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RESTORED

Finding Redemption in our Mess

The Bible reminds us that we live in a world that since the fall suffers from the condition of sin. Whilst sin separates us from God and prevents us from having a relationship with God, living in a broken world means that we all experience brokenness in our lives. The brokenness in our lives is caused by sin and evil in the world. Sometimes it is our conscious sinful thoughts and actions that result in brokenness, and at other times we are harmed by the sin and evil of others. As a result, relationships are torn, hearts are broken, dreams are shattered, innocence is lost and our lives all feel like they are full of rubbish or we that we have been dumped on a rubbish tip left to rot by others.

From within this mess, the message of the gospel is that we have a Restoration God! We have a God who loves to mend what is torn, repair what is broken, and heal what is hurt. From Genesis to Revelation, the entire Bible is a testimony to the restoration of the broken relationship between God and humanity. The final chapters of scripture promise restoration of all things, a restored humanity, a redeemed Church, a healed relationship with God, complete wholeness of creation.

But the gospel message is not just about restoration for a nation, it is also about the restoration for each one of us in our individual brokenness. That our relationship with God can be restored, our sins can be wiped clean, our hearts can be healed, and our lives can be made whole. That restoration occurs through faith and belief in Jesus Christ bringing freedom, peace and indescribable joy.

Through the second part of Lent and into Easter, our sermon series **RESTORED – FINDING REDEMPTION IN OUR MESS** will take us on a journey, so that like many in the Bible, we will remind ourselves how God sees us, takes delight in us, but far more importantly restores the ordinary and everyday people – just like us – from the mess in our lives to himself.

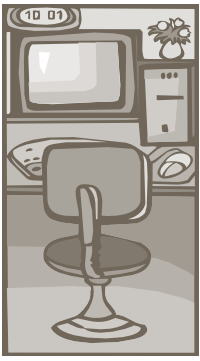
Let me then encourage you as we move towards Easter to come and to hear Gods message to you (or if unable to be there then get hold of a recording of the sermon), but let me above all else encourage you to come with an open heart ready to receive and be touched by the abundant love of God as he seeks to **RESTORE** you to himself.

May God bless you this Easter as he draws you, both back to himself, but also deeper into his love and his grace.

Your pastor,



We all build walls between ourselves and God. They are made up of all our wrong thoughts and actions. But God can smash through these walls if you let him.



From the Secretary's Chair

Elisabeth Speakman

This is a lovely time of year as we look around and see the signs of new life springing up all around us. This new life reminds me of all the promise we have in Jesus as he gave his life so that we are forgiven and have new life.

Steve's sermon this morning about the rubbish in our lives being dealt with if we acknowledge our sins before the Lord and ask forgiveness was very powerful. The explanation of the word **justified** as Just-as-if-i'd done as Jesus did will continue to remain with me and help me in my daily walk.

We are now well into the Lent period and I know that many of you are enjoying the Sunday evening reflective sessions. Remember that there will also be services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday as well as Easter Sunday. I look forward to sharing in these differing times of worship as we remind ourselves of the true reason Jesus came to this earth.

We had our church AGM this week and I am pleased to report we now have a full leadership team as all 4 deacon candidates were elected to serve. We welcome John Dawkins as a deacon for the first time at CPBC and thank Kaye and Jayne for being willing to re-stand. As for myself it is a privilege to be re-elected not only as deacon but also as Church Secretary - thank you. We've also welcomed six new members to our church family it is wonderful to see new people coming to join our fellowship family, thank you Lord.

Last weekend 9 of the leadership team were away at the first Re-imagine sessions held at the Webbington Hotel and I want to let you know how we were all challenged and blessed by our time there. We will share in greater depth with you what we are learning and hearing from God in the near future. We are however beginning by looking at ourselves as leadership

and will be sharing with those deacons not with us at the Webbington at our next meeting in April. We are considering how we regard our church culture and how this enables us to witness to the community around us.

Please pray for us as a leadership and as a church family as I am sure God is preparing us for new and challenging work. Wishing you all a special blessing over the forthcoming Easter season.

Elisabeth

EASTER

(Acrostic poem where the first letter of each line spells the word EASTER)



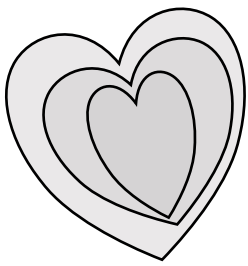
Even though the darkness raged
And all was still, the sun had gone
Still they shouted their abuse
Taunting Him – ‘you’re not God’s Son!’

