

Shirley Parish Magazine

SHIRLEY PARISH

March 2022



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MAKING HIM KNOWN



The flowers are blooming, the time of birdsong has come!

Song of
Songs 2:12

SHIRLEY PARISH GUIDE (see also inside the back cover)

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OUR PARISH PRAYERS



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and with love for Him
who died and rose again
to save us, Jesus Christ our Risen Lord
Amen

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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

OUR SERVICES IN MARCH

Date	Time	Service	Venue
2nd	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service	St James Church
3rd	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
6th	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	3.30pm	Reflective Worship	St John's Church
10th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
13th	9am	Holy Communion	St John's Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship	St James Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King
17th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
19th	10am	Messy Church	St James Church
20th	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	9am	Morning Worship	St John's Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
24th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
27th	9am	Mothering Sunday Communion	St John's Church
	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Worship	St James Church
	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Worship	Christ the King
31st	10.30am	Holy Communion	Church House



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE
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ST JOHN THE DIVINE CHURCH, Tilehouse Lane, Tidbury Green, Shirley B90 1PW

ON THE BIG SCREEN ...

Many of you will have been in St James Church a couple of weeks ago when we used a projector and screen in the Morning Worship service. We had speakers from both ADAVU and ACEF (the charities we supported at our Christmas Tree Festival and Craft Fair), and the images they displayed on the screen brought the charities alive for us.

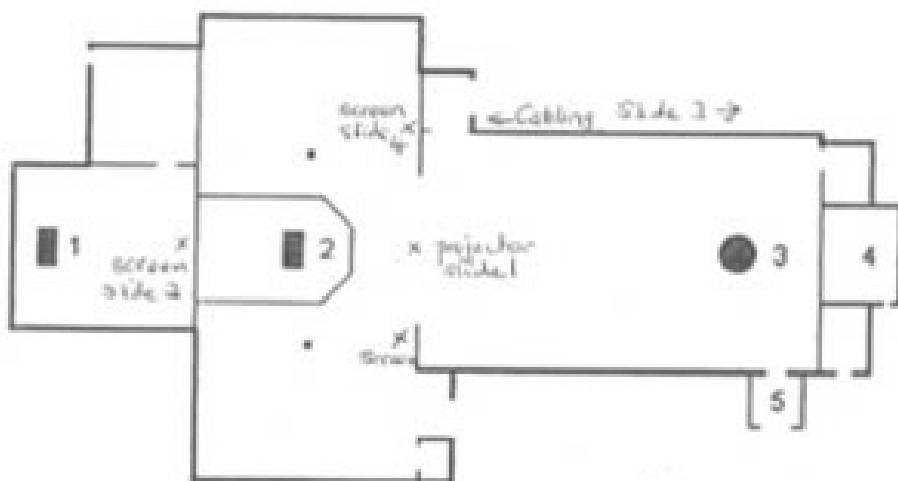
The PCC have been discussing for some time fitting a permanent projector and screen in the church to enable us to do this more often. A permanent solution will produce images of much higher quality and will also enable us to enhance our worship by broadening our selection of hymns and prayers without continually producing extra slips of paper. We have applied through the faculty process to the Diocese for permission to do this and have received a favourable response subject to final consultation within the Parish.

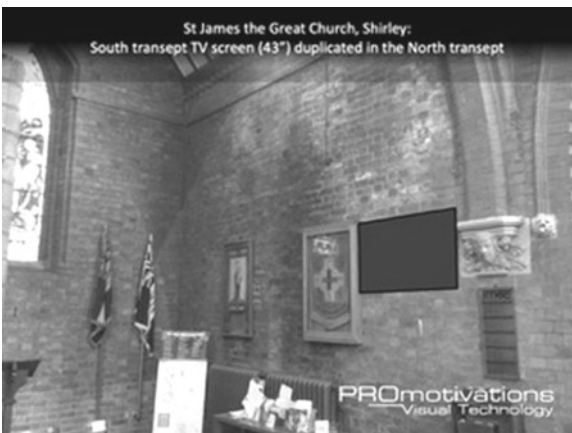
The proposal is to mount a retractable screen on the high altar side of the chancel arch, such that it will not be visible from the main body of the church when retracted. The projector will be mounted on the chancel side of the arch between nave and transepts, again so that it will not be visible from the main body of the church. Two smaller TV type screens will be installed in the transepts so that people sitting in the transepts and choir pews can also see.

