

*'Sharing the love of Jesus every day'*

# Connections

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Set the sat nav for Coventry. You do realise that to return to sponsor Mary Goodwin's 300,000 steps, I have to drive this 300 million miles?!



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## Dear Friends

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whose inestimable mercy we have been born again into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is uncorruptible, unspoilt and unfading. [1 Peter 1:3,4]*



One of my all-time favourite pop groups is The Carpenters and one of my all-time favourite songs of theirs is from back in the 1970s, called '*We've only just begun*'. That title hid a very sad irony, for beneath the surface all was not well for the lead singer Karen Carpenter. In 1974, aged just 24, she died from a heart attack after suffering for years with anorexia. There was so much promise in that song and in Karen's life but her life, like ours, whilst offering so much that is special, was lived alongside the spectre of disillusionment, heartbreak, suffering and death and the certain knowledge that nothing in this life lasts forever.

But the simple message of that song '*We've only just begun*' is at the heart of the gospel. Here at Baginton Road we have only just begun finding out what it means to be a merged church. For me, Ted and I have only just begun exploring what it might mean to be retired and living away from you all here.

Whoever we are, whatever we have faced or will face, God is with us, holding out the prospect of a fresh start, new horizons to explore. It is true even in the face of death for we have been born again into new and living hope, of life extending beyond this world to a kingdom with no end. We can live each moment in the context of the God who makes all things new, the God who enables us confidently to declare: we've only just begun.

God bless you all

*Yvonne*

## Christian Aid Challenge - 300,000 steps to turn hunger into hope



By the time you read this, I shall have begun my 300,000 steps.

The sponsorship forms (with Gift Aid column) will already be on the table at the rear of the Sanctuary and will re-appear each Sunday until 15 May when the walk will have been completed. Sponsorship money will be collected during that week, which is Christian Aid Week.

Kevin, our Administrator, will totalise and record the steps in the weekly notice sheet. Thank you so much for your interest and support.

*Mary Goodwin*



## **Appreciation**

Dear Pauline and all the Parishioners

Everyone at St Andrew's House would like to send you a big thank you for your kind and thoughtful donation. This gift means we can keep up to date with our technology and access things more quickly - computers are a big part of the home as everything is input into them.

It is very important to us receiving donations of this kind as we rely on the generosity of people like yourselves to keep our staff and residents content and happy. Being able to process things faster makes life easier for the office staff, carers and residents as we use the computer to shop for them and to produce activities.

Once again, we can't tell you how much we do appreciate it.

Kind regards

*Gillian and all the residents at St Andrew's House*

I would like to say a big Thank You to all at Baginton Road URC for the beautiful flowers Sarah brought round when I was poorly, they were a lovely surprise.

*Kathy Jackson*

## **Social Committee news**

We are organising a couple of events over the next couple of months that everybody is welcome to attend.



On Sunday 5 June 2022, we are having a celebratory Street Party lunch for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee after the church service. Please see the leaflets and posters giving full details.

A sign-up sheet will be placed at the rear of the church for those wanting to attend. This is to give us some idea of the numbers attending but if you only decide on the day, you will be very welcome.

On Sunday 17 July at 3pm there will be a cream tea which will be accompanied by musical entertainment from Nick Wolf and his small group.

On 15, 16 & 17 August, Holiday at Home returns with an outing on the Monday and a variety of activities with refreshments and lunch on the following two days.

For further information please speak to one of the Social Committee.

*Liz, Sarah, Pauline and Pam*

## **'Sharing Together' - report of a workshop to shape the future of Baginton Road URC**

**Saturday, 26 March 2022**



The morning began with a short act of worship led by our minister Reverend Yvonne Stone. The opening session comprised three short tasks, to say: What is going well? What do we need to work on? Any questions?

### **What is going well?**

- Numbers attending worship are improving which is lovely to see. There is a good atmosphere which former Warwick Road people appreciate
- Lovely to meet new people who are mixing well and making an effort to get to know one another
- Increase in numbers has enhanced the singing
- Lovely to have the choir, which has started to practise weekly
- Organisational changes are going well
- Good to see groups up and running again
- Coffee mornings have taken off well, as have Men's and Women's Breakfast groups.
- Little Scallywags is being well supported by clients and church members and friends
- Finance concerns are unfounded.

