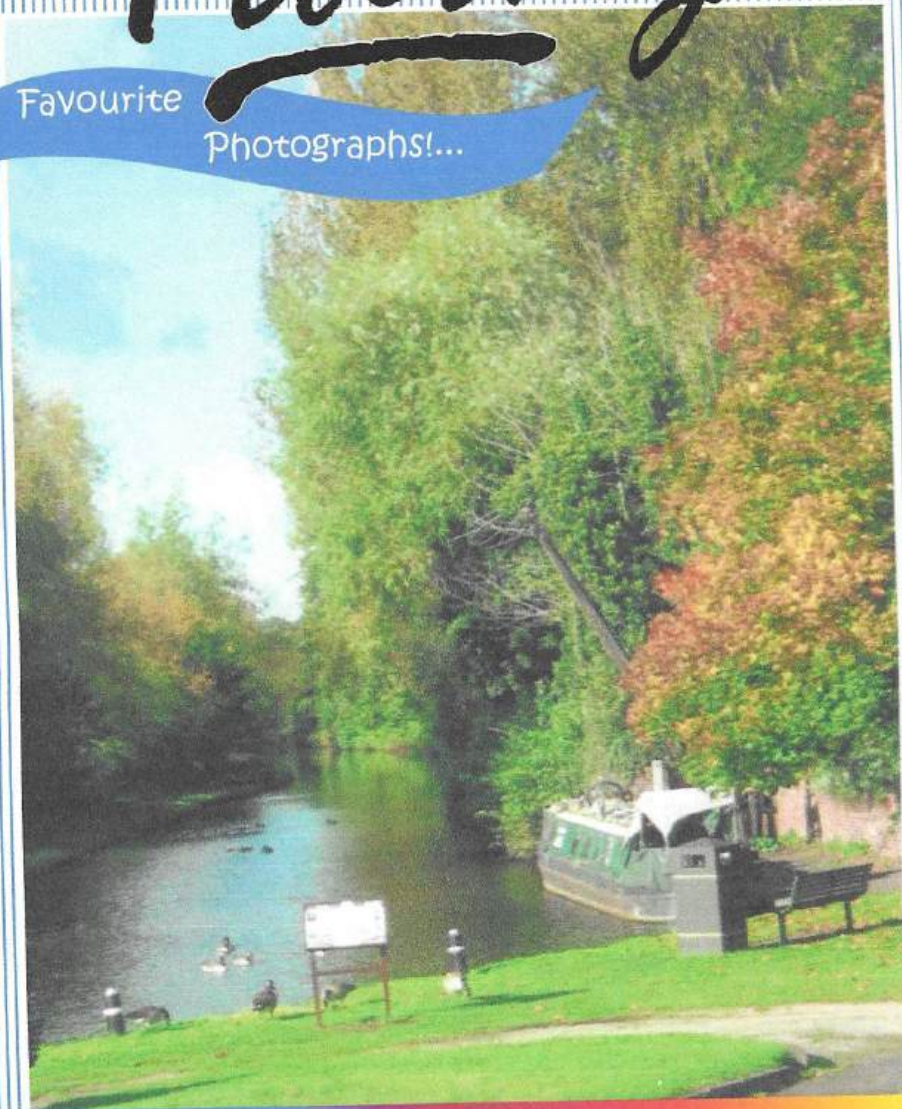


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Trinity Tidings

Favourite
Photographs!...



...all are welcome in this place!

Canal Tranquillity! Photograph by Mary Fugill

JULY & AUGUST 2024

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Thanks to John Harris for Designing the Front and back covers,

Favourite Photographs!...



Front Cover Photograph:

Canal Tranquillity!

The Canal by St, Mary's Parish
Church, Kidderminster
Photograph by Mary Fugill
Summer '22

This photograph taken of the canal by
St. Mary's Church Kidderminster is one
of my favourites as it is so peaceful in
comparison with the busy dual
carriageway ring road which is so very
close.

Mary Fugill

Dear Friends,

My interest in photography is well documented, not least of all here in the 'Minister's Letter' in Trinity's 'Tidings'. I've been particularly interested since the mid eighties when I acquired my first 35mm Single Lens Reflex camera, a Minolta X-700, for the techies amongst us. As time went on my lens and camera collection grew and I ventured into medium format photography (larger negatives), as I purchased a Rollieflex, a Mamyia and a Yashica (over a period of time).

Eventually I got involved with wedding photography, first helping out a local photographer and then branching out on my own, but only part time. I still worked for Royal Mail. I also did a few small commercial jobs as well as family portraits, usually in the subjects own homes. I suppose working at the Post Office in Peterborough alongside approximately 1200 colleagues, gave me a readymade clientele to tap into and that is what I did.

Going back to the wedding photography, it was the days when we only had film and there was quite a lot of pressure on you to come up with the goods. The reason being you only got one go at it. If it all went wrong you couldn't go back and re-do the wedding a week later, you had to get it in one. Unlike today, when you can see what you have taken immediately, in those days you had to wait for your prints to come back from the lab. If you'd messed up it was too late!

These days, nearly forty years later, photography has changed out of all recognition with the onset of digitalisation. But I am seriously considering going back to film, albeit not exclusively. With my digital cameras I can 'rattle off' 200 images and it will cost me nothing, just a bit of space on my memory card and I can view them on my computer, which will also cost me nothing and everything is instant. I don't have to wait for anything in the process.

But, I'm getting to the age where I don't want everything to happen at lightning speed. I don't want everything to happen at the blink of an eye and then be over. I don't want the result to be more important than the experience. I want to slow down and enjoy the moment, enjoy the process. A bit like pilgrimage, it isn't the destination that is important, but the journey getting there and those you travel with.

This idea has permeated into a couple of sermons recently, because I think the same idea applies to God. There's nothing wrong with being busy, filling our time helping others and doing good, but unless we also take the time so slow down and listen out for the still small voice, we may well miss it.

I know it's not easy for some of us to slow down and that's fine, God can move at any speed we set. It's just taking that moment to readjust our focus (photography pun intended) and paying attention to whatever else God is doing around us. And for all we know we might even discover that God is in the midst of what we're doing.

Every blessing,

Nick.

PRAYER CORNER

We remember in our prayers Liz Potter, Betty Norman, Josephine and Ranzi Seremwe, 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.



A message of Thanks from Audrey Gladman.

