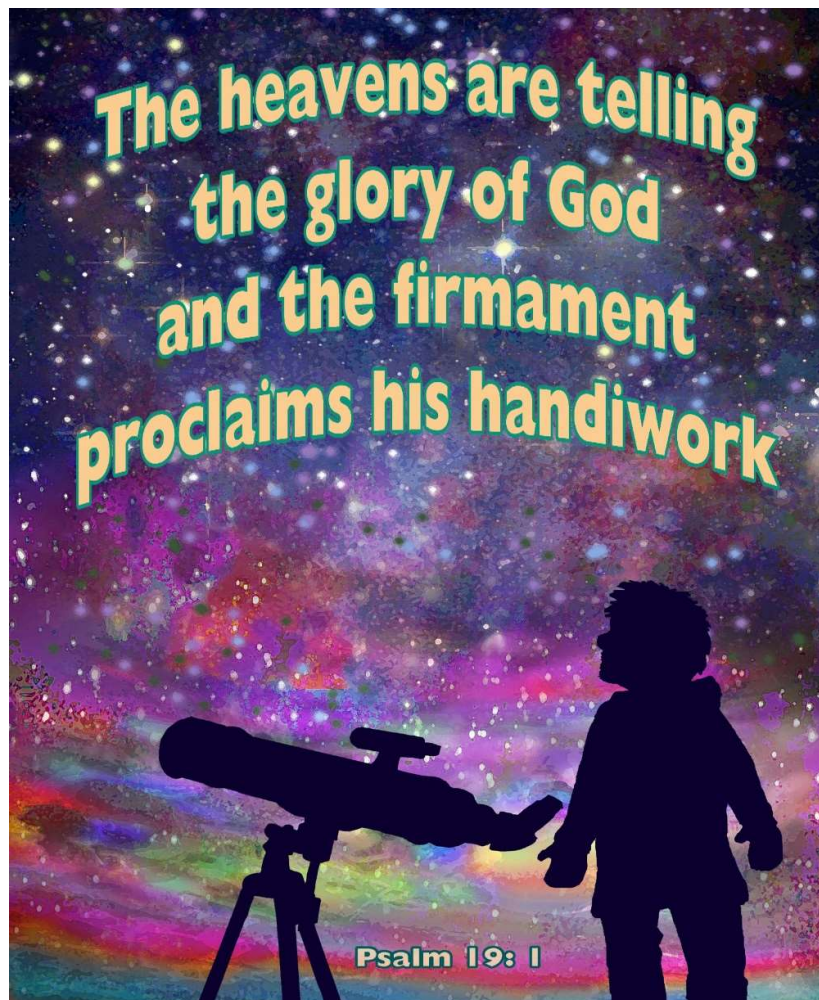


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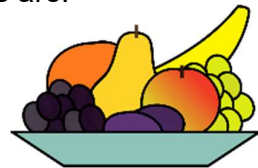
Poetry Café meets each month in the Open Doors Café at 2.30pm. Meetings are normally on the first Thursday of each month but this is sometimes changed so please check beforehand with Warwick Road Centre Office: 024 7622 0299.

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, 13<sup>th</sup> June, Theme: 'Relations'**

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> July, Theme: 'Fruit'**



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

## Dear Friends

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

[1 Thessalonians 15:16-18]



In many churches today, the weekly prayer meeting is usually the most unattended in the programme, or it has completely disappeared altogether. A praying church is a healthy church, and instead of putting prayer last or at the bottom of the agenda it must and has to come first. I am excited as we move into a season where we begin to reflect on our prayer lives (individually and collectively as a church), developing and ushering in our Prayer Strategy at Baginton Road URC.

In scripture, we are presented with a clear picture of what prayer is, how to pray the right way and how to get results from our prayers.

In James 5:13-16, the Prayer of Faith, we see that God encourages us to pray in all circumstances – whether we are happy or in trouble. There is no good or bad time to pray; the more we pray, the better. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 encourages us to “pray continually” (NIV) or “pray without ceasing” (NKJV). How can you pray without ceasing? Is that possible? To pray without ceasing is to have constant access to the Father and include Him in every area of our lives. We can be in a constant flow with God all day. The Passion Translation of this verse sums it up beautifully: “Make your life a prayer.”

