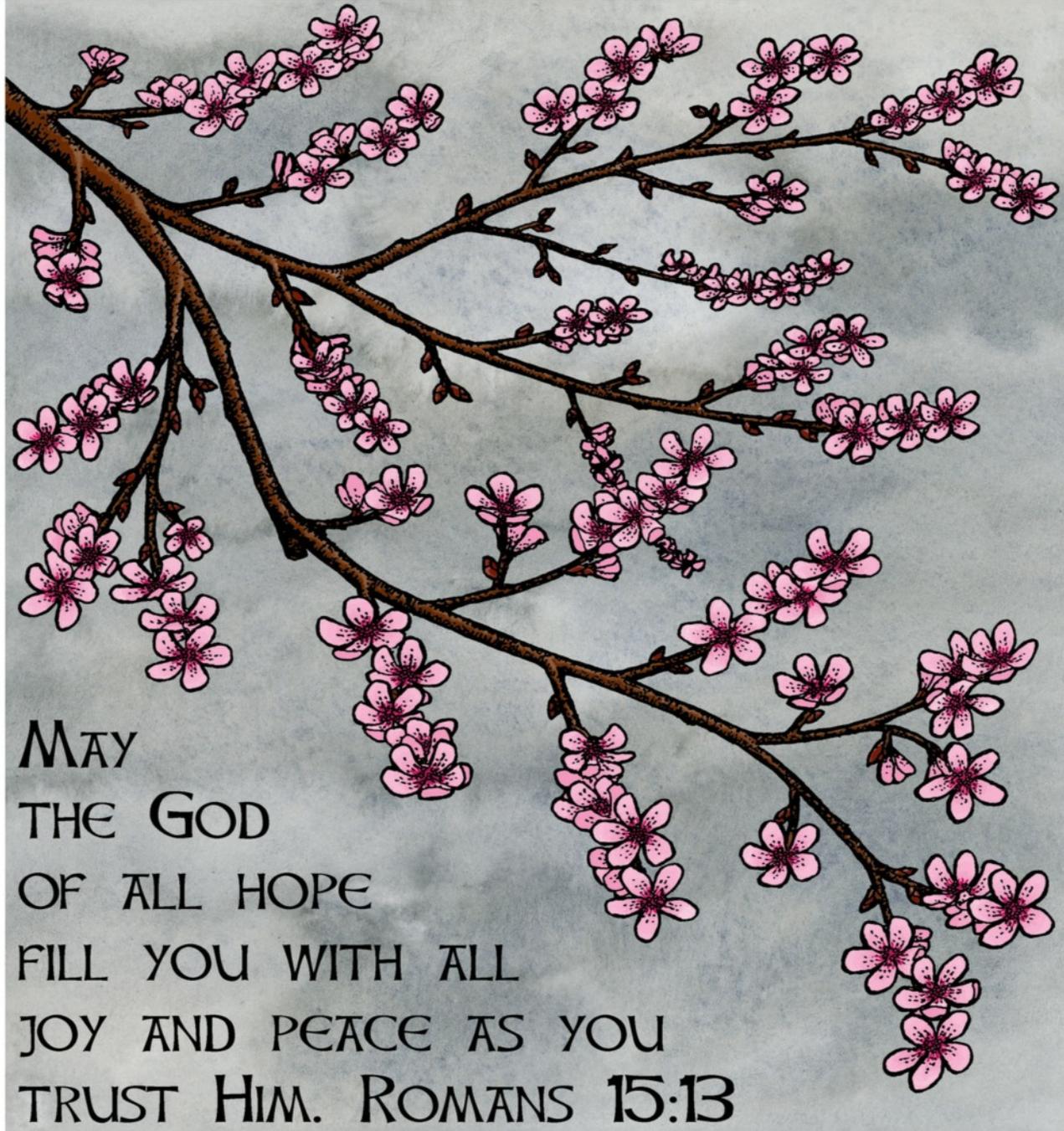


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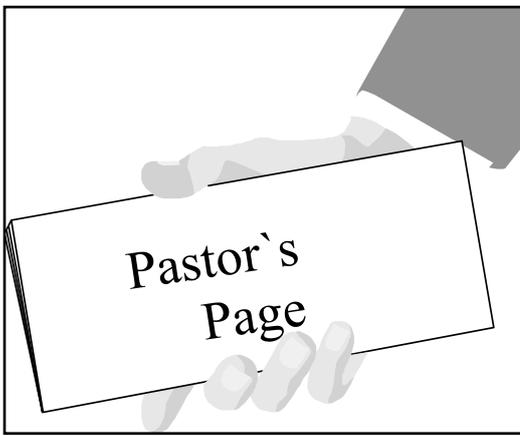
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TRUST HIM. ROMANS 15:13

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Walliscote Road, Weston-super-Mare.  
**NEWSLETTER**

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# Getting Ready for Easter

Over the last few weeks I have begun to think about preparing for Easter, or to be more precise to begin to think and pray about a sermon series for Lent and Easter at CPBC. If I am honest with you, this is not a task that I find easy. In fact every year both Christmas and Easter present themselves as a challenge. Both seasons are wonderful celebrations, both seasons have so much for us to learn about God, his love and our lives. Yet both are such familiar and well-known stories. The difficulty is not what to say but the angle to take in approaching the events so that we learn not just the familiar story, but that we allow the story to challenge us in new ways, and so a series needs to be relevant, helpful, interesting and appropriate.

I wonder then, as we approach the beginning of a Lent and our journey to the events of the cross and the resurrection celebrations, what will your preparation be? For many there will be no preparation and simply an expectation that just coming on Sundays will be enough to hear, to receive and to leave feeling blessed. For others your journey will involve giving something up (like chocolate) in order to help you focus on the hardship of the cross and the passion narrative of the journey of Jesus to the cross. For others their preparation will be to read a book, to do some study or to take on a ministry that involves helping others who are in need in our community.

