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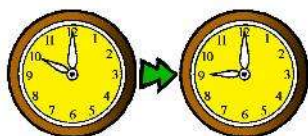
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Remember that the clocks go back on the night of 25th / 26th October!

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Dear Friends

What a summer it has been, the warmest summer on record with four heatwaves recorded and long periods without any rain – definitely one for the record books. And what a summer Colin and I have had – one for our record books!



We set off at the beginning of August in our motorhome to drive through France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Denmark and Sweden to reach our final goal in Finland of crossing the Arctic Circle. Not for the faint-hearted and just in case we got fed up with each other's company, we took another 19 motorhomes and 36 guests with us. The route was all planned out before we went, with regular stopovers and visits to some amazing towns and cities on the way, aiming for our final destination of Rovaniemi where the Arctic Circle crosses through Santa's Village. Once there, we had a couple of days' rest, a chat with Santa Claus and then it was time to turn round and do it all again in reverse.

Why am I telling you this? Because while we were on our long driving days, we got time to think and reflect. Many of the things we saw on our journey reminded me of this glorious world that God has given us. We drove past huge lakes glistening in the sunshine, went through mile after mile of pine forests with the scent of the pine hanging in the air, we saw reindeer and moose wandering at the roadside and numerous different birds. We drove over tremendous bridges – feats of engineering which allowed people to travel freely from country to country – and we saw church after church after church. In the tiniest village communities, the largest building to be seen was usually the church. All these things reminded me of how good God is to us and how blessed we are.

Our return journey at the start of September coincided with the Global Week of 24/7 Prayer and, as we headed for home, I listened to the daily reflections that Simon posted on Facebook. Each day the prayers focused on different parts of the world where people are persecuted for being Christian and trying to follow our Lord Jesus. The horrors and trials that people in other parts of the world face for their faith are hard to comprehend, and listening each day reminded me how fortunate we are to have the opportunities that we do. We are free to worship when we want, travel where we want, meet friends and family and enjoy the world in which we live with no fear of consequences.



We've had an amazing summer at Baginton Road and beyond, with Holiday Club and Holiday from Home allowing us to express our faith and share it with others. As

we move into the Autumn season and all that we have to look forward to, let us all remember to “Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One for all that we are blessed with”. *

Sue Davis

* Henry Smith, *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart* (1978)



From the Werretts

(with a little help from AI)

After summer's light and holiday cheer,
August slowed, the calm drew near.
We welcomed new elders with hearts aflame,
Ordination, dedication – praise to God's name.

Though journeys from Norfolk still mark our days,
We gather on Sundays, in worship and praise.
Committees and meetings fill September's song,
With activities returning, where all belong.

Linda brings kindness in visits of care,
With tea (not too strong!) and stories to share.
Simon is planning – Advent draws near,
Christmas approaches, and a new year.

If questions of faith or theology rise,
Send them along – let learning surprise.
Our emails are open, our hearts just the same,
Facebook proclaims the Church's glad name.

Eight thousand and more have seen what we do,
A simple “like” shares good news with a view.
So thank you, dear friends, for welcome so true,
Together with Christ, we'll see His work through.

Linda is happy to do home pastoral visits when we are in Coventry so if you know someone who would appreciate a visit, please let her know. If you have a theological question you would like Simon to reflect on in Connections, please let him know. We are both contactable through our church email addresses (see Church Contacts on the back page).

Simon & Linda Werrett

Special Cause for October - LOOK

Thank you for your support so far for LOOK – the charity for visually impaired young people.



LOOK is a small charity which supports visually impaired children to thrive by providing practical information and resources. It was founded by parents and run by a small team of visually impaired staff and volunteers. The charity helps young people improve self-confidence, share difficult feelings, develop skills and make new connections.

If you would like to donate, the collecting box is on the table by the church entrance.

