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IMPORTANT - ELECTORAL ROLL UPDATE

The Church Representation Rules require that every Parochial Church Council (PCC) maintains an electoral roll. Electoral Rolls need to be revised annually.

Being on the Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the PCC.

Once in every six years, the preparation of new church electoral rolls takes place, which means that everyone must come off the roll and re-apply. 2025 is a year for the preparation of a new roll.

Our Electoral Roll Officer, whose role is to keep the roll up to date by making additions and removals from time to time, is Margaret Foreshew.

To be entitled to be included on the Electoral Roll, a lay person must have: been baptised, and attained their sixteenth birthday on or before the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, and submitted a signed application form for enrolment, and must be one of the following:

- * a member of the Church of England, or of a Church in communion with the Church of England, and resident in the parish; or
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If you would like to be on our roll please ensure that you fill in a form and put in the box at the back of St James Church. Forms will be available from 16th March to 6th April. Attached to the form will be also be a second form on which you can give us permission to use your details to keep in touch (and ensure that we are compliant with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)).

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LITTLE NICK GOES TO QUINGO

Despite my loud protestations I was taken to the recent Quingo night. It's not good you know – being stuffed into a bag with a raffle prize, glasses and cans of cider. By the time we got there my head and most of my body hurt.

We joined a team. There were some quizzes on the table and my team were soon writing frantically, filling in the easy answers. The hard questions were another matter. What does 7 C in the R mean?, which element has the symbol K?. I knew none of it. But luckily we started with food. After some sandwiches, potato wedges and cake I wasn't really bothered whether or not I could answer the questions.



The main quiz started. Sarah seemed to be having a brain freeze as I caught her writing the numbers 1-36 in boxes on a form – but they were not in order. When I told her she was wrong she was insistent she knew what she was doing and carried on. Then they asked the questions and she wrote the answer in the box by that number. 'This is no way to behave if you want to win' I thought but decided against saying anything. Well, our team were full of good ideas for the answers, usually several different, possibly very different ideas, and argued amicably amongst themselves before picking one.

Once we started getting the answers I began to see what was going on. The answers were given at random and when we got one right Sarah put a big tick on that box on our form. To win we needed to get five right answers in a line. I began to wonder if we would get five right answers at all. It seemed that we had often talked ourselves into a wrong answer when we actually had suggested the right one. 'Line' shouted one team. But we carried on until all the answers had been given.

I was disappointed that my team did not do better - perhaps next year I should insist on interviewing them beforehand – but despite that we had a good time and laughed a lot. Thank you to Gill G and Denise, Chris and Phil for organising it.

*Nicodemus Penfold
Parish Raconteur (retired)*



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HOW ON EARTH DOES FOOD IMPACT ON MY CARBON FOOTPRINT?

I thought I was quite well-informed about most things “eco”, being a member of the Parish Eco Focus sub-committee. How wrong I was - I am learning shocking facts all the time! Recently, I have been dismayed to discover just HOW MUCH of an impact what I eat has on the environment. I knew it had an impact ... but the figures are stark.

Growing and producing food, then transporting it, buying it, consuming it ... and wasting some ... each and every step in this process creates greenhouse gases (known as GHGs) that trap the sun’s heat, over-warming the earth and contributing to climate change. ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF ALL HUMAN-CAUSED GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IS LINKED TO FOOD.

We can all take individual responsibility for looking after a world that God has entrusted to us in many ways; in relation to food, we can think carefully about how the food on our plate can create climate harm or climate healing. Small steps all add up.

Is the food we buy in season and produced locally / in the UK? Or does it go through air miles to reach us?

Do we need fresh tomatoes in winter, or can we find our nutrition in canned tomatoes which will have been harvested in season?

Are we detectives in shops? Do we find out where food is produced and, if not locally, do we really try to replace food from warmer climes with what is locally available?

Red meats are very high contributors to GHGs. Legumes, nuts, breads, pastas, eggs, rice and grains, poultry, fish and vegetables are much less harmful.

In being aware of the small steps we can all choose to make as individuals, we have the potential (and the responsibility as Christians) to reduce climate change. Food is only one aspect but, as mentioned earlier, it is responsible for one-third of all GHGs caused by people.

