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# Connections

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## Dear Friends

*“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive an inheritance as your reward”. [Colossians 3:23]*

Did you know that God reveals to us in the Bible that helping others is part of His design?

Church volunteers perform tasks that staff members do not have the capacity or skills to accomplish. They use their time and talents for community service, fulfilling their desire to help others while ensuring the local church can direct more funds to its mission.



In short, volunteers are vital to a healthy church. 1 Corinthians 9:17 says: *“If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me”.*

Since our minister has retired, several members of the congregation have contributed to *Connections* by writing interesting, informative and challenging lead articles.

We are looking for people to offer to write the ‘Dear Friends’ lead article in the future. It is hoped enough people will offer to do this so it continues to happen. Please contact me for more information.

*Jenny Barnes*

## 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, 7 September, Theme: ‘Wheels’**  
**Thursday, 5 October, Theme: ‘Insects’**



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

## **Belonging Church - Our First Anniversary**

It has been a fruitful year partnering with you. We are truly grateful for all the help and love that you have shown us. Throughout this year, God has been faithful and gracious to us, and we would like to share a small update with you.

This month marks our first anniversary! God is working and has brought these people together, one by one. We now have over 70 regular members in our congregation, and we continue to grow as more HongKongers immigrate and look for a home - a spiritual home. We pray that families will continue to be strengthened in Spirit and in Truth, and that more people will find their belonging in Christ.

This year, we have also seen a lot of new families joining and we are seeing a rapid growth in our children and youth ministry. We pray that God will prepare a suitable pastoral staff who will be able to assist and help our youth to deepen their faith in God.

On our first anniversary gathering, we baptised three members of the congregation - what a way to celebrate the new beginnings with these followers of Christ! We do not fully know what will unfold or what is fully ahead, but we believe this is just the beginning for us to grow in faith and trust, while learning how to follow His leadership.



Thank you for the support and love that the URC has shown us throughout the year. We are deeply touched by the generosity that you have shown. We hope to have more opportunities to participate more through joining in events together and, more importantly, partnering with you and your congregation in prayers and in unity.

May the Lord continue to bless and strengthen His Church through the richness of His glory.

Peace be with you,

*Sammy, Wendy and Yvonne*



### **Appreciation**

I would like to thank everyone at the Luncheon Club for giving me such a lovely time on my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. I am very grateful.

Best wishes to you all.

*Betty Eales*



## Harvest Celebration Plan

This year, the churches here in South Coventry have decided to join to share a special Harvest weekend. With the help of Steve Elton, the churches have planned several different events and activities that we can all be part of and come together to celebrate the many great and generous gifts our Creator God gives us.

Please find below the programme of events. I hope you are able to support and enjoy being a part of the wider Church here in South Coventry.

Please contact me should you require more information. With every blessing

*Revd Peter Kimberley*

### Harvest Celebration Plan - September 2023

Day	Time	What	Where	Leading
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	7pm	Worship event	Quinton Park Baptist Church	Ann, Beenish and QP Church Team
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Morning	Belonging Church service	BR URC	
	1pm	Litter picking	Cheylesmore / Stivichall area	Emma, Joe and Kings Church team
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Morning	QP Church, BR URC Christ Church St James Church Kings Church services	Usual worship venues	
	Afternoon	Community invited to a Harvest Meal	QP Baptist Church St James Church BR URC Christ Church	
	5pm	Emmaus Church service	QP Baptist Church	



## Macmillan Coffee Morning - 29<sup>th</sup> September

We will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Sanctuary on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September from 10am 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*

## Women's Prayer Breakfast

*Always worth getting up for!*

Dates up until the end of the year are: **9 September, 14 October, 11 November, 9 December at 8.30am in the Small Hall** NB ramp door to the halls will be unlocked. (NB 11 November – Please check weekly Notices for alternative venue)



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. It's always delicious and varied with more than enough so never stay away just because you have not brought something.

