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OUR SERVICES IN JUNE

Date	Time	Service	Venue
Sunday 2nd	10.30am	Parish Communion	St James Church
	6pm	Reflective Worship	St James Church
Thursday 6th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Sunday 9th	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 13th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Saturday 15th	10am	Messy Church	St James Church
Sunday 16th	9am	Morning Worship	St John's Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Christ the King Church
Thursday 20th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Sunday 23rd	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
Thursday 27th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Sunday 30th	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
	6pm	Forest Church	St John's garden

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OUR NEW CURATE

I am pleased to announce that Reverend Rich Brooker will be joining the ministry team here in Shirley. He was ordained Deacon in 2022 and Priest in 2023 and will be spending the remainder of his curacy with us to broaden his experience of ministry.

Rich has lived in Shirley for more than twenty years, so knows the area well. We are still waiting for various legal formalities around his role to be completed, but he will be worshipping with us from now on and will begin his induction into the work and ministry of the Parish on 1st May. Hopefully he will begin his public ministry amongst us soon after that. I know you will all make him welcome!

Reverend Paul Day

Hello!

Can I firstly say how lovely it has been to join you all at Shirley Parish and how grateful I am for the warm welcome.

A bit about me ... I joined the clergy following a career as Head of Communications, predominantly in the Public Sector. I'm married to the lovely Tina, who is a Minister in the Methodist Church, with three churches in the Leamington Spa area. We have two grown-up children. Hannah lives locally and is a Social Worker, working in a school. Ben lives in Manchester and works in social media marketing for a large e-payments company.

Tina was born in Shirley and has lived here all her life. I've lived here since I joined Solihull Council, fresh from Uni, back in the early 90's!

Growing up in Malawi, I've been a member of the Diocesan Malawi Task Group for several years. Following service as a member of Police staff, I also serve as a Police Chaplain for Warwickshire Police.



I'm grateful to Reverend Paul for allowing me to complete this second-half of my Curacy with you, and I look forward to meeting you all and serving in various ways, alongside Reverend Richard too.

Reverend Rich Brooker

ST JAMES'S POD PROJECT - GOOD NEWS AND GLITCHES!

We have received a very generous grant from a Trust, which prefers not to be thanked publicly and this brings us within 10% of the funds we need. I have of course sent our thanks privately.

We have had to appoint a new Architect because Richard Crook, who was our Diocesan Architect for many years and drew up the plans for the pod, has now retired. Supervising a project like ours takes a lot of time and energy and we are lucky to have found a Birmingham-based firm which can do this, Stephen Oliver Architecture. They have a lot of experience in working on listed buildings and are registered with the Diocese for carrying out Quinquennial inspections of churches.

We have applied for a date to commence work on the first phase of the works, a sewer connection (the least attractive part of the project!) at the end of July. Road closure is easier in the school holidays and the weather should be better.

Before we can arrange for the rest of the work to be done, we need to have completed the fundraising. Trusts will not give money for work which has already started, and we cannot risk a shortfall. I am working on another grant application but if anyone still has ideas for money making events, however small, it demonstrates our continuing commitment to this major improvement for our Parish Church and helps with my appeals. If all goes well, we should be ready to instruct the builder in August but may have to wait for a starting date. Patience is a difficult but essential virtue to have in a project like this!

Kate Crocker

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Congratulations to the May winners

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We welcomed Rowena Nicholls, Diocesan Trustee, to our May meeting who gave us an insight into her role at the Home Office on Asylum seekers. Rowena was very keen to tell us that she is a loyal Civil Servant and delivers what the Government wishes. Rowena said that if anybody is interested in statistics on asylums seekers and refugees in the UK, they are published by the Home Office in their quarterly immigration statistics and can be viewed on the Government website. She explained the difference between an asylum seeker who is somebody who has left their country and is seeking protection from persecution and serious human rights violations in another country, but who has not yet been legally recognized as a refugee and is waiting to receive a decision on their asylum claim. Whilst a refugee is someone who has been forced to flee his or her home because of war, violence, or persecution and is unable to return home until conditions in their native land are safe for them again. Until they receive a decision as to whether they are a refugee, they are known as an asylum seeker and do not have the same rights as a refugee in the UK. Asylum seekers are not allowed to work. Most asylum seekers are in the Conurbations and not in the Shires.

