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**For Churches in Tiptree, Tolleshunt Knights,
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Sunday 11th May 2025.**

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FROM THE TEAM RECTOR



Easter is a time for new hope and new life. Spring is well underway – I hope that is still true by the time you read this. It snows more often at Easter than it does at Christmas but a late Easter this year should protect us from that. Even things that have looked pretty dead all winter are bursting into life and the blackbirds in my garden are making use of things that really are dead for their nests.

We are just about to advertise for two more clergy to join our team. One will look after the parishes of Wickham Bishops, Great and Little Totham and Goldhanger and the other will take care of Layer de la Haye, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Tolleshunt Major, Tollesbury and Salcott. Please do pray for the people God is calling to apply for these posts. Making two really good appointments would bring new hope to these parishes that have been waiting a long time already for their new clergy.

Above all, Easter reminds us of the hope of the resurrection. Because Jesus rose from the dead, we have the hope that we too will live again after we die and see again our own loved ones who have gone before us. This is a wonderful hope to hold onto amidst all the sadnesses and troubles of this world.

We'd love to see you at any of our Holy Week and Easter services – do come and celebrate with us. On behalf of all the ministry team, I would like to wish you all a blessed and hopeful Easter.

Anne-Marie Renshaw

APCM Dates

Messing

Wednesday 9 April

Inworth

Sunday 18 May (after 11.15am service)

St. Luke's

Sunday 11 May at 11am

Please remember that to vote at the APCM or stand for the PCC you need to be on the Electoral Roll. This year is a complete renewal of all electoral rolls. If you have not completed a form to be on the new roll, then please request a form.



All Saints' Church, Gt Braxted, CM8 3EN

You are welcome to join us for our services at any time.

Services for 2025:

20th April 11.15 am Easter Day Parish Communion

1st Sunday of each month at 11.15 am, Family Service:

4th May, 1st June, 6th July, 3rd August, 7th September & 5th October

Our usual pattern of services continues until October, with Family Service suitable for all ages on the first Sunday of the month.

Sunday 21st December 11.15 am Carol Service

Wedding couples establishing a qualifying connection are also able to attend St Luke's Tiptree, CO5 0SU any Sunday of the month at 9.30 am.

For any enquiries please telephone Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw, 01621 815260 amlrenshaw@btinternet.com

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Holy Week & Easter 2025

13 April 2025 - Palm Sunday

9.00am Holy Communion at Layer Marney

9.30am Parish Communion at St Luke's

10.30am All-age Worship at Copford

10.30am Holy Communion at Layer de la Haye

11.15am Morning Worship at All Saints Messing

6.00pm Last Words of Love by Cantus Firmus at St Luke's (details on back page)

17 April 2025 - Maundy Thursday

6.00pm Agape Meal & Holy Communion at St Luke's

7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper at Layer de la Haye

18 April 2025 - Good Friday

1.00pm Stations of the Cross at St Luke's

1.00pm Messy Good Friday at St Luke's

2.00pm Words from the Cross at Copford

2.30pm Family Service at St Luke's

19 April 2025 - Easter Eve

7.30pm Service of Light at Layer Marney

8.00pm Vigil & Service of Light at St Luke's

20 April 2025 - Easter Day

9.00am Holy Communion at Layer Marney

9.00am Holy Communion at Easthorpe

9.00am Parish Communion at Messing

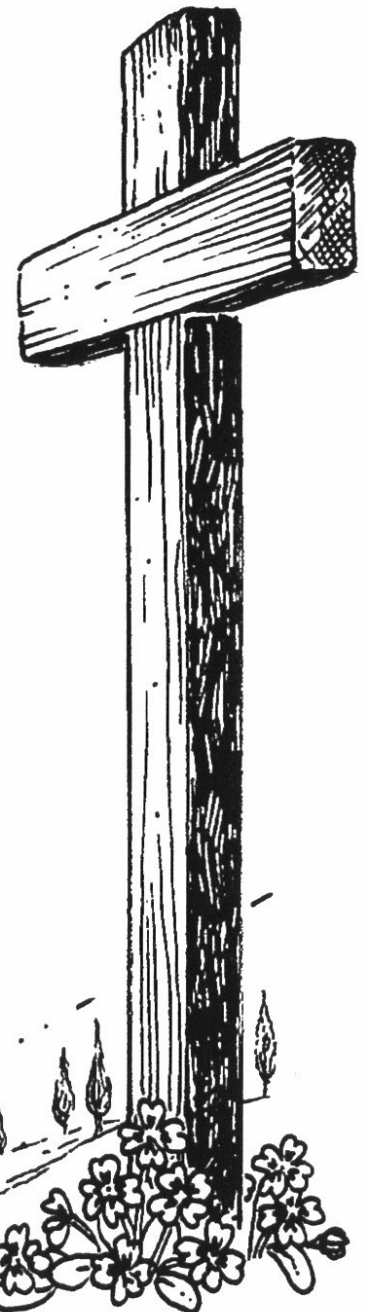
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10.30am Holy Communion at Copford

10.30am Holy Communion at Layer de la Haye

11.15am Parish Communion at Great Braxted

11.15am Parish Communion at Inworth



The Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal 2025: Supporting Housing Justice

This year the Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal is raising funds to support the work of Housing Justice, a Christian charity working across England and Wales to alleviate homelessness in all its forms.

Anyone who wishes to make a donation to the appeal can do so by going to the Diocesan website <https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/> and follow the links to the Lent Appeal page

Housing Justice is a Christian charity that works in partnership with churches, community and faith groups across England and Wales to help provide those experiencing homelessness with a safe and stable home.

The work of Housing Justice is channelled through four main projects that aim to tackle homelessness in various ways at a grassroots level. These projects are:

Citadel

Citadel is a volunteer-led homelessness prevention project run by Housing Justice which supports people experiencing, or at risk of homelessness, to find and/or sustain their tenancies and establish a home. Working with trained volunteers, they identify each individual's specific needs and address them together. This could include connecting them with their local community, helping them to seek meaningful employment, accessing a sport or a new hobby, or helping individuals to access the health or financial services they need.

This project began in Wales in 2020 and was expanded in 2024 to include five areas in England including London.

Refugee Hosting and Lodgings Programmes

Housing Justice work with a pool of volunteer hosts in London and Wales who welcome vulnerable individuals into their homes. These individuals include people arriving in the UK seeking sanctuary from war or persecution, those whose asylum claims have been rejected, and those with a complicated immigration status. These individuals do not have the right to work or access benefits and they are found a safe, welcoming home.

Through this project over 37,000 nights of hosting have been provided to vulnerable and destitute asylum seekers and more than 70 guests placed since 2017 resulting in people successfully moving on to permanent accommodation.

Housing Justice also runs a Lodgings Programme for newly-granted refugees while they find a job and more permanent accommodation. This programme was established in response to the rise in newly recognised refugees being forced into homelessness and

rough sleeping following an eviction from Home Office Accommodation.

Faith in Affordable Housing

Housing Justice works with churches of all denominations to release surplus land and redundant buildings for the creation of new truly affordable housing.

The Winter Night Shelter Network

With an estimated 3,898 people sleeping rough each night in England and homelessness and rough sleeping on the rise, the work of faith and community projects like those run by Housing Justice are vital. Without this work, it's estimated the rough sleeper count would be 22% higher.

Speaking about this year's Bishop's Lent Appeal, The Right Reverend Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, The Bishop of Chelmsford said:

"The funds raised through the 2025 Bishop's Lent Appeal will help support the Christian charity Housing Justice and their work providing a community-driven and innovative response to homelessness and those in housing need. Their approach gives individuals the opportunity not only to find suitable accommodation, but to create a home and a sense of belonging. I'm pleased that through this year's Lent Appeal, we will contribute to the variety of projects run by Housing Justice, some of which are happening in areas of our Diocese."

Applications invited for new expanded £5 million conservation fund for churches

Applications for grants to fund the conservation of special church objects such as stained glass, paintings, bells, organs and clocks in churches have been opened. They are part of an expanded £5 million scheme administered by the C of E.

Parishes are invited to apply for such grants towards the conservation of their historical and cultural heritage. The C of E's conservation grants scheme is supported by a £4.68million grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

The much-enlarged scheme, to be administered over the next five years, will also make grants to parish churches towards building repairs of up to £25,000 that are linked to the conservation of an object, such as mending guttering or an area of roof if a leak is affecting wall paintings.

