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Connections

The church magazine for Baginton Road URC



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Incorporating Warwick Road URC and West Orchard URC

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NOTICE

**CLOSED FOR
MAINTENANCE**

Please note that the entire Baginton Road Church site will be closed for essential electrical work from Monday 17th to Friday 21st April 2023.

It will not be possible to run the usual groups, activities or meetings during that week.

Sorry for any inconvenience that this will cause.

Dear Friends

The Lord loveth him that followeth after righteousness [Proverbs 15:9 (KJV)].

In last month's magazine Crawford wrote: "As with any group of individuals there are disagreements and upsets; there always will be, but none are insurmountable, remembering that in fellowship we can achieve so much more than as individuals".

I have attended five churches, with the four moves prompted by: my dad landing a job in a distant town, marriage, joining a church with a Brownie company for Jennifer, and coming to Coventry from Scotland. In nearly all of them, one could hear the mutterings – if they change the seats / pews / pulpit / minister / façade / organist / beadle / carpet / lighting, then I'm leaving. I am sure you could add your own examples.



The historical scene for my related story is: the Boys' Brigade (BB) once held its annual national conference in Ayr, years before my father landed employment there and moved the family to Ayr. With such a prestigious event coming to Ayr, the local Council allowed Ayr Battalion the use of a council flat to operate from.

Six years later - and to cut the story short - I was a BB Officer in training. To everyone's surprise, at the AGM the Battalion Treasurer stood down and my BB colleague George C, a successful nominee for Battalion Secretary, stood up and proposed me for Treasurer. This had been a job for a retired person, and I was not yet 30, but George was a great friend and he knew my accountancy and organisational abilities so I had to accept.

But George C and George S, the newly elected Battalion President, had a vision of a BB HQ where we "owned" and operated our own HQ – maybe helped by a Supplies Depot selling Brigade uniforms and a range of other gifts for profit. Those who had been around in the year of having the council flat were always moaning that they should have kept it on; we had badged them the "Old Guard" and the New Guard wanted to better that.

I was able to secure a "house" deemed appropriate then only for office / industrial use. I used the state of the building to get a District Council grant and a Regional Council grant to do it up, so we then had the coveted Supplies Depot which went from success to success.

Things ran smoothly for the Executive Committee until, without warning, George C announced that a fete was coming soon in a council park, at which organisations could get a small tent for something like £10, a medium tent for £25 or a marquee for £100. George proposed that we rent a marquee and take supplies there.

My time on the executive was incredibly argument-free; however, George's proposal really kicked things off that night. The Executive split largely on age, with Bill S (father of George, the Battalion President) bitterly against such cost as he felt our presence there would barely make enough profit for a £10 tent. It became the "Old" versus the "New".

The Executive was split on age lines so George S was arguing against his father Bill. While I too feared that a £100 marquee would never recover its cost in profits, I just had to vote with my friend. The arguments raged and raged but were conducted in a proper fashion. Of course, Bill S had his supporters too.

Inevitably it went to a vote but I could hardly vote against George C or my age group. The £100 marquee won. George C announced that volunteers for the day should see me after the meeting and I would draw up a rota. Who was first in the queue to volunteer? Bill! I told him that he was the last person I expected to volunteer, because of his opposition to the marquee. He answered that it was a proper debate, a proper vote and was what the Battalion had decided, so he had to accept the decision and answer the Battalion's call.

I lodged this firmly in my memory bank as part of the "proper" way to live life as an adult. There are a number of pillars I have tried to use as a foundation for building my adult life on – this has remained one of them.

We made a great profit in that marquee, but whenever I am tempted to disagree with a properly-taken church decision, my brain kicks in: "Remember Bill S".

Graham Law



Appreciation

Thank you so much to everyone for the cards, phone calls, visits and gifts on my special birthday. All these made my day even more special. Love and blessings to you all.