My sincere thanks to everyone who has prayed for my daughter-in-law Jenny and her husband Derek over the last 18 months.

Sadly, Jenny passed away on Sunday June 16th, aged 62, leaving Derek and two sons, Ben and Josh who are devastated.

Please remember them in your prayers.

Love from Audrey.

During the month of July
please remember in prayer
the people and places within
the area of Kidderminster
known as Foley Park.



Foley Park

July

Churches - Foley Park, Holy Innocents

Foley Park and Sutton Park Schools and Nurseries.

Retail and Businesses

Brinton Park

Residential Homes

The Odell Centre



We send our love and best wishes to Maureen Homer who has just celebrated her
80th BIRTHDAY

I would like to thank everyone at Trinity for the lovely flowers I received last Monday. They are beautiful and much appreciated.

Mary Hill.

Letter from James

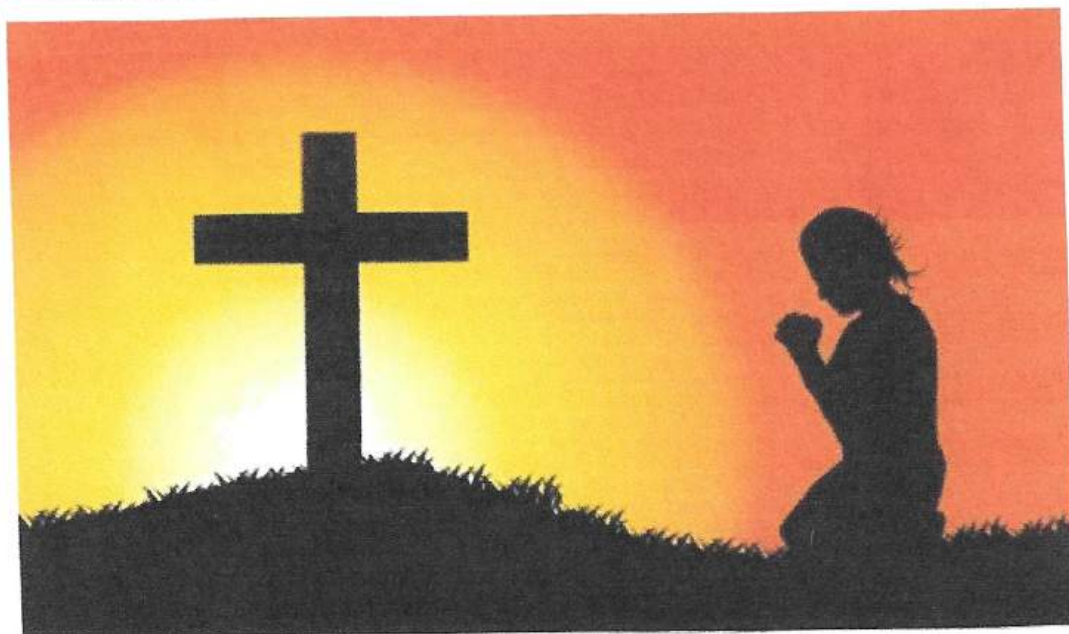
I recently had my annual retreat to Mucknell Abbey near Worcester. Mucknell Abbey is an Anglican Benedictine Community which is located about a mile from Junction 7 of the M5. It is a small community of 10 monks and nuns who live according to the Rule of St. Benedict. Benedictine spirituality is built on two main principles: The worship of God seven times a day and welcoming hospitality towards guests. I always enjoy their hospitality but it's the worship I go for.

The idea of fixed, multiple times of daily prayer is rooted in scripture and was practiced by our Jewish brothers and sisters long before the time of Christ. The psalmist writes "I will praise you seven times a day because all your laws are just." (Psalm 119:164) Elsewhere in the Bible it seems to be the practice to pray three times a day, in the evening, at dawn and at noon (Psalm 55: 17, Daniel 6:10).

This seems to have been the practice of Jesus, the first apostles and the early church. The *number* of times one prays is perhaps less important than the principle that as followers of Jesus we should pray without ceasing, that prayer and praise should never be far from our lips and that we should live our lives perpetually conscious of God's goodness and our gratitude for it.

Of course, life 'in the world' is busy and events often distract us. Before we know it, prayer can become a duty rather than a joy, and our failure to pray properly just one more thing to feel guilty about. This is why I find an annual retreat such a blessing. It is a time to just stop and be reminded of God's grace and to allow my life to be reordered by the rhythm of daily prayer and praise. We can never spend enough time in God's presence.

Every blessing, James



From the Editor...

Dear Friends,

We recently had three or four warm, sunny days. Was that summer? Most things in the garden were growing very slowly, because they, like us need a bit of warm sunshine. I have several osteospermum (african daisy) and two sanvitalia in pots. These are South African in origin, and are only now beginning to show their real beauty. My runner beans, and broad beans are growing well, and have plenty of flowers. The problem is that I have seen very few bees to pollinate them. I realised today that I have only seen about five or six butterflies, it's all quite concerning.

The swallows didn't nest after all. They spent a whole day in and out of the down shelter, but didn't make a nest. Perhaps the Aire B&B was not to their liking. The blue tits in the nest box suddenly disappeared, as did the ones nesting behind the water pump. I suspect the magpies who are nesting nearby are the culprits. There are fewer sparrows this year, and the only birds which are flourishing are wood pigeons. I wish they wouldn't sit on the chimney so that their cooing echoes down into the sitting room.

This cooler weather reminded me of a tongue twister poem which my mother used to recite:

Whether the weather be fine,
Or whether the weather be not,
Whether the weather be cold,
Or whether the weather be hot,
We'll weather the weather
Whatever the weather
Whether we like it or not!

So the weather is always something which gives us something to complain about, but keep smiling and keep the sun-tan lotion handy, just in case!

David



OFFERTORIES FOR THE SIX WEEKS TO 30 JUNE ARE AS FOLLOWS

	Envelopes	Loose Cash	Standing Orders	Total
	£	£	£	£
26.05 & 02.06.24	146.00	145.00	1403.90	1694.90
09.06 & 16.06.24	261.00	166.00	1250.80	1677.80
23.06 & 30.06.24	241.00	220.00	1250.80	1711.80

This is a weekly average of £847.41

For the current church year to 31st August 2024 it is estimated that offertories of £1100 per week will be required to break even.

SERVICES IN JULY AND AUGUST

There are no evening services in July and August.
All morning services begin at 10.30am.