Elijah hasn’t rescued you,
Renounce your claim, you’re just like me,
Everyone can see you hang
Arms outstretched, nailed to a tree’.

So it seemed that all was lost,
Their hopes their dreams forever gone –
Eternity had other plans
Resurrection Day was soon to dawn.



By Megan Carter



PASTORAL NEWS

Only a few of us at Clarence will remember, our elderly member **Vera Savage** attending regularly and meeting with the Monday Ladies Friendship Group. So a few church friends joined her family and friends at the Crematorium in February, as Vera passed away late January. she had been looked after in Nashley House for some years as she would have been 100 at the end of this year, and still had her head of curly hair. We send our love to her family and also to the family of **Jean Evans**. Jean passed away on March 22nd after battling the effects of a stroke from a brain tumour. A quiet lady, she had only been with us for a little while, but enjoyed being part of "The Clangers" hand chime group. These two ladies are now safe in the arms of their Lord. Our sympathies also go to **Pat Ulliyott** whose brother in law passed away recently.

Several of our friends have had their cataract ops. **Hilary Brownnett, Hazel Dicks, Bernice Loveridge, Pat Porter, and Ray Green** had his second last week. We trust they are all progressing well. **Mark Redman** has also had treatment for a detached retina.

Trish Kemp had a stroke and is in Highcroft Nursing Home for recuperation as movement in her left arm is still difficult. **Pat Locke** needs our support as she does not drive, and husband **Colin** is in a Bristol hospital. Please uphold them in your prayers as she is very concerned for his well being. We also pray for **Melvin Wood, Fiona Sewell, and Su Weeks brother**, who had an emergency bowel operation. **Ann Palmer** is progressing slowly but well.

Joyce Brownnett has had ups and downs with various health issues but is settling in to life at Abbey Gate a little better now that she is in her larger permanent room. **Gordon Joy** is also back in Weston, and is living in Chase Lodge, Grove Park Road.

On happier notes we are welcoming into membership, **Peter and Jackie Franklin, Martin and Sonia Moore, and Ray and Ruth Thomas**, all agreed at our recent church meeting. Welcome!

On very, very happy notes we must congratulate **Rosie and Dave Pike** on their Golden Wedding , 50 years, 29th March, and **Hazel and Dave Dicks**, on their Diamond Wedding, 60 years on 4th April. WOW!

And talking of achievements, I know it is a bit previous, but the next newsletter won't necessarily be out in time. **Elizabeth Robinson** will be 100 years young on 6th May. Please pray she is blest to reach this momentous occasion, and her family especially Marion who looks after her daily.

Spring is officially here and we look forward to the renewal of life, in flowering bulbs and baby lambs. We too can be renewed through The Lamb Of God, who we remember especially at Easter. So Easter Greetings to you all.....



EASTER MESSAGE

Rejoice in the beauty of springtime.
The freshness, the hope and the joy,
Rejoice in the message of Easter
The wonder the world can't destroy.
New life and new faith for all people
The promise that Easter imparts,
Rejoice in the hope for the future
The message to lift all our hearts.





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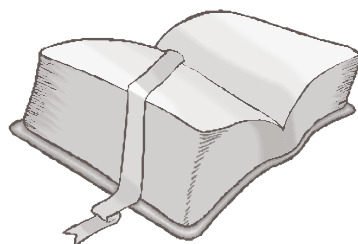


The following was sent in by a member of the fellowship.

See how many books of the Bible you can find hidden and how long it takes you!



I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible [merely a fluke]. It kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalised. But now the truth finally struck home for the numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some difficult ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them. There will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady I know, she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen names of books of the Bible in this passage. One preacher found fifteen books in twenty minutes, but it took him three weeks to find the sixteenth one!



UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – finalised updates for CPBC

One of the biggest changes to UK data privacy law about which everyone has been aware is GDPR which came into effect on 25 May 2018. These regulations replace the 1988 Data Protection Act strengthening the rights of individuals to control the personal information which organisations hold about them.

General Data Protection Regulation known as GDPR is a positive step forward giving individuals more control over how personal information is used and includes how you are contacted. For example, as an individual to continue to receive information by post, email or telephone you will have been responding to requests from charities and other organisations which you support or have membership.

This legislation has to be taken seriously and the ICO (Information Commissioner's Office) has powers to impose very large fines where there is misuse of personal data such as names and addresses shared without permission for mailing lists.

Following our own data audit across some 28 church-based groups it is not unsurprising our data is essentially personal details in line with the church directory, church activity group name registers, medical notes and parent/carer contacts.