Eunice

A Big Thank You from Coffee Tots

It was my great privilege to hand over a cheque for £900 from all of us here at Baginton Road URC to Catherine of the Coffee Tots organisation. The money was raised during our Advent and Christmas fund raising and collections. This was a superb sum of money and will be put to good use by Coffee Tots as they support extremely vulnerable families across our city. For more information about Coffee Tots please visit their website at <https://www.coffeetots.co.uk/>.



Revd Peter Kimberley

Notes from Elders' Meetings

February 2023:

- Agreed to hold a retiring collection following the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.
- Arrangements for Easter Services, Lent course and Easter Cards were discussed and agreed.
- An Event Planner has been produced which will show all events taking place during 2023; this will be available in Church for people to refer to. Additions may be made to the Planner by anyone organising an event via the Church Secretary or the Church Administrator.
- A review of the various Committees and Groups within the Church was approved.
- A discussion took place around Area Redeployment and a report was given to the Church Meeting on 12 February.
- Initial plans were outlined for the forthcoming Morning of Mission being held at the Church on Saturday, 1 April.
- Revised Rules for the Election of Elders were approved. The role of Non-serving Elders will be discussed at our March meeting.
- Elders were updated on the progress of the Redevelopment Group.
- We received an update regarding the Church financial situation.



Notes from Church Meeting, 12 February 2023

- 37 people attended the meeting.
- Warwick Road Sanctuary: discussions are ongoing with a few details still to agree but an end to the sale is within sight.
- Members were given an update regarding the financial situation.
- It was agreed to adopt the new Pastorate Profile for Baginton Road Church. This will now be forwarded to Synod.
- It is hoped that Sue and Crawford will be confirmed as Authorised Persons to preside at Holy Communion by the Synod Committee responsible at their meeting this month.
- Training can be provided for anyone who feels they have the call to preside at weddings and/or funerals.
- A statement outlining Revd Peter's role and job description was read out to the meeting [see p.7]; this was to give clarification concerning what he can be expected to do for us in a ministerial capacity.
- The meeting approved the Rules for the Election of Elders.
- Pauline emphasised that she had no intentions of taking over leadership of the proposed Banner Making Group - her part was to facilitate a group coming together. Sadly, the take-up is poor at the moment. Please speak to Pauline if you would like to have a go.
- Date of the next Meeting: Wednesday, 19 April at 7pm.

Pauline Luckett, Church Secretary

Redevelopment progress report

This report was presented at the Church Meeting on 12 February 2023:

It has been brought to my attention that people are concerned that the church redevelopment project is progressing without proper communications with the church. Therefore, we your Redevelopment Team include this report on progress so far.

So far, your Redevelopment Team have engaged with three architects to quote for providing plans to rework the apse area of the church to create a more flexible and less cluttered space. Having decided on a preferred architect, we engaged with them to provide plans for the desired works; this they have done.

We have gone out to tender/quote to four audio-visual companies and have asked for quotes to upgrade the systems in church to make them a little easier to use and a little more future-proof. A big part of these quotes has been the replacement of the current projector and screen with multiple display screens. Having received these quotes, your Redevelopment Team have selected a preferred audio-visual company based on their professionalism and costs.

We have asked four building companies to tender for quotes to rework the front of church in line with the plans provided by the architect. Your Redevelopment Team has currently received one quote and expect to have received all quotes by the end of the month. On receiving all the quotes, the team will review each of the quotes and select a preferred building company.

The team will at this point be looking to report to the whole church (probably at an Extraordinary Church Meeting) on our findings and look for direction from the church as to whether the church wishes to proceed with the redevelopment. At this meeting, all plans and detailed quotes will be provided for the church to review.

Your Redevelopment Team hope this report receives approval from the Church Meeting.

Revd Peter Kimberley, Mission, Outreach & Worship Leader



Making Mondays

Dates for the Spring Term: 27 February, 27 March, 24 April.

1.30pm – 3.30pm in the Small Hall at Baginton Road.