### **What do we need to work on?**

- Communications need to be improved and we need to work on how we can best do this
- We all need to be considerate, welcoming and show kindness
- Re-establish the importance of pastoral care through pastoral groups
- Consider looking more closely at prayer and how we pray. Could we run the Prayer Course using the 24/7 material?
- We need more information about what is going on at the WR Centre so that all can be kept informed and up to date and events can be publicised
- We need to practise showing kindness and being less critical
- Improve record keeping
- Encouraging people to return to church after the pandemic and the merger
- Look at how we can extend music in our worship
- Consider transport issues
- Working with other denominations
- Review of the church magazine
- Closing the sale of the Warwick Road Sanctuary and the establishment of the new CIO and Trustees

- How we can inspire our children and young people – provision of activities and the style of worship including music and their part in it making it more fun
- Teamwork as part of the citywide URC community
- Update the church information leaflet and organise a leaflet drop in the area
- Review the format of the Eldership
- How we can relate to the community through the activities and support we offer throughout the week
- Be more creative with regard to worship it need not necessarily be confined to Sunday morning or evening.

### **Any questions?**

- Do we need to change the format of our services?
- Can we look at and extend our worship songs?
- Is our audio-visual set up still fit for purpose?



### **Session 1: 'I would like Baginton Road URC to be a church that ...**

This session looked at what we felt our church should be striving to become. The outcomes were:

- ... is open to everyone as a sanctuary for prayer, either once a week or month
- ... is known throughout Coventry as a welcoming community church for all ages
- ... is a church that grows in size, faith, discipleship, spirituality, in reputation as a safe place within the community
- ... brings joy, meets need in the community and knows when to signpost.

### **Session 2: to create a new Mission Statement for the new Baginton Road URC**

Three statements emerged with similarities around love, sharing, Jesus and God. Each were put to a vote and a favourite was chosen, but even that we felt was not quite what we wanted so we then worked as one group to fine tune what we wanted to say and agreed to recommend the following as a new Mission Statement for our church – ***'Sharing the love of Jesus every day'***.

It was agreed we should circulate the statement to members and invite them to vote on accepting it as our new statement at the next Church Meeting on 27 April.

The workshop proved to be useful in helping us to celebrate and see what we are doing well and gave an insight in what we need to do to shape our future. There is much to work on and the work will involve those beyond as well as the eldership, it will need to be a partnership between us and Christ. We must continue to pray and seek His guidance as to how we can achieve the outcomes set out above.

***Pauline Luckett, Church Secretary***



## NEWS IN BRIEF FROM AROUND THE UK AND BEYOND

A recent report from the Directory of Organ Recitals has revealed that only 8% of church organ recitals are by female organists. This is possibly because organ playing can cause problems for women due to the fixed height organ bench - most women have shorter legs than men, so sitting on the front edge raises the danger of falling off into the foot pedals, plus playing for a long period can cause back problems. Male organists with short legs agree but those with longer limbs say they have to put wooden risers under the bench. Another problem of organ playing is shiny trouser or skirt bottoms! A former 1950s chorister recalls the organist at Westminster Abbey was so concerned about his trousers, he would carefully lay a small piece of velvet on the stool, sit on it with his back to the console and spin himself round ready to play.

In 1994 the first women priests in the Church of England were ordained in Bristol Cathedral. A plaque was made to commemorate but there was no mention of the 32 women, only the clergy at the ceremony. The new deacons were charged £15 each for the plaque. 28 years later a new plaque has been made and unveiled by the Bishop of Bristol, the Right Reverend Vivienne Faull. The new plaque was made by Robyn Golden-Hann who is training to become a deacon.

Rome, the Eternal City, is trying to encourage people to travel there to be married. Marriages in Italy dropped by 26% from 2004 - 2019 and in 2020 the total was 97,000, down by about a half. The Governor of Lazio has a fund of €10m to spend on a 'first come first served' basis to attract wedding tourism to his area. Couples will receive a rebate of €2,000 provided they produce five receipts for wedding items that have been purchased in the Lazio region. While marriage returns for 2021 for Italy are not yet available, the authorities think that figures are not significantly up on last year, but the numbers of divorces and separations have fallen.