I am sure you will agree that building a relationship with someone without communicating with them would be impossible; or declaring that someone is your best friend, but you never talk to them. Prayer is our communication with God and helps us to cultivate a deeper relationship with Him. When you pray, God listens because you're His child, and you pray according to His will. What is so amazing is that God relates to you as though you are the only one in the world. How special is that?

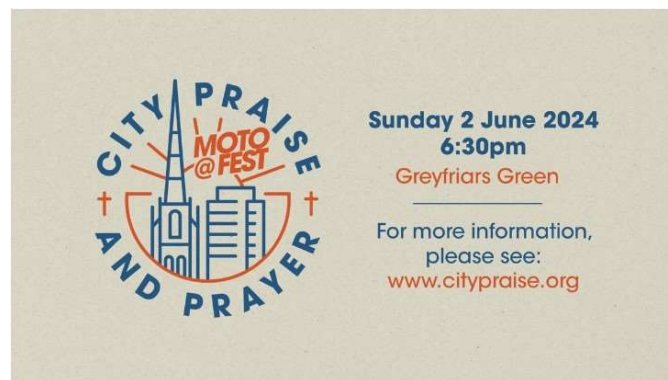
I want to continue to encourage you to speak to God. He loves you, and He wants to hear your voice. As you strive to develop your relationship with God, here are my top tips for prayer:

1. **Have daily, regular times of prayer.**
2. **Commence each prayer session by reading a short passage in the Bible.** Daily devotions such as those on 'YouVersion', the 'Every Day with Jesus' or 'Lectio 365' apps are all very good examples, encouraging and challenging you to seek intimacy with God every day.
3. **Pray through the day's problems as they arise and talk to God immediately when things happen.** He can provide the help you need at that very moment.

4. **Cultivate the habit of talking with God – as a friend.** There is no need to be formal! Use natural, everyday language; this way, you can express your thoughts and pray effectively.
5. **Be honest with God because He knows the truth about everything.** There is something special about pouring your heart out to God as your Father – it is so comforting!
6. **Research / study what the Bible says about prayer.** Find out all the things that have happened in scripture as a result of prayer. You will be encouraged to see how much prayer has accomplished and continues to accomplish for God's Kingdom.
7. **Listen while you pray.** Set aside a time and comfortable location where you can focus on God, wait in silence, and be undistracted and spiritually receptive.
8. **Pray with others.** When you do so, it unifies you with other believers. Remember the passage from Acts 12:1-17 we explored: the impossible happened when they prayed together.
9. **Make a prayer list.** It is a simple tool which will encourage you to focus during prayer times and remind you to pray for others. You will become more effective when you get into the habit of consistently praying for others.
10. **Use prayer resources to help strengthen your prayer life.** By the grace of God, we will soon have some excellent resources on prayer available in the new Prayer Room. This will include books that teach you how to pray effectively and encourage you, prayer cards, and a recommendation of films on prayer that will inspire you.

Prayer is one of the most powerful weapons God has given us! May your prayer lives be strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, in Jesus' Name.

Every blessing,  
*Pastor Sherry Owolabi*



**Sherry and her family will be at this event.** Why not join them! More information at <https://www.citypraise.org/next-gathering>

## Notes from Elders' and Church Meetings



### May Elders' Meeting:

- The Gaza Appeal raised £240.62 which included Gift Aid; this amount was matched from Church funds bringing the final total to £481.24.
- Pastor Sherry outlined her ideas for a Prayer Strategy which includes making the BR Sitting Room a room for Quiet Prayer (the room will still be available for other activities) and using the Quiet Room at WR Centre as a Prayer Room.
- Elders discussed arrangements for the Elders election and the 2024 AGM. Amendments were made to the list of Officers and Representatives. The AGM will start at 7.00pm and will follow a Bring and Share tea which will be at 6.00pm.
- Room bookings at BR will become the responsibility of the Church Admin Officer. Kevin will have an increase in his hours to accommodate this added responsibility.
- Card reader machine: further information is needed before a decision can be taken.
- Elders supported the Lone Working Policy, and it will go before Church Meeting for approval.
- The Elders discussed membership and Pastor Sherry gave some suggestions as to how we might increase our membership.
- Elders approved safety measures to enable the Scouts to pursue air rifle activities and comply with rules laid down by the Scouting Association.
- Junior Church: from June all departments will combine and meet in the Sitting Room with two leaders delivering age-appropriate activities. This arrangement will mean finding only two adults instead of four each week. The arrangement will be reviewed as or when numbers increase.
- Church Secretary has carried out Advanced Safeguarding Training.
- Redevelopment of the apse area is nearing completion and cleaning of the Sanctuary will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> May. The next phase (improvements to the AV system) will go ahead as soon as possible using Bob W's legacy to finance it.
- Elders received Group Reports and updates prior to the Church Meeting.