The completed data declaration forms have enabled the church to identify how and why we actually hold personal information. Essentially this audit is the what, how, why and where data stored and also most importantly the reasons for holding the information.

We're also aware that publishing and sharing names can be by church newsletter which is available outside of the fellowship, the church website and by public notices within the church building. Even our shared calendar both electronic and printed contains personal contact information which now requires careful regulation.

In all this regulatory compliance however, we should not be alarmed but rather be aware that for everyone's well-being we do need measures in place to control the security and the sharing of data. **GDPR is all about ensuring individuals have more control over personal information, its access and use which has to be to everyone's benefit.**

Baptist Union's guidelines have advised churches on how to comply with GDPR.

Our church officers have;

- Prepared a **Church Data Policy** (14 page document available to all members on request)
- Prepared a **Privacy Notice** (outlining what data, who has access, where it is stored and for what purpose) to be issued to all church members and associates.

In addition CPBC has;

- Prepared an individual's **Consent Form** to obtain permission to use and access your personal information data (signed individual agreement to personal data being held by CPBC in accordance with its data policy) in readiness for distribution.
- Formulated a **Data Retention Policy** (4 page document) – essentially how long data is held before being destroyed. For example, when a church member transfers to another church or how long our Brigade membership records are retained.

In conclusion as a church fellowship please be reassured we have no concerns about continuing our ministries which operate at CPBC by holding and using personal data.

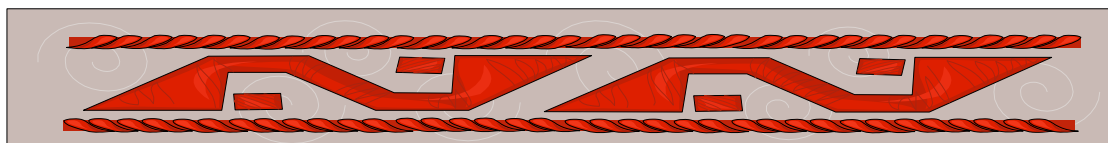
Baptist Union advice states the likelihood is every church which processes and uses its own data will have properly declared and identified its use for 'legitimate purposes' thus enabling routine work to be continued and maintained.

- **In summary** as an organisation CPBC has to be explicit about how it processes and uses all information it holds on everyone be they members, friends, families and lists of contacts etc., in order to comply with GDPR.
- **Equally as important** is that everyone at CPBC who has responsibility for managing data has appropriate procedures in place to maintain security, such as computer passwords, digital files and locked filing cabinets guarding against unlawful access and also has control and protocols over sharing data with others in church and home situations.
- **CPBC guards against unlawful access** and also has control and protocols over sharing data with others in the church and home situations – this is our over-arching Church Data Policy.

- Copies of the **Privacy Notice**, the **Consent Form** are available to re view.
- Limited print copies of the **Data Retention Policy** (4 page document) and the **Church Data Policy** (14 page document) are to be made available to read in church or borrow and return.
- Policy documents will be made available at the church website www.cpbc.co.uk
- Copies of the **Privacy Notice**, the **Consent Form** are available to re view.

Many thanks for your patience and co-operation in ensuring everyone is fully aware of GDPR both individually and especially as a church organisation.

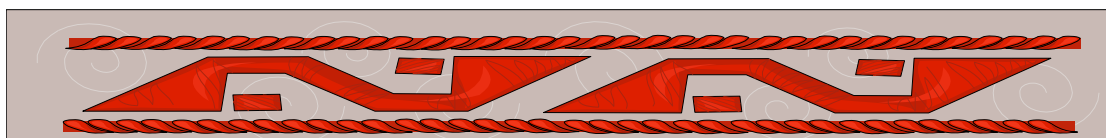
Kevin Speakman
Admin Team Co-ordinator



The next Men`s Group will meet at 7.15 at the Hornets Rugby Club.

Ssausage & Chips will be available for around £4.00.

All men are welcome.



Resourcing our Church and Vision beyond 2020



Following the recent church meeting and AGM I'd like to extend an invitation to those interested in establishing a small working group to progress the ideas received during the 'Listening in Lent' initiative in March 2018.

As the Admin Team co-ordinator I had the privilege some 12 months ago of collating the ideas from our 'Listening in Lent' initiative for consideration by the leadership, the wider church meeting and fellowship.

