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Save the date!

Our minister Reverend Yvonne Stone will be retiring at the end of November. Yvonne's final service as our minister will be on **Sunday 20 November at 2pm**, followed by a buffet tea. You are cordially invited to share with members and friends of Baginton Road URC in this service and to stay for refreshments afterwards.

If you wish to join us, please reply no later than **13 November** to Pauline Lockett, Church Secretary – email: secretary@bagintonroadurc.org.uk.

Dear Friends

"For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven." [Ecclesiastes 3:1]

"Yesterday is but a memory, and tomorrow but a vision. But today well-lived makes every yesterday a memory of happiness, and every tomorrow, a vision of hope." [Sanskrit poem written 2,000 years ago]



As I write this we are in the between times of the announcement of the death of our Queen, Elizabeth II, and her funeral, and we have seen the proclamation of a new King, Charles III, and wonder what his new reign might bring. I know it is a time of uncertainty for so many reasons, apart from practical ones like how will we afford to heat our homes and put food on our tables this winter.

I also know that there is much uncertainty about what will happen when I retire – who will fill the pulpit, who will be our minister?

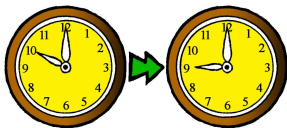
Faith, we are told, is one of the great qualities of the Christian life, an essential ingredient of genuine discipleship. But living with faith is far from easy, for most of us prefer cast iron certainties to promises we must accept on trust.

Nowhere is this more so than when it comes to the fact of death and our hope of eternal life. We believe in the Resurrection and the Kingdom of Heaven, but we cannot help wishing we knew a bit more about it. Where will it be? How will we get there? When will it come? What will it be like? These and a host of other questions all too easily play on our minds, insidiously undermining our confidence. 'If only we knew', we tell ourselves, then it would be so much easier.

But the fact is that we do not need to see anything more than God has already revealed, for true faith should be based on what we experience today as much as what we are promised tomorrow. When God is an ever-present reality in our lives, we need no proof as to the future.

I don't have the answers to the questions raised above but I know that God does and it will be for the benefit of all, even if we don't see it immediately. So I for one will be trying to live by the words of the Sanskrit poem, and live each day as well lived as possible and leave tomorrow to its own devices and God's pleasure.

God bless
Yvonne



Remember that the clocks go back on the night of 22 / 23 October!

Baginton Road Church Trust

With the creation of the Baginton Road Church we need to set up a new charitable trust to oversee and manage the financial assets of West Orchard Church Trust and the financial and property assets of Warwick Road Church Trust. This new trust will replace the existing charitable trusts of the two former churches. It will take the form of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) under the supervision of the Charity Commission and will have trustees appointed from the membership of Baginton Road Church. It is intended that the Constitution of the Trust will use the Charity Commission foundation model constitution and its trustees will be protected from personal liability. Advice on the establishment and form of this new trust is being taken from SlaterHeelis Solicitors who advise the URC Trust and West Midlands Synod.

As mentioned at our last Church Meeting, the opportunity now exists for church members who would like to help in the decision-making of the Trust to put their names forward to be trustees. Time periods of trusteeship are limited so that this does not have to be a commitment for ever! So as to minimise overlap and time commitment the Trust will come within the auspices of the Finance & Trust Committee of the church so that trustees will automatically become members of that committee.

If you are interested in possibly helping with the Trust, and would like further information, then please contact David Lathbury in the first instance.

Poetry Café

Poetry Café meets one Thursday afternoon each month in the Open Doors Café, Warwick Road Centre 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, 13 October, Theme: 'Time'

Thursday, 10 November, Theme: 'Kings & Queens'



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

Mission, Outreach and Worship Report for October 2022

Volunteers needed - your church needs you! As the autumn term begins, we plan to restart a number of activities throughout October, November and December. I know that volunteer numbers are down and we are perhaps losing a little bit of energy; however, we are a very vibrant church with lots going on, so if you have a few spare hours during the week to assist with coffee mornings, luncheon club and Mending Mondays please do not hesitate to contact your Elder to find out how you can help. Many hands make light work and we do rely on volunteers to do all the fantastic work we are involved in.

