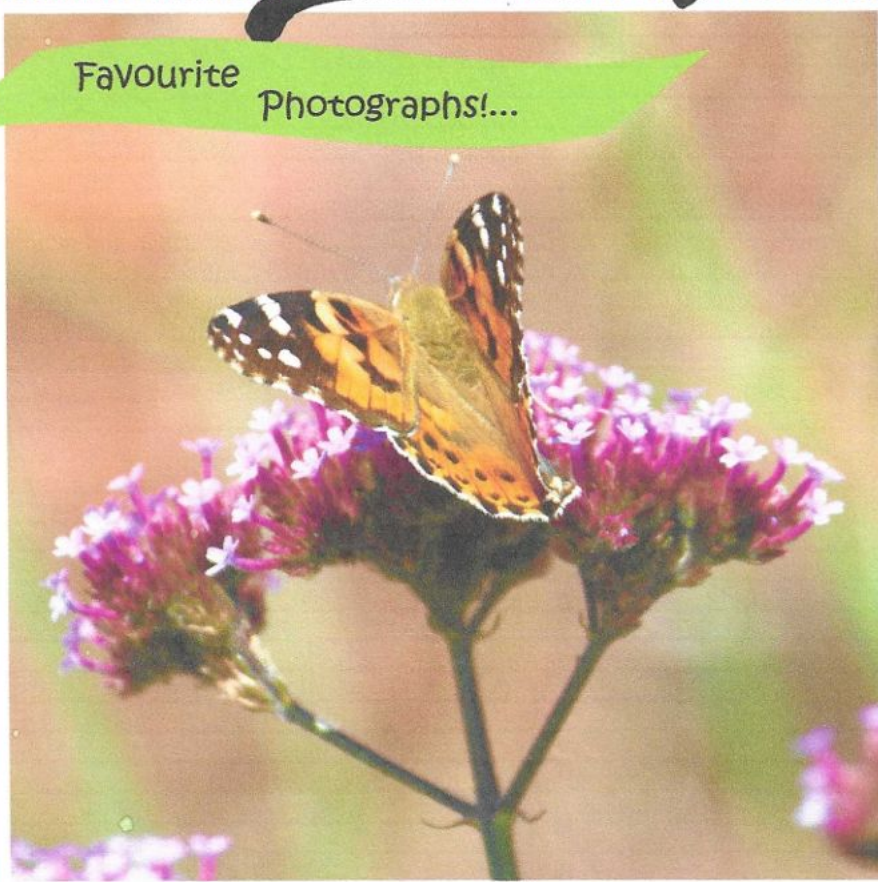


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# Trinity *Tidings*

Favourite  
Photographs!...



'Butterfly in the Wild'

...all are welcome in this place!

May 2025



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**Favourite Photographs!...**



**Front Cover Photographs:**

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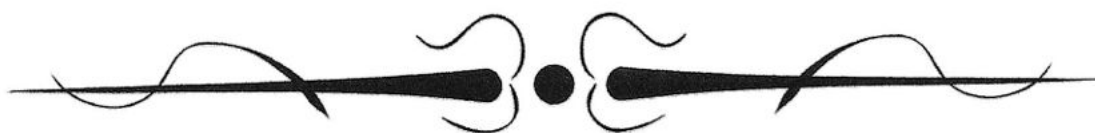
This photo is one of my favourites as there were plenty of Butterflies to choose. They were also keeping 'still' making it easier to take the photograph!

The photo was taken at National Trust Attingham Park, Atcham, Shrewsbury.

*John Harris*

# PRAYER CORNER

We remember in our prayers Liz Potter, Betty Norman, Josephine and Ranzi Seremwe, Maureen Homer, Anne Wix, those on the Prayer Vine, those whose names are put in the prayer book and people we know who need the love, comfort and the knowledge of Christ's presence with them.



## CONGRATULATIONS...

We send Congratulations and Best Wishes to  
David and Angela Millinchip  
As they celebrate their  
Golden Wedding Anniversary on May 24<sup>th</sup>

Please remember in your prayers, the area of Kidderminster  
known as Wolverley

### Wolverley

### May

Wolverley C.E. Secondary School,  
Wolverley Primary School and Nursery,  
Heathfield Knoll School and Nursery

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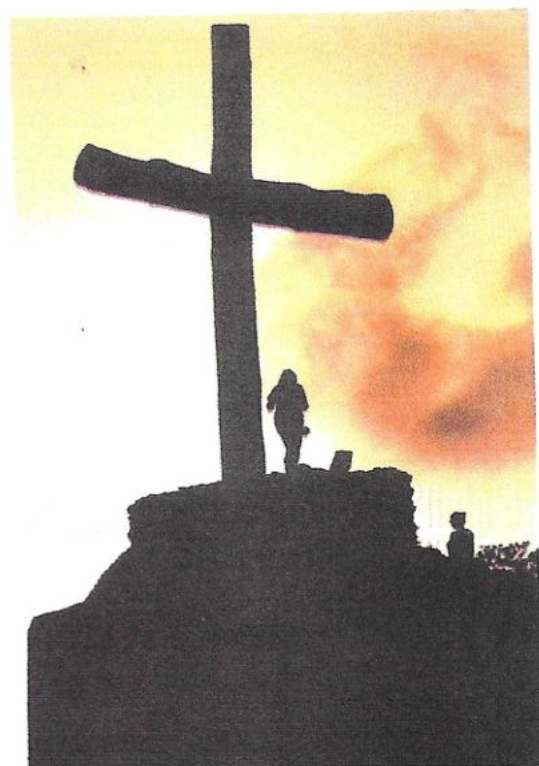
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St John the Baptist C E Church

Eateries

Doctors surgery and Community Centre

Residential Housing



Dear Friends,

One of the tasks both Diane and I have ahead of us is trying to 'downsize' when it comes to moving house. Trying to condense what currently fits in a four bedroom detached manse into a three bedroom semi. Having said this we have already begun the process, but are nowhere near where we should be (or at least I'm not). However I have this week started sifting through the many, many books I have on my bookshelves, most of which haven't seen the light of day since I put them up there!