If you have a particular charity which you would like to be featured, please have a word with one of us. We will be featuring a new charity for November, December and January. Thank you

Pam and John Dawson

Notes from Elders' Meetings - September 2025

- A rota for operating the sound desk on Sunday morning is in place.
- Elders reviewed Safeguarding and some improvements are being introduced.
- Arrangements for the Harvest Service and lunch were finalised.
- Simon and Linda gave an update of their ministry since the last meetings, and plans for the coming months. Elders noted the increased social media presence Baginton Road has received thanks to Simon's willingness to add regular information and updates. Both intend to commence home visiting.
- An Elders' Retreat is being planned for early 2026, and a Church Away Day.
- Elders will be writing the 'Dear Friends' letter for *Connections* over the coming months.
- Due to overlap of responsibilities, it was agreed to amalgamate some of the groups and committees within the church; details will be in the next issue of *Connections*.
- Some recent alfresco coffee mornings have proved to be successful in attracting new interest in who we are and what we do.
- A new Home Group is being planned for Tuesday afternoons.
- Welcome bags are being reviewed and restocked.
- Finances were discussed and Elders were updated on some financial issues.
- Several social events are due to take place over the next few months.
- Youth and Children's Group are considering a 'Light Celebration' around Halloween.



Pauline Luckett, Assistant Secretary

Autumn Study Group

We are planning to run a study group this month. We shall use the materials in the *Prayer Course 1* by Pete Greig. It will run weekly on Monday evenings for seven weeks in the Prayer Room with the first meeting on 13th October, 7.30pm – 8.45pm. Coffee will be available from 7.15pm.



Everyone is welcome. Come along even if you cannot make all the sessions. The first session is entitled 'Why Pray?'. We promise it won't be threatening!

For further information have a word with either of us.

Sue Davis & June Walls

Women's Prayer Breakfast



Next dates: 11th October, 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



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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, 9th October, Theme: Fruit

Thursday, 6th November, Theme: 'Fire'



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

Towards the Rising Sun - An Imaginary Journey Through Life

Many years ago in Kenya, in a village near to the town of Kisumu, which is on the Equator, lived a young man whose name, if translated into English, was Adam.



Adam was about 18 years of age; he was not a Christian, but he had heard of a man who had the same name as himself, who used to walk with God in the Garden of Eden. Adam wondered about this, and thought he would like to meet God, but where should he start in his quest to find him?

After much thought he decided to ask the village wise man if he knew where he might find God.

The wise man told Adam that to find God he must rise early in the morning and walk towards the rising sun. He said that he would be starting on a journey that would take many years to complete, and each morning he must walk towards the rising sun. On his journey he must do two things: first of all, he must observe and absorb the beauty around him. This should include all kinds of beauty; flowers, trees, birds, animals, mountains, rivers, seas; in fact, all manner of natural beauty. As well as this he should take note of all man-made beauty; music, art, the theatre, parks and landscaped gardens, to name but a few.

The other thing he must do was to be mindful of all the inequality and ugliness around him; of people who were being exploited by unscrupulous employers, people who had no clean air to breathe, or clean water to drink, not enough food to

eat, and no proper housing, living in shacks made from cardboard, packing cases and all manner of oddments; or worse still, no shelter at all.

The wise man said that Adam must do whatever he was able, within the limit of his ability, to alleviate the ugliness and inequality he encountered on his journey.

So, Adam set off on his journey; as time went by, he passed through valleys, over mountains and all manner of beautiful countryside. He saw birds, animals, butterflies and all sorts of natural beauty. As well as these, he encountered beautiful music, art, parkland and much evidence of ways in which mankind had made the world a more beautiful place to live in.

At other times he saw ugliness, poverty, and people who lived in squalor, with no clean water to drink and not enough food to eat. When Adam encountered these situations, he did the best he could, within the limit of his ability, to alleviate them. Only when he had done all he could to help did Adam continue his journey.

All this took many years, and each morning Adam walked towards the rising sun.



Adam had had very little formal education, and had never been told that the world was round, and that if you kept going in the same direction for long enough you would arrive back where you started from.

Adam was amazed when one day he realised he was entering the village he had started his journey from. Immediately he went to find the wise man who had started him on his journey all those years ago.

By now the wise man was very old but he was overjoyed to see Adam and asked him all about his journey. He asked Adam what he had felt when he saw all the beauty in the world around him. Adam replied that he had felt uplifted and that life was a wonderful gift to be cherished.

The wise man smiled and asked how all the ugliness and poverty in the world had affected him. Adam replied that he had been very sad but had done all he could, within the limit of his ability, to alleviate these situations. The wise man then asked Adam how he felt when he had done all he could; Adam replied that although he still felt sad that he had not been able to do more, he had peace of mind knowing that he had done the best he could.