Apse redevelopment: Work continues on the Apse redevelopment. Aplan Architects have now measured up the Apse area of the church and are currently producing a schema of works including drawings for the Redevelopment Team to review. We are also starting the process of reviewing the audio-visual aspects of worship and will be engaging with a number of companies to help us improve the sound and video in church.

Men's Breakfast: All (men) are welcome to come and join us in a hearty breakfast at the Phantom Coach public house and share fabulous fellowship. Please contact me if you're not on my invite list. The next meeting is on 29 October, at 10am.



Advent: I've completed an Advent course for us to share in December, so keep an eye out for times and dates when this will be happening. (Was I the only one thinking about Advent during the hottest day of the year?)

Baginton Road URC Summer Prayer Walk: As a church we are committed to prayer. I hope you feel the need to be praying for our local area. Have you prayer-walked your street? If so, please let me know and I'll cross your street off the list. As the summer draws to a close there are still plenty of streets that haven't been walked, perhaps yours is one of them. The Prayer is: *"We ask God for His Spirit to fall on the street we are walking on and are praying for. We pray for the homes, schools, shops or church buildings we walk past. We pray that the street will be blessed by Jesus. We ask that God may bring healing, peace and hope to the streets of our neighbourhood. In Jesus's name we pray, Amen."* I'm hoping and praying that you are able to join me on this journey and help us to be a blessing to our neighbourhood.

In other news: I'm in contact with another toddler group provider Moo Music and hope we can host them in the coming months.

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

Reverend Peter Kimberley, Mission, Outreach and Worship Leader



Social Committee news

We have a variety of events organised over the next few months to which everyone is invited:

Autumn Social Evening - Saturday 1 October at 6.00pm. This will be an evening of games and quizzes with a buffet supper. Bring your own quiz team or join with others on the evening to share the fun. There will be a list for you to sign at the back of church if you intend to come, to give some indication of numbers. However, you are welcome to join us if you are not able to sign up. We will serve vegetarian options for supper; if you have other requirements, please let us know. There will be no charge for the evening but donations towards the cost of the food will be gratefully received.

Christian Aid soup Lunch - Saturday 5 November, 12.00 – 1.30pm. Donations to be made on the day and all proceeds will go to Christian Aid. We would welcome volunteers to help us with the lunch - we need a few people to make their favourite soup, others to help set up, serve, make tea and coffee as well as wash up. If you can either help on the day or make soup, please speak to a member of the Social Committee. We thank you in advance for your support.

Christmas Bazaar and Craft Fair - Saturday 26 November, 10am - 2pm. We have not held a bazaar for several years so we hope that with your help it will be a success and that many people from our community will come. There will be craft stalls, as well as the usual ones expected at a bazaar, including a Father Christmas Grotto by the Scout group. Refreshments will be served including lunch. Help will be needed to man some stalls, in the kitchen and dining room. We will also be asking nearer the time for donations such as cakes and preserves and other items to sell.

Many thanks for your support

Social Committee (Sarah, Liz, Pauline, Jenny and Pam)

Women's Prayer Breakfast

Next dates: 22 October, 12 November, 10 December
8.30am in the Small Hall (NB ramp door to the large hall will be unlocked)



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

Margaret O'Kane

Heritage Weekend, 9-11 September 2022



Histories of both Warwick Road and West Orchard Churches, together with descriptions of the stained glass windows, were available for visitors during the weekend.

However, due to the sad and distressing news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II the previous day, on the first day of opening people came for private prayer rather than to view the exhibition.

We had more visitors on both the Saturday and Sunday afternoons, who were very interested in the windows. They asked questions and took home the new information leaflets and enjoyed light refreshments. Many had never been into Baginton Road Church and were impressed with the histories and windows.

It was a fairly successful event despite being overtaken by the death of our Queen. A big thank you for all who organised the event, and helped welcome visitors to our church.

The Social Committee

Making Mondays



Dates for Autumn: 24 October, 14 November, 12 December
1.30 pm – 3.30 pm in the Sanctuary at Baginton Road URC.

Come along and join in a fun afternoon of simple craft activities – just bring your own pen/pencil and scissors. Everyone welcome.

Sue Davis

The Fellowship of Sunflowers

For my birthday in April my penpal sent me 64 sunflower seeds – eight different varieties, carefully packaged. She'd gathered them from her friends especially for me – an unusual present.



