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WINTER JOURNEY

I told him it was mad to go
 now, in winter and I so near my time.
 Wilful, stubborn, stupid
 to make me travel now but
 we had to go, he said, Imperial order.

It's not *his* son I carry
 much less the Roman overlord's
 but he stalks on, snorting clouds
 of chilly breath and here I am
 clinging to the animal he drags ahead.

Its brittle hooves falter,
 snag between the trail's bone-snapping ruts.
 What if It falls? I fall?
 My fingers are stiff rods of pain. My face frozen grim.
 My cloak stiff with fallen snow flurried by this bitter wind.

I may not make it to be counted there.
 Surely I can't give birth among these jagged stones?
 What water can he heat on a pathetic fire of frozen sticks?
 No bed. Not even straw. Perhaps more snow.
 Will we never be there?

That angel who came whispering, where's he?
 There'd better be a room left in this promised town
 a mattress, cradle, soup, a friendly wife to help.
 God send me sunshine and this journey's end.

by Heather Harrison (and shared by Reverend Theresa)

From the painting by Breughel the Elder: The Census at Bethlehem 1556



THE FRIENDS OF ST JAMES 100 CLUB

Congratulations to the November winners

£50 ~ Susan Knight £25 ~ Jill Hall

Members are reminded that subscriptions for the next six months (December to May) are now due - £13 for six months - £26 for twelve months.

Please make cheques payable to "Friends of St James 100 Club".

Subscriptions may be handed into the Parish Office or posted to -
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FRIENDS IN NEED ...

A huge thank you to the Friends of St James for all they do for the Parish.

Without them, we would not have been able to refurbish Church House or undertake the Pod project. Now they are at the forefront of raising money for the St James's heating upgrade.

They work so hard in many different ways, baking delicious cakes, organizing wonderful dinners and raffles, running the 100 Club and putting on coffee mornings and sales. As an Ecochurch, we should also congratulate them on the amount of books and bric-a-brac they recycle in aid of funds.

This only happens because of superb teamwork and a quiet dedication to the Church and Parish. We all owe them a big debt of gratitude.

Kate Crocker

A BIG 'THANK YOU' FROM THE WELCOME CAFE

On the 5th of November, which happened to be my 70th birthday, I decided to raise money for a good cause, so after talking to Myra whose birthday was a few days earlier, we decided on the Alzheimer's Society. Sarah and Pat agreed too.

I asked Gill Hanton to make me a birthday cake which she did, and it was a lovely sponge all coated in pink and white icing with love hearts and firework like catherine wheels for decorations. It went down very well and everyone who came to the café enjoyed a slice and what was left went to the "Start course" in the evening. So, a very big thank you to Gill.

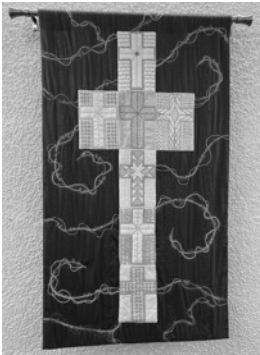
We raised £230.00 for the Alzheimer's Society so well done and thank you to all of you who came and supported this event.

Love and prayers, Denise Smith

SMALL PILGRIM PLACES NETWORK (SPPN)

Recently I heard about the Small Pilgrim Places Network, places that offer space for praying, pondering, meditating, thinking, breathing, just being, with God. Many are churches, a few are gardens, labyrinths, holy wells. The movement was begun by Jim Cotter, an Anglican priest and poet, and the places of pilgrimage are where people of any faith or none can come to sit, without pressure to believe or to do anything.

On the SPPN website (<https://www.smallpilgrimplaces.org>) I found that the nearest one to me was just twelve minutes away by bus, so I went to find out what it was all about. The church is St Michael's, Hall Green, over the road from the bus stop, a modern open plan building. There was a music session taking place and one of the people there, Anne, came across to greet me and show me to the small chapel. She returned a few minutes later with coffee and biscuits, inviting me to stay as long as I wanted. When I said that I was from St James's it transpired that she was licensed as a reader at our church!