The Church of England in 2014 allocated £176.7m in grants for strategic development to arrest the decline in attendance by growing new and existing churches. The five-year scheme was hampered by the pandemic but still spent £74.5m, including on parishes in "relatively deprived urban areas" typically under-served by the church. A report stated that counting converts was difficult as "the definition of new disciples varies considerably between projects" and warned the church against funding "projects that end up serving predominately white, middle-class worshippers".

After the English Civil War, Oliver Cromwell and King Joao IV of Portugal negotiated a treaty. Respect of each country's religions was essential as prior to this English Protestants in Portugal were buried at sea or in sugar boxes at low tide in the banks of the River Tagus, rather than upset the Roman Catholic population. Since 1721

the British Cemetery in Lisbon has kept this sanctuary peaceful but like all rural areas the city has encroached and nearby residents are not happy as trees have not been replaced. Matters have not been helped by the land being transferred from the British Government to the nearby Church of St George four years ago. Amongst the graves are those of Henry Fielding and Phillip Doddridge, writer of the hymn *Oh Happy Day*, plus 26 WWII and 5 WWI graves maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

*The Tablet*, a Catholic Faith magazine, has questioned whether it is tenable for the Catholic Church to maintain its opposition to sex and physical intimacy within committed gay relationships, arguing that sexual relations “deepen the mutual bond” between couples. The article followed the banning of a visit to a London school by Simon Green, an award-winning writer of books for children and young adults that feature LGBT characters. This action resulted in the removing of several school governors by the Diocese of Southwark and concerns from the Department of Education plus a snap inspection by Ofsted. *The Tablet* has questioned the Church’s teaching on homosexuality in leading articles since 2018.

*Barry Stelfox*



## **Year 6 Transition Day – Can you help, please?**

On 13 July 2022, from 10am – 2pm, we will be welcoming 150 Year 6 pupils from two local primary school into our church buildings. We have run this day for many years and it has proved very successful as it enables the young people to meet others in the local area who are moving onto the same senior schools. However, this is our first year back after a two-year break and we want to be able to offer the young people a very special and exciting experience more than ever before.

The idea behind the day is that, through workshops, the young people can explore any worries, fears or apprehensions they might feel about the transition from primary to senior school. We run various workshops which include: scenarios (of difficult situations the young people might face), art and craft, well-being, phobias and more.

Of course, we could not run this day without the support of our congregation and friends, so if you are about to offer any time at all on this day, it would be great to have you on board. Coventry Youth for Christ will be joining us for the day to run a workshop, as will a group of Year 11 pupils from Finham Park Academy from our Drench Youth Café, who will talk about their experiences at senior school.

I can promise it is a wonderful experience to see our church full of young people and it offers us a great outreach opportunity into our local community. If you can support the day in any way, please email [westorchardoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:westorchardoutreach@gmail.com) or have a word with me. Thank you so much.

*Marilyn Sanders*



## The Pain of Ukraine

*The Revd William Mather is a retired vicar and still very active artist. He was moved to create this painting and wrote these words to accompany it.*

Ideas for paintings come in all sorts of ways. The awfulness of the Soviet aggression in Ukraine has been in all our thoughts and prayers. For me, it was that early image of the block of flats hit by a missile causing death, destruction and a gaping hole. With it came a reminder of Jesus on the cross and a gaping hole in His side from the soldier's spear. The two came together in my mind and so a painting idea was born. With it came thoughts of the great Spanish artist Goya and his powerful etchings 'The Disasters of War' in protest over the French invasion and occupation 1810-1820.



The Christian teaching is that Jesus died on the cross for our sin. None of us is blameless, not least the soldier with the spear or the Russians with the missile. But the poignant promise through the pain – even the pain of Ukraine – is that the message of the cross is more powerful than any tyrant. Through it comes peace in the heart that lasts for ever.

*William Mather, from Parish Pump*

## Coventry Cathedral – 60 years on



Sixty years ago, on 25 May 1962, the new Coventry Cathedral was consecrated. The previous one had been destroyed by German bombing during World War Two. The Queen had laid the foundation stone in 1956, and she was present for the consecration.