### Church Meeting, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024:

- Pastor Sherry shared her ideas for a Prayer Strategy; further details are in the minutes which are available at the rear of the Sanctuary.
- The meeting agreed to receive Graham and Sue C into membership of BRURC.
- Members were given details of the Elders election.
- Reports from several groups and committees were approved.
- A summer raffle will be held in aid of Church Funds.



- Upcoming diary dates were shared.
- The meeting agreed that on completion of the redevelopment of the Apse, professional cleaners should be hired to deep clean the Sanctuary.

*Pauline Luckett, Church Secretary*

## Prayer Time on Your Phone



I can remember awhile back going to a talk on Prayer where the speaker told us that, as followers of Christ, if we were too busy to talk to God each day, we were too busy. I have always remembered that and it's a good reminder to us all that prayer should be of all-consuming importance to each of us every day. If you're a bit like me, however, although I feel I'm in constant conversation with God on a daily basis, it is the sitting down and actually talking to God and listening to what He has to say to me that I find tricky. I was recommended by a friend to download the 24/7 Prayer Movement app *Lectio 365*; I find it both encouraging and enlightening each day and would recommend it. It has a morning and evening session – the evening session especially is very nice to listen to before you go to sleep.

In addition to this, recently Waverley Abbey (now home of the 24/7 Prayer Movement) has launched a new app entitled *Every Day with Jesus* and I find it so encouraging; I would highly recommend you to give it a try. Not only does it give you a daily Bible verse and devotion, it suggests an action you can take based on the Bible reading, it includes prayer and gives you a small list of Bible readings for further study. You can also 'share' the whole session with another i-phoner! I often share what I've read with my friends as an encouragement. Sometimes I genuinely feel the devotion I am reading or listening to was written specifically for me. For instance, today's devotion is based on Colossians 4: 2-6 '*Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone*'. A reminder to always speak kindly to one another even when you may face unkindness.

I hope you'll give one or both of the apps a try and maybe share with friends or family a session that has particularly spoken to you.

*Marilyn Sanders*

### **Garden Party - Save the Date!**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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).

## NEWS IN BRIEF FROM AROUND THE UK AND BEYOND

Disposing of the cremated remains of a loved one requires serious thought: in a cemetery, in an urn on the mantelpiece, at a beauty spot or at sea? There are many scenarios and the latest is in the upper atmosphere by using a balloon to rise to approximately 100,000 ft or 19 miles. A picture of your loved one is attached to an urn and at the release of the ashes this is photographed incorporating both.

Sunday church attendance is 80% of that in 2019 and has more than halved since 1987. Almost 300 parishes have disappeared in the last five years, the fastest rate since records began in 1960. Last month saw the first Church in Wales' "micro-service" to help worshippers "find peace in a troubled world". This is held in Penllergaer every Monday at 4:45pm and is no longer than 15 minutes so workers on the way home can call into church, find a space for peace and quiet, prayer and reflection. Other churches are having evening Compline service (Tonbridge), a 15 minute service on a Tuesday regarding conflict zones (Wolverhampton) or, in Sheffield, a contemplation service.

On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024, Bristol Cathedral invited multiple faiths to celebrate the Grand Iftar which marks the end of daily fasting during Ramadan and is open to non-Muslims. The event was organised by Muslims4Bristol in partnership with the Cathedral and also Bridges for Communities. This event started in 2017 following the Manchester Arena bombing, to promote peace and unity.

Dr Martin Schoyen has a collection of 20,000 manuscripts, of which 400 pieces are connected to the Bible. Many are be sold, including the *Crosby-Schoyen Codex*, a collection of early Christian texts from North Africa which contains the oldest complete versions of two books of the Bible from around the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century AD. These manuscripts are vital evidence of the Judaeo-Christian tradition that existed at the time. They are written in the Coptic language on papyrus and contain the first complete versions of the *Book of Jonah* and the *First Epistle of Peter*, written before the conversion in 312 AD of Emperor Constantine. The pre-auction value of the *Codex* alone is up to £3 million. The auction is at Christie's on 11 June 2024.