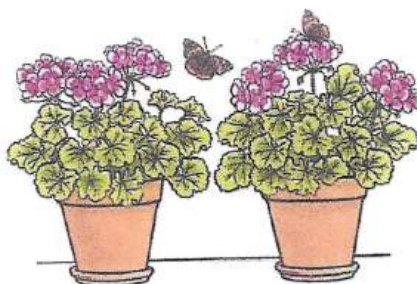
July 7th Mr Mike Dernie
July 14th Rev Nick Collison -- Holy Communion
July 21st Mr David Skitt
July 28th Rev James Hamilton

August 4th Local Arrangement
August 11th Mrs Sue Stinton
August 18th Mr Albert Wilkinson
August 25th Rev James Hamilton -- Holy Communion

Thursday Services at 12.30pm

July 4th Pastor Simon Harry (Bewdley Baptist Church)
July 11th Rev Nick Collison -- Holy Communion
July 18th Dr Ken Mothersdale
July 25th Deacon Becky Lovatt

August 1st Mrs Louvain Beer (St Peter's, Upper Arley)
August 8th Rev James Hamilton
August 15th To be arranged
August 22nd Mr David Skitt
August 29th Rev Nick Collison -- Holy Communion



Trinity Methodist Church and Baxter URC Church invite you to...

Darkness to Light

Saturday 21st September 2024

10-3pm

Trinity Methodist Church, Kidderminster

*Sharing in peace through craft, prayer,
drama and Christian fellowship*



Tickets are £2.50

Please book your place via:

www.trybooking.com/uk/DPGN

Drinks available

Bring your own packed lunch



BAXTER UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

When we worshipped at Baxter Church and had a monthly magazine, I was responsible for finding a well loved recipe to be included each month.

The very first one was from Paula McOwan, whom I knew to be a good cook! She gave me this recipe which I have used very many times. Everyone who comes for a meal at my house has eaten this at least once and I can recommend it as a quick and easy meal.

PARMESAN AND MUSTARD CHICKEN

4 chicken breasts cut into chunks

2 tablespoons wholegrain mustard

Carton of light Elm Dale double cream

½ pint of chicken stock (reserve a little)

4oz grated parmesan cheese

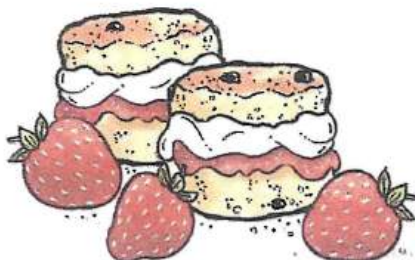
2 heaped dessert spoons of cornflour

Salt and pepper

Put chicken in a shallow dish, add cheese and mustard, stir well. Add cream, stock and seasoning, stir well. Cook uncovered for 30 minutes. Mix cornflour with reserved stock, add to mix. Cook for another 15 minutes until thick and bubbling.

I always serve with potatoes and greens but the choice is yours. ENJOY.

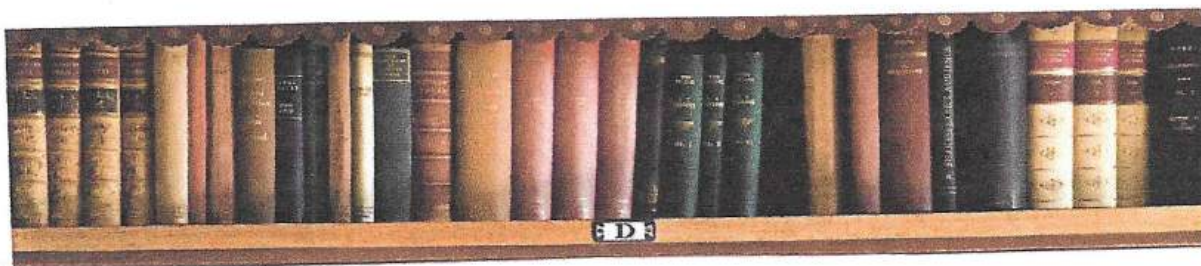
This is for four people but just half the ingredients for two people.



Jean Hunt

Do you know the authors of the following lines from books or poems?

1. To be, or not to be, that is the question.
2. 'You are old Father William,' the young man said, 'And your hair has become very white.'
3. It is a truth universally acknowledged that single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife.
4. Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
5. George.....don't do that.
6. Religion is the opium of the people.
7. It is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done. It is a far, far better rest that I go to, than I have ever known.
8. What is this life, if full of care we have no time to stand and stare.
9. An iron curtain has descended across the continent.
10. 'Excellent!' I cried, 'Elementary' said he.
11. Beware the Ides of March!
12. Reader, I married him.
13. If I should die, think only this of me:
There is some corner of a foreign field that is forever England.
14. Macavity, Macavity, there's no-one like Macavity,
There never was a cat of such deceitfulness and suavity.
15. Half a league, half a league, half a league onward,
Into the valley of death rode the six hundred.
16. I wandered lonely as a cloud, that floats on high o'er vales and hills.
17. Miss Joan Hunter-Dunn, Miss Joan Hunter- Dunn
How mad I am, sad I am, glad that you won.
18. In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan.
19. It is spring, moonless night in the small town, starless and bible-black...
20. Yes, I remember Adlestrop- the name because one afternoon of heat, the express train drew up there unwontedly.
21. The mole had been working very hard all the morning, spring-cleaning his little home.
22. Mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun.
23. 'I admire your luck, Mr.....?' 'Bond, James Bond.'
24. I am a Bear of Very Little Brain, and long words Bother me.
25. A wise bear always keeps a marmalade sandwich in his hat in case of emergency.



Are you watching the Euros football? Are you bored with so much football, or are you not interested in football at all? It seems to have taken over our television screens and do you get annoyed with pundits who know more than the players, the managers and of course the referee?

Did you know that football was played in the days when the Bible was written, and they may even have had a 'World Cup'? As you might expect, the Bible has something to say about it:

To start with, the coach chooses his squad -

1 Samuel ch. 16 v 16 'Seek out a man who is a good player.'

But there is a problem finding attacking players -

1 Timothy ch. 3 v 3 'No striker, not greedy for money.'

The referee summons the players -

Isaiah ch. 5 v 16 'He whistles for them to come from the ends of the earth.'

The players receive their instructions -

Proverbs ch. 11 v 27 - 'If your goals are good, you will be respected.'