Bids for specialist surveys and help for existing recipients' conservation projects to reach completion will be considered for funding as well.

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Diary Dates for 2025

FRIENDS OF ST LUKE'S

Events to be held in St Luke's Church Hall



1st February 7.30 pm

Quiz Night on behalf of TYPO

15th February 7.30 pm

Valentine's 80's Night with DJ Mike Boot

1st March 5pm

Pancakes & Puddings Hosted by Rev. Anne-Marie Renshaw

15th March 7.30 pm

Quiz Night hosted by Steve Scruton from BBC Essex Radio

26th April 7.30 pm

Jazz @ St Luke's featuring The Andy Brush Quintet

10th May 7.30 pm

80th Anniversary VE Day Singalong hosted by Tom Carradine

13th September 7.30 pm

Barn Dance hosted by John Dorsett

11th October 7.30 pm

Quiz Night hosted by Friends of St Luke's

22nd November 7.30 pm

90's & Christmas Music Night

Every 4th Friday throughout 2025 (2pm to 4pm)

Games Afternoons

***For further information on any of the above events*
please contact foslbookings@gmail.com**

...Some People...

Some people are rich
But they are poor.
Some people are poor
But they are rich.
Which are you, you, you?

Some people stand and stare and wait.
Some people are busy, early, late.
Which are you, you, you?

Before you know it, your time is up.
You look back and wonder...What!
Who, were you, you, you?

As one grows older
Time gets shorter.
Endless miles you used to wander shrink and shrink.
Until the rope tied round your middle gets shorter and shorter.
One day your circumference will only measure the inside of a room.
Your day filled with useless clatter.
Then ask, who are you, you, you?

So Lord
At last I learned.
It wasn't in the moment.
It wasn't in the busy.
It wasn't in the angry.
And it wasn't in the lonely.
Always and ever you held me to you...
Whispering I love you, you, you.

Written down by Teresa Julia Daden B.Ed. [1st Class Hons.]

John Leaworthy

John sadly died on the 3rd February 2025 at the age of 84 after a number of years of ill health. John & Jane moved back to Essex from the Isle of Skye around 2004 and John became a valued member of the Ministry team, firstly during Martin Fletcher's incumbency, the subsequent interregnum and latterly, Anne-Marie's incumbency, taking many services at St. Luke's and regularly singing in the choir.

Before being ordained John had been a Lt. Commander in the Royal Navy. He was ordained at Exeter Cathedral. From the summary of his ministry below (from the Church Times) it can be seen he served all over the UK.

- Assistant Curate of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth with Efford (1985-86)
 - Priest in charge of Marks Tey with Aldham and Little Tey (1986-1988), Rector (1988-1989)
 - Chaplain of HM Prison Full Sutton (1989-91)
 - NSM of Portree (1996-2004)
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Maundy Thursday Agape Meal

On Maundy Thursday in St. Luke's extension we will be having our Agape meal followed by a communion service in the church. The meal itself starts at 6pm (setting up from 5.30pm) and comprises 3 courses of a simple bring and share buffet interspersed with some worship and singing. After the meal we move into the church itself for a communion service which concludes in silence as the church is stripped of everything to leave it bare and stark for Good Friday.

There will be a sheet in the lobby for you to sign up for with an indication of your food contribution and so we know the numbers attending.



Stewardship

Firstly, a very big thank you to everyone who contributes towards the cost of running the church, either through regular giving or via the collection plate or in giving of your time and talents. We could not hope to be able to operate without your generosity.

We normally aim to run some form of stewardship campaign every 3 or 4 years to encourage people to consider their giving, both in terms of money, but also in terms of their time and talents to help when needed.

However we would ask that you review your giving in case circumstances have changed, for example you may previously have gift aided your giving, but may no longer be a tax payer.

If you are a taxpayer and can do so, gift aiding your donation enables us to reclaim an amount equal to the basic rate of tax at no cost to yourselves.

Parent & Toddlers at St Luke's

Meet here every
MONDAY morning
9.15am - 11.15am

(includes holidays, but not bank holidays) photo by Marcus Spicke Unsplash



Everyone welcome! Parents
or carers, grandparents,
friends and childminders.
Meet up, have a chat, relax and play!



There is a small charge of
£2.00 per family - drinks &
biscuits are included



Further information from Margaret Peek 01621 810804
or Maureen Horn 01621 817497



FoSL



Many of you are probably aware of Friend's of St Luke's (FoSL) which is the events committee set up to produce and manage events to raise money for the upkeep of the hall at St Luke's church.

For those who do not know us, we are a committee of currently 11 regular members who come up with ideas for enjoyable events for the community of Tiptree. In the past, we have raised sufficient funds to replace the windows in the Church hall and our latest project is to raise enough money for a porch for the hall and I am delighted to say that we are not far off our target.

Our events are varied and include several quiz nights a year, music nights where we tend to pick a decade per event, a Jazz evening and this year we are holding an old fashioned Singalong to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. Later in the year, we will be holding a Barn dance and a Coffee morning to raise money for 4 cancer charities. In the last 4 years, we have managed to raise nearly £2000 for cancer charities through our coffee mornings or afternoon teas.

We also host regular games afternoons every 4th Friday of the month in the hall from 2pm and everyone is welcome to come along, meet new people, have some tea and biscuits and join in with a variety of board games.

We are always happy to include new members onto our committee who don't necessarily need to be congregation members. Meetings are held every 6 weeks at the Team Leaders home and we are a friendly bunch who will make newcomers feel very welcome.

Below is some of the events we have coming up for the rest of 2025. If you would be interested in joining our committee or require further information about the events listed, please message Sandra Redgewell at foslbookings@gmail.com.

15th March 2025 - Quiz Night – hosted by BBC Essex's Steve Scruton & Ian Wyatt

26th April 2025 - Jazz Evening – hosted by Andy Brush Quartet

10th May 2025 - 80th Anniversary of VE Day Singalong hosted by Tom Carradine

(Tickets currently on sale at Don Tyler Opticians)

13th September 2025 - Barn Dance hosted by John Dorsett

27th September 2025 – Fund raising Coffee Morning for Cancer charities

11th October 2025 – Quiz night hosted by Sandra Redgewell and the FoSL team

22nd November 2025 – Dance through the Decades Music night with DJ Mick Boot

29th November 2025 – Christmas Bazaar and Coffee Morning



Friends of St Luke's



Tiptree



Saturday, 10 May

7:30pm

80th Anniversary of VE Day

Singalong

& Live Piano with Tom Carradine



Bring Your Own Drinks & Nibbles

£12 per person

**TICKETS at Don Tyler & Son Opticians
or FOSLbookings@gmail.com**



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Bookings & Enquiries to:

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Email: hall.stlukestiptree@btinternet.com

Why not give us a call?

We now have a Facebook Page www.facebook.com/tiptreechurchhall/

Regular Hall Bookings, at St Luke's:

For all hall bookings call Gareth Williams

01621 818069

Email: hall.stlukestiptree@btinternet.com

Weekly	Morning:	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	Parent & Toddlers; Chair Yoga	JIKO RYU Karate Club	
Tuesday	Tiptree Volunteers Coffee Morning, (2 nd & 4 th Tues)	Chair Pilates, Up in Lights Dance Academy	
Wednesday	Slimming World, WEA* *(autumn/winter)		regular private booking
Thursday	Sound Collective Coffee Morning & Choir	U3A Choir (2 nd & 4 th Thurs)	
Friday	Tiptree Art Club	Chair Pilates	
Sunday	Coffee after Service	KYDS Youth Drama Society	

Monthly

Sunday	Sunday Club (3 rd Sunday morning)
Tuesday	Little City (1 st Tuesday morning)
Wednesday	U3A Line Dance (2 nd Wednesday afternoon) Tiptree Tipplers (3 rd evening in month)
Thursday	U3A History (1 st afternoon), Tiptree Garden Club (1 st evening), Flower Club (2 nd evening), St Luke's Ladies Group (3 rd evening)
Friday	Messy Church (1 st Friday afternoon), Priory Heath WI (2 nd Friday afternoon in the month) Games Afternoon (4 th Friday afternoon)

If you are interested in making contact with any of the groups listed, please contact the Hall Bookings Administrator on hall.stlukestiptree@btinternet.com

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March 2025

Whisper it softly, but many of us prefer instant coffee

In this age of exotic coffee making machines, there are still a good 39 per cent of us in Britain who reach for the instant coffee – and even prefer it.

