



*'Sharing the love of Jesus every day'*

# Connections

*The church magazine for Baginton Road URC*



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*Incorporating Warwick Road URC and West Orchard URC*

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### Musical Concert with “Anything Goes” Sunday 9th July at 2pm at Baginton Rd Church

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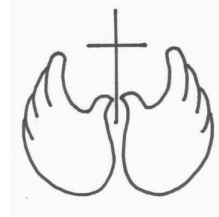
Teas, coffees and cakes will be served during the afternoon.

Everybody is welcome. Come and join in with fun. Donations gratefully received; all proceeds will be given to our charity of the month.



## Dear Friends

In our Tuesday Home Group, we are looking anew at Great Prayers of the Bible. Our first session 'Regular Prayer' asks us to consider afresh the Lord's Prayer.



As a model for everyday prayer, the Lord's Prayer is certainly unsurpassable. However, our group agreed that its language may become somewhat too familiar and formulaic, perhaps even inappropriate in certain situations. With this in mind, we would like to share with you excerpts from more accessible versions which clarify meaning and reflect different situations.

In one primary school version, 'Our Father' is introduced as 'God, you are awesome'. That certainly sums up our God in kids' speak. Quite an accolade!

In a New Zealand Lord's Prayer, God is asked to 'sustain a commonwealth of peace and freedom'.

The First Nations' version of the Lord's Prayer asks the Great Spirit that 'the ways of the spirit-world above may be reflected in the earth below', vividly clarifying 'Thy Kingdom come'.

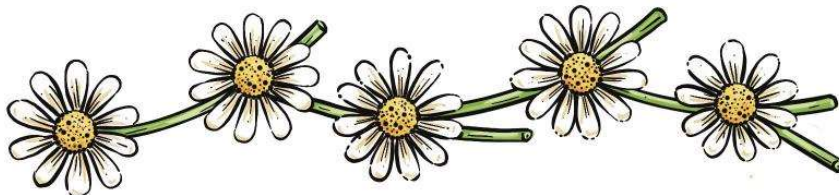
In Luke 11, we read that the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. In response Jesus gave them the words which have become known as the Lord's Prayer, in Aramaic, which was the common language of Judea in the first century AD. Jesus probably spoke a Galilean dialect of Aramaic.

Thus we can use the Lord's Prayer as a template for our own private prayers, taking each phrase in context and introducing the particular thanks, needs and desires which we want to bring to the Lord.

There can be few Christians who feel they pray often enough. This may therefore be a good time to re-assess and re-adjust our prayer priorities, perhaps by considering the Lord's Prayer as a pattern to use on a regular basis.

Enjoy the summer break. God bless.

*The Tuesday Home Group*



## Notes from Elders' Meetings - June 2023



- Boilers – awaiting response from Synod re application for grant towards the cost; once this has been received the order can be placed. Asbestos survey showed no evidence of asbestos in boiler room.
- Meeting to discuss whether we should appoint a Pastor is arranged for 7.00pm Monday, 3 July.
- Finance to revisit room hire charges. The Manse is now occupied.
- Elders – there are 11 serving elders and 22 non-serving elders for BRURC. Of the 22, eight are actively involved attending meetings and in some cases leading a subgroup or committee. We can elect 10% of our total membership (which stands at around 105) to the Eldership, so our current number is within our allowance. Therefore, we are deferring an election until the AGM 2024 with the aim of maintaining continuity in these early days of our new church at Baginton Road.
- Elders have agreed to create two new posts: Assistant Church Secretary and Assistant Church Treasurer; the latter will be deferred until after all the financial legalities are completed. The search for an Assistant Church Secretary has already begun.
- People will be asked to sign up for the AGM tea and indicate what food (if any) they are able to bring and share. The tea will be followed by the AGM.
- Officers and representatives of organisations to be approached in advance of AGM to see if they are willing to continue in post.
- Agreed to hold café style worship at least twice each year.
- Holiday Club will take a 'sabbatical' this year.
- Social events taking place were approved and details have been sent to members and friends.

*Pauline Luckett, Church Secretary*

## Corporate Prayer in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

In the latest edition of *Progressive Voices*, there is an article by the Reverend Heather Whyte, entitled 'Corporate Prayer in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century'. It is not an easy read for anyone not familiar with 'Quantum Theology', but is thought-provoking and worth the effort – read it several times, if need be.