Essentially some 35 responses headlined 18 ideas which fitted into 2 distinctive groups; investing in the building and investing in paid ministry. Some ideas had significant support such as improving our rooms for community use or improving main entrances to be attractive for everyone's benefit and a marker for the passing public. Likewise, in ministry a potential part time contracted worker to support families or senior folk, but also identifying new ministries to be introduced at Clarence over a 12 month period.

This initiative was a time when we were not only concerned with our ministry beyond 2020 but also how the church could resource this work through the investment of the legacy left to the church from the Beryl Hughes estate.

Friends in all this it is apparent the church has been both prayerful and patient whilst discerning God's will for His Kingdom purposes here at Clarence Park. In this I'm reminded of a further 8 responses covered 4 topics which headlined prayer and fellowship at Clarence and which remain fundamental to our Christian lives and living out our faith;

- Corporate Prayer - to discern God's calling.
- Discipleship - for us to be reaching out and demonstrating God's love in action.
- Teamworking - to be aware of each other rather than division by age and gender.
- Fellowship and Friendship - to be aware of new people and families in church.

So, if you're interested in devoting a little time in the months ahead to meeting together as a small group to discuss how best to advance this work please do let me know. The way ahead will involve amongst things such as planning, seeking quotations and consulting with experts although I do know we have skills and experience in the fellowship.

By preparing and presenting a proposal it will enable the church and leadership to be empowered in a major decision for resourcing our church in all its aspects for 2020 and beyond. Together let's move this church forward and delight in doing the Lord's Work in this part of Weston-super-Mare.

Thanks in anticipation
God Bless,

Kevin

Kevin Speakman
CPBC Admin Team Co-ordinator

LESSON FOR AN "ATHEIST"

There's a little old Christian lady living next door to an atheist. Every morning the lady comes out onto her front porch and shouts "Praise the Lord!"

The atheist yells back, "There is no God." She does this every morning with the same result.

As time goes on the lady runs into financial difficulties and has trouble buying food. She goes out onto the porch and asks God for help with groceries, then says "Praise the Lord."

The next morning she goes out onto the porch and there's the groceries she's asked for, of course she says "Praise the Lord." The atheist jumps out from behind a bush and says, "Ha, I bought those groceries - there is no God." The lady looks at him, smiles and shouts "Praise the Lord, not only did you provide for me Lord, you made Satan pay for the groceries!!"

Philippians 4: 10.

And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.



ALL LADIES are invited to join us on Monday evenings from 7.45pm to approximately 8.45pm. Our meetings during April/May are:

1st Albania - Peter Lacey

8th Home Mission and BMS - Jane Ridge

15th Easter - Steve Christian

22nd NO MEETING - BANK HOLIDAY

29th "By Schisms Rent Asunder" - Maureen & Peter Price

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6th May - NO MEETING - BANK HOLIDAY

13th Lavender Farm - David Small

20th Old Testament Women - Ann Palmer

27th NO MEETING - BANK HOLIDAY

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SOUTH SUDAN:

WINDOWS OF PRAYER

The peace deal signed by warring parties went unheeded. Hoping for harmony can feel naïve. But BMS World Mission's supporters are armed with the power to pray.

Annet gave birth on the road. She was heavily pregnant when she was forced to flee from her home in south Sudan. "Our health facilities were closed. I didn't have any tests," she explained. Her mother boiled some water for her in a jug - that was all the help she had. With a newborn baby, she then faced the impossible task of finding enough food. "If the war had not broken out, I would not have gone through this," said Annet. "Giving birth on the way. Not being able to feed my baby."

Tens of thousands of people have been killed in the world's youngest nation, and the conflict rages on. South Sudan celebrated independence just seven years ago, but a dispute between the country's President and his former deputy quickly developed into a broader conflict between ethnic groups. Since war broke out at the end of 2013, over one third of the population has been displaced.

Scrolling through the figures in endless news cycles is dispiriting. It seems impossible to help when thousands of miles separate you from those in need. And when the news seems oblivious to the suffering, it can be even harder to know how to pray. Thankfully, BMS local workers are in the refugee camps. They're sharing stories of the individuals behind the overwhelming statistics, so that we can pray for people by name.

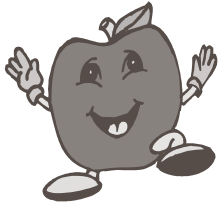
We can pray for mothers like Annet. Annet doesn't want any mother to experience the trauma she did. Let's pray that BMS workers can get healthy, sustaining food to babies at risk of malnourishment. These workers are providing

health cheks to pregnant women - the kind of prenatal tests that Annet desperately needed. We need to pray that these checks can reach every woman who needs them.