Philippians ch. 3 v 14 - 'I will run straight towards the goal to win the prize.'

The match gets rough, and the referee says -

Ezekiel ch. 34 v 18 - 'But must you foul with your feet?'

1 Kings ch. 20 v 40 - 'The king answered - you will have to pay the penalty.'

The goalkeeper lets in a goal, and his excuse is -

Jeremiah ch. 14 v 9 - 'Why should you be astonished as a mighty man that cannot save.'

Even the Rugby World Cup comes into it -

Isaiah ch. 22 v 18 - 'He will pick you up like a ball and throw you to a much larger country.'

The match ends and the cup is presented -

Psalms 75 v 8 - 'For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup.'

Then the tournament is over -

Judges ch. 16 v 3 - 'And Samson took the two posts. And went away with them, bar and all.'

Another Quiz

Name the Oscar winning actress/actor.



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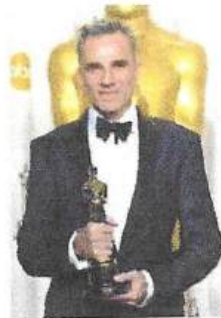
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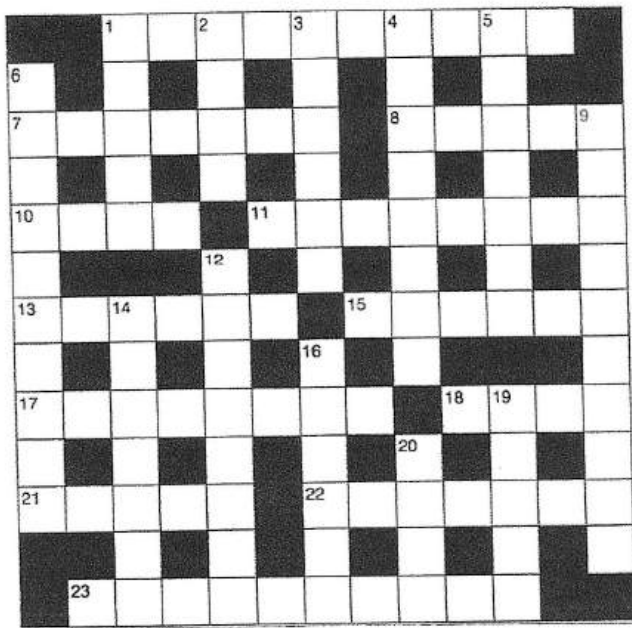


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Parish Pump Crossword



Sudoku Puzzle (Medium)

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Across

- 1 Relating to the Jewish day of rest (10)
- 7 Point of view (Matthew 22:17) (7)
- 8 20th-century Brethren philanthropist whose construction company became one of the UK's biggest, Sir John — (5)
- 10 Girl's name (4)
- 11 Peter was accused of being one in the courtyard of the high priest's house (Luke 22:59) (8)
- 13 The fifth of the 'seven churches' (Revelation 3:1-6) (6)
- 15 'Now the famine was — in Samaria' (1 Kings 18:2) (6)
- 17 Banned by the seventh Commandment (Exodus 20:14) (8)
- 18 Insect most closely associated with itching (1 Samuel 24:14) (4)
- 21 Bantu tribe which gives its name to tiny landlocked country in southern Africa (5)
- 22 Familiar material in churches that use an overhead projector (7)
- 23 Last book of the Bible (10)

Down

- 1 The young David's favourite weapon (1 Samuel 17:40) (5)
- 2 'Your vats will — over with new wine' (Proverbs 3:10) (4)
- 3 Once yearly (Exodus 30:10) (6)
- 4 Milled it (anag.) (3-5)
- 5 Region north of Damascus of which Lysanias was tetrarch (Luke 3:1) (7)
- 6 Comes between Philipians and 1 Thessalonians (10)
- 9 Lake where the first disciples were called (Luke 5:1-11) (10)
- 12 Abusive outburst (8)
- 14 Are loud (anag.) (7)
- 16 Printing errors (6)
- 19 'Take my yoke upon you and — from me' (Matthew 11:29) (5)
- 20 Jacob's third son (Genesis 29:34) (4)

Wordsearch clues for Sea Sunday

14th July brings us Sea Sunday, the day when Christian churches remember, pray and give thanks for the more than 1.5 million merchant seafarers worldwide. If seafarers seem irrelevant to your daily life, think again: 90 per cent of everything you buy in the shops comes to you by sea. Merchant seafarers quite literally keep our global economy afloat. Yet it is a tough life, far from loved ones. Merchant ships are harsh working environments, never mind the threat of piracy or even shipwreck.

To help the seafarers, a worldwide network of port chaplains has sprung up. They offer hospitality and friendship, as well as practical, emotional and spiritual support, providing almost a 'home from home' in hundreds of ports, in more than 50 countries. You might wish to support one of these three well-known societies: The Mission to Seafarers (Anglican), The Apostolate of the Sea (Roman Catholic), and The Sailors' Society (inter-denominational).

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July	Give	Shops	Environments	Port
Sea	Thanks	Economy	Piracy	Chaplains
Sunday	Merchant	Afloat	Shipwreck	Hospitality
Remember	Seafarers	Harsh	Hundreds	Friendship
Pray	Daily	Working	Global	Practical

HOW THE INTERNET STARTED

In ancient Israel it came to pass that a trader named Abraham Com did take unto himself a healthy young woman called Dorothy. Dorothy Com was a comely woman, large of bosom, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without leaving thy tent?" He looked at her as if she were several loads short of a camel load but simply said "How, dear?" And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between, to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS).

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way, so the drums rang out and were an immediate success. He sold all his goods at top price without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighbouring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures, Hebrews To The People. (HTTP)

And the young men did take to Dot's trading, they were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Domain Sybarites or NERDS. And Lo! The land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that nobody noticed the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum-maker in the land. Indeed did he insist on drums to be made that would only work with his drumheads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say "Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others." He looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel (ebay as it came to be known) and said "We need a name to reflect what we are." Dot replied "We will be Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators - YAHOO", and as it was Dot's idea they named it Yahoo Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside. It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE)

And that's how it all began

Never on a Sunday

It's Olympic year again, didn't those 4 years go quick? Once again we can cast our minds back over the years to those fantastic athletes who won medals. The modern games started in 1896 in Athens, but it's this year's 2024 games in Paris, France, that interests me. It is the centenary of the 1924 games in Paris where one Scotsman, who won a gold medal stands head and shoulders among all gold medallists. He is a legend, a Christian whose religious convictions forbade him to run on the Sabbath. Thanks to the film "Chariots of Fire", whose dramatic and poetic licence causes it to over indulge, it is a fitting tribute to Scotland's greatest ever runner, one Eric Liddell.