The wise man told Adam that he had learned a great lesson; in fact, he had spent his life doing the two things necessary to find a meaningful concept of God.

The wise man said to Adam that as we are all human beings we can only think of God in human terms, whereas in fact God was the life force present in the smallest atom as well as the furthest reaches of the universe.

Adam asked the question: if God is present in every atom in the universe, in all the beauty he had witnessed and all the inequality; was God good, as in the beauty he had witnessed, or evil as in all the inequality he had witnessed?

The wise man told Adam that we make God what we want him to be; it's how we use the God force inside us that is important, and we can use this for good or evil.

The wise man went on to tell Adam about a Jew called Jesus who had lived a long time ago and had preached love for everyone as the way to worship God. Jesus was so infused with love that the people who followed him called him the son of God.

The wise man said that the only way to make the world a better place for everyone was to spread the message of love, so that everyone could have the chance to appreciate the beauty of the world and rid the world of inequality. He went on to say that this would take many lifetimes to materialise, but that to make life worth living Adam must work towards it, remembering the two things he had been instructed to do when he had been walking towards the rising sun: absorb the beauty around him and try to make life better for those less fortunate than himself.

Adam spent the rest of his life trying to live up to this way of living. Eventually the wise man died, so Adam took over where he had left off.

Over the years many young people came to Adam asking where they could find God; he told them what the wise man had told him all those years ago – walk towards the rising sun.

George Drake



Making Mondays

It's time to get crafting again!

Dates for the Autumn are: 6th October, 3rd November, and 1st December

We meet either in the Small Hall or the back of the Sanctuary, usual time 1.30 – 3.15 pm, £2.00 per session. Please bring your own scissors, pens, pencils, etc.

Sue, Pam and Kathy



Social Committee News

By the time this magazine has been published, we will have been entertained by Nick and his group *Anything Goes*, as well as enjoyed the Harvest bring and share lunch together. We thank all who have supported us and donated to the charities LOOK and Commitment for Life.

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** 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. We would like a wide variety including humorous, modern and more traditional poetry and readings.

Further information will be provided in next month's magazine.

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

When St Mary Magdalen Church in Chapelfields was built 90 years ago, it was the ambition to have a fresco painted but alas the congregation ran out of money. This year they employed Aidan Hart to design and paint a fresco which will be blessed and dedicated at noon on Saturday, 4th October 2025. The former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, has been invited to do this and preach. Yes, it is the church with the blue roof at Hearsall Lane.

Humans and most animals cannot repair a badly damaged eye and once lost, vision is usually gone. There is hope as it is found that the golden apple snail has the ability to regrow an entire eye. This freshwater species is being studied, especially as it has been discovered it shares many anatomical features with us humans.

At York Minster, digital scans of the life-sized statues take place next year, to create an archive of their delicate stonework before repairs. The choir screen features 15 English monarchs from William the Conqueror to Henry VI.

The English cardinal John Henry Newman, who was made a saint in 2019, is to be elevated to a Doctor of the Church, the Pope has announced. He will become the 38th person to be recognised as such. Born in 1801, Cardinal Newman was a

leading figure in the Oxford Movement, a campaign to revitalise Anglicanism by reinstating Catholic traditions.

Winchester Cathedral was ransacked in 1642 by Parliamentary soldiers who broke open tombs containing royal remains and threw bones at the windows. Afterwards these remains were returned to what were thought to be the correct resting places but that is in now doubt. There are 1,300 bones of 23 people, who could include William Rufus, Edward the Confessor and King Cnut. An application has been made to try to reinstate the bones into the correct tombs, using DNA testing.

Kiruna is in northern Sweden where 80% of Europe's iron ore is to be found and where the largest known deposit of rare earth minerals lies. The problem now is mining subsidence. A three-mile long, very wide road has been constructed to enable the 1912 austere wooden 600-tonne church to be loaded on a trailer and rolled to the new site, where there is a new town centre. It took two days to travel the three miles with over 10,000 visitors watching. The church was built close to the mine as a link to the mining community, with the lintel of its entrance built deliberately low, like a mine shaft. The Pastor advised that the idea from the beginning was that it would be a church that was for everyone, including the miners, "so that there would be a low threshold to enter". The cost of relocation has not been revealed by the mining company but is thought to be millions of kronor. The town of Kiruna is proud to show how cities can heal and believes the church is a symbol of what has been lost but also what can be saved.