Everyone welcome, please bring scissors and a pen or pencil.

Sue Davis

Role description statement

I've been asked to offer a statement regarding my role here at Baginton Road Church following the retirement of our minister Reverend Yvonne Stone.

We, the Eldership of the Church, need to be clear that as of 1 January 2019, I was employed by West Orchard URC to be the Mission, Outreach and Worship Leader on a fixed term contract of five years. I am therefore in Year 5 of that contract and so obliged to honour the terms of said contract and associated job description.

Although the completion of the merger of both West Orchard and Warwick Road Churches will mean a change of employer, the terms and conditions of my employment contract will remain unchanged and protected by TUPE employment rules.

On 23 April 2016, I was ordained as a Non-Stipendiary Minister of the United Reformed Church serving Warwick Road URC. This was for a period of five years and was to be reviewed by Synod and myself after four years. Following this review, it was decided that I was best placed at Warwick Road and West Orchard Churches to support them with their desire to merge. On ordination, both the Synod and myself signed Terms of Settlement which included a commitment of 6 hours per week of my time in executing the role as your NSM.

It should not be assumed by Baginton Road Church that in my current role I am able or employed to replace Reverend Yvonne Stone as minister of this church. However, I will do my very best to support the church going forward.

I finish by expressing once again my deepest gratitude to all of you who volunteer to help make Baginton Road URC and Warwick Road Centre the amazing places they are. I know just how many hours you are freely giving to help run and be part of such a busy and supportive church.

With all good wishes and prayers,

Revd Peter Kimberley, Mission, Outreach and Worship Leader

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Women's Prayer Breakfast



Next dates: 18 March 8- .30am **at Margaret C's house**;
15 April, 13 May - 8.30am in the Small Hall.

NB ramp door to the halls will be unlocked. Please check weekly Notices in case the room or venue has to be moved.

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!

It is an opportunity to offer each other encouragement and a listening ear as we share our good times and our tough times, laughter and maybe tears. We spend about 20 minutes with an activity to nurture our spirit and soul and always end in prayer for concerns shared as we talk. There is no obligation to speak, you can just listen and eat too. Everything we share is confidential to those present.

Nobody comes every time, come when you can. We promise that it is always worth getting up for! Please ask me if you need a lift or wish to know more.

Margaret O'Kane

Fairtrade Fortnight

27 February – 12 March 2023



To celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight, please come and join us for a

BIG BREW BREAKFAST

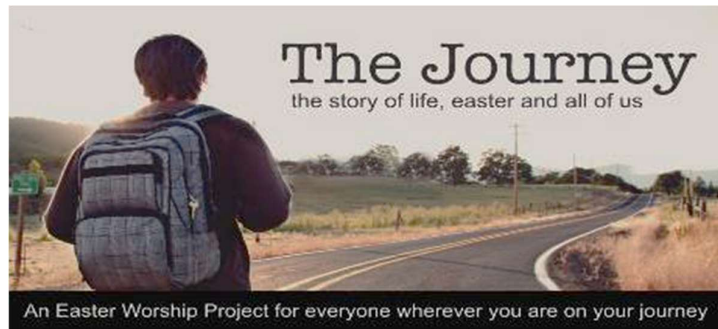
Saturday 4 March, 10am until 12 noon at 21 Alfriston Road

Tea, coffee, bacon batches - books and jigsaws on sale

Proceeds to Transform Trade (formerly Traidcraft) - Working together for trade that values people over profit.

Colin and Sue Davis

Outreach Update from Steve Elton - March



Easter Worship Project

Planning is well under way for the Easter Worship Project - *The Journey*. We are very excited about this as we seek to capture the heart and story of Easter.

