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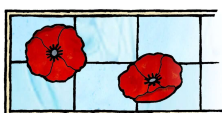
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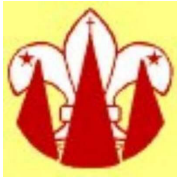
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Dear Friends



Baden Powell initiated the Scout Movement in 1907 and the Scout Association was formed in 1910 and incorporated in 1912 by a Royal Charter, i.e. 115 years ago depending on which start date you select! The 11th Coventry (West Orchard) Scout Group was founded in October 1936 so we will be celebrating our 90th Anniversary next year.

Over this time span there have been numerous dedicated leaders with many hundreds, if not thousands, of young people being introduced to the beauty and diversity of our world and helped, via the guiding principles of Scouting, to make the most of life.

Today we welcome, week in week out, over 130 young people (male and female) led by over 20 leaders ranging in age from 18 to 80 years – too difficult to calculate the cumulative years of service to the Group!

In preparation for celebrating our 90th anniversary, we have mapped the locations of the various camps and expeditions that have taken place and the countries visited. These maps will be displayed in the Large Hall early in 2026, please have a look. Our overseas visits have included France – both summer (adrenalin filled activities and challenges, including the total eclipse which we viewed in Normandy) and winter (ski trips to the Alps – developing an essential life skill), Austria, Holland, Luxembourg, Italy, Finland and Russia, the latter three under the leadership of Robert Watson who is our longest serving member with a career in Scouting spanning 75 years.



On Saturday 2nd May, we will be holding a celebratory Open Day to mark the anniversary, to which we will hope to welcome scouters, both present and past. We will have a BBQ and fun activities for all – including the families and fellowship at Church. Photographs from over the years, videos of camps, expeditions and activities together with excerpts from Group shows will be on display – memories made and treasured.

Celebrations will continue with a 'special' family water weekend at Tewkesbury (Croft Farm Water Park) and our summer camp will be at Ennerdale in the Lake District, which will also be extra special. Reflection on both of these activities will be highlighted in May, to emphasise how exceptional they are.

The success of the 11th Coventry Scouts over the years would not have been possible without the support and encouragement of the fellowship at Baginton Road URC. Please join us in our celebrations and help us to realise our objectives in sustaining the diversity of opportunities made available to our young people over the coming years.

Crawford Dow, Group Lead Volunteer

Message from Revd Debbie Brown, Coventry Pastorate Minister



Friends:

At this time of remembering, we remember all who have been injured and scarred by the horrors of war and for all who have lost their lives in wars past and present. Peace is what we long for but the world seems never to achieve it. As Christians who look to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, let us continue to speak out against injustices, to pray and actively work for peace and reconciliation. (Isaiah 2:4) .

Thursday 14th November marks the anniversary of the Coventry Blitz, a night which saw devastation across Coventry and saw the destruction of the Cathedral Church of St. Michael. After that terrible night there was a choice: revenge or forgiveness. There was forgiveness, and the rebuilding of the Cathedral as a beacon of hope for the future, a message which continues today. You can read more about this in Coventry's history books.

Debbie

Women's Prayer Breakfast



Next dates: 8th November; December: date & venue to be confirmed.

A warm welcome to all women from our Church, Belonging Church and any friends from another or no Church at all. We meet once a month at 8.30am to set up and start with a bring and share breakfast – always delicious and more than enough.

It is an opportunity to offer each other encouragement and a listening ear as we share good and tough times, laughter and maybe tears.

We spend about 20 minutes with an activity to nurture our spirit and soul, always ending in prayer for concerns shared. There is no obligation to speak, everything we share is confidential to those present. Not everyone comes every time, just come when you can. We promise it is always worth getting up for.