The plan of the installation and images of what the screens and projector will look like are below and on the next page.

If you have any questions about the proposal or wish to comment in any way please have a word with me or with Kate Crocker.

Reverend Paul Day





THANK YOU



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through Education

The Trustees of Akamba Children's Education Fund (ACEF) wish to thank Shirley Parish PCC and all those who supported the Christmas Tree Festival for the generous donation of £380.00.

This amount was totally unexpected but very much appreciated. Your donation will be used to support our continuing Brainhouse Food programme.

ACEF works to change the lives of children living in a large slum in Nairobi by supporting the Brainhouse School.

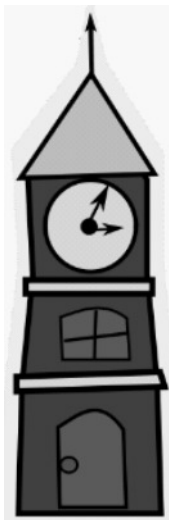
If you would more information about ACEF I can be contacted by email -

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Liz Formby - Trustee

STANDS STILL THE CLOCK?

I'm sure most people have noticed that the tower clock at St James's Church has not worked for many months. However, thanks to a generous donation from the Solihull Council CIL Fund, help from the Friends and some private donations, it will soon be repaired.



There has been a clock in St James's since 1847, but the present mechanism dates from 1948. It is an early electromechanical clock, with some rare features and Colin Baugh, who has cared for it for so many years, has consulted experts from the Diocese on the best way to preserve it.

The mechanism will have to travel to Cumbria for overhaul in a specialist workshop and we also need to make the access to the clock housing safer for future maintenance. We are hoping that this work can be done in the Spring, once we get a formal Faculty.

Special thanks to Councillor Maggie Allen and Councillor Tim Hodgson for supporting our application. The CIL Fund comes from a levy on new housing development and is a charitable fund, supporting community projects in the surrounding area. We had grants from this fund for Church House Garden, the audiovisual equipment for St James's and the Computer Club.

Kate Crocker

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MOTHERS' UNION REPORT



Our branch AGM was held in Church House on Wednesday 2nd February.

Reverend Paul Day led the meeting. We welcomed Deidre Moll, Diocesan President. Paul commenced the meeting with prayers. The minutes of last year's AGM were read out and accepted as a correct record of the meeting which was held on Zoom.

The branch report covering last year was given followed by the Treasurer's report. The Statement of Accounts were explained and despite only three meetings last year the branch donated the following amounts:-

AFIA	£200.00
B'ham Fund	£100.00
Overseas	£323.00
Children's Gifts	£30.00

It was proposed and seconded that the accounts for 2021 be adopted and all present were in favour.

The committee was voted en bloc and remains unchanged. There were no offers from the floor to join.

Both Deidre and Paul felt that our members had supported each other during the pandemic and had managed to keep our branch together.

The MU Theme for 2022 is **Transformation – Now**.

Following the formal business refreshments were served.

We look forward to welcoming Elizabeth Formby MBE to our next meeting on **Wednesday 2nd March** who will be speaking on Akamba Children's Education Fund (ACEF). ACEF works to change the lives of children in a large slum in Nairobi.

We extend a warm welcome to visitors to any of our meetings.

Susan Knight



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SHIRLEY CHURCHES TOGETHER - COMMITTED TO CHRISTIAN UNITY

On Sunday 23rd January, as part of the week of prayer for Christian Unity, Shirley Churches Together organised Prayer Envoys - when we visit each others churches, share what is happening in our church and our prayer needs.

Christ the King Church welcomed a visitor from Our Lady of the Wayside Church and St John's welcomed a visitor from Shirley Methodist Church.

Gill Hanton received a warm welcome at the morning service at Trinity Church Monkspath, which was led by Reverend Molly Chitokwindo, and Sarah Penfold visited Solihull Christian Fellowship at The Bridge.