His father the Rev. James was a missionary based in China and it was here in 1902 that Eric was born. Being born overseas in a British concession enabled him to have British citizenship. Curiously Eric could have become the first ever Chinese gold medallist long before China entered the games!

With older brother Rob, and younger sister Jenny it was an idyllic life in China, then it was home to Scotland. Here they enjoyed the normal activities of a Christian everyday life. They attended church, participated in The Band of Hope meetings, where they would sing those lovely Moody and Sankey hymns. Their father went back to China and it was a Missionary boarding school for the boys. Eventually both brothers would end up at Eltham College. Here the boys had their first playing field. They excelled at sport and although there was a 2-year age difference, annual sports day would be a Liddell contest, 1st and 2nd in all events. Then for Eric it was off to Edinburgh University. Here his athletic career would blossom, but it would only be for a brief time. He would follow his heart and do God's work as a missionary in China.

He started running at university and won the 100 yards on sports day, this was to be followed by a few races all over Scotland. As winter came it was rugby he turned to. Although slightly built he had a fantastic turn of speed, which saw him win several caps for Scotland in 1922. Summer saw him running again and there was speculation that he might represent Britain in the forthcoming Olympic Games. If chosen he would have to forfeit his rugby to avoid injury. It was all conjecture at this point, nothing definite.

Sport was not his life. As he looked to the future all he wanted to do was to serve Christ with what gifts he had been given. He had no idea how his athletic prowess could be put to work for The Kingdom of God. Fortunately, the Glasgow Evangelistic Union thought differently. If Scotland's greatest Athlete preached for them at meetings it would be a great day for the Gospel of Christ. "Let's ask The Lord to send him", they said. Very shy, Liddell was uncertain, but strangely at that time his sister sent him a letter from China. She ended with a verse of Scripture "Fear not for I am with thee with the right hand of my righteousness" (Isiah 41 v10). Liddell was to become the greatest evangelist in Scotland, preaching to thousands, he said "I finally decided to put everything I had in Christ, after all, He called me to do it, He would give me the necessary power. Liddell's life was changed.

Meanwhile his athletic career blossomed and he was almost certain to be picked to run the 100 metres for Britain in the 1924 Paris Olympics. When the schedule for the games was issued in late 1923, Liddell discovered that the heats for the 100 metres were to be run on a Sunday; he had only one choice. The Sabbath belonged to The Lord and was to be kept as a day of rest and worship, many Christians held the same conviction. He did not tell the Olympic committee he would **not** run but rather a heartfelt "I **cannot** run". In his mind it was the right thing to do. Many people tried to change his mind and questions were asked in Parliament, but he stood by his faith, he would not run on a Sunday. Fortunately, in the England team there was another runner to take his place, one Harold Abrahams. He would win the gold medal.

Surprisingly, Eric changed his training. So talented was he, he won a bronze in the 200 metres and then came the 400 metres. He was supposed to have no chance, but won the gold medal in a world record time. He ran not looking straight ahead but up to the sky. He had God on his side. Before the race someone slipped him a note, it read "In the old book it says he that honours Me I will honour, wishing you the best of success". It touched him that someone else shared his belief about the Sabbath. There was no medal ceremony, he received his medals 2 weeks later in a brown envelope.

That was the end of his athletic career. After a year studying Theology, it was off to China as a Christian Missionary. He felt it was his part to help unify the countries of the world under Christ. He said "Christ for the world, for the world needs Christ". He married and had 3 children but when war broke out he sent them to Canada for their safety. He was never to see them again. China was invaded by Japan and Liddell was interned in a camp. There were no armed guards and he was allowed to carry on teaching and preaching. Sadly, in 1943 at the age of 43, he was to die with a brain tumour. At last he was with his God. To him the marvellous thing about God was God's love for everybody. All his happiness had its basis in his supreme faith in God. He was a true disciple of The Master.

When you watch the 2024 games in Paris, just cast your mind back 100 years ago to one Eric Liddell. It is considered the finest 400 metre run in history. Hard to believe his time would have put him in the running for this year's games. He was a phenomenal athlete but he did it all for love. The love of life and the love of God. What an inspiration. "Observe My Sabbaths and have reverence for My Sanctuary. I am The Lord" Lev. 19 v.30.

Mike

(Mike Knott, Stourport Wesley)

Mike's Smile Lines

Teacher: Johnny can you name the four seasons?

Johnny: Salt, pepper, vinegar & mustard.

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There's a woman working in a cinema box office. A man keeps going up to buy a ticket. "What's this" she says, "this is your sixth ticket". "Yes I know" he says "but every time I go inside somebody rips them up".

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Judge: Why did you park your car on a yellow line?

Man: Well there was a notice that said 'fine for parking',

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I hear you've fallen in love with Dracula. Yes, it was love at the first bite.

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Red Indians were the first people in North America because they had reservations.

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My dog has a funny bark because he is a dachshund and speaks with a German accent.

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It is said that Tarzan's last words were "Who greased the vine?"

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Manager: Do you think you would make a good night watchman?

Man: Definitely. The slightest sound wakes me up.

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My brother-in-Law's so mean. He said he would give us a food mixer for our wedding present. He gave us a wooden spoon.

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Did you hear about the man who paid a Genealogist to trace his family tree, then had to pay twice as much to a solicitor to hush it up.

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Did you hear that Spanish Proverb "Manana is often the busiest day of the week"

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A man swallowed all the letters from a scrabble set. The doctor asked him to say Aaaaa.

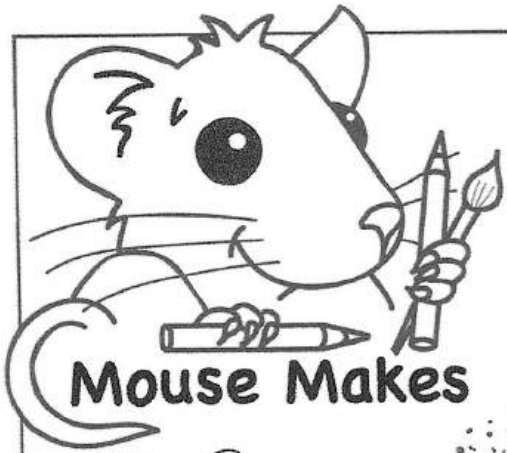
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In the old days it was common for burglars to strip the lead off church roofs. Pencils were rare and expensive in those days.



