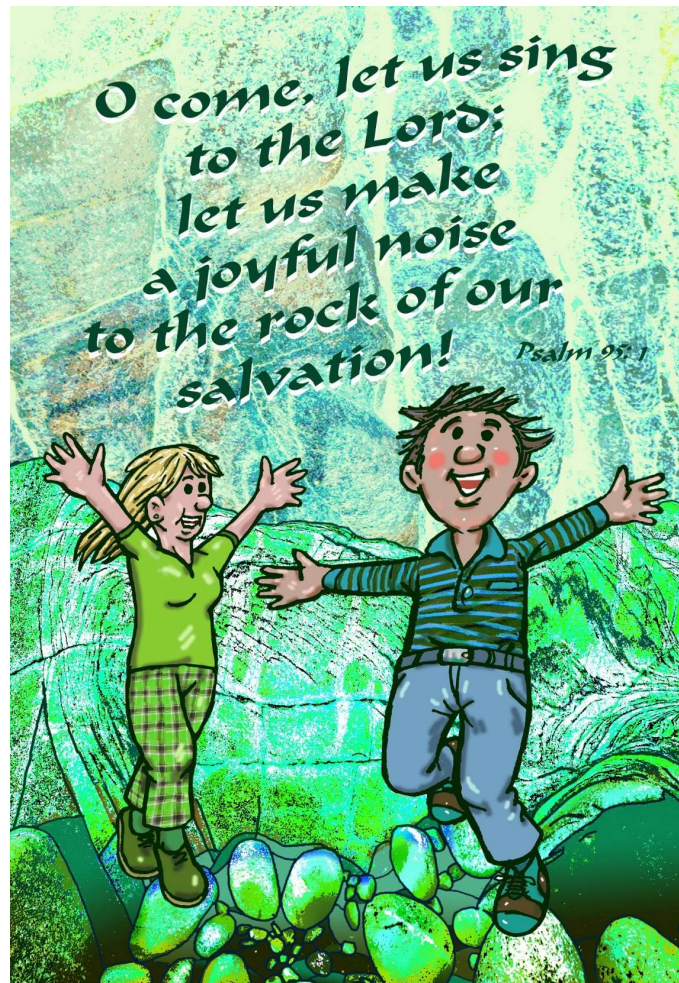


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Garden Party - Save the Date!

Sunday 28th July: Garden Party at Pam and John Dawson's (25 Watercall Avenue) in aid of the Young Blind People's Charity LOOK. Garden railway will be running (weather permitting).



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Dear Friends

It is an honour to serve as Pastor at Baginton Road URC. The Lord has called me here for a purpose, and I am committed wholeheartedly to fulfilling that purpose. I am full of joy, excitement and expectation for the future of this Church. It has been a blessing getting to know you over the last few weeks, and I am most grateful to our Lord Jesus Christ for placing strong and profound love for you in my heart so that I can serve you, work with you, and motivate you as we build God's Kingdom together here in Coventry. I am confident that with your love, commitment and prayers, God will cause this ministry to bear much fruit in Jesus' name.

On 7th and 14th April, I taught on "The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit in the Church today". We looked specifically at Jesus' teaching about the Holy Spirit in the Gospel of John. He introduced a new word to describe the Holy Spirit, Paraclete (the Greek word *paraklētos*), best rendered as 'Advocate'. Thank you for your kind words and comments on how the teaching has been a blessing to you individually. The theme was timely as we look forward to celebrating Pentecost Sunday (the coming of the Holy Spirit) in a few weeks on 19th May.

As we prepare for this celebration, I wish to remind you of Jesus' words in John 16:12-13a: "*I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth.*"

This promise wasn't only for the disciples but was extended to the Church universally. The Holy Spirit guides believers into all truth. How does He do this? It is through scripture and personal revelations. Truth is the most precious thing we have. We all desire to know the truth about the world around us, the people around us, the places we go. In our spiritual lives, we yearn to know and understand God's word accurately, what is real and true about the God we love and serve.

We are so blessed as believers! Why? Because we know Jesus, and Jesus is the truth! We are told in John 14:6 that He is "*the way, the truth and the life*". Do you remember Jesus' response to Pilate in John 18:37? He said, "*The reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.*" Notice that just as Jesus is the truth, so is the Holy Spirit called the 'Spirit of truth.'