I've never met my penpal, but we've been penfriends since childhood because our mothers were friends during World War 2, before they married and had children.

The seeds arrived with precise instructions so, enlisting the help of a trusted friend, we planted the 64 seeds in trays for germination and kept them in the garage. When the seedlings were about 1" high, we transplanted each one individually into pots, a very delicate operation.

During the day I kept the pots in my porch and by night in the garage. When the ground warmed up, I planted the surviving sunflowers against a fence.



Like the Parable of the Sower, some seeds did not germinate, some died in their pots, some fell foul to black fly and withered in the garden. However, I now have 34 beautiful and strong sunflowers varying in height from 1ft to 3 ft, varying in colour from lemon to golden to variegated chocolate to nearly black.

In the early morning they all face the rising sun, but by evening they have turned 180 degrees and face the setting sun. How amazing is nature? The strongest and tallest plant has six flower heads!



My plan is to collect my own seeds and hopefully pass some on to my friends. It seems to me that I should thank God for the beauty of my sunflowers; the joy they bring me, and every time I see them, I think of the fellowship my penpal and I share, albeit at a distance.

Christine Short



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In remembrance of Queen Elizabeth II

“Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God.”



*Quote from “The Servant Queen and The King She Serves” (Bible Society, 2016)
published on the occasion of Queen Elizabeth II’s 90th birthday*

Reflection by The United Reformed Church

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory’. The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’” [Isaiah 6: 1-5]

This year will be known by many as ‘the year that Queen Elizabeth died’. Whatever we think about the institution of the monarchy, the death of our Queen has a huge impact upon us.

Her face, her presence, her being there have been part of all our lives for so many years. For most of us, she has been the only monarch we can remember. She has been part of our lives, our imaginations, our sense of who we are.

The writer of this Bible passage from the book of Isaiah shared this experience of the death of a monarch, after a reign of many years. It is probably no coincidence that it was in this year, the year that King Uzziah died, that he had an experience of the ground shaking beneath him, when the Temple shook and he felt lost.

Many of us now will also feel dislocated and shaken up, in ways we can’t quite describe and perhaps hadn’t expected.

But the monarch whose reign has just ended in our own land would be the first to say that the God whom she worshipped, and to whom she committed her life in service, the God in whose name she was anointed in a holy place, this holy God, is with us, and the whole earth is filled with God’s glory.

There are those who would say that what she provided above all was a kind of stability and reassurance. When times were painful and difficult for us as a nation, she was there. She always sought to comfort the suffering and to steady the anxious.

Above all, her own faith in God was sure and strong. She spoke with increasing depth, in her many Christmas broadcasts, about her own reliance on God. In the face of her death, we can depend on the God who is always with us, filling not only the temples of this world, but also our families and communities, with love and hope.

In the year that Queen Elizabeth has died, we give thanks for a life of dedicated service to our nations and commonwealth. We give thanks for God's faithful servant, Elizabeth. We pray for her family and closest friends, for those who will mourn and miss her most.

We grieve for what we have all lost. And we also take heart and hope from the faith that we shared with her and that she shared with us, remembering that death is defeated and that God reigns above all.



Poem for Queen Elizabeth II

The following poem about our late Queen and Prince Philip, was given to me by one of our church members, who wishes to remain anonymous. I thought it was worth sharing.

George Drake

Philip came to me today and said it was time to go,
I looked at him and smiled, as I whispered that 'I know'.

I turned and looked behind me, and then I was asleep;
All my family were around me, and I could hear them weep.

I gently touched each shoulder, with Philip by my side,
Then turned away and walked, with my Angel Guide.

Philip held my hand, as he led the way,
To a world where Kings and Queens are monarchs every day.

I was given a crown to wear, or Halo known by some -
The difference is up here, they are worn by everyone.

I felt a sense of peace, my reign had seen its end,
70 years I'd served my country, as the people's friend.

Thank you for the years, for all your time and love.
Now I am one of two again, in our palace up above.



**Autumn Social Evening
Saturday 1st October 2022
6.00pm at Baginton Rd URC**

Come and join us for a buffet supper and an evening of fun, games and quizzes.

Vegetarian options will be available.

No charge but donations will be gratefully received.