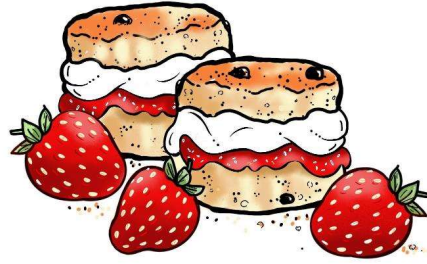
The Coventry branch of The Choir with No Name meets weekly at Central Hall, providing a lifeline, a safe space for people to make friends and to combat loneliness. Its vision is that no-one should face mental health, poverty and homelessness alone. Currently the 30 members, besides singing in a community atmosphere, enjoy a free hot meal. The charity Global has given £2.6 million for projects in local communities across the UK and this choir has been awarded £63,700, which should cover its expenses for the next two years.

*Barry Stelfox*

## Social Committee News

### Dates for Your Diary:

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



Further information will be given nearer to each event.

*Social Committee*



*Baginton Road Church invites you to a  
Strawberries & Cream Afternoon  
on  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm*

No charge but donations gratefully received on the day. We hope the weather will be warm and dry, so we can have a garden party with games and a Summer Hamper Raffle.  
If wet and cold we will be in one of the halls, so please do not be discouraged.  
We would be grateful to receive donations towards the hamper, so we can raise funds for our church. Please let us know if you can give something for the hamper.  
Please sign the sheet at the back of the Church, to help give us an idea of numbers. You are welcome to come if you have been unable to sign the sheet.

**Everybody is welcome!**



## Making Mondays - Dates for Spring and Summer



Dates for the next few months are:

3<sup>rd</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> August (Holiday from Home), 23<sup>rd</sup> 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*



### Landlubbers Summer Holiday Club

Ahoy there me hearties!! We need a crew of willing volunteers to help at our Summer Holiday Club for children, which runs on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024 from 9.30am -12.30pm each day. If you've always wanted to be a pirate, here's your opportunity to join Captain Heave Ho, Captain Yo Ho and Captain Book as we all set off on a treasure hunt to discover the greatest treasure of all – knowing Jesus! If you can offer any time at all during the week, we'd love you to join us.

We need volunteers for refreshments, crafts, games, junk modelling and helping out with the mini pirates (the under-5s). We can promise you it will be a great week of fun, laughter and fellowship as 'we share the love of Jesus every day' with children from our local community.

Please have a word with me if you'd like to volunteer or want to know more – age is no barrier to having fun and helping children know Jesus! Thank you.

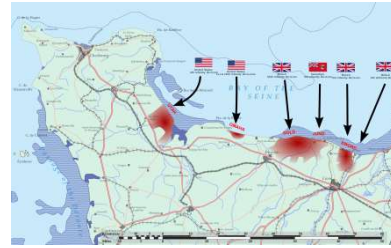
*Marilyn Sanders*

## The D-Day Normandy Landings

Eighty years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944, the D-Day Normandy Landings took place. More than 150,000 Allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy. The Battle of Normandy ended on 25<sup>th</sup> August with an Allied victory.

The question of what the *D* stood for has never been absolutely determined: some say it just stood for Day; others maintain it was Disembarkation, because it was an

amphibious operation. What is sure is that there was a spiritual dimension. General Eisenhower, the commander of Operation Overlord, urged those taking part to “beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking”, and President Roosevelt broadcast a prayer to the nation – the United States, that is.



Before June 5 – the original date for D-Day, before bad weather forced a rethink – a massive and successful series of deceptions was put in place to make the Nazis think the invasion would come elsewhere. The Germans were certainly confused. Hitler, thinking the attack was a feint, refused to send reinforcements, and their strategy was hampered by the absence of their brilliant Commander Erwin Rommel, who was on leave.

Nevertheless, the Americans suffered over 2,000 casualties at Omaha Beach, which was the most heavily defended. Altogether it was reckoned that over 4,000 Allied troops were killed, but about 156,000 successfully stormed the beaches and many landed behind the lines, including American paratrooper Private John Steele, who descended on to the pinnacle of the church tower in Sainte-Mère-Église, the first village to be liberated by the US Army. Lit up by searchlights, he survived by pretending to be dead, was captured and then escaped, joining the invading soldiers.

This year handmade silhouettes of almost 1,500 servicemen were transported to Normandy for an art installation, *Standing with Giants*, to mark the anniversary.