Sarah writes 'We were greeted at the door with offers of coffee while the 'doorman' went to find the morning's service leader. By the time we were sitting down we had spoken to him, their music leader and their main Minister. Because I was asked to speak at the start I was spared sitting, nervous about what to say for a long time. The service then took off with singing led by the worship band and including a mixture of things we knew, we recognised and the unknown. There were quite a few children there and they went off to the hall for their own groups. We listened to an interesting talk based on Matthew 23: 23 about gnats and camels. A salutary reminder about not getting so involved in process and ritual that we forget what we are really about.

Although there was no formal prayer time, there was plenty of opportunity and encouragement to pray during the service. Afterwards we had the opportunity to talk to others in the congregation.'

In the evening, the Covenant of Shirley Churches Together was renewed at a lovely service at Our Lady of the Wayside Church. During the service a member from each church lit a candle as a symbol of the light of Christ that we are called to share with the wider community. A representative from each church signed the Covenant as we prayed that our unity in Christ and our joint commitment to bringing the Gospel to Shirley will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit working in and through us all.

During the intercessions we put together a chain of prayer for ourselves, our families, our church communities, our common mission, our neighbourhood, those that are suffering and our world.



The Friends of St James invite you to a

Coffee Morning

and Bric-a-Brac, Book and Cake Sale

Saturday 12th March 2022 at 10.30am in Church House

The Friends are now collecting Bric-a-Brac, books etc. for this event and would welcome your contributions, which may be left in the Parish Office. Also, we would welcome cakes for the cake stall on the day of the Coffee Morning, please. Don't forget to come along and support us on the day! Come and have a cup of coffee with friends. Look forward to seeing you there!

SHIRLEY PARISH BOOK CLUB ...

Of course, we spent a good deal of time at our February meeting remembering our fellow reader, Mary Hobbs, who passed earlier in the month and who has been a loyal and perceptive member of the Shirley Parish Book Club since we began meeting. It was Mary who said of our last read (*How it All Began* by Penelope Lively) that she 'didn't want the story to end'. We all agreed that Mary's story won't end either. Her spirit will linger.

One of our readers said of the Penelope Lively novel that she loved its 'ripples and the trail of repercussions'; the way the past 'spins and mixes and parts like sunlight on water'. Our two most recent reads pick up on this idea about the past lingering all around us. History isn't over, it's still here, and we meet it wherever we go in our islands.

The first of these two books was *River Kings: a new history of The Vikings from Scandinavia to the Silk Roads*, written by Cat Jarman. One of the Book Club said that 'We tend to think of the Vikings as a group of marauding, blood-loving invaders who colonised part of England and terrorised a fair bit more ... but ... by the end of reading I was aware of the other side of them, the ingenuity and organisational effectiveness'. Using recent research that archaeologists have undertaken at a site in Repton, Jarman re-evaluates the impact of the Vikings using contemporary forensic bio-archaeological techniques – DNA, radiocarbon dating, isotope analysis techniques and bone deposits to tell us so much more about who the Vikings were and where they had travelled. Altogether an engrossing and revealing study.

... THE LINGERING SPIRIT OF THE PAST

The second book for January was another non-fiction read: *The Story of the British Isles in 100 Places* by Neil Oliver – the historian who has appeared in many TV programmes about the past. It was chosen as a really good ‘dip in and out’ read. The member who chose it liked particularly the fact that it touched on the whole of the British Isles, not just the southern parts. Oliver shares with us a powerful and often emotional collection of encounters. For instance, one of us said ‘... reading about turning off the Mousehole Christmas lights in memory of the crew of the Penlee Lifeboat lost in 1981 had me in tears’.