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*

## Social Committee News

**'Anything Goes' concert:** We had an enjoyable summer afternoon with Nick Wolff and his band *Anything Goes*. We are thankful to them for sharing their talents and entertaining us. They played and sang a wide range of music to an enthusiastic audience, who were served with refreshments. The event was free but guests were invited to make a donation, and we were able to forward £113 to the Open Doors charity.



The Committee would like to thank the volunteers who helped, without whom the event would not have been so successful.

**Holiday at Home & Coach Trip:** The trip and activity days were attended by people from not only Baginton Road but also other churches and the local community. It was lovely to see so many people joining us in our events.

The coach trip to Rushden Lakes was successful; those who went enjoyed their day out either walking in the nature reserve or exploring the many shops. The Sketchers shoe shop seemed to do particularly well during our visit. Thank you to those who organised the trip.



Activity Days were held on two days in the church halls. There was a wide variety of crafts and activities, including pottery, nail painting, chair-based keep fit, joining the Sing your Heart group and, perhaps the highlight of the week, a visit by some alpacas. We were provided with excellent meals and refreshments by a team who worked hard in the kitchen and in the small hall.

This was another event that was reliant on volunteers supporting the Committee and we are grateful for all their hard work throughout the two days.

## Future Events

- **Heritage Weekend:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2.00pm - 4.00pm. The Sanctuary will be open as above to allow visitors to enjoy the beauty and uniqueness of the stained-glass windows and interior of our church. More information is available on the Heritage Open Days website: <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/heritage-open-days/heritage-open-days-2023-coventry>. If you are available to act as a steward on either afternoon, please sign the list at the back of the church or speak to a committee member.
- **Harvest Lunch:** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September after the morning service. There will be a ploughman's lunch served after the Harvest Festival service, open to everyone. Please sign the list at the back of the church to give us an indication of numbers; however, you can just come on the day. Donations will

be gratefully received. All proceeds (after the cost of the food) will be given to Commitment for Life fund.

We look forward to seeing you at our events.

*Social Committee*

## **Commitment for Life 2023**

The Commitment for Life poster this year features 51 year old Blessings Muzori from our region, Zimbabwe. I thought you might like to read her story which vividly demonstrates how our projects can change a life:



"Life has been difficult for the family. When the family farm began struggling, my husband had to move to the city to find work. We were living hand-to-mouth and had to wait for provisions to be sent from my husband. This created conflict between us. I found life really tough - doing everything on my own, trying to coax something out of the earth in such an unpredictable climate. When I did manage to harvest something, I couldn't get decent prices".

Blessings decided to join the BRAC project (Building Resilience through improving Adaptive Capacity for Transformation of communities at risk in Zimbabwe). She learned about disaster risk management, smart agriculture training, how to plough and still get a harvest even with less rainfall.

Next, she joined a Loans group which put a proposal to BRAC for running an oil-pressing business for sunflower, soya and peanut oil. They have already received the machinery for which the group paid 30% and the project contributed 70% as well as helping the group secure a stand at the local business centre which will provide regular monthly income.

Blessings' husband has since returned to the rural home and is an equal partner in the new activities. The whole family is much more positive now about life in general. Her final comment is: "My husband is happy to be home and sharing the new workload. No more quarrels in the household! And the community now exchanges ideas about new projects. BRAC has diversified our livelihood (and saved our marriage!)."

The CFL leaflets and envelopes will be available with the Notices on 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September, to be returned by the end of September into the basket provided (Gift Aid can add 20% to the value if your gift). Cheques should continue to be made payable to West Orchard URC.

Again, thank you in advance for your continual willingness to donate so generously. It will make a real difference in these difficult times in Zimbabwe.

*Mary Goodwin*



## Special Cause Appeal

As a Church, we continue to support a Special Cause every two months. Recently we have supported our two scouts who have attended the World Jamboree in South Korea, and also “Open Doors”, the organisation which serves persecuted Christians across the World.