*By Tim Lenton, Parish Pump*

## **Warwick Road Centre and Café – June 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.
- A shout-out this month for Hong Kong-based Belonging Church, who use the Open Doors Café every Thursday, 10am - 1pm. They recently provided funds to replace all the tablecloths in the café. This is a very kind gesture and we are very grateful.
- Messengers of Salvation Church celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in June. They have used Warwick Road Centre for most of those years on a Sunday afternoon in our Main Hall. We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Pastor Eric and his congregation as they celebrate this significant milestone.



*Trevor Gay, Warwick Road Centre Manager*

## Open Doors Café menu – June 2024

Opening Times: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday.

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

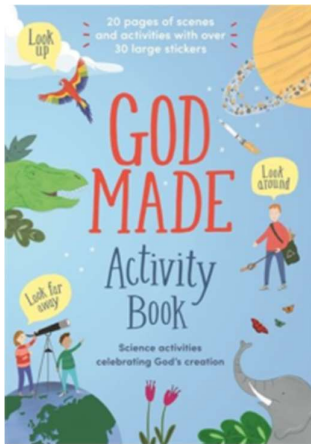
Main course £5, Pudding £2.50, Meal Deal (Main and Pudding,  
served with tea or coffee) £7.50. Telephone orders: 024 7622 0299



Tuesday 4th	Beef lasagne and salad Sticky toffee sponge and custard
Wednesday 5th	Chicken & mushroom pie, potatoes and vegetables Fruit salad and ice cream
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pork dinner Peach cobbler and ice cream
Tuesday 11th	Ham & leek pie, potatoes and vegetables Warm chocolate brownie and ice cream
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Cheesy potato bake, grilled tomato and peas Lemon sponge and custard
Friday 14th	Minced beef & onion pie, potatoes and vegetables Jam sponge and custard
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Chicken & vegetable cobbler, and potatoes Mandarin flan and cream
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Stuffed peppers and salad Cherry sponge and custard
Friday 21st	Steak pie, potatoes and vegetables Strawberry Victoria sponge
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Fisherman's pie and peas Eve's pudding and custard
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Lancashire hotpot Pineapple sponge and cream
Friday 28th	Sweet & sour pork and savoury rice Biscoff & ginger cheesecake

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## Book Reviews



### **God Made Activity Book – Science activities celebrating God’s creation** **By Lizzie Henderson and Steph Bryant, SPCK £6.99**

This children’s book is a fun-filled science sticker activity book celebrating God’s creation.

The 20 pages of scenes and activities engage children in celebrating the creativity and diversity of all that God made with over 30 large stickers of animals, planets and natural features.

Activities include observing the moon and stars on a starry night, charting the weather, using stickers for a pre-historic animals’ scene (including dinosaurs), collecting and identifying the great variety of leaves, going on a mini-beast search expedition, identifying the planets of the solar system, growing vegetables to eat, and matching animals to their habitats using stickers.

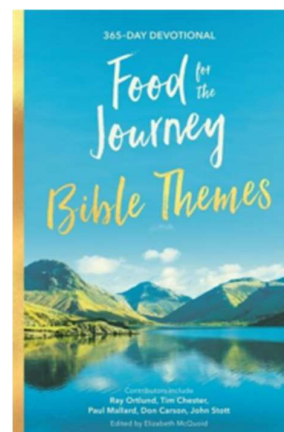
The ‘God Made’ series encourages young children to explore and discover more about the world around them, and tells them about the loving God who made it all. Written in collaboration with The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, this series of picture books – God Made Space, God Made the World and God Made Animals – and activities is an ideal way to help children engage with and celebrate God and His universe. Explore further with Faraday Kids [www.faradaykids.com](http://www.faradaykids.com)

### **Food for the Journey Bible Themes: 365-Day Devotional** **Various Authors, Edited Elizabeth McQuoid, IVP,** **£25.99**

This book provides Bible readings for the whole year from trusted Bible teachers at the Keswick Convention.

Featuring well-known speakers such as Alistair Begg, Don Carson, Jonathan Lamb, Peter Maiden and many more, it offers daily encouragement to draw closer to God through His Word.

The book is an omnibus of the Food for the Journey Themes series, with a theme for each month of the year. It features three brand new themes that are only available in this volume: Grace, Suffering and The Holy Spirit.