As your pastor what do I pray for you in your preparation? I pray that your hearts will be open to hear God's story of his anger at sin and his love for his creation, I pray that we will prepare our hearts to hear his word and to allow it to take root in our lives so that it can grow and bear fruit. I pray that we will allow God's story to transform our lives not just for 40 days but for the days beyond and for all eternity. I pray that we will be willing this year to share the story of God with those we know who don't know God's love, that we will help them discover it and experience it for themselves, a story that we share by how we live, in what we say and even inviting others to come to our worship services with us so that they can know what it is to stand in the presence of God as he delights in the worship of his people.

And I pray above all else, that each of us will listen to God, and be willing to respond to the challenge of God for your life.

So, can I encourage you, just as I start my Easter preparations to also begin yours. To be prayerful for me in my preparation, but to also be prayerful in your own journey with God, to walk close to him so that you will hear even his most gentle whisper in our ear.

So, may God bless you all in the months ahead.

Let's also celebrate that I have also managed to get through this whole article and not once mentioned the word BREXIT. (oh no I just did - aaarrggggh!)



***With Lent coming, we consider prayer...***

Kneel before you leap. – *George Allen*

Anything is a blessing which makes us pray. - *C H Spurgeon*

Satan is far more anxious to keep us off our knees than he is to keep us off our feet! – *Ivor Powell*

Too many people pray like little boys who knock at doors, then run away. - *Anon*

Tears are often the telescope by which men see far into heaven. – *H W Beecher*

A prayer in its simplest definition is merely a wish turned God-ward. *Phillips Brooks*

Her eyes are homes of silent prayer. – *Tennyson*

The Lord's Prayer is not, as some fancy, the easiest, the most natural of all devout utterances. It may be committed to memory quickly, but it is slowly learned by heart. - *Anon*

A clenched fist produces anger; an open hand produces harmony. - *Anon*

A mother can touch a whole generation just by loving her own child well. - *Anon*



**From the Secretary`s Chair**      *Elisabeth Speakman*

Firstly I want to say thank you to you the church members for supporting the leadership group by agreeing to invest in our attendance at the *Re-imagine* course run by WEBA.

*Re-imagine* is a missional learning community especially for leadership teams. It takes the form of a residential weekend and then 3 day long hub gatherings, each 6 months apart. *Re-imagine* helps and supports teams to build momentum in the transition towards, mission being the heart of all they are and no longer simply something they just do.

As we share what we learn with you all we pray that God will open our ears to what His plans are for us and our community to see more lives transformed by Jesus. We will then be able to invest our legacy money in an honouring way and move ever onwards from our 2020 Vision. We look forward to sharing more with you soon.

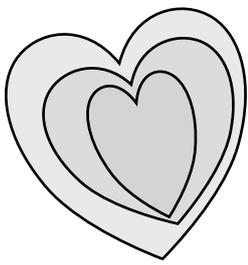
February and March are really important in our church life as we approach our AGM bringing a time for us to look back at the previous year and look forward to whatever our God blesses us with in the future. May I please remind all group leaders to provide their annual report to me via the Admin team co-ordinator by the end of February; thanks in anticipation.

It is also time for us all to consider our church leadership; 3 deacons Kaye Cooke, Jayne Goodwin and myself will come to the end of our current term and we have one vacancy so the church could elect 4 people to serve at our March AGM.

Please prayerfully consider if there is somebody you feel God is prompting you to approach to stand. Indeed consider if he is challenging you and if you are approached by somebody and asked to stand take time to consider carefully before you react, remember you are not doing anything in your own strength. Steve or any of the current deacons are happy to talk and pray with you before you make your decision.

Blessings to you all

Elisabeth



# PASTORAL NEWS

It was with much pleasure we witnessed Jo Loader's baptism on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January, and also welcomed her into membership. Jo has been worshipping with us for only a little while, so we are pleased she feels "at home" at Clarence, and that many of her friends and family came to support her.

Quite a few folk have been absent from our services for a few weeks. **Peter Whiteway** fell on his driveway just after Christmas, sustaining two lovely black eyes. Thankfully he is better and back with us; and it was good to have **Bill and Jacquie Brown** with us again after a few health problems. **Jean Evans** is in Beachlawns Nursing Home, very poorly, but enjoyed seeing and hearing the Clangers chime bells on video, as she was part of that group. **Joyce Brownett** is in Abbeygate after being in hospital due to another fall, and cutting her ear rather badly. She is feeling a bit poorly at the moment and has some broken bones in her foot too. **Ann Palmer** has had her long awaited operation and recuperating in The Links, but looking forward to being home soon.

The cataract ops are gathering again. **Ray Green** had his and is progressing well. **Hilary Brownett** is to have one on 8<sup>th</sup> February. **Bernice Loveridge** is due to have a second eye done, and **Hazel Dicks** is joining the queue. We wish these folk all the best when their turn comes, and we keep others in our thoughts and prayers when dealing with their health problems. A few we know of with hospital appointments are, **Olive Loveridge, Mary Procter** and **Ros Newman**.

Do keep **Jim and Avril Wilson** in mind, as Jim is unable to return home from hospital. It is hoped he can go to St. Georges Nursing Home, where he has been before for respite, but this is still a distressing time for them both.

On a happier note, **Mary Edward's granddaughter, Caitlin, Sarah's daughter**, has been on TV in "Back in time for school", where she was commended for her neat sewing.

We also wish **Daphne Betteridge** a very enjoyable day for her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We have been warned of cold weather, so do look after yourselves, keep warm and wrapped in God's love.



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## The Presentation of Christ in the Temple/ Candlemas

Candlemas, 2 February, comes exactly 40 days after Christmas. In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her



first male child - to 'present Him to the Lord'. Thus, we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. (Luke 2: 22-40) So where does the Candlemas bit come in? Jesus is described in the New Testament as the Light of the World, and early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day.

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# Letters

I want to say a massive THANK YOU to the kind and generous people at CPBC, who have donated to my wheelchair fund. The lovely ladies of the 'So Crafty Group', 'The Clangers' who made me one of their 'worthy causes', to Jane Ridge who so kindly fundraised for me at her work place.