I must admit I am a bit of a bookaholic, having at least one book on subjects as varied as Hans-Georg Gadamer's 'Truth and Method' a Philosophy of Hermeneutics, to 'The Beginner's Guide to Keeping Chickens' and most other things in between. There are of course some books which I use on a very regular basis, prayers books, liturgy books, books that relate to the Church calendar, books that help put together services, books which help interpret the bible and the bible itself! I'm also a sucker for second-hand books, especially if we visit a National Trust property, who all seem to have a second-hand book section. These days though, I really do have to be disciplined and not buy anything that isn't an absolute must.

Diane is also an avid reader, but with a very different style to me. Diane reads novels and can devour a whole book in just a couple of days, whereas if I sit down to read, within ten minutes I'm fast asleep in the chair. Even when I was training for ministry I would read whilst walking to town, making it almost impossible to fall asleep, as long as you avoided the lampposts. Diane has also added that once she has read a book she then passes it on to someone else and doesn't hoard it like I'm inclined to do.

With the advent of the internet books no longer hold the monopoly of knowledge as once they did. I remember as a child having access to the family encyclopaedias, eight toms that held the secrets of the universe, or at least it felt like they did. Nowadays, the answer to every possible question is just a Google search away on our phones, the computers in our pockets more powerful than the computers that sent the Apollo missions to the moon in the 1960's.

As I struggle to decide what books I want to keep and what I'm happy to let go of I am mindful that it is not the books themselves that are important, but the knowledge and wisdom they hold. Books are just sheets of paper bound in a cover, whereas knowledge is the theoretical or practical understanding of a subject and how you apply it to everyday situations.

Therefore as I go through the necessary process of thinning down my book catalogue in order for there to be space for those I have decided are absolutely essential to keep (and might fit into the new and smaller house), I am trying to remind myself that truth is truth, knowledge is knowledge, and books are just the vehicle that hold that information.

That said, whether we have physical space (for books) or not, my prayer is that we might all have access to the truths of God and to the knowledge that sustains us in whatever form it takes. And may we not be confined to written traditions that hold us back from discovering and understanding the realities of God, but open to all the possibilities that present themselves in our lives in this modern age.

Every blessing,

*Nick*



From the Editor...

I am writing this in the garden, sitting at a table under the shade of my garden umbrella. It is quiet, peaceful and tranquil. The only sounds I can hear are birds singing and the hum of bees.

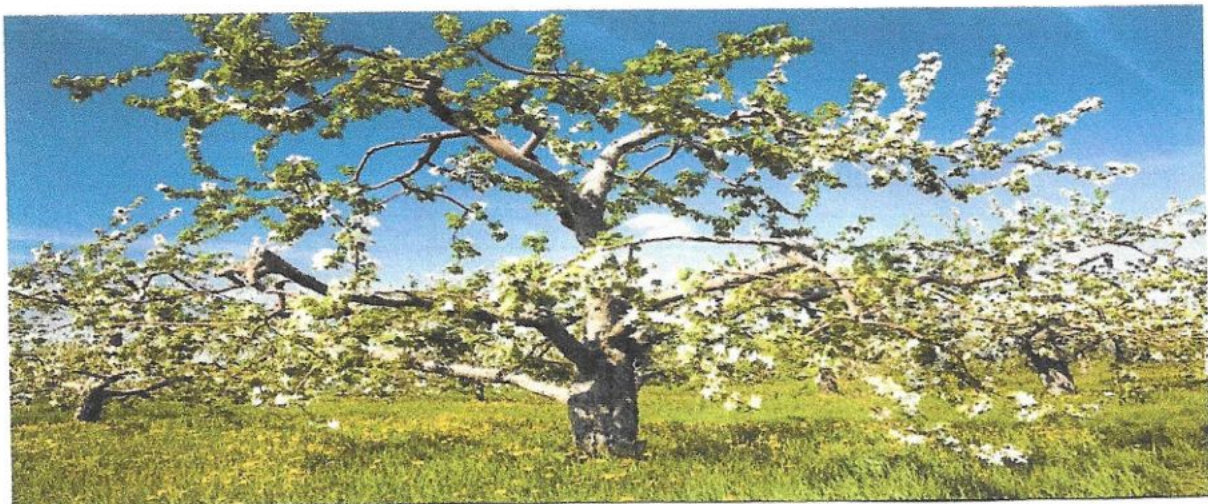
There are no people around, and no vehicles. (The road down to my house ends at the river, and the bridge across is a footbridge.) On 9<sup>th</sup> December 1999, which was the first night in the Station House, Margaret and I got into bed, and I said to her "Listen", she asked what I could hear. I answered "Nothing at all, just silence". Our previous house in Smethwick was near a main road, and one mile from the M5. It was always noisy, and living here was a wonderful change. I am a bird watcher, and you soon discover that you must be still, and quiet in order not to disturb a bird.

