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**Weekly Giving Envelopes:** Please contact the Churchwardens.

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**Organisations**

**Sunday School**

Sunday School – St Michael’s Club – now begins at 10.30 in church and happens every Sunday.

Leader: Mrs Kathleen Leigh – Tel: 612196.  Email: katleigh@live.co.uk

**Hoole Church Ladies’ Group** – meets 7.30pm, 3rd Tuesday, in School. Leader: Mrs Erika Penrose.

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**St Michael’s Men’s Fellowship** – meets 7.30pm, 2nd Tuesday, in Hoole Village Memorial Hall.

Secretary: Mr Stuart Tighe – Tel: 612963.

**Friends of St Michael** – Caring for the fabric of our ancient church.

Chair: Mrs Jane Elphick, Tel: 601495.

Secretary: Mr David Turner, Tel: 01772 383344.

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**Hoole St Michael C E Primary School**

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**Church Websites:** www.hoolevillage.com and www.hooleparishchurch.com

***Please note: New layout – all adverts are now at the back of the magazine.***

***Church Rotas are to be found on pages 26 & 27.***

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**From the Rectory**

**IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?**

That's the overall title of the Alpha films which we are showing in Lent.

It's the key question that most people ask sooner or later. It might be when you are confronted with the death of a close relative or friend; or you continually feel unwell or lonely; or maybe when your baby simply won’t allow you to sleep; or perhaps life simply seems one long grind.

Is life fundamentally pointless or impossibly demanding, or could it be that there really is more to life than this?

Christians certainly do believe there is more – much more – and Lent is a very good opportunity to go deeper into the Christian faith and explore some key questions about Jesus Christ, about Prayer, the Bible etc.

These excellent 30 minute films used all over the world will be shown on Monday and Tuesday evening in the Rectory, 69 Liverpool Old Road. Each film features a wide range of people speaking of their own experience of God. Refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity for a short discussion after each film.

Please do come along and try one out. Peter and I, along with many of our previous congregation, have found them really inspiring.

If you miss one or you want to have a preview you can watch them without charge on YouTube on your smart TV or computer. Please make sure you look at the Alpha film series (not the other Alpha programmes).

**LENT**

After the carnivals and partying of Pancake Day – Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras means 'fat Tuesday') – the 40 days before Easter beginning with Ash Wednesday, have always been a time for Christians to take stock,  examine themselves and to do their utmost to put God back into the  very heart of their lives where He belongs.

Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness praying, fasting and preparing for his public ministry which he knew would lead to death on a cross for the sins of the world, for you and me.

It should be every Christian's prayer that he/she understand a little more of God's love and His grace at this time. Most people think of Lent as a time to give up chocolate or alcohol. That might be necessary or helpful for some; but most important is that we make time more time for God and others. So prayer, bible reading and service should all be part of our plans for Lent this year.

If you have never tried bible reading notes why not try this Lent? The Church of England this year is recommending a number of resources including Pilgrim Journeys: The Beatitudes: 40 days of reflections for Lent 2019 by Steven Croft which I can recommend. You can order a copy through the Church of England website or through me.

Ann Templeman, Rector

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**ST MICHAEL’S HOOLE PARISH DIARY**

March 1st to Easter 2019

Sunday School – Michael’s Club for children (ages 3 to 12), every Sunday during the 10.30 service.

10.30am – Starts in church; children leave for their own teaching in the school after a children’s song and return after the sermon and prayers.

