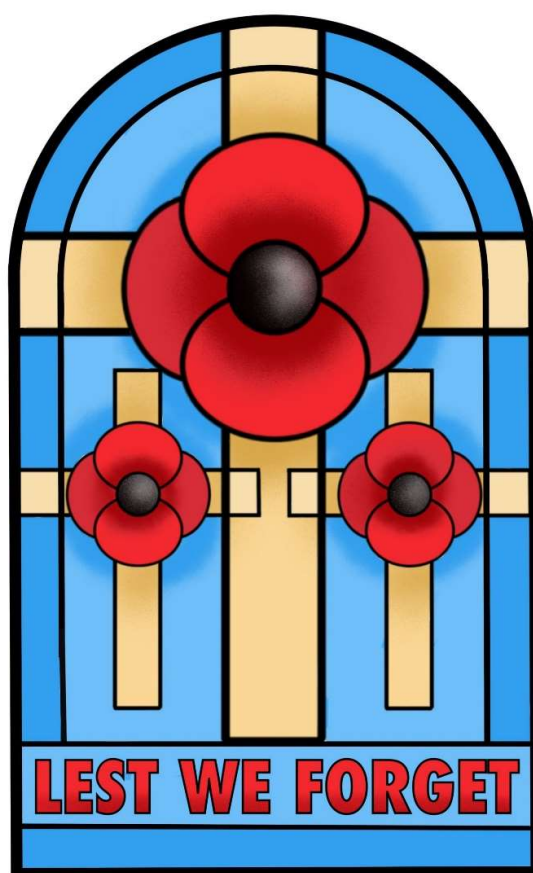




'Sharing the love of Jesus every day'

Connections

The church magazine for Baginton Road URC



November 2023

Incorporating Warwick Road URC and West Orchard URC

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Get ready for Christmas with Baginton Road URC
and 11th Coventry Scout Group

Christmas Bazaar, Craft Fair and Santa's Grotto!

10am – 4pm Saturday 25th November 2023

Browse the stalls, join in with carol singing,
Visit Father Christmas in his grotto,
Enjoy refreshments and much more!

Dear Friends

Be Still and know that I am God. [Psalm 46 v10]

A group of us has just returned from a weekend retreat held at Lee Abbey, a Christian Community in North Devon. The weekend was entitled *Renew, Resource, Refresh* and for me, this was my third time of attending one of these weekends.

Although the name suggests that the venue is an abbey, this is not actually the case. Built in 1850 in Gothic style, over the years Lee Abbey has been a place where young people came together for house parties, a luxury golfing hotel, a school for evacuees, a dairy farm and since 1945 has been a home to an international Christian Community. It was purchased in 1945 by a group of praying Christians to be used to “rekindle the fires of faith, prayer and witness” – a place where you can go and encounter Christ. It is a very special place.

It is set on the North Devon coastline close to the spectacular Valley of the Rocks near Lynton. The building itself is set into a dip in the landscape on the route of the South West Coast Path and it has its own private beach. From the bedrooms you can see the rugged coastline and spectacular views of the sea and rocks. Inside the building there are cosy rooms with log fires, picture galleries, a chapel, a library and the most amazing octagonal lounge with high ceilings and windows which overlook the grounds and the sea.



But it is not just the views or the building that make the place special, it is the feeling that I get when I arrive. There is a calmness and a quiet peace which seems to enfold me and makes me feel closer to God. A feeling of assurance that I am in His presence. A place where I will be renewed and refreshed, re-acquainted with Him.

I know that other people have special places where they feel the touch of the Lord close to them. I am told that the island of Iona has the same feeling of peace, as does the Holy Island of Lindisfarne, or being out in nature amongst woods and trees or on a country walk; just somewhere where we can draw breath, be peaceful and find space in our lives for God.

Where is your Special Place?