Commitment  
for Life

The Special Cause for September and October is “Commitment for Life”, the URC Global Justice Programme. As a Church, we have supported this appeal with our harvest festival monetary donations for several years and we continue to do this in 2023. Donations to the Special Cause will be added to the harvest donations at the end of October.

Please place your donations in the box at the back of the church and don't forget – there are special cards for a special cause, also at the back of the church. Donations into the box please for these cards. Thank you.

*Sue Davis*



## Thank you ... Nick Bywater



We would like to say a huge thank you for all the messages, cards and flowers we received after Nick passed away on 5<sup>th</sup> May. It was and still is a very sad and emotional time for us but knowing we have such good friends at church showing so much kindness has been very comforting.

It was also nice to see so many people attend the thanksgiving service which was led by our friend Paul Bedford, and lovely to have you join us afterwards for refreshments.

Between friends and family, nearly £800 was raised for the NHS Blood and Transplant Trust Fund, which is amazing. Your generous donations have been very much appreciated.

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August we celebrated Scott and Jen's wedding. It was a memorable day filled with tears of sadness and joy as we missed Nick's presence, but know he was there with us in spirit.

Thanking you all for your continued thoughts and prayers.

*Liz, Louise & Scott*

## Book Reviews

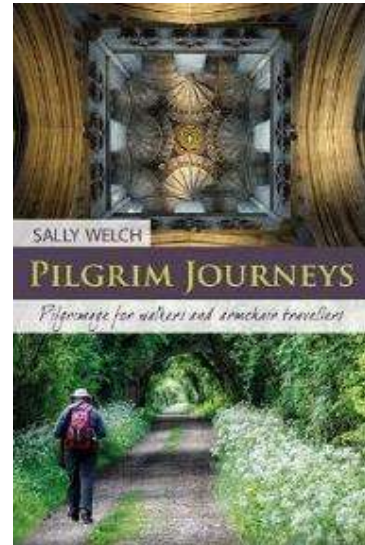
### **Pilgrim Journeys: pilgrimage for walkers and armchair travellers**

By Sally Welch, BRF, £7.99

Why do pilgrims walk so much? What do they learn?  
What lasting good does it do?

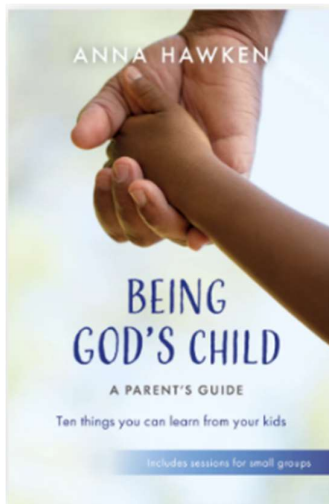
In *Pilgrim Journeys*, experienced pilgrim and writer Sally Welch explores the less-travelled pilgrim routes of the UK and beyond, through the eyes of the pilgrims who walk them.

Each chapter explores a different aspect of pilgrimage, offering reflections and indicating some of the spiritual lessons to be learned that may be practised at home. This absorbing book shows how insights gained on the journey can be incorporated into the spiritual life of every day, bringing new ways of relationship with God and with our fellow Christians, offering support and encouragement as we face the joys and challenges of life.



### **Being God's Child: a parent's guide**

By Anna Hawken, BRF, £6.99



An exploration of ten different ways in which parents can learn or re-learn how to connect with God as His child, written by BRF's Parenting for Faith's ministry lead Anna Hawken.

God makes us the most unbelievable offer ... to be our parent. Yes, even when we're all grown up and have children of our own! But many of us don't live experiencing the connection, guidance, and support that's on offer. Why? Because we've forgotten how to be a child.

In this easy-to-read guide, Anna Hawken explores ten different ways to rediscover our 'child side'. She uses the living, breathing examples of the children in our lives to inspire and challenge us, by looking at things that we sometimes struggle with but they are great at, like: asking lots of questions, messing up without giving up, sharing their emotions, asking for help and what they need.