Kathy Jackson

Notes from Elders' Meetings - October 2025



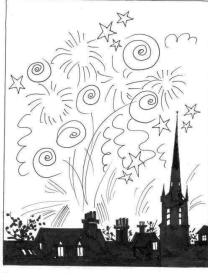
- Elders discussed the arrangements for the service on Sunday, 19th October.
- Arrangements for Elders' Away Day deferred until Simon is in post.
- Safeguarding, Advanced Level Training will take place at Baginton Road on Saturday, 1st November from 1.00pm. Arrangements for Foundation and Intermediate levels for those who need it are in hand.
- Names of newly-qualified First Aiders are displayed on both sites.
- Safeguarding Officers now have a designated email address: safeguarding@bagintonroadurc.org.uk.
- Assistant Church Secretary now has a designated email address: assistantsecretary@bagintonroadurc.org.uk.
- Arrangements for the Remembering Service at 5.30pm on Sunday, 16th November are being dealt with by members of the choir.
- Dates for café-style worship will be circulated in due course.
- Advent packs have been ordered for the children.
- Christmas cards from Tradecraft will be available to buy from the rear of the Sanctuary.
- Church Christmas card has been chosen.
- Reports were received from the groups and sub-committees, information from which may be found elsewhere in the magazine.
- Information re the CCM Giving Tree will be made available.
- Simon, Sue D and Rita attended Synod during October and Marilyn S, Liz K and Pam will attend a Conference for Children's Workers in November.

Pauline Luckett, Assistant Secretary

From the Werretts

When do you put the heating on (and do you tell your partner!)? This is a question one of my pastor friends asked on Facebook recently. There was a variety of answers, but it reminds us that the colder weather is here, the nights start to draw in and by time you read this the clocks will have been put back. Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us "there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens". Living in Norfolk we have the advantage of an open fire and will use that before the heating goes on!

Autumn is often busy with people taking their holidays after the schools' return, universities recommence their programme and the last few jobs to tidy up the garden before winter. Simon has been to the University of Chester for his residential unit and in Year 3 the work is focused on research methodologies.



Autumn is when we start planning the Christmas programme and we will have plenty of opportunities to sing carols, share stories and enjoy the nativity scene. At the recent church meeting, the Elders shared some of the plans: community singing, nativity service, carols led by the choir and of course the traditional carols by candlelight. There will be plenty of opportunities to invite your family and friends.

Linda has been busy visiting some of our folk who have been in hospital or been ill. She has also been visiting St Andrews Care Home and starting to build relationships with some of the residents there. Linda is always available for a chat and happy to pray with you – please speak to her.

On 9th November at 4.30pm we will have our first café-style worship service. This is something that we have been doing for a few months with Swaffham Baptist Church. It is an informal time of worship – we sing some worship songs that are maybe new to some, have a time of prayer and then a short message. It lasts 45 minutes to an hour. Oh, did I mention the cake? – we have some refreshments and cake and sit around tables as we worship, probably like the early Church did, although I won't be preaching as long as the Apostle Paul did! Please come and join us and try it out.

Simon & Linda Werrett

Macmillan Coffee Morning 2025

A massive thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26th September. The final total raised is an impressive £1,105, inclusive of Gift Aid.



I can't thank enough, everyone that turned up on the morning and to all who donated cakes and items to sell, and especially for the extremely generous monetary donations – a very big Thank You to you all.

Over the last 10 years, we have raised just under £10,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support – a magnificent sum, which is all down to your generosity and effort. The charity is close to so many, and long may our tradition of fundraising at Baginton Road URC continue.

Please make a note that next year's event will be held on Friday, 25th September 2026 – same time, same place!

With my very grateful thanks,

Lesley Rice



Christmas Activity Morning

Saturday 13th December 2025, 9.30am – 12.30pm

Welcoming all children from 0 – 11 years old to our Christmas Activity Morning where we will have fun exploring the true meaning of Christmas. As we retell the birth of Jesus, the children will have the opportunity to dress up and interact with the story. There will be crafts, games, songs and much more. All under 5's must be accompanied by an adult.

If you would like to come along, please register by email at office@bagintonroadurc.org.uk. There will be a £5 fee per child.

If you would like to help on the day, we'd love to have you with us. Please have a word with Marilyn, Liz or Pam if you would like to know more. Thank you.

Special Cause for November, December and January

After a very successful three months of the Special Cause LOOK, during which over £350 was generously given, we are now asking for contributions for a charity suggested by Sue Matthews – National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society (NRAS).



NRAS is the only patient-led charity in the UK that focuses specifically on rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and juvenile idiopathic arthritis. (JIA)

NRAS provides:

- Information via websites, booklets, webinars and educational programmes.
- Support via a helpline, peer to peer support, family days, groups, social media and online communities.
- Advocacy and campaigning.
- Support for rheumatology health professionals and clinicians.