I have left some copies in the Sanctuary for anyone who is interested – or ask me for a copy.

*George Drake*

## The Good Neighbours Project: Forming Friendships Throughout Coventry



The Good Neighbours Project is a scheme that works to find volunteer befrienders to visit lonely or socially-isolated older people. Each year, we connect several hundred over-50s to befrienders. The volunteering involves a time commitment of between 30 and 60 minutes weekly or fortnightly. In this time, our

volunteers visit isolated older people for a chat in their home, a game or craft activity, or perhaps go for a short walk round the block.

Myriad successful friendships have been formed, beneficial for both the volunteer and the older person. Jack, 85, was recently lonely due to his wife moving into care. A kind local man, Omar, came forward to be his befriender, as they shared mutual interests and hobbies. We knew the match would be a hit when we introduced them and they got chatting straight away - they've been loving a fortnightly meet-up ever since!

Everyone aged 18+ is welcome to volunteer. We have such a wide variety of older people with a diverse range of interests looking for befrienders, so there will be a match out there for you.

In Cheylesmore, we currently have several clients awaiting the right volunteer to come forward. For example, Ellen is looking for a female friend to visit in an afternoon. Ellen has a passion for gardening and would love to find someone who shares her hobby! Meanwhile, Anila is looking for a regular chat in Gujarati and English, and Jim would like to chat about steam trains or rugby.

Being a befriender is really rewarding - you directly impact the life of an isolated person. It can be the highlight of a person's week to see your smiling face - and it might become the highlight of your week too!

Interested in finding out more? We have information sessions both online and in person. Our upcoming local sessions include:

- Tuesday 25 July at 7.00pm in the C3 Cafe in Cheylesmore Community Centre
- Tuesday 8 August at 10.00am in Baginton Road URC
- Wednesday 20 September at 6:30pm in St James Styvechale Church Centre, Knoll Drive.

To sign up to an information session, visit: [www.tinyurl.com/GNinfosession](http://www.tinyurl.com/GNinfosession) or email me at [lottie@hopecoventry.org.uk](mailto:lottie@hopecoventry.org.uk), tel: 07553 194436.

*Lottie Manning, Good Neighbours Admin & Publicity Coordinator*

## Letter from The Leprosy Mission



Baginton Road URC

09/05/23



Dear Church family and friends,

It was so good to share worship with you all on the 30th April.

Thank you for the compassion you have shown to people affected by leprosy through your gracious gifts passed to me on the day totalling £396.

Your love is changing lives in the tea gardens of Bangladesh. Families like Aloka's will no longer be disabled by this curable disease. They can flourish, in Jesus' name.

Aloka is a tea picker in Bangladesh, and she loves her job which provides for her family. Thankfully, she has been cured of leprosy, but sadly the cure came too late to prevent disability in her left hand.

Aloka's dream is that no one else will have to suffer like she has. Now, because of your kind heart, you're making her dream a reality! Many more people with leprosy will be found and cured before they are disabled like Aloka. You have made it possible for them to continue working. You have blessed them with opportunities to live a life to the full as Jesus promised.

Your generosity means people affected by leprosy have a new hope. A future that is not defined by leprosy and disability. A future free from fear. A future where they will truly flourish. Next time you are drinking a hot cup of tea I hope you are reminded of the special gift of hope you have given so many.

Thank you for your kindness.

May God bless you richly,

*Guy*

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*P.S. Please do keep in touch! I would be happy to speak at a mid-week service in person or online, pray together over the phone and answer any questions I can.*





## Macmillan Coffee Morning - 29 September

We will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Sanctuary on Friday 29 September from 10.00am until 12 noon.

Donations of cakes of all varieties would be gratefully received on the day and can be dropped off from 8.30am.

We will also be having a sale table for books and jigsaws, so this is an opportunity to have a clear out. Again, please bring your donations on the day. If you need items collected, please let me know and I'll come and collect them the day before.

We will need helpers to set up from 8.30am and to serve teas / coffees, so if you can help, please can you let me know. My contact details are 07889 738905 or email at loowip@aol.com.

Your support has the power to raise vital funds for people living with cancer so please make a note in your diary and come and enjoy a cuppa, a slice of cake and of course, share some valued fellowship.

Hope to see you there!