Do we value quietness enough? We live in a noisy world, and just now a large twin engine jet plane has flown over, almost too high to see, but I can still hear it. There are some days, like today, when you can almost hear the plants growing, as the warm sun encourages their growth.

The Psalmist wrote 'Be still, and know that I am God' I know that we can find God in busy, noisy places; find him when we are in a crowd and when we are alone. He is always there with us, we are never alone. But we need the moments of stillness, of quietness, and tranquility, let us cherish those times.

I have an ex British Rail sleeping coach tea pot, which the attendant would bring to you in the morning if you were travelling First Class. It holds enough for one mugful. One of my favourite sounds is when I pour the tea from it into my favourite mug. I think it is time I listened to it now!

David



## OFFERTORIES FOR THE SIX WEEKS TO 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL ARE AS FOLLOWS

	Envelopes	Loose Cash	Standing Orders	Total
	£	£	£	£
23.03 & 30.03.25	126.00	236.50	1233.60	1596.10
06.04 & 13.04.25	155.00	279.00	1547.00	1981.00
20.04 & 27.04.25	518.00	291.00	1547.00	2356.00

This is a weekly average of £988.85

For the current church year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 it is estimated that offertories of £1200 per week will be required to break even.

During these six weeks the following amounts have been raised for good causes:

Water Aid, £256.73    Easter Offering, £427.00    Leaders of Worship & Preachers' Trust, £70.00

### SERVICES IN MAY

May 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mr Mike Dernie
	6.30pm	Mr David Skitt
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Deacon Becky Lovatt
	6.30pm	Rev Nick Collison -- Café Worship
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mrs Sue Stinton
	6.30pm	No Service
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Rev James Hamilton
	6.30pm	Deacon Becky Lovatt

### Services on Thursday at 12.30pm

May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mr Albert Wilkinson
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mr David Skitt
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	To be arranged
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rev Nick Collison -- Holy Communion
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	To be arranged





# Coffee Morning

Saturday 10th May

10am-12pm

Trinity Methodist Church



Proceeds go to Christian Aid

Tea, coffee, squash, and butties available.



# A STARTLINGLY GOOD SHOW

*An evening promising a really good mix of music, humour & song  
- Featuring -*

## EDWINA HAYES

*Edwina has a beautiful voice and sings a pleasing  
variety of songs.  
She has delighted audiences around the world with her  
engaging and warm personality.*

Drinks will be on sale

## STARTLED FERRETS

*Their world tour starts here!  
So says the Alcester based Ferrets who will  
entertain you richly with their musical delights*

Charity  
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## DICK WOODHOUSE

*Dick will delight you with a mix of amusing  
and moving songs, all nicely delivered*

**Saturday Oct 14th 2023**

Starting at 7.30 pm  
Clent Parish Hall, Church Ave, Clent DY9 9QT  
(Just 10 mins from J4, M5)  
Tickets £11 in advance, or £13 on the door

## LET THE ROSES ENTERTAIN!

Many thanks to the Trinity/Baxter friends who have supported previous concerts I have arranged at Clent Parish Hall.

The next one of the series is on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30pm, with both guests from the 'Red Rose County' of Lancashire.

Scolds Bridle are one of the female duos in the country and this is their special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary show.

Stanley Accrington always produces a wide range of amusing songs and is very entertaining.

For tickets or more information please contact Howard on:

01299 878759, or 07805 817369, or email : [hjl77@btinternet.com](mailto:hjl77@btinternet.com)



# **Bewdley Methodist Church is 230 years young!**

*Come and celebrate with us*

## *Church Open Days*

**Saturday 10 May 10.00am-4.00pm**

**Sunday 11 May 12noon-4.00pm**

Step inside to discover what lies behind our Georgian facade on Bewdley's High Street – and learn about our church's fascinating history, our people and activities.

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## *Music in the Chapel*

**Saturday 17 May at 2.30pm**

*'A Joyous Recital to celebrate the church's 230<sup>th</sup> Birthday'*



**Soprano soloist Ruby Thorne**

**accompanied by Dexter Drown**

**Tickets £10, including light refreshments**

**To book please contact:**

**Neil Sollom Tel: 07780 650491 or email: [neilsollom@btinternet.com](mailto:neilsollom@btinternet.com)**

**or Mike Dernie Tel: 07977 063380 or email: [mikedernie@aol.com](mailto:mikedernie@aol.com)**

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## *230<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service*

**Sunday 18 May at 10.30am**



## **Bewdley Methodists invite you to join their celebration**

Only a town as historic as Bewdley could have a 'new' purpose-built church that is about to celebrate its 230<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The Methodist church on High Street was opened in 1795, long after the Quaker meeting house, the Baptist church, the presbyterian chapel that is now Holy Family Catholic church, and St Anne's. Ok, All Saints in Wribbenhall wasn't built until 1879 – but that's not strictly Bewdley, is it!

To celebrate our birthday, Bewdley Methodists are holding a series of events this month and we hope people from across the Circuit and beyond will join our celebrations by coming to see what's behind that Grade II listed Georgian façade on High Street, next to the Jubilee Gardens entrance.

We're putting on an exhibition about our history, special events over the years, and the people who have made a difference. We're also hoping to see people with a connection to our church, no matter how slim or long ago. Were you baptised or married there? Did you go to Sunday School or Youth Club there? Did your forebears live there? Yes, there were homes in the basement!

