



CONTACT

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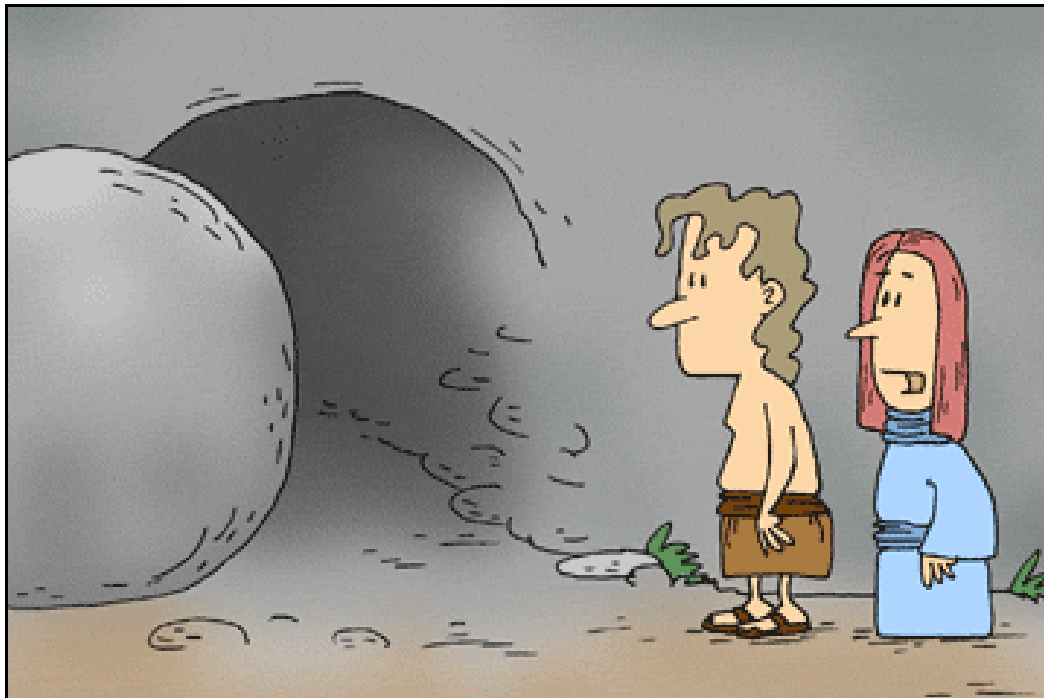
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Thanks to Pam Winn (See John 20:1-18)

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**NOTHING IS CERTAIN EXCEPT WHAT AND
TAXES?!?**

Feast your eyes on this!

Lunch Club has resumed after the Christmas break with a new menu to tantalize your taste buds. Every week will be a different global celebration with a themed meal and activities plus the traditional raffle and time of worship at 11am.

You're most welcome to come and join us on a Monday in the Youth Centre, £5 per person.

Monday 21st January	Burns Night	Celebrating all things Scottish with haggis, neeps & tatties and poetry. Dress in your tartan, bring your bagpipes!
Monday 28th January	Australia Day	More than just 'snags on the barbie', forget it's the middle of winter and come down to the beach party!
Monday 5th February	Chinese New Year	Spice up your life and enjoy a taste of the exotic. Dragons welcome.
Monday 12th February	Valentine's	Calling all you old romantics. We'd love to see you!
Monday 19th February	Pancake	We're sure you'll have a flipping great time!
Monday 4th March	St. David's	A banquet of all things Welsh
Monday 11th March	Mother's Day	Treat yourself to another day off and let us do the cooking (and washing up for you)!
Monday 18th March	St. Patrick's Day	Enjoy the luck of the Irish and possibly the cheapest meal out you've had all week!



"Gratitude - the Everyday Superpower You Didn't Know You Had"

Gratitude and Thankfulness is a topic we explored in Sunday school this week and to illustrate this we listened to the story of Job a good message I thought so my article is based around this message and is a good reminder for us all 😊

In the tapestry of faith, gratitude and thankfulness stand as pillars that strengthen our connection with God and one another. Drawing inspiration from the timeless story of Job, we embark on a journey of understanding and embracing the transformative power of gratitude in our church community.