*Lesley Rice*



### **Baginton Road URC Holiday from Home 2023**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July**

Coach Trip to Rushden Lakes (£10 per person)

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

Activity Days 10am to 4pm. £10 per person per day

There will be a wide range of activities including a keep-fit session and joining in with Sing Your Heart Out on Tuesday, while on Wednesday there will be pottery and silk painting.

On both days there will be a selection of different crafts as well as quizzes and a chance to play popular board games.

Tea and coffee will be available and lunch served both days.

Pick up a registration form from the main church.



## Social Committee News

Thank you to all who volunteered to help with the Bring and Share Coronation Lunch and to everyone who contributed food to make this an enjoyable occasion. It was a great success to celebrate the Coronation of our new King.

### Future Events:

- **Musical Concert on Sunday 9 July at 2.00pm at Baginton Rd URC:** Nick Wolff, together with his band Anything Goes, will be entertaining us once again with a splendid range of music, including popular musicals, French café music and much more. We had an excellent time last year and are looking forward to this concert. Teas / coffees with cakes will be served during the afternoon. Donations will be gratefully received; all proceeds will be given to our charity of the month.
- **Holiday at Home and Coach Trip:** Coach trip to Rushden Lakes on Monday 31 July. We are going to Rushden Lakes to visit the nature reserve which has an attractive lake with a shopping centre on its shores. You can go for a walk around the lake, enjoy a meal or snack at one of the many cafés and restaurants and visit the shopping area. The cost is £10 per person. The coach will depart from Baginton Rd URC at 9.30am, and from Warwick Road Centre at 9.45am. See the leaflets in Church for more details of Rushden Lakes.
- **Activity Days:** Tuesday 1 August and Wednesday 2 August at Baginton Road URC. These two days will have a wide range of activities ranging from crafts, potter and keep fit session to singing together, with plenty of refreshments and lunch each day. The cost per day is £10 per person. Please see the separate leaflet with registration form for more details.
- **Heritage Weekend:** Church Open Days in September.
- **Harvest Lunch:** 24 September after the morning service.
- **Christian Aid Soup Lunch:** Saturday 4 November

We need volunteers to support us at each of the above events. If you are able to help in any way, please speak to one of the Social Committee members. We will especially need help on the activity days in August - you can come and join in with the fun.

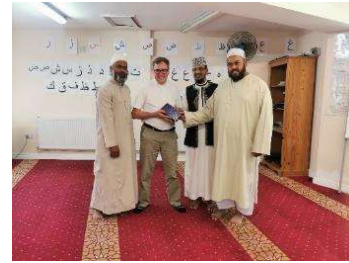
We look forward to seeing you at our events so please give us your support.

*Social Committee*



## Promoting Inter-Faith Relationships in Cheylesmore

Following up on a warm invitation to talk to the leadership group at Cheylesmore Mosque, I had an opportunity to visit them in June. It was very interesting to talk to Imam Mahfuz, Imam Badrul Islam, and Haji Joshim Uddin and share our faiths respectfully. In a world of increasing division, it was refreshing to share with the Imams how much we actually have in common.



Pictured from left to right: -  
Haji Joshmin Uddin, Revd Peter Kimberley, Imam Badrul Islam and Imam Mahfuz.

We also discussed ways in which we might come together as two communities working in our area for the overall well-being of the people of the neighbourhood.

I very much look forward to meeting with these gentlemen again soon to continue discovering what God is saying to us regarding inter-faith relationships.

*Revd Peter Kimberley, Mission and Outreach Leader*



### In Memory of Margot Mather

We are very sad to announce the death of Margot Mather on 15 June 2023. Margot passed away peacefully at the Victoria Park Care Home, Coventry.

Margot was a long-standing member of West Orchard URC (and latterly, Baginton Road URC). Together with her husband Mike, who died in 2019, she served in a voluntary capacity on various committees within the Church over many years, raising funds through social events and helping to bring people together for food and fellowship.

She was a volunteer at the Luncheon Club for many years until health problems caused her to step down. She also taught in our Junior Church on Sunday mornings. Following her husband's death, she made every effort to continue making whatever contribution she could to the life of our Church and to the lives of those who knew and loved her.

In April 2020, she was a recipient of Maundy Money from Queen Elizabeth II, in recognition of her services, although the service at Windsor Castle had to be cancelled because of Covid restrictions so she was unable to meet the Queen.