**Sunday Mar 3rd** 9.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.30 Parish Communion with Sunday School

4.00 **Family** **Pancake Church** in the Village Hall

**Tuesday Mar 5th** 10.15 Holy Communion (said)

**Wednesday Mar 6th** 7.30 **Ash Wednesday Holy Communion**

**Sunday Mar 10th** 9.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.30 Morning Worship with Sunday School

4.00 Holy Communion (Old Mill Court)

**Monday Mar 11th** 7.30 Alpha film at The Rectory

Concert in Village Hall by Dirkjan Radizijn

**Tuesday Mar 12th** 10.15 Holy Communion (said)

7.00 Alpha Film in St Michael’s School

followed by at 7.45 Joint meeting Men’s Fellowship & Ladies’ Group

**Thursday Mar 14th** 12.15 Locals’ Lunch – Hoole Village Hall

**Sunday Mar 17th** 9.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.30 Parish Communion with Sunday School

3.00 Evening Prayer

**Monday Mar 18th** 7.00 Alpha film at The Rectory

7.45 PCC meets

**Tuesday Mar 19th** 10.15 Holy Communion (said)

7.30 Alpha film at The Rectory

**Sunday Mar 24th** 9.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.30 Family Communion with Sunday School

**Monday Mar 25th** 7.30 Alpha film at the Rectory

**Tuesday Mar 26th** 10.15 Holy Communion (said)

7.30 Alpha film at the Rectory

**Saturday Mar 30th** 10.00 Flower Club and friends’ meeting

**Sunday 31st March** **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

10.30 Parish Communion; Sunday School and distribution of flowers

**4.00 Mothering Sunday Family Church** in Village Hall

**KEY FUTURE DATES**

* Alpha films shown 3 times a week at the Rectory – see separate notice
* MOTHERING SUNDAY – Sunday 31st March

**10.30am** Parish Communion with distribution of flowers

* **4.00pm** – Family Church in the Village Hall – an opportunity to make bunches of flowers for Mum and Grandma
* PALM SUNDAY – Sunday 14th April
* **10.30am** Parish Communion with donkey. Meet in St Michael’s School at **10.20** for procession to Church and distribution of Palm Crosses

**12 noon** Annual Church Meeting in the school with Jacob’s Join

* MAUNDY THURSDAY – Thursday April 18 – **7.00pm** Passover meal with Communion, at St Michael’s School
* GOOD FRIDAY

**12 noon** Walk of Witness, starting at St Michael’s and finishing at the Village Hall

**c 12.30pm** Christian Aid starvation lunch in the Village Hall. Then

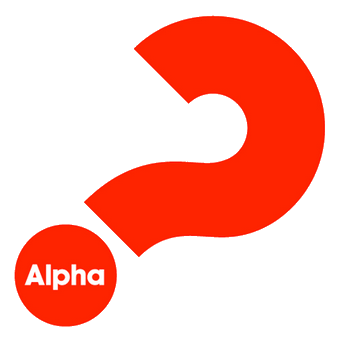
**2.00-3.00pm** An Hour at the Cross in St Michael’s

* EASTER DAY Sunday 21st April

**9.00am** - Holy Communion (said)

**10.30am** – Parish Communion, with Easter egg hunt.



**IS THERE MORE TO LIFE?** 

***Come and watch the ALPHA films during the 5 weeks of Lent.***

***Each film lasts 30mins and will be followed by refreshments and a brief discussion. The films include many inspirational examples of people’s life-changing experience of the Jesus Christ. They are equally suitable for mature Christians or those wishing to explore the Christian faiths. Sessions will take place at the Rectory 69 Liverpool Old Rd at 7.30pm except where indicated.***

**Week 1: Monday 11th and \*Tuesday 12th March – Why and how do I pray?**

**Week 2: \*\*Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March – PCC meets – Why Jesus died**

**Week 3: Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th March – Who is Jesus?**

**Week 4: Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd April – Why and how read the Bible**

**Week 5: Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th April – What about The Church?**

**We are also planning a day time session please on Monday or Tuesday; if you are interested in this please tell the rector 01772448515 or anntempleman@live.co.uk.**

**\* The session on Tues 12th March will begin at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.**

**\*\* The session on Mon 18th March at the Rectory will begin at 7.00pm.**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

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**Church Flower Group**

**Annual Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 30th March**

**10.00am-12.00 noon**

**ALL WELCOME**

[](https://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=images&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwjrqN_NorTgAhUpWN8KHbaKAfoQjRx6BAgBEAU&url=https://www.youtube.com/watch?v%3D4WVxLZ7_BeI&psig=AOvVaw3pJ4NunffAcHVFYHZqJ1rv&ust=1549994763321290)

**The church flower group are all volunteers who decorate the church on a weekly rota.**

**Come along to Barn Meadows, Town Lane, Much Hoole**

**and find out what we are all about!**

**Julie Bayldon 01772 613144**

**PASSOVER MEAL**

**Experience the background to the Last Supper in 30AD.**

**Join in a Passover Meal leading into an informal service of Holy Communion -**

**an event suitable for the whole family.**

**7.00pm at St Michael’s Primary School**

**(there is no charge but donations will be invited to cover the cost of the food)**

**Please let Ann Templeman know that you are coming on 01772 448515 or anntempleman@live.co.uk**

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**CHURCH OPENING TIMES**  
As from January 2019 the church will be left open during the day until further notice.