Annet gave birth to her baby on the road. BMS-funded projects will mean that pregnant women can access vital health checks.

1. Please pray that malnourished babies get the nourishing food they desperately need.
2. Please pray for people with disabilities, that their needs would not be overlooked. Pray for wheelchairs and other liberating blessings for those who need them.
3. Many South Sudanese parents are concerned for their children's education - the key to a secure future. Pray that families would be able to continue their children's schooling.
4. Pray for our BMS workers, that they are encouraged as they continue to deliver projects and interventions for those in need.
5. Pray for peace between warring factions in South Sudan, that all fighting would come to an end.



Great expectations

At a baptism the young minister was full of enthusiasm. He held the baby in his arms and speculated aloud as to the child's possible future. "He may become a captain of industry, a great scientist, or a gifted teacher – someone on whom hundreds of young boys may model themselves." Then turning to the parents in a rather grand manner, he asked, "And so what name do you give to this child?"

Timidly, the reply came: "Amanda Jane."

Egg

Church notice: This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Cusworth to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.**

The bishop's visit

A bishop was visiting a small church in his diocese for Easter. He wanted the young people to understand what he had to say about the Good Shepherd, so he dressed up in his bishop's long, flowing robes and carried his crook. "Now," beamed the bishop, "do you know who I am?"

After a moment's silence, one child ventured "Little Bo Peep?"

Exercise

With summer coming, I had to face the fact that my body was totally out of shape. So I joined a fitness club and signed up for the aerobics class. I got to the club, and there I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But by the time I got my clothes off and my sweats on, the class was over.

Christian upbringing

After the baptism of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wants us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you and Mum."

SPECIAL MOMENTS

by Ann Palmer

Reading: Mark 9: 1-13

About thirteen years ago I decided to write my life history. I have often wondered why and what will eventually happen to the copy. While I have been recuperating after my operation I have been looking again at what I have written and think that maybe I should bring the notes up to date. One snag is that I didn't number some of the loose pages and I am having a job to put it all into chronological order. [A lesson to be learnt - be more organised.] Reading again what I have already written I have discovered how many very special moments there have been in my life. So for our thoughts this month I have turned to a very special moment in Jesus' life.

We see Jesus is now turning his back on Galilee and travelling with his disciples towards Jerusalem and His death. He has with Him quite a large group, apart from his disciples there are many women who would have seen to to their needs.

On a number of occasions Jesus takes with him just Peter, James and John. This is one of them. They are to witness "The Glory". Later James and John are to ask for special places in the kingdom, Peter is to make a great confession of faith and then deny Jesus. The three are to sleep instead of watching and praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. Then they are to flee when Jesus is arrested.

But back to our reading. Mount Hermon is 14 miles from Caesarea Phillippi, 9,400 feet high, 11,000 feet above the Jordan valley. At that height you are affected by the rarity of the atmosphere. Luke tells us that the Transfiguration took place at night, "Peter and his companions were very sleepy", and it was the next day when they descended to the plain.

1. THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL MOMENTS.

"This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him!"

Surely this confirmed for the disciples who Jesus was.

What about us? Have you experienced those times when you have seen the glory of God?

These experiences pass.

2. THE PERILS OF THE SPECIAL MOMENTS.

“Peter said to Jesus, “I will put up three shelters - one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah”

They had to also walk the way to the cross, the court room, the suffering, Easter day, Pentecost, and for Peter eventually crucifixion, upside down.

Life for us is not lived on the mountain top. Most of it is lived in the valley.

So why do we have “Special Moments”?

3. THE PERMANENCE OF THE SPECIAL MOMENTS.

“It is good Lord to be here.”

For Jesus his time on the mountain helped him to know it was his Father’s will that he should face Jerusalem. The disciples saw in these “Special Moments” though dimly, something of the wonder of the glory of God.

We have our “Special Moments”. Moments of inspiration, religious, artistic, personal. These moments are given to us to assure us of God’s presence and help us to go on. They will always be there when the going gets tough. They are part of our earthly pilgrimage. So take up your cross and labour on in the strength which Christ gives you. Live to worship, and worship to live between the mountain and the multitude.

PRAYER:- “It’s good Lord to be here”

It’s good Lord, to be here!
Your glory fills the night;
Your face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.

It’s good Lord, to be here!
Your beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Your messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past!
Promise of things to be!
We hail your body glorified,
And our redemption see.

Befor we taste of death,
We see your kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright,
And make this hill our home.

It’s good Lord to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since you bid us leave the mount
Come with us to the plain.