Sue Davis

Notes from Elders' Meetings - October 2023



- Training for Safeguarding will take place via Zoom on Monday 27th November, 6.00-8.30pm. This is open to everyone who works with children, young people, and vulnerable adults. If you wish to take part in the training, please register with the Church Administrator.
- A group has now been set up to look at how we as a Church can improve how we communicate with each other and with the outside community.
- All paperwork regarding the appointment of a Pastor to Baginton Road URC has been approved by the Elders. If Church Meeting also agrees, then the post will be advertised as soon as possible with the closing date for applications 30th November.
- Christmas Activity Day will be a little different this year as we are opening the event to include parents/carers and make it more of a family day. The day will be financed from the Youth & Children's Fund and all donations received on the day will go back into this fund.
- Services for Advent: Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were discussed. Arrangements will be finalised at the November Elders' Meeting together with charities to be nominated to receive the money given through the offertories at Carols by Candlelight, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.
- Internal post for church Christmas cards: Lesley and her elves will organise; donations will be for Pancreatic Cancer Research.
- Christmas gifts will be distributed to the housebound.
- Apse redevelopment: proposal for the Church Meeting to accept Quote 2.
- Sue M has stepped down as a Leader in Junior Church.
- Dates were noted for the following:
 - 4th November – Soup Lunch,
 - 19th November – Remembering Service,
 - 25th November – Scouts' Christmas Bazaar.
- THRIVE has been supporting Bounce and Play by offering ideas to improve the service we offer to the younger children and their parents/carers.
- Both Debbies are retiring from leadership of the Guides; their services will be recognised at the Parade service at the end of November.
- Four people from our church are attending a recent course 'Leading Your Church into Growth'.

Pauline Luckett, Church Secretary



Appreciation

Thank you very much for all the cards, flowers and best wishes we received following the birth of baby Charlie - another son for Louise and Chris and another beautiful grandson for me. He weighed in at 4lb 12oz, but after 7 weeks he is now nearly 7lb.



At the same time, we are also grateful for the condolence messages we received on the loss of baby Tillie, Charlie's little sister. We now see her as our little Angel sleeping in Heaven.

It has been a very emotional time this summer for our family but we take comfort knowing that we have so much support from our friends here at Baginton Road Church. We have appreciated your kindness and we thank you for your continued thoughts and prayers.

Liz Bywater, Louise & Chris Bowler

What a lovely surprise it was, to be given a beautiful bunch of flowers at coffee morning, in appreciation for 'all that I do for Baginton Road URC'. I am grateful for this kind gesture, and I thank you all for the support given by so many of you.

Pauline

Eunice G would like to thank all the church friends who called on her, sent cards, flowers and messages while she has been unable to get out to church. Her 'Thank You' card is pinned to the Notice Board by the Coffee Station.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

A massive thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September.

We now have the final total raised, which is a truly impressive **£1,300**, inclusive of Gift Aid.

I can't thank you all enough: the helpers who turned up on the morning, everyone who donated cakes or items to sell, and all your very generous monetary donations.

Please make a note that next year's event will be on Friday 27th September 2024 – same time, same place!

With my very grateful thanks to you all.

Lesley Rice

Social Committee News

Harvest Lunch: A big thank you to all those who supported us at the Harvest Lunch, from the Scouts who helped set up the tables and chairs, volunteers from both Baginton Rd and the Belonging Christian Fellowship who worked hard on the day, and those who provided the desserts. It was an enjoyable afternoon with over 70 people sharing a ploughman's lunch, a lovely variety of hot food brought by our friends from the Belonging Christian Fellowship Church and the different donated desserts. We hope all who attended enjoyed a time of sharing, friendship, and good food.

Christian Aid Soup Lunch: Saturday 4th November 12.00 – 1.30pm (in the small hall at the rear of the Church, entrance via the ramp door). Everybody is welcome to come and share lunch in fellowship and friendship and raise funds for Christian Aid. Donations will be gratefully received. We will need volunteers to provide soup and to help on the day so please sign the lists which are in the church. We look forward to sharing lunch with you whilst raising funds for this worthwhile charity.