Let’s really try to “do our bit”.



GROWBABY & FOOD BANK UPDATES

GrowBaby: thank you very much for the Moses basket, and baby toiletries, greatly appreciated by the new mum.



Spare bedding for the Moses basket would be very welcome, please.

FOOD BANK: I am rarely surprised by anything I encounter at the Food Bank but recently when a young man told me that he had NO cooking/heating facilities I pressed him further because we can usually help out with a kettle or sandwich toaster. But then he told me that he had no electricity or gas in his house and I had to conclude that he lived in a squat. We were able to give him a bag with bread, jam, milk, cereal, sugar, tinned fruit and rice pudding. Plus some cutlery, a bowl and a mug. Very sad. It will be interesting to see if he comes again and whether his situation has changed.

The recent donations of foods which can be heated using a kettle have been very useful. We seem to have a noticeable influx of young men living in hostels where the usual cooking facilities have “walked” from the kitchens. The kettles in their rooms are then their only means of “cooking” but we try to find a wide range of items for them including tea, coffee, milk, cup-a-soups, instant mash, pot noodles and instant porridge (plus tins of fruit and rice pudding with ring pull lids) - tin openers rarely last. (Recently I have been disgusted by the quality of cheap tin openers, have returned more than a dozen to the local supermarket where I bought them after testing them at home, and given up completely!)

Yet again, thanks for your support which is still needed after so many years.



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Mothers' UNION

Linda Pitt welcomed all to our March meeting and commenced with prayers. Linda introduced our speaker, Reverend Rich Brooker, to talk on his Chaplaincy work, both for Warwickshire Police and Nationally.

Rich started by giving us a power point introduction to his family going back to his great grandparents and their involvements from a high-ranking officer in the Salvation Army to another as a Prisoner of War in Japan to present times about his wife Tina as the new Minister of a Methodist Church in Leamington Spa.

After University for most of his career Rich was Head of Communications, mainly in the Public Sector, before joining the ministry. Rich feels that the Police Chaplaincy plays a key role in supporting staff welfare and well being, providing a safe haven for them to let off steam, or just to be a listening ear.

The Chaplains serve everybody, wear an agreed standard uniform and attend national trainings and conferences. Rich played a lead role in providing chaplaincy support to the West Midlands Police Officers who attended the fatality when children at Babbs Mill Lake became trapped under ice. He said it was a deeply moving experience as he was able to support not just Police staff, but also members of the public, schoolteachers and firefighters who were involved in this tragedy.

Last summer Rich was part of the Chaplaincy team providing support at the Commonwealth Games to the Bowls teams at Leamington Spa.

We look forward to welcoming the Jo Roberts Hill to our next meeting on Wednesday **2nd April at 2pm** in Church House who will be demonstrating making up a hanging basket. Visitors will be welcome.

Susan Knight

GRACE: HOW TO LIVE

Does anybody have any of these booklets?

They contain short stories/Christian stories, recipes, prayers and testimonies. They were produced in spring, summer, autumn and winter each year. They are no longer in production but I'm interested in reading them.

Please contact Alison Foreshew - 07554 694489 - if you can help.

PILGRIM PARTNERS – AN INTRODUCTION

Maybe you've enjoyed the Lent Conversations? Or are a person who finds that talking helps them to "think things through"? Or someone who would just like to talk about their faith with someone they trust?

If so, Pilgrim Partners could be for you.

But first – what *is* a Pilgrim Partner?

One way of thinking about faith is as a journey. Sometimes we move forward; sometimes we stop for a while to enjoy the wonder of where we are. Sometimes we can't wait to see what's round the corner; sometimes we rest. Sometimes we might even get a bit lost, or end up going round in circles. And just as faith journeys are often called pilgrimages, people who are on them are often called pilgrims.

Here in Shirley Parish we think that being on a journey is much easier (and more fun) when you're doing it with someone else. A partner on our pilgrimage, with whom we can share ideas, appreciate the amazing bits, and who will help us to keep going through the hard bits.

A Pilgrim Partner, in fact.

"Partner" is important, because it's not about one person 'teaching' and the other person 'learning', but about discovering together more about God and what it means to follow Jesus Christ here and now in Shirley, with help of the Holy Spirit.