The church will be **open from 10.00am until 4.00pm on Saturday 10 May, and from 12 noon until 4.00pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>** after the normal 10.30am Service.

Then on **Saturday 17 May** there's a special ***Music in the Chapel*** concert featuring 'a joyous recital' by soprano soloist Ruby Thorne at 2.30pm. Tickets for that are £10, including light refreshments (accompanied children free). See the poster, the church website [bewdleymethodists.org.uk](http://bewdleymethodists.org.uk) – or phone or email me.

And last but not least, on **Sunday 18 May** I'll be leading a very special **Anniversary Service of celebration and rededication**, starting at 10.30am.

Do come and see what we've been up to for the last 230 years!

**Mike Dornie**

**07977 063380 / [mikedornie@aol.com](mailto:mikedornie@aol.com)**



## QUIZ EVENING

We had a very successful quiz evening in February 2024, and this year we are running another quiz evening on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm.

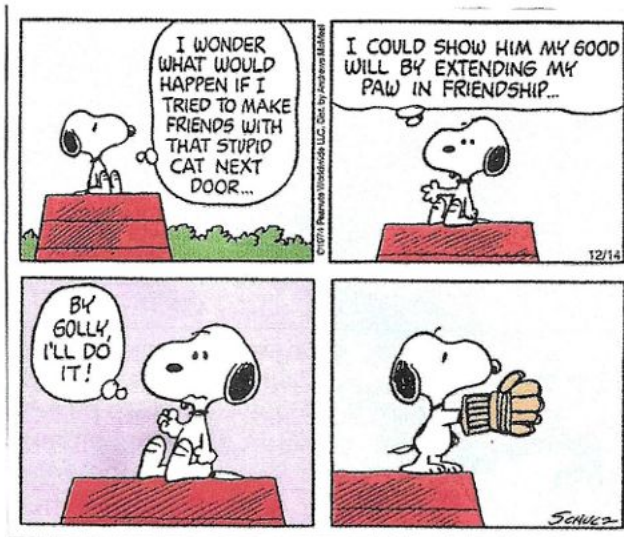
The questions will be teasing ones, they will not be of examination standard, and may even make you smile!

If you would like to form teams (4 to 6) members that would be great but we can always sort things out on the night so that everyone who wants to, can join in.

A varied range of topics will be chosen, hopefully to cater for a wide range of interests and knowledge.

Fish and Chips can be ordered and more details and the cost will soon be available.

Howard





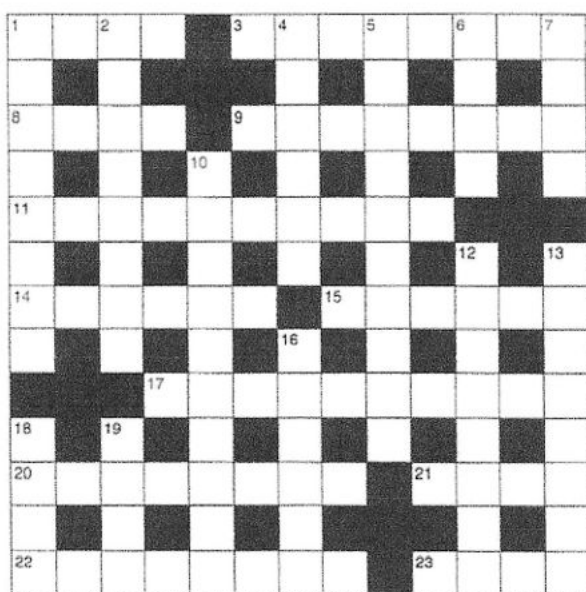
## The Tree Quiz

**Insert the name of a tree in each space to complete the story....**

Connie and her ..... brother William were very excited. It was August and they were going on .....day to stay with their Grandparents in Southend. They were up at the crack of dawn and all smart and ..... by 9 o'clock. Living in ..... they only had to walk around the corner to the East India Dock Road to catch the bus. Grandfather was waiting for them at Southend. "It's lovely to have you and ..... a week" he said to William. "I hope you won't ..... for your mum and dad." After lunch they went to the ..... to make sandcastles and then they went home for some tea. For a special treat Grandma made pancakes with ..... syrup. They were too tired to go out again so they watched ..... and Hardy on the ..... Grandfather had to go to a Council Meeting as he was an ..... man. "Don't drop ..... down your best jacket" called Grandma as he was leaving. Soon it was 9 o'clock. "Come on ..... two" said Gran "Time for bed." Next day in the park they all went in a ..... boat and Grandpa bought them a ..... Whip. Connie wanted a big box of chocolates but Grandma said she would have to buy it herself. "I can't" she wailed "I'm broke because ..... me from last week." So she had to be contented with a toffee ..... "Never mind" said Grandpa "When you visit us in your next holiday you will be able to decorate the .....



## Parish Pump Crossword



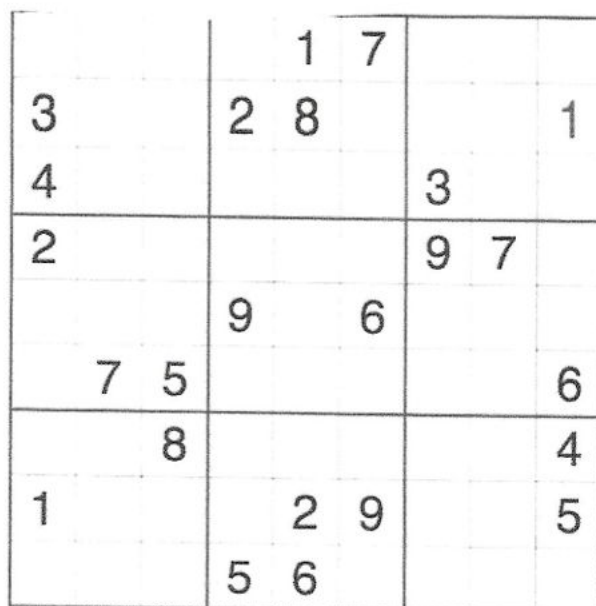
### Across

- 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)
- 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)
- 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)

## Sudoku puzzle (medium)



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## It's Only Words

Take my hand, I'll lead you to salvation, take my love, for love is everlasting.