Picture gratitude as a seed planted in the fertile soil of our hearts. Much like Job's unwavering faith in the face of adversity, nurturing this seed requires care and attention. It is through our collective efforts that we produce a culture of thanksgiving, fostering resilience and fortitude within our church family.

Expressing gratitude is like casting pebbles into the waters of our community. The ripples extend far beyond, touching the lives of those around us. As we share our thanks and appreciation, we create a ripple effect, echoing the strength of Job's character in our own church community.

Gratitude in Times of Challenge:

Job's story teaches us that even in the most challenging moments, gratitude can be a source of strength. In our church, we encounter various trials, yet by expressing thanks in difficult times, we deepen our trust in God's plan.

Gratitude is not a mere sentiment but a spiritual discipline that shapes our character. Just as Job's unwavering faith was a testament to his spiritual discipline, so too can our intentional practice of gratitude enhance our journey of faith. Through prayer, reflection, and acts of kindness, we weave gratitude into the fabric of our church life.

In our church community, gratitude and thankfulness are not mere words but guiding principles inspired by the resilience of Job. As we navigate the tapestry of faith together, let us sow the seeds of gratitude, nurturing a culture that strengthens our bonds, fosters resilience, and enriches our connection with God. May our collective journey be marked by thanksgiving, echoing the enduring spirit of Job and transforming our church into a haven of gratitude, resilience, and unwavering faith.

"Through all the trials, Job's faithfulness and trust in God remained unshaken. He showed us that even in the toughest times, we can continue to love and trust God. Job's story teaches us the importance of remaining thankful and faithful, no matter what challenges we face".

If you have any news or prayer requests please get in touch with me.

Every blessing

Debbie L

Greetings from Nick Fawcett

*Rev. Nick Fawcett was Minister of Gas Green from 1989 to 1996.
He now lives near Wellington in Somerset.*

Warmest greetings!

I didn't intend to send ecards again this Christmas, but circumstances have dictated otherwise. Multiple seizures a month or so ago, probably caused by my cancer drugs, put me in intensive care for a night and a week afterwards in hospital, leaving me feeling extremely rough for long afterwards, added to which a frozen shoulder, affecting my right arm and hand, is making it very hard to write at the moment. In lieu of cards, we will be donating £1.50 for each one we would have sent to Myeloma UK.

Before that health hiatus struck, I was regularly going bowling with a friend, but initial victories soon turned, sadly, into a litany of defeats. And as if joining a bowls club is not enough to identify me now as a complete old fogey, I'm due early in the new year to have a hearing aid fitted, not to mention laser surgery on the eyes resulting from complications following cataract surgery a few years back – all the result of long-term steroid treatment. Has Deborah bought me a walking stick for Christmas, I wonder, to complete the picture!

Happily, recent blood tests and a full-body MRI show that the cancer drug I'm on is – contrary to all expectations – continuing to hold the myeloma at bay, and there is no significant new damage to my bones, despite frequent bone pain. We were prepared for the worst this time round, so Christmas celebrations will be all the sweeter for us this year.

To be honest, nothing spectacular has happened to any of us over the past twelve months, unless you count us marking our 40th wedding anniversary with a week's holiday in Beaumaris, Anglesey. I semi-retired on my birthday at the beginning of April, but I enjoy my work too much to abandon it completely. Highlights this year have included copyediting *Kings & Queens*, by Iain Dale (a follow-up to Iain's equally informative *Prime Ministers* and *The Presidents*, both of which I also edited); *All the Wide Border*, by Mike Parker (a delightful exploration of the England/Wales border country); *Young Elizabeth*, by Nicola Tallis (a brilliant portrait of Elizabeth I in her early years; another of Nicola's many books that I've been lucky enough to copyedit); *The Plot*, by Nadine Dorries (nothing if not controversial, as was the Liz Truss book, *Out of the Blue*, which I edited the previous year!); and a title I'd especially recommend: *A Brief History of the Countryside in 100 Objects*, by Sally Coulthard (of all the hundreds of books I've edited over the years, this has to be one of the best; simply superb).