Thank you very much to everyone who has volunteered to be filmed reading a portion of Psalm 22, it's been great to have people so keen to be involved! Whilst we have now filmed all the readings, there is still an opportunity for you to get involved in this project by coming on Saturday 4 March, 2pm - 5pm in the Baginton Road Church Sanctuary, and being a part of the worshipping 'congregation' (like in the image adjacent) on the day of recording.

If you would like to be involved on the day then please email hopespringscov@gmail.com to let us know by Wednesday 1 March. We need a minimum of 20 people to make the 'congregation' element work, so we will confirm either way (by email) with everyone who has expressed interest in this if we are going ahead with this 'congregation' element of the project on Thursday 2 March.



Worship Evenings

We had a great first Worship Evening of 2023 in January and are very much looking forward to the upcoming ones here at Baginton Road: 7pm on 28 February, 28 March and 25 April. We feel they provide a space for us to come together with no other agenda than to just be before God in worship, worship that our God deserves but also worship that changes us and changes things. Why not come along to the next one?

Steve Elton, Outreach Consultant



Warwick Road Centre and Café - March Update

- Once again, I am pleased to report that both Café and room hire are on an upward trend.
- Film Club is on Wednesday 1 March - doors open from 2pm. If you want to book or find out more details of the film, please contact Ruth or George in the Office.
- The gas boiler in the church is finally working after major repairs and a period of four months without heating. Many thanks to Daly Engineering in Coventry for getting us up and running. Fingers crossed, we now have a boiler fit for purpose for the next 20 years – which is great news for Mosaic Church congregation who have been very tolerant and understanding over the recent cold spell.
- The café is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays, offering snacks and drinks 10am – 11:30am and hot meals from: 12 noon – 1:30pm (last orders 1pm). Main course £4.50; pudding £2.50. Meal Deal (main & pudding, served with tea or coffee) £7.



Trevor Gay, Warwick Road Centre Manager

Poetry Café

Poetry Café meets 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.



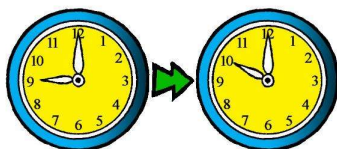
The next meetings are:

Thursday, 2 March, Theme: 'Transport'



Thursday, 6 April, Theme: 'Towns & Cities'

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



Remember that the clocks go forward on the night of 25 / 26 March!

Burns Supper

On Saturday, 21 January 2023, 47 guests gathered in the Large Hall to honour the memory of Scotland's famous bard Rabbin Burns. A good array of Scottish tartan was on display including some exceptionally fine kilts worn by some gentlemen. As guests arrived, Pipe Corporal Hugh Deery played a selection of Scottish tunes on the bagpipes and when all were assembled and the first course was over, the Haggis presented by Chris was piped in by Hugh to the usual applause. Alistair then enthusiastically addressed the Haggis before everyone sat to enjoy their haggis, neeps and tatties.



A further two courses completed an excellent meal after which we listened to the Immortal Memory given by Mary; Nick followed giving a Toast to the Lassies after which Pauline replied on their behalf. All three were entertaining and it was obvious that careful thought had been given by each to their presentation. We were also serenaded by Helen and Pauline who sang *Flower of Scotland*.



The formal part of the evening gave way to the dancing - I use this term loosely! Keith did a wonderful job leading the guests, some of whom it was obvious did not know their left foot from their right whilst others were left wondering what on earth was a Dosey Doe, or a right hand, left hand star?!

The event was most enjoyable and plans are already in the pipeline for 2024 - do come along, I promise you will not be disappointed.

Thanks are expressed to Crawford and the team of helpers both leading up to and during the event itself. You all helped to make it the success that it was.

Pauline Luckett, Church Secretary

World Day of Prayer - Friday, 3 March 2023

We welcome you to take part in one of our prayer services on 3 March, either at Methodist Central Hall at 11am or Holyhead Road URC at 7pm.