Words of Jesus? No, actually words by Herbert Kretzmer, English lyricist of the musical *Les Misérables*! However, let's face it, some of the most beautiful phrases in the Bible are those spoken by Jesus. If a picture paints a thousand words, then those spoken by Jesus paint a picture. This was 2000 years ago, yet the speech of Jesus was so eloquent, so refined, never a word spoken in anger!

Much of His learning came simply from listening to His elders. As a child in the Temple He learned about life, about the people around Him. He asked questions which was the basic teaching method of His early days. He was fortunate to have some wonderful disciples, some who wrote the Gospels were able to write down Jesus's sayings so we are able to share them today. Strangely, not all of the words of Jesus made it to the Gospels. Paul quotes Jesus in Acts 20 v35 "It is more blessed to give than to receive". Where did this come from? Is there a collection of Jesus's sayings lost or hidden somewhere? In a cave or at the bottom of the Dead Sea? Who knows? Or did Judas Iscariot write a gospel that was never printed because of his betrayal? So what made Jesus's sayings so Eloquent and passionate? – It was the Man Himself. He is the source of everything. The beginning and end.

His compassion touches everyone, poor or rich. He had time for people, the old, the young, the sick. He laid down His life for us, we were always on His mind. It is no wonder He was a great orator and speaker, He knew how to talk to people, to reassure them. So, what are Jesus's best quotes? Everyone has a favourite, here's mine. It's Matthew 14 v31 "O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt"? Not only does it question His disciples, but it questions us. Of course we have no doubt, that's why we're in the Methodist Church today. "Get behind me Satan, the lilies of the field, beware of false prophets, and the camel going through the eye of a needle" all Jesus's speeches. Of course, the best is "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends". They don't write them like this anymore, thanks all you Gospel writers. It's why the Bible is the best-selling book in the world today. Even Lee Child and his Jack Reacher novels will tell you that. He sells a book every 10 seconds, not even close to the Bible sales. There again, nobody can write like Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. In a dictionary of quotations Jesus will always come first.

If we want to get a better insight to Jesus's sayings, then the book of Matthew is the one we want. Matthew focuses on the teachings of Jesus. Matthew concentrates on the things that Jesus said. He includes talks that Jesus gave, the most famous being the sermon on the Mount. Matthew was a tax collector and despised by most people, but he got his message over to many people. He used Jesus's sayings to prove to people that Jesus was God and was the end of God's promise concerning a Saviour. Of course, it was Matthew who recorded Jesus's greatest commandment (Matthew 22 v27-40 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Love your neighbour as yourself", so thanks to Matthew, who gave us Jesus's sayings for all time. As the BeeGees wrote "It's only words, and words are all I have to take your heart away" – and Jesus did.

*Mike*

(Mike Knott, Stourport Wesley)

### **Mike's Smile Lines – Helpful Advice**

A mousetrap placed on top of your alarm clock will stop you falling back to sleep.

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A good way to use less water is to dilute it.

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If hitch-hiking home from work leave early to avoid the traffic.

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A car aerial carefully bent makes a good coat hanger.

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Always use an electric lawn mower so you can find your way back to the house by following the cable.

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Don't waste money on spectacles, simply stand closer to what you want to see.

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Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables; get someone else to hold them.

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Never be afraid to try something new, remember, amateurs built The Ark - professionals built The Titanic.

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### **Mike's Smile Lines (2) – Church Notices (genuine)**

The Stewards have enlisted 7 visitors who will make calls on people who are not afflicted by any church

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The congregation is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.

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The low self-esteem group will meet on Wednesday at 7.00. Please use the back door.

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The rose on the altar this morning was to announce the birth of a sin to Mr. & Mrs. Jones.

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The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the vestry on Friday.

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The young mother's meet every Wednesday. If you would like to become a young mother, please see the Vicar.

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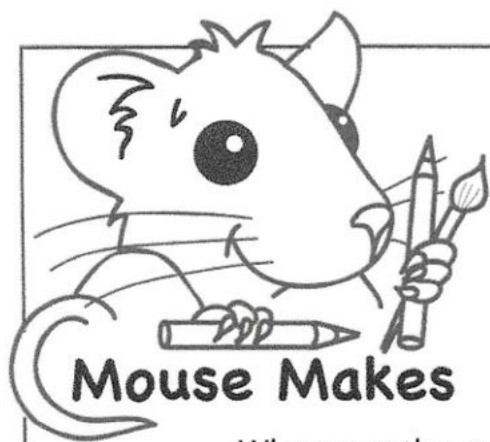
The prayer and fasting conference will include meals.

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Please place your donations in the envelopes provided, along with the deceased person you want to be remembered.

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## MIRACLES OF PETER

At which temple gate  
did the crippled man lay?