We have all had wonderful teachers and educators throughout our lives who have impacted us in one way or another. The teacher is the giver of knowledge. Jesus reveals that the Holy Spirit will teach us all things and because He has all the knowledge, He is the best teacher we could ever have. In John 14:25-26, Jesus says: "*All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,*

whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

The Holy Spirit inspired scripture, and He was the one who helped the disciples to remember so that they could accurately understand and interpret what Jesus had taught them. The question for us to reflect on today is: do we spend enough time in God's word? It must be at the top of our priority list. The more we read and study the scriptures – the more we are taught and reminded through God-breathed words inspired by the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 3:16- 17 tells us that the scriptures are *"useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."* The Holy Spirit, who dwells within us, opens our hearts and minds to its truths. We see a reference to this in Ephesians 1:17-18 where God gives His Church *"the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him"* so that *"the eyes of your understanding might be enlightened."*



Be blessed as you continue to study and meditate on the word of God. I pray that as you do so, the Holy Spirit, our Paraclete (Advocate), the source and revealer of all truth, will continue to abide with you and guide you always.

Remember, I am here to serve you, as Jesus came to serve and to be served (Matthew 20:28).

Do reach out if you'd like to speak or meet with me. I am usually around Monday to Thursday at the Church if you'd like to pop in for a chat and have a cup of tea or for counsel, advice or prayer. My contact details are listed in the Church Contacts section on page 20.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may abound in hope. (Romans 15:13)

Every blessing,
Pastor Sherry Owolabi



Appreciation

We would like to thank all the church community for their advice and support after the death of my mother. In particular, special thanks to all who helped with the funeral tea and to Pete for his lovely service which my family found very uplifting.

Helen, Siân & Barry Mitchell

Notes from Elders' Meetings

April Elders' Meeting



- Sherry was welcomed to her first Elders' Meeting.
- The Knitted Bible exhibition had been a success: £270 was collected in donations and the Easter Coffee Morning raised £207 which will all go towards the cost of a new battery for the defibrillator.
- Apse redevelopment arrangements were finalised.
- Sherry shared her thoughts and ideas for a 'Prayer Strategy'. She will preach about prayer in May, and it will be an item for discussion at the Church Meeting on 8th May.
- The Admin Group is drawing up arrangements for the election of Elders.
- Committee and Group membership and remits were updated.
- Elders' contact lists were updated to include new members.
- Agreed to support the Moderator's Appeal for aid to Gaza.
- Committee reports were received.

Pauline Luckett, Church Secretary

Christian Aid Week - The Brink of Survival

Christian Aid Week this year is 12th -18th May, with the slogan "Push back against Poverty".

We all recognise the dire consequences of poverty: it robs people of their dignity and allows injustice to thrive. This is the true story of one determined mother in Burundi (Central Africa) who was certainly pushed to the brink of survival by poverty.

Aline Nibogora suffered abuse at the hands of a violent husband and was forced to flee when he turned the community against her. She lost almost everything. Separated from her three sons, she resorted to sleeping in the street; however, her love for her children drove her to transform her life.



Her first step back from the brink came when she participated in a three-day community workshop with Christian Aid-funded trainers. With that experience behind her, she received a small start-up loan to trade avocados and peanuts locally; with her profits she bought a bicycle so she could transport greater quantities of goods to markets further afield.

At long last, her hard work earned her enough money to rent a house and be reunited with her three sons. Together they are now building a new safe and happy home of their own!

Christian Aid Week is our opportunity to demonstrate love through our gifts, prayers and actions. It is a time to let our global neighbours know that our love goes out to them as they face ever increasing changes and challenges.

This year your gift could provide a stepping stone out of poverty for someone like Aline and her boys. Her story proves that we can beat extreme poverty.

Christian Aid envelopes will be given out with the noticesheets on 5th May and will be available until the end of May on the table by the Sound Desk.

Your contribution will help fund the vital support and training which means that a community can come together to push back against poverty by starting small businesses, growing food, improving their living conditions and securing a bright future for their children.

Mary Goodwin

Social Committee news

We have planned a range of different activities and events for the rest of the year - they are varied but fresh ideas are always welcome. We hope many of you will support us both in attending and in helping at the different social events.



Our next social will be a Strawberry and Cream Afternoon on Saturday 29th June, with games and a Summer Hamper Raffle. There will not be a charge but donations will be gratefully received on the day. We hope the weather will be warm and dry so we can have a garden party outside; if wet and cold, we will be in one of the halls so please do not be discouraged. Please let us know if you can make a donation towards the hamper so we can raise funds for our church.