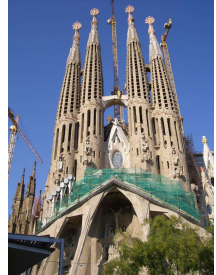
The service this year is written by the Christian women of Taiwan, a country that has, for many years, been caught in a superpower struggle and has been isolated internationally for decades. It will focus on issues of suffering and injustice, shared by women and girls around the world. Please join us in positive, prayerful action on this special day.

Rita Dalton and Mary Goodwin

NEWS IN BRIEF FROM THE UK AND AROUND THE WORLD

Christmas 2022 saw congregations sing Christmas carols to new tunes. *While Shepherds Watched* was sung to the tune of *On Ikley Moor Baht 'At* and elsewhere had a guitar accompaniment to the tune of *The House of the Rising Sun*.

Antoni Gaudi's basilica in Barcelona, the Sagrada Familia, had the topping out of two towers in December 2022. The towers of the evangelists Luke and Mark marked the completion of the planned central towers with winged figures of the ox and lion, corresponding to Christian iconography. It is hoped the towers for John and Matthew will be completed this year and the central tower for Jesus in 2026, coinciding with the centenary of the death of Gaudi, but it all depends on visitor numbers for this building, which was started in 1882.



The Coffin Club is one of several groups where people design their own final resting place and also learn how to plan their funeral. One club is run by the Brigitte Trust in Surrey who also operate a “death cafe” which encourages honest and thoughtful conversations about death and dying over coffee and cake. Several have not only designed but painted their coffins. These are of cardboard and are kept in garages, garden sheds or even in the house, used as a window seat, keep their Christmas decorations in, or even as a work of art! Local funeral directors, woodland cemeteries managers, solicitors and others have assisted in a six-week course.

Emmaus, a Christian charity that helps homeless people, has two “pods” on the roof of its headquarters in Bristol. These are too small for permanent residents but are let on the AirBnB website for £220 per night. In response to criticism, the charity has stated that the pods are not housing stock and the income will support its residents.

The Churches Conservation Trust (CCT) has announced that 2021-22 was the best year ever for “champing”, or camping in a church. There are 22 registered sites, mostly Church of England churches but also some in Wales and Scotland; hopes are to increase these numbers to 50. Basic amenities are offered such as water and lavatories, with some churches linking up with local farmers and pubs to offer breakfast and dinner. Many churches in the scheme are no longer used for weekly worship but only for key festivals such as Christmas and Easter and income from this scheme is welcomed for maintenance – see: www.visitchurches.org.uk.

One casualty of the 2001 World Trade Center destruction was the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas which was housed in a former tavern in the shadow of the Twin Towers. In December 2022 a new church was dedicated. Designed by Spanish architect, Santiago Calatrava to echo the great Byzantine churches, it has been built using Pentelic marble.

Barry Stelfox

United Reformed Church Waldensian Fellowship - Visit to Italy

The URC Waldensian Fellowship is planning a visit to the Waldensian Church in Italy, to take place in the period from 4 - 18 May 2023.

The visit will be based in comfortable and well-situated church centres in two areas of Italy. The programme for the visit is:

1. A week in the historic Waldensian Valleys in the Cottian Alps, west of Turin, visiting historic sites set in dramatic alpine scenery; and
2. Four days at a Waldensian Centre on the Ligurian coast, a few miles from the French border, where we will see something of the Waldensian Church's witness in wider Italian society.

We would be delighted if you were interested in joining us!

It is possible to join the group for the entire visit, or for one or other of the two parts.

Total cost of the visit (excluding travel to and from Italy) will be around £750. Part 1 of the visit on its own would cost £400 and Part 2 would cost £350. For more information, please email Revd John Bremner: ecumenical@urcscotland.org.uk.



Coventry City Mission - News and Thank You

Sarah White, CCM Deputy Director, writes:

Thank you so much for your support of the Giving Tree Project at Christmas 2022. Yet again we had a record year in terms of number of children and families which supporters like you enabled us to help.