There will be a list to sign at the back of the church, but you will be welcome if you have not managed to sign the list.

If you need any further information, please contact Pam Dawson.



Connections Survey

We would like to know your feelings about *Connections*. This is **your** magazine, and your views are important to us. We would particularly like to know which parts of *Connections* you enjoy reading, what you would like to see more (or less) of, and how you would like to receive your copy, e.g. electronically as a pdf, or a printed hard copy. Would you be willing to pay a subscription to receive a hard copy, e.g. £1 or £1.50 per issue, £10 / £15 p.a?

Included with this edition is a one page survey. Please complete by 9 October 2022 and place in the suggestions box at the front of church. Alternatively give it to an Elder. Additional copies of the questionnaire will be available in church.

Thank you.

Jenny Barnes, Liz Kershaw



NEWS IN BRIEF FROM AROUND THE UK AND BEYOND

The Church of England is looking at the future, in particular 2035, proposing new Missional Ministry Areas which will replace rural deaneries with “active out-facing resource hubs geared for equipping disciples and enabling transformation”. It plans to reform dioceses by merging churches, placing the least attended with the most and hopefully central to that area.

Norway used to have approximately 1,000 wooden “stave churches”, named for the cured pinewood posts that prop them up, with some dating back to the 12th century, but only 28 have survived with what are believed to be pre-Christian Viking carvings of animals and dragons. To preserve them, the ancient recipe for “tarring” has been revived which involves burning pine logs extremely slowly in a stone oven covered in pile of turf or peat that chokes off oxygen. The tar that drips is then captured and combined with coal dust so when applied it sticks to the wood and forms a protective film.

Cleaning the 2,500 square metres of stained-glass which is covered in soot and ash from the fire in Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, has meant decontaminating all, prior to using specially designed vacuum cleaners and brushes. Thirty-nine windows dating from the 12th and 13th centuries have been sent to specialist cleaners in France and Germany, including Cologne Cathedral’s workshop.

In August the Porlock Pilgrims’ Trail was inaugurated, a 29-mile route involving nine churches and chapels. There is no charge for participation but donations are most welcome. Completion of the trail is anticipated to take two to five days, taking in 15th-century alabaster effigies in Porlock’s St Dubricius, where the lady rests her feet on an unknown creature, and St Nicholas in Porlock Weir, a “tin tabernacle” assembled from a flatpack designed for missionaries to “cart off abroad”. Churches along the trail include tiny Culbone, its walls saturated with centuries of worship, and the slightly bigger but much restored church in Stoke Pero, which is, unusually, not dedicated to a saint - instead there is a framed drawing of Zulu, the donkey that carried the timbers up from Porlock for its restoration in 1897. St Mary’s in Oare has its Lorna Doone connection and Tivington Chapel is a tiny chapel attached to a holiday home but having the occasional service. For more information go to: www.porlockpilgrim.co.uk.



In 1977 the south London church of St. Peter commissioned a local artist, Peter Peltz, to paint the Stations of the Cross plus a “large mural of the Last Judgement” on the west front. In 1991 an application was made to have this mural removed, but this failed due to opposition. An application made this year succeeded as the vicar and others considered the work to be of “low artistic merit”, especially as it featured tower blocks engulfed in flames as a city burns, reminding people of the Grenfell

Tower fire of 2017 which caused 72 deaths. In a Church Court hearing, Philip Petchey, Chancellor for the Diocese of Southwark, agreed and said restoration of the original brick facing would be a heritage benefit. A photographic record should be made and kept by the church, local council and the diocese.

A family in Stoke-on-Trent has succeeded in an appeal to the Church of England's Consistory Court to have the word "Dad" on a gravestone; the local Church preferred "Father".

In a recent interview, the lyricist Tim Rice explained that the Bible story of Joseph stuck in his thoughts from his schooldays. He thought of Jacob's sons as a cricket XI: Reuben was the wicket-keeper and captain; Simeon the dashing Denis Compton of the middle order; Asher and Dan the pace attack; Gad the leg spinner. Although there were 12 brothers only 11 were available, as Joseph was away on tour in Egypt! I wonder what role for Dinah he had in mind? Scorer or sandwich maker?

Barry Stelfox



Christian Aid Soup Lunch

at

**Baginton Road URC
(Small Hall)**

on

Saturday 5th November 2022

12.00 – 1.30 pm

Everybody Welcome!