Deborah and I made the most of my taking things a bit easier to go out walking on Thursdays and Fridays (she doesn't work on those days). Unfortunately, my seizures mean that I'm not allowed to drive now for six months (from 27 October), so that's made going anywhere rather more difficult, but Samuel, who's still living with us at the moment, has risen to the occasion and frequently served as our personal chauffeur. He's very close now to finishing his training to be a counsellor and hoping to get a job in that field early in the new year. Kate, meanwhile, enjoys her work as much as ever at the Museum of Somerset, turning her hand to an amazing variety of tasks (including running weekly children's activities, meeting the artist behind the Gruffalo, dressing up as one of Santa's elves, and serving as a tour guide for visiting groups). She has a wonderful gift of winning over everyone with her natural warmth and charm. Hannah and Jamie (Samuel and Kate's partners respectively) remain very much part of the family; we're greatly blessed in them both.

We're off next week for another get-together with my extended family, self-catering in the beautiful house on the coast in Thurlestone, Devon, where we stayed six years back to celebrate my sixtieth. Looking forward to it.

Love from us both

Nick and Deborah

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Use it or lose it?

By Marian Lee.

Each time you come into church you have to pass the magazine stand but how often do you stop and look to see what's on it? Those of us in the Birthday Scheme now receive their 'Engage' magazine so we keep up to date with World Mission news but on the magazine stand you will find literature about Tools with a Mission (TWAM), The Bible Society and Barnabas Fund, amongst others. All these magazines are free and you can take them home to read at your leisure but, I'm sorry to say, at the moment most of them just end up in the recycling bin!

The stand takes up quite a lot of space, which we could use for something else, more room for Vat's collecting box for the Food Bank for example. So do we use it, or should we lose it? It's up to you. Please pass on your thoughts to Iain or one of the deacons and maybe, if time allows, we can discuss it at the March meeting.

The Laodicean Church

(Contributed by Alan Buckley)

The seven Churches Represent the historical churches that existed. They had a significant historical significance. They also represent seven periods of church ages. All these churches exist today.

1 Ephesus – This church represents the apostle church 30 – 100 AD

2 Smyrna – This church represents the persecuted church 100 – 313 AD

3 Pergamos – This church represents the State Church 313 – 590 AD

4 Thyatira – This church represents the Catholic Church 590 – 1517 AD

5 Sardis – This church represents the Reform Church (Protestantism) 1517 – 1790 AD

6 Philadelphia This Church represents the missionary church 1790 – 1900 AD

7 Laodicea This church represents the apostate church 1900 – present AD

Laodicea Church

Paul wrote, **“That Day [the day of the Lord] will not come unless the falling away comes first” (2 Thessalonians 2:3).** The context of this passage would indicate that **“the falling away”** refers not only to the abandonment of intellectual belief but also to an abandonment of morals and an abandonment of the love that is to characterize all Christians at all times.

Paul used the same word again in 1 Timothy 4:1-2, **“Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron.”** In his second letter to Timothy, he warned: **“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables” (2 Timothy 4:3-4).** Notice that Paul spoke of ears that do not want to hear the truth because they love their lusts and immoralities so much.

“I am convinced that a tremendous battle is going on in the moral realm. Satan, working through society’s obsession with sex, is causing even many clergy to fall. There are many who once walked close to Christ, who knew the joy of sins forgiven, who carried influence with thousands of people, but who fell to the ancient temptation of Satan.”

Paul listed the types of sins that these people who fall away will fall into: **“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power ... always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth” (2 Timothy 3:1-5, 7).**

What a picture of thousands of professing Christians today—people “**having a form of godliness but denying its power.**” This is a picture of Satan releasing against the church all the diabolical powers at his command. The main objective of Satan against the church is to create a “falling away,” a decline of moral and spiritual power.