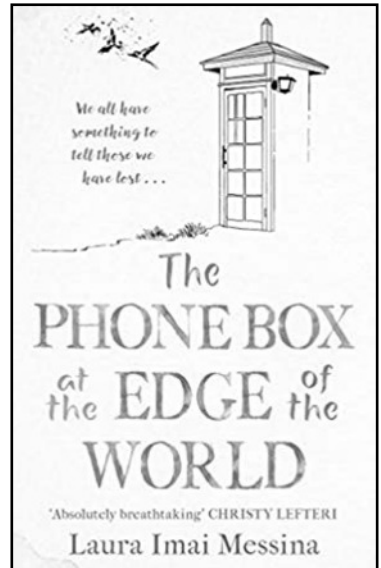
It's not just in Cornwall that ‘the past seems to linger’, Oliver makes so many other places and events feel both personal and precious – places that leave traces of the Romans, the Vikings, the development of religion, the civil war, the industrial revolution, and the two world wars. We can find the past on empty beaches, remote battlefields, under ancient trees, in medieval cathedrals and in all sorts of other buildings, both grand and humble.

These two non-fiction books rewarded us with a brief excursion away from our usual fiction, temporarily at least.

Our next read is halfway between non-fiction and fiction - *The Phone Box at the Edge of the World* by Laura Imai Messina – a novel which has been described as ‘a quiet haiku of the heart’. Based on a true story, the novel tells of a family's journey to a disconnected phone box in a remote and beautiful garden in rural Japan, placed there following the 2011 earthquake. The empty structure is said to contain ‘the phone of the wind’ which can offer solace and therapy to the grief-stricken.

Our next meeting, to discuss *The Phone Box at the Edge of the World*, will be on **Monday 14th March** at 2pm in Church House.

Ray Speakman



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FOOD BANK UPDATE

FOOD BANK: I was horrified to hear that our Food Bank is having to be careful with the amount of food they issue for the very first time because the donations are hardly keeping up with the increased demand. During the lockdowns there were extra expenses on families with no school meals for schoolchildren, small part time jobs drying up, etc. In order to cover the most basic needs, many families had a loan from Universal Credit which is now being taken back from their benefits. The extra £20 has been withdrawn recently and food/domestic bills are going up. Whereas previously families could apply for help only three times per six months, the situation is now so desperate that anyone who can prove a Universal Credit loan is being clawed back each week can apply for a food parcel. This is putting an enormous strain on food supplies.

We have always had the mantra "**Every tin counts**" – it certainly does now. Please help if you can.

The basic needs are still: **tinned fruit, tinned veg., UHT full fat milk, tinned tomatoes, meat soup.** Tesco, Sainsbury's and Waitrose have collecting bins for our Food Bank, and it isn't necessary to buy your donation at one of their stores - they are content for you to buy elsewhere and drop it into one of their bins.

ADAVU: basic toiletries especially shampoo please.

CLOTHING BANK at the NARTHEX: due to lack of space for sorting and storage, no donations are being accepted for the time being.

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THE KINDNESS OF STRANGERS

The best story I've read so far this year starts off with a bad situation: a broken down car.

Stranded on the side of the road with a blown tyre, this person spent hours waiting for help. All the while, people zoomed by. Even tow trucks and roadside assistance vehicles streamed past. People stared but no one stopped.

Desperate, this person made a sign in their window that said 'Need a jack' and offered money to anyone who would stop. No one did. Until, as they were about to give up, an old van pulls over and a man bounds out.

He can't speak English, but his daughter, who is in the car, speaks a little. The man conveys through his daughter that he has a jack and he sets to work.

Just as they're making way, the tyre iron snaps. The man runs to the van, gives the broken tyre iron to his wife, who speeds off to buy another one. She returns and they finish the job. Sweaty and filthy, but happy, the wife produces some water for them to wash their hands in.

The stranded man, grateful and indebted, tries to hand his rescuers some money. They refuse. He slips it to the wife quietly. They ask if he's had lunch, and when he says no, they give him some food. The girl tells him they are on their way to work, picking fruit.

The man thanks them again, astonished that a poor family, probably being paid by the hour, would take a few hours out of their day to help a total stranger. He walks back to the car, gets inside, opens the foil wrap on his food and what does he find inside? His money.

He runs back to the van and the guy rolls his window down, and waves him away, still refusing to take it. He smiles and with what looks like the greatest concentration, says in English; "Today you ... tomorrow me".