Margot was a wonderful example to us all in Church in so many different ways. She showed Christian love in everything she did and she will be much missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lesley, Hilary and the family.

## Mission, Outreach and Worship Report for July & August 2023

I invite you all along to our introduction to a Christian faith course starting in August. *Christianity Explored* gives people time to think about the big questions of life as they explore the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith – Jesus Christ.

The course offers the opportunity to discover what Christians believe, ask questions, and look at the Gospel of Mark. The course uncovers who Jesus is, what he achieved, and how he calls us to respond.



*Christianity Explored* is an informal and relaxed seven-week course. It is for anyone who wants to think about the meaning of life. You do not need to know anything about the Bible and you will not be asked to pray or sing. You can ask any question you like, or you can just sit and listen. Whoever you are, whatever you are thinking,

The course is supported by guest handbooks and some super video material, all designed to get the thinking process started.

The course will start on Saturday 12 August. Each session will be at 1.30pm in the Church Sanctuary and will last about two hours. Coffee, tea, and cake will be available.

The dates for your diary are:

- Session 1 "Good news": Saturday 12 August
- Session 2 "Identity": Saturday 19 August
- Session 3 "Sin": Saturday 2 September
- Session 4 "The Cross": Saturday 9 September
- Session 5 "Resurrection": Saturday 16 September
- Session 6 "Grace": Saturday 30 September
- Session 7 "Come and Die": Saturday 21 October

Plus Saturday 7 October: Christianity Explored Away Day (venue and time TBA).

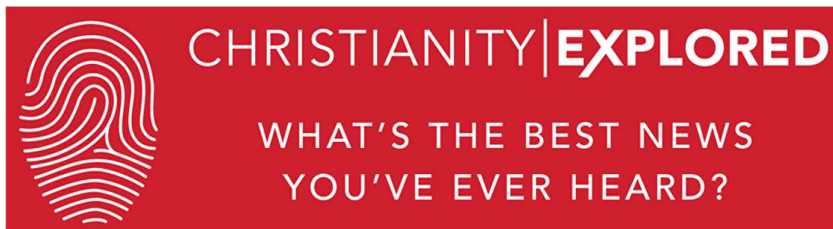
All are welcome – If you cannot commit to all the dates, please do not be put off. If you can only make four or five sessions, please sign up. Please see the poster below for details of how to register your interest.

**Bounce and Play:** Our Toddler Group continues to be popular, with numbers holding firm at around 25 youngsters a week. To continue our growth into mission and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ, I will be introducing a storytime into the morning, giving our families the opportunity to hear the Gospel.

As your Mission and Outreach Leader, I am always on the lookout for new ideas and projects to help spread the Good News of Jesus Christ into our communities. So, if you have an idea for something that you think will help to achieve this, let me know and I'll try and make it a reality. Don't be shy - email me, text me, phone me or meet me in church and let's talk about what is possible, because anything is possible with God's help.

Every blessing.

*Revd Peter Kimberley, Mission and Outreach Leader*



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**Was it surprising? Did it change the way you think?**

**Or was it something you wanted to be true but didn't dare hope?”**

**Baginton Road URC** is running a 7-session course helping people meet Jesus in the Bible and explore the Christian faith, through thought-provoking video resources and courses.

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The course begins on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August** and will run until October 21<sup>st</sup>. All material and refreshments are provided. Each session begins at 1.30pm and will last for about 2 hours. Don't worry if you can't commit yourself to every session.

The course will include a day away at a local venue, giving us the opportunity to explore questions more deeply.

**To register your interest please contact Revd Peter Kimberley either in person, by phone 07581710348 or email [outreach@bagintonroadurc.org.uk](mailto:outreach@bagintonroadurc.org.uk)**

## NEWS IN BRIEF FROM AROUND THE UK AND BEYOND

It is the time of year for travel and also for car windscreens to be splatted with winged creatures. There are millions of beetles, although only 400,000 species have been identified by the Royal Entomological Society. A biologist commenting on his life's work was that it had taught him about the possible mind of the Creator: "God must have had an inordinate fondness for beetles".

Eco-Church is not a new thing. Centuries ago, especially in the countryside, the churchyard was often also a hay meadow, and after the hay was cut, sheep were used to graze the aftermath which meant the treading in of the wildflower seeds. The hay was considered part of the rector's stipend for the feeding of his horse(s) on which he travelled to visit parishioners. The hay crop was protected by a statute of Edward I: if anyone should damage the rector's hay crop, he could demand compensation.