First, there is moral apostasy. The Bible says, “The whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one” (1 John 5:19). As Christians, we live in enemy territory; and Satan’s purpose is to create an atmosphere of immorality, where even professing Christians will fall. I am convinced that a tremendous battle is going on in the moral realm. **Satan, working through society’s obsession with sex, is causing even many clergy to fall.** There are many who once walked close to Christ, who knew the joy of sins forgiven, who carried influence with thousands of people, but who fell to the ancient temptation of Satan and succumbed to his subtlety and wiles.

The Apostle Peter spoke of this type of people when he said, “For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world ... they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning” (2 Peter 2:20).

Many of those who fall victim to moral apostasy retain their theological orthodoxy. Theirs is an apostasy of life and not of doctrine. Like the professors of religion in Isaiah’s day, they “draw near with their mouths ... but have removed their hearts far from [God]” (Isaiah 29:13). Their words, their teachings and their theology are all right. But in their hearts, they are far from Him!

No wonder Jesus asked, “When the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:8). The Bible says, “Even the demons believe—and tremble!” (James 2:19). But this doesn’t mean that the demons are saved. Our intellectual comprehension is not enough; it must be backed up by a life that has been “crucified with Christ” (Galatians 2:20).

Second, there is theological apostasy. The Scripture says, “Some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons” (1 Timothy 4:1). In several places in the Scriptures, we are taught that a doctrinal falling away is a sign that we are living in the latter times and that Christ’s coming is relatively near.

The Bible warns that the time will come when the churches will not endure sound doctrine. The seven churches of the second and third chapters of the Book of Revelation represent all the churches of all time. The Laodicean church is the last of the seven. **Hear what Jesus Christ has to say to this church: “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth” (Revelation 3:15-16).**

Thank God that there are still believers and pastors whose knees have not “bowed to Baal” (see 1 Kings 19:18). God always has His “seven thousand” who remain true in a time of doctrinal apostasy.

Third, there is pharisaic apostasy. This kind of apostasy is evident in much of the religious life of America. These are the Pharisees whom Jesus so often scathingly denounced.

He said time after time, “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves” (Matthew 23:15). He said, “You cleanse the outside of the

cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence” (Matthew 23:25). And He said: “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness” (Matthew 23:27-28).

They produce very little of the fruit of the Spirit themselves, as listed by the Apostle Paul: “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

Then Paul describes what love is: “Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth” (1 Corinthians 13:4-6).

How the devil must rejoice when he gets Christians fighting one another, disputing with one another and quarrelling among themselves.

As we see all this taking place in the church, our hearts become grieved and sick. We know that the enemy is at work—denying, dividing and destroying people of God and causing them to fall away from the Gospel in various ways. Some of them keep their intellectual faith but fall away into immorality or pharisaism. Others deny the faith, and this, too, eventually leads to despair and depression.

May God help us to turn to Him. May we have a great revival that will melt our hearts together, burn our consciences and drive us back to the altar with tears of repentance. A revival among Christians could change the whole process of history and reverse the immoral tide.

GAS GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Home Groups

interested in journeying through Lent come along to
Lent Home Group meeting in the Church at 7pm all welcome
Feb 14,21,28 March 6, 13, 20
Rsvp to minister@gasgreen.org.uk or



The Parish of
West Cheltenham

supported by local
schools, churches and
Christian organisations



The West Cheltenham Community Passion Play 2024, #wccpp24, is a roving outdoor performance that retells the last days of Jesus' life, leading up to the crucifixion. The play will have scenes at key sites around Hesters Way and will take place on Good Friday, 29th March 2024, starting at 2pm.

The aim is to involve as many people from the local community as possible, drawing on and show-casing their skills and interests as well as providing opportunities for development and training.