Come and enjoy good company with
home-made soup

October Update from Steve Elton

Thanks to all I have met and worked with over the last month or so for such a warm and hospitable welcome. I am thoroughly enjoying being able to 'lend my spade' to the work that is being done at Baginton Road as we seek to dig into all that God has for us and the communities around. There are some very exciting things happening and I am honoured to be able to be involved in what God is doing at Baginton Road. We are making good progress on a number of projects and initiatives:

- **Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Group:** the Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing course will start on Saturday 1 October, and will run for five sessions, including two at Baginton Road. The course offers support for a wide range of mental health and wellbeing related topics including anxiety, depression, self-acceptance and forgiveness. The first cohort includes people from five church communities, including several from Baginton Road, who have expressed a desire to not just be supported by the course themselves, but also explore how we may be able to use the course in other settings in the future.
- **Agenda-less Worship Evenings:** following the positive response to the first Worship Evening at Baginton Road in August, we have arranged for there to be three more between now and Christmas: 27 September, 25 October and 16 November. All these will start at 8pm and will complement the other Worship Evenings taking place at St James, Tile Hill and Coventry House of Prayer. Everyone is encouraged to come along to any of the evenings and enjoy just being together before God in worship, with no agenda other than to honour Him with our praise and worship.
- **Christmas Worship Project:** we will be recording the music and spoken word elements of this year's project over the next few weeks, with the music part being recorded in Baginton Road's large hall. The project is entitled 'The Invitation', with its message that everyone is invited to come to Jesus and find belonging. One of the ways we are planning to share the video is by adding a QR code to the Baginton Road Christmas cards, which will enable people to scan the code with their phone camera and be taken directly to the video.
- **Carols at the Christmas Bazaar:** a team made up of Hope Springs Church and Baginton Road singers will be based in the small hall at the Christmas Bazaar and sing some Christmas carols while people enjoy their food and beverages, to help us all get in that 'Christmassy' feeling. They will also be performing a version of the 'Christmas Worship Project Song', and everyone who comes will be given a Christmas card with the link to the song in it.
- **Christmas Quiz:** this is planned for Saturday 17 December in the Baginton Road large hall, and will include a quiz, some live music, food and an airing of the 'Christmas Worship Project' to add a sprinkle of what Christmas is all about.

Steve Elton, Outreach Consultant

Warwick Road Centre and Café - October Update



Good to note that the Film Club was resurrected in August; 19 people attended to watch the film and have a discussion. Thanks for those who attended, and we hope our 6 months trial proves successful and that we will be able to continue Film Club as a permanent feature. The next film is *Belfast* on 5 October, 2.30 pm. If you would like to make a booking for the film (£4, to include ice cream, tea and cake), please phone the Centre Office on 024 7622 0299 or e-mail: cityoffice@bagintonroadurc.org.uk.

Open Doors Café is now open three days each week and re-opening on Wednesday has proved successful. Customer numbers are building and the signs are encouraging. We are not quite as busy as pre-lockdown but it's great that we can now offer three days per week to new and regular customers who have returned.

The café is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays, offering snacks and drinks 10am – 11:30 and hot meals from: 12 noon – 1:30pm (last orders 1pm). Main course £4; pudding £2. Meal Deal (main & pudding, served with tea or coffee) £6.

We are looking forward with anticipation to our new IT and telecom package which will give us faster internet speed throughout the Centre. This is a great selling point to customers looking to hire rooms for meetings and conferences. Many thanks to Keith Greenall for his hard work in advising us and liaising with the IT provider.

Both George and Ruth have attended the recent First Aid course, which means we now have at least two staff up to date with basic First Aid in the event of emergencies.