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Acts 3:1-10



Who were the man and wife  
who lied to God?

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and  
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Acts 5:1-11

People carried the sick into  
the streets so that when Peter  
came by at least his

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might fall on them.

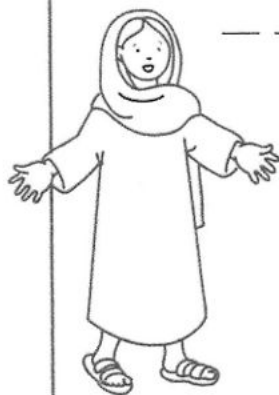
Acts 5:12-16

How long had Aeneas  
been paralysed for?

----- years  
Acts 9:32-35

Where had Tabitha's body been laid?  
in the -----

Acts 9:36-42



"And the word  
of God  
continued to  
increase,  
and the number  
of the disciples  
multiplied  
greatly."  
Acts 6:7

E L P R A I S I N G M H  
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came upon  
the Apostles  
and Peter was  
able to perform  
many miracles  
in Jesus' name.  
*See the book  
of ACTS*

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AENEAS • PARALISED • TABITHA • ILL • PRAYED • ALIVE



Find the words from the questions too!

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# Bible Bite

## A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
John chapter 5 verses 1-18

Jesus was in Jerusalem for a festival, and he visited the pool of Bethesda. People said that an angel sometimes made the water ripple.

Sick people waited for the water to ripple, because they thought that the first person in would be healed.



Jesus went up to a man who had been sick for 38 years.



Do you want to be healed?

I've got no-one to put me in the pool, so I can never get in first.



Pick up your mat and walk!



He was healed! The man picked up his mat and walked around. But it was the Sabbath.

God had given the law that the Sabbath day was a rest day (Ex 20: 8-11)... but to make sure it was kept, the Jewish leaders had made up rules, and then more rules so that anything that even might be work was banned.

The Jewish leaders saw the healed man.



It's the Sabbath! You can't carry a mat, that's 'work'!

The man who healed me told me to carry it.



Which man?

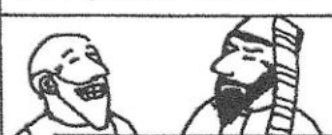
I don't know.

Later, Jesus found the man in the temple.



You are healed now, but don't sin any more, or something worse might happen to you.

Now the man knew who Jesus was...



he went straight back to the Jewish leaders to tell them.

and they went to Jesus



You were working on the Sabbath!

My father, God, doesn't stop working on the Sabbath so I keep on working as well.

Not only does he disobey our Sabbath rules, but he says he is equal to God!



We definitely have to kill him.



### **Julian of Norwich, voice from a distant cell**

Julian of Norwich was born in 1342 and wrote at the end of the 14<sup>th</sup> century, when our modern English language was slowly emerging from its origins in Anglo-Saxon and Middle English. We know little about Julian's early life, but when she was 30, she fell ill and was near death when suddenly her pain left her, and she received 16 visitations. Julian wrote these down, in what became known as the 'short text'. 20 years later she extended this to become her 'long text'.

She was an anchoress – someone who had committed herself to a life of solitude, giving herself to prayer and fasting. St Julian's, Norwich was the church where she had her little 'cell'.

Julian taught that all things depend upon the love of God for their being. Her spirituality was focussed on the cross, and she wanted to share the sufferings of Christ. She believed that humanity is separated from God by sin, but redeemed through Christ, who reunites us with God. Julian also emphasised Christ as mother, but within a clear Trinitarian understanding of the godhead.

Her masterpiece, *Revelations of Divine Love*, reveals a mystic of such depth and insight that it is still read by many thousands of Christians today. One of the notable features is that her theology determined her experience, rather than the other way round.

She is honoured this month in the Lutheran and Anglican Churches, but although she is held in high regard by many Roman Catholics, her own Church has never felt able to recognise her as a 'saint'. This is probably because she spoke of God as embracing both male and female qualities. *Revelations* is an account of the visions she received in her tiny room, which thousands of pilgrims visit every year.

Her most famous saying, quoted by T S Eliot in one of his poems, is 'All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.' These words have brought comfort and strength to many a soul in distress.

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### **The story behind the hymn: 'Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord'**

Not many university students are able to write Christian songs which become worldwide hits, but Don Emry Fishel managed it with his Alleluia No. 1. Nearly 50 years on, it is loved and sung by millions of Christians worldwide.

Fishel wrote it in 1971, while he was a student at the University of Michigan and also music leader of a Roman Catholic charismatic community based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. These were the days of folk songs and guitars, and Alleluia No. 1 fitted the prevailing mood perfectly. Written in E Major, it is ideal for guitar accompaniment.

Mr Fishel became a freelance flutist, flute instructor and composer. He was publications editor for the Word of God and Servant Music for a number of years and then worked in computers for 25 years. In 2008 he moved to Nashville and returned to music, teaching the flute.

Alleluia No 1 was Fishel's first song, written "rather quickly, in about an hour." It had four verses to begin with, but a fifth verse (which became the third verse) was added later, as he prepared for baptism. As Fishel explained, he wanted the line 'We have been crucified with Christ; now we shall live forever' "to be the centre of the song."

Alleluia No. 1 was first published in the UK in Sound of Living Waters, in 1974.

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## **Farewell to George Foreman – boxer and preacher**

Warm tributes were paid to the Christian US heavyweight boxing legend George Foreman, who died aged 76 on 21<sup>st</sup> of March.