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| **Day** | **Open** | **Close** |
| Monday | 9.30am | 4.30pm |
| Tuesday | 9.30am | 4.30pm |
| Wednesday | 9.30am | 4.30pm |
| Thursday | 9.30am | 4.30pm |
| Friday | Closed | |
| Saturday | 9.30am | 4.30pm |
| Sunday | 8.00am | 4.30pm |

Jock Davidson, Churchwarden

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**Men’s Fellowship and Ladies’ Group**

The Men’s Fellowship have extended a kind invitation to the Ladies’ Group to the School Hall on Tuesday 12th March at 7.45pm, after the Alpha film at 7.00pm, when Stephen Halliwell will be talking to us about the history of St Michael’s.

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**From the Parish Registers**

**Holy Baptism**

**“We welcome into the Lord’s Family”**

Daniel Michael Hucks, son of John Hucks and Caroline Holman, of Much Hoole, was baptised on 3rd February.

Elouise Pamela Clayton-Hucks, daughter of Daniel Michael Hucks and Holly Clayton, of Much Hoole, was baptised on 3rd February.

Daniel David Kerfoot, son of Matthew and Clare Kerfoot, of Longton, was baptised on 17th February.

**Funerals**

We give thanks for the lives of –

John Forshaw, aged 84 years, of Walmer Bridge, whose funeral took place on 22nd February. Interment followed in the Churchyard.

Robert (Bob) Silcock, aged 100 years, of Hesketh Bank and formerly of Much Hoole, whose funeral took place on 25th February. Interment followed in the Churchyard.

We pray for their families and friends.

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**From the Register of Services**

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| Date |  | Attendance | Communicants | Amount |
| January | 27th | 76 | 25 | £256.55 |
| February | 3rd | 87 | 71 | £287.20 |
|  | 10th | 107 | 40 | £364.90 |
|  | 17th | 79 | 74 | £288.10 |

Donations via monthly, quarterly or annual payment in lieu of donating via the envelope system: February: £698.00

Donations from Baptisms and Funerals: £142.00.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**THE APCM WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY 14th APRIL 2019**

The Annual Parochial Council Meeting will take place after the 10.30 service on Palm Sunday starting at 12.00 noon and will be followed by a Jacob’s Join in school.

All are welcome and indeed actively encouraged to plan this into your day.

It is an important element of the Church Administrative year.

The Year End Reports & Accounts will be available for distribution and circulation no later than 14 days prior to the above date.

The Report will be circulated to the following:

* The Diocese & Charities Commission
* PCC Members
* Church Group Leaders
* The Congregation
* Church Website
* Church Porch Notice Board
* Copies in Church

Most of you will be emailed a copy if I have an email address for you.

If you do not have email and you are a PCC or Church Group Leader – you will receive a printed copy.

If you do not receive a copy, and would like one, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Any Queries on the Content?

Please submit in writing, IN ADVANCE of the APCM, I will then ensure the enquiry is addressed.

Many thanks

Barbara Wood – Treasurer

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**ELECTORAL ROLL 2019**

Every six years the electoral roll at Church has to be renewed, and 2019 is the year.

This has to be done before the Annual Meeting in April, so if you consider that St Michael’s is your church please complete a new form to be included on the Electoral Roll. Forms will be available at the beginning of March.

By enrolling you become a voting member of the Church of England.

You are entitled to attend the Annual Church Council Meeting and may raise any question of parochial or general church interest.

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**A Prayer for Lent**

O my Lord, who carries away what we want to get rid of and *paying* for it, dear Lord, let me now acknowledge the lumps of things swept under my carpet, and skeletons in my cupboard – some, perhaps, I haven’t faced in a long time.

Lord, I bring to you

all that I did wrong yesterday and have

already done today

all that I did wrong this week

all the thinking and feeling and habit of mind that

lay behind them

Lord, I bring to you

that temptation I have struggled with so long,

and failed to conquer

that desire that is out of control

that long-term relationship that is in a mess

that ambition that is self-promoting

that fearfulness that makes me a coward

that doubt that stops me going all the way

with you.

O loving and gracious Lord Jesus, I thank you that you are willing to take all these – and my secret and whispering sins, my Lord – from my back; and will go on doing so because you love me.

See, I pile them up at the foot of your Cross

* those wrong actions
* that way of thinking and feeling
* those desires, relationships, ambitions, fears,

bitternesses that clog my life today.