Musical Afternoon: Sunday 3rd December at 2.30pm. Our organist Tim will once again be giving a recital of a wide variety of music, including some Christmas music. This will be an entertaining afternoon with light refreshments served. Everybody is welcome, just come along for a fun afternoon. Donations will be gratefully received to go to charity (TBC).

The Social Committee look forward to seeing you and your friends at these events. If you have any ideas of future social events we can hold, please talk to one of the Committee or an Elder.

Social Committee

A Musical Aviary - Concert on 25th November

You may have heard some interesting bird noises coming from the church on Wednesday evenings. No, it's not a trapped pigeon! It is the sound of the Spires choir practising for their next concert which will take place in Holy Trinity Church on 25th November at 2.30pm.



The concert is called *A Musical Aviary* and will consist of a variety of pieces on the theme of birds, including Bach, Beethoven, Elgar, Handel, McCartney and others.

Tickets are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/spiresmusic and on the door, price £15 (£5 students and unwaged, children free).

Kathryn White

Israel – Palestine Conflict

I am writing this on Saturday 14th October 2023, just seven days into the conflict between Israel and Palestine. The 24-hour deadline for the Palestinians to leave their homes and move to the south of the country has just ended. What the outcome will be is very unclear at the moment – it may be clearer by the time you read these words.

As with all conflicts, there is right and wrong on both sides – all that is certain is that very many people will lose their lives. Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister during the Second World War, said ‘Jaw jaw is better than war war’. In other words, reaching a compromise before resorting to armed conflict is the better way – easier said than done.

Consider these words of Baha’u’llah, founder of the Baha’i Faith: “All nations should become as one in faith and all men and women as brothers and sisters; that the bonds of affection and unity between the sons and daughters of men and women should be strengthened; that diversity of religion should cease, and differences of race be annulled – what harm is there in this? ... yet so it shall be; these fruitless strifes, these ruinous wars shall pass away, and the Most Great Peace shall come.”

I end these few words in my usual way, with the Hebrew blessing – Shalom!

George Drake

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, 2nd November, Theme: ‘Art’
Thursday, 7th December, Theme: ‘Music’



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

NEWS IN BRIEF FROM AROUND THE UK AND BEYOND

St Ives Parish Church in St Ives, Cornwall divided its congregation by installing two beer pumps for the town's Festival in September 2023. The 600-year-old church, which is a Grade I listed building, has always hosted music acts but this year was one of the main festival venues. The church is dedicated to the Virgin, also known as St Ives, a 5th or 6th century Irish holy woman.

Venice has always had a problem with the effect of heat and humidity (plus age) on marble. The church of St Maria of Nazareth on the Grand Canal was built in 1693, yet by 1743 the first of its restorations was already started. Italian and Chinese researchers have now used nanotechnology to shore up the crumbling marble by using nanosilica, a substance made up of particles so small they get inside the pores of the marble to strengthen it. This substance was strengthened by adding a second substance, tetraethoxysilane. This patented solution is very cheap to produce and tests have shown a penetration of at least 10cm. The marble from Carrara in Tuscany has been used in many historical settings from the Pantheon in Rome to Marble Arch in London, and also by Michelangelo for his statue of David.

On 14 November, the Ivors Academy will be awarding its prestigious Classical Fellowship to 78-year-old John Rutter. Rutter's first famous piece, *Shepherd's Pipe Carol*, was written when he was 18, and by the time he was 30, he was the most performed "Christmas composer" in the world. He also has written several bigger works, such as his *Requiem* and his *Mass of the Children* (which was written after the death of one of his sons in a road accident). The Coronation of King Charles was a challenge as, unable to have a full symphony orchestra, instead he had 35 musicians in the organ loft for Walton's *Coronation Te Deum*, saying "it was amazing the instruments you can lose without really missing them". He is still busy and shortly will have seven different Christmas concerts to prepare, and "for many people that will be the only classical music event they will attend". BBC Radio 3 broadcasts the ceremony in the New Music Show on 18th November.