In fact, a 2024 Kantar report has found that seven million of us happily drink instant coffee two or three times each day.

Nescafe Gold Blend is the UK's leading instant coffee brand, with 4.3 million of us buying it in 2023. As James Chiavarini, patron of the Italian restaurant Il Portico says: "Gold Blend is weak and sweet, and I can drink it all day without the risk of a stomach ulcer."

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St Luke's – PCC Teams

The main PCC has established a number of Teams who report to it to cover specific areas of life within the Church. Membership is not limited to PCC members. If you would like to join a Team please speak to Anne-Marie. The various Teams are:

- Fabric Team (meets every Monday morning)
- Finance & Stewardship Team
- Worship & Discipleship Team
- Youth & Children's Work Team
- FoSL

In future Open Doors it is hoped that a brief summary of recent meetings can be included. To begin with as each Team meets it will write a short piece to cover what it does.

St Luke's Fabric Team

The Fabric Team consists of five members who meet regularly on a Monday morning between approx 9.00 am to 12.00. They are Ian Calvert, Mike Weston, Steven Johnson, Barry Wright and myself as Fabric Officer. Under the authority delegated by the PCC, the Fabric Team is responsible for maintaining , monitoring and controlling all aspects of the Church Building and the Extension and reports to the PCC through the Churchwardens.

The responsibilities of the Fabric Team will be to make recommendations for changes that are deemed necessary or desirable and they will review changes that may be made or suggested by other persons.

A number of main responsibilities are laid down in the Fabric Team Terms of Reference which include among others:-

- To ensure that the Church Building and the Extension are maintained to a high standard for use by the church, by churchgroups, by parishioners and for extended community use.
- To accommodate , and to work with our nominated Architect to ensure that the church is inspected, in line with Church of England Policy, every Quinquennium (five (5) years)
- To implement, as may be appropriate (and subject to available funding) and in consultation with the Team Rector and the Churchwardens, any improvements and maintenance items that may be identified during these quinquennial inspections.
- +To ensure that the PCC is fully informed of any issues involving the condition and safety of the Church and the Extension.

Meetings of the Team are held whenever they are required and suitable records are kept of all significant actions for recording in the PCC minutes.

Monday mornings are always busy as the list of tasks requiring attention, including maintaining the Churchyard during the Summer months is very time consuming. We would be pleased to hear from anybody who would like to join the team and assist us for a few hours each week with the variety of ongoing requirements. (Coffee and Biscuits are kindly provided by the Parent and Toddler helpers for our morning break!)

Clive Eastbrook. (Fabric Officer / Ass't Churchwarden)

Finance & Stewardship Team

The Finance & Stewardship Team meets three times a year to review the current financial position and end of year accounts, consider requests for major expenditure and proposals for full PCC approval and recommendations for salary and other costs. Once every three years or so a stewardship campaign is organized to put to the wider church family.

At their last meeting in February the Treasurer went through the draft year end accounts . The specifications for the required electrical work were considered together with the requirements of a fire risk assessment. The sound system upgrade was also discussed.

St Luke's Worship & Discipleship Team

The team is elected by the PCC and at present consists of:

Revd Anne-Marie Renshaw, Pauline Swindle, Eric Wilson, Harold Toms, Sue Lyne, Jenny Cass.

We meet three times a year to review the worship at St Luke's and plan events such as Quiet Days, Training etc.

At our recent meeting the following was discussed:

- A training session will be held on Tuesday 17 June for Readers and Intercessors across the Benefice. This will be led by Anne-Marie using the Church and Extension.
- Music in church. The use of more modern songs and using the screen.
- New ideas for more creative worship on the 5th Sunday of the month.
- Possible evening service which would be more meditative and include music and silence.
- The need for another Housegroup if Leader and venue can be found.
- Encouraging increase in attendance at Messy Church.
- Healing Prayers on Sundays – Clergy need to be reminded when this is happening so it can be announced.
- The importance of prayer for all aspects of our Church life.

The paintings of JMW Turner *by Tim Lenton*

It was 250 years ago, on 23rd April 1775, that ground-breaking British artist J M W Turner was born. The London-born watercolourist and printmaker transformed the established methods of painting, sweeping aside classical preoccupations of form and order.

Joseph Mallord William Turner, known in his time as William Turner, was a child prodigy born to a modest lower-middle-class family. He enrolled at the Royal Academy of Arts when he was 14 and exhibited his first work there a year later. He was a controversial figure, prone to depression and eccentric ideas, such as having himself tied to the mast of a ship during a storm so that he could experience what he wanted to paint.

Nevertheless Turner, who never married but had two daughters by the widow Sarah Danby, had many admirers and supporters from the outset. He travelled widely, particularly around Europe in 1802, and worked in the open air on detailed pencil sketches which he then turned into paintings.

One of his supporters was the MP and artist Walter Fawkes of Farnley Hall, near Otley in Yorkshire, and Turner returned to the area frequently to paint. He was also a friend of the Norwich School artist and clergyman Thomas Daniell.

Turner was certainly not a conventional Christian, but he had attended a Methodist Sunday school as a child and had a deep belief in God as Creator, which he reflected in his use of light in landscapes. Many of his paintings had Biblical themes.

Considered one of the most influential artists of all time, Turner is pictured on the £20 banknote, and this year sees a twelve-month festival of events and exhibitions across the UK to mark the 250 years since his birth.

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Why a glass of milk may help save your life

Drinking a glass of milk a day could cut the risk of you getting bowel cancer by almost a fifth.

So say researchers at the University of Oxford. They have found strong evidence that calcium protects against the deadly disease.

According to the data, it takes only an extra 300mg of calcium a day (found in a large 240ml of milk, or a couple of pots of yoghurt) to result in a 17 per cent lessening of the risk of bowel cancer.

Currently, one in 20 women and one in 17 men in the UK will be diagnosed with bowel cancer during their lifetime. It affects around 44,000 people each year in the UK.

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Messy Church !

Join us here at
St Luke's Church:



at 1 pm on Good Friday, 18th April
and after school on

Friday 2nd May
Friday 6th June
Friday 4th July
from 3 pm to 5.30 pm

For:

A simple
meal

Songs

Friends

Games



Activities

Stories

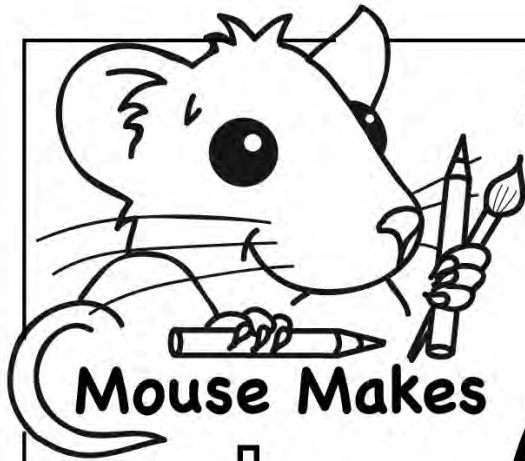
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a short service

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On the cross Jesus opened wide his arms for us.
Jesus put an end to death by dying for us,
and showed us the resurrection to
come by His raising to new life!



Jesus is risen!

The angel said:
"Jesus ...is not here, for He
has risen, just as He said."
Matthew 28:6

Jesus is here

Jesus said:
"Where two or three
come together
in my name I am
there with them."
Matthew 18:20



READ the story of
the resurrection in:
Matthew 28:1-10
Mark 16:1-19
Luke 24:1-49
John 20:1-29
and **21:1-14**



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Jesus will come again!