The chapel is a small hexagonal (6 sided) building with a floor to ceiling window, about twelve inches wide, in each wall. This gives privacy but with sight of the busy roads, pavements and shops outside. There were three wall hangings, all hand stitched, a traditional embroidery of flowers and butterflies, a picture in fabrics of the stone being rolled away, and an intricate embroidery of the cross surrounded by briers. I sat there for some time then waved to the music group as I left.

Going back to the article I read about SPPN, the first place mentioned is a tiny chapel carved into the rock in Knaresborough, North Yorkshire, a place that I have known all my life ... but that's another story.

Chris Terry

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MARK, MITES, AND MESSAGES

Since we have family abroad our Christmas presents to them need to be made or bought and posted early. So, it's an Autumn sun overhead as I saw, sand and varnish small oak stands recycled from our old banisters and rails. Each one will carry a 2000 year old mite, a word used to describe the coin used in Judea all those centuries ago to buy olives, oil or suchlike. Also, a word abbreviated from 'minute' by the 1611 translators to illustrate its low denominational value found in the Mark and Luke narratives of the widow's mite parable. I can find no reason why Stuart coinage wasn't used back then. After all, our Victorian revised version uses "penny" whilst another translation, a "farthing" but no matter.

There is something powerful in their aged fragility which reinforces the parable's message. Perhaps the Oak of Righteous found in Isaiah will match that sturdy wood which I'm working on. It brightens up under my plane, an action I'm hoping will dispel my brain's confusions and offer the challenge and comfort of faith instead. Now that would be a present really worth having.

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HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED

ADAVU: you may recall that Liisa Wiseman has now left her post running the ADAVU charity after nearly eight years. She has been a strong leader, both supporting her small team, dealing directly with the clients and endlessly finding the finance and supporting agencies without which ADAVU could not have functioned. We wish her well in her new job. It is hoped her replacement will take up the post in January. Before Liisa left she brought the new Volunteers Leader, Iolanda, to meet us and to hear how she sees her job. Once again this year there will be Christmas parcels for the clients of ADAVU, maybe not as generous as in the past when other sources of gifts and money augmented the generous donations from this parish, but once again the effort of Sarah Penfold to organise the Christmas Gift Tree will be much appreciated.

FOOD BANK: as you know, David and I help at the Sparkhill Food Bank mainly behind the scenes doing odd jobs like decanting coffee into small jars or going through a donated crate of bananas throwing out the manky ones! Now I have a dilemma; what would you do? I was given a small amount of money to use for our clients at Christmas. It's enough to give a family half a dozen eggs (they very, very rarely get that luxury) or maybe more than the usual one toilet roll, or a whole jar of coffee or entire box of teabags, or a net of easy peelers, or an entire small box of washing powder ... or should we be more generous with the toiletries we give to the single men? Tricky, isn't it? I'll let you know.

GrowBaby is open again, asking especially for warm coats/anoraks for children aged 4/5.

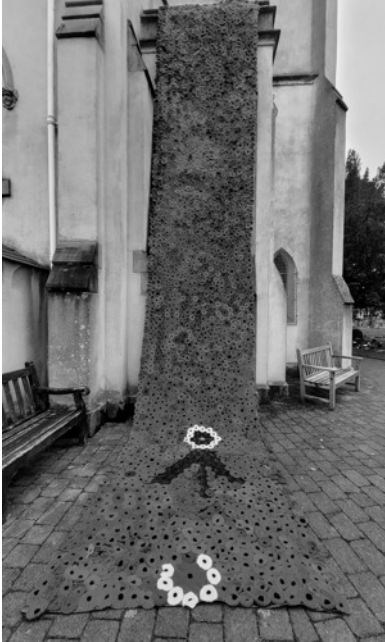
Once again, thank you for your support. We wish you health and peace of mind in 2025,

David and Elizabeth

'MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK AND MANY POPPIES!' (JANUARY PARISH MAGAZINE)

Many thanks to all of you who have been connected in any way with our 'poppy walls', in any capacity.

When I requested 3000 poppies I never imagined that target would be exceeded by 3000.



The support from our own congregations, the local community, families and friends has been wonderful. Thank you.

Our hope is that we have paid tribute to all who died in wars, both people and animals.