Do you remember organising or helping to organise your wedding reception? Near Paris, a couple decided that as they were themselves fussy eaters and it was their wedding, they would seek help from the restaurant chain, McDonalds. The invoice for the event was nearly £1,000, but a financial saving was made plus a good time was had by all, including the aunts and uncles.

Hearsall Baptist Church, Queensland Avenue, have announced that, due to a dwindling and also aged congregation, they will be moving in March 2024 to Holyhead Road URC. Will they be taking their Christmas Star with them?

Barry Stelfox

Baginton Road Church Boilers

Last winter, the boilers at Baginton Road were struggling to heat the building. Of the three, one was out of use awaiting parts and another would often not light when required, leaving just one to try and heat the whole building.

We found out that although the boilers were only 20 years old, spare parts were not available so we were left with a decision of either replacing them or looking for something else such as ground source heat pumps or air source heat pumps. After various discussions, it was concluded that new gas boilers were the best way to go and so three quotes were obtained to replace the three boilers. Daly Engineering were selected as they were not only the cheapest but had done satisfactory work at Warwick Road in the recent past.



The new flue being installed

Once Daly's had been appointed, their engineers visited to measure up what was required and to plan the work so that the new boilers would be up and working by the beginning of October.

During late August and September, the old boilers were removed and the new ones installed. These are pressurized so, as the church radiators were not on a pressurized system, a heat exchanger had to be installed in the boiler room to transfer the heat in the boiler system's hot water to the church building's non-pressurized system. If the new boilers had been connected directly to the church system, there would quite likely have been numerous leaks from radiators and pipework throughout the building.

New pipework was installed in the boiler room and a new flue inserted in the hall chimney.

By the first week of October, the system had been installed but a problem with some of the electrical connections meant that it was not working properly. These were sorted out on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th October – just in time for the cold snap at the weekend!



The new boilers in place

Hopefully that will be the end of any heating problems for years to come.

John Dawson, Premises and Maintenance Committee Member

What are the Quinquennial Inspection and Mending Mondays?

I have been asked to explain two phrases used at Church:

One is **Quinquennial Inspection** which is when a Synod-appointed surveyor is charged with inspecting the church's buildings, an event that occurs every five years for each church. This is paid for by Synod and for the Baginton Road premises happened earlier this year. A 40-page report was issued by the surveyor; this was then assessed by the Premises and Maintenance Group and the response (thank goodness!) was that there was nothing major needing to be addressed. However, we were grateful that another pair of eyes had looked at our church and church buildings.

This is where **Mending Mondays** (the other phrase) comes into action. 'Mending Mondays' is a team of people who volunteer (mainly on Monday mornings) to maintain your church and associated buildings, doing some of the more basic repairs, and thus saving expense. These are such jobs as: lowering the ceiling lights and cleaning them; strengthening wobbly chairs; applying a coat of paint; or looking at a door that is not closing properly – the list is endless. Also, they co-ordinated the installation of the new boilers.

Following the Quinquennial Inspection Report, the solar panels have been cleaned, thus allowing a more efficient collection of sunlight, both disabled toilets have been updated, and the front of the Large Hall has been re-painted. The work continues.

Barry Stelfox, secretary to the Premises and Maintenance Group



Mission, Outreach and Worship Report for November 2023

Christianity Explored – Bible Study: I will be running the course again early in the new year. Please let me know if you would be interested in joining a course.

Leading Your Church into Growth: Rita Dalton, David Lathbury and Marilyn Sanders joined me at Nuneaton URC in October to investigate a course called Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCIG). Following on is a program of seven sessions which are aimed at church growth and I intend to lead the church through this course next year. There is a residential course for those wishing to lead courses in their churches which I will be attending, and I encourage others to join me.

Communications: Letting the church and our community know what is happening is vital to the success of our church. We have restarted a Communications Task Group to focus on how we communicate, so you should see some improvements and changes in the coming months. Suggestions please as to how we can improve this.

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, we have introduced a story-time into the morning so our families will hear the Gospel. More volunteers needed, please.