On the night of 14 November 1940, the old Cathedral – together with much of the centre of Coventry – was devastated by incendiary bombs, but the decision to rebuild it was taken the next morning. The Provost, Richard Howard, wanted to do so as a sign of faith, trust and hope, rather than as an act of defiance.

This rejection of bitterness and hatred led to the Cathedral's Ministry of Peace and Reconciliation, which continues to give spiritual and practical support in areas of conflict. It is symbolised now by the Cross of Nails, made from three nails found in the roof truss of the old cathedral and set in the centre of the altar cross.

The place now called Coventry Cathedral, on the site of a Benedictine monastery, is in fact two buildings – a joining of the old and the new. The older building, still hallowed ground, was originally a parish church, and then given cathedral status in 1918. Its 295ft (90m) spire, containing 181 stone steps, is the third highest in England, behind Salisbury and Norwich.

The 'new' Cathedral was an inspiration to many celebrated artists, most of them yet to become famous. Among those commissioned by the architect, Sir Basil Spence, were Graham Sutherland (iconic Christ in Glory tapestry), John Piper (baptistry window), Ralph Beyer, John Hutton, Elisabeth Frink and Jacob Epstein, who created the striking sculpture of St Michael defeating Lucifer.



The famous Charred Cross was created when the cathedral stonemason, Jock Forbes, saw two wooden beams lying in the shape of a cross after the bombing and tied them together.

*Tim Lenton, from Parish Pump*



## **Traidcraft News**

Thank you to everyone who bought the crème egg Easter baskets from the back of church. As a result of this, I was able to send £40 to the Traidcraft Easter Appeal. The appeal aims to help small scale farmers build stronger businesses which support them and their families through difficult times.

One way they do this is to give individual farmers, many of them women, training in budgeting and record-keeping which enables them to use their money more effectively. Another way of helping these small businesses is through "table banking" where a group of small businesses pools its savings and places them in a revolving fund – normally the money is just simply placed on a table. Members of the group can borrow from the pool to boost businesses or meet a given need. The money is paid back at an agreed time with agreed interest – all money repaid goes back into the pool. This builds community capital and means members of the group do not need to borrow from predatory loan providers.

One of the users of this system is Jenny, a Kenyan producer. The group she is in has over 120,000 Kenyan shillings (about £800) circulating through table banking. Jenny says: "We ensure that we have lent out to the last penny, we help each other and it helps ourselves. I have been able to build my family a house because of the help I have received".

Your donations do make a difference - thank you!

*Sue Davis*

## Mission Outreach and Worship Report for May 2022

First of all, a big Thank You to everyone who helped out at the Easter Saturday Coffee Morning. It was a fabulous event with glorious sunshine, hot cross buns, chocolate eggs, hot drinks, books, DVDs and jigsaws, and lots of chatter. We certainly got ourselves noticed by passers-by and it was a great way to reach out to our community. We also raised £333 for Coventry City Mission. An additional thank you to Jenny for it was her initial idea.



I'm delighted to announce that the Toddler Group will start up again on 27 April after the Easter break. I hope we have the makings of a new community here at Baginton Road. See the church boards for all the details.

As the special Jubilee approaches, also keep an eye on the notice boards for details for the Street Party and BBQ to be held on the first two weekends in June.



Coffee mornings are going from strength to strength. Tuesday is particularly well attended, with people coming in from inside and outside our church community. Please come along for a hot drink and biscuits. I thank all my willing volunteers for helping make this such a success. We are starting to make use of the good weather and setting up a coffee station outside. This again continues to be a fabulous way to reach out into our community, with a number of passers-by once again stopping to chat with us. If you are available to support our coffee mornings by setting up and making coffee on either Tuesday or Thursday morning, please contact me. Many hands make light work.

Work continues on the Apse redevelopment. Not much to report currently as we are continuing the planning phase and meeting with architects, but as soon as we have something more to share, we will of course let the church know.

I'm on holiday in France at the start of May; on my return I will be conducting the wedding of Amy and Owen at Baginton Road. I'm busy planning the day with the lovely couple and would be grateful if I could have a couple of volunteers to help open up the building on the morning of 21 May. Please contact me if you're able to help.

Thank you to everyone in the church for all your help and support. Best wishes and God's blessing to you all.