Barry Stelfox



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.



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
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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
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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 Finance and Luncheon Club.

Finance: Meets monthly

- Members: David L (Chair), Lesley R (Minutes), Richard B, Margaret C (Treasurer), Kevin G, Derek M, Pauline L, Ruth M, Brian P, Simon W.
- Responsibilities: To ensure the church remains financially sound and is adequately resourced to fulfil its Mission Statement.
- Duties: Preparing quarterly accounts; Preparing annual accounts and arranging for their auditing and presentation to the church AGM and lodging with the Charity Commission; Recommending an annual budget for approval at the AGM; Reviewing costs against budget; Providing support for the Treasurer in carrying out the day-to-day activities relating to cash in and payments out, including timely payment of salaries of paid employees; Reviewing giving and income against targets and overseeing Free Will Offering scheme and covenants; Liaising with Premises and Management Committee re charges for Room Lettings; Insurance cover and annual budget allowed for repairs and maintenance; Considering the local implications of the Financial Policy of the URC. Making proposals for any extraordinary fund raising; Controlling investments and assets.

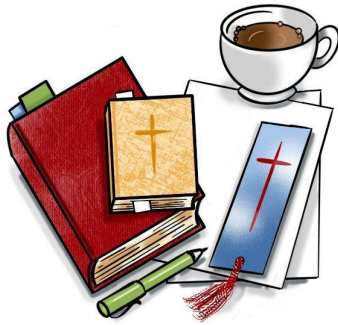
Luncheon Club: Once per term.

- * Members: Liz B, Crawford D, Melanie T, Maureen.
- * Responsibilities: Monitoring cleanliness of the kitchen; Thorough clean and tidy of kitchen, annually.
- * Duties: To provide luncheon and fellowship mainly for elderly and disabled, but open to others; To provide pastoral care of attendees.

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

There was an article in *The Times* on 19th August where President Trump was quoted as saying: “I want to try and get to Heaven if possible. I’m hearing I’m not doing well. I really hit the bottom of the totem pole. But if I can get to Heaven, this will be one of the reasons.” The article was about the President’s diplomatic efforts to end the war in Ukraine. Like my *Reflections* last month, this is not about a politician (whose views we may or may not agree with) but an individual whose comments raise some interesting questions.

President Trump’s comments would indicate a theological understanding that entry to Heaven is gained by good works, that God judges individuals on their life’s works and entry to Heaven is obtained if a certain standard is reached. The President would not be alone in thinking this as I have had numerous conversations with people who think they have “lived an ‘ok’ life” and that God will accept this. This is not a new discussion, Augustine and Pelagius argued over this issue in the 4th century. McGrath* says that Martin Luther struggled with it from a different angle – he could not understand how his works would please a righteous God.

This month I want to reflect on how we can get to Heaven. For now, I am defining ‘Heaven’ as the place where God dwells and believers will dwell with him after death for eternity; perhaps another month, I will consider this in more detail. The simple answer about entering Heaven, is through faith in Jesus. Nevertheless, even if we have faith in Jesus, do we still not need works to enable us to get a ‘bigger mansion’? Jesus told Thomas that he was “the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through” him [John 14:6]. In the Old Testament the Israelites had to obey God’s commandments and there were various sacrifices made for forgiveness, when they fell short of God’s requirements. Jesus spoke often about the Kingdom of Heaven, both on earth and above. He told the disciples to rejoice “that your names are written in Heaven” [Luke 10:20], they would receive their reward there [Matthew. 5:12] and if they acknowledged him now, he would acknowledge them before the Father [Matthew 10:32].

However, the clearest evidence that works will not get us into Heaven is seen at the crucifixion, where Jesus has the conversation with the thief on the cross [Luke 24:32-43]. If works are part of the entry standards for Heaven, then the criminal would fail at the first hurdle. He acknowledged his criminality [v.4] before Jesus, but also recognises Jesus was different. He asks Jesus to remember him when he comes into his kingdom. Jesus replied, “today you will be with me in Paradise.”

If it is as simple as that, why do not more people believe? Perhaps the Church has made it seem more complicated with all the theological debates around the nature of salvation. If works are not important, then why do we need to live a good life?