RA can strike at any age over 16 years old and has a devastating impact not just on physical health but also on mental health, work and family life.

JIA affects 1 in 1,000 children in the UK and is diagnosed when the child is under 16.

Until a cure is found for these conditions, people affected will need good quality support, information and advocacy on their behalf to ensure appropriate treatment.

Please give generously to support the work of this very worthwhile charity. The collection box is on the table near the main church doors. Thank you

Pam and John Dawson

Appreciation

My thanks to everyone who supported me throughout the challenges presented by an unexpected cancer diagnosis and subsequent operation, in particular:



- Your cards, texts, phone calls, visits, flowers and 'treats' which sustained me throughout;
- Wilf's apples (prepared by Veronica), which became a staple of my Low Residue Diet!
- Sue M, who fetched and delivered notices to my wee group of those unable to get to church; and
- those who continued to promote our Commitment for Life project in my absence.

The feeling of belonging to a caring church community was so strong that my faith seemed to grow at the worst moments. It was then I could feel your prayers most.

My family also simply stepped up. My son took a week's leave of absence, setting up an office at N°8 to ensure 24-hour care. He cooked, cleaned and also rearranged all kitchen cupboards so that I did not need to bend or stretch. Of course, local charities benefitted from the fall out! The garden was taken care of and a wonderful cleaning lady was hired. I am sure my son could be employed within the care industry!

My progress is unbelievable but I am pacing myself. A final review by my consultant surgeon will take place in December but I hope to be back to church before then.

How blessed am I to belong to Baginton Road URC. Thank you all sincerely.

Mary G.



Social Committee News

Dates for your diary:

- **Christian Aid Soup Lunch** on Saturday, 8th November from 12 – 1.30pm. We will be asking for volunteers to make the soups, and also to help on the day to serve, etc. A list will be put at the back of the church for those able to help to sign. All donations will be for Commitment For Life.
- **Christmas Poetry Afternoon** with light refreshments on Sunday 23rd November at 2.30pm. If you have a favourite poem or reading with a Christmas flavour, or that you would like to read, please let us know as soon as possible. We would like a wide variety including humorous, modern and more traditional poetry and readings.

Please let us know if you have any ideas for further social events and activities.

Social Committee

NEWS IN BRIEF FROM AROUND THE UK AND BEYOND

Age UK have estimated that about six million people over the age of 65 are not online, or are unable to use the Internet safely. Without a smartphone it is increasingly difficult to access your doctor, NHS services or car parking. Problems are now envisaged for these people as digital ID could be introduced, leading to the losing of citizenship rights.

A historian has discovered that Anne Lupton is the sister of Olive Middleton, the great-great-grandmother of the Princess of Wales. Anne established the London Housing Centre in 1935 to bring up children in a nursery school between the ages of two and five. The Princess of Wales Royal Foundation for Early Childhood has reached out to more than 500,000 youngsters.

The Reverend Dr. Samuel Annesley, who became a leading Puritan, was born in Haseley, north-west Warwickshire in 1620. He was educated in the Free School, Coventry and Queen's College, Oxford. In July 1648 he preached before the House of Commons, advocating that they should give up negotiating with a deceitful King. In 1657 Oliver Cromwell nominated him to be Lecturer at St Paul's and the following year he was appointed to St Giles Church, Cripplegate, London. The Act of Uniformity 1662 resulted in him and 2,000 Nonconformist ministers being expelled from their livings after refusing to subscribe to episcopacy and the Thirty-Nine Articles or to give his "unfeigned consent and assent" to everything in the Prayer Book. The next 25 years saw him preach privately and often have his chattels confiscated. He died on 31 December 1696, having had two wives and fathered 25 children. The youngest child was Susanna, the mother of John Wesley.



Did you survive October's "invasion" of spiders? The largest house spider is the harmless Cardinal Spider with legs spanning up to 120mm (4.7in), usually brown-coloured with dull stripes on their bodies, and most often seen prowling around at night. They are named after Cardinal Wolsey who, legend has it, was terrified of the spiders at Hampton Court.