*Revd Peter Kimberley, Mission, Outreach and Worship Leader*

In addition to Tuesdays & Fridays

The Open doors  
café at Warwick Road  
will also be open on  
Wednesdays  
starting from  
4th May  
10—1.30



Join us for lunch, Snacks or tea &  
coffee

## The Swallows return

Have you seen your first Swallow yet? Claire and I saw several last week while on holiday in Devon. That was pretty good timing for them arriving just in time for Easter – bringing hope and the joys of spring, with summer yet to come.



Swallows and Martins (such as Sand Martin and House Martin) are members of the hirundine family of birds of which there are 86 species in the world. The Latin *hirundo* means Swallow. In fact, hirundines are the most widely distributed of all songbirds, occurring in all continents except Antarctica. Swifts on the other hand, although looking similar, are members of a different family of birds, the *Apodidae* family, of which there are 100 species worldwide.

The Swallow is a migrant from Africa so that it spends the summer months here to breed and feed, and then avoids winter entirely by returning to sub-Saharan Africa, down as far as South Africa, for their summer. What a sensible bird! But it does mean an awful lot of air-miles. It was only in 1912 that it became understood that Swallows migrated such long distances, when an “over-wintering” bird was captured in Natal. Although the average bird lives for just two years, many do live much longer with the maximum recorded being over 11 years. Peak out-migration from Britain takes place from mid-September to the end of October with their spring migration mainly from mid-March to late April. In recent years with our warmer winters a few Swallows actually over-winter in the south of England, and more so in Spain, rather than making the long migration back to the southern half of Africa. The real reason for their migration relates to their sole source of food – flying insects – which are mainly present in large numbers during the summer months.

The Swallow is a small bird, on average weighing just 9g (or 0.7oz), but has a wingspan of 34cm (13”) and body length of 18cm (7”) giving an indication of the importance of its wings for enabling long distance flight. The shape of the wing together with the long tail feathers also make Swallows extremely manoeuvrable in flight and gives them the ability to glide significantly which lowers their metabolic rate by as much as 72% compared with similarly-sized songbirds. Their hunting capability is helped by their high visual acuity with eyes of a shape and structure similar to birds of prey. Swallows have short legs with feet adapted to perching rather than walking and so spend little time on the ground.

While Swallows are very widespread in Britain, Ireland and western Europe, during the summer months there has been a noticeable shift in the density of their distribution. Because of their need to eat low-flying insects they favour agricultural, and therefore mainly rural, areas - particularly those less intensively managed and where pesticides are used less. This means that the east of England now has a lower density of Swallows compared to the less intensively farmed pasture-rich western areas and Ireland. The last bird census showed that in 2016 there were



705,000 pairs of Swallows in Britain which was fairly stable compared with the count 20 years before.

Swallows are perhaps the pre-eminent emblem of the return of spring. “*One swallow makes not a spring*” was written in the 5th century BC by a Greek playwright called Cratinus and the proverb is as well known today as it was then. But what distinguishes this species from the many other migrating species is that Swallows for thousands of years have been our most potent insecticide and, unlike some birds, never touch what we consume, and so are considered to be the farmer’s friend.

Surely, no-one can fail to be entranced on a summer’s evening at the sight of these birds swooping effortlessly and so acrobatically low over a field or pool to catch prey or gather water. But perhaps the most endearing feature is their desire to build their cup-shaped mud nests so near to us, in the eaves of houses, barns and the porched entrances to churches. And so a relationship between the bird and their human neighbours has developed over millennia: in Bulgaria people believe Swallows bring happiness and good luck; in Croatia the Swallow is a symbol of life; in Argentina Swallows have a strong cultural presence with seasonal fruit labourers known as ‘swallow workers’. One final attraction of Swallows is that they are easily viewed as they perch for all to see on overhead wires and they utter a lovely high-pitched chattering call – the ultimate advocates of Twitter perhaps!

*David Lathbury*

**References:**

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## Poetry Café

Poetry Café normally meets on the first Thursday of each month in the Open Doors Café, Warwick Road Centre at 2.30pm. We each share two or three poems – these are usually on a set theme but don’t have to be!



The next meetings are:

**Thursday, 5 May, Theme: ‘May time’**  
**Thursday, 16 June, Theme: ‘Celebration’**



All are welcome. Note the different date in June – put back so as not to conflict with the Jubilee celebrations.