Grange Farm School visit: Grange Farm School will be visiting Baginton Road Church on 7th December, pm. If you're able to assist making this visit a success, please contact me. We will be doing a Nativity drama.

Warwick Road Centre: I am continuing my pledge to support Warwick Road Centre and visit them on a Friday lunchtime. If you would like to visit the Centre to see the Open Doors Café in action, you are more than welcome to join me. We are also planning to hold a mid-week prayer group at the Centre on Wednesday afternoons; contact me if you would be interested in attending this.

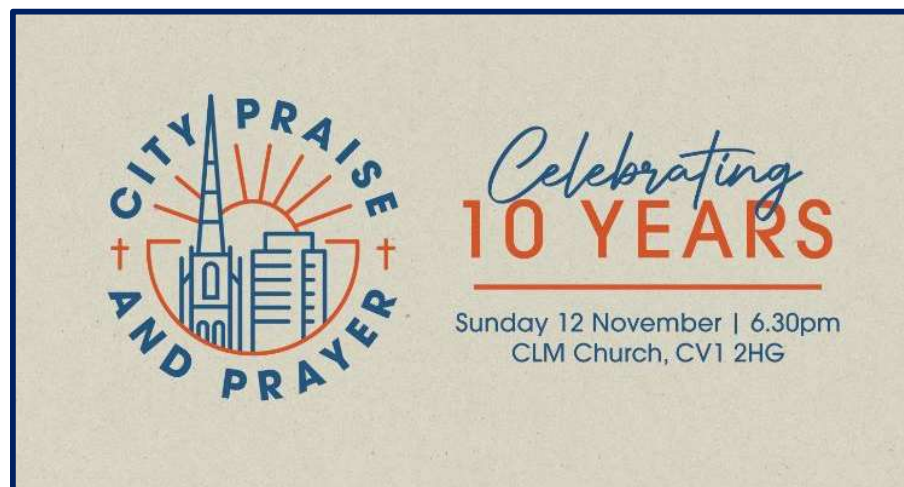
Remembering Service: We are holding our Remembering Service on 19th November, at 6pm. Sue Davis and I will be leading.

Working with other churches: Following on from the very successful harvest weekend we are in discussion with the churches involved to offer more shared events, including a New Year Quiz and something at Easter.

Contact me: 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, do not be shy: email me, text me, phone me or meet me in church and let us talk about what is possible, because anything is possible with God's help.

And finally, a word of thanks for all the hard work the many volunteers who give up their time to help support the mission of the Church. Thank you.

Revd Peter Kimberley, Mission, Outreach & Worship Leader



Christmas Gifts for Families in Need - Gift Sunday: 26 November

Sarah White, Coventry City Mission's Giving Tree Co-ordinator, writes:

Thank you for being part of our Giving Tree project last year. Every year the number of Christmas presents we can distribute and the need for them increases – last year it was 537 families with 1,252 children between them. We were so grateful for God's provision through generous people like you.



The Giving Tree project provides gifts for those disadvantaged children in Coventry who wouldn't otherwise receive them. They are all referred to us by community agencies or schools. With the continuing high cost of living, we are keen to support as many families as we can and are distributing in more areas of the city than ever. Families come to a party in their area in the week before Christmas to join in craft activities, meet Santa and collect their bags of toys. For us, this project is not just about providing gifts for the children, it is about meeting with families and sharing God's love with them.