In the UK we have successfully grown tea and tobacco and now are trying with rice in the fenlands of East Anglia and celery in the north-west of England.

The Sorbonne (Paris) University's chapel, built in the first half of the 17th century under the instructions of Cardinal Richelieu as his personal legacy, has been closed since 1999 due to storm damage. It is now to be renovated and will be overseen by the World Monuments Fund, a US-based preservation organisation. Once open, there could be concerts, exhibitions or tours, though not religious services. None are held on French campuses nowadays because of the country's secular laws.

Barry Stelfox

Coventry City Mission Giving Tree Project



Once more, we are asking you to support the Christmas Giving Tree Project led by CCM. Last year 1,589 children were given gifts and we don't expect this year to be any fewer.

Could you buy a toy for a child in need in Coventry this Christmas? We are in need of gifts for all ages of children and teenagers. We aim to give each child a gift worth approximately £15.

Suggested ideas: Baby toys, Duplo, Lego and Lego friends, dolls, action figures, Star wars toys, Disney princess dolls, Barbie style dolls, jewellery-making kits, remote controlled cars, craft kits, footballs (and pumps), Fidget toys and 'Rubix'-style cubes; also gift vouchers – 'One for All' are great (from the Post Office), please get £10 value as we like to add a small gift alongside the voucher.

If you are able to give us board games / jigsaws as well, we can give these out as additional family gifts.

The toys **must be new** and **we cannot give books, clothing, CDs, DVDs, electronics or video games**. There is no need to wrap the gifts. We also always need standard-sized rolls of wrapping paper, small rolls of Sellotape, AA and AAA batteries.

Gifts can be brought to the Gift Sunday Service on 7th December or left outside the office from 1st to 7th December.

Thank you for your support.

Poetry Café

Poetry Café meets each month in the Open Doors Café at 2.30pm. Meetings are normally on the first Thursday of each month but this is sometimes changed so please check beforehand with Warwick Road Centre Office: 024 7622 0299.

We each share two or three poems – these are usually on a set theme but don't have to be! All are welcome. The next meetings are:



Thursday, 6th November, Theme: 'Fire'



Thursday, 4th December, Theme: 'Bicycles & Cycling'

For more information, please contact David Lathbury: david@dlathbury.co.uk.



Get ready for Christmas with Baginton Road Church and 11th Coventry Scout Group

Christmas Bazaar, Craft Fair and Santa's Grotto!

10am – 4pm Saturday 29th November 2025
at Baginton Road URC
Baginton Road, Coventry
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Browse the stalls, join in with carol singing,
Visit Father Christmas in his grotto,
Enjoy refreshments and much more!
All proceeds will be equally shared between The Scouts
and Baginton Road Church.

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Behind the Scenes at Baginton Road URC

Someone recently remarked that we have several groups and committees here at Baginton Road, but they had no idea who they were or what they did. Over the coming months the magazine will feature two committees each month and explain who they are and what they do. This month we look at Personnel and Premises and Management.



Personnel: Meetings have been quarterly and on ad hoc basis; this Committee will be merging with **Admin** in the new year.

- Members: Colin D, Trevor G, David L (Chair), Lesley R, June W.
- Responsibilities: Oversight of all personnel and employment matters on behalf of Baginton Road URC.
- Duties: employment of staff, hiring, job descriptions and person specifications, interviews. Staff development issues in response to annual reviews undertaken by line managers. Employment policies and procedures, keeping them updated in line with URC and legal requirements. These policies include: Equal Opportunities, Disciplinary Procedures, Grievance and Resolving Disputes, Harassment at Work, Lone Working, Redundancy and associated procedures. Employment contracts, keeping them updated in line with URC and legal requirements. Ensuring the ongoing implementation of employment policies and procedures through liaison with, and feedback from line managers and staff.

Premises and Maintenance: Meetings are normally bi-monthly; ad hoc meetings may be called as required.