Written by Monique Bowley and shared by Margaret Foreshew

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I know I speak for many when I say three cheers for Reverend Paul and his team - after many weeks they have got the loop system at St James Church restored. Sheer joy to be able to hear the services in full again! Many, many thanks, *Liz Blakey*



 
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WHY NOT TAKE SOMETHING UP FOR LENT THIS YEAR?

Lent, which begins this year on March 2nd, is traditionally seen as a time to give something up – be it chocolate, alcohol or watching TV. But another possibility is to use Lent as an opportunity to do something new or different, something which can benefit us in our relationship with God or benefit the community in which we live.

So here are two things you can get involved in this year.

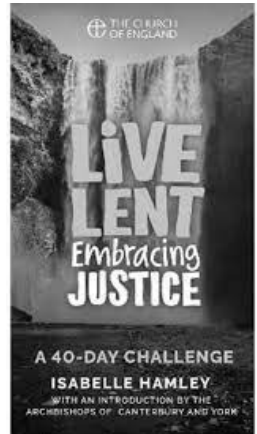
The first is our Lent groups. We will be using material produced by the Church of England called **Live Lent – Embracing Justice**. There will be booklets available at the back of church which contain for each day in Lent a short Bible Reading, a few words to meditate on and a prayer. These readings are also available on daily emails or a smart phone App.



Our weekly groups will take these readings a little deeper as we seek to think about how we as individuals and churches can make a positive contribution to bringing about God's justice in the world.

The groups will meet on Wednesday afternoons in Church House or Thursday evenings on Zoom.

The second way you can do something positive is by taking part in our **Lent Challenge**. A simple challenge for each day in Lent that will help make a small difference to our community and the world. The challenges for each day in March are elsewhere in this magazine. They will also be on the pewslip as well as on the website, Facebook and twitter. Why not join in and encourage others to do the same!



WAITER - THERE'S A HAIR IN MY SOUP!

Well, there is more than a hair in the sea creatures' dinners; the photo shows our latest unravelling of a bit of seaweed on what looked like a beautifully clean Cornish beach last month.

It is quite soul-destroying to see there is not much improvement in what the sea washes up and takes back with every low and high tide. There are regular beach cleans going on along coastlines by organised groups and individuals. Even if these do not make that much difference to the polluted oceans at the moment, they highlight the importance of making discerning choices about what we all buy and how we dispose of everything.

THE EASTER JOURNEY 2022

Back in 2020 lockdown hit as we were about to start the Easter Journey and in the uncertainty that accompanied that first lockdown we simply accepted that it would not happen.

Last year, amid uncertainty as to whether children would be in school or not, we were feeling more bullish and decided to find a way. The end result was a video which showcased our congregations' creativity, and of which we were proud. Although we know how many people accessed the video, we have no idea how many people actually watched it. It is therefore with great pleasure that we are preparing for this year live in St James Church. There are already a number of bookings.

In the final week of March we will be hosting year 5 children from our local schools as we explore the events of Holy Week through a mixture of drama, craft and other activities. This does mean that for most of that week St James Church will be closed for private prayer and the Thursday morning service but we feel this is a small price to pay for the opportunity to share the message of the Easter story with the children.

Sarah Penfold

WAITER - THERE'S A HAIR IN MY SOUP! continued

Looking at this ocean gift, we can see the remains, battered by the sea, of plastic water bottles, cans, a comb, bits of broken beach toys, part of a shoe, the remains of a fishing hook, plastic netting, pieces of string and tiny unrecognisable bits of plastic shaped by the ocean into appetising morsels for unsuspecting fish and larger sea creatures.



Clearly, some of these have been left on beaches by tourists, to be swallowed by the sea. Some may have been thrown overboard from ships. Some - netting and torn rubber gloves - maybe from fishermen. Some may even come from what we expect to be correctly disposed of from our own recycling - who knows?

If you go down to the beach today - or anytime soon - do take a bag down with you, please do a beach clean exercise for half an hour - and help to keep our lovely sea world safe.