Jesus said:
"I will come back
and take you to
myself so that you
will be where I am."
John 14:3



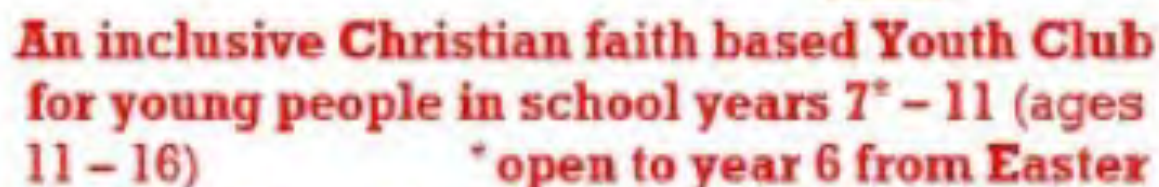
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Waffle Berry Pudding

Jane Lawrence

Serves 10



- 2 packets (200 g each) sweet toasting waffles
- 150 g white chocolate
- 300 g frozen raspberries
- 55 g caster sugar
- 1 tablespoon plain flour
- 500 ml soured cream or crème fraîche
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon icing sugar

1. Preheat oven to 200°C/fan 180°C/Gas 6. Cut waffles into 2.5 cm pieces; set aside. Coarsely chop white chocolate. Place half of the waffle pieces into baking dish. Sprinkle with half of the chopped white chocolate and half of the raspberries; repeat layers with remaining waffle pieces, chopped white chocolate and raspberries.
2. Place baking dish in microwave oven. Microwave, uncovered, on HIGH about 3 minutes or until raspberries are defrosted.
3. Combine caster sugar and flour in bowl; add soured cream, eggs and vanilla extract. Whisk until well blended. Spoon mixture evenly over top of raspberries.
4. Bake about 30-35 minutes or until golden brown and set in centre. Remove from oven; cool 10 minutes. Sprinkle with sifted icing sugar. Serve with vanilla ice cream, if desired.

Per serving: Energy 1349kJ/323kcal; Protein 7.1g; Carbohydrate 30.4g; Sugars 20.1g; Fat 20.2g; Saturated Fat 9.4g; Fibre 1.2g; Salt 0.5g



Pancake & Pudding Evening

We had a very successful Pancakes & Puddings evening on Saturday, with plenty of delicious puddings and a constant supply of lovely traditional pancakes made by Anne-Marie, assisted by Alice. After we had eaten, we all joined together for a hugely entertaining round of 'Beetles', with lots of intermingling between tables and plenty of laughter as the game progressed.

One of the puddings brought along and enjoyed was a warm Waffle Berry Pudding made by Jane Lawrence.

The recipe is reproduced on the left. Jane says that It's pretty simple to make, but be sure to have quite a large microwave- and oven-proof dish to bake it in, as it serves 10 people!





Cowslips by John Firman

Many millennials are still at home

Renting and buying your home is much more expensive than it was 20 years ago. So, no wonder that nearly half a million more young people are currently still living with their parents.

According to the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), the 'Hotel of Mum and Dad' is flourishing, with nearly a fifth of all millennials still at home.

Bee Boileau of the IFS says: "In the last decade and a half, there has been a substantial increase in the proportion of young adults living with their parents. This has occurred alongside, and indeed has been fuelled by, increases in rents and house prices."

There are many advantages to living at home: young people can save more of their incomes, and living at home also provides a shelter for those recovering from bad relationships or redundancy.

Overall, in the 25 to 34 age brackets, men are more likely than women to be living at home (23 per cent compared with 15 per cent). Rates are higher among UK-born young people from Bangladeshi and Indian backgrounds (62 per cent and 50 per cent respectively).

...The Patchwork Christian...

My friend stitches by hand
One stitch at a time
Her head down patiently
She stitched my life into line.

So quietly, so calmly she stitches
She stitches diligently
Each patch within the quilt
Each square is settled as it's built.

Their colours yellow blue ...Mix cheerful and calming hue...
Van Gogh's tormented square
A labyrinth of evil bare
But still she stitches tenderly each stitch a prayer
To hold his anguish gently, safely, closely there.

Now Monet's turn
An idyll all can yearn
But truth and reality spin
She stitches watery beauty there within.

Now radiant yellow flash
Like sunlight on a mighty Ash
Is sewn with heart within the bright
Reminder of the Truest Light.

And still she stitches on and on
With patient painstaking love
She stitches every kind of hope
In a blue and yellow envelope.

As every square and scrap is gathered up
Until all lost and broken souls are sewn secure
The Quilt forms Humans into God's Mosaic
...The humble Patchwork Christian here to make...

Written down by Teresa Julia Daden B.Ed. [1st Class Hons.]

Smile

Snoring

A clergyman consulted his doctor about his wife's snoring. "It has to STOP," he insisted.

The doctor was intrigued: "Does it really bother you that much?"

"Well, it's not just me," confided the minister. "She is bothering the whole congregation."

Good Friday

I was standing in line at the bank when there was a commotion at the counter. A woman was very distressed, exclaiming, "Where will I put my money?! I have all my money and my mortgage here!! What will happen to my mortgage?! You can't do this to us!"

It turned out that she had misunderstood a small sign on the counter. The sign read:

WE WILL BE CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY.

Joseph's tomb

Pontius Pilate: "Joseph, I really don't understand you. You're one of the richest men in the region, and you've just spent a fortune on that new tomb for you and your family - and now you want to suddenly give it to this man Jesus?"

Joseph: "Well it's just for the weekend."

Easter chocolate dilemma

364 days of the year we tell our kids: "Do NOT eat anything you find on the ground, or anything from strangers!"

On Easter morning we tell them: "Why don't you go outside and search in the dirt for chocolates that a strange giant bunny has left for you?"

Why Easter

A Sunday School teacher had been explaining why Easter should matter to us, and wanted to make sure her group understood. So she asked, "Can anyone tell me what you must do before you can obtain forgiveness of sin?"

There was a short pause and then, from the back of the room, a small boy spoke up.

"Sin?"

Wrong number?

Yesterday I dialled the Red Cross but got the HMRC in error. When the HMRC operator asked me what number I had meant to dial, I explained: "The Red Cross, you know, where they take people's blood." She said, "Well, you aren't too far off, are you?"

Twitter - X

A man walked into a church and approached the minister. "I need help. I think I'm addicted to Twitter-X." The minister looked at him, and said gently, "I'm so sorry, I don't follow you."



Baptisms

23 February Sebastian Bonnick Tiptree

Weddings

14 March Dominic Slater & Chloe Williams All Saints, Great Braxted

Funerals

3 February	Ruth Martin	Maldon Fields Crematorium
6 February	Roger Hoare	St Luke's
25 February	Pauline (Betty) Lawrence	Three Counties Crematorium
26 February	John Leaworthy	St Luke's
4 March	John Francis	Maldon Fields Crematorium
4 March	Paul Jackson	St Luke's
5 March	Ollie Manchester-Spratt	St Luke's
6 March	Ricardo Paul Hull	St Luke's

Beware of these contagious diseases in church

Frontophobia: A morbid fear of the front seats in church. The sufferer is struck by an attack just inside the church door, and so collapses in the nearest back seat.

Ear Frequency Destruction: Caused by sitting near the loudspeaker when the minister is singing full volume, off-key, etc., into the microphone.

Sermonic Throat: A dreaded choking caused by the start of the sermon. The sufferer unwraps a sweet very slowly and noisily, which seems to effect a complete cure.

Double Auricular Clearance: A condition due to the simultaneous opening of both ear ducts, which allows sound to enter one ear and leave the other without any absorption thereof. Condition is acute during Bible reading and sermon.

Accelerated Vocal Response: A condition which causes the sufferer to try to sing faster than the organ.

Retarded Vocal Response: A condition which causes the sufferer to try to sing slower than the organ.

Theexits: A condition where the sufferer rushes for the exit before the minister gets there.

Church Meeting Paralysis: This can strike suddenly, when a post in the church needs filling. A good dose of enthusiasm works wonders with this sad affliction.

Books of the Bible

Canon Paul Hardingham

Psalms

This month we continue our examination of a selection of books from the Old Testament.

‘The Psalms have a unique place in the Bible, because most of the Scripture speaks to us, while the Psalms speak for us’ (Athanasius of Alexandria).

The Book of Psalms contains 150 prayers or songs of praise, the majority (73) attributed to David, although some were composed later. They were mostly composed for liturgical worship. There are songs of praise, in which people joyfully express praise for God’s work of creation and sustaining (eg 135 & 136). In others, the psalmist recounts a desperate situation and gives thanks for God’s answer to his prayers (eg 30 & 116).

There are a significant number of psalms of lament, both individual (eg 3-7; 22) and communal (eg 44), which begin with a cry for help. Some express deliverance from sin (51 & 130), or point to the certainty that the Lord has heard their prayer (7, but contrast 88). The theme of trust is central in many psalms (23, 62 & 91).