In faith I thank you that you *have* taken them and dealt with them.

Strengthen me in the certainty of what you have done

And let me go out today in gladness

as your loved and forgiven child

To share that amazing love

With your loved and forgiven world.

Amen.



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Daniel David Kerfoot and his family at his baptism at

St Michael’s on

17th February

**Hymn: 379 Lead us Heavenly Father Lead Us**

**Author: James Edmeston**

James Edmeston was born on 10th September, 1791. His maternal grandfather was the Rev. Samuel Brewer, who for 50 years was the pastor of an Independent congregation at Stepney. Educated as an architect and surveyor, in 1816 he entered upon his profession on his own account, and continued to practise it until his death on 7th January, 1867. Although an Independent by descent he joined the Established Church at a comparatively early age, and subsequently held various offices, including that of churchwarden, in the Church of St. Barnabas, Homerton. The hymns he wrote numbered nearly 2000.

This traditional classic hymn and Christian song is a hymn of praise and worship which is suitable for all Christian denominations. Enjoy the lovely words and lyrics of Lead Us Heavenly Father Lead Us. For the Latin lovers amongst us this hymn was produced as "Due nos, Genitor Coelestis." But for us simple folk the English version is as follows:

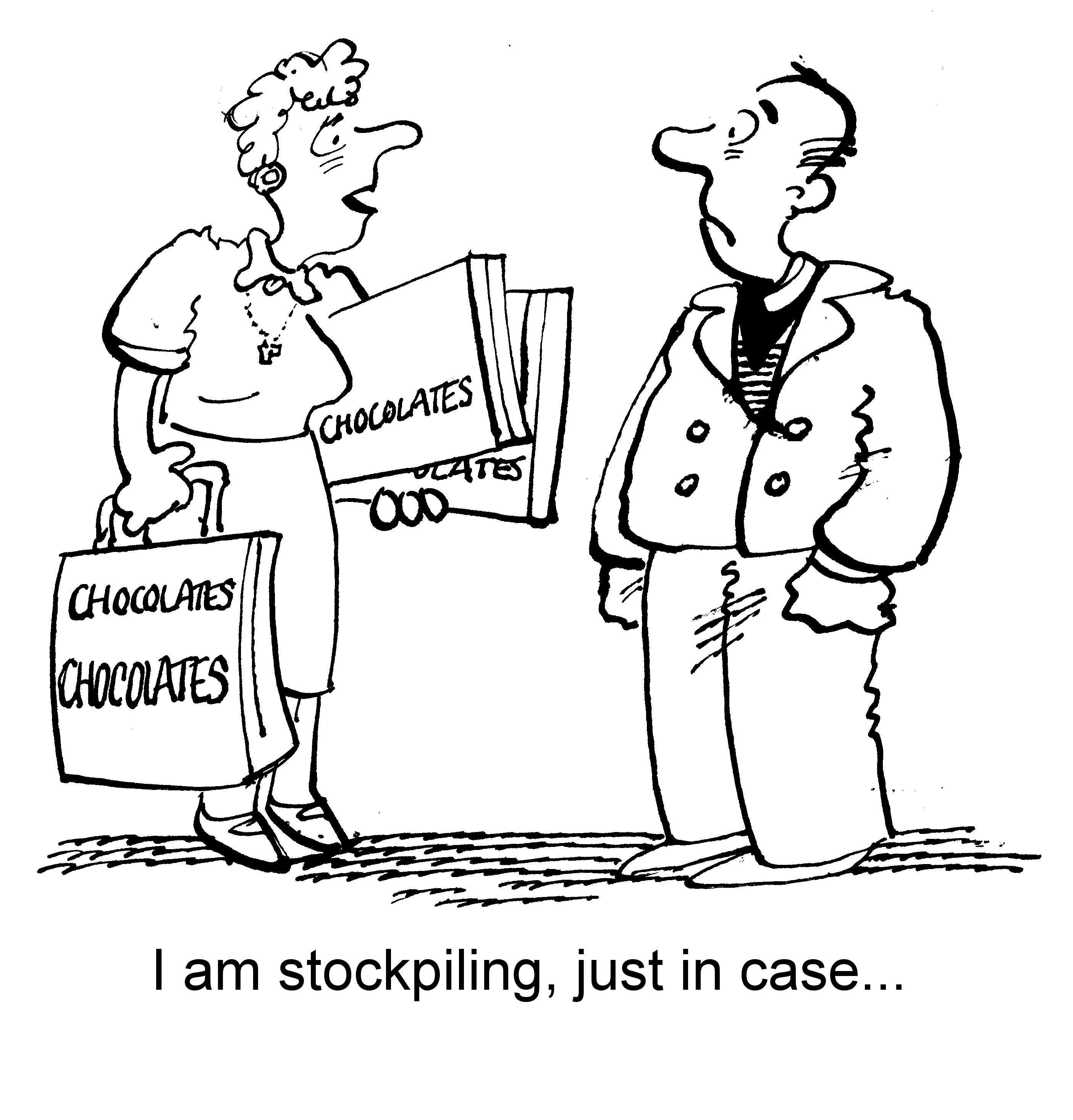
**Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee;  
Yet possessing every blessing if our God our Father be.**

**Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us, all our weakness thou dost know;  
Thou didst tread this earth before us, Thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
Lone and dreary, faint and weary, through the desert Thou didst go.**

**Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy;  
Love with every passion blending, pleasure that can never cloy;  
Thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy.**

We should let The Lord lead us, and teach us the true meaning of forgiveness, and how to love thy neighbour, so that we can live in perfect peace with all.

**Bill Carr – Church Warden Emeritus**



**Our Prayer Circle**

As Christians we know that one of the main things that Jesus taught us was the words of The Lord’s Prayer and very often in the Bible we are told that He went to a quiet place and prayed.  Our hymns tell us to “Take it to the Lord in prayer” and that “the voice of prayer is never silent”.  There is no doubt of the need for prayer  for our own spiritual needs as well as the knowledge of the comfort and support that it gives to both the person praying and the people being prayed for.

To that end we have set up a Prayer Circle at St Michael’s.... ‘What’s one of those then?’ you may ask.  It is simply a group of people who when called upon will pray at home separately and quietly for whatever you ask.

If you have a concern of any sort that you want us to pray for all you need to do is to ring any of the numbers and simply say what or who is in need of prayer, and whilst a minimum of explanation might be an advantage for us to focus the prayer,

you don’t even have to say who you are! The person taking

the call will pass it round the circle and you will know that we, on behalf of the church, are taking your worry to the Lord. If you would like your particular concern added into the intercessions on a Sunday morning then we can do that too.

We are happy to welcome others into the circle, just let us know and you will be added on.

Prayer is an essential part of our Christian life to keep us walking in the footsteps of our Saviour... so... the lines are open right now, we are waiting to take your call which is very important to us because it matters to you... just ring and your prayer will be increased seven-fold (at least).

Our circle consists of Ted (01772 617002), Margaret (01772 379219), Carole Bamber (01772 610670 or mobile 07989 145963), Gill Slinger (07729 121248), Barbara Wood (07745 208617) and Bill Carr (01772 615321).

*Ted, Margaret, Carole, Gill, Barbara and Bill*

****St James the Least of All**

*Parish Pump Editor: The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from ‘Uncle Eustace’…*

**On how to edit a church magazine**

The Rectory

St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

So, your vicar has appointed you to be the magazine editor; I wonder what you have done to offend him. I appointed our magazine editor 20 years ago, after her dog dug up my rose bed. Sadly, she seems unaware that I gave it to her as a penance and has been happily carrying on ever since. She has even developed a nasty persistence when it comes to chasing me for a vicar’s letter every month. Becoming editor has brought out the tyrant in her.

I applaud your hope that your magazine will be a great force for good in the community, but I fear you may be disappointed. You will hardly believe this, but many readers of our magazine seem to ignore my pastoral letter altogether, and instead scan the adverts for plumbers and undertakers – and even for both – if there has been a major burst in their pipes.

In any case, here are some editorial tips to bear in mind: if you want to keep any piece of church information confidential, then publish it in your magazine. On the other hand, if you accidentally transpose the names of the ladies responsible for the altar pedestal and lectern on the flower rota, it will be spotted within seconds of publication. And you will not be easily forgiven. Staffing rotas can be helpful, so that people know who to blame when anything goes wrong. Reports of meetings of monthly groups are also welcome, because not everyone who goes to these meetings can stay awake the whole time, and thus a report informs them about the bits they slept through.