I am hoping to be able to order my new Powerchair very shortly. Many thanks.

Nicola Hocking

## Revelation (Luke 2:22-35)



Sometimes old people see things,  
sometimes they understand,  
their years and experience lending wisdom -  
sometimes.

But that day in the Temple  
was beyond human sight and understanding,  
beyond human wisdom.

That day in the Temple,  
God moved.

And Simeon saw, with Holy Spirit sight,  
with revelation light,  
the realisation of God's promise.

Simeon held Jesus and knew his Saviour,  
The pain - and the peace.

*By Daphne Kitching*



There has been a steady increase in the number of men coming to events organised by our Men's Group at Clarence Park.

About twenty of us (aged between 18 and over 80!) gathered for a Saturday morning Prayer Breakfast at the church in January. Hugh and his helpers cooked us an excellent breakfast and then we shared together in fellowship and prayer as a start to our new year. Another prayer breakfast is being planned for the summer.

Later in the month a similar number met at the Weston Football Club to hear from Melvin Wood about the Lost Rivers of Bristol. It was a fascinating evening rounded off by the inevitable supper of sausages and chips.

During February we are arranging a visit to the Police HQ at Portishead on 12<sup>th</sup> February and will meet again at Weston Football Club on 26<sup>th</sup> February for skittles – and more sausages and chips!

There has also been considerable interest among the men for an informal gathering to enjoy fellowship with each other and to pray together under the banner of 'Listening to God'. An inaugural meeting will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00 pm at the home of Ray and Ruth Thomas – 10 Manor Grange, Purn Way, Bleadon BS24 OQG.

All men – whether already attending the Men's Group or not – will be very welcome. There is the usual sign-up sheet in the church but if you want any more information or need transport or directions please speak to Ray Thomas (812938) or Peter Price (623587)



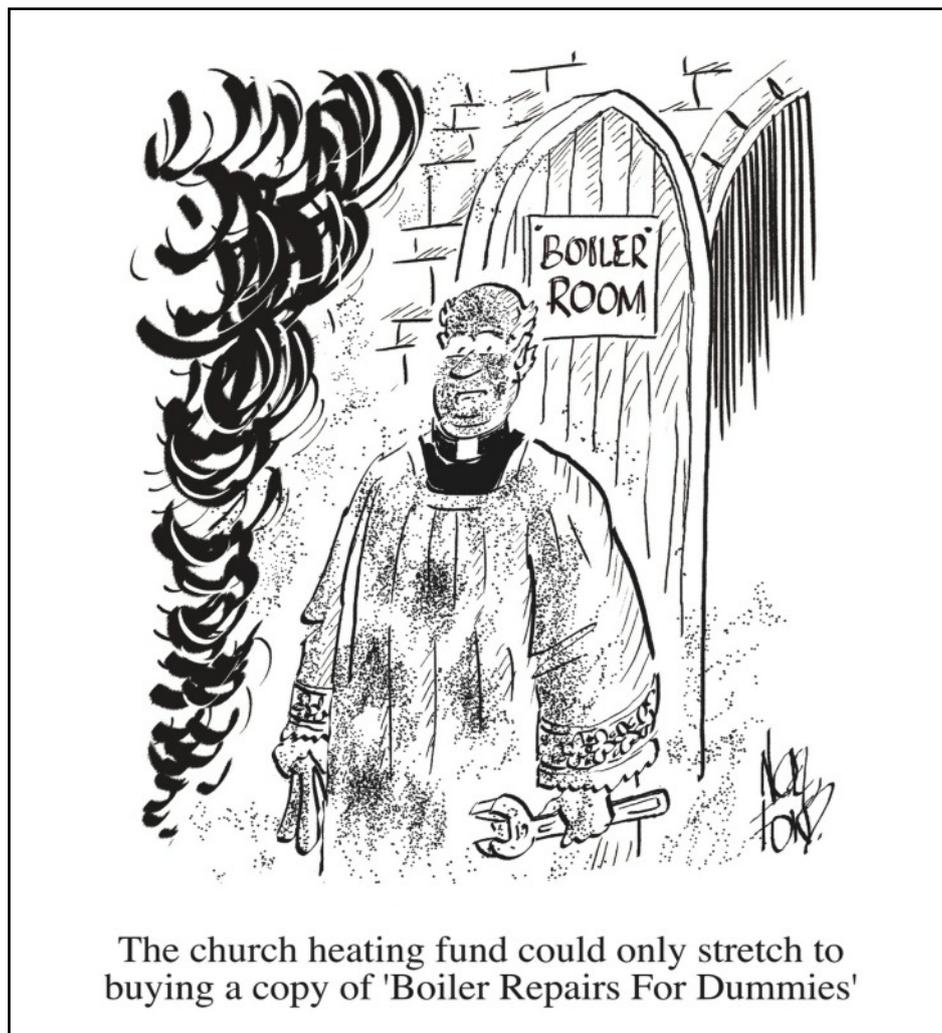
## CYCLING IS IT A CHALLENGE?

Miriam Whitehurst, elder daughter of Michael and Frances Wedlake, has recently become SILVER MEDALLIST in the National Cyclocross Championships Veteran [over 50's] division.

These are speed trials over rough terrain, and in addition to cycling, you have to run sometimes with your bike, and climb over fences etc. It is awarded on an accumulation of top placings over a number of events during the season.



Miriam is now setting her sights on the World Championships in November this year. [Makes my legs ache to think about it!]



The church heating fund could only stretch to buying a copy of 'Boiler Repairs For Dummies'

# **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (A WOMEN LED, GLOBAL, ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT)**

**March 1<sup>st</sup> 2019  
Corpus Christi Church  
Ellenborough Park Rd South  
@ 2.30pm**

**Come – Everything is Ready!**

Everything is ready and the invitation is for everyone - men, women and children of all ages to join this Day of Prayer.\* Women of Slovenia, one of the smallest and youngest countries in Europe, have prepared this year's service and they encourage us to reflect on the barriers they have faced since the end of the Second World War when their country was a part of Yugoslavia, a Marxist socialist republic. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future.