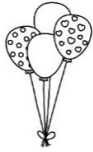
The current rise in the cost of living is causing real worries for parents. As a result, we provided gifts for 1,252 children from 537 families, referred to us by schools and family support services. That is double the number of children referred in 2017! As well as a main gift for each child there was a family gift (e.g. a board game to play together) and wrapping paper, totalling nearly £19,000 worth given.

With God in control, this was achieved in spite of the increased demand, fewer volunteers than previously and some staff catching horrible viruses. We had donations from new groups who had never got in touch before, and people brought in selection boxes not knowing that we had just run out. Some volunteers who came to sort donated gifts went out to buy more gifts when they saw we were running low.

We received a number of texts from parents thanking us for our support, explaining what a difference it made to their Christmas, or how it took a weight off their mind.

They also appreciated coming to a Christmas party to collect their gifts. We did this at five different locations across the city this year, so reaching out more widely.

CCM's 40th Birthday



In 1983 a small group of Christians came together to pray about a developing a new Christian charity to walk alongside some of the most disadvantaged people in our city, offering practical support and the love and compassion of Jesus. So the City Mission was formed, based in Wood End in the north-east of the city.

Activities to mark the Anniversary include:

- Darren Burgess, CCM Director, aims to preach in 40 churches in 2023. By the time you read this he will have been to Baginton Road on 12 February;
- A series of fundraisers for a £40,000 appeal to enable one or two more workers to be based in other areas of the city to spread the Mission's work more widely. More details later but here are some dates:
 - Saturday 25 March, Cube Night: fun team games similar to TV's 'The Cube' at Allesley Park Evangelical Church. No charge but donations to CCM 40th fund;
 - Saturday 13 May, CCM Open House 11am – 3pm: have a look round at the different projects and enjoy a free cream tea;
 - Saturday 22 July, Paddleboard Challenge on River Trent in Derby: sponsor the CCM team or participate and get some sponsors;
 - Saturday 7 October: a special 40th Anniversary Celebration;
 - Saturday 14 October: Giant Inflatable 5k Challenge!

Let's see if we can help to move this initiative forward by contributing to their fund raising through the Special Cause. Please place donations in the box at the back of the Church.

More news at www.covcitymission.org.uk. Thank you for all your support.

Margaret O'Kane



Some decades ago, graffiti at Waterloo Station read:

God is Black.

Underneath was written:

I know she is.

Social Committee News



We would like to express our belated thanks to all who helped and supported the bazaar and craft fair last year. It was a successful and fun event enjoyed by both members of our church and the local community. It was great to see the halls so full of happy people of all ages.

The Committee have planned the following events and would appreciate any ideas you may have for the coach trip or other social activities:

- 11 March at 5.30pm: Fun Games for all the family, with snacks
- 7 May (after Morning Service): 'Bring and Share' Coronation Lunch
- 9 July (provisional): Anything Goes musical entertainment with a cream tea.
- 31 July: Summer Outing (TBA)
- 1 & 2 August: Holiday at Home at Baginton Rd.
- 9 & 10 September: Heritage Weekend
- 24 September (after Morning Service): Harvest Lunch
- 4 November: Christian Aid Soup Lunch.

We hope that you will come and support the various activities and have a great time.

As part of the family Games Evening, we would like to have some garden games such as Connect 4 and large scale Jenga. If you have any of these larger games that we can borrow for the night, please let us know.

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

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Baginton Road Church invites everyone to a

Games Evening

Saturday 11th March at 5.30pm
Snacks and drinks provided

BINGO!