*from Parish Pump*

## Warwick Road Centre and Café - September Update



- Film Club re-starts on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm. Please call George or Ruth for details of the film. We are always looking for film titles so if you have a suggestion then please let George in the office know.
- It was lovely to see Mark Challis decorating the entire side elevation of the Centre and Flat 9 building. It has deteriorated badly over the last few years and was desperately in need of repainting. Mark has worked hard on this project, and it is looking great.
- Great to welcome back our handyman, Martyn Smith, who has recovered from surgery and has started work on the grounds and odd jobs. We have missed Martyn and it is good to have him back with us.
- 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*

## NEWS IN BRIEF FROM AROUND THE UK AND BEYOND

The Co-operative Funeralcare will introduce later this year a more environmentally friendly alternative to cremation known as resomation, also called “water cremation”. It will be the first time a new alternative to burial or cremation is widely available since the Cremation Act in 1902.

In 2021 the Church of England established that up to 368 churches had been earmarked for closure by 2025. The thinking now is that these buildings could be “hired out and not in fact be sold”. It gives two examples: one church is home to a circus school and another is a climbing centre.

The Church of England is to sell approximately £100m of shares that are connected with the supply of fossil fuels after concluding that they had failed to meet a mid-2023 deadline that the General Synod had set for alignment with the aims of the Paris Climate Accord.

Research using 2021 figures has shown that the High Court is dealing with more cases of will dispute, up to 105 from 68 the previous year. This is because of changes to family structures, the number of multi-family families, and folk not updating their wills or not having one.

There is concern within the Church of England regarding recruitment. Last year 380 people began training for the priesthood, 34% down on two years ago. The Church needs 630 newly ordained priests per year.

The Liverpool Walker Gallery has an exhibition of western European art from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> century that includes a Belgian tapestry from about 1525, *The Triumph of Fortitude*. This is part of a series called *The Triumph of the Seven Virtues*, “an instruction in how to achieve salvation in the eyes of the Christian Church”.

Ely Cathedral, like other cathedrals, is not centrally funded and must raise more £1m a year for maintenance. Half comes from visitors (£9 per head) and the rest from donations and renting space for events - for example the Lady Chapel is used for corporate dinners and the main hall for concerts. The latest fundraiser was a Silent Disco (where participants wear headphones to hear the dance music but are allowed to sing along) and the 500 tickets at £24.95 were quickly sold. Bars were staffed with volunteers and the triforium above the nave was rigged with strobe lights. A cleaning firm came in early the next morning, ensuring that the 7.30am service started on time and the other 21 services per week were not disrupted. Besides this event, the cathedral is also planning more silent discos and, in October, ‘Fleetwood Mac by Candlelight’, plus eco-friendly craft markets to attract a new, younger crowd.



Which church steeple in Fleet Street, London, is thought to have inspired the first tiered wedding cake? (answer below\*).

At the RHS Tatton Park Show in July the Bible Society had a garden based on Psalm 27 “The Lord is my light and salvation, whom shall I fear?”. This garden won a silver medal and spectators were offered leaflets with the text of the psalm; many wrote responses for a prayer tree situated in a space next to the garden.

Scientists in America have investigated falls in care homes. By changing the ceiling lights to “cool” LED blue-light levels in the day and reducing the light in the evening this caused a 43% reduction in falls and the quality of sleep improved, thus reducing residents’ need to get up in the night and making them more alert in the day. The scientists suggested this can be achieved at home, especially having the bedside lamp blue-coloured bulb turned down in the evening.

**Barry Stelfox**

\* St Bride’s Church



## Prayer and Quantum Theology

Have you read Heather Whyte's article '*Corporate Prayer in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*', copies of which are available in the Church Sanctuary (or ask me for a copy)?

For many years I have understood prayer to be in three stages: first of all, meditation about something I feel needs doing - for example, an old person who can no longer cut their lawn. Meditation leads on to contemplation on how, or who, can cut the lawn. The third stage is action, getting the job done.