- Members: John D (Minutes), Trevor G, Kevin G, David J, David L, Pauline L (Chair), George S (Caretaker).
- Responsibilities: To enable the Church in all practical aspects to fulfil its Mission Statement.
- Duties: The day-to-day care and maintenance of the church premises and grounds, Warwick Road and West Orchard Centres. Security of the church and Centre premises. Long term planning of repairs and renewals to church premises including the bungalow. Making recommendations to Elders and Church Meeting regarding fundamental changes to church property and major expenditures on repairs and maintenance. Liaising with the Finance Committee re charges for room lettings, insurance cover and the annual budget to be allowed for repairs and maintenance. For repairs and

maintenance bills of £500 or more, the support and approval of Finance will be needed. Supporting the Caretaker in his role.

Except for Luncheon Club committee which comprises the team of cooks, the groups are not exclusive to the Elders and new people are always welcome. If you are interested and feel you would like to join any of our committees, please speak to Sue D or Pauline L.

Pauline Luckett, Assistant Secretary



Theological Reflections

During our recent service led by the Elders, Sue D reminded us of our church vision statement that “together we want to build a vibrant and welcoming church which is an active presence in the community, offering varied styles of worship, helping people to grow spiritually and learn more about God’s love.” The difficulty is how to fulfil that in our church life so that we share daily the love of

Jesus. Crawford’s preaching exhorted us to trust in Jesus and strive to live according to his teaching; as Dietrich Bonhoeffer (2015) wrote, discipleship comes at a cost both to Jesus and us.

There is always a cost and a choice with following Jesus. In his study, Karl Barth had the painting of Matthias Grunewald’s ‘Crucifixion’ scene from the Isenheim Altar. He comments that a key aspect of this painting is the long finger that pointed to Christ while holding the scriptures. For Barth (1936, p.126) the outcome of Christian witness has to be that it points to Jesus and the Church should need to emulate this. How do we allow our lives to Jesus?

There is some helpful advice in a recent blog by Rural Ministries* entitled “*The vision is Jesus*” which addresses the question of what our priorities are. Have we become so engrossed in our programmes and structures that we have lost sight of the purpose behind them, namely sharing the love of Jesus every day? I would encourage you to read the full article, but I just want to mention three images – container, lens and voice.

The author uses the term ‘container’ to describe the Church and the activity that goes on within. He writes: “held within this ‘church container’ are some who are passionate about preserving its heritage, history, traditions and ceremonies; while others are so enthused and excited by breaking out of its confines to forge new paths and ‘ways of walking.’” God constantly reminded the Israelites it was He who was the “God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob” (Exodus 3:15) and He had delivered them from oppression in Egypt (Lev 11:45). However, God builds on the foundation of their history to give them new promises. Our ‘container’ history is important, but

as we move forward, we need to ensure we are pointing others to Jesus, perhaps in new and different ways, uncomfortable as that maybe for some.

In '*The vision is Jesus*,' the article asks whether "this statement underpins all that you do in your endeavours for God and Church? Is Jesus truly the vision, the impetus behind all your decisions, the lens through which you see the world?" You might remember the 1982 Bucks Fizz hit "*My camera never lies*" suggesting that the camera lens produces a true image; however, even this image is manipulated by light, speed and perhaps the skill of the photographer (or AI!). Jesus gave a simple instruction: "go and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19) but we have manipulated that lens with our denominations, programmes, biblical interpretations and personal preferences. If we look at all our programmes, services, relationships and activities through the lens that our 'vision is Jesus' then we will continue to have an active (and growing) presence in the community; however, if we take our eyes off Jesus, like Peter did (Matthew 14:29-31) and focus on our programmes and personal preferences, our Church will start to sink. We need to keep our eyes on Jesus and listen to him.

Whose voice are we listening to? There are so many varied voices in our lives, some more dominant than others, but whose voice are we hearing above all the others? While we may receive words of wisdom from Elders, church members, friends, partners or Synod, the voice we should be listening to is Jesus. If he is our vision, then we should be listening to Him. Jesus reminded his disciples (John 10) that he was the good shepherd, and He knows us and we must listen to his voice. Are we listening to Jesus' voice as we seek to learn and share God's love?

The article concludes with a challenge: "as you reflect, do you need to return to the vision of Jesus? Has the vision of programmes, evangelism, services, or even mission, overshadowed Jesus as the vision? What steps might you need to take in order to return?" This is a really challenging question, we often do not like to admit we got it wrong, but as a Church we need to ensure that our vision is Jesus and we are listening to his voice. We need to fix "our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith" (Hebrew 12:2).