The ‘royal psalms’ (eg 20, 21 & 72) point to the promised Messiah, fulfilled in Jesus. There are also psalms teaching wisdom (eg 37, 49); ‘torah’ psalms, focussing on the law of the Lord (eg 1, 19 & 119), and psalms which celebrate the history of Israel and God’s faithfulness (eg 78, 105 & 106).

The psalms can help us in our own prayers, by providing us with models to follow, as they express our own deepest feelings as we approach God: ‘The Lord is my shepherd, I shall lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul’ (Psalm 23:1-3).

Proverbs

The Book of Proverbs is an anthology of sayings (‘mishle’) that are generally attributed to Solomon (Proverbs 1:1), who uttered 3000 proverbs (1Kings 4:32). The purpose of these oracles is ‘for attaining wisdom and discipline’ (1:2). Solomon was concerned that people, especially the young, would understand ‘the sayings and riddles of the wise.’ (1:3-6). His guiding principle is that ‘The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.’ (1:7).

To give an idea of the recurring themes in the book, here are a few examples:

Knowing God: ‘The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding’ (9:10).

Guarding Our Speech: 'A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver' (25:11).

Marital faithfulness: 'May your fountain be blessed and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth' (5:15-20).

Our Work: 'Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!' (6:6-11).

Dangers of Strong Drink: 'Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise' (20:1).

Justice and Honesty: 'The LORD abhors dishonest scales, but accurate weights are His delight' (11:1).

Underlying these sayings is a conviction about God's omniscience, 'For a man's ways are in full view of the LORD, and He examines all his paths' (5:21); providence, 'Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails' (19:21) and goodness, 'The LORD is far from the wicked but He hears the prayer of the righteous' (15:29).

Proverbs reminds us that God is concerned with the way we live today. 'Wisdom is the art of living skilfully in whatever actual conditions we find ourselves' (Eugene Peterson).



Eustace King

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On why you should never encourage your congregation

The Rectory
St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

There are times when I indulge you too much; why I ever let you run your course 'Taking Responsibility for your Church' among our congregation, I am now unable to understand. I had hopes that it might encourage a few more people to volunteer for the flower rota, or to give occasional help mowing the churchyard. I even had a vague fantasy that someone might turn detective, and discover who had been eating the chocolate biscuits between Sundays, condemning the rest of us to munch on Rich Tea after Services.

Unfortunately, your course turned out to be inspirational, and it has fired up our members to take on all sorts of new initiatives. Enthusiasm in a congregation can be a very dangerous thing, especially if people start making decisions on their own.

Those who formed a welcoming group are admittedly well-meaning – although it was more than a little traumatic for those coming through the door the next Sunday to be greeted with frenzied handshakes, big toothy smiles, and even hymnbooks. That is unheard of in this church – we always ignore people and leave them to find hymnbooks – if they can.

Naturally, all those offering to take the prayers, produce new Orders of Service and even to give the occasional sermon have been booked on the appropriate training courses. By the time they have been completed, I can only hope they will have gone off the idea.

But it was the group which decided to "beautify" the church who have proved the most tiresome. Hanging the Christmas tree lights round the altar made it look as if I was standing behind a fairground stall, waiting to invite people to throw hoops round teddy bears – although I would have rather enjoyed making winners sit for the rest of the Service holding a polythene bag containing a goldfish.

Our pulpit has also been given a makeover, with the various panels painted in contrasting colours; I am sure the sixteenth century Flemish woodcarvers would be delighted with the result, although the next time any medieval historians come to view it, I shall take the day off – probably travelling abroad.

My dear Darren, your course took the stopper out of the bottle; would you please run another to put it back?

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Get Walking This Year!

Working with Active Essex and CVST to offer
community walks in your area!

Tiptree Wellbeing Walk **1 hour circular walk**

Where: Meet at Tiptree Medical
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When: Every 3rd Tuesday of the
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(Dates: 21st Jan, 18th Feb, 18th Mar, 15th
Apr, 20th May, 17th Jun)

Cost: Free!

No booking required, just turn up!

This is a gentle walking group for all ages and
abilities. Come along and make new friends
from your local community, have fun and get
active!



DISCLAIMER: This group holds no responsibility and is not liable for any incidents which may occur during a group walk and individuals participate at their own risk. Although any group routes will be suitable for all abilities, walkers should ensure that they are fit to participate.

All in the month of April

It was

20 years ago, on 2nd April 2005 that Pope John Paul II died. Succeeded by Pope Benedict XVI on 19th April.

50 years ago, on 4th April 1975 that Microsoft, the computer software/hardware company, was founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen in Albuquerque New Mexico.

70 years ago, on 5th April 1955 that Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced his retirement because of failing health. He was succeeded by Anthony Eden on 7th April.

20 years ago, on 9th April 2005 that Charles, Prince of Wales, married Camilla Parker Bowles, who gained the title the Duchess of Cornwall.

70 years ago, on 18th April 1955 that Albert Einstein, German-born American theoretical physicist, died. Considered the most influential physicist of the 20th century. Known for developing the special and general theories of relativity.

250 years ago, on 23rd April 1775 that J M W Turner, the British artist was born. Known for his landscapes and turbulent marine paintings.

175 years ago, on 23rd April 1850 that William Wordsworth died. A Romantic poet, he was Poet Laureate from 1843-50.

All in the month of May

It was

80 years ago, on 7th May 1945 that Nazi Germany surrendered to the Allies at Rheims and the war in Europe ended. VE Day is celebrated on the 8th May.

85 years ago, on 10th May 1940 that Winston Churchill replaced Neville Chamberlain as Prime Minister.

125 years ago, on 17th May 1900 that the Siege of Mafeking by Boer forces was broken. The garrison commanded by Colonel Robert Baden-Powell had held firm for 217 days.

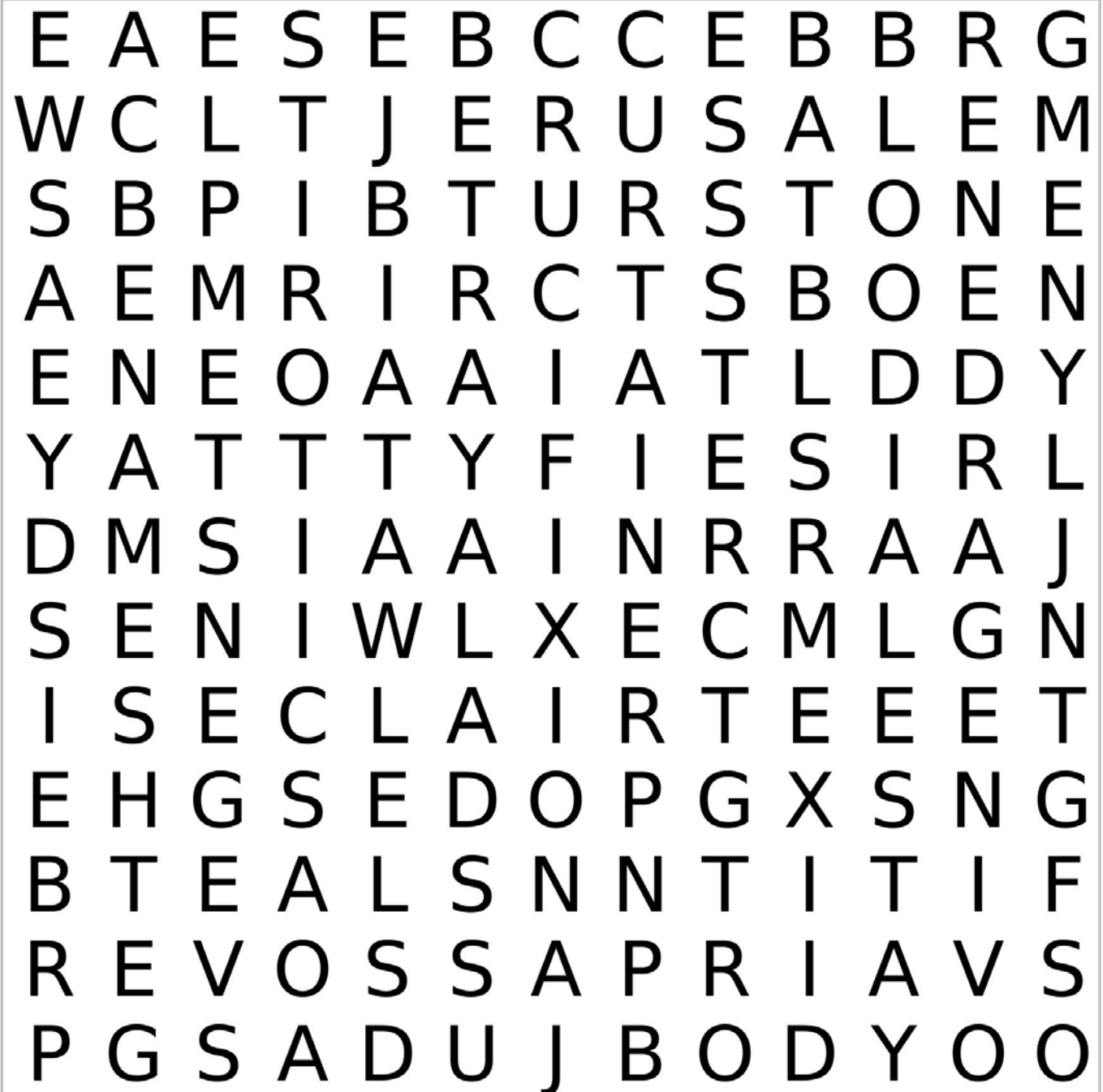
45 years ago, on 18th May 1980 that Mount St Helens erupted in Washington State spewing steam and ash over 11 miles into the sky.