Dates for Your Diary:

- Strawberry and Cream Afternoon: Saturday 29th June at 2.00pm
- Holiday at Home: Monday 5th August - activity day with lunch and refreshments
 - Tuesday 6th August: Coach trip to National Memorial Arboretum
 - Wednesday 7th August: activity day with lunch and refreshments
- Musical concert: Sunday 22nd September
- Harvest Lunch: Sunday 29th September
- Christian Aid Soup Lunch: Saturday 9th November
- Bazaar and Craft Fayre: Saturday 30th November
- Christmas Tree Festival: December (TBC)

Further information will be given nearer to each event.

Social Committee

NEWS IN BRIEF FROM AROUND THE UK AND BEYOND

Rome's Trevi fountains have been cleaned. Coins thrown in are removed twice a week and given to the Vatican charity Caritas, which uses the funds for food banks and soup kitchens in the city. Approximately £1.25m is collected per year.



The Victorians were aware of health benefits of the nation. The Earlsdon Rugby Club was formed in 1905 by members of the Earlsdon Baptist Church and Trinity Guild Rugby Club by members of Holy Trinity Church in 1899 with the requirement that the Secretary be a church member (which was kept until mid-1960s).

The German nation appears to be divided about *tanzverbot* which is a ban on dancing in public, imposed during both World Wars and enshrined in State laws in the 1950s. Besides Easter, the ban applies at Christmas and on All Saints Day; however, both Protestant and Roman Catholic areas have different views about the duration of the law, not helped by a survey showing the nation moving away from Christian beliefs.

Last year the Welsh Government proposed changes to school holidays that would uncouple the spring holiday from Easter, therefore schools would have set term times regardless of when Easter comes, which gives the scenario of two extra days holiday for children (no doubt with no objection by them).

In Italy the news headlines have been about the Iqbal School in Pioltello near Milan when it announced there would be a school holiday on 10th April 2024 to mark the feast of Eid al-Fitr because 40 per cent of its pupils are Muslim and would not turn up. This is the day after the finishing of Ramadan. However, it was a legitimate holiday as the 200 teachers at the school started the term a day early to compensate. Approximately 25% of the town's 36,000 inhabitants are of non-Italian origin and the school is named after a Christian captive child labourer who escaped from a workshop in Pakistan in 1993; alas he was murdered two years later.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev Justin Welby, has confessed to having talks from 2016 with other Anglican leaders about a fixed date to celebrate Easter and that the 1928 Easter Act should be "enforced". In 1926 the then League of Nations thought this movable feast, which is closely tied to the lunar calendar and also the Jewish celebration of Passover, should be a fixed date. The UK's Advisory and Technical Committee for Communications and Transit discussed the conundrum, resulting in a Private Member's Bill that passed both Houses of Parliament in 1928 with a mechanism by which the date could be fixed; but that mechanism has yet to be triggered as there was no clear assent from the Christian communities. Historically, 25th March was seen as the actual Good Friday, the same as the Annunciation but, as one commentator said, the Catholics and Protestants

cannot agree on the exact nature of a communion wafer. The Committee thought Easter should be fixed to the Sunday after the second Saturday in April.

Recently heard over the Public Address at JFK Airport, New York "Please check your hand luggage for firearms before you go through security". No mention of an over-large bottle of shampoo or bananas!

Barry Stelfox

Making Mondays - Dates for Spring and Summer



Dates for the next few months are:

29th April, 3rd June, 1st July, 5th August (Holiday from Home), 23rd September.

Please note that we've had to move some dates from the last Monday of the month because of Bank Holidays and our own holidays. We will meet either in the Small Hall or back of the Sanctuary, usual time 1.30 – 3.15 pm.

Please bring your own scissors, pens, pencils etc.

Sue, Pam and Kathy

Clear your Clutter for City Mission

Mobile Phones
Cameras – video, digital or film
Games Consoles, games and accessories
MP3 players
Satnavs
Foreign or UK bank notes and coins
Costume jewellery
Watches



All these items can be recycled to raise money for Coventry City Mission.

It's time for a spring clean – search through your clutter drawers and cupboards and see what you can find that you no longer need or use.

During May and June there will be a box outside the office at West Orchard Centre for you to leave your unwanted items

Thank you – Sue Davis

Mission, Outreach and Worship Report for May 2024

Leading your Church into Growth: I will be attending the national conference for LyCiG in June. The course runs from lunchtime on 3rd June to lunchtime on 5th June 2024 and costs £265 per attendee. There are places available – would anyone from the church would like to join me?

The local LyCiG course at Baginton Road in partnership with Abbey Hill URC started on Monday 8th April here at Baginton Road URC, with about eight church members from each church in attendance. The next session is at Abbey Hill Church on 20th May starting at 2:30pm. Please contact me for more information or if you need help getting to Abbey Hill.