Armitage Robinson

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APRIL

7th Mr. & Mrs. Dave Dicks celebrating Diamond [60th] Wedding Anniversary

14th PALM SUNDAY

Mr. & Mrs. Olly Ridge, celebrated 37th Anniversary on
3rd April

21st EASTER DAY

Mrs. Mandi and Miss Emma Hawkins

28th Mrs. Maureen Radford remembering Elwin.



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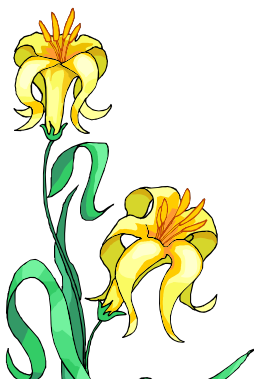
5th Ms Nicola Amer remembering parents

12th Mrs Su Weeks remembering family birthdays and
Anniversaries.

19th Mr. & Mrs. Colin Lock, remembering Penny

26th Mr. & Mrs. Michael Wedlake, celebrating Michael's

birthday on 27th and remembering Enid Ridge for
same birthday.



Letters



Can I through the pages of this magazine thank everybody who has helped me over the passed months. To those who have transported me, visited me, phoned me and those who have prayed, I am so grateful. To me progress seems to be slow, but I am learning to be a patient patient. Ann Palmer.



1. Read this poem first in the conventional way, from top to bottom. Rather shocking, isn't it? Surely we don't all think of refugees and immigrants in this way?

They have no need of our help
So do not tell me
These haggard faces could belong to you or me
Should life have dealt a different hand
We need to see them for who they really are
Chancers and scroungers
Layabouts and loungers
With bombs up their sleeves
Cut throats and thieves
They are not
Welcome here
We should make them
Go back to where they came from
They cannot
Share our food
Share our countries
Instead let us
Build a wall to keep them out
It is not okay to say these are people just like us
A place should only belong to those who are born there
Do not be so stupid to think that
The word can be looked at another way.

2. Now begin reading the lines from the bottom and you will find quite a different message.
Let us hope that this is the way we view those who come to our country with a genuine desire to settle and become productive and peaceful citizens.

MRS. FRANCES VERA SAVAGE

Many of our members will have very pleasant memories of this lady as she was a member of this church and in particular a member of the Monday evening Ladies Friendship Group. She was also a very valued and capable member of the Wessex Bowling Club. She went to be with her Lord on 28th January on this year at the great age of 99 years. We send our love and prayers to her daughters and their families.

Vera was a very capable bowler and had been both Captain and President of her Club and won the Championship Competition in 1982 and 1989. She was also a Somerset County player and represented Wessex Ladies at Lemington.

Vera was very supportive of her husband especially when he decided to do a part time degree course at Manchester University 3 nights a week and it fell to her to amuse the children to enable him to study. The whole family were very proud when he was awarded his degree.

Hilary and Carol her two daughters were indebted to their Mum for her willingness to help when their children came along, even getting up during the night to lend a hand. She was also absolutely delighted to become a great-grandma too.

Vera had many hidden strengths and a really matter of fact approach to life. In 1992 her husband Arthur was taken very ill during a holiday in Spain and was taken to a clinic in the next town. This of course left Vera with a big problem but she took a hotel room in the town and walked to the clinic every day. Although Carol her daughter offered to travel to Spain to be with her Mum, she said “no, no, you’ve got your job to do, I’ll be all right.” Such was the character of this lady.

Sadly for a number of years she has been unable to attend church but she will none the less be remembered with many happy memories by her friends in the church, her neighbours, friends as well as the bowling community.



Your country Church needs YOU!



Dear friends,

As co-ordinator of our church administration team I'd like to signpost the following opportunities and vacant roles for serving at CPBC.

1) Church room booking agent – co-ordinating requests for room hire.

As a church we're indebted to Steve our minister who is managing room hire requests and organizing authorised access to our premises on a daily basis.

This vitally important position remains **vacant** so please do speak with Steve if you feel you wish to know the extent of the role and then speak to myself or the Church Secretary. A shared role may arise so please don't hesitate expressing an initial 'maybe' interest in an aspect of this role.

2) Tots and Toddlers Group – Thursday mornings

This busy and ever-growing group is very popular and desperately needs more helpers to assist with the children's and infant activities. Why not pop along on a Thursday morning and meet up with Mandie's team to see how you could enjoy helping both carers and the young children in the rear hall.