For more information, please contact David Lathbury: [david@dlathbury.co.uk](mailto:david@dlathbury.co.uk).





## Warwick Road Centre and Café – May Update

Things are slowly getting back to normal following the Covid lockdowns. As reported in previous months, the number of room bookings is increasing with a mixture of ‘returning’ and new customers.

Clare, our Catering Manager, feels there is demand for Open Doors Café to open for a third day so, as from the beginning of May, the café will now also be open on Wednesdays. See the menu below.

We now have two new tenants living in Flat 9 which has been redecorated throughout and given a deep clean, including all carpets. A big thank you to Keith Hatt for the decorating and Miracle Cleaning of Coventry for the deep clean. In the end there was only a 6 week gap between tenants which is good news for income.

We are hoping the monthly Film Club will return soon. This was a popular event pre-lockdown.

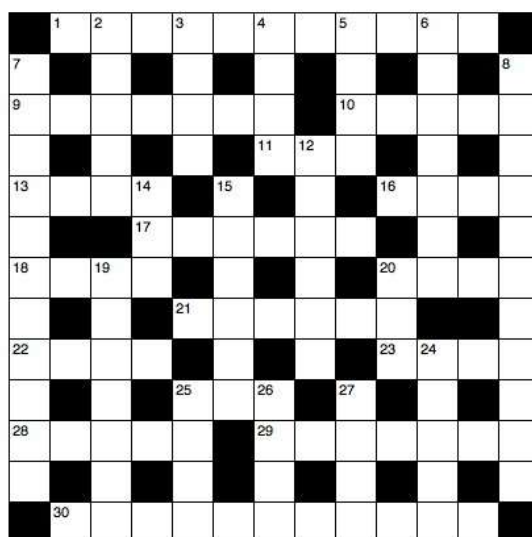
*Trevor Gay, Warwick Road Centre Manager*

### Open Doors Café Menu for May

	Main (£4)	Pudding (£2)
Tuesday 3rd	Fisherman's pie and peas	Sticky toffee pudding and custard
Wed 4th	Chicken served with a leek & stilton sauce, potatoes and vegetables	Black cherry tart and custard
Friday 6th	Pork & apple casserole	Lemon meringue pie
Tues 10th	Cumberland sausage, mashed potato, vegetables and onion gravy	Fresh cream strawberry sponge
Wed 11th	Lamb & vegetable casserole	Chocolate brownie and ice cream
Friday 13th	Cottage pie and vegetables	Mixed berry cheesecake
Tues 17th	Beef lasagne and salad	Apple crumble and custard
Wed 18th	Mince beef & onion pie, potatoes and vegetables	Pineapple upside down sponge
Friday 20th	Hunter's chicken, green beans and potatoes	Jam sponge and custard
Tuesday 24th	Braised beef in ale, potatoes and vegetables	Banana sponge and caramel sauce
Wed 25th	Cheese & broccoli quiche, new potatoes and salad	Eve's pudding and custard
Friday 27th	Smoked haddock, potatoes, peas and parsley sauce	Lemon sponge and custard
Tuesday 31st	Chicken & mushroom pie, potatoes and vegetables	Raspberry & white chocolate sponge and cream

Meal Deal (Main and Pudding, served with tea or coffee) - £6

## Puzzle Pages



### Across

- 1 Overpowered (Deuteronomy 11:4) (11)
- 9 'The — are mantled with corn' (Psalm 65:13) (7)
- 10 'Each man — a sword to his side' (Exodus 32:27) (5)
- 11 On the death of Jesus the curtain in the temple was torn from— to bottom (Matthew 27:51) (3)
- 13 Stagger (Isaiah 28:7) (4)
- 16 'Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought — and doesn't do it, sins' (James 4:17) (2,2)
- 17 Stir up or provoke (Acts 13:50) (6)
- 18 Burden (Luke 11:46) (4)
- 20 'As far as the east is from the —, so far has he removed our transgressions from us' (Psalm 103:12) (4)
- 21 Sign (Luke 23:38) (6)
- 22 'After that, Jesus poured water into a basin and began to—his disciples' feet' (John 13:5) (4)
- 23 The nature of the seven ears of corn which swallowed up the good ears in Pharaoh's dream (Genesis 41:23) (4)
- 25 Has (anag.) (3)
- 28 'This is the account of Shem, Ham and Japheth, — sons' (Genesis 10:1) (5)
- 29 'I will...make them drunk, so that they...sleep for — and — awake' (Jeremiah 51:39) (4,3)
- 30 Paul said of him, 'he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my chains' (2 Timothy 1:16) (11)