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is vast. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans. Finally, at a church near you on Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 people will gather to celebrate the service prepared by the women of Slovenia.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world --- through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

\* For further information and resources, together with details of services in your area see the WDP website: [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)

# **SHOE BOXES FOR CHILDREN IN ALBANIA SENT VIA WEBA (WEST OF ENGLAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION)**

The Ladies Friendship Group again sent shoe boxes via WEBA to Albania. A group of people from various Churches in WEBA went with the lorry to help distribute the boxes and this is part of the report which they made.

"As we loaded the lorry in December I was struck like never before that 2937 boxes meant that 2937 children and young people in different parts across Albania were going to receive them.

So a BIG THANK YOU to all who participated in one way or another with the boxes and in helping to provide food parcels. With your help these are enabling the Churches to break new ground for opportunities to usher in God's Kingdom.

This year was the fourth year of the WEBA Box project and each of the trips has been unique. It is a great encouragement to see our sisters and brothers in Albania take more ownership of distributions, thinking outside the 'box' and acting beyond their comfort zone so that the boxes can truly be boxes of compassion.

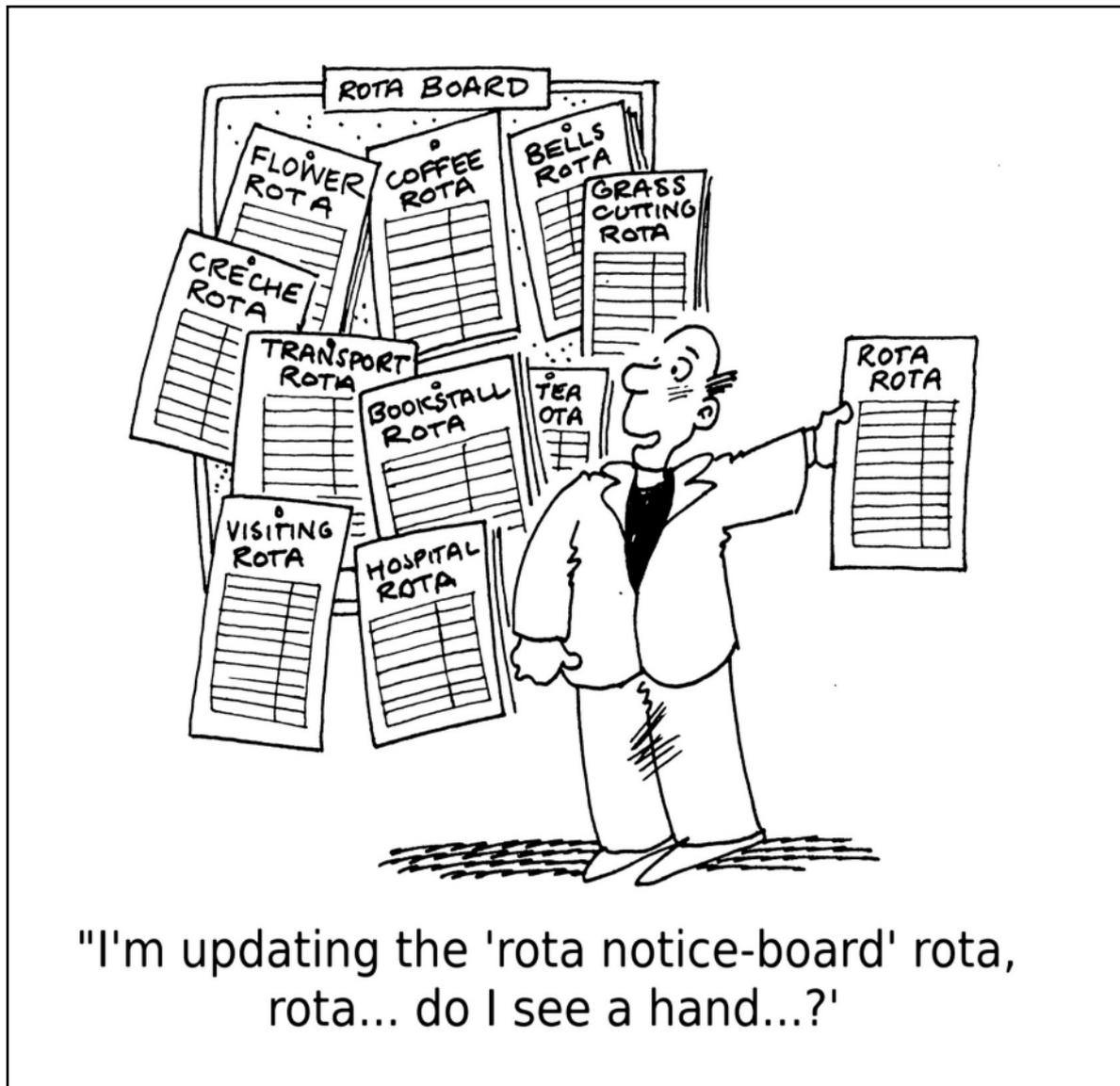
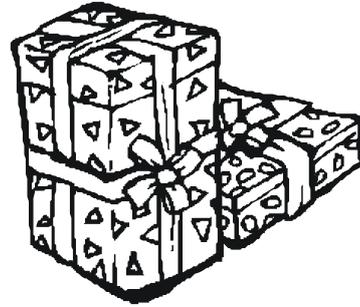
This year we were able to visit and distribute the boxes in some new and deprived areas as well as places that we have been before in towns and city centres.

In one instance we had children who had to walk at least three miles to come and receive their box. Once again we have been struck by the contrast of the rich and poor and have come away convinced that there is definitely a need to continue to be a blessing and support and empower the local believers for the furtherance of the kingdom.

We will be producing some more material to share with Churches and groups in the coming weeks.

Thank you so much for your support and look forward to your help and partnership in the coming year.

ALEX DREW





## THE CHURCH PLANTERS WHO NEED YOUR PRAYER

“There were no Christians when we first came. None at all.”