Historic England has listed several Ukrainian landmarks in England, protecting them for years to come. All of these are in the north of England which has a high concentration of links created over decades since the late 19<sup>th</sup> century by people who wanted to keep Ukraine in their hearts and their heritage alive. They include:

- the memorial at North Bierley cemetery, Bradford, which overlooks the graves of many people of Ukrainian heritage and celebrates 1,000 years of Ukrainian Christianity, as well as those who gave their lives for their country;
- Peter and Paul and All Saints Church in Oldham: this was built in 1889 and has kept its original features, but has added a screen of icons in the eastern European style plus a baldacchino (a metal canopy over the altar);
- St Chad's Catholic Church, Manchester which served Ukrainians from the 1920s to the 1950s;
- a Victorian church adopted by the Orthodox church; and
- a Georgian villa that became the Huddersfield Ukrainian Club.



© Historic England

In 2020, the number of weddings fell to its lowest in 182 years as the Covid pandemic shut venues. There were 85,770 weddings in England and Wales with 103,592 divorces. The average age of the men getting married rose to 35.3 years and the women 33.2 years. Research shows more couples living together without the legal protection of marriage.

Portugal's Parliament has legalised euthanasia for people who are terminally ill and in intolerable suffering, after debating this four times in three years. The Bill was sent back each time for a constitutional review by the President who is a practising Catholic. It was passed by 129 votes to 81 with one abstention. Members of the Parliament decided to ignore the political veto of the President, arguing that the law had been long-debated and modified. The law could come into force this autumn but

only for Portuguese citizens and people with residency. Foreigners will not be able to travel to Portugal to seek assisted suicide. Euthanasia and assisted suicide are allowed in only a handful of European States, including the Benelux nations and Spain.

The Rt Rev Christopher Budd died on 1 April 2023. He was the Roman Catholic Bishop of Plymouth, covering Dorset, Devon and Cornwall. He lived simply, took in the homeless and refused to sweep allegations of child abuse by clergy under the carpet. Upon his arrival in 1994, he sold the palatial bishop's dwelling and moved into a modest flat. No more chauffeur and car, plus he advised the nuns that brought him coffee every morning that this was a waste of their vocation. He was one of the first to employ a lay woman rather than a priest for a secretary and increased numbers of lay Catholics working for the church, including a 300-strong network of catechists (teachers of the principles of Christian religion); also, he sought to eradicate notions of priests as a superior caste, holier than lay people. In the Cathedral, due to lay pressure, he had to abandon plans to install an immersion pool for baptism but moved the lectern off the altar into the aisle. He had the pews moved by 90 degrees, but this was reversed by his successor.



William Wilberforce and friends were very socially conscious. Besides slavery they founded the Society for Superseding the Necessity of Climbing Boys (in sweeping chimneys) and also the Friendly Female Society for the Relief of Poor, Infirm, Aged Widows and Single Women of Good Character, Who Have Seen Better Days.

In Norwich in 1780 the Benevolent Association for the Relief of Decayed Tradesmen, their Widows and Orphans was founded. It is still continuing its good work today.

Sometimes Health and Safety notices are correct, but there is also a different interpretation!! Seen in a crematorium "What to do in the event of a fire" and above a dustbin "No hot ashes".

A school district in the US state of Utah has removed the Bible from elementary and middle schools for containing "vulgarity and violence". The move follows a complaint from a parent that the King James Bible has material unsuitable for children. This is after Utah's Republican Government passed a law in 2022 banning "pornographic or indecent" books from schools. No explanation was given on the reasoning or which passages contained "vulgarity or violence". However, there is an effort by US Conservatives to ban teachings on controversial topics such as LGBT rights, racial identity and America's history of slavery. The Bible has frequently been challenged as being unsuitable for children and was removed from shelves of school libraries in Texas. The same school district has filed a complaint against the Book of Mormon, the foremost scripture of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints which is the dominant faith in Utah, one of the most religious states in the USA.