Trevor Gay, Warwick Road Centre Manager

Belonging Christian Fellowship

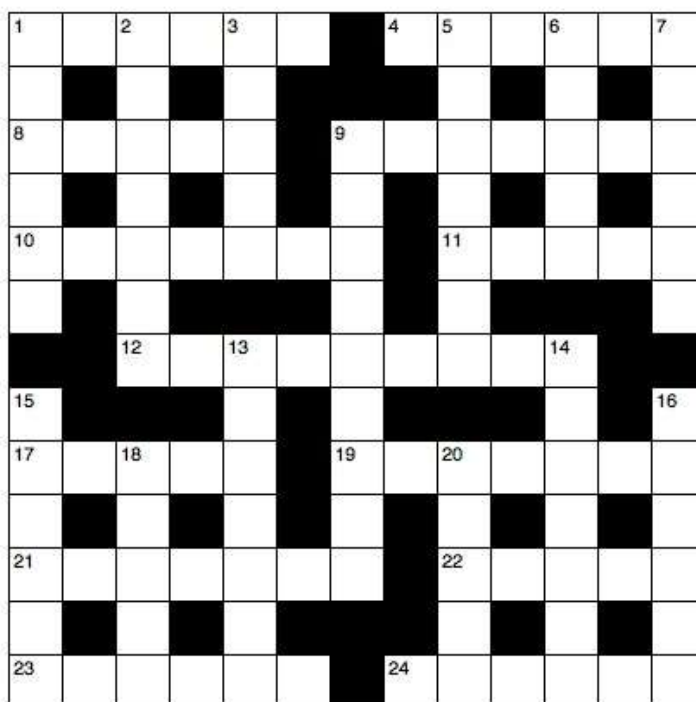
The Belonging Christian Fellowship is a newly formed group of Christians from Hong Kong, who have settled in Coventry under the British National (Overseas) Visa Scheme.



Following a meeting with the Belonging Christian Fellowship leaders, we have agreed to allow them to use our Sanctuary on Saturday mornings for their worship.

This is a very exciting opportunity for both churches to grow and work together into the future, helping us to share the love of Jesus every day.

Puzzle Pages



Across

- 1 Tertullus, who presented the high priest's case against Paul in his trial before Felix, was one (Acts 24:1) (6)
 4 As balm (anag.) (6)
 8 Having explored Canaan, he and Joshua urged the Israelites to take possession of it (Numbers 13:30) (5)
 9 On becoming king of Judah, he had all six of his brothers killed (2 Chronicles 21:4) (7)
 10 'Even the — has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself' (Psalm 84:3) (7)
 11 Banishment (Jeremiah 29:1) (5)
 12 'And now I will show you the most — way' (1Corinthians12:31) (9)
 17 'Titus did not exploit you, did he? Did we not — the same spirit and follow the same course?' (2 Corinthians 12:18) (3,2)
 19 Mice den (anag.) (7)
 21 How Egypt is often described in the Old Testament: 'the land of — ' (Exodus 13:3) (7)
 22 One of the first Levites to resettle in Jerusalem after the exile in Babylon (1 Chronicles 9:15) (5)
 23 'As a sheep before her shearers is —, so he did not open his mouth' (Isaiah 53:7) (6)
 24 Paul's birthplace (Acts 22:3) (6)

Down

- 1 Ravenous insect inflicted on Egypt in vast numbers as the eighth plague (Exodus 10:14) (6)
 2 Well-being (Philippians 2:20) (7)
 3 Small piece of live coal or wood in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (5)
 5 Sportsman or woman (2 Timothy 2:5) (7)
 6 The original name of Abraham's wife (Genesis 17:15) (5)
 7 'So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each — belongs to all the others' (Romans 12:5) (6)
 9 According to Peter, a wife's beauty should not come from wearing this (1 Peter 3:3) (9)
 13 'For God did not send his Son into the world to — the world' (John 3:17) (7)
 14 'The Lord of heaven and earth...does not live in — built by hands' (Acts 17:24) (7)
 15 'If your hand — you to sin, cut it off' (Mark 9:43) (6)
 16 Something like these fell from Saul's eyes as soon as Ananias placed his hands on him (Acts 9:18) (6)
 18 Track(Job41:30)(5)
 20 Religious doctrine (5)

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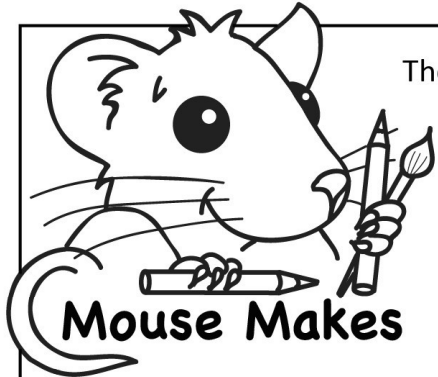
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WORDSEARCH