The speaker at our next meeting on **Wednesday 5th June** at 2pm will be Reverend Kathy Lloyd Roberts on 'How I Became a Vicar'.

All our meetings are held in Church House at 2pm on the first Wednesday in the month except for the August meeting.

Visitors are most welcome to any of our meetings.

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Solihull Borough has recently celebrated some special civic anniversaries and bell ringers within the Borough were approached to help mark these occasions. Local churches with five or more bells were involved (could you name them all before reading on?), and all responded positively.

Included here is part of an article published in "The Ringing World", the ringers' weekly magazine, and is printed with the author's permission. You can ignore any technical language, but it tells you how the various churches responded. A photo of our own ringers is on the next page.

"There are ten towers with bells in the Solihull Borough and each of us were approached to mark the Borough Anniversaries, Monday 11th March and Monday 1st April. The towers are Barston, Berkswell, Bickenhill, Castle Bromwich, Hampton in Arden, Knowle, Meriden, Salter Street, Shirley and Solihull. Bickenhill and Salter Street don't have their own bands so a big thank you to Luke Daniel and Lucas Williams for arranging quarter peals, and to Simon Linford for helping out by arranging a peal band for Solihull. Most of the towers arranged some special ringing on one of the dates, a mixture of open ringing, quarter peals and a peal.



The Mayor of Solihull, Councillor Diana Holl-Allen MBE, with her consort, and Tower Captain Malcolm Paulson at St Alphege.
(Photo: Keith D Whitehead)

It was the 70th anniversary of Solihull becoming a Municipal Borough on 11th March 1954. There were two anniversaries on 1st April: the 60th anniversary of Solihull becoming a County Borough in 1964 and the 50th anniversary of Solihull becoming a Metropolitan District in 1974.

Solihull's Archivist and Local Studies Librarian, Tracey Williams, has recently herself become a bellringer, although she isn't learning locally. So when the Borough started thinking about how to mark the celebrations, she immediately thought of including us.

The Mayor visited St Alphege, Solihull on 11th March, with her consort, where she was 'shown the ropes' by Malcolm, our Tower Captain. Tracey, who accompanied her and rang with us at Solihull, then visited Barston on 1st April to join in with their ringing too. I know she enjoyed the tower grabs!

Happy Birthday Solihull!"

The bells of St James Church, Shirley played a very important part in 1954. As we were the nearest tower to the event, they must have been heard by Princess Margaret when she came here to oversee the creation of Solihull as a Municipal Borough. This ceremony took place in the former Odeon Cinema, a location most recently occupied by Morrisons. Our Ringing Master Colin Baugh was among the children lined up on the pavement to welcome her. Perhaps you were there, too?

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Victory in Europe Day is one of those dates which continues to hold a special significance for many in our country, especially those who have lifetime memories of the Second World War or its aftermath.

The Royal British Legion continues to be the custodian of keeping this momentous event, as well as many more, fresh in the minds of people of each generation.

Therefore, on Wednesday 8th May 2024 it was an enormous privilege for representatives from Shirley Parish to join up with the Shirley branch of the RBL as we paid public tribute to the service and sacrifice of the entire Second World War generation, from British, Commonwealth and Allied Forces to evacuees and those who served on the home front. Prayers were said for those who had suffered and served, and for peace. The service was held at the War Memorial in Shirley Park and was attended by members of the RBL, Cadets, veterans, local Police, members of the public and the Mayor of Solihull, Councillor Diana Holl-Allen MBE, who laid one of the wreaths.

If we are to build for better future, the past, and the sacrifices that many have made, continue to be a good teacher. As Winston Churchill is reputed to have said “The longer you can look back, the farther you can look forward”, effectively saying that in order to see what the future holds, we need to acknowledge and understand the past.

They shall not grow old
As we that are left shall grow old;
Age shall not weary them
Nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them

Reverend Richard Haynes



Saturday 11th May

A big 'thank you' to all those who contributed to or visited 'Pathways to Prayer' in St James Church.

We are also very grateful to Shirley Sea Cadets for their help in the churchyard that day. They tended the war graves, tidied up litter and helped with weeding and path maintenance. They are so willing and cheerful!



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Greenpeace has now published the findings of the plastic count. 225,000 people participated and their reports lead to an estimate of **1.7 BILLION pieces of plastic discarded in the UK PER WEEK!** This is horrifying and underlines the urgent need to stop using plastic packaging. We all need to reduce our use of plastic packaging and take every opportunity to make our views known to retailers, manufacturers, and government.