We've put together some ideas of how it might work in the Pilgrim Partners leaflet which will be available in all our churches from the end of March. It suggests how often you might want to meet up, offers some things to talk about, and proposes a way to link people together. It also tries to address concerns that people might have. Please take one, read it, and pray about whether this might be for you.

And if you'd like to hear how it works in practice, please speak to one of the clergy, or to Gill Gough, Dee Smith, Sarah Penfold, Margaret Foresheaw, Chris Terry or to me, Kate Day. We've all had Pilgrim Partners for a while now, and can tell you what it's really like!

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SOME THOUGHTS ON THE FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF COVID

A few weeks ago there was a national day of reflection to mark five years since the Covid pandemic. Those days – and especially the days in lockdown – were difficult times for many and tragic times for some.

They were also strange times – clearer skies, amazing birdsong and silent roads (my lasting memory is walking across the M42 on a footbridge with no cars or lorries in sight). For many of us we had a renewed sense of who and what was important to us both as individuals and as a society.

As churches we did all we could to care for people through those hard weeks and months. Phone calls were made to make sure people were OK, we printed out sermons and other information and delivered them around the parish; we created an online presence and an on the phone presence; we took gifts around for Christmas and Mothering Sunday. We even had virtual bingo and the online summer fete!

But it wasn't just churches. During the lockdown I chaired Shirley Mutual Aid. A group of ordinary Shirley people from a wide range of backgrounds who wanted to help others, wanted to make sure their neighbours were OK – particularly the old and vulnerable. Shopping was done; gardening done; books and jigsaws were shared. Phone calls were made and friendships developed. And we vowed that this sort of community care would continue; that when restrictions eased the new normal would be different from the old. The post pandemic society would be more caring and more supportive and more generous. That the things we had learned about ourselves and society would not be lost.

But despite those desires, the community has – on the whole - gone back to something that we might say is worse than it was before. Loneliness, poverty, inequality have all grown. Reports show that our children and young people are more anxious and less happy. There are growing numbers with mental health issues. The desires that we had to limit the effects of climate change seem to have lessened.

However, there are pockets where the hope we had has changed things – take our Welcome Café on a Tuesday morning for example and the ongoing support we as churches offer our members. And not just us – there are countless other cafes and lunch clubs and drop ins run by churches and other faith groups across the country. This is the result of hope – real Christian hope - put into practice.

And so it's fitting that we have been thinking about hope during Lent through the Living Hope booklets and our Lent Conversations. Hope in the promises of God that he will be alongside each one of us and working through each one of us every day.

Hope that things can and will change. Hope that the future can be better than the past.
Hope that will not disappoint us.

Recently I was at a conference at which the CEO of the Children's Society shared a quote – *The world is only ever changed by hope filled people*. May we be those who are filled with Christian hope and put that hope into practice.

Reverend Paul Day



A POEM WRITTEN DURING A FOREST CHURCH

A sea of daisies
swimming, swaying
arm in arm
to the light
through the river of green.

The soft blades of grass ...
... like the daisies
you gave me,
the ones that you loved.

Precious light petals
in a circle of joy,
swimming and swaying,
this ocean of daisies.

And I adore them,
flowing in your love.



By Vivian Varga (Sue Harries' sister)

CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE POD

As I write this the work on the Pod in St James Church is nearing an end – it is due to be completed by the end of March.

We are therefore incorporating a time of celebration into our **Parish Eucharist at 10.30am on Sunday 6th April.**

We have invited the builders, the architect and the charitable trusts and others who have made donations to the project to join us.

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Reverend Paul Day



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As though they saw a safe place to breathe,
at last.

And little by little, I started to feel more whole.
It's not that you completed me,
it's that you loved me enough that I could complete myself.

So when I say I love you with all my heart, I mean it.

Because it is All, again, and I think - no I know,
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By Donna Ashworth-Hayes and shared by Margaret Foreshew



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AFTERNOON HOLY COMMUNION IN HOLY WEEK

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Although this service was originally created for our 'Home Communion Community' we continue to extend the invitation to anyone from the parish who would like to come. It may be that you wish to catch up with someone who you used to see regularly in Church; indeed, several of our 'Home Communion' people did say that, along with being back in the Church building they loved and missed, how nice it would be to see and chat to people who they once worshipped alongside.