570 years ago, on 22nd May 1455 that the first battle in the War of the Roses, took place at St. Albans.

365 years ago, on 29th May 1660 that Charles Stuart, was restored as Charles II following Oliver Cromwell's commonwealth.

Wordsearch

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! April brings us to Easter – the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ - the triumphant highlight of the Christian year. As St Paul pointed out, unless Jesus really did rise again, our faith is useless, and we may as well forget any hope of heaven or eternal life. But because He does live, we have a sure and certain hope for our future.



passover
bread
wine
body
blood

betrayal
jerusalem
pilate
judas
gethsemane

trial
crucifixion
soldiers
cross
nails

vinegar
temple
curtain
tomb
angel

stone
risen
gardener
Mary



On Saturday 12th April at 7:30pm, Tiptree Choral Society, under Musical Director Malcolm Boulter, will perform the Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo's 'Sunrise Mass' and Gounod's 'St Cecilia Mass'. The choir will be accompanied by The Kingfisher Sinfonietta led by Beth Spendlove, with our accompanist David Leveridge at the organ, and soloists Claire Pendleton, Michael Savage and Richard Woodall.

Gounod's Mass was composed in 1855 and is a homage to Saint Cecilia, the patron saint of music, on whose day, 22nd November, it was first performed. It is a beautifully melodious piece, commended by Saint-Saens at its premiere for its 'simplicity, grandeur and serene light'. Gjeilo's Mass is more recent, commissioned and first performed in 2008. Gjeilo has said that he wanted it to be 'as a spiritual journey', with the music evolving '..from the most transparent and spacey to something completely earthy and grounded'.

Come along to St Luke's Church, Tiptree CO5 0SU and listen to these beautiful and very approachable works. There will be a raffle (£1 a strip) in support of Society funds and free refreshments (donations appreciated if you are able). Programmes will be available at the slightly increased cost of £1 each.

Tickets are available online at tiptreechoral.uk and on the door. Adults £15, students £5, accompanied children under 16 free.

Guarding the Easter chocolate

Was there a security tag on your Easter egg this year? If so, it wasn't because high street bosses feared the Easter Bunny might take it.

It's that shoplifting has soared to an unprecedented amount. There were more than 20 million shoplifting incidents last year - an average of about 50,000 cases a day, according to the British Retail Consortium (BRC). In all, retailers lost £2.2 billion.

And it seems that shoplifters also like chocolate. Which is why some WH Smith shops have been tagging the Cadbury Mini Eggs, and why some Tesco stores have put Quality Street chocolates under a wire net, to name but a couple of examples.

Parish Pump

Changing a light bulb is a generational thing

Do you know how to clean a car, change a lightbulb, hang a picture and identify a spanner? If yes, then chances are that you are a Baby Boomer (1955-1964) and not a Gen Z (1997-2012).

For recent research has found that some Gen Z are paying up to £1,300 a year for simple household tasks to be done, because they don't want to tackle them.

Changing a light bulb? Gen Z worry that a step ladder can be dangerous, and that the bulb might be "too hot". They do not want "to mess around with electrics."

Hanging a picture frame? Add air to a car tyre? Identify a spanner? Fit a wiper blade?

Clean a car? The list of practical jobs is endless, and huge numbers of Gen Z get round them by asking a parent or even paying a professional, to do it.

The research was commissioned by Halfords. It concluded that DIY may sadly be a dying skill, because too many Gen Z-ers are simply not practically minded.

Parish Pump

UPDATE: THE TOWER CLOCK, ALL SAINTS CHURCH MESSING

For some weeks now the Tower Clock has been out of commission in order to install an electrical winding mechanism. We are pleased to announce that this was successfully completed on 19th March, and it is now working again.

English Church Clocks are not simply oversized house clocks. They reach out over the entire community, having once been an essential public timekeeper, providing a time standard to which all watches and house clocks could be set and appointments met.

Messing Church clock was installed in 1809 by Thwaites & Reed, clockmakers since 1740. Throughout the years church clocks have always needed a dedicated person to climb the stairs of the tower to wind and regulate the clock. In our church, for over forty years, this has been done by Ivor Bennett. So twice a week, he ascends the tower and winds two massive weights up from the ground floor to a higher level. The one that powers the striker weighs 174 lbs and the one that powers the clock weighs 129lbs. That's the equivalent of lifting a 22 stone person the height of the tower twice a week so it requires a considerable manual effort to do!

Or at least it did. Now that the electric winder has been installed, electric motors will do all this automatically.

Ivor will still attend twice a week to regulate the clock.

Messing All Saints Parochial Church Council

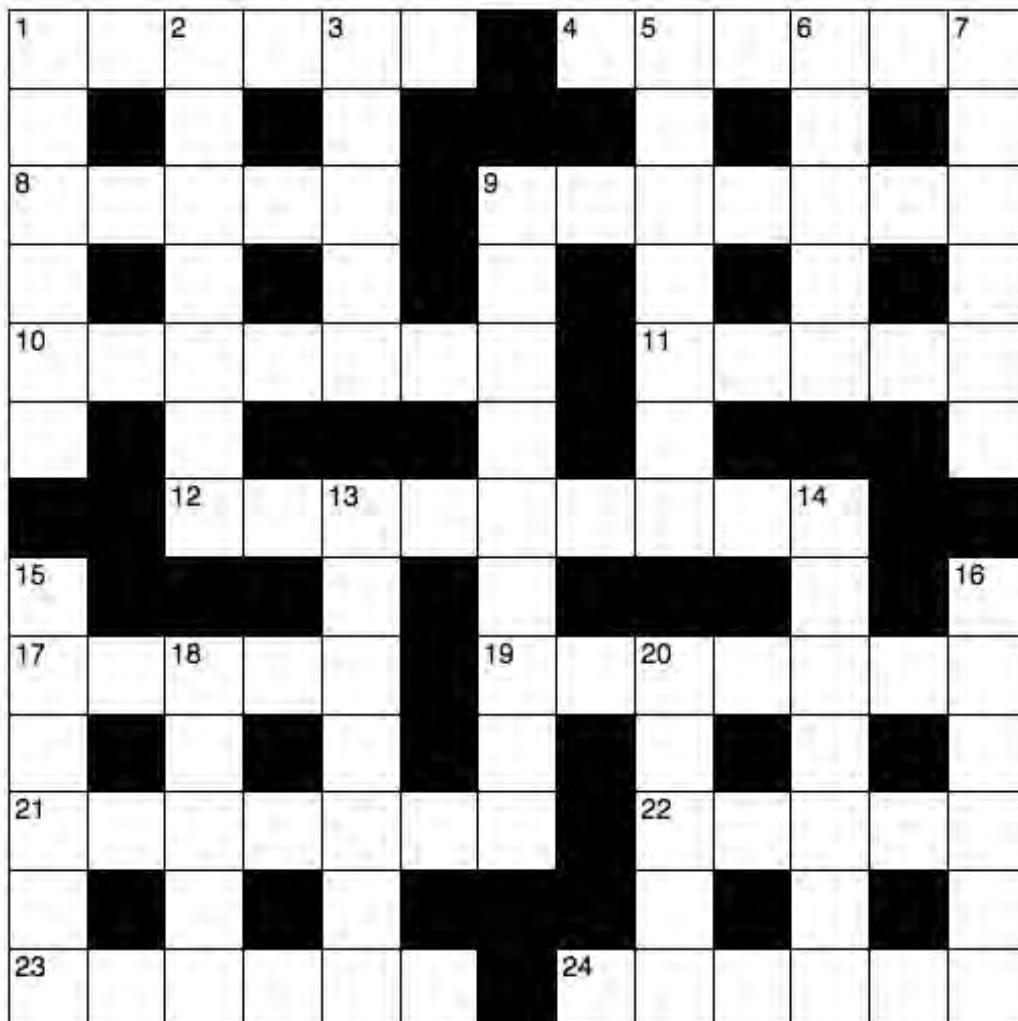


"I'm really not sure about this trend for clergy dressing down, dear."



