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## 80th Anniversary Year

# SHIRLEY PARISH GUIDE (see also inside the back cover)

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## OUR SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Date	Time	Service	Venue
Sunday 3rd	10.30am	Parish Communion	St James Church
	3.30pm	Reflective Worship	St James Church
Thursday 7th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Sunday 10th <b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	9am	Holy Communion	St John's Church
	<b>9.30am</b>	Morning Worship	St James Church
Thursday 14th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Saturday 16th	10am	Messy Church	St James Church
Sunday 17th	9am	Morning Worship	St John's Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Christ the King Church
Thursday 21st	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Sunday 24th	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	9am	Holy Communion	St John's Church
	10.30am	Worship 4 Everyone	St James Church
	10.30am	Patronal Service	Christ the King Church
Thursday 28th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church

*Copies of the sermons preached at our services can be found on our website -  
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## OUR MACMILLAN EVENT

A big 'thank you' to all you wonderful people out there for supporting our Tuesday Welcome Cafe event for Macmillan Cancer Support. We raised **£302.56**.

Also, a big 'thank you' to the helpers who had to work like crazy to keep up with the tea and coffee, plus cake demands. And to those who baked extra cakes and some very yummy fruit scones and to all who donated to the raffle and those who sold the tickets.

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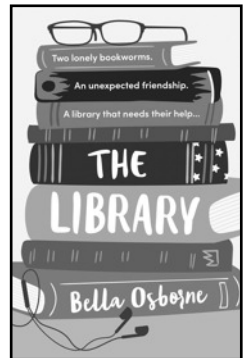
All the money raised went straight to Macmillan.

*Thank you all once again. Dee and Sarah, Pat and Myra*

## SHIRLEY PARISH BOOK CLUB

### The Library by Bella Osborne

Everyone agreed that this was a great book, which is a rare occasion for Shirley Parish Book Club. We all felt this was a heartwarming story and some of us thought that the book centered on loss, in that the characters and the community were all in the process of dealing with this. We all had a great deal of empathy for the characters. Definitely a feel-good book with something that everyone can identify with. Everyone thought that this was well worth reading - so what are you waiting for?!



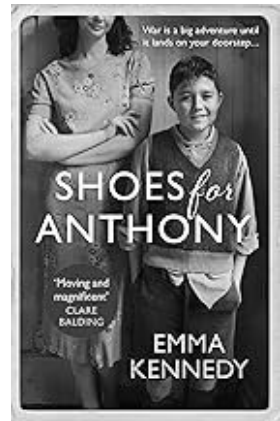
The next book is called

**Shoes for Anthony by Emma Kennedy.**

Our next meeting is on

**Monday 4th November**, do come and join us if you'd like!

*Belinda Piasecki*



## OUR HARVEST SUPPER & BARN DANCE

Oh my word, what a night we had after a very enjoyable Harvest Supper, a hilarious Barn Dance. With Roger, our excellent caller, one would have thought our performance would have been straight forward. Not on your life! We were all collapsing with laughter, it was harbouring on the lines of being shambolic, even the spectators looked as if they were enjoying the evening ...

So many, many thanks to everyone who put in a lot of hard work that made our first Barn Dance a success.



Here's to the next one!

*Liz Blakey*

## MOTHERS' UNION REPORT



Unfortunately, our speaker Mary Bodfish who was travelling from Smethwick was held up enroute to our meeting by road works, road closures and diversions and was unable to reach us in time. The meeting changed from Mary's talk on 'Lest We Forget' to MU prayers led by Linda, notices and a social time. However, we have rearranged Mary to come and speak to us in October 2025.

We look forward to welcoming Jan Dalton to our next meeting on **Wednesday 6th November** with Christmas Crafts. Visitors are most welcome to join us.



*Susan Knight*

## WHAT IS THE 100 CLUB?

The 100 Club was started to provide another income for "The Friends of St James" other than the fundraising events that they carry out.

Members are given a permanent number which is entered into a monthly draw which takes place on the first Sunday of each month.

The first prize is £50 and second prize £25.

An additional draw is made in December.