Future services will be at 2pm on Wednesday 18th June, Wednesday 10th September and Wednesday 3rd December (with Mothers' Union).

So, if you would like to come along, please do so; if you need assistance in getting to church and back, do please let me know. If there are any questions or you feel you would like to contribute in some way, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Reverend Richard Haynes

OUR SERVICES IN APRIL

Date	Time	Service	Venue
Thursday 3rd	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Sunday 6th	10.30am	Parish Communion	St James Church
	6pm	Reflective Worship	St James Church
Thursday 10th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Sunday 13th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	9am	Holy Communion	St John's Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship	St James Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King Church
Monday 14th	7.30pm	Compline	St James Church
Tuesday 15th	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross	St James Church
Wednesday 16th	2pm	Holy Communion	St James Church
	7.30pm	Reflective Worship	St James Church
Thursday 17th <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7.30pm	Holy Communion (no morning service)	St James Church
Friday 18th <i>Good Friday</i>	10.30am	Shirley Churches Together Walk of Witness	Our Lady of the Wayside B90 4AY
	1pm	At the cross	St James Church
	7.30pm	Taizé Service	St James Church
Saturday 19th	10am	Messy Church	St James Church
Sunday 20th <i>Easter Sunday</i>	6am	Sunrise Service	St John's Garden
	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	9am	Holy Communion	St John's Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King Church
Thursday 24th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Sunday 27th	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	9am	Holy Communion	St John's Church
	10.30am	Worship 4 Everyone	St James Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King Church

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PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK - AN OVERVIEW

The events of Easter took place over a week, traditionally called Passion Week. It began on Palm Sunday. After all His teaching and healing, Jesus had built a following.

On the Sunday before He was to die, Jesus and His followers arrived at Jerusalem. The city was crowded. Jewish people were arriving to celebrate Passover. This commemorates how they had escaped from slavery in Egypt nearly 1,500 years earlier.

Jesus rode into the city on a young donkey. He was greeted like a conquering hero. Cheering crowds waved palm branches in tribute. He was hailed as the Messiah who had come to re-establish a Jewish kingdom.

The next day they returned to Jerusalem. Jesus went to the temple, the epicentre of the Jewish faith, and confronted money-changers and merchants who were ripping off the people. He overturned their tables and accused them of being thieves. The religious authorities were alarmed and feared how He was stirring up the crowds.

On the Tuesday, they challenged Jesus, questioning His authority. He answered by challenging and condemning their hypocrisy. Later that day Jesus spoke to His disciples about future times. He warned them about fake religious leaders; the coming destruction of Jerusalem; wars, earthquakes and famines; and how His followers would face persecution.

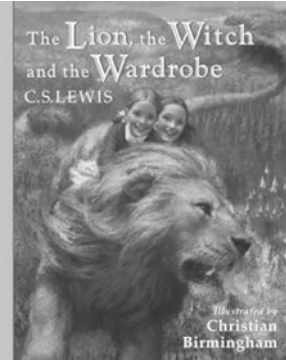
By midweek the Jewish religious leaders and elders were so angry with Jesus that they began plotting to arrest and kill Him. One of Jesus' disciples, Judas, went to the chief priests and agreed to betray Him to them.

Jesus and the twelve disciples gathered on the Thursday evening to celebrate the Passover meal. This is known as the Last Supper. During the evening, Jesus initiated a ritual still marked by Christians – Holy Communion – which commemorates His death. Jesus broke bread and shared it and a cup of wine with His disciples.

Judas then left to meet the other plotters. Jesus continued to teach the others and then went outside into an olive grove to pray. He even prayed for all future believers. He agonised over what was to come but chose the way of obedience. The Bible book, Luke, records Him praying, *'Father if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will but yours be done'*. Minutes later Judas arrived with soldiers and the chief priests and Jesus was arrested.