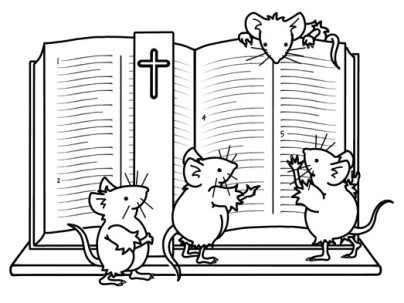
Always include a list of contact details for all the church officers, but don’t worry if you mix up their various phone numbers. In fact, it can help get people talking to each other, because in order to reach the PCC Secretary, they will have had to phone most of the other PCC members first.

My final piece of advice is to omit any deadline for submission for the following month. A deadline is like a red rag to a bull, and simply incites people to break it. Whereas if you have them a bit worried that they may be left out, they will get you the copy in good time.

I wish you many happy hours reading badly written copy, fending off fearful poems, and stalking your own vicar, in vain hopes of getting his clergy letter.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

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**A couple of our High Days & Holy Days in March**

**igh High 5th March - SHROVE TUESDAY: Pancake Day**

Ever wonder why we eat pancakes just before Lent? The tradition dates back to Anglo-Saxon times, when Christians spent Lent in repentance and severe fasting.

So on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the church bell would summon them to confession, where they would be ‘shriven’, or absolved from their sins, which gives us *Shrove* Tuesday. At home, they would then eat up their last eggs and fat, and making a pancake was the easiest way to do this. For the next 47 days, they pretty well starved themselves.

Pancakes feature in cookery books as far back as 1439, and today’s pancake races are in remembrance of a panicked woman back in 1445 in Olney, Buckinghamshire. She was making pancakes when she heard the shriving bell calling her to confession. Afraid she’d be late, she ran to the church in a panic, still in her apron, and still holding the pan.

Flipping pancakes is also centuries old. A poem from Pasquil’s Palin in 1619 runs: “And every man and maide doe take their turne, And tosse their Pancakes up for feare they burne.”

Some people have noted that the ingredients of pancakes can be used to highlight four significant things about this time of year: eggs stand for creation, flour is the staff of life, salt keeps things wholesome, and milk stands for purity.

Shrove Tuesday is always 47 days before Easter Sunday and falls between 3rd February and 9th March.

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**19th March – St Joseph the Carpenter:**

**gracious descendant of King David**

Many people know that Joseph was the father of the most famous man who ever lived, but beyond that, we know very little about him. The Gospels name him as the ‘father’ of Jesus, while also asserting that the child was born of a virgin. Even if he wasn’t what we call the ‘biological’ father, it was important to them that he was a distant descendant of the great King David – a necessary qualification for the Messiah.

It’s obvious that Joseph (usually described as a ‘carpenter’) was not wealthy, because he was allowed to offer the poor man’s sacrifice of two pigeons or turtle doves at the presentation of his infant son. No one expected eloquence or wisdom from this man’s son. Jesus was born into an unremarkable family, with a doubtless hard-working artisan as His father. There would have been few luxuries in that little home at Nazareth.

Matthew begins his birth narrative with the bald statement that Mary was engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together she became pregnant ‘with child from the Holy Spirit’. Joseph was not apparently privy to the divine intervention in her life, and drew the obvious conclusion: it was another man’s child. However, he was not the sort of man who wished to disgrace her publicly, so he resolved to ‘dismiss her quietly’ – end their engagement without fuss, we might say.