Being Jesus in a village that is 100 per cent Buddhist is challenging work. But church planters Helen and Wit Boondeekhun insist on living out their faith in Wang Daeng village.

It's really difficult for people to convert to Christianity in Wang Daeng, northern Thailand. BMS World Mission workers Helen and Wit have been faithfully serving the community and trying to meet the practical needs of their new neighbours for the last two years.

Creating strong relationships within the local community is especially important because many people there struggle with drug and alcohol addictions. “Recently, I found out one of the people I know, they're under 40, they just died because of alcohol,” said Wit. Watching their friends struggle is immensely challenging for the Boondeekhuns, but they are committed to finding ways to keep the community thriving and bring people to Christ.

When they first arrived, they set up English classes. At first with just a handful of students, but now they have about 40 local students enrolled. But their first believer came through other means.

“Through the basket weaving project, we got to know this lady, and she became a Christian,” said Helen. “But nobody really knows about this. She hasn't been brave or bold enough to tell her friends yet, because it's hard.”

Even though it is a challenge, the Boondeekhuns are consistently living out their faith and sharing it with their new friends in Wang Daeng. And they believe that more ears will be opened.

Helen and Wit have become part of the community – and they're so happy that they have seen one of their new friends come to faith. Now, they would love to see more fruit!

*Want to hear more from Helen and Wit? Head to [www.bmsworldmission.org/wang-daeng](http://www.bmsworldmission.org/wang-daeng) to watch a video about their lives in Wang Daeng.*



## SHOE BOXES

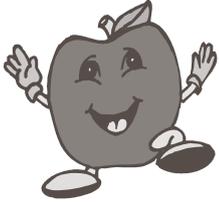
"Thank you for bringing happiness to someone in need this Christmas", the letter says from Blythswood Care. They have sent us here at Clarence a certificate to thank us for filling 130 shoe boxes, and £65 in donations; certificate is displayed in vestibule.

I don't suppose we know much about Blythswood Care. Their logo shows a green cross circled by the words "Education, Community, Gospel", and they have been sending shoe boxes filled with gifts for 25 years. They work to transform lives in Jesus' name, not just at Christmas, to let people know they are valued and loved; a priceless gift. Thank you to all who helped fill the boxes, brought along their own or contributed to the contents.

So that's the end of it, isn't it? Christmas is over.....No. Now is the time to start collecting the bits to go into the boxes. If anyone would like a list, we can let you have one, and we were rather lacking, woolly hats for all ages, [not under 3 years], so if you can knit nice thick ones, it would be great, and if you buy any shoes, the boxes would be useful to fill. Such a small box brings the huge gift of Jesus' Love, through us.

Thank you again, Rosie Pike and Team.....

I'm not grateful so much for the gift,  
Nor even for the sending of it.  
I'm grateful for your thought,  
Your selflessness,  
Your loving heart.  
Believe me,  
I appreciate those above all else.



### **Rice**

A man who had been dating a girl for a number of years took her out to a Chinese restaurant. As they studied the menu he asked: 'How would you like your rice, fried or boiled?'

She looked at him sadly. 'Thrown.'

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### **Be my Valentine**

Young man: Do you love me?

Young lady: Yes.

Young man: But can you live on my income?

Young lady: Certainly. Though - what will you live on?

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### **Valentine present**

Man in car showroom: I've come back to buy that car you showed me yesterday.

Sales assistant: That's fine, I thought you'd be back. Tell me, what was the dominant feature which made you decide on this car?

My wife.

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### **Sure prognosis**

'Doctor,' said the worried woman, 'I'd like you to evaluate my 13-year-old son.'

'OK. He's suffering from a transient psychosis with intermittent rage disorder, punctuated by episodic radical mood swings, but his prognosis is excellent for a full recovery.'

'How can you say all that without even meeting him?'

'I thought you said he's 13?'

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### **Sign seen in a restaurant**

One of the greatest mysteries of life is how the idiot your daughter married can be the father of the most beautiful and intelligent grandchildren in the world.

# 2019 Flower Rota



## February

3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs. Jenny Collins remembering Roy.

10<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Ann Palmer.

17<sup>th</sup> ~~~~~

24<sup>th</sup> Mr. Ray Green, remembering Margaret.

## March

3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs. Hilary Brownnett remembering Paul.

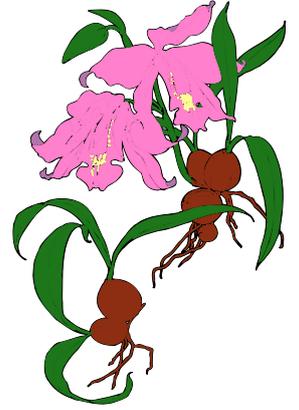
10<sup>th</sup> Mr. Mrs. Alan Loveridge, celebrating Wedding Anniversary

17<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Maureen Radford remembering Karen

24<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Pat Porter remembering Wedding Anniversary and  
celebrating her own birthday on 17<sup>th</sup>.

31<sup>st</sup> Mothering Sunday

Mr. Mrs. Dave Pike celebrating Golden Wedding on 30th



Nine requisites for contented living: *[Johann Wolfgang von Goethe]*

Health enough to make work a pleasure;  
Wealth enough to support your needs;  
Strength to battle with difficulties and overcome them  
Grace enough to confess your sins and forsake them;  
Patience enough to toil until some good is accomplished;  
Charity enough to see some good in your neighbour;  
Love enough to move you to be useful and helpful to others;  
Faith enough to make real the things of God;  
Hope enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future.



The 'So Crafty Group Invite You  
to a



## SPRING SALE

30<sup>th</sup> March - 10 am - 1 pm

Cards, Gifts for Easter and other occasions also  
Coffee/Tea and Cakes  
will be available.

Proceeds are towards funding one of our members,  
Nicola Hocking, with a wheel chair which will  
give her more independence.

Do come along and help to achieve her goal.



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

### February

- 4<sup>th</sup> Musical Evening - Pat Ulliyott
- 11<sup>th</sup> First Aid - Alex McIntosh
- 18<sup>th</sup> Craft Evening - Jean Jones
- 25<sup>th</sup> Devotional Evening - Michael Wood.