### Down

- 2 Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5)
- 3 'A bruised — he will not break' (Matthew 12:20) (4)
- 4 'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly — appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (4)
- 5 Slip (anag.) (4)
- 6 'Take an awl and push it through his — — into the door, and he will become your servant for life' (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3,4)
- 7 Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11)
- 8 'Therefore, as we have —, let us do good to all people' (Galatians 6:10) (11)
- 12 Acquire (2 Timothy 2:10) (6)
- 14 Container cover (Numbers 19:15) (3)
- 15 'He...became obedient to death, even death on —!' (Philippians 2:8) (1,5)
- 19 Refrain (1 Peter 2:11) (7)
- 20 'She began to — his feet with her tears' (Luke 7:38) (3)
- 24 One who worships Brahma, Vishnu or Shiva (5)
- 25 'Give to everyone who — you' (Luke 6:30) (4)
- 26 'I lift up my eyes to the hills; where does my — come from?' (Psalm 121:1) (4)
- 27 One of those whom the Lord said would be taken from Jerusalem and Judah as judgment on them (Isaiah 3:2) (4)

### SUDOKU (EASY)

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### SUDOKU (MEDIUM)

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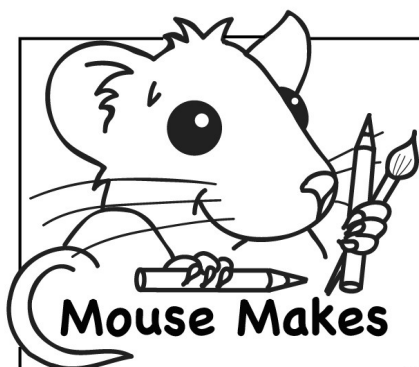
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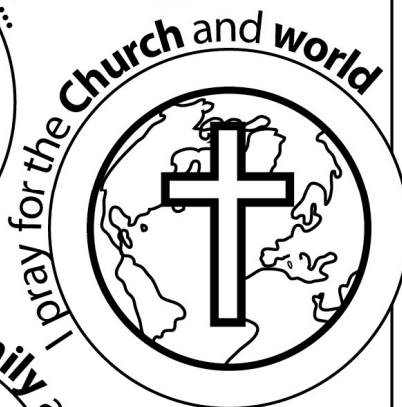
## WORDSEARCH

**A prayer for Ukraine:** Lord, we pray for Ukraine, a nation in which 70% of the population call themselves Christian. You, Lord, make wars cease to the end of the earth; you break bows, shatter spears, and burn shields with fire [Psalm 46:9]. And so, we ask you now to save the lives of many people in Ukraine. De-escalate this crisis. We hear of wars and rumours of wars (Matt. 24:6), but you Lord are our rock, our fortress and our deliverer. Our hope is in you. And so we address the nations now. In the name of Jesus we say: "Be still and know God! He is exalted among the nations; He shall be exalted in the earth [Psalm 46:10]. Kyrie eleison – Lord have mercy.

UKRAINE	LIVES	L H S R E S R R D A M
WAR	CRISIS	E L W F F E O W S S A
CEASE	LORD	S H I E L D S K A D N
EARTH	OUR	S R E T T A H S C R Y
BREAK	ROCK	E E N A S B L T U O Y
BOWS	FORTRESS	R S I S I R C B R L R
SHATTER	DELIVERER	T P A S M O U R O A T
SPEARS	HOPE	R E R E V I L E D W E
BURN	IN	O A K V C E V A B P S
SHIELDS	YOU	F R U I M A N K O S D
FIRE	BE	O S N L S E E H L S R
SAVE	STILL	
MANY		



"Give thanks to the  
Lord for He is good,  
His love endures  
forever"  
Psalm 136:1



"Never stop praying."  
1 Thessalonians 5:17



"Do not be anxious about  
anything, but in every situation,  
by prayer and petition,  
with thanksgiving,  
present your requests to God."  
Philippians 4:6

Jesus said,  
"This, then, is how  
you should pray:

Our

\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
hallowed be your

your

\_\_\_\_\_ come,  
your \_\_\_\_\_ be  
done, on

\_\_\_\_\_ as it  
is in \_\_\_\_\_.