Chris Speakman

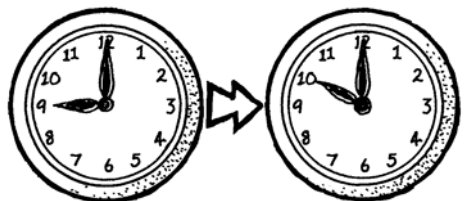
SHIRLEY PARISH LENT CHALLENGE

Ash Wednesday	Say sorry to someone you upset or hurt.
Thursday 3rd March	Smile at everyone you pass by. It's good to smile at people as it makes them feel happy too. <i>And/or pray for those who are sad.</i>
Friday 4th March	Remember to say thank you to God before each meal.
Weekend 5th/6th March	Bake a cake for someone and give it to them. <i>And/or pray for those who don't have even the basic food they need to survive.</i>
Monday 7th March	Only put as much water as you need into the kettle, to save energy.
Tuesday 8th March	Talk to someone you don't know very well – in person or on the phone.
Wednesday 9th March	Pray for someone you have met or remembered today, and who needs your prayers.
Thursday 10th March	Buy a friend a small bar of chocolate or put one in the Food Bank collection.
Friday 11th March	Have a TV-free day!
Weekend 12th/13th March	Have a sort out and arrange for anything you don't need any more to go to a charity shop.
Monday 14th March	Give someone a small posy of flowers.
Tuesday 15th March	Thank God for people who do unpleasant but essential jobs.
Wednesday 16th March	Read a story from your Bible. Choose your own or read Psalm 139: 1-18.
Thursday 17th March	Don't eat biscuits or cake or sweets or chocolate for a day.
Friday 18th March	Make a card for someone reminding them that God loves them.

SHIRLEY PARISH LENT CHALLENGE *continued*

Weekend 19th/20th March	Collect rubbish up when you are out. Don't forget to take a bag to put it in and wash your hands when you arrive home. <i>And/or pray for the environment.</i>
Monday 21st March	Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth to save water.
Tuesday 22nd March	Lend someone a book you have enjoyed.
Wednesday 23rd March	Think of three things to thank God for. Thank Him for them!
Thursday 24th March	Buy some Fair Trade tea or coffee.
Friday 25th March	Be kind to yourself!
Weekend 26th/27th March	Thank God for mothers. And for fathers. And for all those who act as parents to children or young people who need them.
Monday 28th March	Think about your rubbish! How could you reduce the amount? Can you recycle more?
Tuesday 29th March	Let someone go before you when standing in a queue. <i>And/or thank God for people who work in shops, banks etc</i>
Wednesday 30th March	Write a letter to your MP about something which concerns you.
Thursday 31st March	Look in the mirror and tell yourself "God loves me".

**British Summer Time starts
on Sunday 27th March -
don't forget to put your
clocks forward one hour**



WHY THE CROSS?

*The cross is a picture of violence, yet the key to peace;
a picture of suffering, yet the key to healing;
a picture of death, yet the key to life;
a picture of utter weakness, yet the key to power;
a picture of capital punishment, yet the key to mercy and forgiveness;
a picture of vicious hatred, yet the key to love;
a picture of supreme shame, yet the Christian's supreme boast.*

The cross really is the key to everything! Although a horrifying instrument of torture and death, it is also a symbol of love and peace. On the cross Jesus died to deal with the problem of our sin and defeat the powers of death and evil. He identified with our sufferings and set us an example of self-sacrificial love.

As Peter writes, 'He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed ... Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God' (1 Peter 2:24, 3:18).



Jesus died in our place on the cross and took away our guilt, to pay the full penalty for our sin. Access to God's presence is now open to all, symbolised by the Temple curtain being torn in two from top to bottom. The barrier between us and God was torn down in order *'to bring us to God'*.

Jesus is the bridge providing access between us and God.

'If Jesus Christ is to be our Saviour then He must be able to place a hand upon a pardoning God and another hand on a penitent sinner and draw them together in an act of reconciliation.' (Bishop Handley Moule).