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 during the morning. This seems to be being well received. More volunteers needed, please.

Grange Farm School visit Holy Week: Many thanks to the volunteers who helped make the Grange Farm Holy Week visit such a success. Once again, we welcomed 60 Year 4 children who spent the afternoon learning all about who Jesus is and why Holy Week is important to the Christian faith.

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 to see the Open Doors Café in action, you are more than welcome to join me. Contact me if you would be interested in attending this.

Working with other churches: Our work with other churches continues to grow. The ministers in the local area shared a breakfast and prayer meeting in February and are coming together to offer joint services and other shared fellowship opportunities soon. Once again, we shared Maundy Thursday with our Christian friends across South Coventry churches. It was a great worship time with Revd David Spriggs from Quinton Park Church leading the worship, Joe Jamieson of Kings Church preaching the word, and I conducted the Holy Communion. I think over 50 people were in attendance, with a good number from Baginton Road.

Sherry and I attended the South Coventry Church leaders' prayer hub organised by Hope Coventry on Monday 15th April; it was a fabulous evening of sharing, plus worship and prayer.

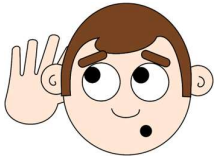
We have restarted Tuesday evening worship time (Agenda-less worship) with the help of Kings Church so keep an eye on the notices for the dates and times.

Revd Peter Kimberley

Poetry Café

Poetry Café meets each month in the Open Doors Café 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 May, Theme: 'Eyes & Ears'

Thursday, 6th June, Theme: 'Relations'



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

Warwick Road Centre and Café – May Update

- Open Doors Café remains busy and as always, we would welcome new volunteers. Please get in touch with the Office if you have an hour or two to spare to help.
- Effective communication with our (hopefully) soon to be new neighbours, Mosaic Church, is high on our agenda. David, Trevor, Ruth and George now meet quarterly with representatives from Mosaic Church.
- If anyone is interested in poetry, why not join the monthly Poetry Group that meets at Open Doors Café on the first Thursday each month for an hour from 2.30pm? Please contact David Lathbury or the Office if you want to know more.
- Our 'outside office hours' bookings for evening and weekends continue to grow. In March there were 24 such bookings. It is very encouraging that our facilities are being so well used.
- Ruth has done a terrific job tidying up and reorganising the Quiet Room. This is a lovely room that we are proud of as an area for quiet reflection, relaxing and prayer. We do now use the room for meetings and we do need to keep it as a tranquil, relaxing, prayerful, room.



Trevor Gay, Warwick Road Centre Manager



Open Doors Café menu – May 2024

Opening Times: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

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

Main course £5, Pudding £2.50, Meal Deal (Main and Pudding, served with tea or coffee) £7.50. Telephone orders: 024 7622 0299



Wednesday 1 st May	Mince beef cobbler, potatoes and vegetables Coffee, date & walnut sponge and custard
Friday 3 rd	Bacon & cheese-filled potato skins, coleslaw and salad Ginger sponge and custard
Tuesday 7 th	Chicken & vegetables casserole Pecan & maple syrup sponge and custard
Wednesday 8 th	Pork sausages with onion gravy, bubble & squeak Mixed berry crumble and custard
Friday 10 th	Cottage pie and vegetables Fruit trifle
Tuesday 14 th	Faggots, mashed potatoes and mushy peas Apple pie and custard
Wednesday 15 th	Barbecued pork, potatoes and vegetables Treacle tart and custard
Friday 17 th	Fish cakes, peas and parsley sauce Lemon meringue pie
Tuesday 21 st	Steak & kidney pie, potatoes and vegetables Raspberry & white chocolate sponge
Wednesday 22 nd	Cheese & broccoli quiche, new potatoes and peas Caramel apple cake and custard
Friday 24 th	Sausage meat lattice potatoes and vegetables Mixed berry cheesecake
Tuesday 28 th	Shepherd's pie and vegetables Warm chocolate & orange sponge
Wednesday 29 th	Gammon, grilled tomatoes, potatoes, peas & parsley sauce Bakewell tart and custard
Friday 31 st	Chicken Kyiv, potatoes and salad Bread & butter pudding and cream

A Dog with Two Bones

I feel like a dog with two bones, when I try to make sense of what is happening in Palestine / Israel. Give a dog one juicy bone to chew on and he is happy; give him two bones and he doesn't know which one to go for first and he becomes confused.