This was taken after the 1940's Wedding at Arley Station during the 'Back to the Forties' weekend. Pippa is the 'bride' and John, one of our re-enactors, is the 'groom'. Going on honeymoon in a Jeep is a novel idea!





Mouse Makes

How many days did the Lord tell Joshua to march around the city of Jerico?

_____ *Joshua 6:3*



What did the priests carry that were made from rams' horns?



What was carried along behind the priests?

The _____ *Joshua 6:4*

_____ *Joshua 6:4*



On the seventh day how many times did they march around Jerico?

_____ *Joshua 6:6*



Who was saved from Jerico along with her family?

_____ *Joshua 6:17*

READ
the story
in *Joshua*
5:13-6:27

D A Y S A W A L K
 A J O S H U A R K E
 S E V E N I O F L A T W
 Y N T R F X U E L B O I
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 A A U C L I S W R R C A
 R I M O L K I B D N E W
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 U R E C G U A R D B K
 N A T I F I R E X L I
 D E S T R U C T I O N
 E L R Y R A H A B W G

JERICO • LORD • JOSHUA • ISRAEL • KING • PRIESTS • GUARD
 CAMP • MARCH • AROUND • DAYS • WALK • ONCE • BLOW • HORN • SOUND
 DAWN • SHOUT • CITY • WALL • FELL • FLAT • FIRE • BURN • DESTRUCTION

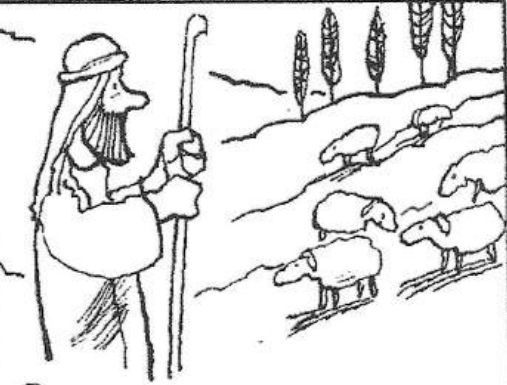
Find the question answers in the word search too!

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The tale of the Lost Sheep



JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ALL ABOUT
A GOOD SHEPHERD.



WHO TOOK GREAT CARE OF ALL
HIS SHEEP

THE SHEPHERD WOULD
ALWAYS MAKE SURE EACH
SHEEP WAS SAFE.



HE WOULD COUNT THEM AT
THE END OF EVERY DAY

BUT ONE NIGHT HE
REALIZED A SHEEP HAD
GONE MISSING

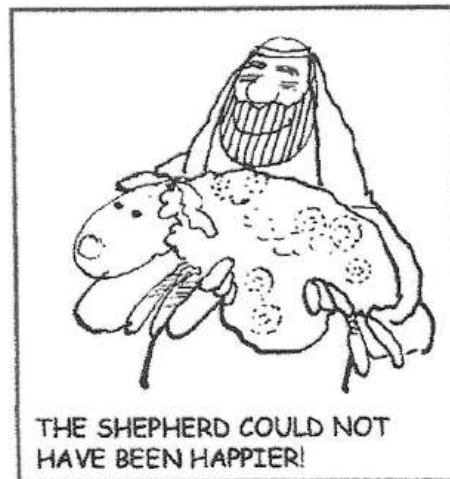


THE SHEPHERD SET OUT TO SEARCH FOR
THE LOST SHEEP

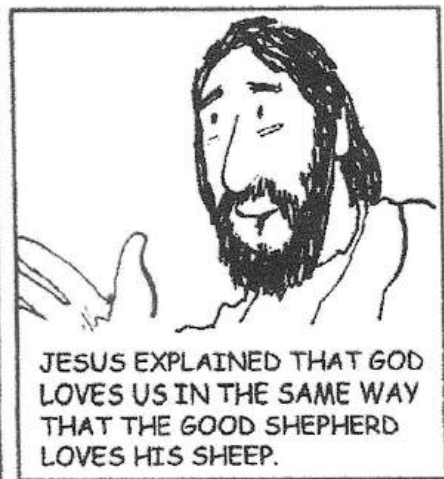
HE SEARCHED HIGH
AND LOW



AT LAST THE LOST SHEEP
WAS FOUND!



THE SHEPHERD COULD NOT
HAVE BEEN HAPPIER!



JESUS EXPLAINED THAT GOD
LOVES US IN THE SAME WAY
THAT THE GOOD SHEPHERD
LOVES HIS SHEEP.

Be careful of the sun this summer – melanoma is on the rise

Skin cancer cases are expected to top 20,000 for the first time this year, according to a recent study by Cancer Research UK.

While the increase in skin cancers has occurred across all the ages, it is highest in the elderly, who enjoyed cheap package holidays to sunny countries during the 60s and 70s. They were exposed to higher ultraviolet radiation without realising the dangers.

The numbers of people aged 80 and over who develop skin cancers has soared by 57 per cent in 10 years. And while younger people are more likely to take precautions against the sun, those aged 25 to 49 are still predicted to see a seven per cent rise in skin cancers this year. Anyone who notices any unusual changes to their skin should contact their GP.

Cancer Research UK has partnered with Nivea Sun to advise the public to stay in the shade between 11am to 3pm, cover up with clothes, a hat and UV-protected sunglasses, and use sunscreen with protection levels of at least factor 30.

Finding safety in shade goes right back to biblical times. The book of Jonah even tells us that: ‘the LORD God prepared a vine, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to deliver him from his discomfort. So, Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the vine.’

(Jonah 4:6)

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British children rank among the world’s worst for taking exercising and eating properly

In a recent World Health Organisation (WHO) study covering 44 countries, children in England, Wales and Scotland performed badly when it came to brisk walking and daily consistent exercise. Too many youngsters are also missing breakfast, and not eating enough vegetables.

The survey looked at the exercise levels of children aged 11, 13 and 15 who are living in Europe, Central Asia and Canada. Children in England and Wales are near the bottom of the global table, below Romania, Poland, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Norway and Croatia.