Our survey of St James Church and Church House bins showed significant amounts of plastic waste, perhaps increased by the monthly Messy Church and Lunch Club events both falling in the week of the survey.

The most concerning finding, however, was the contamination of our recycling bins with food, clingfilm, paper tissue and other non-recyclable items. This makes our recycled items unusable, and we regularly have to empty the recycling into general waste. The bins are clearly labelled but this does not seem to help.

What can we do? Recycling can be confusing. Some plastics can go in the recycling bin, others need to be taken to the supermarket and some won't recycle at all. Paper should be dry, clean and of good quality (no tissue, serviettes, hand towels). When in doubt the best thing is to use the general waste bin so that the contents of the recycling bin are not spoiled.

Maybe we should restrict what we recycle so that there is less confusion. Clean, dry glass, plastic drinks bottles, paper and card can all be put together to recycle with everything else going to general waste. Some publicity and conversations about getting this right should also help.

Recycling is not the answer but is better than burning or burying waste. We need to deliver our contribution in a usable state - every bit helps!

Kate Crocker

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The first week of June is National Volunteers Week – an opportunity for all manner of organisations to celebrate and thank volunteers. As a Parish we will be marking this special week by celebrating all of you who give generously of your time and talents to lead or take part in our activities – whether it is baking cakes for the café or preaching on a Sunday morning. Our Parish Eucharist at St James Church on **Sunday 2nd June** will be the focus for our celebrations – so please put the date in your diary and come and celebrate with us!

Reverend Paul Day



SHIRLEY GARDENING SOCIETY

Upcoming talks - 7.30pm in Church House

10th June - 'The Fragrant Garden' - Pip Smith

8th July - 'Crazy Daises' - Robin Pearce

Upcoming outing - Thursday 20th June to RHS Harlow Carr - Cost £30

Visitors are always welcome to the talks - £5 - or take advantage of our membership offer : £15 for the period up to September 2025

Contact 0121 705 4530 for more details or information



Starting in June ...

On Sunday mornings at St James Church (apart from during the Worship 4 Everyone service on the fourth Sunday) children - of all ages - attending the service will be invited to go across to Church House with members of our ministry team for a bible story and activities (they will be there for about twenty minutes while the sermon is preached and the intercessions are led during the service).

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WE BELIEVE ...

For a few months, starting in June, our sermon series for Sunday mornings in all three churches will look at the foundations of our faith, examining various elements of the Nicene Creed. We all know it! It's the one that starts "We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty ..." We recite it most weeks, but have you ever stopped to think about what it really means?

The early church had a problem ... Jesus hadn't left a definitive list of do's and don'ts for His church. What was the Trinity, who is the Holy Spirit, what about baptism, and sin? It fell to Roman Emperor Constantine to convene the first conference of the great and the good to work it all out. They met in Nicaea, just outside Athens, Greece, in 325AD. It was the first attempt to create a uniform consensus in the Church on liturgy and prayer, agreeing and establishing worldwide foundations of belief.

However, like much of the church today, not everyone agreed on everything, and there was another conference in 381AD. This time it was held in Constantinople, modern day Istanbul, hoping to better reflect views of the Eastern Orthodox Church.

More than two thousand years of church history later and we still use those same words to affirm our beliefs. What we believe matters. It affects how we live, our behaviour, values and identity as Christians. So, let's take some time over the next few months to consider and prayerfully reflect. What we believe might change who we are!

Sunday 9th June	God the Father
Sunday 16th June	God the Creator
Sunday 23rd June	Jesus our Lord
Sunday 30th June	God the Son
Sunday 7th July	God Incarnate
Sunday 14th July	The death of Jesus
Sunday 21st July	The Resurrection
Sunday 4th August	The Ascension
Sunday 11th August	Judgement
Sunday 18th August	God the Holy Spirit
Sunday 25th August	The Church
Sunday 1st September	Forgiveness
Sunday 8th September	Everlasting life
Sunday 15th September	We believe – summing things up

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen

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THE EUROS 24




A former Liverpool Manager Bill Shankly famously said, *'Some people believe football is a matter of life and death, I am very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that!'*

This month sees the start of the UEFA Euro 24 football tournament, which will be watched by millions across Europe and the world. Yet it also illustrates some key points about the Christian life. As Paul writes: *'But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.'* (Philippians 3:13b,14).