We pray that those who lead the nations of the world may see the futility of war and work towards peace.

Linda Pitt

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

How gratifying to see yet again an excellent crowd paying tribute to the fallen of world wars.

The service led by Reverends Richard and Rich was surely enhanced by magnificent display of hundreds of poppies draping the church tower. What a sight to behold.

Such a pity that Janet Wilson who created five hundred and fifty of them sadly passed away in the week before the event. Her family must be very proud.

Big thanks also must go to Linda Pitt after all her hard work organising this event - unfortunately she ended up in bed with 'flu! You were sorely missed Linda.

In conclusion many thanks to Jan Dalton and the team for good hot coffee and biscuits after the parade ... very welcome.



Liz Blakey

A CHRISTMAS CAROL FROM THE ECOCHURCH GROUP

O Christmas Tree, and every tree,
You help biodiversity
A home for creatures great and small
and shade and flowers and fruit for all
O Christmas Tree, and every tree,
God's gift to all humanity

O Christmas Tree and every tree
You help to make us carbon-free.
The CO₂ which feeds your leaves
Makes oxygen for us to breathe
O Christmas Tree and every tree
God's gift to all humanity

O Christmas Tree and every tree
You bring us such serenity
In gardens, woods and forests fair
You give us peace and bring us cheer
O Christmas tree and every tree
God's gift to all humanity



ADVENT SUNDAY - December 1st



On Advent Sunday, 1st December, there will be NO Reflective Worship Service. Instead we will be supporting Jon Churchill who is being confirmed at St Mary's Church, Wythall at 3pm.

All are welcome to come and support Jon. If you can't make it, please keep him and the other candidates in your prayers.

SHIRLEY PARISH BOOK CLUB

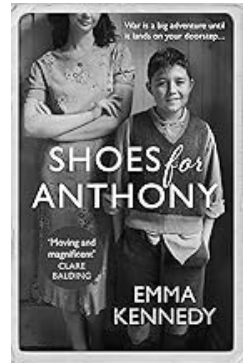
Shoes for Anthony by Emma Kennedy

At the start of our meeting, we welcomed our new members, Sally, and Loretta.

For some of the members of the Book Club, this book triggered a lot of memories from junior school and post war. We have read several books set during war time, but this had a very different angle and gave a very different viewpoint. Some of the readers didn't see the ending coming (no spoilers in case you read it!) and were surprised by the twist at the end.

Memories were triggered of relatives who were involved in the war, and how these circumstances drew a parallel, and also how these relatives never really talked about such events.

We talked about how life was so different during these war years, not only with rationing, but also with the hard work involved with the simplest of tasks, such as washing sheets, and also with the men coming home from the pit and having a bath, taking off their clothes in the hall and then all three of them in turn, bathing in the same water. Hardships which are inconceivable in this day and age.



We had a lively discussion about how life was so very different back in those days, and how things are nowadays.

We then talked about what else we had read since the last meeting and what we thought of them.

Our next book is **The Accidental Hitman** by **A W Wilson** which will be discussed at our next meeting on **Monday 2nd December**, please come along if you'd like to find out more.

Belinda Piasecki

MOTHERS' UNION REPORT

Linda Pitt welcomed Jan Dalton to our November meeting for a craft session. All present were given a goodie bag, made up by Jan, containing all that was needed for us to make a Father Christmas bottle wrap, gift bag and a Christmas gift tag. Jan talked us through each section of making them up. It was a happy afternoon, enjoyed by all. Thank you Jan for making this possible.

The programme for 2025 is being finalised and will be circulated to members during December -

Wave of Prayer: 15th-17th January 2025 – more details to follow in the pew slip with the exact date and time.

There will be no meeting in January, we will commence again on Wednesday 5th February at 2pm with our AGM.

Our 2024 theme, *Calm and Bright*, encourages us to find moments of peace amid the season's busyness.

In this season of waiting, we thank you for the hope that comes with Christ's arrival. Keep our hearts calm, brightened by the promise of your presence, and open to the ways you are at work in our lives. Amen

The Committee sends their love and best wishes.