Dr Jo Inchley, from the University of Glasgow, said: “In the UK, we’re consistently low on physical activity. And by age 15, just 35 per cent of girls and 51 per cent of boys eat breakfast daily.

There are also big differences due to affluence. It was found that almost twice as many young people from high socio-economic groups are eating vegetables, for example, compared with lower socio-economic groups.

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When the police will come after your dog

Keep your dogs on a lead around livestock, or it could be seized by the police.

Under laws being drawn up, police will be given more powers to seize and detain dogs who they believe have ‘terrorised livestock’ on farms.

The move follows increasing tensions in rural communities since Covid produced many unsocialised ‘lockdown puppies.’ Farm animals worth an estimated £2.4 million were severely injured or killed by dogs in 2023 alone. That was up nearly 30 per cent from 2022, according to figures from the insurer NFU mutual.

Under current laws, only the owner can be prosecuted when dogs worry livestock. Police have not been able to deal with dogs who attack farm animals while out roaming on their own. But under the new law, they can be seized.

Former environment secretary Therese Coffey says, “No longer will victims of this crime feel helpless after suffering devastating attacks. Those who carelessly let dogs attack livestock will no longer get off scot-free.”

David Barton, the NFU’s livestock board chair, said livestock worrying can have a significant financial impact on farmers, as well as causing them “stress and anguish” to see their animals suffer.

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All in the month of July

It was:

750 years ago, on 11th July 1272 that Robert I (Robert the Bruce) was born. He was King of Scotland 1306-29.

125 years ago, on 1st July 1899 that the Gideons International was founded. The evangelical Christian association places free Bibles in hotel rooms, hospitals, schools, military bases and prisons around the world.

100 years ago, on 11th July 1924 that British sprinter Eric Liddell won the men's 400 metres gold medal at the 1924 Olympics in Paris. He preferred the 100 metres, but the heats were held on a Sunday, and he refused to run in them.

90 years ago, on 4th July 1934 that Marie Curie, Polish-born French physicist died. Twice winner of the Nobel Prize for her work on radioactivity. The first woman to win a Nobel prize.

75 years ago, on 27th July 1949 that the first successful test flight of the de Havilland Comet, the first commercial passenger jet, took place. The jet went on into production.

Also 75 years ago, on 29th July 1949 that the BBC began broadcasting regular weather forecasts on TV.

70 years ago, on 5th July 1954 that the BBC launched the first daily television news programme in the UK.

Also 70 years ago, on 21st July 1954 that the first part of J R R Tolkien's epic fantasy novel *The Lord of the Rings* was published.

65 years ago, on 25th July 1959 that the first hovercraft crossed the English Channel. The SRN-1 had been designed by British inventor Christopher Cockerell.

60 years ago, on 28th July 1964 that NASA launched its Ranger 7 space probe on a mission to the Moon. On 31st July it sent back the first close-up images of the lunar surface.

40 years ago, on 9th July 1984 that York Minster in England was struck by lightning, which set fire to the roof and destroyed the south transept.

30 years ago, on 15 July 1994, that the Rwandan genocide ended. Up to 1.1 million people were killed by the Hutu-led government and other militias between April and July.

Also 30 years ago, on 21st July 1994 that Tony Blair was elected leader of Britain's Labour Party. He became Prime Minister in 1997.

25 years ago, on 1st July 1999 that the Scottish Parliament was officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II.

15 years ago, on 5th July 2009 that the Staffordshire Hoard was discovered by a metal detectorist in Hammerwich, a village in Staffordshire. It is the largest hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold and silver ever found, and consists of around 4,600 items dating from the 7th century.

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1984 – the burning of York Minster

Forty years ago, on 9th July 1984, York Minster was struck by lightning, which set fire to the roof and destroyed the south transept.

It was the most recent of five fires that have occurred there over the years: the causes have ranged from workmen burning coals (1753) through arson using torn-up hymnbooks (1829) to an unattended candle (1840) and a tarpaulin catching fire (1971). Although night lightning was the official explanation in 1984, some suggested that God might have been reacting to the very recent appointment as Bishop of Durham of the Rt Revd David Jenkins, a famously controversial cleric whose comments had seemed to cast doubt on the virgin birth and the Resurrection. He had been consecrated at York Minster three days earlier.

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, described that idea as “ridiculous”, though some – including a few members of the fire service – felt that arson by objectors could not be ruled out. As many as 114 firefighters from over North Yorkshire were involved in tackling the blaze. Insurance cover on the Minster had just been increased by its treasury department: the damage to the south transept, with its wooden vaulted roof, amounted to £2.25 million.

York Minster is a huge landmark and tourist attraction in the city: many consider it to be one of Europe’s most impressive Gothic buildings. The glass in its famous 16th century Rose Window, which had recently been renovated, cracked into 40,000 pieces, but the new lead edges held it all together.

Queen Elizabeth attended the rededication ceremony in October 1988. This year a new exhibition called *Out of the Ashes* tells the story of the blaze and marks its anniversary.

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125 years of Gideons and Bibles

It was 125 years ago, on 1st July 1899, that Gideons International was founded. The evangelical Christian association places free Bibles in hotel rooms, hospitals, schools, military bases and prisons around the world.

It started when two traveling salesmen from Wisconsin in the northern USA – John Nicholson of Janesville and Samuel Hill of Beloit – met in a room at the Central House Hotel in Boscobel, Wisconsin, to talk about forming an association to strengthen the faith of people they came into contact with by distributing free Bibles “through designated traffic lanes of life”.

Most people encounter Gideon Bibles through their placement in hotel rooms, and research by Gideons International shows that about 25 per cent of travellers read a Bible when there is one in their room. The Gideons are exclusively Protestant evangelical businessmen with a belief in the Bible as the inspired Word of God and Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

In 2018 the UK section of Gideons separated from Gideons International over the issue of women’s full membership, which is not allowed by the international organisation, but which received nearly 80 per cent support in a UK members’ vote. After losing a dispute about the use of the name Gideons UK, they are now known as Good News for Everyone! They have links with Gideons in Canada and Sweden who have made similar decisions.

A very small number of men in the UK still belong to Gideons International. They are known as The Gideons International in the UK, and still remain a men’s ministry.

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Parish Pump Smile Lines

Little Raymond came home beaming from Sunday School. "The teacher said something awfully nice about me in his prayer this morning. He said, 'O Lord, we thank thee for our food and Raymond.'"