The two-time heavyweight champion of the world became a Christian in 1977, three years after his famous match with Muhammad Ali, known as the ‘Rumble in the Jungle’.

Born into a poor single-parent family of seven children in Texas, Foreman dropped out of junior high school, but was able to turn his life around through Job Corps, which helped him get into boxing. Foreman proved to be a natural: at only 19 he won the heavyweight boxing gold medal at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City. After this, he turned pro, and then won 37 straight matches on his way to face reigning champion Joe Frazier in Kingston, Jamaica, winning by technical knockout.

It was after a defeat in 1977 that Foreman had a profound experience of Jesus Christ, and was converted. Aged 28, he abandoned boxing and became a minister. He founded The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Foreman boxed again in 1987, to raise money for a youth centre he had founded. He then won another 24 matches in a row. His last match was in 1997, when he ended his career with a record of 76 wins and five losses.

In 1985, he married for the fifth time, to Mary Joan Martelly. He had five sons – all called George – five daughters, and two adopted daughters.

In March his family posted on Instagram: “Our hearts are broken. A devout preacher, a devoted husband, a loving father, and a proud grand and great grandfather, he lived a life marked by unwavering faith, humility, and purpose.”

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## **All in the month of May**

It was:

150 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1875 that Alexandra Palace in London was officially opened. It became the home of BBC television in 1935.

125 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1900 that during the Second Boer War, the 217-day Siege of Mafeking was relieved by 2000 British forces and South African volunteers. Colonel Robert Baden-Powell, who led the forces defending Mafeking during the siege, became a national hero, and later founded the Scouting movement.

90 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> May 1935 that T. E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia) died in a motorcycle accident, aged 46. A British Army officer, military strategist, archaeologist and writer, he is best known for his activities in the Middle East during WW1.

Also 90 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1935 that Sir Frank Watson Dyson, British Astronomer Royal (1910-33) died. He introduced the Greenwich time signal (the ‘pips’) and also, helped to prove Einstein’s theory of general relativity.

80 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1945 that German radio announced the death of Adolf Hitler. It was reported he had died a hero’s death fighting, but in fact he had committed suicide.

Also 80 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945 that VE Day took place – marking Victory in Europe at the end of WW2. It was celebrated as a public holiday.

75 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1950 that the first Formula One World Championship race was held, at Silverstone. (Also known as the 1950 British Grand Prix.)

60 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> May 1965 that Sir Geoffrey de Havilland, British aircraft designer and engineer, died.

50 years ago, on 12<sup>th</sup> May 1975 that Jonah Lomu, New Zealand rugby player was born. Widely regarded as one of the greatest players in the sport. Died 2015.

30 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1995 that British mountaineer Alison Hargreaves became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest unaided (without bottled oxygen or Sherpas.) She died later that year, in August, in a storm, while attempting to climb K2.

25 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2000 that Ken Livingstone became the first Mayor of London.

Also 25 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2000 that Vladimir Putin was inaugurated as President of Russia.

10 years ago, on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015, that the Republic of Ireland became the first country to hold a referendum on whether same-sex marriage should be legalised. It voted to approve, and same-sex marriage became legal in Ireland from that November.

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### **The RHS Chelsea Flower Show – world's greatest flower show**

20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May brings us the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. The most prestigious gardening show in the world, it attracts about 168,000 visitors a year. Its cutting-edge garden designs have been called the 'haute couture' or 'World Cup' of gardening.

Here are 12 interesting facts about the Show:

The RHS Chelsea Flower Show is organised by the Royal Horticultural Society.

The Show began in 1913, with about 250 exhibitors in a large single tent. Today the Show covers more than 23 acres with more than 550 exhibitors and gardens, not to mention the Great Pavillion.

The Great Pavillion is HUGE – it covers 2.90 acres, with enough room to park 500 London buses.

The Show has been held in the grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea in London every year since 1913, excepts for gaps during the two World Wars and Covid.

It takes just under three weeks to build a Show Garden, and five days to take it down.

In 1927 there was a campaign to get the RHS to ban foreign exhibits, to reduce competition. The RHS refused, saying 'horticulture knows nothing of nationality'.

The late Queen Elizabeth II attended RHS Chelsea more than 50 times.

It takes 14 judges and two moderators 25 hours to judge and assess all gardens at the show. It takes 50 judges and four moderators three hours to judge all the exhibits in the Great Pavilion.

Garden gnomes have always been banned, except in 2013, the show's centenary year. That year, well-known supporters, including Elton John, Dame Helen Mirren, Joanna Lumley, and Mary Berry – painted gnomes to sell for charity.

2020 brought the first ever virtual RHS Chelsea, during the Covid pandemic.

It is not Britian's largest flower show, that is now the RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival.

One very wet year the show was nicknamed the 'The Chelsea Shower Flow.'

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## Parish Pump Smile Lines

The Sunday School teacher was telling the story of how when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom and Gomorrah, she turned into a pillar of salt. One youngster nodded in a knowing fashion. "My mummy looked back once while she was driving," he confided, "and she turned into a lamp post."  
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A surgeon, an architect and a politician were arguing as to whose profession was the oldest. Said the surgeon: "Eve was made from Adam's rib, and that surely was a surgical operation."  
"Maybe," said the architect, "but prior to that, order was created out of chaos, and that was an architectural job."  
"But you forget," interrupted the politician, "somebody had created the chaos first!"  
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The owner of a new sports car was reluctant to allow his wife drive it, even to the local shops. After she insisted, he finally relented, cautioning her as she departed, "Remember, if you have an accident, the newspaper will print your age!"  
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A toddler was found in the garden by the steps, chewing on a slug. After the initial surge of disgust his mother asked, "Well . . . what does it taste like?"  
"The worms by the garage," was the reply.  
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Had a slight headache this morning but felt much better after following the instructions on the aspirin bottle: 'Take two and keep away from children.'  
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My dentist is also our choir leader at church. He likes the hymn: "Crown Him With Many Crowns."  
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Carpark: the place where you take your car to have little dents put into the sides.