3) Church Cleaning/Hoovering team

As always this gallant team will be pleased to increase their number so that the work of few becomes the easier work of the many. Interested - do speak to any of the team or the Church Secretary.

4) Church AV and PA rota teams

Please do not be wary of the kind of work or expertise required to be a team member but think more of how as an operator you can control the sights and sounds of Sunday mornings!

Please speak with any of the team on a Sunday morning and arrange a shadowing session to see how the systems desk operates – you'll be amazed at how you could become a pilot with the controls of the ship.

Many thanks and Every Blessing,

Kevin Speakman Admin Team Co-ordinator.

For any church administrative matters please contact Kevin Speakman (01934 412464)

For any **PREMISES** matters or incidents please contact a member of the Premises Action team who will formally log the incident.

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

A church goer wrote a letter to the Editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

“I’ve gone for 30 years now,” he wrote, “and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can’t remember a single one of them. So, I think I’m wasting my time and the preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.”

This started a real controversy in the “Letters to the Editor” column, much to the delight of the Editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this.

CLINCHER;

I’ve been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!”

Nehemiah 10: 39. **“WE WILL NOT NEGLECT THE HOUSE
OF OUR GOD.”**

B M S *Birthday Scheme*

For the medical work of the Society.

APRIL



5th Katie Christian

20th Tim Cooke and
Bex King

23rd Steve Christian

25th Sue Green

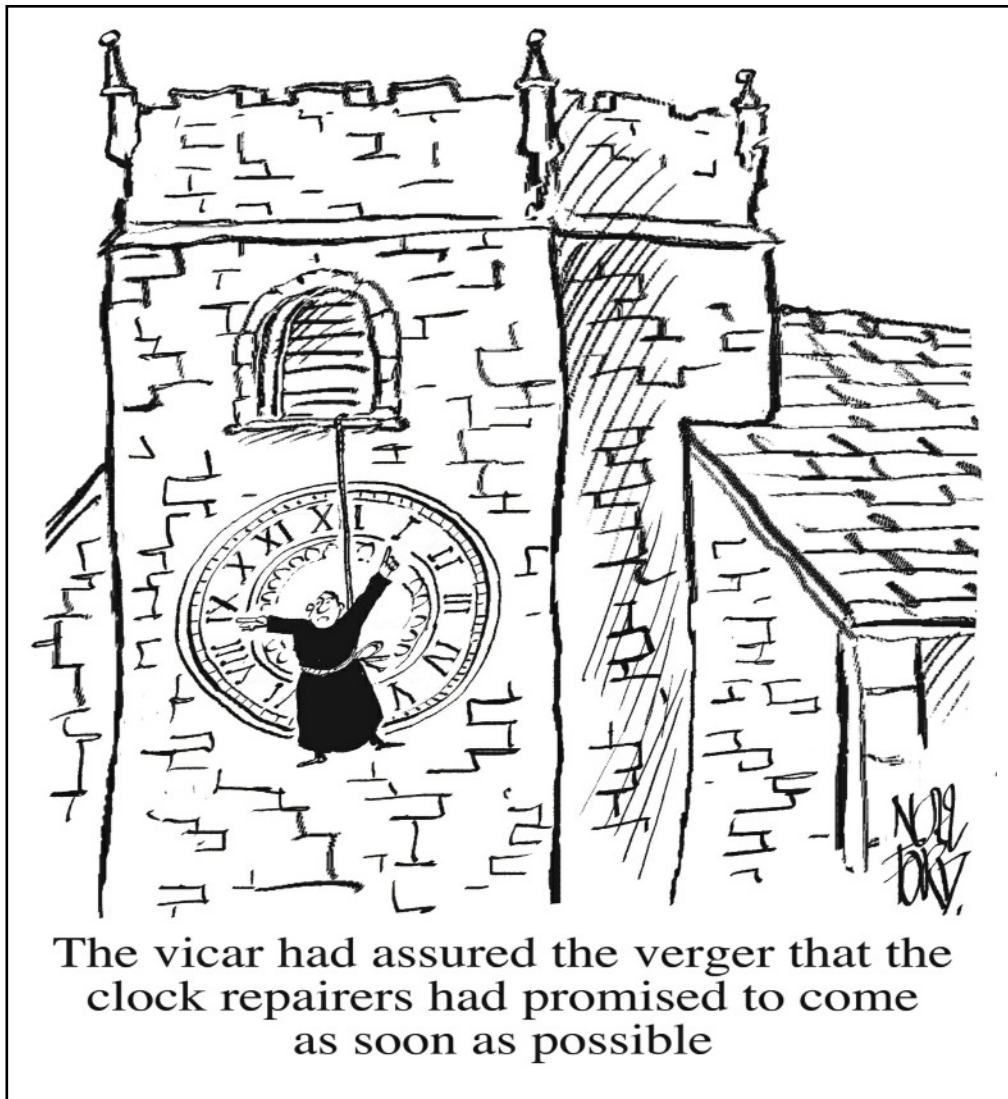
26th Lynn York

27th Liz Hill

MAY

1st Elsie Cooke

12th Joyce Cooksley



The vicar had assured the vergers that the
clock repairers had promised to come
as soon as possible