Membership is £26 per year which can be paid either for six months or twelve months, due on 1st June and 1st December.

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## A GROUP OF THIRTY-SIX GO TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT

The fun began by trying to remember the seven wonders of the IOW which got the brain cells working and distracted us from the gloomy, dismal weather we set off in.

So, these are -

*The Needles you can't thread, Newchurch that's old, Coves you can't milk, Newport you can't bottle, Freshwater you can't drink, Lake where there's no water and Ryde where you have to walk.*

All of us seemed to be excited by the chatter on the bus which seemed to grow louder the more the sun came out, and by the time we had boarded the ferry bound for the Island it was warm enough to stand at the rail, which a few of us did. Some even acting the scene from Titanic where Rose declares "I'm flying, Jack".

We arrived at the hotel, rooms were sorted and some of us headed down to look at the beach and sea at Shanklin.

The next day we visited Alum Bay where some of us braved the chair lift down to the coloured sands and stones, which I have of course added some to my prayer stones, then a boat trip around The Needles and the lighthouse.

Then onto Yarmouth, a look around and a drink of something and a cake.

In the evening it was Bingo, where quite a few of our crowd were very lucky but despite rubbing shoulders with them I didn't win!



But a few G and T's and dancing soon brought back smiles to our faces.

Next day was a free day to do whatever you wanted so it was nice all sharing our stories of where we had been and what we had done. Bus trips, long walks, a tour of Osborne House and even meeting up with friends who live on the island to name but a few.

The following day saw us all at Ryde then onto Coves, again all doing our own things and sharing excited chatter on the way back.

We all helped each other, we had a fair few interesting moments and lots of laughter too.





Our thanks go out to Pat and Chris for organising it all, and to Colin and Adrian for their help with lifts on the morning of arrival and all the help with cases, wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

I think the hymn 'Let there be love shared among us' speaks volumes, as love was certainly there.

*Denise Smith (Reader)*

We would like to thank Chris, Adrian, Pat and Colin for organising the church Autumn Holiday to the Isle of Wight.

It was the first time we have travelled with the group, and hopefully it won't be the last.

The hotel, and hard working staff, were welcoming. The food was varied and nutritious.

We were certainly blessed with warm sunny days, ensuring the planned excursions and free day, were enjoyed by us all.

It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know other, very friendly, members of the church and enjoy their company. Lots of laughs and evenings of fun.

Finally an extra thank you to Pat, Colin and Rachel for collecting and returning our cases to our home. It was very much appreciated.

*Ann & Norman Blackford*

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## DARKNESS

In Psalm 139 we read these words:

*If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night',  
even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.*

This time of year we notice the dark mornings, and the shorter evenings. Days are getting shorter; nights are getting longer. I guess if we wanted a word that described winter we might choose darkness.

So, what do we make of darkness?

In Genesis Chapter 1 we read these words:

*In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.*

God was there in the darkness. In the darkness God waited for the moment of creation. And then God created light and separated the light from the darkness.

God didn't destroy darkness. He created the cycle of evening and morning; night and day. He recognised that just as light is important to life, so is darkness.

Think of the animals that come to life at night – for example owls, foxes, hedgehogs, bats. Darkness is what they need for life.

For many of us darkness is important – for me at least (and I guess this is true for many) I always sleep better when it is dark. We buy blackout curtains and blinds to make our children's rooms dark so that they sleep better.

In the Bible darkness is often a metaphor for dark times, times when perhaps we find it hard to go on; when everything is stacked against us; when hope seems almost extinguished. Those words above from Psalm 139 tell us that in such times God is there – these times are not dark to him. In our lives dark times are part of the cycle of life.

God didn't destroy darkness – if he had we would never know what light was because we need to understand darkness to appreciate light. In the same way we enjoy the good times in our lives much more and appreciate them more when we have been through the not-so-good times, the dark times.

So, as we move through Autumn into the dark of Winter, let us remember that God is with us through the dark times as much as he is in the good times. In fact, if he wasn't alongside us we would find them much harder, perhaps impossible, to bear.

*Reverend Paul Day*

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## THE POD PROJECT - UPDATE

Work is scheduled to start on the groundworks on 9th October. Building the drain from the South Transept to the connection at the road should take about two weeks but is very dependent on the weather.