Susan Knight

A SPECIAL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AND MOTHERS' UNION ADVENT SERVICE - Wednesday December 4th

Following on from the midweek afternoon services in St James Church for people from our 'Home Communion Community', we will again be meeting on **Wednesday 4th December at 2pm** in St James. This will be combined with the annual Mothers' Union Advent Service (when Sue Maskell and I will also be enrolled as members) so expect to sing some traditional carols. And, as always, there will be refreshments afterwards.

Once again, we would like to extend the invitation to anyone from our congregations 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 from our Home Communion Community did say that, along with being back in the church building they loved and missed, how nice it would be to see people who they once worshipped alongside.

So, if you would like to come along, please do so. If you need help with transport or feel that you might be able to contribute to the setting up of the service in some way, please contact myself or Linda Pitt and we can discuss.

Reverend Richard Haynes

OUR ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Thursday 5th December at 7pm

For many of us the build up to Christmas is an exciting and busy time as we look forward to spending time with family and friends. But for others it can be a sad and lonely time as we remember those who are with us no longer - Christmas can be a time when the absence of loved ones is noticed far more than at other times of the year.

Our Annual Memorial Service is on **Thursday 5th December at 7pm** in St James Church.

During the service we will sing some familiar Christmas carols, hear some words of hope and each have the chance to take part in an act to remember our loved ones. We will also read out the names of those who have died. The atmosphere of the service will be one of hope and encouragement as we continue our life journey together. We will also have a memory tree on which you can place your 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, or simply write the name on the list at the back of church as you arrive.

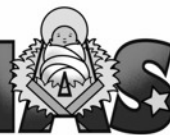
We look forward to seeing you.

All are invited to our



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I wonder what was going through the wise men's minds as they set out to follow the star? They were probably unsure about exactly where they were going or what they would find when they got there. They didn't really know what they were letting themselves in for – perhaps they were a bit fearful of the whole venture.

Maybe that how you feel sometimes. You're not sure quite where your life is heading; not sure what each day will bring and perhaps you feel a bit anxious about things generally as you think about your own life and what's going on in the world around us. One of the phrases that comes several times in the Christmas story is "do not be afraid". It was spoken to Zechariah; it was spoken to Mary; it was spoken to Joseph and it was spoken to the shepherds. It's not recorded in the Bible, but I wonder if those words were spoken to the wise men too as they set out on their journey. The words "do not be afraid for I am with you" are words that I have often heard God say to me.

This Christmas, as we have done for the last couple of years, we will be giving away some booklets called "Follow the Star – Calm and Bright". They contain a reading and a short thought for each day from Christmas to Epiphany (6th January). They focus on what a *Calm and Bright* Christmas might mean for ourselves, our families, our community and our world. A real message of hope in what are often hard and confusing times.

Please take one for yourself, but also please consider taking one for a neighbour or a friend as we spread the message of hope this Christmas time.

In addition to the booklets there are also bookmarks with the same message and a card for families with a Christmas Tree Dove decoration to make. The daily readings can also be found using the "follow the star" app.

Reverend Paul Day

<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/follow-star-calm-and-bright>

SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER



**COME AND HAVE BREAKFAST
WITH SANTA AND FRIENDS
FROM 10AM IN CHURCH HOUSE**

and you will also be able to buy cakes
and Christmas goodies

and see what you can win in our grand Christmas
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plus some members of 6th
Shirley St James Scout
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that they have made to raise
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Hope to see you there!

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SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER



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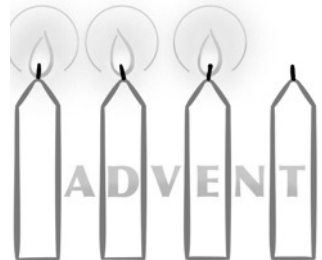
6pm in St James Church

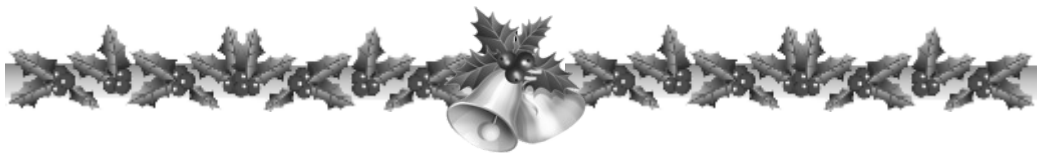


"I'm sorry Michael – even if you **HAVE** changed your ring-tone to 'Away In-A-Manger', it's still **ALL** mobiles **OFF!**"