### March:

- 4<sup>th</sup> |Paul Temple - Luhimba
- 11<sup>th</sup> Scripture Market
- 18<sup>th</sup> Musical Evening - Andrew Williams & Family
- 25<sup>th</sup> Vision N. Somerset - Shirley Leslie.

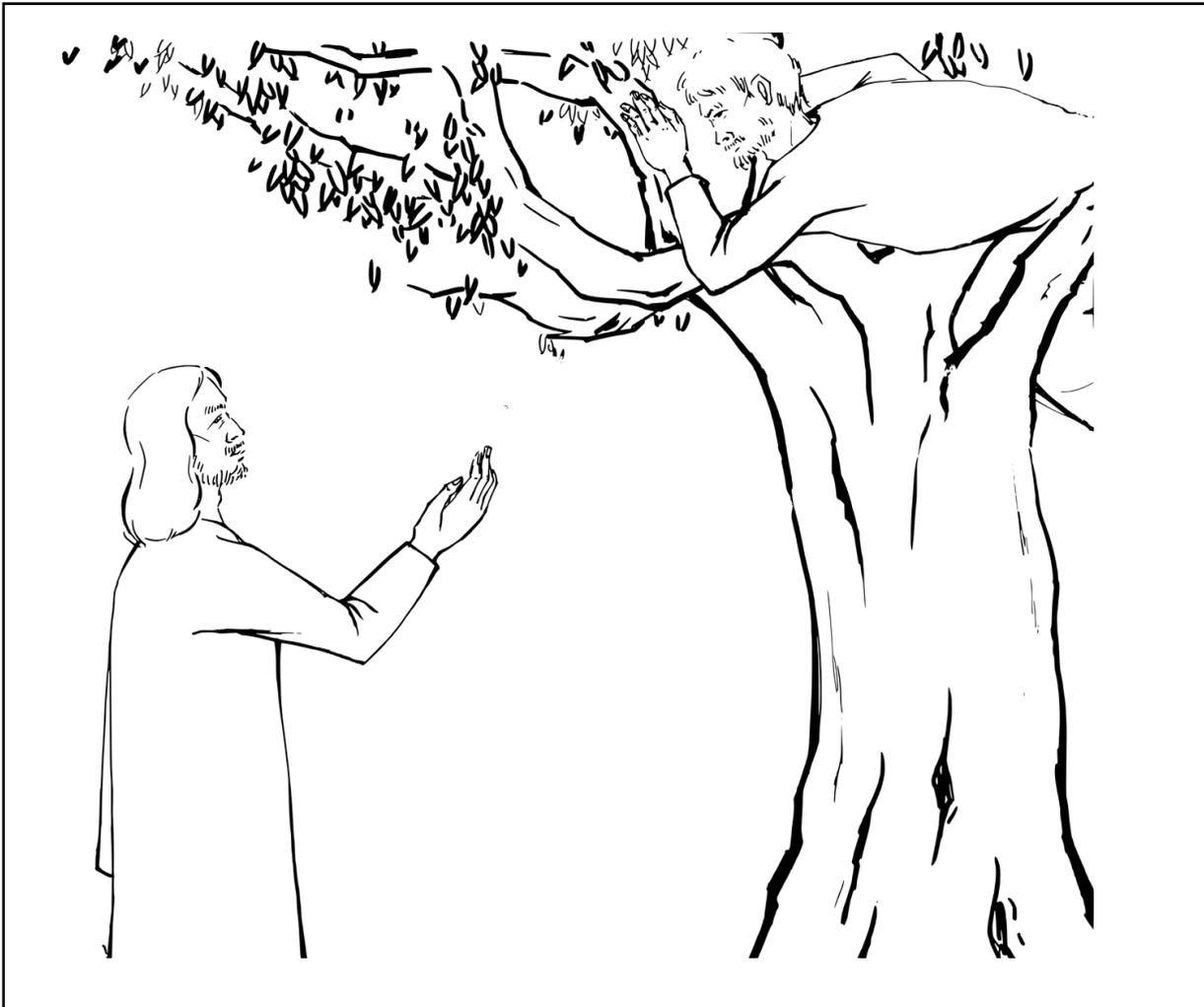
## Zacchaeus

A chap named Zacchaeus was short  
Too short to see Jesus, so thought  
In order to see,  
He'd climb up a tree  
And in Jesus' sight he was caught.