*Barry Stelfox*

## Warwick Road Centre and Café - July / August Update



- Film Club is suspended for our usual two-month summer break so there will be no film in July or August. We will re-start on Wednesday 6 September. We are always looking for suggestions for films so if you have a favourite then please let George in the Office know.
- We have a regular Monday lunchtime let for Age UK Friendship Club. It is a small group, and they meet from midday until 2.00pm every Monday. They are keen to attract more members. If you are interested or know anyone else who may enjoy a drink and informal chat, please get in touch with George in the Office who can provide more details.
- On behalf of all staff and volunteers at Warwick Road Centre, I wish all readers of the magazine a lovely Summer and thank you for your support.

*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, 6 July, Theme: 'Water'**  
**Thursday, 3 August, Theme: 'Flowers'**  
**Thursday, 7 September, Theme: 'Wheels'**



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

## Christian Aid - Help Dreams Come True

The Christian Aid envelopes and the donations tin will remain at the back of the church until Sunday, 2 July so that everyone will have enough time to contribute. About 30 envelopes have already been received and the tin is rattling with coins.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. As soon as the money is counted and Gift Aid added, the total raised will be announced in the weekly notice sheet and *Connections*.

*Mary Goodwin*





← scan me!



## HOLIDAY CLUBS FOR SUMMER

With the school holidays fast approaching, it's time to start thinking about Holiday Clubs! We have gathered up some brilliant holiday clubs in Coventry which offer fun and educational activities for children, whatever the weather! **Head to [www.coventryrocks.co.uk](http://www.coventryrocks.co.uk) to read our guide.**



## BRIDGE VIEW LIGHT RAILWAY - LOCAL HIDDEN GEM!

Bridge View Light Railway is a fantastic miniature railway based at Russells Garden Centre in Baginton. At just £1.50 per person, it's a brilliant day out for all ages! BVLR is run by a group of enthusiasts and volunteers who do a fantastic job. There's a dinosaur bridge and dinosaur figures hidden in the woodlands for kids to spot, but most of all we enjoyed the ride and waving at passers by!

BVLR is open various weekends until end of October, at Russells Garden Centre, CV8 3AG. **You can find all the details on [coventryrocks.co.uk](http://coventryrocks.co.uk)**



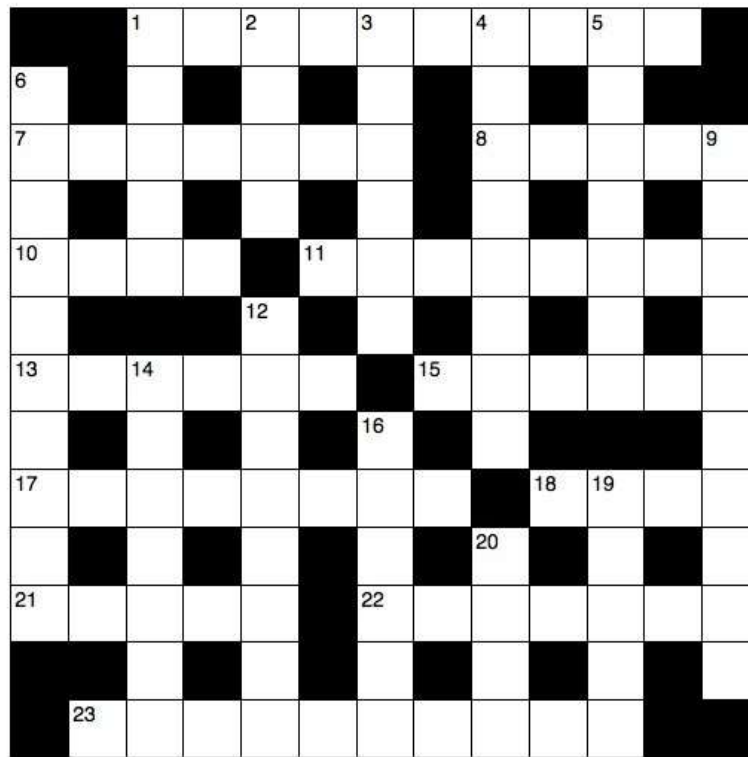
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## Puzzle Pages