I must say that the prayers I hear every Sunday in church are to me only symbolism; as Heather Whyte says: 'The desire or hope for a thought to come alive, without the emotion to give it that life, is a wish, it is simply the image of what is possible, in the absence of the emotion needed to bring it into the world of reality'.

Over the course of the 20th century, scientists have discovered things which change the way we see the world and our own humanity. Atoms are now understood as fields of energy, energy which changes in response to observation and which can exist in more than one place at the same time. We have discovered that everything is connected and cannot be disconnected, and that far from there being empty spaces between 'things', they exist within a web of connectivity. Quantum Theology explores how we understand our humanity, God and our relationship with God within this new framework for Creation.

During the war between Lebanon and Israel that began in 1982, researchers trained a group of people to 'feel' peace in their bodies while believing that it was already present within them rather than simply thinking about it in their minds or praying 'for it to occur'. For this particular experiment, those involved used a form of meditation to achieve that feeling. At appointed times on specific days of the month, these people were positioned through the war-torn areas of the Middle East. During the window of time when they were feeling peace, terrorist activities ceased, the rate of crime against people went down, the number of emergency room visits declined. When the participants' feelings changed, the statistics were reversed. The study confirmed the earlier findings: when a small percentage of the population achieved peace within themselves, it reflected in the world around them.

I suspect that we have long misunderstood prayer as a tool for change. The knowledge revealed by quantum science is a challenge to the world and a very real challenge to the way we understand God, our humanity and our relationship with each other and God.

There is a lot to try to come to terms with and understand; for a better understanding, read Heather Whyte's article.

*George Drake*

## Ministry and Mission Fund - Annual Letter to Local Churches

Dear Friends,

When will normal service be resumed?

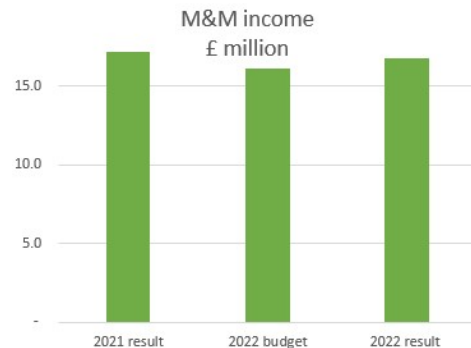


As we are writing this letter and closing off the URC's accounts for 2022, the country is still torn with industrial disputes, mostly notably with Health Service workers, rail industry workers, teachers etc. etc. Whatever your view as to the wisdom or justice of such action, we suspect all of us are affected by the disruption to some degree.

In church life too, are we back to "normal life"? Some churches no doubt have returned to something like their pre-Covid level of activity and attendance numbers. Quite a few have recommenced their activity but find their numbers have reduced. Some churches have found re-opening too difficult and have decided to close.

Whatever the "new normal" was to be, we suggest its arrival has (like many trains) been disrupted, delayed, or cancelled all together.

The URC's finance officers had concerns that the late arrival of the return to normality would impact very significantly on the giving to the M&M Fund in 2022. However, the churches responded magnificently and the giving to M&M was £600,000 ahead of budget. It was also only 2.5% down on 2021's result.



So, thank you to all who continued to contribute to your local church, thank you to all those churches who met their commitment for 2022 in full, and thank you to all those who, in adversity, continued to treat the M&M Fund as the first priority and paid what they could.

With normal service not yet resumed, 2023 is not going to be an easy year either. We now have the added disruption of high inflation, pushing up wages and overhead costs. As the Spirit directs and as our means allow, can the churches once more respond to the call of our gracious, loving and ever-generous God?

If you have any questions or comments arising from this letter, please speak to your church treasurer who has been provided with more detailed information. If they are not able to help directly then they can get in touch with the finance team at Church House.

*Ian Hardie (Immediate Past Treasurer)*  
*Vaughan Griffiths (Deputy Treasurer)*  
*URC Finance Department, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023*



← scan me!