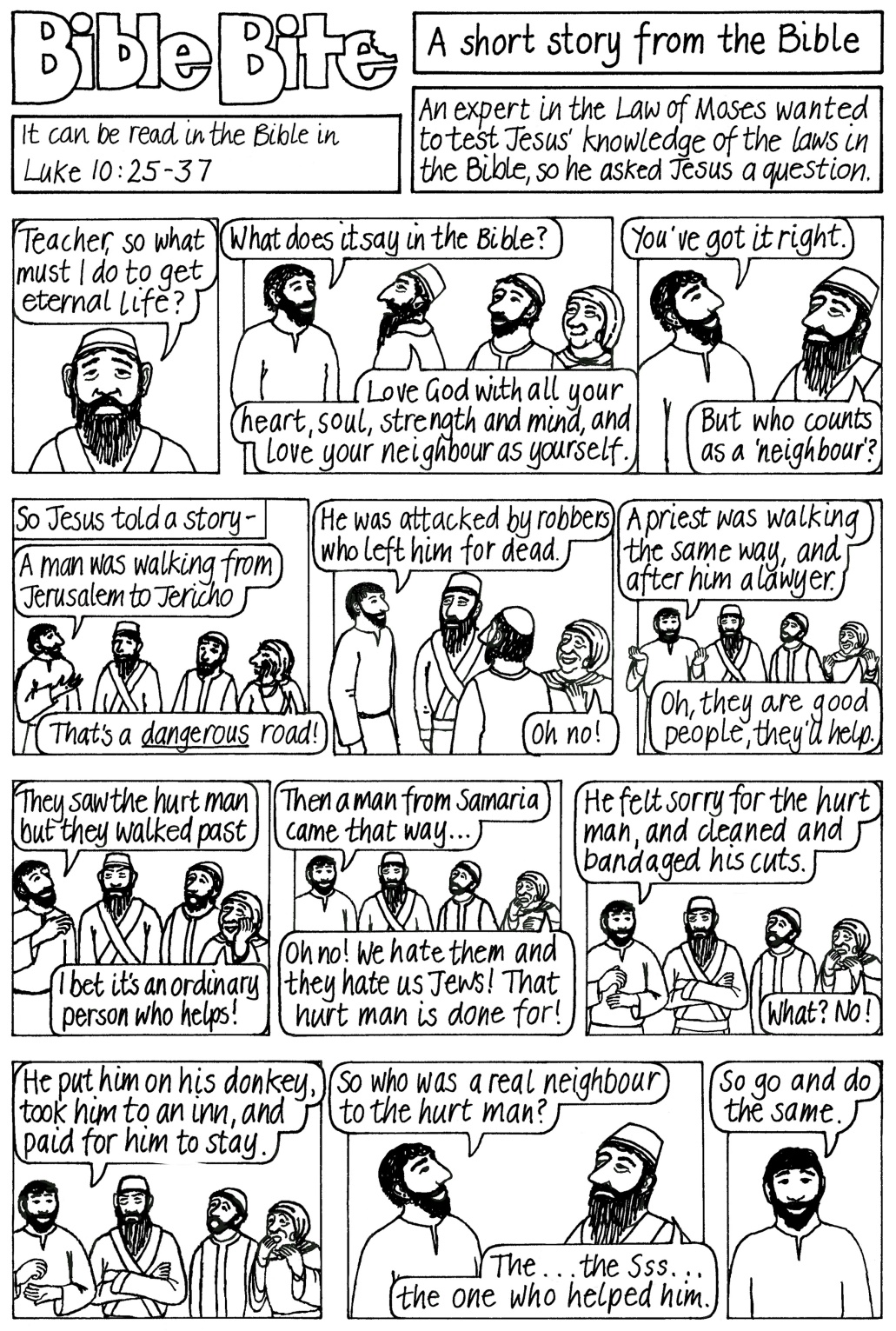
However, at that point Joseph had a dream in which he was told by ‘an angel of the Lord’ not to hesitate to take Mary as his wife, because the child conceived in her was ‘from the Holy Spirit’, and that the baby was to be named ‘Jesus’ (‘saviour’) because He will ‘save His people from their sins’. On waking, Joseph did as he had been instructed and took Mary as his wife.

So far as Joseph himself is concerned, we can be pretty sure of a few things. In human, legal terms he was the father of Jesus, he was a carpenter and he had probably died before Jesus began his public ministry. The little we are told suggests a devout, decent and sensitive man, one who shared Mary’s anxiety when the 12 year-old Jesus went missing in Jerusalem, and who presumably taught his son the trade of a carpenter.