Different ways you can help:

- **Bring a gift to church on Gift Sunday 26th November.** Please note:
 - We aim to give each child a gift worth about £15. You may like to club together with a friend. We're always short of gifts for girls aged 8 – 12.
 - The toys must be new and unwrapped.
 - CCM **cannot** give books, clothing, soft toys, CDs, DVDs, electronics or video games.
- **Bring a 'One for All' gift voucher to value of £10:** available in POs, many supermarkets and high street shops. These are especially useful for teenagers, given along with a small present.
- **Buy a designated present from the Giving Tree request list on Amazon or a gift card:**
https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1F08E4G2IOTWO?ref_=wl_share
Choose Coventry City Mission as delivery address (not shown in full).
**Please ensure gifts are scheduled for delivery by the end of November.
- **Make a donation of money:** this will be used to cover any shortage of presents. Bring cash in an envelope to Gift Sunday, or cheque made out to 'Coventry City Mission'. If giving by bank transfer: A/c details: Coventry City Mission, 40-52-40, 00018702 - please use the reference GT2023.
- **Pray** that we can support those most in need across the city and that we will receive enough donations of presents and money required to fund the project. Pray for health of all the staff and volunteers working to make the project happen.

Some suggestions from CCM for popular gifts: Disney princess dolls and Barbie style dolls, Jewellery-making kits, fidget toys, baby toys, Duplo, Lego and Lego friends, dolls, action figures, Star Wars toys, Remote controlled cars, Skateboards or Scooters, Footballs, 'Rubik' style cubes, board games / jigsaws for a whole family to play together, standard size rolls of wrapping paper, small sellotapes, AA/AAA batteries.

Any queries to: sarah@covcitymission.org.uk or to Margaret O'Kane at church c/o office@bagintonroadurc.org.uk, subject 'Giving Tree'.

Warwick Road Centre Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 12th & Friday 15th December
at 12.00 noon prompt
£12.50 per person
Payment to be made with order



Roast Turkey, Chipolata Sausage,
Sage & Onion Stuffing,
Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy
or
Vegetable Parcel

Christmas Pudding & Brandy Sauce
or
Biscoff & Ginger Cheesecake

Tea or Coffee & Mints



Warwick Road Centre and Café - November Update



A brief report this month:

- The next Film Club afternoon is Wednesday 1st November 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.
- The Tai Chi Group that meets at the Centre every Monday morning is looking for more members. Anyone interested can contact George in the Office for more details.

Trevor Gay, Warwick Road Centre Manager

Open Doors Café menu - November 2023

Opening times: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Snacks and drinks: 10am – 11:30am; Hot meal: 12noon – 1:30pm (last orders 1pm)

Main course - £4.50, Pudding - £2.50; Meal Deal (Main and Pudding, served with tea or coffee) - £7

Wednesday 1 st	Chicken casserole Walnut & toffee sponge
Friday 3 rd	Smoked haddock, potatoes, peas and parsley sauce Apple crumble & custard
Tuesday 7 th	Corned beef hash and cauliflower cheese Fruit trifle
Wednesday 8 th	Minced beef cobbler, potatoes and vegetables Fruit salad and ice cream
Friday 10 th	Lincolnshire sausage, bubble & squeak and onion gravy Chocolate & ginger sponge and cream
Tuesday 14 th	Chicken dinner Cherry sponge and custard
Wednesday 15 th	Lamb & vegetable casserole Eton mess
Friday 17 th	Chilli con carne and jacket potato Lemon & blueberry cheesecake
Tuesday 21 st	Broccoli & cheese quiche, buttered potatoes and peas Cinnamon spiced baked apples & custard
Wednesday 22 nd	Battered fish, potato wedges & peas Bakewell tart and custard
Friday 24 th	Braised beef, potatoes and vegetables Treacle sponge and custard
Tuesday 28 th	Gammon, potatoes, peas and parsley sauce Eve's pudding and custard
Wednesday 29 th	Barbequed pork, potatoes and vegetables Bread pudding and custard

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There are some amazing events coming up - so grab your diary and get planning!



Cinderella | The Belgrade Theatre

22nd November to 13th January | Coventry City Centre

This Christmas you're invited to a Royal Ball at the Belgrade Theatre with the nation's favourite panto, Cinderella! This wonderful rags-to-riches tale is guaranteed to delight all the family and bring a touch of magic to your festive celebrations.



Vintage Sleigh Ride | Coventry Transport Museum

25th November - 23rd December | Coventry City Centre

Take a ride on an enchanting vintage sleigh, meet Santa, tell him your Christmas wishes, and collect your gift from the elf's toy shop. Admission to Coventry Transport Museum is included in the ticket price. Booking essential!