Consider the following two parts of articles I read in newspapers recently:
The parents of a Jewish boy say he was kicked off an NHS hospital bed, then made to sit on the floor with a cannula in his arm, by nurses wearing pro-Palestinian badges; why are nurses allowed to wear such badges, while others have been forbidden from wearing a Christian cross?

Part of a second article: A haunting first interview with a mother kidnapped by Hamas and held hostage with her four children for 51 days. "When we arrived in Gaza thousands of cheering Palestinians lined the streets. The terrorists grabbed my daughter and showed her off to the crowd, boasting they'd stolen a little Israeli girl" - what did anyone think that two small Jewish children had done to merit such treatment? [if you are interested, I have a copy of the complete interview].

At the time of writing this article the Israelis are committing their own atrocities throughout Gaza, so who should we support? I'm like a dog with two bones – confused.

Referring to the wearing of a Christian cross, consider the following ... For some reason the British Government, as well as the Church, has been conscious of not wanting to upset Islamic sensitivities. It has been left to moderately-minded Muslims to state that Britain has been a Christian country for well over a thousand years, all the laws of the land and moral standards are based on Christian ethics and they have no wish to change them. While the Church remains silent, voices of dissent are coming from unlikely quarters, with leading Muslims and staunch atheist Richard Dawkins defending Britain's Christian heritage.

In April 2010 Dr Taj Hargay, then Chairman of the Muslim Educational Centre of Oxford, argued that it is the duty of British Muslims to speak for Christianity when it comes under assault. He was writing following the case of Christian nurse Shirley Chaplin, who was banned from wearing her cross necklace at work. He said, "Too often the PC brigade support overt demonstrations of faith by minority religions, while coming down hard on quiet gestures by Christians".

The only way to counteract this, in my opinion, is for moderately-minded people of all religions, including Humanists and Atheists, not only in this country but worldwide, to sit down together and say: "This is my philosophy, tell me about yours. Let us put our differences aside, and work together for world peace, recognising that everyone has the right to their own philosophy".

In all religions there are moderately-minded people as well as people who think that theirs is the only true religion and that everyone should think as they do, even to the extent of killing them if they don't. Christianity is no exception: a well-known 'progressive' Bishop, the late Jack Spong, had 16 death threats during his ministry by hard-line 'fundamentalist' Christians – not something Jesus would have agreed with.

Meanwhile, the war between Hamas and Israel shows no signs of ending soon, and the war in Ukraine rumbles on. There are other wars and disputes taking place in other parts of the world that we seldom hear about – Sudan, for example. Will there ever be a time of peace? One can only hope so; at times it seems there is little you or I can do about it. All I can suggest is that we try, in our own little way, to do as Jesus and other enlightened teachers taught, that we show love and compassion to everyone.

Charlotte Gray said: "Human beings who leave behind them no great achievements, but only a sequence of small kindnesses, have not led wasted lives".

One final thought: "Human beings are perhaps never more frightening than when they are convinced beyond doubt that they are right" (Laurens van der Post).

I will leave you as usual with the Hebrew blessing – Shalom.

George Drake

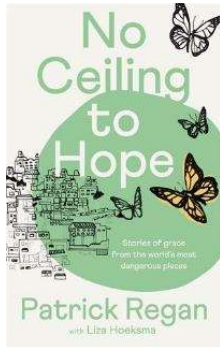


Smiles - Children's exam papers

The following real-life answers to various exam papers explain why teachers need long holidays ...

- What is a nitrate? *Cheaper than a day rate.*
- What was Sir Walter Raleigh famous for? *He is a noted figure in history because he invented cigarettes and started a craze for bicycles.*
- What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common? *Unusual names.*
- Name one of the early Romans' greatest achievements. *Learning to speak Latin.*
- Name six animals which live specifically in the Arctic. *Two polar bears. Four seals.*
- Where was Hadrian's Wall built? *Around Hadrian's garden.*
- Assess Fashion House plc's choice to locate its factory near Birmingham. Is Birmingham the right location for this type of business? *No. People from Birmingham aren't very fashionable.*

Book Reviews



No Ceiling to Hope: Stories of grace from the world's most dangerous places

By Patrick Regan and Liza Hoeksma, SPCK, £10.99

Here are some real-life stories from across the world to show how Christians are helping the most vulnerable in society with God's love.