### Artificial Opponents?

Wordles and Quordles and Octordles too,  
Who can be bored with so much to do?  
Puzzles online, and less now in print  
Is it surprising that I'm starting to squint?

Crosswords and lost words in a grid you must find  
Sudoku, Kakuro for the numerate mind,  
Backgammon or chess, if that is your sport  
And card games of every conceivable sort!

Deep in my cupboard is a box full of games  
And a beautiful chess set, abandoned – a shame!  
But do you remember (long ago as it seems),  
When we played games with people, and not these machines?  
*By Nigel Beeton (Parish Pump)*



## Answers to The Tree Quiz

1. Elder
2. Holly
3. Spruce
4. Poplar
5. Conifer
6. Pine
7. Beech
8. Maple
9. Laurel
10. Box
11. Alder
12. Ash
13. Yew
14. Rowan
15. Walnut
16. Willow
17. Apple
18. Christmas Tree

(Or any type of Fir!)

## Sudoku solution:

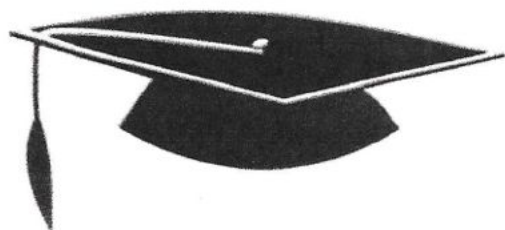
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8	1	3	9	7	6	4	5	2
9	7	5	8	4	2	1	3	6
5	2	8	7	3	1	6	9	4
1	3	6	4	2	9	7	8	5
7	4	9	5	6	8	2	1	3

## 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.

A professor once answered a quiz,  
In his mind it would be quite a whizz  
But his brain wasn't strong,  
And he got it all wrong  
So professor he no longer is.





# TRINITY LUNCHEON CLUB

Trinity Methodist Church, Kidderminster

Every Wednesday at 12.15

Would you like a mid-week meal cooked for you with pleasant friendly company round the table?

Then why not come to our **Luncheon Club** – you don't have to be a church member or on your own, couples are welcome.

Enjoy a delicious main course and pudding with tea or coffee.

**Only £3.50**

## Our main courses include:

Meat Loaf      Salmon Flan      Chicken Casserole

Corned Beef Flan      Sausages

Ham and Pineapple      Cheese and Bacon Flan

## and our puddings (naughty but very nice):

Cheesecake      Bakewell Tart      Sponge Pudding

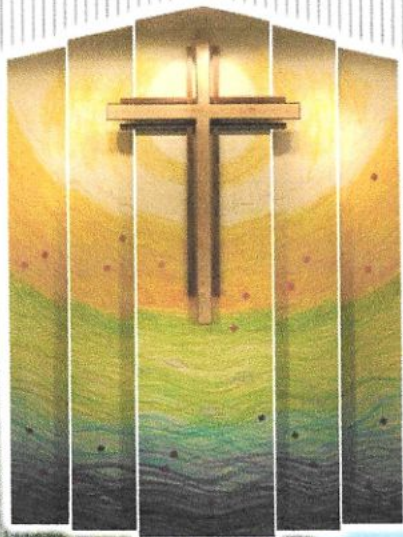
Fruit Crumble      Sticky Toffee

Passion Pudding      Bread & Butter Pudding

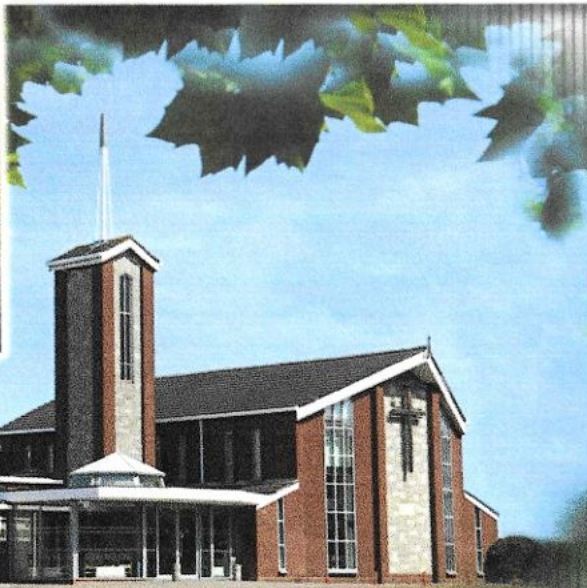
For more information or to book a place please contact  
Mrs. Jill Green via 07580009755 (between 9am and 5pm)







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### **Sunday Services**

- **Morning Worship at 10.30am**
- **Evening Worship at 6.30pm**

Start the week...

### **Monday Morning Prayer Meeting**

A short quiet time of contemplation and prayer.

**Every Monday 9.30am – 10.am**

### **Mid-Week Lunchtime Service at Trinity**

**Every Thursday 12.30pm – 1pm**

**Trinity Toddlers**  
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