We have decided to delay building the Pod itself until the New Year to avoid disruption to Christmas services and events. The builder has agreed a date of 6th January and the work should be complete in mid-February.

We are very grateful to all the people and organisations who have been so generous with their support and made the project possible.

## THE HEATING IN ST JAMES CHURCH

As many of you will have noticed, the church can get very cold in winter. The boilers are over forty years old, very dirty and inefficient and increasingly unreliable. The wet system is in poor condition and has leaked in the past, causing significant damage. Last winter only one of the boilers worked reliably and this is likely to be the case in the coming months.

We have been working on this for nearly two years with the Diocese and the best solution for us would be to heat the people, rather than the fabric of the building, with electric heating panels (like we have in Church House). These can be coloured to match the brick and attractive heating chandeliers are available for the Nave. The warm-up period is short and with careful use we should be able to control running costs.

The problem is (of course) the cost of the system, £46K plus VAT.

We are looking at sources of funding but for this winter, we will have to rely on our wobbly boilers and wrap up warmly for services in cold weather.

*Kate Crocker*

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## HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED

**ADAVU:** it felt great to be able to supply the toiletry bags to three of the ladies newly rescued from trafficking and currently supported by Liisa and her team. Such basic items but so very much appreciated. ADAVU supports up to thirty folks rescued from trafficking or slavery at any one time, a heavy emotional workload on the small team.

**GROWBABY** has reopened on Tuesday mornings at St Michael's Church, Redstone Farm Road. It supplies lightly used clothing for infants from birth to five years old. They are now using an appointment system which will make it easier for both the volunteers and the clients; previously it could become overwhelming in their small room when several families turned up at the same time.

The **PANTRY** scheme where folks pay £5 and make their own choice of food items from a restricted selection (Monday at St John's, Sparkhill) is doing steadily and another one has recently opened at Tyseley on a Thursday.

**FOOD BANK:** I do try to think of something positive to report each month but sometimes it is a real struggle. The numbers attending at St John's Food Bank, where David and I help, are steadily increasing. One Wednesday morning recently we handed out food for approximately 100 people in two hours and that's at St John's, Sparkhill, just one of the five satellite Trussell foodbanks where the donations from this parish are taken having been bagged up at the Tyseley warehouse. Even non-food items have to be shared out sparingly. Recently David spent an hour decanting cooking oil into small jars, and then I put five dessert spoons of coffee into small jars. We have even been decanting washing up liquid. It's not only food we have pleas for: many of the people coming are in hostel or HSO (House of Shared Occupation) where only very basic kitchen and bathroom facilities are provided. Everyone is welcome but sometimes (how I can put this delicately?) there is an obvious need for soap, shower gel and DEODORANT !!!!!!!!!!! We try to give one toilet roll out to each family but really, one roll for 5,6,7 people? But at the end of the day, it's the food which matters so 'Every Tin Counts' is still the mantra.

*Elizabeth and David Paice*

PS. thank you for the empty jars, still more needed please.



If you can ... please take a label from the Gift Tree in St James Church, buy the present named on the label and bring it to church on Sunday - up to **Sunday 24th November**

*The gifts will be given to clients of Adavu at their Christmas party*



## SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 3rd

This year, we will be holding our annual Safeguarding Sunday, at the Parish Service, at 10.30am on 3rd November at St James Church. This date also coincides with when the Church celebrates the feast of All Saints.

Safeguarding Sunday is an important date in the life and calendar of our Parish. It gives us the opportunity to listen and talk together about how spaces can be created that are safer for everyone and thank those working behind the scenes to make our churches safer for all. It allows us to recognise safeguarding as a key and central part of the Christian Gospel and encourage each other to do the practical things that are vital to the safe, legal and loving way we want to live together in our Church community. And we do this in the context of a celebration of a Parish Eucharist, where we express that sense of community with Christ, the Saints who have gone before us, and each other.

This year we will be looking more closely and specifically at domestic abuse. Domestic abuse is any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse perpetrated by those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. It is complex, harmful and, sadly, very common.