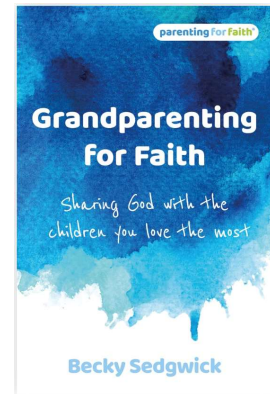
In Bolivia, Christians are backing education projects to help families to find a way out of poverty. In London, XLP is mentoring young people to turn aside from violence. In Los Angeles, a new future is being offered to gang girls. In high security prisons in the UK and US, the Spirit is turning lives around. In Belfast's Shankill Road area, a group of elderly ladies is cooking meals for men who sit all day in local pubs . . . the list is extensive, and inspiring. The common element is that, in all circumstances, Christ is offering hope.

Grandparenting for Faith: Sharing God with the children you love the most

By Becky Sedgwick, BRF, £9.99

Part of the joy of being a grandparent is to help your grandchildren learn to have confidence in God's love for them.

This book will encourage grandparents to be a unique voice, speaking into their grandchildren's lives, and helping to nurture them into the reality of a relationship with the God who loves them.



**Spiritual Growth
in a Time of Change**
Following God in midlife
Tony Horsfall

Spiritual Growth in a Time of Change: Following God in midlife

By Tony Horsfall, BRF, £9.99

Our 40s and 50s are often times of personal change and emotional transition for our families, but they can also be important years for our spiritual lives.

Tony Horsfall addresses a number of 'midlife' issues – from facing up to the past, to renegotiating relationships – and explores how to navigate a spiritual journey through these years, leading to deeper faith and a closer walk with God.

from Parish Pump



← scan me!



BLOOMIN' BLUEBELLS!

Bluebells are popping up at lots of locations around Coventry and Warwickshire - they are usually in bloom from around mid April to the end of May. Here's a list of our favourite places to see bluebells in Coventry. You can find out more at www.coventryrocks.co.uk

Please be careful not to step on bluebells, they are to be enjoyed from the paths and must not be walked on. Trampling on these delicate flowers can cause them long-lasting damage which will affect how they flower for years to come.



Ryton Wood | Ryton-on-Dunsmore

Ryton Wood is one of the country's largest surviving semi-natural ancient woodland. In Spring, primrose, anemone and yellow pimpernel carpet the woodland floor, and in the large, clear glades there are fabulous bluebell displays.



Bagot's Castle | Baginton

Bagot's Castle is a 14th century castle in the village of Baginton. During late April and early May the banks leading down from the castle to the river are carpeted by an extensive display of bluebells.



Tocil Wood and Nature Reserve | Canley

Tocil Wood is ancient woodland located between Tocil Pools and the new Gibbet Hill Wood at the Warwick University Campus.



Crackley Wood | Kenilworth

Crackley Wood is a popular local nature reserve in Kenilworth. Visit in May to enjoy the spectacular blanket of bluebells dotted with delicate wood anemone, yellow pimpernel and common dog-violet.

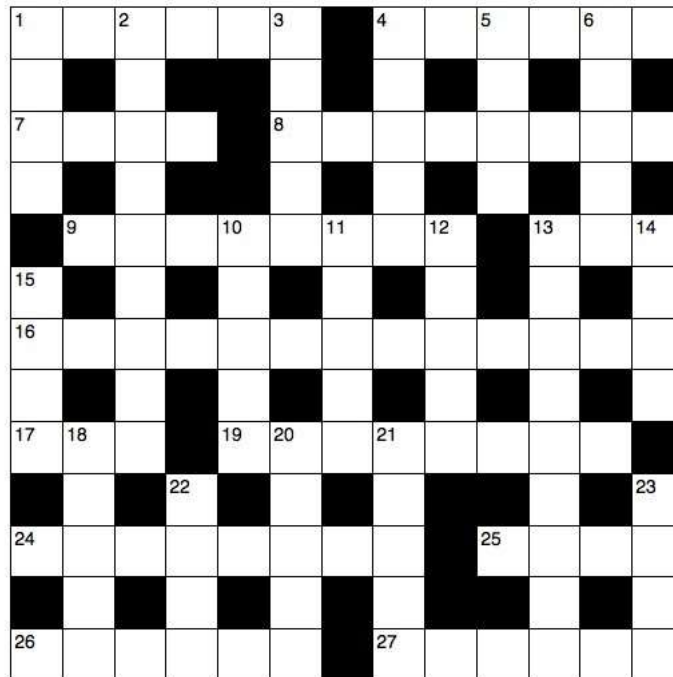
Whitacre Hall Walks & Tea Room | Coleshill