A prize to be won: The dream of every player in the competition is to be able to hold up the Cup themselves. For us the prize is the eternal life, God's gift of relationship with Him for now and eternity through Jesus. But there's an important difference between football and the Christian faith. To win the Euros you have to be good enough, while Christ's love for us is undeserved and is not dependent on how well we've done.


Training to be undertaken: If a team is going to win Euro 24, they need to have trained hard beforehand. Our training, as Christians, starts the moment we accept the gift of God's life. On a daily basis, we must train ourselves to say *no* to the wrong things in our lives.

As we build up our *godly muscles*, we are better able to choose to do what is right in God's eyes. To enable us to do all this we need to engage in the spiritual disciplines of prayer, studying the Bible and being part of a church and small group. How is your training going?




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USING REST TO PRAY

Most of us think of prayer as a very demanding activity, but did you know it can be extremely restful?

One of the great verses in the Bible says this: 'Be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46:10). It suggests we experience God most fully when we are still. When we cease rushing around, pausing for a moment of thought and recollection, we are becoming prayerful, and God is very near. Even a break for a morning coffee can be a moment of prayer, if we slow ourselves down and allow our thoughts to turn towards God.

An essential part of resting is to breathe slowly. Christian tradition has always made a connection between prayer and breathing. You can learn to pray to the rhythm of your breathing, using chosen prayer words to focus. As you breathe in, you might say 'Abba', and then as you breathe out, add the word 'Father'. Choose words which are meaningful to you, deliberately slowing your breathing so you become relaxed and peaceful.

Perhaps you have a favourite chair where you are able to unwind easily. For a few moments sit and do nothing. Simply become aware of the present moment, reminding yourself you are in the presence of God. As you feel yourself relax, bask in the knowledge of God's love and acceptance of you. Sense His smile of approval upon you. You don't have to do anything, just 'be' for a moment. This too is prayer.

Sometimes we are forced to rest by circumstances ... illness, disability, growing older and so on slow us down and we can't rush around like we used to do. Never mind. Don't fight against your circumstances. Enter into the place of rest that God is giving you. He loves you for who you are, not for what you do. Turn your thoughts into prayer and offer them to God. You don't need to advise God as to what He should do; simply hold people before Him, leaving the outcome to Him.

Prayer should be a natural expression of our relationship with God. Sometimes we have words, sometimes silence is enough. We don't need to impress God with our fervour. We can relax and be rested, even as we pray.

SHIELD ME

O may God shield me, and may God fill,
 O may God watch me, and may God hold;
 O may God bring me where peace is still,
 To the King's land, eternity's fold.
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 Praise to the Spirit, the Three in One.

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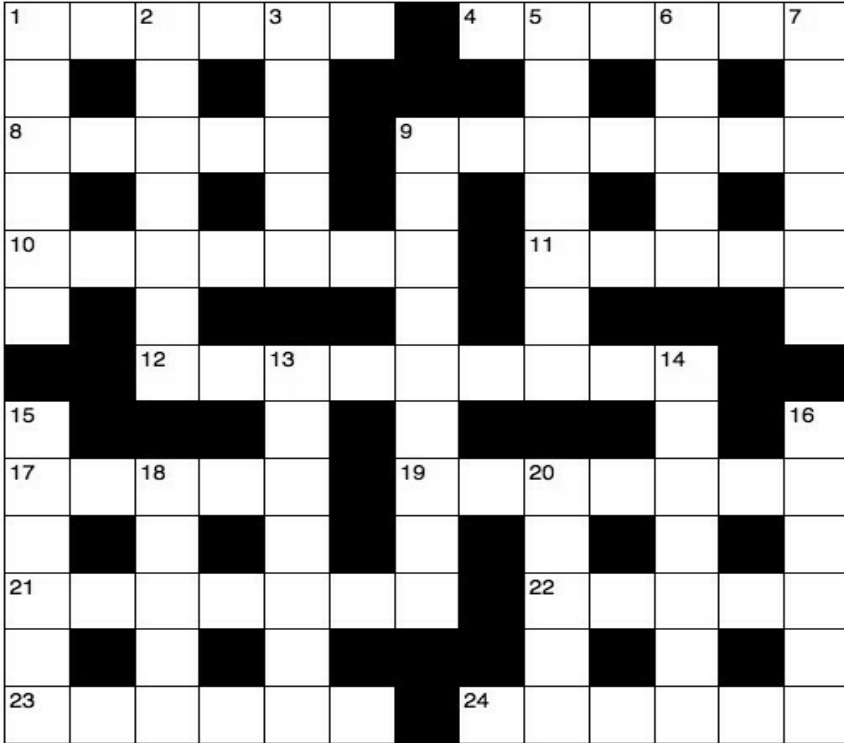
Across