### Across

- 1 Relating to the Jewish day of rest (10)
- 7 Point of view (Matthew 22:17) (7)
- 8 20th-century Brethren philanthropist whose construction company became one of the UK's biggest, Sir John — (5)
- 10 Girl's name (4)
- 11 Peter was accused of being one in the courtyard of the high priest's house (Luke 22:59) (8)
- 13 The fifth of the 'seven churches' (Revelation 3:1-6) (6)
- 15 'Now the famine was — in Samaria' (1 Kings 18:2) (6)
- 17 Banned by the seventh Commandment (Exodus 20:14) (8)
- 18 Insect most closely associated with itching (1 Samuel 24:14) (4)
- 21 Bantu tribe which gives its name to tiny landlocked country in southern Africa (5)
- 22 Familiar material in churches that use an overhead projector (7)
- 23 Last book of the Bible (10)

### Down

- 1 The young David's favourite weapon (1 Samuel 17:40) (5)
- 2 'Your vats will — over with new wine' (Proverbs 3:10) (4)
- 3 Once yearly (Exodus 30:10) (6)
- 4 Milled it (anag.) (3-5)
- 5 Region north of Damascus of which Lysanias was tetrarch (Luke 3:1) (7)
- 6 Comes between Philippians and 1 Thessalonians (10)
- 9 Lake where the first disciples were called (Luke 5:1-11) (10)
- 12 Abusive outburst (8)
- 14 Are loud (anag.) (7)
- 16 Printing errors (6)
- 19 'Take my yoke upon you and — from me' (Matthew 11:29) (5)
- 20 Jacob's third son (Genesis 29:34) (4)

**SUDOKU (EASY)**

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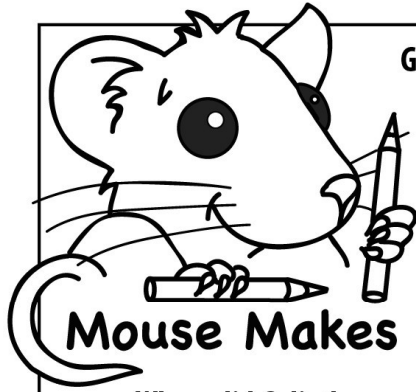
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*Solutions on page 19*

**WORDSEARCH**

On 3 July the Church remembers St Thomas, also called Doubting Thomas because he would not believe his fellow disciples' news of the Resurrection. But 'doubt' did not mean that Thomas did not love Jesus! Only a few weeks before, Thomas had urged his fellow disciples to follow Jesus to see Lazarus in Bethany, despite danger from the Jews. "Let us also go, that we may die with him." (John 11:16). Instead, Jesus had brought Lazarus back to life. Thomas was sometimes very confused about just where Jesus was headed. But in John 14:5 Jesus untangled his confused commitment: "I am going to my Father" and "No one comes unto the Father but by me." Finally, after the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to Thomas, showing him the wounds of His crucifixion. Thomas was electrified and his response immediate: "My Lord and my God" (John 20:26). Thus Doubting Thomas' honest doubts, turned to honest faith, have become a reassurance for thousands of people down the centuries.

JULY	LIFE	F I S U T E I L A R L F T O N S R B S S A I I E E Y N D D O U B T I N G E F R H R I N O I T C E R R U S E R O F D I G X U I R E G N A D L O A E T A I D E M M I S R T L J S I S B F E H L A S O F L E N S E U N I S T T U L A O W O U N D S A C U I R Z T W S P U R M M E O U F A G H L T S E N O H E J E R N F E N B E T H A N Y V U I C O R E O R T E N N C S O L E U C E O R S Z O T C G I L Y L R O
THOMAS	CONFUSED	
RESURRECTION	GOING	
DOUBT	FATHER	
DOUBTING	WOUNDS	
LOVE	CRUCIFIXION	
JESUS	RESPONSE	
FOLLOW	IMMEDIATE	
LAZARUS	LORD	
BETHANY	GOD	
DANGER	HONEST	
JEWS	FAITH	
DIE	REASSURANCE	



## Mouse Makes

Where did Goliath come from?



\_\_\_\_\_   
 1 Samuel 17:4

How tall was Goliath?



\_\_\_\_\_ cubits.   
 1 Samuel 17:4

What was Goliath's armour made of?

\_\_\_\_\_   
 1 Samuel 17:5,6

What weapons did Goliath carry?



a JAVELIN,   
 a \_\_\_\_\_   
 and a \_\_\_\_\_   
 1 Samuel 17:45

How many stones did David take from the stream?