*from Parish Pump*



## **Baginton Road Church**

### **Holiday from Home August 2024**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August**

Coach Trip to The National Arboretum (£15 per person or £20 if you want to book the land train tour)

**Limited places**, so you'll need to pay when booking to guarantee a place.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

£10 per person per day

Activity Days 10am to 3pm. There will be a wide range of activities including a talk by a bee keeper.

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

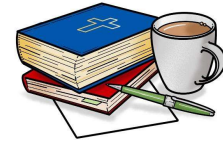
Tea and coffee will be available and lunch served both days.

Pick up a registration form from the main church or contact the Church Office 024 7641 9927 [office@bagintonroadurc.org.uk](mailto:office@bagintonroadurc.org.uk).



## Mission, Outreach and Worship Report - June 2024

**Bible Study – John’s Gospel:** I have acquired a Bible Study into John’s Gospel. If you would be interested in joining me on Monday afternoons to investigate John’s Gospel, please let me know and we’ll work out the best time to suit.



**Leading your church into growth:** I will be attending the national conference for LyCiG in June of this year. The course runs from lunchtime on 3<sup>rd</sup> June to lunchtime on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and costs £265 per attendee. There are places available and I wonder if anyone from the church would like to join me. The next session is at Baginton Road church on 10<sup>th</sup> June starting at 2:30pm.

**Bounce and Play:** Due to popular demand, we are planning to run Bounce and Play through the summer months. So if you can spare a couple of hours on a Wednesday morning, please let me know.

**Holy Communion at Home:** I have been asked to reach out to those who can no longer get to church and offer them an opportunity to receive Holy Communion. If you know someone who would like to receive Holy Communion, please get in touch.

**Agenda-less worship:** We have restarted Tuesday evening worship time with the help of Kings Church and Quinton Park. The next Tuesday evening worship is on 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm at Baginton Road Church. At the last worship evening we had 34 attending which was fantastic and created a really spiritual atmosphere. Please join us if you fancy a slightly different style of worship.

Every Blessing  
*Revd Peter Kimberley*



The poster features a central logo for 'Landlubbers' depicting a pirate character with a red bandana and a yellow sun behind his head. The background is a light yellow with faint, repeating patterns of palm trees and compass roses. The text is centered and provides details about the holiday club, including dates, times, fees, and contact information.

**Landlubbers**

### Holiday Club 2024

Join the Landlubber Pirates as they search for hidden treasure on a desert island. During our travels, we will discover the greatest treasure of all – knowing Jesus!

22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> July  
9.30am – 12.30pm

Free but we ask for a £5 returnable fee per family to secure your places  
For ages 0 – 11 years (under-5s must be accompanied by an adult)

Registration forms available from  
83 Baginton Road, CV3 6FP  
[office@bagintonroadurc.org.uk](mailto:office@bagintonroadurc.org.uk)  
tel: 024 7641 9927  
(deadline for registration 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024)



← scan me!



## WHAT'S ON IN COVENTRY?



There are some amazing events and activities popping up in and around Coventry over the next few months...

### **BVLR Miniature Railway | Selected weekends**

Operating on select weekends throughout the summer at Russells Garden Centre. Hop on and enjoy the ride.



### **Doze under Dippy at the Herbert | 15th June**

Head to the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum for a truly unique family sleepover experience!

### **Whitney Tribute Night | 15th June**

An unmissable evening at the glamorous Coombe Abbey Hotel. Enjoy the ultimate Whitney Houston tribute.



### **Julius Caesar at Belgrade Theatre | 17th - 19th June**

Expect the tearing of togas, swishing of roman swords and the biggest battle scene five actors have ever created! 7+.

### **CW Mind Summer Ball | 22nd June**

Mask up and embrace the mystery at the Summer Ball, all whilst supporting mental health in our community.



### **Godiva Festival | 5th - 7th July**

The popular Godiva Festival is bringing incredible live music and family entertainment to War Memorial Park.

### **Lunt Roman Festival | 3rd - 4th August**

See the whole Roman fort come alive for the Roman Festival! A whole weekend of historical family fun.



### **Dinosaur World Live | 30th August - 1st September**

Dare to experience the dangers and delights of Dinosaur World Live at Warwick Arts Centre! This roarsome interactive family show comes directly from the West End!