Surely, we can believe in Jesus and then get on with enjoying life. Paul addresses this question in Romans 3 and points out that all will be held accountable for their actions (see also Romans 14:12, Hebrews 4:13, 1 Peter 4:5). Revelations describes a Judgement Day when all were “judged according to what they had done” [Rev. 20:12] and entry to Heaven was only granted to those whose names were “written in the Book of Life”.

Perhaps President Trump is half-right with his comment about works being important, as Jesus does call us to be his disciples and witnesses, so works are relevant but only if we put our faith in Jesus first. This is the most important part: if we have faith in Jesus and follow him, then our future in Heaven is guaranteed. As Paul told the Phillipi jailer: “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved” [Acts 16:31].

Simon Werrett

Reference:

* McGrath, A. E., *Christian Theology: An Introduction* (6th ed) (Wiley, 2016), at p.337.

Warwick Road Centre and Café – October Update



A few building and maintenance issues to report this month.

An old saying comes to mind: “You don’t see a bus for a while and then two come along at once.” We’ve had great service from our washing machine and refrigerator at Warwick Road Centre for many years, then they both go wrong in the space of three weeks. We had to buy a new washing machine – great customer service from John Lewis. Then an expensive repair to the large kitchen refrigerator, carried out by local firm RHE Catering Equipment Services who have given us good service many times. Fingers crossed both will now go on for a few more years.

The sale process of the church continues and meanwhile we continue to be responsible for maintenance and building issues.

We have just had the annual service of the church gas boiler, and all appears to be working well. We have had major expenditure over the last three years, almost rebuilding the boiler. In addition to the boiler service, Daly Engineering carried out a ‘chemical flush-through’ of all church heating pipework to improve how the heating reaches more remote parts of the church like upstairs in the balcony.

Also, FixFire carried out statutory fire safety work in the church; Mosaic Church agreed to pay 50% of the invoice, amounting to almost £1,800.

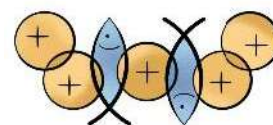
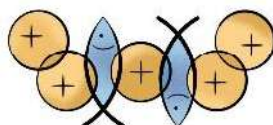
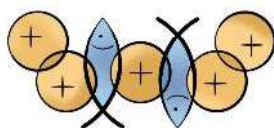
Trevor Gay, Warwick Road Centre Manager

Open Doors Café Menu – October 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

October 2025	
Wednesday 1 st	Toad in the hole, potatoes and vegetables Warm chocolate fudge cake and ice cream
Friday 3 rd	Fish cakes, peas and parsley sauce Passionfruit tart and cream
Tuesday 7 th	Cottage pie and vegetables Creamy rice pudding
Wednesday 8 th	Steak in ale pie, potatoes and vegetables Belgian chocolate waffles, berries and ice cream
Friday 10 th	Pork dinner Blackcurrant cheesecake
Tuesday 14 th	Cumberland sausages and ratatouille Sticky toffee sponge and custard
Wednesday 15 th	Hunter's chicken, potatoes and vegetables Fruit crumble and custard
Friday 17 th	Hunters chicken, potatoes and vegetables Fruit crumble and custard
Tuesday 21 st	Gammon, potatoes, vegetables and parsley sauce Bread pudding and custard
Wednesday 22 nd	Smashed potato quiche and peas Jam roly-poly and custard
Friday 24 th	Savoury sausage meat lattice, potatoes and vegetables Banoffee pie and ice cream
Tuesday 28 th	Minced beef & onion pie, potatoes and vegetables Fruit trifle
Wednesday 29 th	Lancashire hotpot Cornflake tart and custard
Friday 31 st	Meatballs & pasta broth served with crusty bread Mincemeat & apple tart and custard





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HALLOWEEN & PUMPKIN EVENTS



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

Pumpkins R Us | Southam

Open every day between 9th - 31st October

At Pumpkins R Us, you'll find every size, colour and shape of pumpkin you can imagine. Bring the kids, the grandparents, the dog - everyone is welcome!



Spooky Maize Maze & Pumpkins | Lichfield

Open weekends in October & every day in Half Term

Make your trip to pick a pumpkin really special with a trip to Lichfield Maize Maze! Take a picture in their famous pumpkin house, get lost in the spooky maze, and lots of other activities!