This overview is an edited version of an article that comes from:
<https://christianity.org.uk/article/the-first-easter>

THE REAL EASTER



In CS Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, the lion Aslan is put to death by the White Witch. The stone table on which He is killed cracks in two, but Aslan meets with Lucy and Susan alive again. He explains the Witch's failure:

'her knowledge goes back only to the dawn of time. But if she could have looked a little further back, she would have known that when a willing victim who had committed no treachery was killed in a traitor's stead, the Table would crack, and Death itself would start working backwards.'

This is a great picture of what Jesus' cross and His resurrection has achieved. As Paul writes, *'I want to know Christ, to know the power of His resurrection'* (Philippians 3:10). To understand the real Easter, we should experience the same power that raised Jesus from the dead!

New Hope: Like the girls in the story, Easter highlights the sadness and confusion that loss brings. Yet the resurrection of Jesus brings new hope, as it demonstrates the victory secured by the cross over sin, Satan and death. We can face life's difficulties knowing that Jesus walks beside us.

New Love: Our relationships are often characterised by a lack of forgiveness, hurt and betrayal. Yet Jesus' resurrection opens the possibility of new love, as His power enables us to accept others and forgive them.

New Life: When we are trying to make sense of life, like the girls in the story, Jesus offers us a living relationship with Himself. It's a friendship with God through Jesus that can begin today and continue for eternity.

When Lucy met Aslan again, she cried: *'Oh, you're real, you're real!'* We too can find the real Easter through a life changing encounter with the living Christ.



ST JOHN'S CENTENARY WEEKEND

On 23rd May 2025 it will be 100 years since St John the Divine Church in Tidbury Green was dedicated by the Archdeacon of Aston – and we are taking the opportunity to celebrate in style!

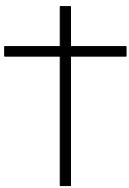
On **Sunday 25th May** there will be just one service in the Parish – a Celebration Parish Eucharist at St John's led by the Bishop of Birmingham. This will be at 10.30am and we hope that everyone from each of our churches will be able to come. Although the building is fairly small, there will be a marquee outside and the service will be relayed into the marquee so that we can all take part. Those of us who are able to stay can share a picnic lunch in the St John's garden afterwards.

On **Monday 26th May** from 2pm we will be holding a celebration fete – with plenty to do and lots to eat! Again, everyone is welcome.

We are aware that St John's is not the easiest place to get to and are encouraging people to share lifts where possible. There is very limited parking at the church, but the rugby club opposite have offered us use of their car park on both days. In addition, the Whitlocks End station car park is just a short walk away. For those who are not able to walk from the car park there will be lifts from the car park to the church.

We look forward to you all joining us in celebration and thanksgiving.

Reverend Paul Day



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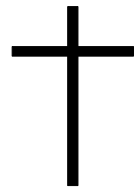
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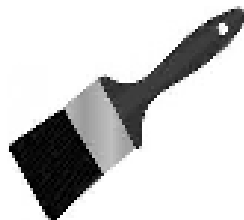
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But because He does live, we have a sure and certain hope for our future.



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- What questions should I be asking a care home?
- What funding can I apply for?

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- Identifying what care is needed
- Advising how to meet care needs
- Discussing options - residential care, nursing care, home care

Care search

- Finding care homes
- Short term care options
- Signposting related services

Care choices

- Researching care options that match your needs
- Information and guidance

Funding advice

- Information about funding
- Advice on how to apply

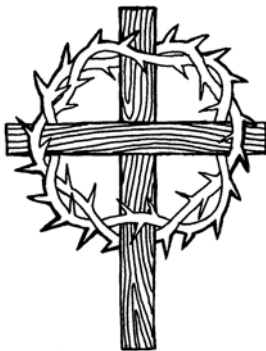
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Is white as snow
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away (Isaiah
1:18)