## ST MARY'S GUILDHALL - A LOCAL HIDDEN GEM

Without a doubt, St Mary's Guildhall is one of Coventry's best hidden gems. It's one of the finest Guildhalls in the country, a rare survivor of the English Civil War and the Blitz... and it's right in Coventry City Centre!

When we arrived the kids were handed a tablet - there's an interactive map which brings the history to life with Augmented Reality. Super clever! There are plenty of hands-on activities dotted around the museum - puzzles, things to find, quiz questions, and crafts. The Great Hall is absolutely stunning and we all enjoyed studying the huge Coventry Tapestry, spotting different items and bringing them to life with Augmented Reality. And then there was the dressing up, and as you can see we ALL enjoyed that! Highly recommended for a day out with (or without) the kids! **You can find all the details on [coventryrocks.co.uk](http://coventryrocks.co.uk)**



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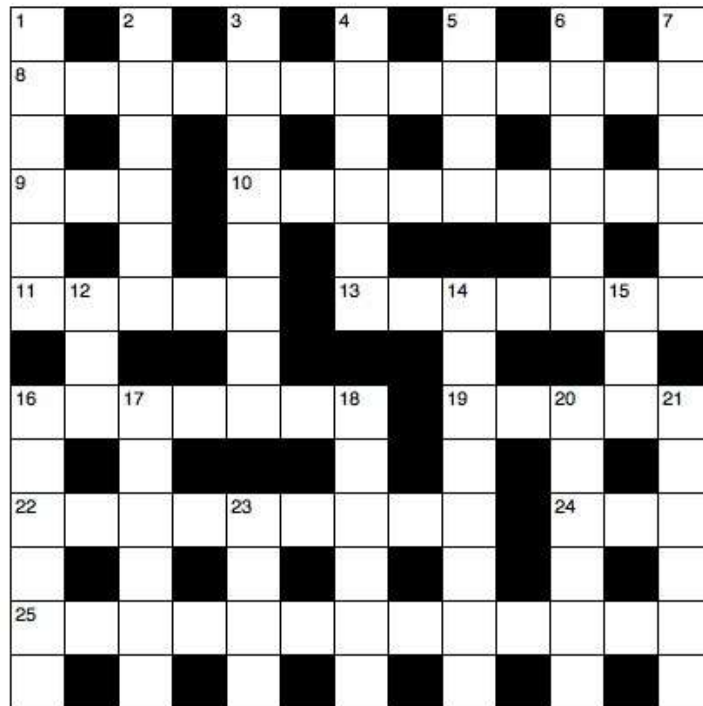


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## Puzzle Pages



### Across

- 8 Where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
- 9 A part of the body on which blood & oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14–17) (3)
- 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4)
- 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have —' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
- 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
- 16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)
- 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
- 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
- 24 & 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the —' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
- 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

### Down

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
- 2 See 24 Across
- 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
- 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
- 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus —' (John 11:35) (4)
- 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
- 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
- 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
- 14 Second city of Cyprus (8)
- 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)
- 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
- 17 Braved (anag.) (6)
- 18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
- 20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)
- 21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
- 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)



### SUDOKU (EASY)

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### SUDOKU (MEDIUM)

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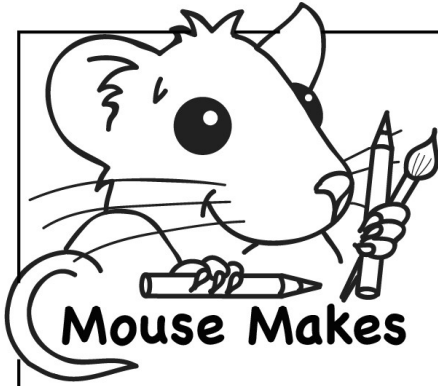
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## WORDSEARCH

For some reason, the Church gives thanks for angels in September. The 29th is the feast day of Michael and All Angels. Since the days of Genesis, these messengers of God have been sent many times to intervene for the good in human affairs. Angels guarded the Garden of Eden, they led Lot away from Gomorrah, they helped Gideon, they stopped Balaam, they closed the mouths of lions for Daniel, and, most important, the archangel Gabriel was sent to tell Mary that she would mother the Messiah. Angels sat in the empty tomb of Jesus, and told of His Resurrection. Revelation is teeming with angels, sent on all sorts of missions by God in the last times. Today, many Christians in the world's hot spots report having had angels help them when in mortal danger.