- 1 Military tactic used by Joshua to attack and destroy the city of Ai (Joshua 8:2) (6)
- 4 Place of learning (6)
- 8 'When Moses' hands grew — , they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it' (Exodus 17:12) (5)
- 9 Unpleasant auguries of the end of the age, as forecast by Jesus (Matthew 24:7) (7)
- 10 Stronghold to which girls in King Xerxes' harem (including Esther) were taken (Esther 2:8) (7)
- 11 Where Saul went to consult a medium before fighting the Philistines (1 Samuel 28:7) (5)
- 12 Propitiation (Hebrews 2:17) (9)
- 17 Turn away (Jeremiah 11:15) (5)
- 19 So clear (anag.) (7)
- 21 'I have just got — , so I can't come': one excuse to be absent from the great banquet (Luke 14:20) (7)
- 22 Long weapon with a pointed head used by horsemen (Job 39:23) (5)
- 23 Musical beat (6)
- 24 What the Israelites were told to use to daub blood on their door-frames at the first Passover (Exodus 12:22) (6)

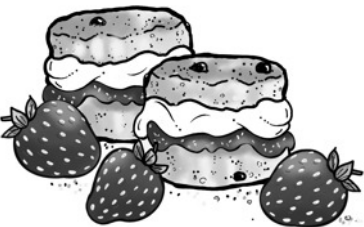
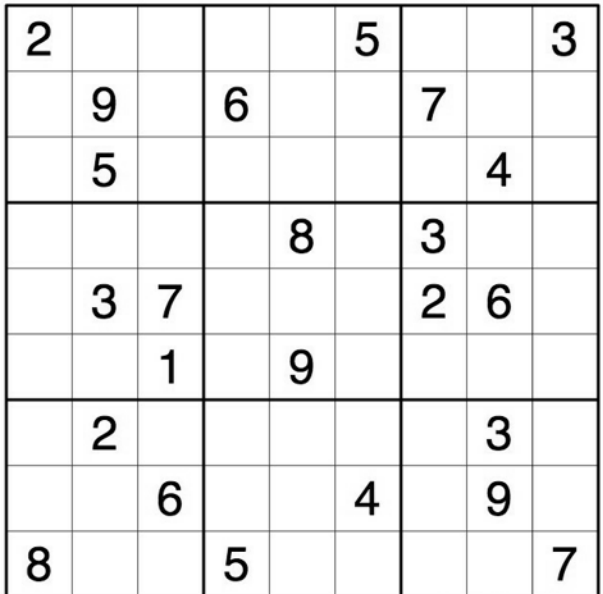
Down

- 1 Fasten (Exodus 28:37) (6)
- 2 Art bite (anag.) (7)
- 3 'The people of the city were divided; some — with the Jews, others with the apostles' (Acts 14:4) (5)
- 5 Contend (Jeremiah 12:5) (7)
- 6 Possessed (Job 1:3) (5)
- 7 Sheen (Lamentations 4:1) (6)
- 9 'You love evil rather than good, — rather than speaking the truth' (Psalm 52:3) (9)
- 13 Large flightless bird (Job 39:13) (7)
- 14 They were worth several hundred pounds each (Matthew 25:15) (7)
- 15 'A — went out to sow his seed' (Matthew 13:3) (6)
- 16 How Jesus described Jairus's daughter when he went into the room where she lay (Mark 5:39) (6)
- 18 The part of the day when the women went to the tomb on the first Easter morning (John 20:1) (5)
- 20 Narrow passageway between buildings (Luke 14:21) (5)

THIS MONTH'S CROSSWORD & SUDOKU



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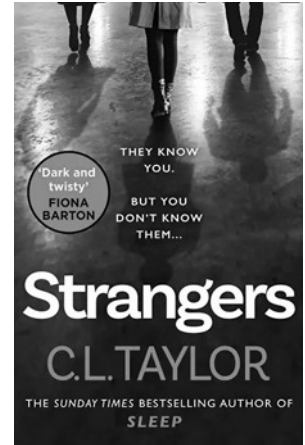
Strangers by C.L. Taylor

I must say, that like several others in our Parish Book Club, I found *Strangers* by CL Taylor, a very engaging read.