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

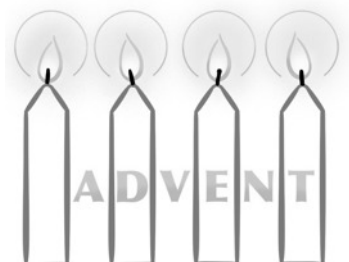
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Sunday 1st	10.30am	Parish Communion	St James Church
<i>Advent Sunday</i>			
Wednesday 4th	2pm	MU Advent Service	St James Church
Thursday 5th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	7pm	Memorial Service	St James Church
Sunday 8th	8am	Holy Communion	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
Thursday 12th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Saturday 14th	3.30pm	Carol Singing	Outside ASDA
Sunday 15th	9am	Morning Worship	St John's Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Christ the King Church
	6pm	Carol Service	St James Church





Date	Time	Service	Venue
Thursday 19th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Saturday 21st	10am	Messy Church	St James Church
Sunday 22nd	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
Tuesday 24th	4pm	Crib Service	St James Church
Christmas Eve	11pm	Midnight Communion	St James Church
Wednesday 25th	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	9am	Holy Communion	St John's Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Sunday 29th	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	9am	Patronal Service	St John's Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	3.30pm	Forest Church	St John's Garden

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Christmas Eve - 4pm

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You may have heard that St James's has been invited by the Church of England to apply for 'Demonstrator status' ... what does this mean?

The Church has pledged to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2030 - a very challenging ambition. This means that parishes will need to move away from fossil fuels for heating and find cleaner options. We have already done this in Church House, replacing the gas boiler with electric heating panels, all on a green tariff.

The Church boilers are over thirty-five years old, dirty, inefficient and unreliable. We have been working with the Diocese for two years to look at solutions and have settled on a combination of heating panels and chandeliers (in the nave). Our plans are quite advanced and have Faculty permission which allows us to make our project a beacon for other churches looking for green heating. We will share our journey and evaluate our outcomes making data available to the wider Church.

In return, there is a lot of support from the Church, including a grant. The Parish (helped as ever by the Friends) will have to find some funding, which is not easy so soon after the huge effort we made to fund the Pod.

We hope to replace the heating in St James's next Spring. Meanwhile we are hoping that the boilers will hold out but it is advisable to come to services warmly dressed!

Kate Crocker

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Father Christmas is based on St Nicholas, who was born in the 3rd century in the Greek village of Patara, on what is today the southern coast of Turkey. His family were both devout and wealthy, and when his parents died in an epidemic, Nicholas decided to help people. He gave to the needy, the sick, the suffering, and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. As a bishop, he suffered in prison with other bishops under the emperor Diocletian's persecution of Christians.

One story of his generosity explains why we hang Christmas stockings over our mantelpieces today. There was a poor family with three daughters who needed dowries if they were to marry, and not be sold into slavery. Nicholas heard of their plight, and tossed three bags of gold into their home through an open window – thus saving the girls from a life of misery. The bags of gold landed in stockings or shoes left before the fire to dry. Hence the custom of children hanging out stockings – in the hope of attracting presents of their own from St Nicholas - on Christmas Eve. That is why three gold balls, sometimes represented as oranges, are one of the symbols of St Nicholas.