Wicked Afternoon Tea | Coombe Abbey Hotel

25th - 26th October

Visit the Coombe Abbey Hotel for a spellbinding Wicked Afternoon Tea inspired by the world of Wicked and the wonder of the West End!



Halloween Makers Market | FarGo Village

25th - 26th October

Find a selection of monstrous makers and deadly designers for a Halloween special at FarGo Village.



Ash End House Children's Farm | Tamworth

18th - 19th / 25th - 31st October 2025

This Halloween event includes unlimited time on the farm plus a spooky trail, crafts, pumpkin patch, pumpkin carving, prizes for kids costumes and a pumpkin to take home for every child!

Halloween Party | John White Community Centre

Friday 24th October

Tickets are on sale now for JWCC's Annual SELL-OUT Halloween Party! Enjoy spooky games, disco, prizes and more!

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

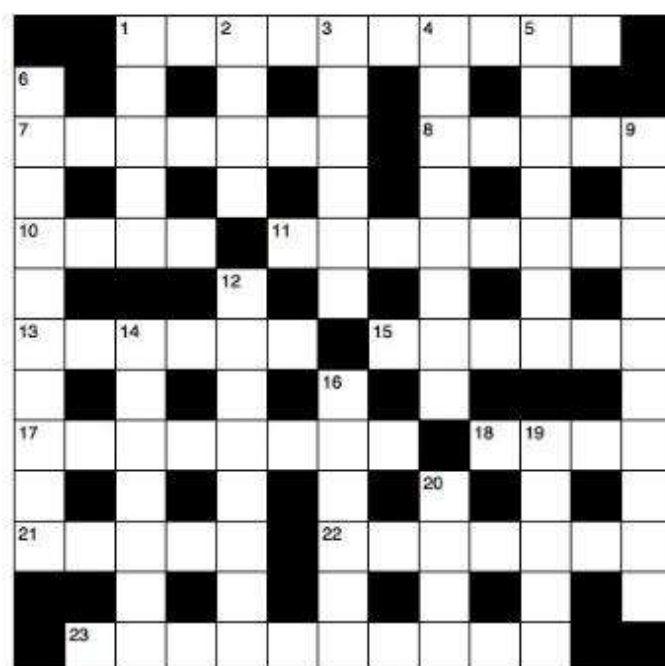
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Puzzle Pages



Across

- 1 He was replaced as king of Judah by his uncle Mattaniah (2 Kings 24:17) (10)
- 7 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him — the cross' (Hebrews 12:2) (7)
- 8 Relieved (5)
- 10 Impetuous (Acts 19:36) (4)
- 11 Surprised and alarmed (Luke 24:37) (8)
- 13 'It is — for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God' (Mark 10:25) (6)
- 15 Directions for the conduct of a church service (6)
- 17 One of the acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19) (8)
- 18 & 20 Down 'She began to wet his — with her tears. Then she wiped them with her — ' (Luke 7:38) (4,4)
- 21 'We will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an — , — the last trumpet' (1 Corinthians 15:51–52) (3,2)
- 22 'But he replied, "Lord, I am — — go with you to prison and to death"' (Luke 22:33) (5,2)
- 23 Third person of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:14) (4,6)

Down

- 1 He betrayed Jesus (Matthew 27:3) (5)
- 2 Paul's assurance to the Philippian jailer: 'Don't — yourself! We are all here!' (Acts 16:28) (4)
- 3 'Fear God and keep his commandments, for this — the whole — of man' (Ecclesiastes 12:13) (2,4)
- 4 The sort of giver God loves (2 Corinthians 9:7) (8)
- 5 Sun rail (anag.) (7)
- 6 Naboth, the ill-fated vineyard owner, was one (1 Kings 21:1) (10)
- 9 Paul said of young widows, 'When their sensual desires overcome their — to Christ, they want to marry' (1 Timothy 5:11) (10)
- 12 This was how Joseph of Arimathea practised his discipleship 'because he feared the Jews' (John 19:38) (8)
- 14 Mop ruse (anag.) (7)
- 16 Foment (Philippians 1:17) (4,2)
- 19 Where Joseph and Mary escaped to with the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:14) (5)
- 20 See 18 Across

SUDOKU (EASY)