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Reflection
23 March

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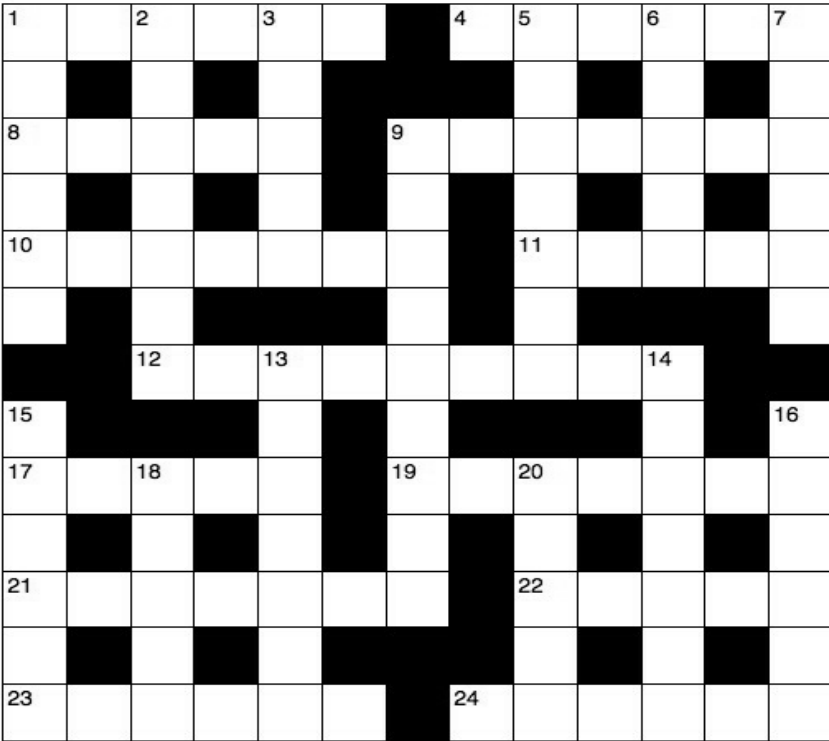
Across

- 1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)
- 4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)
- 8 "“They — — ,” you will say, “but I’m not hurt!”” (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)
- 9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)
- 10 Jewish (7)
- 11 Dirge (anag.) (5)
- 12 ‘A truthful witness gives honest — , but a false witness tells lies’ (Proverbs 12:17) (9)
- 17 Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)
- 19 ‘Do not use your freedom to — the sinful nature’ (Galatians 5:13) (7)
- 21 ‘As you can see, he has done nothing to — death’ (Luke 23:15) (7)
- 22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)
- 23 ‘All the people — — one man, saying, “None of us will go home”’ (Judges 20:8) (4,2)
- 24 Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham’s side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)

Down

- 1 Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)
- 2 ‘In an — to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea’ (Acts 27:30) (7)
- 3 Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)
- 5 ‘But I have a baptism to — , and how distressed I am until it is completed!’ (Luke 12:50) (7)
- 6 ‘Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — — ’ (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)
- 7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)
- 9 ‘For I desire mercy, not — , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings’ (Hosea 6:6) (9)
- 13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob’s well (John 4:5) (7)
- 14 Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)
- 15 Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)
- 16 One of Paul’s first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)
- 18 Donkeys (5)
- 20 Raked (anag.) (5)

THIS MONTH'S CROSSWORD & SUDOKU



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Answers are on page 27



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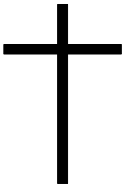
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MARCH WORD SEARCH

March brings us Lent and Mothering Sunday.

Lent is a time of spiritual self-assessment as we prepare for Easter. It is a time to turn to God, and grow closer to him.

Mothering Sunday reminds us of not only the mothers that have loved and raised us, but of Mother Church, who has spiritually loved and nurtured us throughout our Christian pilgrimage.

How many words can you find on these themes in this month's Word Search?

Answers are on page 27

 LENT
2022



care
desert
disciples
easter
family
fasting
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flowers
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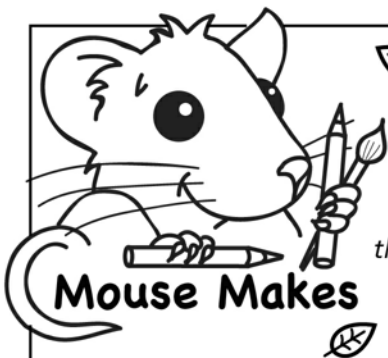
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GOOD FRUIT OR BAD FRUIT?