Domestic abuse in all its forms is contrary to the will of God and an affront to human dignity. All need to play their part in preventing or halting it. The Church of England, and we in Shirley Parish, are committed to those who have been victims and survivors of domestic abuse.

On the day there will be ministers and members of the Pastoral Group available to talk and help should anyone feel the need; or do feel free to speak to one of us beforehand should you have any concerns.

*Reverend Richard Haynes*

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## OUR POPPY WALL

*Work is still in progress as we go to print but a big 'thank you' to everyone who has sewed poppies onto the backing fabric ready for our Remembrance displays - it's been a great community event and we're looking forward to seeing the final results.*



Our youngest sewer, Jack Knight, hard at work.



# SHIRLEY BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



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## REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2024

THE REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE REMAINS ON THE STRATFORD ROAD THIS YEAR TO WHICH WE OWE SINCERE THANKS TO **TRAFFIX** WHO HAVE TAKEN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ORGANISING, WITH SOLIHULL COUNCIL, THE TMO (TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ORDER). THIS WILL ENSURE THAT WE HAVE, ON THE DAY, A SECURE PEDESTRIAN ONLY AREA BETWEEN 'POPPY ISLAND' AND THE ROUNDABOUT AT UNION/SCHOOL ROAD BETWEEN 10:00HRS AND 12:00HRS

### (APPROXIMATE TIMINGS)

PARADE FALL IN	1010hrs
FALL IN THE OFFICERS	1015 hrs
FALL IN THE STANDARDS	1015hrs
PARADE TO MARCH OFF	1020hrs
SERVICE AT St JAMES CHURCH	1040hrs
PARADE TO MARCH BACK	1130hrs
PARADE FALL-OUT	1145hrs

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## NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST VOLUNTEERS AWARDS 2024

The National Churches Trust awards recognise the immense contribution made to church life by volunteers. It is truly inspiring to read of the work being done across the nation by churches serving their communities in a wide variety of ways.

Our Journey to the Stable and Easter Journey events have welcomed over 15000 primary school children and their teachers over the last twenty years. The Christian stories are faithfully told in drama and craft activities by our wonderful volunteers, who give so much time and dedication to these projects.

The 'Journey' events and their teams have been shortlisted for this year's awards. Competition is keen and it is a great honour to be in the final. Congratulations and so many thanks to Sarah and the team, present and past.

**This year's Journey to the Stable is the week commencing Monday 25th November. Please pray for all those involved and note that, for safeguarding reasons, access to St James Church will be restricted.**



## CALLING ALL MAKERS AND BAKERS!



**We will be holding a Christmas Food and Craft Festival on Saturday 14th December in St James Church and Church House (plus Santa and his friends will be there for breakfast!)**

Please get making and baking and let  
Gill Hanton (07973 942145) know what you are planning

## CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY - November 24th

The last Sunday in November is the last Sunday of the church year, and in some ways the most important. Why? Because everything else in the Christian year looks BACK on what happened 2000 years ago. The Sunday of Christ the King looks FORWARD to what we can expect next.... the return one day of Jesus Christ to this earth, as King of Kings.

Does the idea of Jesus of Nazareth literally returning to earth seem a bit quaint to accept, in our computerised world of e-mails and the internet? Well, that is what the Bible says will happen – *it is promised more than 250 times!*

The Bible is quite clear: the return of the Lord Jesus Christ as King of Kings will take place personally, powerfully, bodily, visibly, publicly – and INSTANTLY. (Read Matthew 24:30,31, or I Thessalonians 4:13 – 5:3.) Here are words of Jesus Himself:

*For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. (Luke 17:24)*

This will be no local story for a BBC TV reporter to cover if he gets time. That day he won't be interviewing the Carpenter of Nazareth, wearing Galilean homespun. Jesus will be in His incandescent brilliance as the 'Son of Man' – a bit of a challenge even for TV reporters! Certainly when Peter, James and John were witness to their familiar Master 'transfigured', as the same irradiated Person – in a dramatic preview of Christ's triumphant final rule (Luke 9:28-36), they did not feel very confident.