Simon Werrett

* <https://www.ruralministries.org.uk/post/the-vision-is-jesus>, dated 25/9/2025

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Warwick Road Centre and Café - November Update

In case you did not realise ... Christmas is coming.



Eight weeks to go, so it's a pleasure to give advance notice about the very popular Christmas Meals in Open Doors Café. There will be two dedicated days this year: Tuesday 9th December and Friday 12th December. More details will be published in due course. As always it is recommended to get your order in early to avoid disappointment. Clare and her team of staff and volunteers work very hard to ensure customers enjoy the festive meal.

Staff and volunteers recently enjoyed some ten-pin bowling. The event was held on Monday 13th October, when 16 people went along to Star Pins in West Orchards. They had two games of bowling plus lunch, and everyone really enjoyed it.

Three lockable, collapsible bollards have been installed outside the courtyard entrance gates to avoid unauthorised parking; in addition, two new signs have been fixed to the gates about parking arrangements. Service vehicles are allowed inside the courtyard. We are confident these measures will overcome problems experienced for many years when the courtyard has often become congested. Watch this space.

Trevor Gay, Warwick Road Centre Manager



Christian Aid Soup Lunch

at

Baginton Road URC

on

Saturday 8th November 2025

12.00 – 1.30 pm

Everybody Welcome!

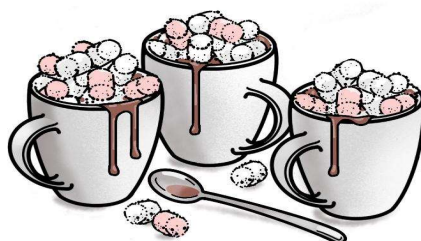
Come and enjoy good company with
home-made soup. All donations to
Christian Aid.

Open Doors Café Menu – November 2025

Opening Times: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday. Snacks and Drinks: 10am – 11.30am; Hot Meal: 12 noon – 1.30pm (last orders 1pm)

Main course £5, Pudding £2.50, Meal Deal (Main and Pudding, served with tea or coffee) £7.50. Telephone orders: 024 7622 0299

November 2025	
Tuesday 4 th	Smoked haddock, potatoes, peas and parsley sauce Lemon sponge and custard
Wednesday 5 th	Bacon & cheese filled potato skins and cauliflower cheese Plum tart and cream
Friday 7 th	Chicken casserole Bakewell tart and custard
Tuesday 11 th	Beef lasagne and salad Treacle sponge and custard
Wednesday 12 th	Hunter's chicken, potatoes and vegetables Coffee, date & walnut sponge and custard
Friday 14 th	Faggots, mashed potato and mushy peas Mandarin flan and cream
Tuesday 18 th	Chicken & leek pie, potatoes and vegetables Black Forest trifle
Wednesday 19 th	Sausage & tomato hotpot Apple crumble and custard
Friday 21 st	Shepherd's pie and vegetables Tiramisu
Tuesday 25 th	Barbecued pork, potatoes and vegetables Rum & raisin sponge and custard
Wednesday 26 th	Chicken Chasseur, potatoes and vegetables Mixed berry mousse
Friday 28 th	Beef Bourguignon, potatoes and vegetables Banana sponge and caramel sauce





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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



There are lots of fantastic events happening locally - here are some dates for your diary!

Vintage Sleigh Ride | Coventry City Centre

Saturday 29th November - Tuesday 23rd December

Meet Santa, ride his sleigh and make family memories to cherish! Such a magical day out at Coventry Transport Museum.



Charity Gala Ball | Earlsdon

Saturday 22nd November

Earlsdon Carnegie Community Library invites you to their Charity Gala Ball! All money raised will go to the library to keep providing the support and events they do!



Festive Afternoon Tea with Carols | Coombe Abbey

Various Dates from 30th November - 24th December

Enjoy a delightful Festive Afternoon Tea with a New York Festive twist in the comfort of the Coombe Abbey Marquee.

A Wonderfully Festive Brass Band Concert | Eastern Green

Friday 5th December

St Andrew's Church is hosting a selection of Christmas music performed by members of the Brass Band of Central England.