The Gruffalo | Warwick Arts Centre

28th November - 24th December | Canley

Join Mouse on a daring adventure through the deep, dark wood in Tall Stories' magical, musical adaptation of the classic picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. Songs, laughs and monstrous fun for children aged 3 and up and their grown-ups, in this much-loved show!



Wizard of Oz on Ice | Planet Ice Arena

Tuesday 5th December | Coventry City Centre

This season, Planet Ice present a fun filled version of the Wizard of Oz adapted by the Show & Skate class of amateur skaters and supported by their Professional on Tour cast. A magical evening's entertainment for the whole family, guaranteed to fill the hearts of young and old with the spirit of Christmas.



Santa's Sparkly Surprise | The Belgrade Theatre

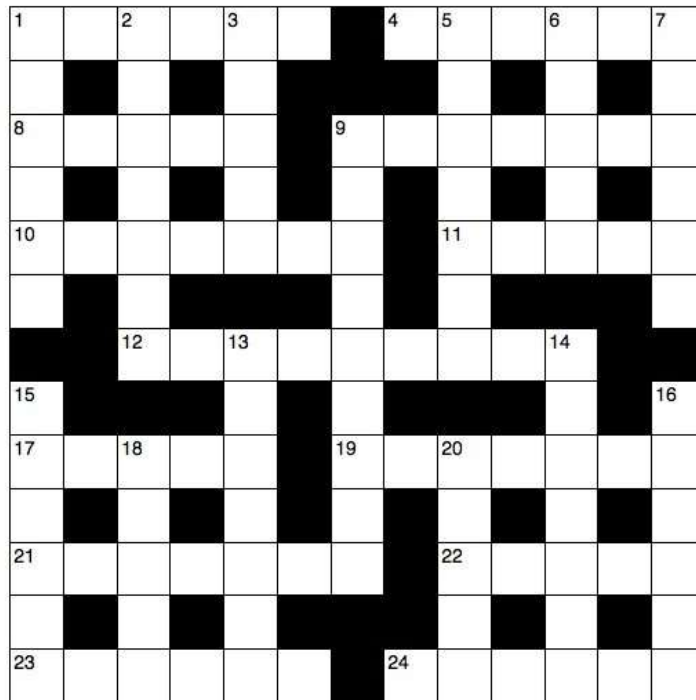
7th - 24th December | Coventry City Centre

Bring your little ones to see Santa, Ellie the Elf and the gang! Get the festive season off to a magical start by helping Rudolph and Mouse bring Christmas to the North Pole. Meet Santa and receive a Christmas gift. Perfect for ages 2-6.

And there's more!

Head to www.coventryrocks.co.uk to find your fun.

Puzzle Pages



Across

- 1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when he had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)
- 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
- 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
- 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)
- 10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
- 11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
- 12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
- 17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)
- 19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)
- 21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
- 22 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)
- 23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6)
- 24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

Down

- 1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)
- 2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)
- 3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)
- 5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
- 6 and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
- 7 A three (anag.) (6)
- 9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
- 13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
- 14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
- 15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
- 16 See 6 Down (6)
- 18 Paste (anag.) (5)
- 20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)

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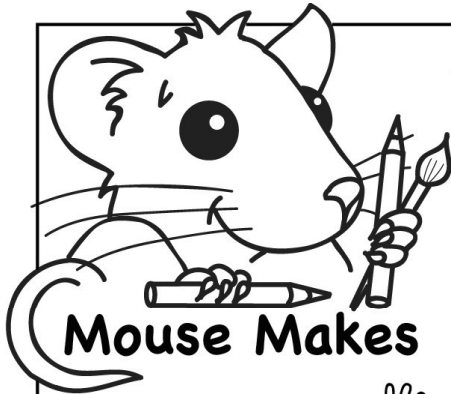
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WORDSEARCH