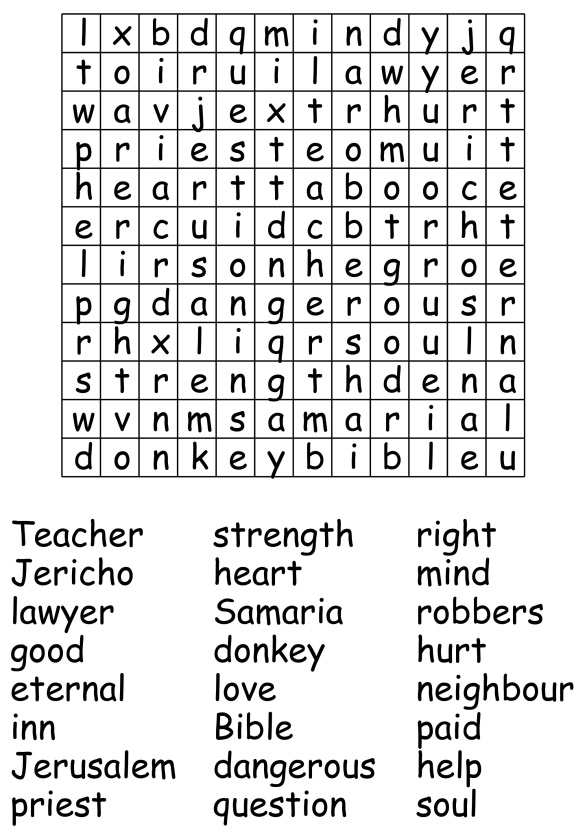
Joseph has become an icon of the working man – there are many churches nowadays dedicated to ‘Joseph the Worker’. He can stand in the calendar of saints for the ’ordinary’ person, a straight-forward craftsman who never expected or chose to be in the spotlight of history. He did what he could, and he was obedient to everything that he believed God required of him. To do the ‘ordinary’ thing well, to be kind, caring and open to guidance: these are great gifts, and Joseph seems to have had them in abundance.

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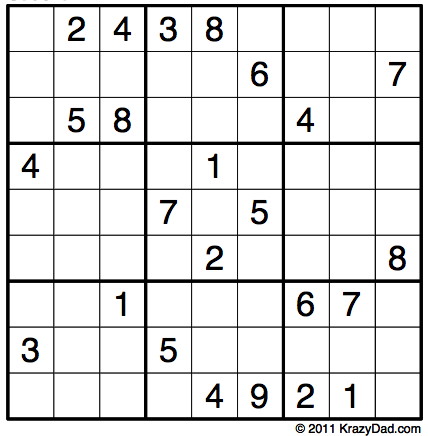




**Bible Bites Wordsearch**



**Sudoku – Medium**



CHURCH ROTAS FOR MARCH

**Flower Arrangers**

All flowers to be taken out of church Tuesday 5th March for Lent.

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**Tea/Coffee Rota following our 10.30 Service**

Mar 3rd Pauline & Barbara

10th Beryl & Erika

17th Carole & Gill

24th Erika

31st Pauline & Barbara

Apr 7th Carole & Gill

If you’re not available on the date allocated or wish to change the date assigned to you, please find a replacement or arrange a swap.

*We’re rather short of helpers, so if you feel you could give an hour at this service every few weeks, have a word with Erika or call on 613816.*

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**Sidespersons’ Rota**

Mar 3rd 9.00 Ken Bishop

10.30 Jean Aughton and Churchwarden

10th 9.00 Rob McMurray

10.30 Ted Hopkins and Robert Hawthornthwaite

17th 9.00 Jeremy Leigh

10.30 Norman Skellorn, Tom Wignall and Geoff Demack

3.00 Sylvia Douglas

24th 9.00 John Simpson

10.30 Bill Carr, Scott Eckersley and Beryl Blakeley

31st 9.00 Mike Redshaw

10.30 Ted Hopkins and Robert Hawthornthwaite

Apr 7th 9.00 Ken Bishop

10.30 Jean Aughton and Churchwarden

**Readers’ Rota**

*If you cannot read as specified on this rota, please find a substitute and inform a churchwarden of any changes.*

March 3rd 9.00 Joan Wilson

10.30 Alan Johnson and Carole Bamber

10th 9.00 Peter Templeman

10.30 Gill Slinger and Eunice Houghton

17th 9.00 Mike Redshaw

10.30 Margaret Kirkman and Jean Dewhurst

24th 9.00 Kathleen Leigh

10.30 Barbara Wood and Scott Eckersley

31st 9.00 Ann Templeman

10.00 Emma Cairns and Lillie Eaves-Holmes

April 7th 9.00 Joan Wilson

10.30 Alan Johnson and Peter Templeman

Peter Templeman will contact each reader by email by the preceding Tuesday. Please will readers ensure Peter has their contact email.

**Smile Lines**

**Unique**

Always remember you’re unique. Just like everyone else.

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**Don’t lie**

If you tell the truth, you don’t have to remember anything.

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**Experience**

Experience is something you don’t get until just after you need it.

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**P.S.**

Did you know Dreamt is the only word in the English language to end in “mt”?

Did you know that abstemious and facetious are the only words in the English language to contain all of the vowels in their correct sequence?