For further information, please speak to Pam Dawson or contact the Church Office

Edgy Saints ... A Lenten Study



Open to all

In person from 1 March 2023: Wednesday evenings, 7:30pm at Holyhead Road URC

Online from 2 March 2023: Thursday evenings 7:15pm on Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88656126155?pwd=ZzZGOVhOSUdIZVkyR0xDM2dLYTRIQT09>. Meeting ID: 886 5612 6155; Passcode: 103563

The sessions look at some of the people who have been declared to be saints by the Church (or are on the journey to such a declaration) – people whose lives especially pointed to God. The Church has declared many people to be saints but we thought it would be good to look at lesser known, edgy, saints. Some of the folk we look at lived on the edge of what we now consider the centre of things. Others were edgy for other reasons – their politics, influence, the way they subverted convention or, in one case, for being a dog! Some were acclaimed by the people long before, or despite never, being proclaimed as saints by the Church. So as we read about people we, probably, have never really heard of, we think about what it might mean to be edgy saints and contemplate how they made a difference and how we might too.

Start a Religion

One of the finest articles I have read for some time appeared in the December 2002 edition of *Progressive Voices*, the magazine of the Progressive Christian Network – Britain, to which I subscribe. It was called *Start a Religion* and was written by R.J. Harvey, who is an oblate of the multifaith Monastery & Ashram of the Holy Trinity at Shantivanam in Tamil Nadu, South India. It starts by saying: “Someone should start a religion based on the teachings of Jesus.” He argues that Christianity, as it is practised, bears little resemblance to Christ’s instructions as recorded in the New Testament.

I have put some copies of the article in the Sanctuary. If they have all been taken and you would like a copy let me know – it is well worth reading.

George Drake



THINGS TO DO FOR ALL THE FAMILY

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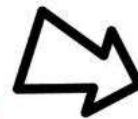
HUNDREDS OF IDEAS FOR FAMILIES

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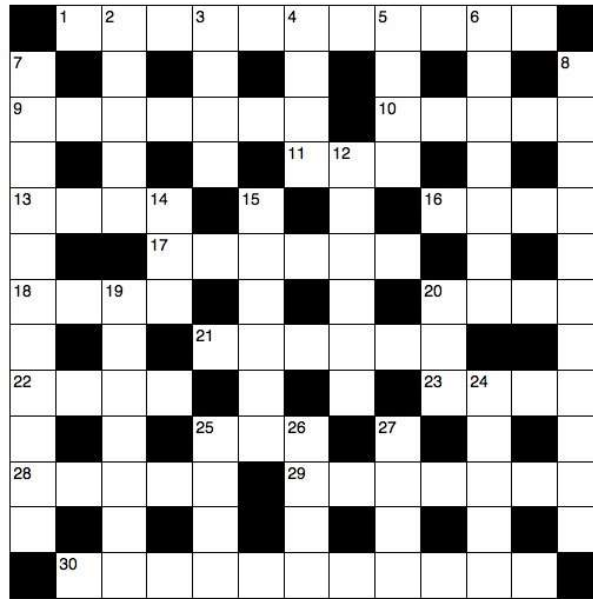
MOTHER'S DAY GIFT IDEAS

Supporting local businesses is so important right now, and at Coventry Rocks we love to shop local! Shopping local is good for the local economy, great for the community, AND you get to give something truly unique. We have created a Mother's Day Gift Guide, full of gorgeous local businesses - there's personalised bags and clothing, keepsake items, pamper gifts, balloon gifts, bespoke jewellery, and more! **Head to our Gift Guide and treat your loved one!**

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Puzzle Pages



Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Gen 1:27) (4)
 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

SUDOKU (EASY)

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SUDOKU (MEDIUM)

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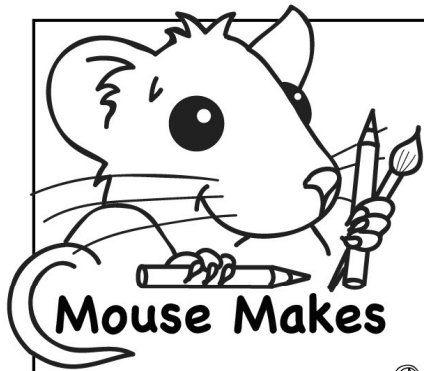
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WORDSEARCH

Leeks for St David's Day, daffodils for the rest of the month: March brings us Spring. St Patrick, who brought Christianity to Ireland, is remembered with parades. Mothering Sunday and Mother's Day are celebrated with more daffodils and Sunday lunch 'out'. March brings us the Annunciation, when the angel first appeared to Mary to tell her of her coming pregnancy. March is the month of Lent, of prayer and preparation for Easter.