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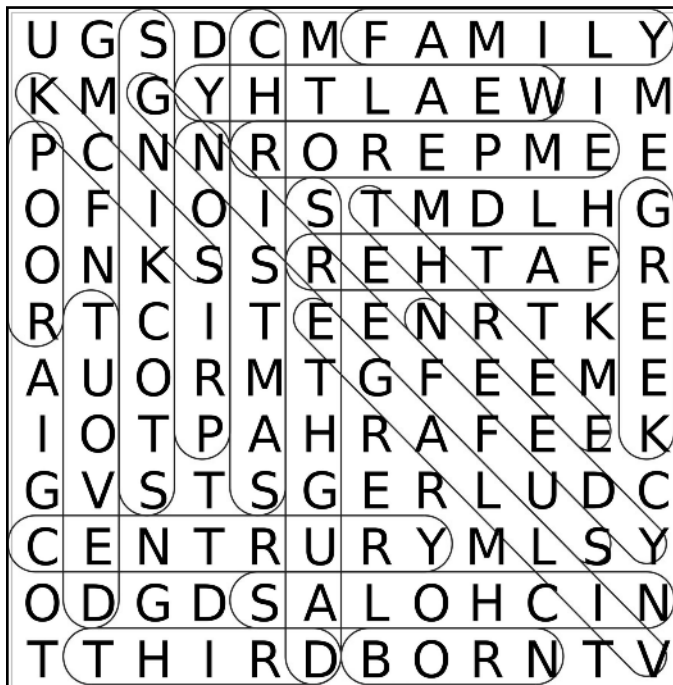
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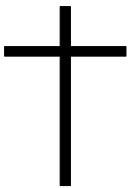
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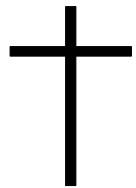
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Across

- 1** 'The blind receive sight, the — walk' (Luke 7:22) (4)
3 Got (Philippians 3:12) (8)
8 Leave out (Jeremiah 26:2) (4)
9 Castigated for using dishonest scales (Hosea 12:7) (8)
11 Weighty (1 John 5:3) (10)
14 'Now the serpent was more — than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made' (Genesis 3:1) (6)
15 'Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot — God' (Romans 8:8) (6)
17 Because Israel lacked one of these, tools had to be sharpened by the Philistines (1 Samuel 13:19) (10)
20 In his vision of the two eagles and the vine, this is how Ezekiel described the latter (Ezekiel 17:8) (8)
21 Rite (anag.) (4)
22 Nine gigs (anag.) (8)
23 'The eye cannot say to the — , "I don't need you"' (1 Corinthians 12:21) (4)

Down

- 1** 'Flee for your lives! Don't — — , and don't stop anywhere in the plain!' (Genesis 19:17) (4,4)
2 Principal thoroughfare (Numbers 20:19) (4,4)
4 'The tax collector... beat his — and said, "God have mercy on me, a sinner"' (Luke 18:13) (6)
5 'The zeal of the Lord Almighty will — this' (2 Kings 19:31) (10)
6 'The day of the Lord is — for all nations' (Obadiah 15) (4)
7 Specified day (Acts 21:26) (4)
10 Deadly epidemic (Deuteronomy 32:24) (10)
12 Roman Catholic church which has special ceremonial rights (8)
13 Tied up (2 Kings 7:10) (8)
16 In his speech to the Sanhedrin, Stephen described Moses as 'powerful in speech and — ' (Acts 7:22) (6)
18 'Although he did not remove the high places, — heart was fully committed to the Lord all his life' (1 Kings 15:14) (4)
19 Tribe (Deuteronomy 29:18) (4)



Mouse Makes

★ "Jesus said,
I am the ___ Y
and the ___ U ___
and the ___ I ___ .
No one comes to the Father
except through me."
John 14:6

"The child to be born
will be called
H _____ , the
_____ of _____"
Luke 1:35

"For unto you is born
this day a
S _____
who is
_____ R _____
the _____ R _____"
Luke 2:11

THE GREATEST GIFT

"She will bear a son,
and shall call his name

for he will save his
people from their sins."
Matthew 1:21

"Jesus said,
I am the

and the life."
John 11:25

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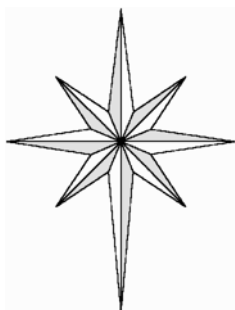
Baptisms

6th	Tallulah-Moon Pointer
13th	Maryam Aslani Bileh Varagh Alfred Adam Naylor
19th	Lily-Rose Fenlon
20th	Sophie Grace Pigott

Funerals

4th	Jim Pederson
17th	Sheila Giffin

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to save us, Jesus Christ our Risen Lord
Amen



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