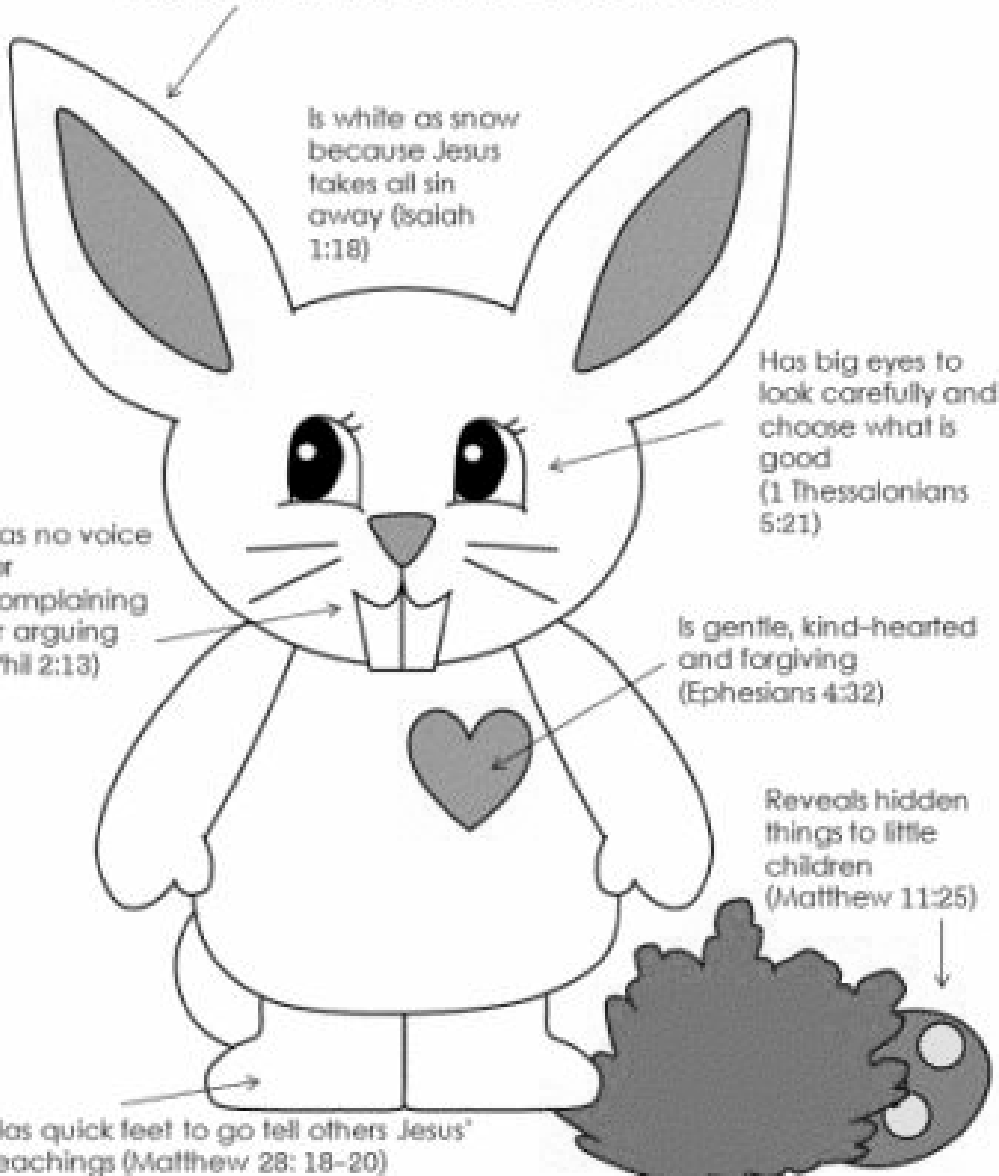
Has big eyes to
look carefully and
choose what is
good
(1 Thessalonians
5:21)

Has no voice
for
complaining
or arguing
(Phil 2:13)

Is gentle, kind-hearted
and forgiving
(Ephesians 4:32)

Reveals hidden
things to little
children
(Matthew 11:25)

Has quick feet to go tell others
Jesus' teachings (Matthew 28: 18-20)