The production is a collaboration between local churches and schools across the parish of West Cheltenham with the support of other local organisations. The hope is that this production will help to develop a positive sense of identity for the community, connecting and empowering people.

The action starts at Hesters Way Park by Princess Elizabeth Way as the crowds welcome Jesus, riding on a donkey, into Jerusalem. At the far end of the park, the Listening Stones form the set for the Garden of Gethsemane. We follow Jesus, under arrest, to GlosCol concourse which hosts Caiaphas' House with an aside area for the courtyard. A short walk across to the Oasis carpark brings us to the court of the Roman Governor, Pilate. Jesus is then led across the road to Edinburgh Place for the scene of the crucifixion. Finally, we head back across Princess Elizabeth Way to the site of St Aidan's Church for the burial scene.

The route is generally accessible for wheelchairs and pushchairs, although the final scene at St Aidan's requires a push across rough, grassy land.

Stewards will be available to direct people along the route.

Toilets, including an accessible toilet will be available at the Oasis Centre.



Although at the time of writing it is only mid-January, it is time to start thinking about Easter!

We have had a longer than usual break from doing holiday clubs for children, but aim to be back in action for the **Easter Eggstavanza!**

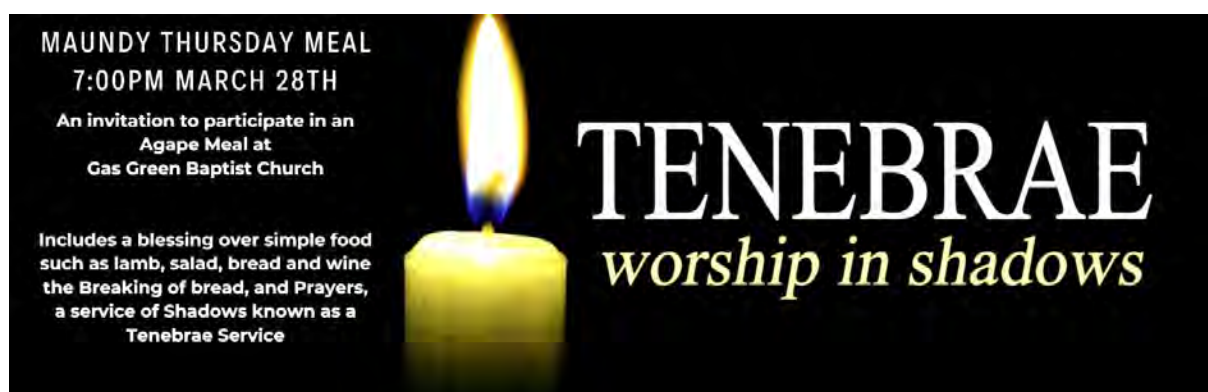
This will take place on Thursday March 28th. The times are 10 am start and finish after lunch at 12.30. The morning will include the usual Easter story, games, craft etc. Please let us know if you are able to help run the morning, so we know we have sufficient staff.

Even if you can't help in person on the day, you can still support us by providing items for the lunch – a loaf of sandwiches – cheese, ham, or jam. Crisps, cakes, or chocolate biscuits.

Pray for enough staff to ensure children have a brilliant time and understand that Easter is more than just consuming chocolate eggs!

Many Thanks

Val & Sharon





1st Cheltenham Company THE BOYS' BRIGADE & THE GIRLS' ASSOCIATION



We reported in the last issue that our Captain, Mike Meredith, was awaiting admission to Papworth hospital, Cambridge, for a major operation. It is good now to report that the operation went ahead as planned just before Christmas, and Mike is now back home recovering:- a process which is likely to take at least six months. We are grateful to Phil Sidey, who has taken over as Officer in charge of both Anchor and Junior Sections, and to several members of the church, who have agreed to serve as Helpers on a rota basis during the period whilst Mike is away.

The New Year began with our annual visit to the pantomime at the Everyman Theatre, which this year was "Mother Goose". Thirteen of our members attended, together with Leaders, and some parents, and all enjoyed the show.