The martyred Stephen, about to die, had a similar glimpse: "Behold I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God" (Acts 7:56). The exiled apostle John on the island of Patmos saw the same figure: '...His face was like the sun shining in full strength' (Revelation 1:16.)

When Christ one day returns, the whole world will finally witness this same spectacle (Revelation 1:7). His return will mark the end of history, as we know it. It will inaugurate the final Judgment. It will re-unite the Lord with His Church on earth.

Jesus' return to us will bring about the new heaven and the new earth. Pain, death, persecution, privation and sorrow will all be banished. The entire edifice of evil that has raised itself against the rule of God will be dismantled in a moment.

We have been warned all along not to place a date or a time upon the Second Coming of Christ. (Matthew 24:42-44) Sadly, many people ignore this warning and waste endless time in calculations. The way in which we should be spending our days before the end is to work, watch and witness to our Lord Jesus – whether or not ours is a world of computers, e-mail and all the rest!

In the meantime, where is Jesus now? The Bible writers tells us that Jesus has returned to the place of privilege and power, and is 'seated at the right hand' of the Father (Ephesians 1:20-21; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 1:3), and is waiting for the Father's timing for Him to return to earth in glory (Mark 13:26-27,32), to raise the dead (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18), and give them their resurrection bodies (1 Corinthians 15:35-44).

Jesus will never be a baby again. He is now Christ the King – today, tomorrow, forever.



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## OUR ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

### Thursday 5th December at 7pm

Advent and the approach to Christmas can be a time of great excitement and joy, as well as deep sadness and pain, particularly for those of us who have lost loved ones. This can be a time when their absence feels sharper and our grief heavier than usual. Therefore, our annual memorial service will be on Thursday 5th December at 7pm in St James Church.



During the service we will sing some familiar Christmas carols; we will have the chance to take part in an act to remember our loved ones, by hearing their names read out and lighting candles; and we will hear words of faith and hope.

This year's service will be in conjunction with our good friends from Co-op Funeralcare, Shirley, who will be present on the night and who are kindly bringing a memory tree on which we can place our loved ones' names.

Everyone is welcome to join us – no matter how long ago your loved ones died.

If you would like a name read out please contact the Parish Office in advance; but there will be an opportunity to add names on the night.

We look forward to seeing you.



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Without going into specific recipes here, let's look at some of the ingredients that could make for special Christmas flavours on our dinner plates. Even if we decide to include some of the usual meats, cutting down on the quantity of meat and substituting with vegetables enhanced by the flavours associated with Christmas food will be kinder to both our purses and our Earth.

If you like mushrooms, you'll find dried porcini, shiitake and wild ones will give you a rich gravy from the water used to re-hydrate them and the mushrooms themselves can be added to nut roasts or veggie wellingtons to give both substance and flavour. A good pastry wrapped around different savoury fillings is well worth the effort and can be prepared well in advance and frozen until needed. Herbs and spices such as nutmeg, rosemary, sage and cinnamon can be included in stuffings. Roasted potatoes, carrots, parsnips, turnips, butternut squash, beetroot, onions - all add mouth-watering and filling additions. Good vegetable stock cubes, tomato purée, nutritional yeast flakes, mushroom powder, soy sauce and maple syrup are some of the store cupboard extras that could serve us well during the festive season.

So this Christmas, why not give the alternatives a try? The Eco team can find specific recipes for anyone who would like more than just these thoughts. Whatever you choose, we wish you a delicious Christmas dinner!

*Chris Speakman, on behalf of the Parish Eco Group.*



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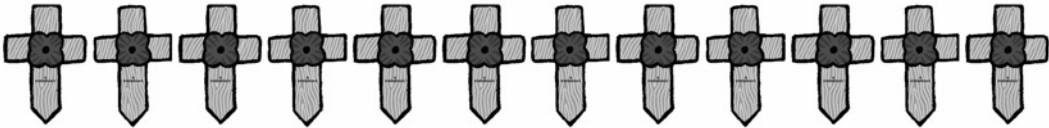
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## WORDSEARCH

Remembrance Day this year has a special significance – it was 80 years ago this June that the D-Day Landings of the Second World War took place.