Beauty and the Beast | The Albany Theatre

Saturday 6th December - Sunday 4th January

This dazzling alternative to the traditional Christmas show is packed with magic, excitement, and festive sparkle! Expect unforgettable characters, twists, and timeless themes of courage, compassion, and the transformative power of love.



Winter Fair | Stoneleigh Abbey

Sunday 30th November

Explore a wonderful selection of stalls offering one-of-a-kind gifts, tasty treats, and handcrafted treasures.

Find more local events at www.coventryrocks.co.uk

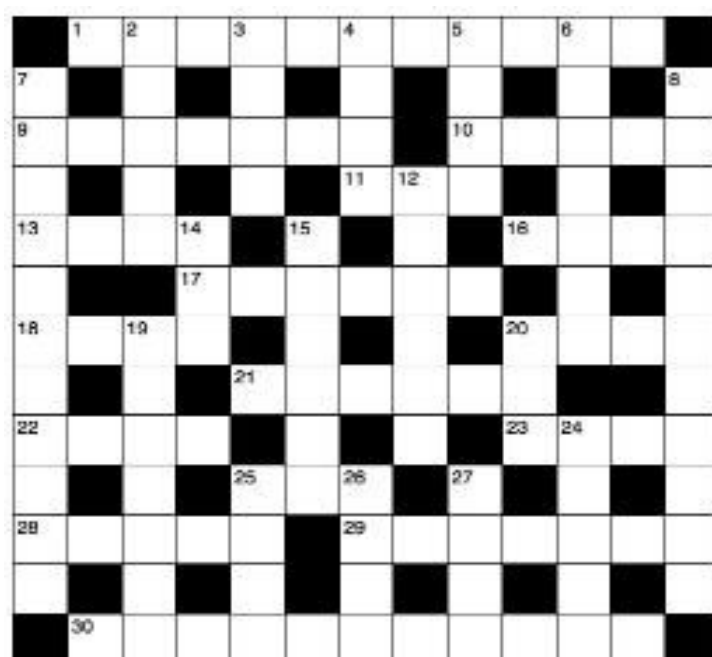
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Puzzle Pages



Across

- 1 The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11)
- 9 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — — ' (Matthew 6:13) (4,3)
- 10 Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5)
- 11 From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46) (3)
- 13 A Midianite leader who was captured and killed after Gideon's victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4)
- 16 Metallic element (4)
- 17 At line (anag.) (6)
- 18 'Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree' (Galatians 3:13) (4)
- 20 Where Samson killed 1,000 Philistines with an ass's jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4)
- 21 He succeeded Moses (Deut. 34:9) (6)
- 22 'When he saw him, he took — on him' (Luke 10:33) (4)
- 23 'For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction' (Matt. 7:13) (4)
- 25 'The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers' (2 Corinth. 4:4) (3)
- 28 Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5)
- 29 'We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf' (1 Corinth. 10:17) (7)
- 30 Assyrian ruler killed by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11)

Down

- 2 'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made — ' (1 Corinthians 15:22) (5)
- 3 'After supper he — the cup' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (4)
- 4 The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul's vision: 'Come — to Macedonia and help us' (Acts 16:9) (4)
- 5 He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother's wife (Genesis 38:9) (4)
- 6 I veto me (anag.) (7)
- 7 Fourth king of Judah (1 Kings 15:24) (11)
- 8 Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18) (11)
- 12 'I have made you — — for the Gentiles' (Acts 13:47) (1,5)
- 14 Implore (1 Samuel 15:25) (3)
- 15 'Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the — , something sweet' (Judges 14:14) (6)
- 19 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do — — a man's understanding' (Proverbs 30:2) (3,4)
- 20 'Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under — but under grace' (Rom. 6:14) (3)
- 24 Native of, say, Baghdad (5)
- 25 The last word in the Bible (Rev.22:21) (4)
- 26 Heroic tale (4)
- 27 'Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you — ' (John 8:32) (4)

SUDOKU (EASY)

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SUDOKU (MEDIUM)