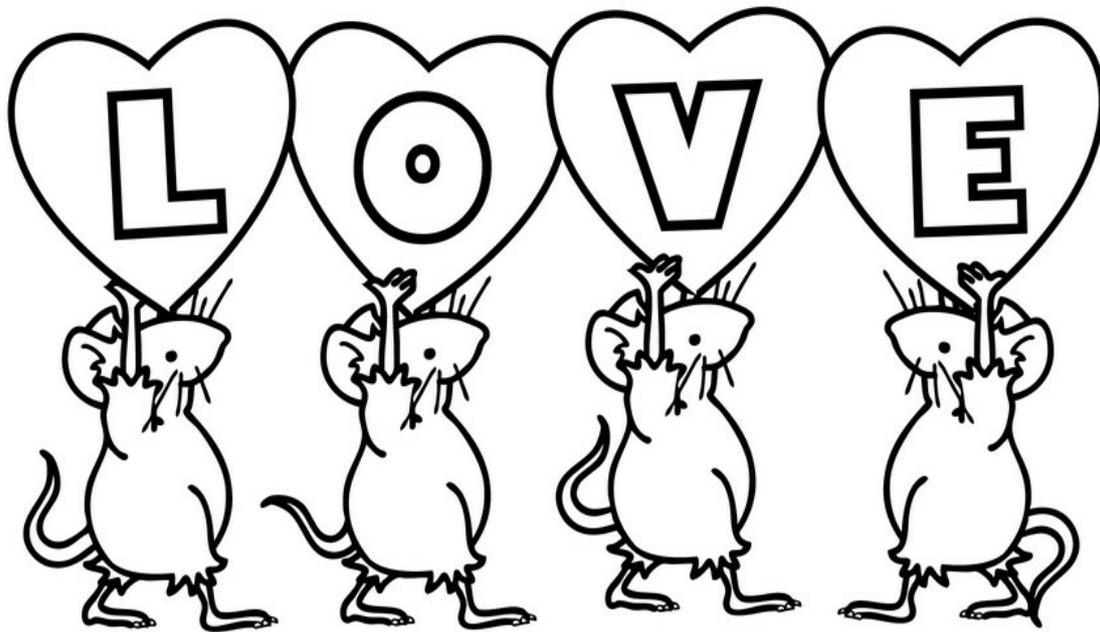
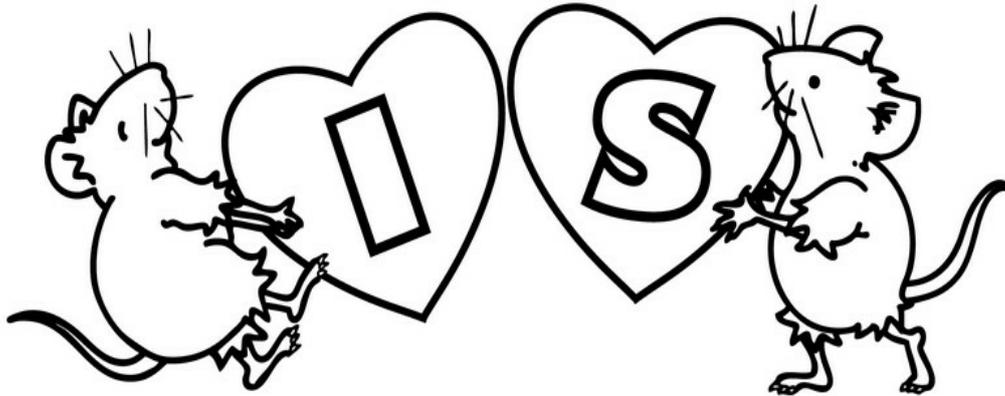
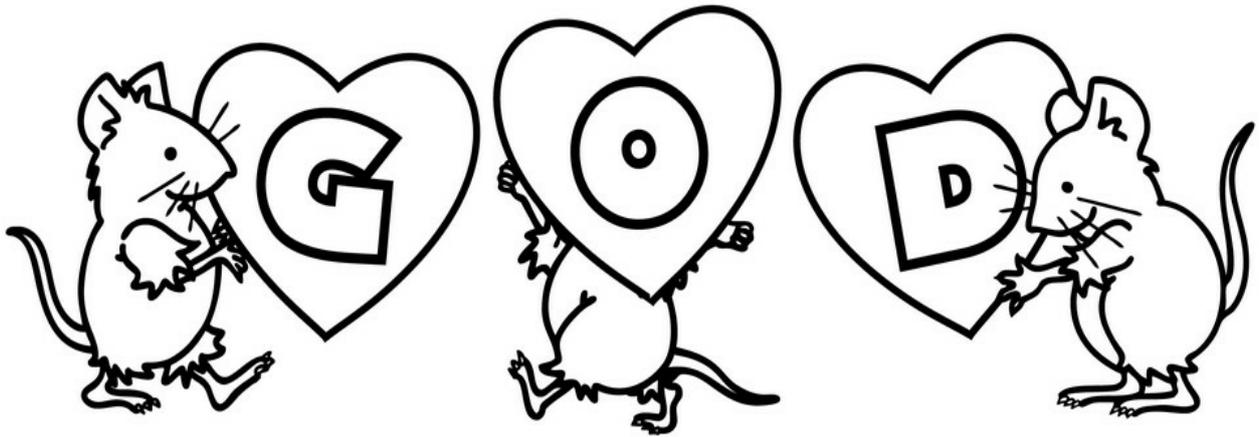
'Zacchaeus! Come down from your tree!  
I'm coming to dinner, you see!'  
He went for His dinner  
To the home of a sinner!  
(A sinner like you and like me.)

Zacchaeus, the worst of the worst,  
To such as him Jesus came first  
The sinner lamented  
And then he repented,  
And so he was no longer cursed!

Nigel Beaton



# COLOURING IN PAGE



"And so we know the **love** that God has for us, and we trust that **love**.  
**God is love**. Those who live in **love** live in God, and God lives in them."

*1 John 4:16*

**B M S**

# *Birth*day Scheme

For the medical work of the Society.

## **February**

4<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Maureen Price

5<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Margaret Fleming

8<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Ann Palmer

9<sup>th</sup> Mr. James Ulliyott

11<sup>th</sup> Mr. Don Glen

15<sup>th</sup> Joy Riley

22<sup>nd</sup> Daphne Betteridge

23 Pat Ulliyott

24<sup>th</sup> Tim Lawrence

25<sup>th</sup> Ann Jones

## **March**

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5<sup>th</sup> Emily Speakman