Jesus said:

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...Good people bring good things out of the good they stored in their hearts. But evil people bring evil things out of the evil they stored in their hearts. People speak the things that are in their hearts."

- Luke 6: 43-45

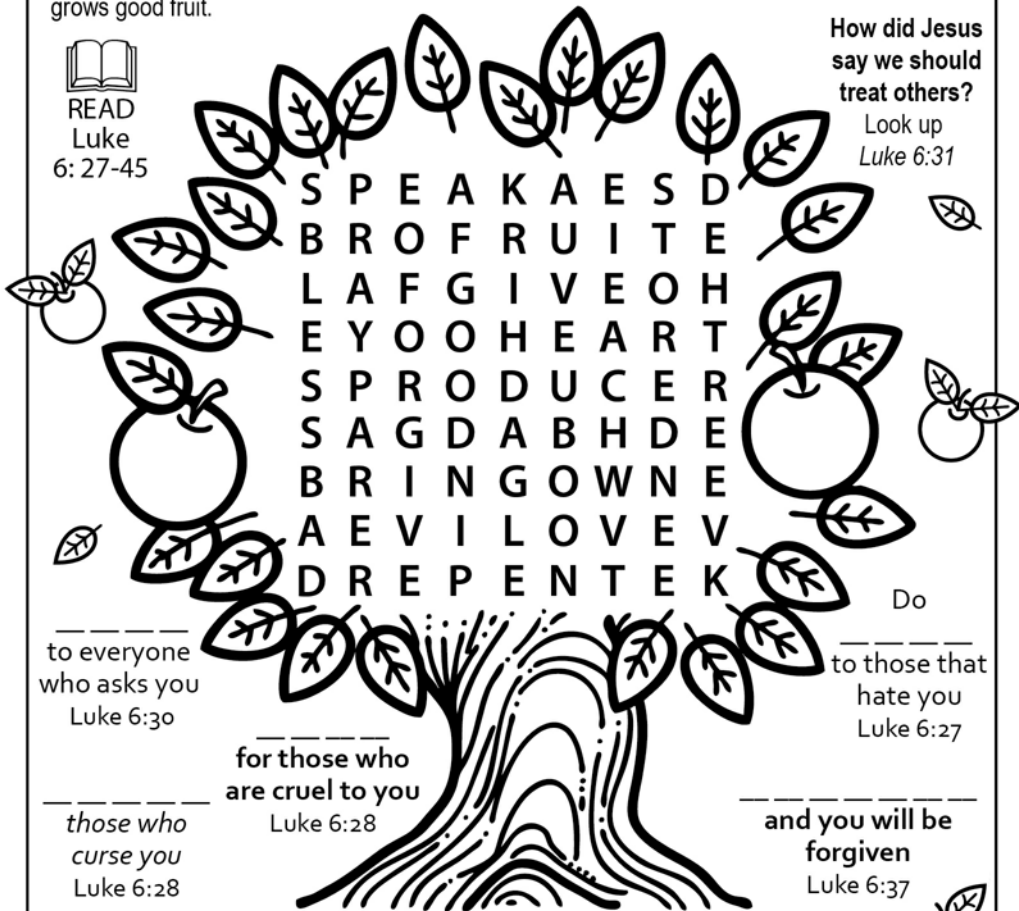
During LENT ask God to help you through His Holy Spirit to turn your hate to **love**, your impatience to **patience** and your unkindness to **kindness**, so we can be like a good tree that grows good fruit.



READ
Luke
6: 27-45

How did Jesus say we should treat others?

Look up
Luke 6:31



to everyone
who asks you
Luke 6:30

to those that
hate you
Luke 6:27

for those who
are cruel to you
Luke 6:28

those who
curse you
Luke 6:28

and you will be
forgiven
Luke 6:37

Find these words from **Luke 6** in the word search above.

GOOD • BAD • FRUIT • TREE • HEART • EVIL • EACH • OWN • STORED
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