Solutions to Puzzles

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5	3	2	8	7	6	4	1	9

Find the sixteenth one.

I once made a reMARK the hidden books of the Bible [merely a FLUKE] it kept people looking So hard for the FACTS and for others it was a REVE LATION. Some were in a JAM Especially since the names were not capital ised. But now the RUTH finally struck home for the NUMBERS of readers To others it was a real JOB. We want it to be A MOST fascinating few moments for you YES THERE will be some difficult ones to spot. Others may require JUDGES to help them I will quickly admit IT Usually takes a Minister to find one of them. There will be loud LAMENTATIONS when it is found. A little lady I know SHE BREWS a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compETE. Relax now for there really are sixteen names of books of the Bible in this passage. One preacher I know found fifteen books in twenty minutes, but it took him three weeks to

EVENTS

All Sunday Services led by our Minister Rev. S. Christian -
[unless otherwise stated]

Every Wednesday at 10.00 am Holy Communion & Prayer - followed by
coffee

Every Thursday morning - 10 am to 12 noon Community Coffee Morning

Every Thursday at 7 pm Badminton [Except for Church Meetings]

Worship Jam 4 - 6 pm - [Every 2nd Sunday in month]

Seniors` Lunch last Monday of each month

Men`s Group 4th Tuesday of every month

Sundays evenings in Lent 7 – 8 pm - Prayer in the Wilderness -
A Series of Reflections and Time for Prayer.

EASTER SERVICES: Maundy Thursday 18th April - 8 pm Communion.

Good Friday, 19th April - 10.30 am

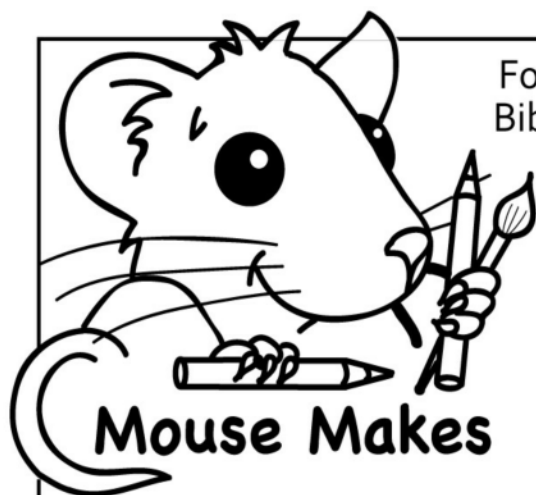
Easter Day Celebration 21st April 10.30 am.



Easter Peace: it does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart. - Anon

Easter spells out beauty, the rare beauty of new life. - S D Gordon

Carry the cross patiently, and with perfect submission; and in the end it shall carry you. - Thomas a Kempis



Follow the **Easter story** using the Bible references, then look for the words in the puzzle.


Into Jerusalem

read *Matthew 21:1-11*

DONKEY • ROAD • COATS
BRANCHES • PALMS
KING • HOSANNA



 **The Last Supper**
read
Matthew 26:17-30
TWELVE DISCIPLES
PASSOVER
ROOM • BREAD
WINE • SON • MAN
BODY • BLOOD
CUP • MEAL

 **Betrayal and Death**
read *Matthew 26:36-27:56*
GETHSEMANE
PRAY • BETRAY
KISS • ARREST
MESSIAH • CHRIST
SON • ACCUSED
CRUCIFY • JESUS
CROWN • THORNS
ROBE • TREE
NAILS • CROSS
DARKNESS
QUAKE • DEATH
LOTS • DICE



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Burial and Resurrection

read *Matthew 27:57-28:20*

TOMB • STONE • LINEN • BODY • BURY • THREE DAYS
MORNING • MARY • ANGEL • HEAVEN • LORD • GOD
RAISED • JOY • GO TELL • GOOD NEWS • PEACE • SPIRIT
SAVIOUR • PRAISE • EASTER • I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