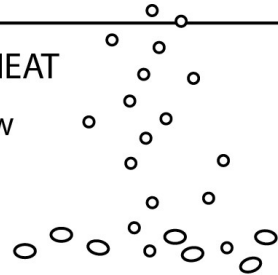
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GOD	MARY	
SENT	MOTHER	
INTERVENE	TEAMING	
GARDEN	REVELATION	
EDEN	DANGER	



THE WEEDS AND THE WHEAT

What did the enemy sow amongst the wheat?

Matthew 13:25



READ

the parable in

Matthew 13 v24-30, and v36-43

At harvest time the weeds are gathered, bundled then

but the wheat is stored

in the Matthew 13:30

Who sows the good seed?

Matthew 13:37

What does the field represent?

the \_\_\_\_\_ and who is the good seed?

The people of the \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 13:38

Who sows the weeds?

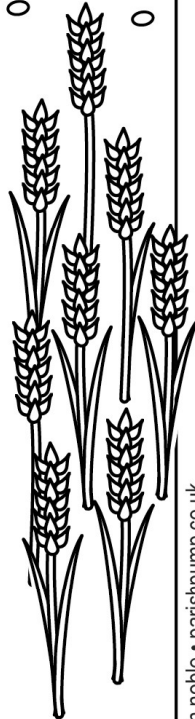
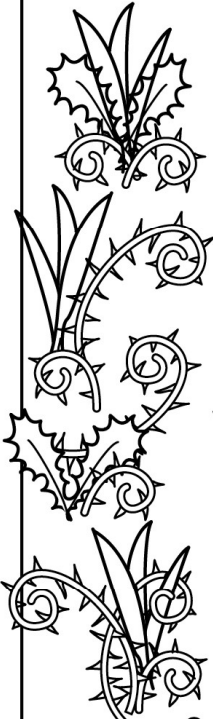
The \_\_\_\_\_

Who are the harvesters?

The \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 13:39

"He who has ears, let him \_\_\_\_\_"

Matthew 13:43



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 D S O X F I R E P E N G T  
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Find the words from the questions too!

**SOLUTION - SUDUKO (EASY)**

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6	9	3	4	7	5	2	1	8
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**SOLUTION - SUDUKO (MEDIUM)**

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

**CROSSWORD SOLUTION**

ACROSS: 8 Kiriath Jearim. 9 Toe. 10 Ill at ease. 11 Hated. 13 Miletus. 16 Started. 19 Micah. 22 Leviticus. 24 Eli. 25 Mary and Joseph.

DOWN: 1 Sketch. 2 Priest. 3 Samizdat. 4 Shalom. 5 Wept. 6 Breast. 7 Embers. 12 Art. 14 Limassol. 15 UNA. 16 Salome. 17 Adverb. 18 Decade. 20 Clever. 21 Height. 23 Tear.

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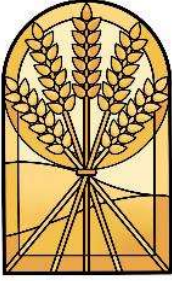
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Thanks,  
*Claire*

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## Worship at Baginton Road URC - September 2023



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

Date	Time	Preacher	
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	am pm	Kirsty Mabbott Crawford Dow	Holy Communion
10 <sup>th</sup> September	am	Shan Dobinson	
17 <sup>th</sup> September	am pm	Revd Peter Kimberley Rita Dalton	Holy Communion
24 <sup>th</sup> September	am	Simon Mills	Parade / Harvest
26 <sup>th</sup> September	7pm	Agenda-less worship	Hope Springs
1 <sup>st</sup> October	am pm	James Rudge Revd Colin Offor	Holy Communion

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