Rosie and Halle meet Tweedy after the panto.

We are now entering a busy time of year for Battalion and District events.



On 20th January, Junior and Company members joined with around 100 others from the Battalion to take over the Stroud Bowl for the afternoon for the 10-pin bowling competition. All enjoyed the afternoon, and one of our Company section teams was placed third in the competition for their age group. Congratulations to Amm, Nel, and Ethan.

This summer will mark eighty years since the first Battalion camp, held at Weston-Super-Mare. After many years of persuasion by our company and others, they have agreed to open up this event to girl members – initially for this year, though we hope this change will become permanent. Already, several of our members (boys and girls) have expressed an interest in attending.

Tony Dymock

THANKS FROM ROBERT THANG

Revd. Dr. Robert Thang, now serving as a Baptist minister in Myanmar (Burma), was a regular member of our congregation here at Gas Green some years ago, whilst he was studying for his Ph.D. at the University of Gloucestershire. The church has kept in touch with him, and are financially supporting some needy children in his church congregation. We recently sent donations to buy Christmas presents for them, and to help Robert in the publication of his new book.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Thank you so much for your Christmas gifts and financial assistance for my book publication.

Christmas gifts included 3 items for each child. I hope they will really enjoy the Christmas gifts from you.

Thanks a lot indeed for your wonderful gifts and contributions.

All the blessings and peace.

Robert



If you would like to contribute towards supporting these children, please contact Tina Meredith.

Happy Birthday!



to BMS Birthday Scheme members celebrating their birthday during the coming weeks:

March 24th

Amy Butler

Are you a member of the Birthday Scheme? This is a way to say "Thank You" to God for another birthday. You receive a lovely birthday card and in return you are invited to make a donation to the work of BMS. By giving on your birthday you are supporting BMS projects around the world and transforming the lives of vulnerable people. Every year more than £250,000 is raised in this way, please be part of this.

Please see Tina for more details.

13st February - 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.

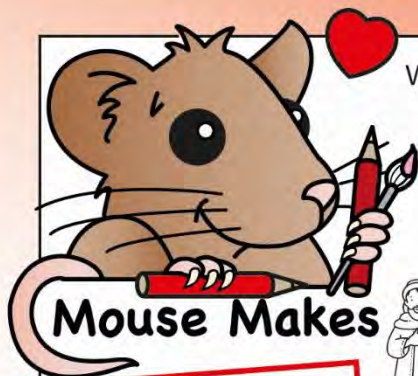
So on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the church bell would summon them to confession, where they would be 'shriven', or absolved from their sins, which gives us *Shrove* Tuesday. At home, they would then eat up their last eggs and fat, and making a pancake was the easiest way to do this. For the next 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, while salt keeps things wholesome, and milk stands for purity.



Mouse Makes

CONNECT THE BIBLE COUPLES

ADAM	ELIZABETH
ABRAHAM	MARY
ISAAC	HANNAH
JACOB	PRISCILLA
BOAZ	EVE
ZECHARIAH	RUTH
ELKANAH	REBEKAH
AQUILA	RACHEL
JOSEPH	SARAH

Which couple helped the Apostle Paul in his ministry?

 and _____ Romans 16:3

Who were the first couple?
 _____ and _____

Genesis 2:22-25

Who's wife became a pillar of salt because she disobeyed the angel's warning?

Genesis 19:26



Which of Laban's daughters did Jacob love?

Genesis 29:18

Who was Moses' wife?

Exodus 2:21

Who married Boaz to become King David's great-grandmother and a distant relative of Jesus?

Matthew 1:5



FIND THE BIBLE VERSE

Change each letter in this bible verse to the letter **before** it in the alphabet.

XIBU HPE IBT
 KPJOFE UPHFUIFS,
 MFU OPU NBO
 TFQBSBUF.

NBSL
 UFO WFSTF
 OJOF

DID YOU KNOW?