Those D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy led to the liberation of France and Europe. And this year the Normandy region has been celebrating – with events including synchronized fireworks at the major D-Day sites, a giant picnic on Omaha Beach, Liberation balls, bagpipe parades, and international parachuting of hundreds of soldiers above Sainte-Mère-Église.

It has been estimated that between 15 and 20 million people died in Europe alone during the Second World War. Worldwide, an estimated 75 million people died.



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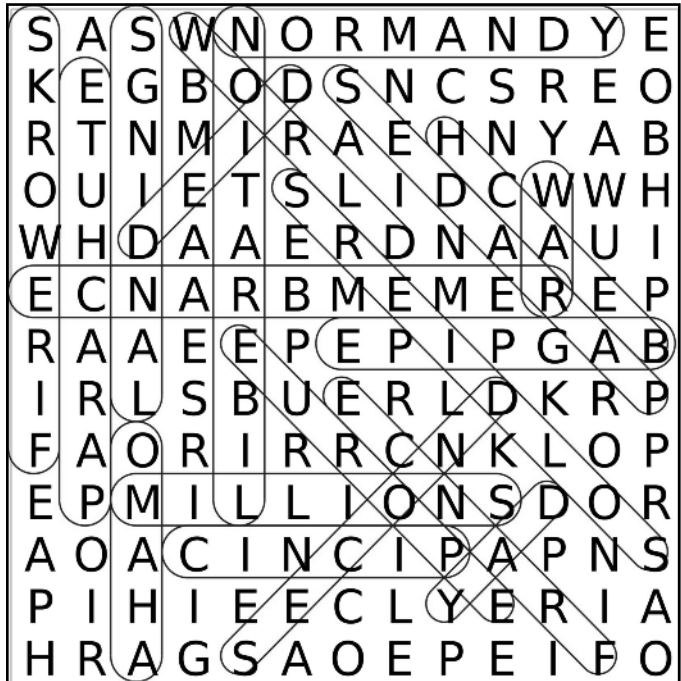
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the story in  
**John 13:1-17**

### "DO AS I HAVE DONE FOR YOU."

The disciples had met with Jesus in an upper room to share a meal together, but there were no servants to wash their dusty feet. Jesus got up from the table, took off his outer clothing, wrapped a towel around his waist and began to wash the disciples' feet just like a servant would do.

Then Jesus said:

*"Do you understand what I have done for you? Now that I, your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example, that you should do as I have done for you."*



By washing his disciples' feet, Jesus showed that as God's people we are never too important to serve and care for others.