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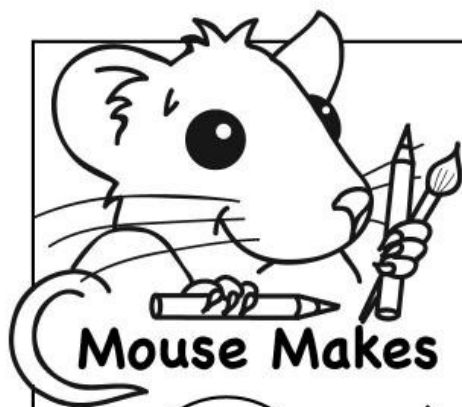
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WORDSEARCH

St Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland, though his only connection with the country is that some of his bones were reputedly transported in the 8th century to Fife and preserved at a church in what is now St Andrews. Andrew was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and the very first to bring someone else to Christ - his own brother. Like many Jews at the time, Andrew and an unnamed companion had been drawn to the prophet John the Baptist. When one day John pointed out Jesus to Andrew and his friend, and described him as the 'Lamb of God', the two young men assumed that the next stage of their spiritual search was about to unfold. So they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and asked them what they were 'seeking', all they could come up with was: 'Where are you staying?' The reply of Jesus was the most straightforward invitation anyone can receive: 'Come and see'. So they did, with life-changing results. For Andrew brought his brother, Peter, to Jesus, and so the apostolic band who would carry the message of Jesus to the whole world was formed. And right at the front was Andrew, the first disciple of Jesus.

ANDREW	GOD	P	F	I	F	E	W	L	A	M	B	D
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SAINT	JESUS	J	S	M	W	I	R	E	E	S	W	N
SCOTLAND	COME	P	O	I	R	R	D	S	I	S	O	I
FIFE	SEE	C	R	H	E	O	N	U	T	A	R	L
FIRST	PETER	P	A	T	N	I	A	S	E	G	L	B
DISCIPLE	APOSTOLIC	J	E	F	O	L	L	O	W	E	D	A
JOHN	BAND	P	S	B	A	P	T	I	S	T	O	N
BAPTIST	MESSAGE	S	R	N	T	N	O	R	T	A	P	D
LAMB	WORLD	I	E	L	P	I	C	S	I	D	W	O
		C	I	L	O	T	S	O	P	A	A	G

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LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Mouse Makes

Advent Sunday this year falls on 30th November. ADVENT is a time to celebrate the ARRIVAL of Jesus, God's Son, our Saviour. We look forward with HOPE, we give thanks for God's LOVE and the PEACE and JOY we have in Jesus.



Read:
LUKE 2:10-11
Who is 'God's news of great joy' for?



Read:
John 3:16
How did God show He loves us?



Read:
Isaiah 40:5
What shall be revealed?



Read:
Romans 5:1-2
Through who do we have peace with God?

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SOLUTION - SUDUKO (EASY)

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SOLUTION - SUDUKO (MEDIUM)

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CROSSWORD and WORDSEARCH SOLUTIONS

ACROSS: 1 Bartholomew. 9 Evil one. 10 Adore. 11 Ran. 1, Oreb. 16 Zinc. 17 Entail. 18 Hung. 20 Lehi. 21 Joshua. 22 Pity. 23 Wide. 25 Age. 28 Alarm. 29 Partake. 30 Sennacherib.

DOWN: 2 Alive. 3 Took. 4 Over. 5 Onan. 6 Emotive. 7 Jehoshaphat. 8 Melchizedek. 12 A light. 14 Beg. 15 Strong. 19 Not have. 20 Law. 24 Iraqi. 25 Amen. 26 Epic. 27 Free.

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Thanks, *Claire*



Worship at Baginton Road URC – November 2025



Morning service: 10.30am; Evening service: 6.30pm (unless otherwise stated)

Date	Time	Preacher	
2 nd November	am pm	Revd Alison Overton Revd Debbie Brown	Holy Communion
9 th	am 4.30 pm	Simon Werrett Simon Werrett	Remembrance Sunday Café Style service
16 th	am 5 for 5.30 pm	Simon Werrett Remembering Service – Pauline Lockett	
23 rd	am	Revd Debbie Brown	Holy Communion
30 th	am	tbc	Advent Sunday
7 th December	am pm	Simon Werrett Margaret Marshall and Sue Matthews	Church Parade Gift Sunday Holy Communion

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