With October, autumn is underway – the leaves are turning gold, the chilly nights are closing in and the shops are full of Halloween things. Our ancestors were frightened of the dark and cold of winter, and feared that evil things might attack them, so they lit fires and wore frightening masks, to ward off evil spirits. But Christianity taught a much better way: it taught that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that when He died for us on the cross, He overcame all the powers of evil that there are. So we don't need charms to ward off evil, we just need to turn to Jesus in prayer. He will protect us from any power of darkness that menaces our lives. The Psalms say that He is our shield and protector!

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SWEETS	HALF TERM	E	S	A	I	N	T	S	R	Z	C	M	T	H
SAINTS	COAL	O	F	R	E	S	C	A	R	V	E	S	U	G
GOODNESS	LEAVES	T	T	P	S	S	E	N	D	O	O	G	M	P
SAVING	BONFIRES	S	H	A	L	F	T	E	R	M	E	A	N	U
PRAYER	SNEEZE	M	G	G	S	J	O	E	N	L	X	H	I	O
PROTECTION	SCARVES	S	I	O	I	U	R	S	E	V	A	E	L	S
LIGHT	SOUP	A	N	L	C	L	P	A	G	W	M	C	S	G
		N	I	D	L	L	O	O	H	C	S	T	U	N



The New Testament has **four gospels, twenty one epistles** and the book of Revelation.

The **epistles** are a collection of **letters** that were written by the apostles to the early Christians, they contain teaching, instruction, advice and encouragement.

The Apostle **Paul** is thought to have written **thirteen** of the *epistles*...



Look in your Bible to see who wrote the other eight and who they were written to.

How many people does Paul send greetings to at the end of his letter to the Romans?
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The word **epistle** comes from the Greek word **epistolé** which means *letter or message*

Which are the longest epistles?
.....
.....
How many chapters do they have?
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DID YOU KNOW...?
At the time of the New Testament letters were written on scrolls

Which is the shortest epistle?
.....
How many chapters does it have?
.....

G A L A T I A N S J A M E S E J S
 W A E D I S P E T E R A P T L O C
 R O T E T B A W R I T E H I R H R
 I P T M U O U S P H I L E M O N O
 T H E S S A L O N I A N S O M D L
 C O R I N T H I A N S N I T A J L
 S P H I L I P P I A N S A H N U S
 M C O L O S S I A N S A N Y S D P
 H E B R E W S H W E P I S T L E O

EPISTLE • LETTER • ROMANS • CORINTHIANS • GALATIANS • EPHESIANS
 PHILIPPIANS • COLOSSIANS • THESSALONIANS • TIMOTHY • TITUS • PHILEMON
 HEBREWS • JAMES • PETER • JOHN • JUDE • PAUL • SCROLL • WRITE

SOLUTION - SUDUKO (EASY)

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

SOLUTION - SUDUKO (MEDIUM)

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

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Lawyer. 4 Balsam. 8 Caleb. 9 Jehoram. 10 Sparrow. 11 Exile. 12 Excellent. 17 Act in. 19 Endemic. 21 Slavery. 22 Galal. 23 Silent. 24 Tarsus. Welfare

DOWN: 1 Locust. 2 Welfare. 3 Ember. 5 Athlete. 6 Sarai. 7 Member. 9 Jewellery. 13 Condemn. 14 Temples. 15 Causes. 16 Scales. 18 Trail. 20 Dogma.

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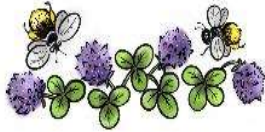
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Thanks,
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Worship at Baginton Road URC



October 2022

Morning service: 10.30am; Evening service: 6.30pm

Date	Time	Preacher	
2 October	am pm	Shan Dobinson Revd Yvonne Stone	Holy Communion
9 October	am pm	Revd Yvonne Stone Crawford Dow	
16 October	am pm	Revd Yvonne Stone David Depledge	Holy Communion
23 October	am pm	Revd Colin Offor Revd Yvonne Stone	
30 October	am pm	Revd Peter Kimberley Revd Yvonne Stone	
6 November	am pm	Revd Ralph Hanger Winston Collier	

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