\_\_\_\_\_   
 1 Samuel 17:40



Where did David's stone hit Goliath? On his \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_   
 1 Samuel 17:49

**Goliath**, the champion of the Philistine army, taunted the Israelites.

*"Choose a man to fight with me and if he kills me then we will be your servants!"*



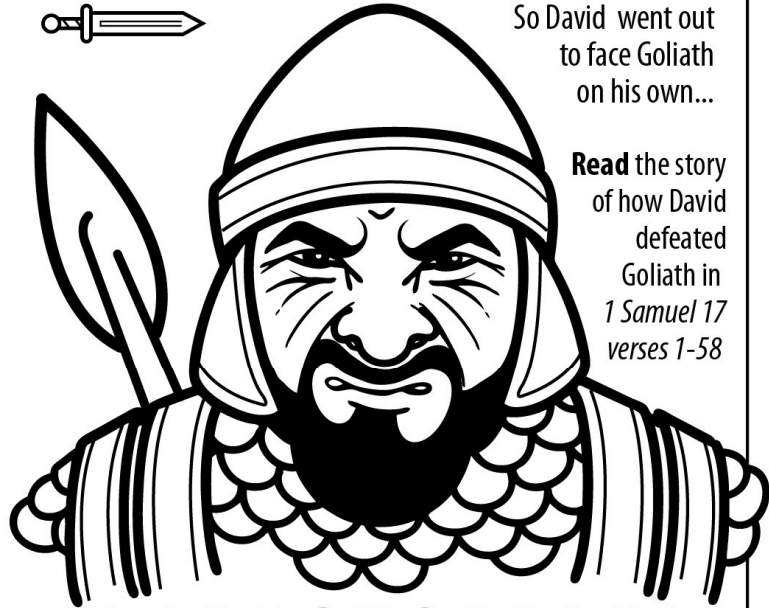
The Israelites were afraid, but **David**, a shepherd boy who had come to bring food to his brothers on the battlefield said:

*"The **Lord** who delivered me from the lion and bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."*



So David went out to face Goliath on his own...

**Read** the story of how David defeated Goliath in 1 Samuel 17 verses 1-58



I L A D E S W O R D B K L  
P A C A M P L I O N A D B  
H I F I V E S L I N G A R  
I T L E B A T T L E O V O  
L E B E A R J A V E L I N  
T S S I X M K H C F I D Z  
S T A F F O R E H E A D E  
T R U I I U P L A L T L G  
O U L S G R I M M L H O O  
N C P R H S H E P H E R D  
E K G A T H I T I D E D O  
S H I E L D G R O U N D M  
P H I L I S T I N E S O U

ISRAEL • SAUL • DAVID • LORD • GOD • PHILISTINES • BATTLE • CAMP  
CHAMPION • GOLIATH • HELMET • ARMOUR • JAVELIN • SHIELD • FIGHT • BEAR  
LION • SHEPHERD • STAFF • STONES • BAG • SLING • STRUCK • HIT • FELL • GROUND

**SOLUTION - SUDUKO (EASY)**

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

**SOLUTION - SUDUKO (MEDIUM)**

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

**CROSSWORD SOLUTION**

ACROSS: 1 Sabbatical. 7 Opinion. 8 Laing. 10 Olga. 11 Galilean. 13 Sardis. 15 Severe. 17 Adultery. 18 Flea. 21 Swazi. 22 Acetate. 23 Revelation.

DOWN: 1 Sling. 2 Brim. 3 Annual. 4 Ill-timed. 5 Abilene. 6 Colossians. 9 Gennesaret. 12 Diatribe. 14 Roulade. 16 Errata. 19 Learn. 20 Levi.

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Thanks,  
*Claire*

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## Worship at Baginton Road URC - July & August 2023

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

Date	Time	Preacher	
2 July	am pm	Revd Peter Kimberley Revd Colin Offor	Holy Communion
9 July	am	Revd N. Stanyon	No pm service
16 July	am pm	Revd Peter Kimberley Pauline Lockett	Holy Communion
23 July	am	Margaret Marshall	No pm service
30 July	am	Kirsty Mabbott	No pm service
6 August	am pm	James Rudge Revd D Spriggs	Holy Communion
13 August	am	Revd Colin Offor	No pm service
20 August	am pm	Revd Peter Kimberley Sue Davis	Holy Communion
27 August	am	Steve Elton	No pm service
3 September	am pm	Kirsty Mabbott Crawford Dow	Holy Communion

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