the Harvest Supper. Yet it was not an easy year for some healthwise or for those who were bereaved. As I write, the words of 1 Kings 20:28 come to mind. Some were saying that God was a "God of the hills but not of the valleys". The Bible teaches that God is present everywhere and powerful in every situation. We will experience our own "hills and valleys" in 2020. Let us make sure that we look for the Lord's hand and purpose in both of those.

## For your diary

**This month** starts a new decade and a New Year, but some things never change, including the good news of Jesus' love.

After our New Year services on the **5th**, our usual weekly pattern continues. On Tuesday the **14th** we have another visit from David Herring, this time for our monthly Missionary meeting.

The **Aroma** coffee morning is on Saturday the **25th**, open from 10.30 a.m.

Among events planned for this year is a three-night series on the **23rd-25th June**, when Barry King, whose talk on "*Is God good*" created much interest in 2017 will be joining us. *More details later.*