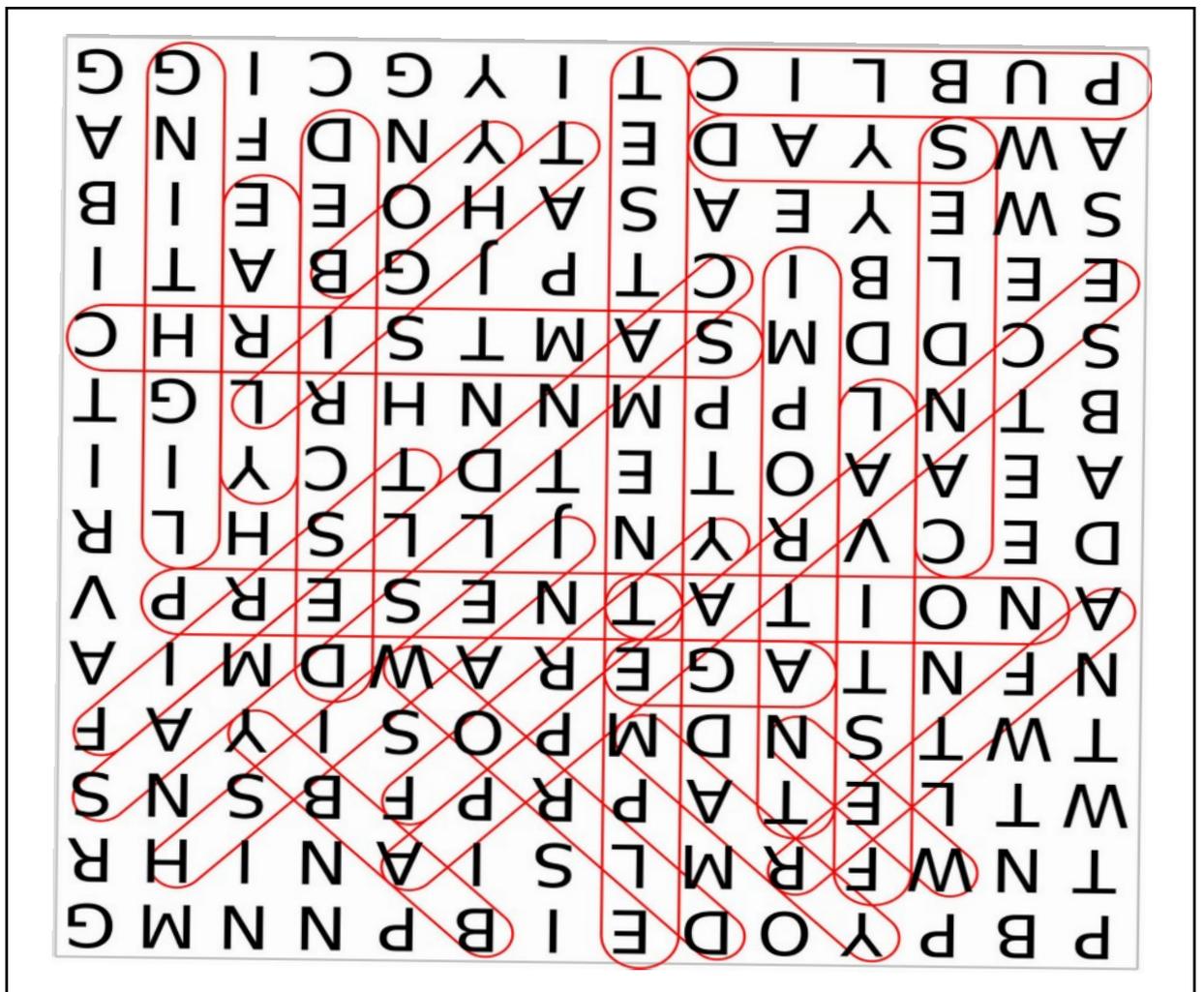
21<sup>st</sup> Sarah Edwards

29<sup>th</sup> Alan Hembrow



# Solutions to Puzzles

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## 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  
Worship Jam 4 - 6 pm - [Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in month]



### Consider the Birds

Consider the birds of the air  
They do not store up what they eat  
They need not to worry or care  
Or tweet with a worry-filled tweet.

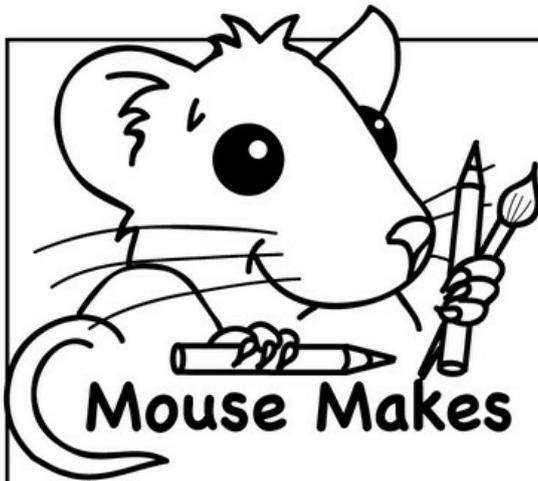
God looks after them, O it's true!  
He grants them their insects and grains  
He gives all their feathers their hue;  
And shelters them all from the rain.

But at certain times of the year,  
When birds have to eat, or they freeze –  
Though God clearly holds them all dear,  
Assistance from us will Him please.

So think of the birds of the air,  
And, after your breakfast is chewed,  
Get up, get a coat, get out there  
And give the poor darlings some food!



*By Nigel Beeton*



**Mouse Makes**

### WHAT IS LOVE?

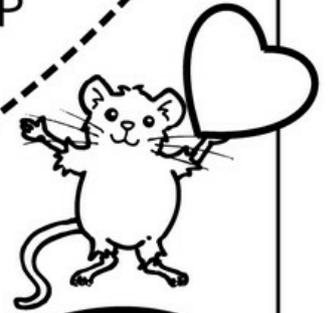
Cross out every other letter to find the Bible verse, then look it up.

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### God's love is...

Change each letter to the letter before it in the alphabet.

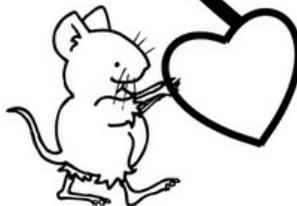
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Kpio 3:16



### How does God show he loves us?

Look at this in a mirror!

God showed His love for us  
by sending his only Son into  
the world, so that we  
might have life  
through Him  
John 4:9



### HOW LONG IS GOD'S LOVE?

Cross out all the xxx to find out!

xxGxixvxexxtxhxaxnxkxsxxtxoxxtxhx  
exxLxoxrxdx,xfxoxrxxHxexxiixxsxg  
xoxxoxdx,xxHxixsxsxxtxeaxxdx  
fxaxsxtxxlxoxvxeexnxdxu  
rxxexsxfxoxrxxexvxxexr.  
xpxsxaxxlxmxx  
1x3x6:1

"The steadfast **love** of  
the Lord *never* ceases"  
*Lamentations 3:22*