Browse local events at [www.coventryrocks.co.uk](http://www.coventryrocks.co.uk)

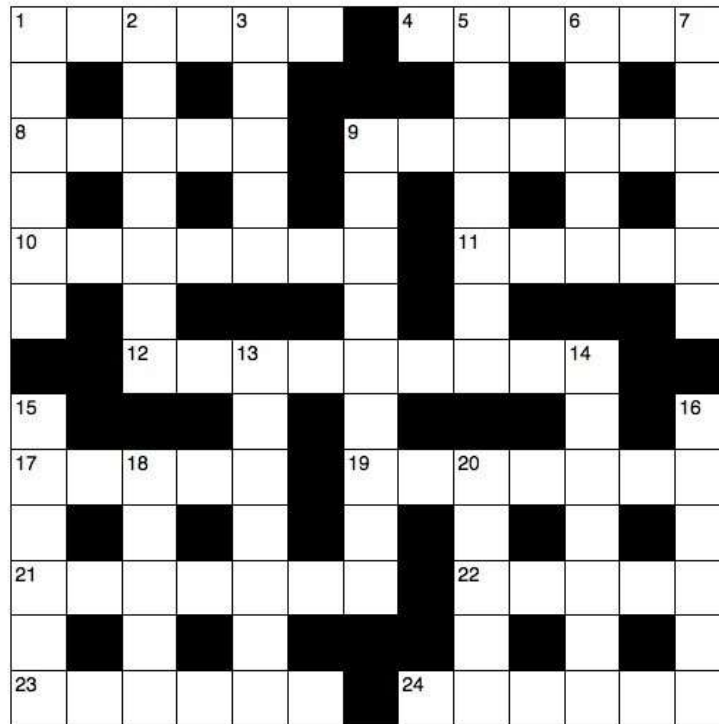
## FOLLOW US AND JOIN THE COMMUNITY!

There are thousands of local parents following us Social Media, and we'd love for you to join in! Just search Coventry Rocks and like our page!

[www.coventryrocks.co.uk](http://www.coventryrocks.co.uk)



## Puzzle Pages



### Across

- 1 Military tactic used by Joshua to attack and destroy the city of Ai (Joshua 8:2) (6)
- 4 Place of learning (6)
- 8 'When Moses' hands grew — , they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it' (Exodus 17:12) (5)
- 9 Unpleasant auguries of the end of the age, as forecast by Jesus (Matthew 24:7) (7)
- 10 Stronghold to which girls in King Xerxes' harem (including Esther) were taken (Esther 2:8) (7)
- 11 Where Saul went to consult a medium before fighting the Philistines (1 Samuel 28:7) (5)
- 12 Propitiation (Hebrews 2:17) (9)
- 17 Turn away (Jeremiah 11:15) (5)
- 19 So clear (anag.) (7)
- 21 'I have just got — , so I can't come': one excuse to be absent from the great banquet (Luke 14:20) (7)
- 22 Long weapon with a pointed head used by horsemen (Job 39:23) (5)
- 23 Musical beat (6)
- 24 What the Israelites were told to use to daub blood on their door-frames at the first Passover (Exodus 12:22) (6)

### Down

- 1 Fasten (Exodus 28:37) (6)
- 2 Art bite (anag.) (7)
- 3 'The people of the city were divided; some — with the Jews, others with the apostles' (Acts 14:4) (5)
- 5 Contend (Jeremiah 12:5) (7)
- 6 Possessed (Job 1:3) (5)
- 7 Sheen (Lamentations 4:1) (6)
- 9 'You love evil rather than good, — rather than speaking the truth' (Psalm 52:3) (9)
- 13 Large flightless bird (Job 39:13) (7)
- 14 They were worth several hundred pounds each (Matthew 25:15) (7)
- 15 'A — went out to sow his seed' (Matthew 13:3) (6)
- 16 How Jesus described Jairus's daughter when he went into the room where she lay (Mark 5:39) (6)
- 18 The part of the day when the women went to the tomb on the first Easter morning (John 20:1) (5)
- 20 Narrow passageway between buildings (Luke 14:21) (5)

### SUDOKU (EASY)

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

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### SUDOKU (MEDIUM)

2				5				3
	9		6			7		
	5						4	
				8		3		
	3	7				2	6	
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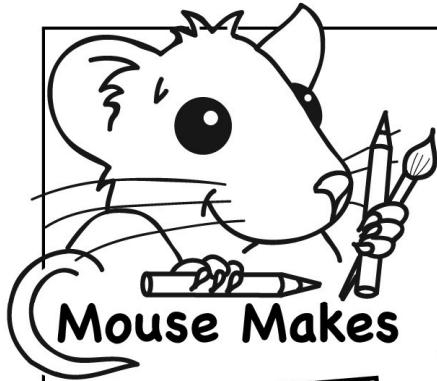
## WORDSEARCH