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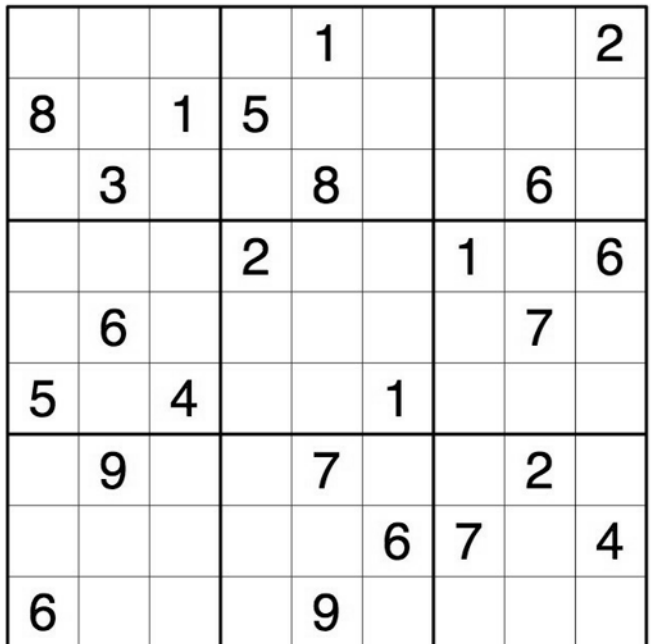
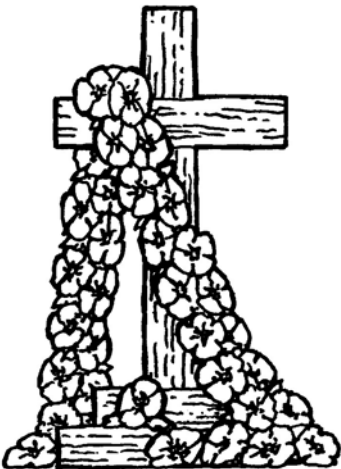
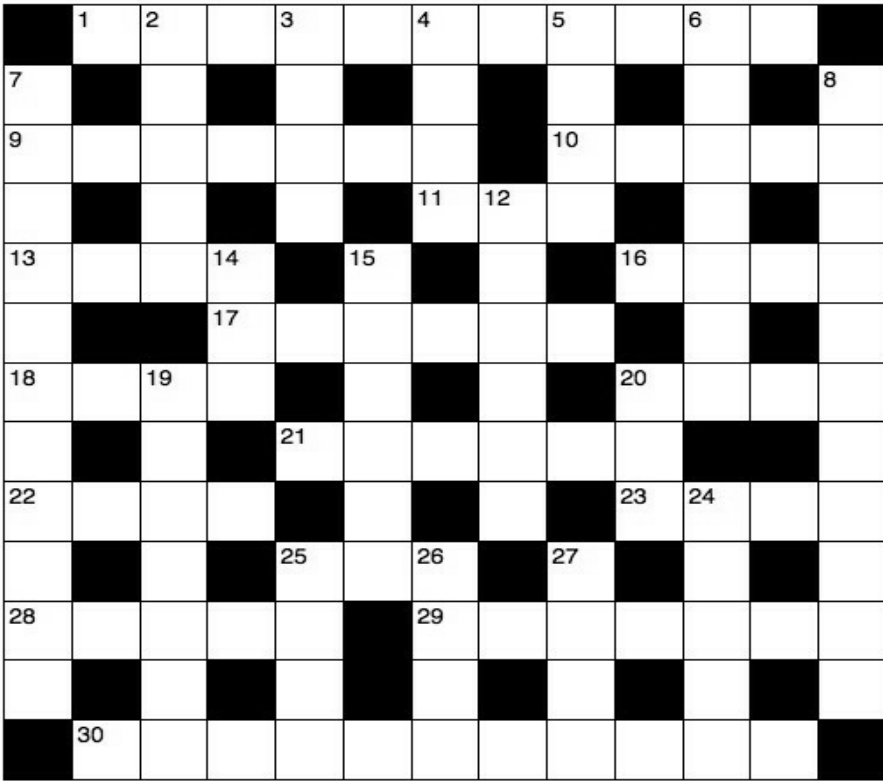
## THIS MONTH'S CROSSWORD & SUDOKU

### Across

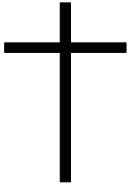
- 1** In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)
- 9** 'No — , impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God'  
(Ephesians 5:5) (7)
- 10** City on the banks of the River Nile (5)
- 11** Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)
- 13** Taverns (4)
- 16** 'Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)
- 17** 'He will not always — , nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9) (6)
- 18** and **27** Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1–2) (4,4)
- 20** Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)
- 21** She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)
- 22** A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)
- 23** Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)
- 25** 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a — of robbers'  
(Luke 19:46) (3)
- 28** Annie (anag.) (5)
- 29** Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)
- 30** Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

### Down

- 2** 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands'  
(2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)
- 3** Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)
- 4** 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me'  
(Psalm 92:10) (4)
- 5** — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)
- 6** 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
- 7** 'Our — is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
- 8** 'This is a day you are to — ' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
- 12** Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
- 14** 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
- 15** Liverpool dialect (6)
- 19** 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
- 20** Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
- 24** Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
- 25** 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
- 26** Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4)
- 27** See 18 Across



Answers are on page 33



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21st	Albie Arthur Lee O'Connor Mya-Rose O'Connor Reilly
22nd	Abel Anthony John Hewitt



### Wedding

7th	Jodie Caroline Smart and Andrew Richard Devany
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### Funerals

3rd	Tom Jones
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Amen

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