It was great to have short chapters (always a bonus when reading in bed!) and the characters were very well defined and described. I felt a sense of anticipation of something happening from the moment Ursula moved in to rent the room from Ed. A real foreboding that something awful was going to happen! I thought that it would be that Ed was the 'Harbourside Killer' to be honest and he had the bodies hidden in the basement! How wrong I was! I loved the way Ursula appeared in Alice's chapter, but you only knew that by the way she was described, similarly with Alice appearing in Gareth's chapter. I thought the way the 'incident' occurred that drew them all together was very cleverly contrived. I thought too that some of the side stories were very profound, the domestic abuse scenario for example. The characters were all well thought out and well described, giving the reader a really good picture of them.

I was disappointed at the end of the book, but only because I had finished it! There was a solid conclusion and a fairly decent final picture of how everyone ended up. Overall, it was a very easy, quick read, but with a complex storyline which didn't disappoint!

Belinda Piasecki



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The **FOOD BANK** continues to struggle with the heavier demands being put upon it. Currently they need tinned fruit and meat soups. Plus bags, whether plastic or material.

GrowBaby has closed down until they find a new organiser which may well be the end of the summer.

ADAVU: another baby is due in June but the necessary items have been sourced from GrowBaby stock and other charities. Toiletries are always needed for the ladies rescued by Liisa and her team.

Thank you for all you do, enjoy your summer.

Elizabeth Paice

WORDSEARCH

ERASMUS, PATRON SAINT OF SAILORS

Do you like messing about in boats?

If so, then you'll have heard of St Elmo's Fire. It is the light that is sometimes seen on mastheads of boats after storms at sea. St Elmo is another name for St Erasmus, a fourth century Syrian bishop who was not afraid of violent storms. Legend has it that one day when Erasmus was preaching outside, a thunderbolt hit the ground right beside him. That might have distracted modern bishops, but not Erasmus – he just kept on preaching. His courage won him the respect of sailors, who made him their patron saint. Erasmus finally died during the Diocletian persecutions in 300AD, and his feast day is 2nd June.



Answers are on page 27

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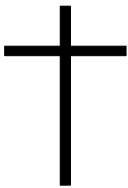


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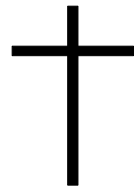
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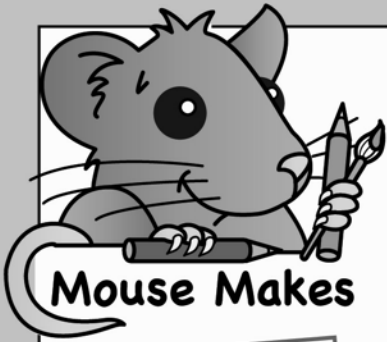
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MPWF UIF GBUIFS
IBT HJWFO UP VT
UIBU XF TIPVME
CF DBMMFE
DIJMESFO PG HPE
POF KPIO UISFF: POF

Solomon's father defeated a giant and became a King. Who was he?

1 Samuel 48-50

Whose daughter was healed by Jesus?

Mark 5:21

A G A D A U G H T E R E G
V A S E Z E C H A R I A H
J M O S E S A J A C O B O
A Z L I B O F A T H E R P
I J O S E P H J A N O A H
R O M A D A V I D G E H N
U B O A E I D A S O N A O
S V N C E E Z E A D A M A

WHO IS MY FATHER?

Who was created by God and became the first father?

Genesis 2:20

Who had a son when he was very old?

Genesis 21:5

Shem Ham and Japheth's father built a huge boat, who was he?

Genesis 6:10-14

Who gave his son Joseph a robe of many colours?

Genesis 37:2-3



This Roman puzzle square reads the same from the top, bottom and sides and translates: "Arepo the sower guides the wheel with skill."

ROTAS
OPERA
TENET
AREPO
SATOR

If you rearrange the letters it can spell **PATER NOSTER** which means "Our Father".

A
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A P A T E R N O S T E R O

Look up the Bible verses to find the fathers then look for them and the words below in the word search.

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 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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