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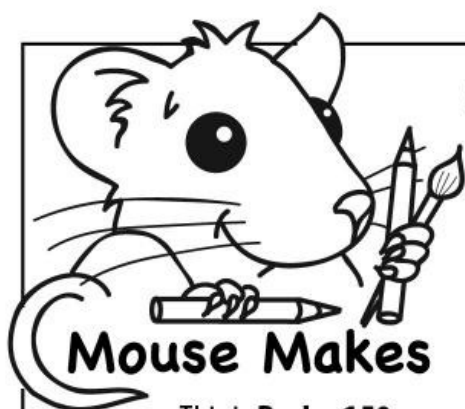
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WORDSEARCH

To St Luke, whose feast-day is 18th October, we owe a beautifully written gospel as well as the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician and faithful travelling companion to St Paul. Under house arrest near the end of his life Paul noted, 'only Luke is with me'. Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ, and offers us moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than in any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner. His gospel also features more poor people, more lepers, more 'sinners', who are all shown to be 'inside' the love of Christ. In Acts, Luke skilfully links sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. He tells of how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

LUKE	PRODIGAL	L P F Y A A M P O P G I M Y
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DAY	GOOD	N T I G T G O S P E L P N N
WRITTEN	SAMARITAN	C C T S A E F R R L U E H I
GOSPEL	WOMEN	C I H S G N O U I E A L E K
ACTS	POOR	L O F R N D S P R R P I E L
GREEK	LEPERS	E G U E I A A H L P S E U M
PHYSICIAN	SINNERS	E A L G L S O Y O G R K L N
TRAVELLING	JERUSALEM	N S A E L R T S G G E O C P
FAITHFUL	PAGAN	S L M N E T T I R W N A O E
PAUL	ROME	R T N C V C G C A N N A G P
COMPASSION	EARLY	C O M P A S S I O N I P O W
PARABLES	CHRISTIANS	S A M A R I T A N N S H O R
		E L C E T L A N E M O W D A

Solutions on p.21



Mouse Makes

This is **Psalm 150**,
a song of praise to God,
it tells us why and how
to worship God.
*How do you praise and
worship God?*

Praise God in His Temple,
Praise Him in His mighty heavens.
Praise Him for His acts of power,
Praise Him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise Him
with the sounding trumpet,
Praise Him
with the harp and lyre,
Praise Him
with tambourine and dancing,
Praise Him
with the clash of cymbals,
Praise Him
with the resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath
PRAISE THE LORD!

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PRAISE • GOD • TEMPLE • HEAVENS • SANCTUARY • POWER • GREATNESS
TRUMPET • HORN • PIPE • FLUTE • HARP • LYRE • LUTE • STRINGS
TAMBOURINE • DANCING • CYMBALS • DRUMS • BREATH • LORD

SOLUTION - SUDUKO (EASY)

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SOLUTION - SUDUKO (MEDIUM)

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CROSSWORD and WORDSEARCH SOLUTIONS

ACROSS: 1 Jehoiachin. 7 Endured.
8 Eased. 10 Rash. 11 Startled.
13 Easier. 15 Rubric. 17 Impurity.
18 Feet. 21 Eye at. 22 Ready to.
23 Holy Spirit.

DOWN: 1 Judas. 2 Harm. 3 Is duty.
4 Cheerful. 5 Insular. 6 Jezreelite.
9 Dedication. 12 Secretly.
14 Supremo. 16 Stir up. 19 Egypt.
20 Hair.

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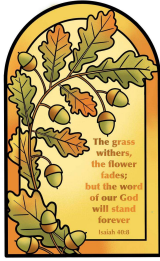
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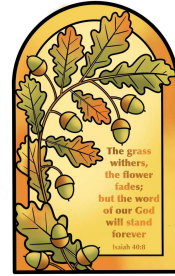
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Thanks, *Claire*



Worship at Baginton Road URC – October 2025



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

Date	Time	Preacher	
5 th October	am pm	Simon Werrett Simon Werrett / Crawford Dow	Holy Communion
12 th October	am	Revd Robert Maloney	Holy Communion
19 th October	am pm	David Depledge Songs of Praise led by Pauline L	
26 th October	am	Shan Dobinson	
2 nd November	am pm	Revd Alison Overton Revd Debbie Brown	Holy Communion

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