Give us this day our  
daily \_\_\_\_\_.  
And

\_\_\_\_\_ us our \_\_\_\_\_,  
as we also have  
forgiven our debtors.

And \_\_\_\_\_  
us not into  
temptation, but

\_\_\_\_\_ us from the  
\_\_\_\_\_ one."

**Read Matthew 6:9-13**  
to fill in the words.



## **EXERCISE CLASSES FOR KEEPING YOU ACTIVE LATER IN LIFE**

Fridays at 10am – 11am

Baginton Road URC, Baginton Road, Coventry CV3 6FP

Led by 'Move It or Lose It' instructor Joanne Booth.

Looking for a way to stay active? 'Move It or Lose It' are dedicated to motivating people to keep active later in life.

**NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

**All are welcome**



The Move It or Lose It fitness class is going well and is now attracting around 15 participants. Thanks to Liz Kershaw for her enthusiasm and for becoming the lead member from the church in this venture. Come and join in the fun and keep fit at the same time.

### SOLUTION - SUDUKO (EASY)

6	3	7	1	8	5	4	9	2
2	4	8	6	9	3	7	1	5
5	1	9	2	4	7	6	3	8
3	5	1	8	7	6	9	2	4
8	9	2	5	1	4	3	7	6
4	7	6	9	3	2	8	5	1
1	2	3	7	6	8	5	4	9
7	6	5	4	2	9	1	8	3
9	8	4	3	5	1	2	6	7

### SOLUTION - SUDUKO (MEDIUM)

3	2	7	8	9	1	4	5	6
9	1	4	6	5	3	8	2	7
5	8	6	7	4	2	9	1	3
4	6	9	2	7	5	1	3	8
7	5	2	3	1	8	6	4	9
1	3	8	4	6	9	2	7	5
6	9	5	1	2	7	3	8	4
2	7	3	9	8	4	5	6	1
8	4	1	5	3	6	7	9	2

### CROSSWORD SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Overwhelmed. 9 Valleys. 10 Strap. 11 Top. 13 Reel. 16 To do. 17 Incite. 18 Load. 20 West. 21 Notice. 22 Wash. 23 Thin. 25 Ash. 28 Noah's. 29 Ever not. 30 Onesiphorus.  
DOWN: 2 Value. 3 Reed. 4 Host. 5 Lisp. 6 Ear lobe. 7 Overflowing. 8 Opportunity. 12 Obtain. 14 Lid. 15 A cross. 19 Abstain. 20 Wet. 24 Hindu. 25 Asks. 26 Help. 27 Hero.

### Connections - June 2022 issue deadline

News, articles and other items to be included in the June 2022 issue of **Connections** should be sent by email to the editor Claire Booth ([clairehbooth@hotmail.com](mailto:clairehbooth@hotmail.com)) no later than **Sunday, 15 May 2022**. Please note this is earlier than usual because I am away at the end of May.

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Thanks,  
*Claire*

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## Worship at Baginton Road URC

**May 2022**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	
1 May	10.30 am 6.30pm	Revd Ralph Hanger Revd Yvonne Stone	Holy Communion
8 May	10.30 am 6.30pm	Revd Ian Macnair Revd Yvonne Stone	
15 May	10.30 am 6.30pm	Revd Yvonne Stone Margaret Marshall	Holy Communion
22 May	10.30 am 6.30pm	Revd Yvonne Stone Sue Matthews and friends	
29 May	10.30 am 6.30pm	Revd Peter Kimberley Revd Yvonne Stone	
5 June	10.30 am	Simon Mills	No evening service

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Baginton Road United Reformed Church  
is holding a  
**Street Party**  
to Celebrate



at 12.15pm  
on  
**Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a lunch of cold gammon, roast chicken,  
new potatoes, a selection of salads  
followed by ice cream and fresh fruit salad  
Tea & coffee

Everybody is welcome and it is not necessary to attend  
the church service prior to the meal

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