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The minister went to the bank and asked for a statement of his account, adding: "We want to know how far afield we can go for our holiday." Handing him his statement the cashier enquired very gently: "Have you got a field at the back of your garden, sir?"

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Hospital patients' comment about the new minister: "He can stay longer in an hour than most people do in a week."

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A golfing priest, after having been beaten by an elderly parishioner, returned to the clubhouse somewhat depressed. "Cheer up," said the layman. "Remember, you'll eventually be burying me some day." "Yes," said the priest. "But even then, it will be your hole!"

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The scientific theory I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline luggage.

Thanks to Pat Chiswell for passing on the following prayer....

A Prayer for those who live alone

I live alone, dear Lord
stay by my side.
In all my daily needs
be thou my guide.
Grant me good health,
for that indeed, I pray,
to carry on my work
from day to day.
Keep me pure in mind,
my thoughts, my every deed,
let me be kind, unselfish
in my neighbour's need.
Spare me from fire, from flood
malicious tongues,
from thieves, from fear,
and evil ones.
If sickness or an accident befall,
then humbly, Lord, I pray,
hear thou my call.
And when I'm feeling low,
or in despair,
lift up my heart,
and help me in my prayer.
I live alone, dear Lord,
yet have no fear,
because I feel Your Presence
ever near. Amen

Quiz Answers - Names of the authors of the quotations.

1. William Shakespeare (Hamlet)
2. Lewis Carroll
3. Jane Austen (Pride and Prejudice)
4. Henry Francis Lyte
5. Joyce Grenfell
6. Karl Marx
7. Charles Dickens (A Tale of Two Cities)
8. W. H. Davies
9. Winston Churchill
10. Arthur Conan Doyle (Dr Watson to Sherlock Holmes)
11. William Shakespeare (Julius Caesar)
12. Charlotte Bronte (Jane Eyre)
13. Rupert Brooke
14. T. S. Eliot (Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats)
15. Alfred Tennyson
16. William Wordsworth
17. John Betjeman
18. Christina Rossetti
19. Dylan Thomas (The beginning words of Under Milk Wood)
20. Edward Thomas
21. Kenneth Grahame
22. Noel Coward
23. Ian Fleming
24. A. A. Milne (Winnie the Pooh)
25. Michael Bond (Paddington Bear)

Sudoku solution :

6	2	8	1	4	5	3	9	7
4	5	3	8	7	9	6	2	1
7	9	1	2	6	3	4	5	8
5	3	9	7	2	1	8	4	6
8	4	2	3	9	6	7	1	5
1	7	6	4	5	8	2	3	9
2	6	4	9	1	7	5	8	3
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Wordsearch answers:

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 T H R B S H I P W R E C K A
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 T H A N K S R Y L U J E G R

Picture Quiz – Actress/Actor (Answers)

Including (just out of interest) the films and year.



1. **Humphrey Bogart** – *The African Queen* (1951)
2. **Julia Christie** – *Darling* (1965)
3. **Sidney Poitier** – *Lilies of the Field* (1963)
4. **Rod Steiger** – *In the Heat of the Night* (1967)
5. **Eddie Redmayne** – *The Theory of Everything* (2014)
6. **Audrey Hepburn** – *Roman Holiday* (1953)
7. **Tom Hanks** – *Philadelphia* (1993), *Forrest Gump* (1994)
8. **Shirley MaLaine** – *Terms of Endearment* (1983)
9. **Spencer Tracy** – *Captains Courageous* (1937), *Boys Town* (1938)
10. **Emma Stone** – *La La Land* (2016), *Poor Things* (2023)
11. **Daniel Day-Lewis** – *My Left Foot* (1989), *There will be Blood* (2007), *Lincoln* (2012)
12. **Bette Davis** – *Dangerous* (1935), *Jezebel* (1938)
13. **Katharine Hepburn** – *Morning Glory* (1933), *Guess who's Coming to Dinner* (1967), *The Lion in Winter* 1968), *On Golden Pond* (1981)
14. **Lee Marvin** – *Cat Ballou* (1965)
15. **Ingrid Bergman** – *Gaslight* (1944), *Anastasia* (1956)

Crossword Answers.

ACROSS: 1, Sabbatical. 7, Opinion. 8, Laing. 10, Olga. 11, Galilean. 13, Sardis. 15, Severe. 17, Adultery. 18, Flea. 21, Swazi. 22, Acetate. 23, Revelation.

DOWN: 1, Sling. 2, Brim. 3, Annual. 4, Ill-timed. 5, Abilene. 6, Colossians. 9, Gennesaret. 12, Diatribe. 14, Roulade. 16, Errata. 19, Learn. 20, Levi.

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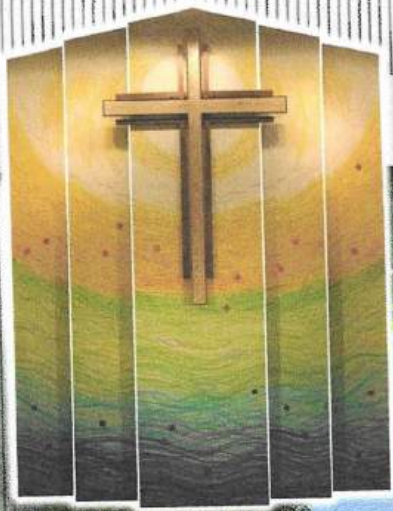
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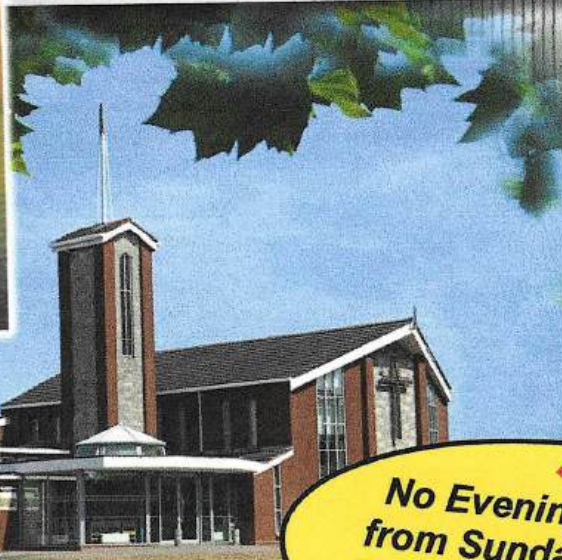
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