LEEKS	SUNDAY	M P R A Y E R P A G S O A D S F C Y T S R Y A I G U L G N I T S A F S A N O I T A R A P E R P P I A D R N P I A M A R Y F T O Y G R U T Y N I A I L F S E D A R A P N M C E F L R N E I D D G T A G A A P H H C N U L P T N D M T E E K U L E R D A U O L E E K S D N M Y M M W A L E S N I T P
DAFFODILS	LUNCH	
SPRING	PREGNANCY	
PATRICK	PREPARATION	
DAY	PRAYER	
MUM	PARADES	
MOTHER	MARY	
ANGEL	MAGNIFICAT	
IRELAND	FASTING	
WALES	LENT	



BIBLE MOTHERS

Who had two sons called Cain and Abel?

Genesis 4:1-2

Who was 90 years old when she had her son Isaac?

Genesis 17:19

Whose prayers for a child were answered by God?

1 Samuel 1:20

Who was Ruth's Mother-in-Law?

Ruth 1:1-5

Eunice was Timothy's mother, but who was her mother?

2 Timothy 1:5

Who saved her baby by putting him in a basket in the river?

Exodus 6:20

Look up the Bible verses and find out who the Bible mothers are.



M _____
Matt 1:16

O _____
2 Tim 1:5

T _____
1 Kings 1:11

H _____
1 Sam 1:20

E _____
Gen 34:1

R _____
Gen 30:22

WHO IS MY MOTHER?



- | | |
|---------|-----------|
| CAIN | ELIZABETH |
| ISAAC | HANNAH |
| JESUS | RACHEL |
| JACOB | REBEKAH |
| TIMOTHY | EVE |
| JOSEPH | MARY |
| SAMUEL | SARAH |
| JOHN | EUNICE |



How many other words can you make from:

MOTHERING SUNDAY

?

Look up the Bible verses then find the answers and the names below in the word search



- REBEKAH
- ELIZABETH
- EUNICE
- RUTH
- MARY
- RACHEL
- LEAH
- ZIPLAH
- MOTHER
- MUM

E E L O I S Z I L A M J H
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 N E A U U R U T H L T I A
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SOLUTION - SUDUKO (EASY)

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SOLUTION - SUDUKO (MEDIUM)

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8	7	5	6	4	9	2	1	3

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Corinthians. 9 Abandon. 10 Eglon. 11 Spa. 13 Deem. 16 Hi-fi. 17 Abijah. 18 Ohad. 20 Myth. 21 Now see. 22 Knit. 23 Tide. 25 Arm. 28 Nahor. 29 All done. 30 Kind-hearted.

DOWN: 2 Of age. 3 ISDN. 4 Tens. 5 Idea. 6 Nullify. 7 Hardworking. 8 Enlightened. 12 Praise. 14 Mad. 15 Vigour. 19 Abishai. 20 Met. 24 Is one. 25 Arid. 26 Male. 27 Slur.

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Worship at Baginton Road URC

March 2023

Morning service: 10.30am; Evening service: 6.30pm



Date	Time	Preacher	
5 March	am pm	Pauline Lockett Revd D. Spriggs	Songs of Praise - Round Wales Holy Communion
12 March	am	Steve Elton	
19 March Mothering Sunday	am pm	Revd Peter Kimberley Pauline Lockett	Holy Communion
26 March	am	Shan Dobinson	
2 April Palm Sunday	am pm	Richard Knott Crawford Dow	Parade Holy Communion

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