### Erasmus, patron saint of sailors

Do you like messing about in boats? If so, then you'll have heard of St Elmo's Fire. It is the light that is sometimes seen on mastheads of boats after storms at sea. St Elmo is another name for St Erasmus, a fourth century Syrian bishop who was not afraid of violent storms. Legend has it that one day when Erasmus was preaching outside, a thunderbolt hit the ground right beside him. That might have distracted modern bishops, but not Erasmus – he just kept on preaching. His courage won him the respect of sailors, who made him their patron saint. Erasmus finally died during the Diocletian persecutions in 300AD, and his feast day is 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

BOATS	LEGEND	S	T	L	R	P	F	I	R	E	N	U
ELMO	PREACHING	A	C	I	E	O	M	S	T	H	C	E
FIRE	THUNDER	I	E	G	D	H	A	D	T	C	A	R
LIGHT	GROUND	N	P	H	N	S	S	T	S	O	D	G
MASTHEAD	RESPECT	T	S	T	U	I	T	S	M	U	R	S
STORM	COURAGE	S	E	R	H	B	H	L	T	R	E	M
SEA	SAILORS	Y	R	U	T	N	E	C	Y	A	G	E
FOURTH	SAINTS	S	R	O	L	I	A	S	A	G	O	P
CENTURY	DIED	U	I	F	D	E	D	D	I	E	D	B
BISHOP	PERSECUTION	L	E	G	E	N	D	N	U	O	R	G
		N	O	I	T	U	C	E	S	R	E	P





Change each letter in this bible verse to the letter before it in the alphabet.

TFF XIBU LJOE PG  
 MPWF UIF GBUIFS  
 IBT HJWFO UP VT  
 UIBU XF TIPVME  
 CF DBMMFE  
 DIJMESFO PG HPE  
 POF KPIO UISFF: POF

**WHO IS MY FATHER?**

Who was created by God and became the first father?

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 Genesis 2:20

Who had a son when he was very old?

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 Genesis 21:5

*Shem Ham and Japheth's father built a huge boat, who was he?*

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 Genesis 6:10-14

Who gave his son Joseph a robe of many colours?

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 Genesis 37:2-3

This Roman puzzle square reads the same from the top, bottom and sides and translates:

*"Arepo the sower guides the wheel with skill."*

ROTAS  
 OPERA  
 TENET  
 AREPO  
 SATOR

If you rearrange the letters it can spell **PATER NOSTER** which means "Our Father".

A  
 P  
 A  
 T  
 E  
 R  
 N  
 O  
 S  
 T  
 E  
 R  
 O

Solomon's father defeated a giant and became a King. Who was he?

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 1 Samuel 48-50

Whose daughter was healed by Jesus?

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 Mark 5:21



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

Look up the Bible verses to find the fathers then look for them and the words below in the word search.

- FATHER • GOD
- SON • DAUGHTER
- JOSEPH • ISAAC
- MOSES • JOB
- SOLOMON
- ZECHARIAH
- ZEBEDEE



**SOLUTION - SUDUKO (EASY)**

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

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

**CROSSWORD SOLUTION**

**ACROSS:** 1 Ambush. 4 School. 8 Tired. 9 Famines. 10 Citadel. 11 Endor.  
12 Atonement. 17 Avert. 19 Oracles. 21 Married. 22 Lance. 23 Rhythm. 24 Hyssop.

**DOWN:** 1 Attach. 2 Biretta. 3 Sided. 5 Compete. 6 Owned. 7 Lustre. 9 Falsehood.  
13 Ostrich. 14 Talents. 15 Farmer. 16 Asleep. 18 Early. 20 Alley.

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Thanks,  
*Claire*

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## Worship at Baginton Road URC – June 2024



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

Date	Time	Preacher	
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	am	Sherry Owolabi	Holy Communion
	pm	Revd David Spriggs	
9 <sup>th</sup> June	am	Sherry Owolabi	
16 <sup>th</sup> June	am	Revd Peter Kimberley	Holy Communion
	pm	Margaret Marshall	
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	am	Sherry Owolabi	
30 <sup>th</sup> June	am	Sherry Owolabi	

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