Whitacre Hall Tea Room and Walks are open all year round. Take a walk around the beautiful woodlands, pools and farmland followed by a lovely cup of tea or coffee and home made cake.

www.coventryrocks.co.uk



Puzzle Pages



Across

- 1 One who owes money, goods or services (Isaiah 24:2) (6)
- 4 'A good measure, pressed down, — together and running over' (Luke 6:38) (6)
- 7 Continuous dull pain (Proverbs 14:13) (4)
- 8 This bread contains yeast (Amos 4:5) (8)
- 9 'But take heart! I have — the world' (John 16:33) (8)
- 13 And the rest (abbrev.) (3)
- 16 What Paul was accused of by Tertullus, the high priest's lawyer, in his trial before Felix (Acts 24:5) (13)
- 17 Rap (anag.) (3)
- 19 Founder of the Jesuits in 1534 (8)
- 24 'For where your — is, there your heart will be also' (Luke 12:34) (8)
- 25 The first word written on the wall during King Belshazzar's great banquet (Daniel 5:25) (4)
- 26 'We all, like sheep, have gone — ' (Isaiah 53:6) (6)
- 27 One was given in honour of Jesus in Bethany (John 12:2) (6)

Down

- 1 'The blind receive sight, the lame walk, the — hear, the dead are raised' (Luke 7:22) (4)
- 2 Conduct (Colossians 1:21) (9)
- 3 In the Catholic and Orthodox traditions, the body of a saint or his belongings, venerated as holy (5)
- 4 'Like a — of locusts men pounce on it' (Isaiah 33:4) (5)
- 5 Very old (Genesis 44:20) (4)
- 6 In Calvinist theology, one who is predestined by God to receive salvation (5)
- 10 How Nicodemus addressed Jesus when he visited him one night (John 3:2) (5)
- 11 Sea (Psalm 148:7) (5)
- 12 'I will — you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever' (Psalm 145:1) (5)
- 13 One of the groups of philosophers that Paul met in Athens, who disagreed with his teaching about the resurrection (Acts 17:18) (9)
- 14 Barred enclosure (Ezekiel 19:9) (4)
- 15 'Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in — with the Spirit' (Galatians 5:25) (4)
- 18 Cares (anag.) (5)
- 20 Garish (Ezekiel 16:16) (5)
- 21 'So God said to Noah, "I am going to put — — to all people"' (Genesis 6:13) (2,3)
- 22 Just (2 Corinthians 6:13) (4)
- 23 'The — of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge' (Proverbs 1:7) (4)

SUDOKU (EASY)

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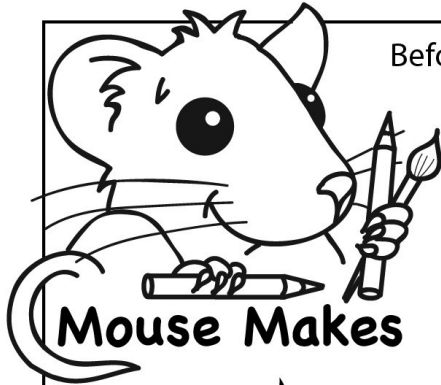
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WORDSEARCH

The first Sunday in May is Rogation Sunday. This is when many parishes still 'beat the bounds'. Rogation means an asking of God - for blessing on the seed and land. The practice began with the Romans, who processed around the cornfields each Spring, singing and dancing, sacrificing animals, in order to get rid of evil. About 465 AD the Western world was suffering from earthquake and storm. Mamertius, Bishop of Vienne, aware of the pagan custom, ordered that prayers should be said in the ruined or neglected fields. Thus 'beating the bounds' became a Christian ceremonial. It arrived in England early in the 8th century. Each Spring, led by the priest, a little party from the parish would set out with a Cross to trace the boundaries of the parish. They'd implore God to keep their corn and roots and boughs in good health, and bring them to harvest. In the days when maps were scarce, 'beating the bounds' helped remind everyone just where the boundaries were.