"No, not the steeple, the roof or the organ – it's for the vicar's post-Christmas-pre-Easter recuperation holiday-break."

Crossword



Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

Tiptree Guild of Beer and Wine Makers

Tiptree Tipplers



Meeting here every 3rd Wednesday
7.30pm for 8.00pm

A fun night out in a friendly atmosphere
Themed nights – see list

Why not come along & give us a try- no commitment
New members always welcomed
Annual membership only £35 with no entrance fee.

Upon arrival ask for Bill or Sonia who will welcome you
and introduce you to our members



Our events for 2025 are –

Jan 15th – Wine Roulette
Feb 19th – Non Alcoholic beer discussion
Mar 19th– Scones & Bread Competition
+ Quiz
Apr 16th - Cheese/Port/Chocolate Tasting
May 21st – Games Night + Pizza £3
June 18th - Wine Competition + Quiz

July 16th – Summer Trip TBA
Aug 20th – Wine Talk &
Ploughman's
Sept 17th- Beer/Chutney
Comp.
Oct 15th - AGM & Hot Dogs £3
Nov 19th – Talk
Dec 17th - Christmas Party

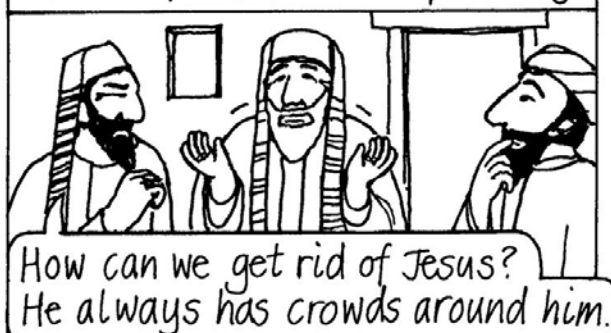
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Lk 22:1-13, Mt 26:14-19, Mk 14:10-16

It was just before Passover, when Jews celebrate God rescuing them from Egypt. Jesus and his disciples were in Jerusalem.

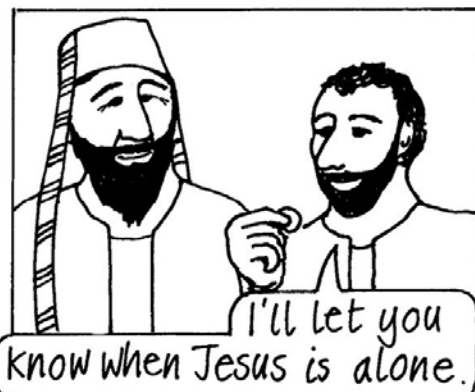
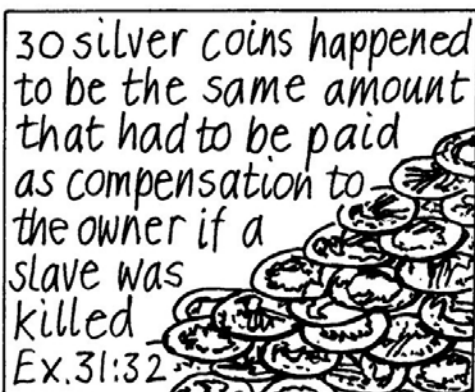
The Chief Priests were plotting



Jesus' disciple Judas came to them...



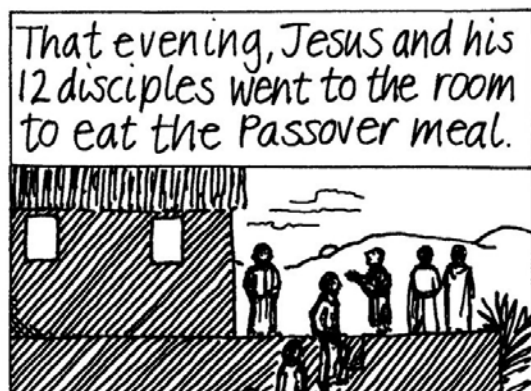
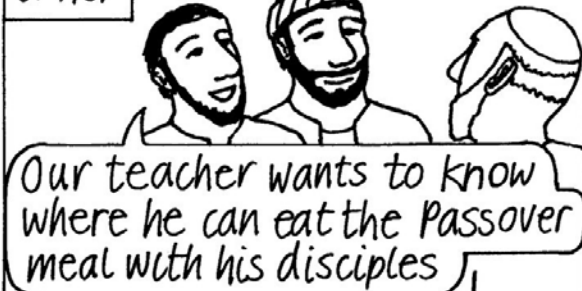
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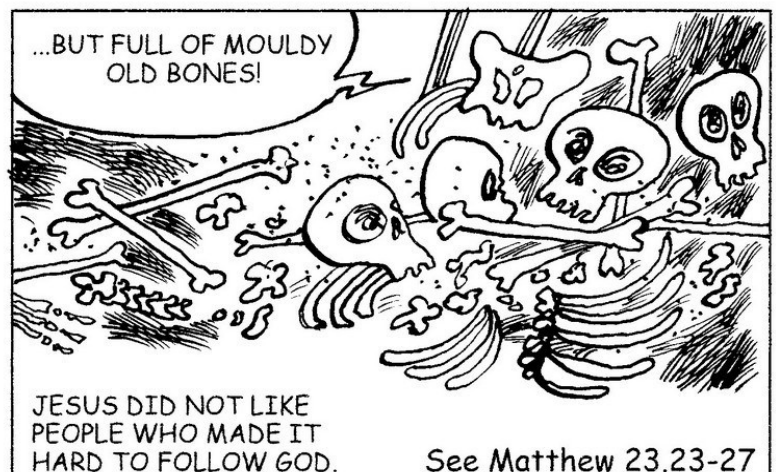
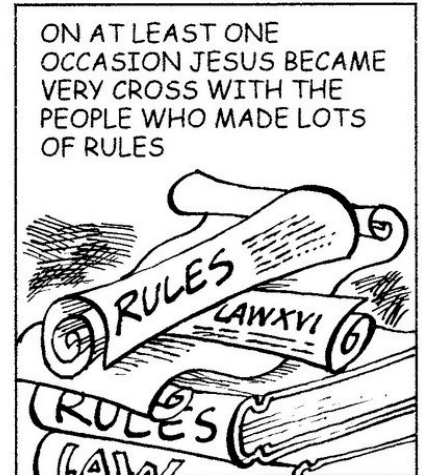
Meanwhile, Peter and John asked Jesus...



They did, and asked the house owner



"Some tough talking"



St Luke's Ladies Group

- 24 April *** First Aid (Recognising & Managing Common Medical Emergencies) - Lynsey Crowley
- 15 May** "Kiss Me Goodnight Sergeant Major" (WWII D-Day) - Tony Harris
- 16 June** Annual General Meeting + Susie Sings
- 17 July** Goat Soap - Irene Varnett

* Note date change to 4th Thursday

Various local charities are supported every year.

Look out for details about outings on the noticeboards.

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3rd THURSDAY IN THE MONTH

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Please DO NOT surrender an animal to anyone purporting to represent SESAW. If in doubt, contact the above number immediately.