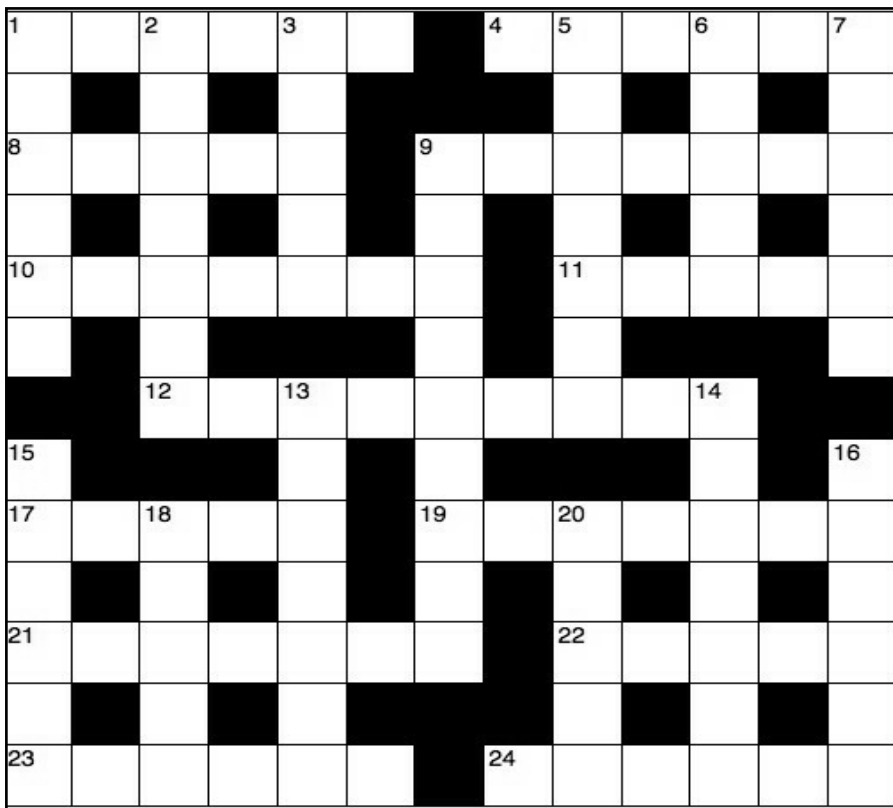
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Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

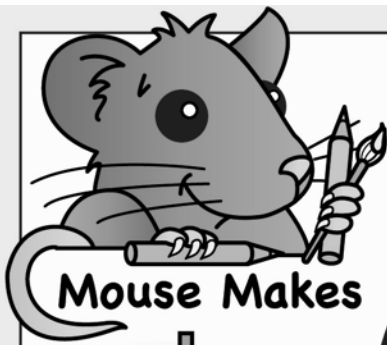
- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)



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Mouse Makes

On the cross Jesus opened wide his arms for us.
Jesus put an end to death by dying for us,
and showed us the resurrection to
come by His raising to new life!



Jesus is risen!

The angel said:
"Jesus ...is not here, for He
has risen, just as He said."
Matthew 28:6



Jesus is here

Jesus said:
"Where two or three
come together
in my name I am
there with them."
Matthew 18:20



READ the story of
the resurrection in:
Matthew 28:1-10
Mark 16:1-19
Luke 24:1-49
John 20:1-29
and 21:1-14

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Jesus will come again!

Jesus said:
"I will come back
and take you to
myself so that you
will be where I am."
John 14:3



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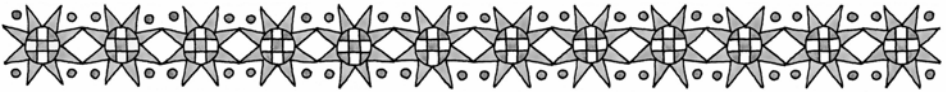


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Give to us your people, living God,
 A renewed faith and a bold vision
 that we may proclaim
 the Good News of your Son
 with faith that your kingdom will come,
 with hope for our community
 and with love for Him
 who died and rose again
 to save us, Jesus Christ our Risen Lord
 Amen



God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church,
 send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,
 wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.
 Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you,
 and in service to our local community.
 Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
 Amen

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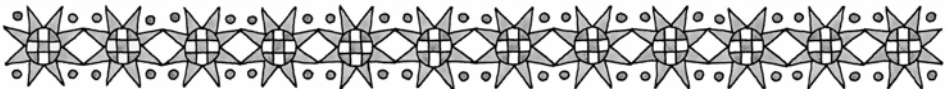
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