King Solomon had **700** wives!
 They were princesses of royal birth and he loved them all, but his wives caused him to turn away from God
 See 1 Kings 11:1-3

E E Z R E E L I Z A B E T H R
 S V Q S L R Z J I B O A D A M
 R E B E K A H O J R A O Q N O
 U I S A A C A S A A Z P R N S
 T H A Q N H Z E C H A R I A H
 H R U T A E V P O A I E B H I
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ABRAHAM
 ADAM • AQUILA
 BOAZ • ELKANAH
 ELIZABETH
 EVE • HANNAH
 ISAAC • JACOB
 JOSEPH • MARY
 PRISCILLA
 RACHEL
 REBEKAH • RUTH
 SARAH
 ZECHARIAH

WORDSEARCH for FEBRUARY

February is the month of romance. Millions of Valentine cards will be sent in the next week or two, as we celebrate our romantic love for that special person in our lives. But there are other kinds of love to celebrate: and on Candlemas we remember Mary and Joseph taking their baby son to the temple to present Him to God. Jesus' whole life was a loving present to us from God. Through His death for us on the cross, and His resurrection, His love can now transform anyone's life. Romances can die, but God's love for us is always there. But it won't do us much good – unless we accept it!

Words to find:

Valentine, Rose, Romance, Love, Present, Restaurant, Hearts, Kiss, Hug, Girlfriend, Boyfriend, Fiancé, Worship, Repentance, Angels, Baby, Temple, Mary, Candlemas, Presentation.



DIARY FOR February & March 2024

EACH WEEK UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

SUNDAY	10.00 am PRAYER (In Vestry) 10.45 am MORNING WORSHIP, with SUNDAY SCHOOL for Children
MONDAY	10.00 am LUNCH CLUB
TUESDAY	5.00 pm onwards BEAVERS, CUBS, SCOUTS 7.00 pm COMMUNITY CHOIR
WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm HOME GROUP or PRAYER & PRAISE
FRIDAY	5.45 pm onwards BOYS' BRIGADE & GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENTS & PREACHERS: FEBRUARY
SUNDAY	4 th	10.45 am	Tony Wilkes (<i>Communion</i>)
Wednesday	7 th	7.00 pm	Home Group
SUNDAY	11 th	10.45 am	Rev. Iain Hoskins (<i>Parade: Messy Church</i>)
Wednesday	14 th	1.30 pm	Deacons Meeting
		7.30 pm	Journey Through Lent (1)
SUNDAY	18 th	10.45 am	Rev. Iain Hoskins (<i>Communion</i>)
Wednesday	21 st	7.00 pm	Journey Through Lent (2)
SUNDAY	25 th	10.45 am	Debbie Hunt
Wednesday	28 th	7.00 pm	Journey Through Lent (3)
DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENTS & PREACHERS: MARCH
SUNDAY	3 rd	10.45 am	Rev. Iain Hoskins (<i>Communion</i>)
Monday	4 th	2.00 pm	Youth Centre Management Committee
Wednesday	6 th	7.00 pm	Journey Through Lent (4)
SUNDAY	10 th	10.45 am	Pastoral Share Team
		12.30 pm	Church AGM
Wednesday	13 th	7.00 pm	Journey Through Lent (5)
SUNDAY	17 th	10.45 am	Rev. Iain Hoskins (<i>Communion</i>)
Wednesday	20 th	7.00 pm	Journey Through Lent (6)
PALM SUNDAY (24 th)		10.45 am	Debbie Bonanos
Wednesday	27 th	6.30 pm	Brigade Leaders Meeting
Thursday	28 th	10.00 am	Easter Eggstravaganza for Primary School children
		7.00 pm	Maundy Meal followed by a Tenebrae Service
GOOD FRIDAY	29 th	2.00 pm	West Cheltenham Passion Play (<i>Details inside</i>)
		7.00 pm	Good Friday Communion, Meditation, & Reflection
EASTER DAY (31 st)		10.45 am	Rev. Iain Hoskins (<i>Communion</i>)

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