NOTICE TO ALL PET OWNERS

All cats and dogs must now be microchipped by law and their details kept up to date. Other small animals may also be microchipped. Please ask your vet to scan your pet and check the registered details are correct.

They will be able to tell you which database to contact or you can check here:

<https://www.check-a-chip.co.uk/> If you have a SESAW pet you can email info@sesaw.co.uk with your details and the chip number and we can check for you until 31st March.

We thank all past and present friends and volunteers for their support and dedication to animal rescue over the years. They all contributed towards the Charity's reputation and success story. SESAW could not have existed without them.

The Trustees
February, 2025.

And still the potholes grow

It is Spring, and daily it gets easier to walk outside.

But not easier to drive. Not on our pothole-plagued local roads.

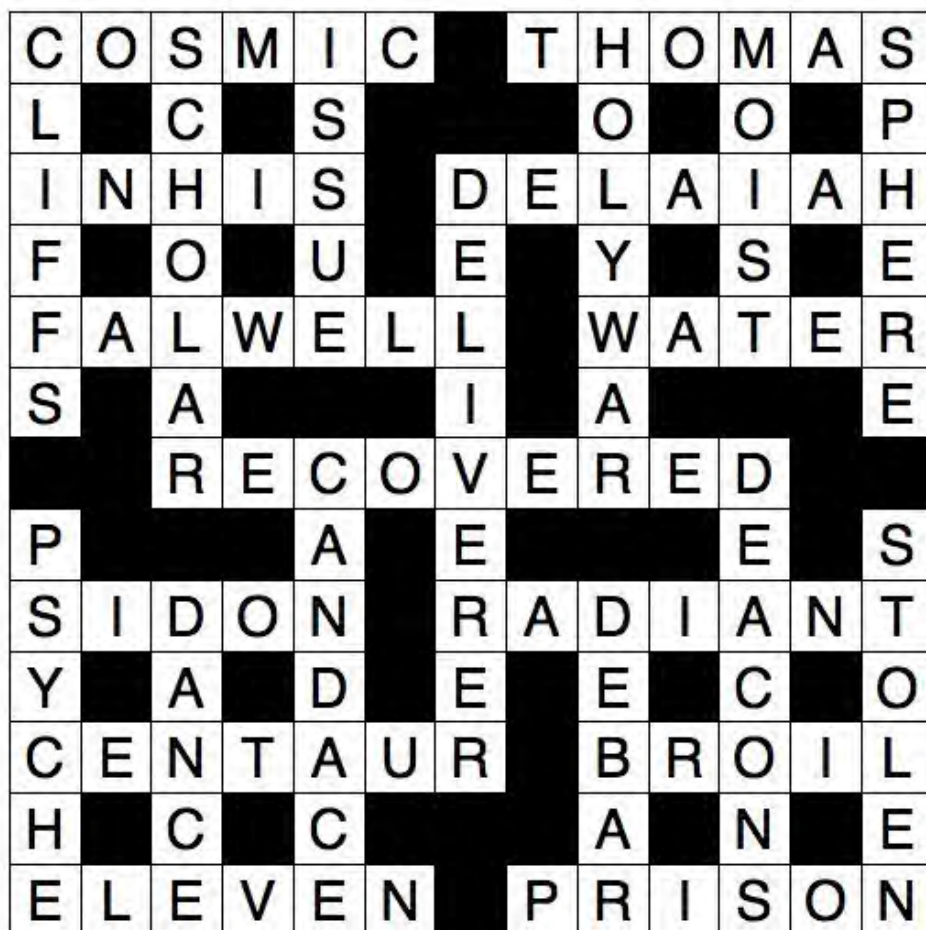
There are currently an estimated million potholes across the UK. And they need a staggering £16.3 billion to fix them.

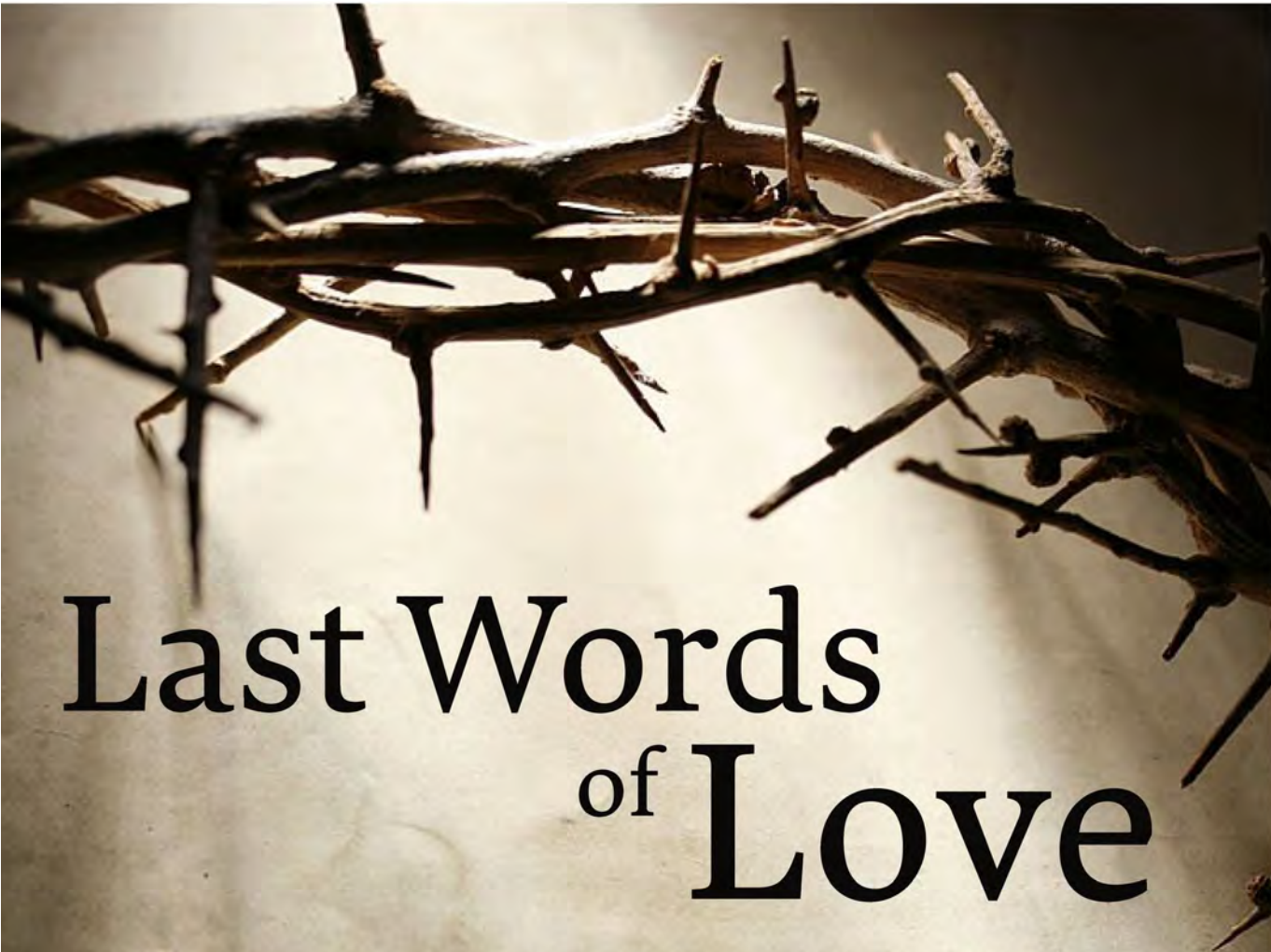
All in all, they are a "national embarrassment", according to the chair of a House of Commons committee, the Public Accounts Committee (PAC).

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP says: "As well as harming the prospects for our economy and communities' own social wellbeing, highways riddled with potholes pose an increasing safety threat to road users."

Potholes do terrible things to car tyres and wheels, but even worse things to cyclists who cannot avoid them in heavy traffic. People have died because of potholes.

Solutions:





Last Words of Love

*A reflection on the last words of Christ
on the cross, with music and readings*

Palm Sunday, 13 April 2025 6pm
St Luke's Church, Tiptree CO5 0SU

Led by Howard Gardner
Cantus Firmus Choir conducted by Norman Eastbrook MBE
Piano: Sharon Tidbury Organ: Clive Eastbrook

Speaker: Rt Rev Roger Morris, Bishop of Colchester

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