This month, on 30th November, Scotland remembers one of the very first disciples of Jesus. St Andrew is honoured, not for any mighty deeds of his own, but for his love of introducing people to Jesus. He went straight off and introduced his brother Peter to the Saviour, and followed that up by bringing Nathanael/Bartholomew to Jesus. 'Better Together' seems to have been his slogan, too! 'We have found the Messiah!', he told them, unable to keep the good news to himself. Andrew's connection with Scotland dates back to the claimed translation of his remains from Patras in Achaia to Scotland in the eighth century. The church in Fife where these remains were buried became a place of pilgrimage during the tenth century. All of this may be no more than pious legend, but that St Andrew was highly regarded in Scotland and became its patron saint is beyond doubt.

SCOTLAND	EIGHTH	H T H G I E F I F S B L E
DISCIPLES	REMAINS	S N P I L G R I M A G E R
JESUS	TRANSLATION	A I A H C R A E R N N A E
ANDREW	FIFE	T R A N S L A T I O N N M
HONOURED	PILGRIMAGE	M E S S I A H C R D W A A
PETER	TENTH	T S R E I O U T E N E H I
NATHANAEL	PIOUS	N S C H L D A A V P T T N
BARTHOLOMEW	PATRON	I A A O O P R U O I V A S
MESSIAH	SAINT	A T M R T E I I L O E N U
SAVIOUR	LOVE	S E T T T L C C C U O D S
PATRAS	INTRODUCING	W N U E N A A A S S N R E
ARCHAIA	PLACE	I T P N E L P N L I I E J
		P H O N O U R E D P D W T



"Do not be anxious about anything,
 _____ and _____
 with thanksgiving, present your
 _____ to God."
Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

"The _____
 is _____
 to all who _____
 on him in _____."

"For where two or three

 in my name, there
 I am with them."
Matthew 18:20

Psalm 145:18

SAY SORRY
 PRAY FOR OTHERS
 PRAY FOR YOURSELF
 THANK GOD
 FOR MY FAMILY
 PRAY FOR FRIENDS
 PRAY FOR THE NEEDY
 PRAY FOR THE SICK
 PRAY FOR THE CHURCH
 PRAISE GOD

C	O	N	F	E	S	S	P	K	R	Q	C
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Find these words too:
 APPROACH
 MEDITATE
 HEAR • LISTEN
 BLESS • PRAISE
 FORGIVE • NAME
 CRY OUT • AMEN

NIV

 Look up the Bible verses,
 fill in the blanks then
 find them in the
 word search

" _____
 always, _____
 continually, _____

 in all circumstances."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Therefore,

 your sins to one another and
 _____ for one another,
 that you may be healed."
James 5:16

" _____
 yourselves
 to prayer, being
 watchful and
 thankful."
Colossians 4:2

SOLUTION - SUDUKO (EASY)

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

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4	2	8	5	6	1	9	7	3

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Thanks. 4 Banner. 8 Esher. 9 Azariah. 10 Compare. 11 Ishma.
12 Doorposts. 17 Oaths. 19 Galatia. 21 Papyrus. 22 Frail. 23 Listen. 24 Hyssop.

DOWN: 1 Trench. 2 Ashamed. 3 Karma. 5 Ananias. 6 Neigh. 7 Reheat.
9 Areopagus. 13 Observe. 14 Satraps. 15 Compel. 16 Gallop. 18 Tapes. 20 Lofty.

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Thanks,
Claire

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Worship at Baginton Road URC - November 2023



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

Date	Time	Preacher		
5 th November	am pm	Revd I. Macnair Revd Colin Offor	Holy Communion	
12 th November	am	Ann Tempest	No pm service	Remembrance Sunday
19 th November	am 6pm	Rev P Kimberley Sue Davis & Revd Peter Kimberley	HC	Remembering Service
26 th November	am	Steve Elton	No pm service	Parade/Gift Sunday
3 rd December	am pm	Kirsty Mabbott Revd D. Spriggs	HC	Advent Sunday

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