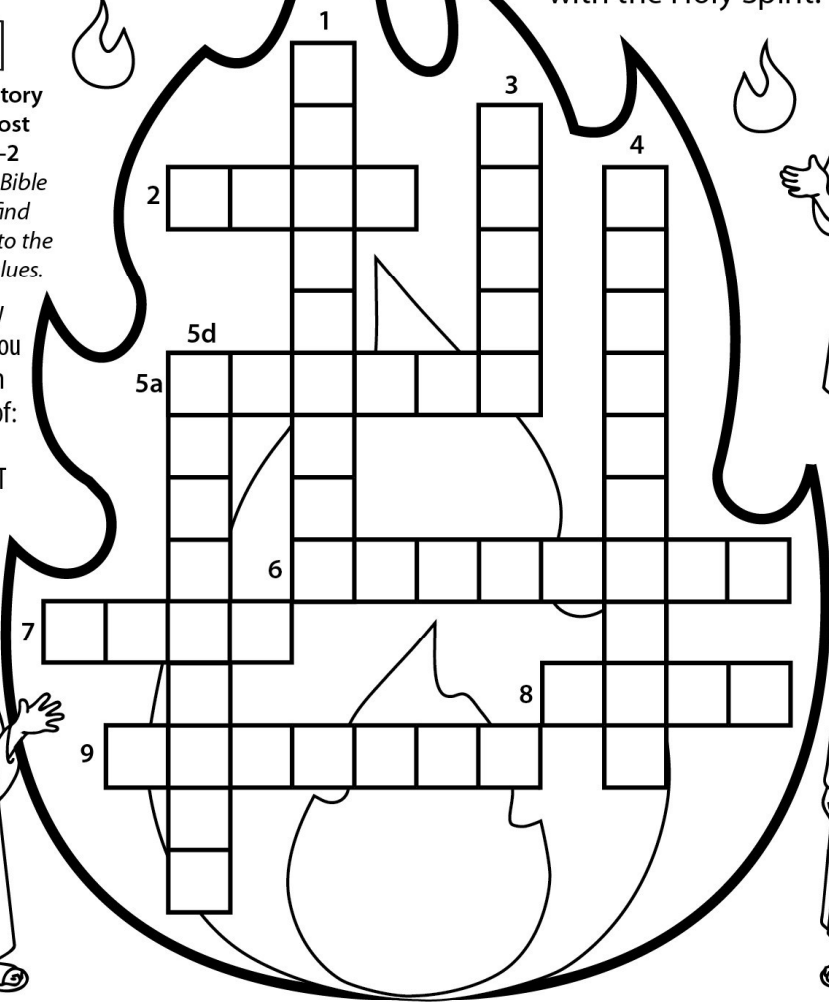
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Before Jesus ascended to heaven he told his disciples
*"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit
 has come upon you, and you will be my
 witness in Jerusalem and in all Judea
 and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"...*
 ...When the day of Pentecost arrived,
 they were all together in one place,
 and they were all filled
 with the Holy Spirit."


READ the story
 of Pentecost
 in Acts 1-2
 Look up the Bible
 verses to find
 the answers to the
 crossword clues.

How many
 words can you
 make from
 the letters of:
 DAY OF
 PENTECOST



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| <p>1 After Jesus ascended into heaven, which city did the Apostles return to? <i>Acts 1:12</i></p> <p>5a What did the Apostles devote themselves to? <i>Acts 1:14</i></p> <p>6 Who was chosen to replace Judas? <i>Acts 1:26</i></p> <p>5d Which special day was it? <i>Acts 2:1</i></p> | <p>8 What rushing sound came from heaven? <i>Acts 2:2</i></p> <p>2 What appeared? Tongues of ...? <i>Acts 2:3</i></p> <p>4 What were the disciples filled with? <i>Acts 2:4</i></p> <p>9 What did they start speaking in? <i>Acts 2:4</i></p> <p>3 Who spoke to the crowd? <i>Acts 2:14</i></p> <p>7 Who had prophesied this? <i>Acts 2:16</i></p> |
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CROSSWORD SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1, Debtor. 4, Shaken. 7, Ache. 8, Leavened. 9, Overcome. 13, Etc. 16, Troublemaking. 17, Par. 19, Ignatius. 24, Treasure. 25, Mene. 26, Astray. 27, Dinner.

DOWN: 1, Deaf. 2, Behaviour. 3, Relic. 4, Swarm. 5, Aged. 6, Elect. 10, Rabbi. 11, Ocean. 12, Exalt. 13, Epicurean. 14, Cage. 15, Step. 18, Acres. 20, Gaudy. 21, An end. 22, Fair. 23, Fear.

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Worship at Baginton Road URC - May 2024



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

Date	Time	Preacher	
5 th May 2024	am pm	Sherry Owolabi Revd David Spriggs	Holy Communion
12 th May	am	Sherry Owolabi	
19 th May	am pm	Revd Peter Kimberley Sherry Owolabi	Holy Communion
26 th May	am	Sherry Owolabi	
2 nd June	am pm	Sherry Owolabi Revd David Spriggs	Holy Communion

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