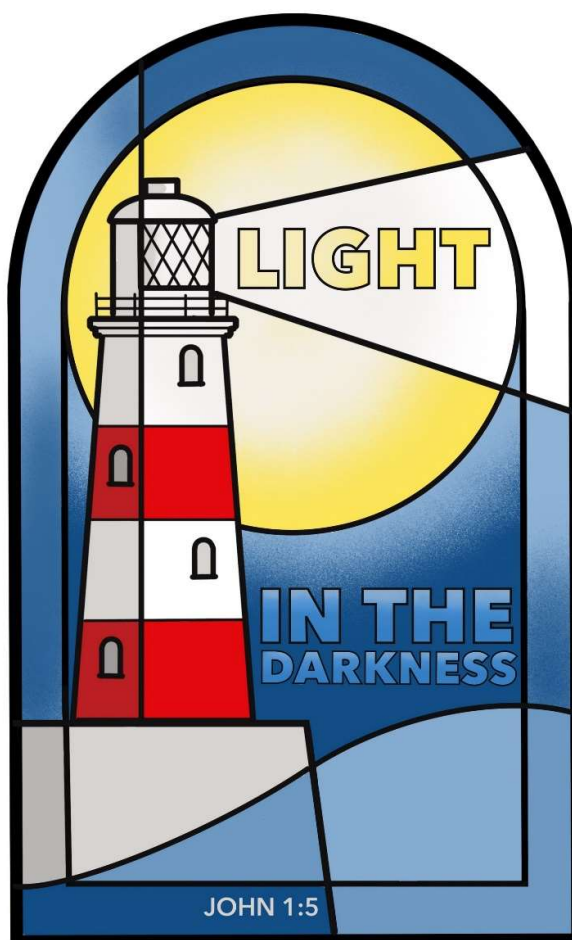




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Dear Friends

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. [Ephesians 5:15-16]

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. [Psalms 90:12]



These two scriptures talk to us about TIME!

As much as we don't like to think about it, our days on earth are limited. Yes, as Christians, we have the privilege of being saved and the blessing of eternal life – the guarantee of spending eternity with the Lord. How glorious! However, we have a clock on our lives and with this awareness, God desires us to place great value on our time.

How do we spend most of our time? Is it school, work, family commitments, taking care of the home, making time for friends, leisure activities? Our busy daily schedules and routines make it easy to make God just an add-on in our lives. We love Him but somehow, other things are prioritised; they seem more important, imminent and urgent. "God can wait – He is not demanding like all the other things I have to deal with," we say to ourselves. That's the assumption we can make – if we don't walk closely with God and are not in a relationship with Him.

When you look at your life and schedule, no matter how impossible or challenging spending time with God might seem, you will make time for God if He is important to you. In Matthew 6:33, it says: *"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."*

Here, the Lord is saying that you must seek Him first. 'First' means 'coming before all others' and also 'foremost in position, rank or importance'. God wants to be at the top of the priority list, not at the bottom, not even in the middle. When we do this, a blessing accompanies it. He says, "And all these things will be added to you," which includes all our anxieties about our daily needs. God knows what we need; all we need to do is pursue His Kingdom and righteousness. He will take care of everything else. Child of God, trust His word and His promises!

Making this shift is not always easy – it takes discipline and the Holy Spirit's help. How can we make time for God a habit and embed this time into our already busy and crammed routines and everyday lives? A big part of this includes learning to bring our time under control. In Jesus, we have the perfect example – He was exemplary at bringing His time under control. Do you know, there is nowhere in scripture where we find that Jesus was in a hurry, was against time or didn't have enough time? Nowhere!

On the contrary, He was very unhurried. What strikes me particularly when I study the life of Jesus is that He was present in every moment – in whatever He was doing; so much so, in John 11:1-7, He didn't even allow the death of His close friend Lazarus to change His focus or pace.

Wouldn't you agree that we need to follow Jesus' example? We must slow down, control our time, and reorder our priorities. Let's put God in His rightful place – put Him first and in the centre of our lives. Let's give Him our love, our time, our attention. He deserves it! As you do so, I pray that God will continue to care for you, bless, protect and provide for you in Jesus' Name.

Every blessing,
Pastor Sherry Owolabi

Evangelism

Why not join Pastor Sherry every Monday, starting from 8th July, from 11am – 12 noon, as she ventures out into the community to share the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. You can support and participate by being a smiley face and handing out flyers whilst declaring the powerful words “Jesus loves you!” to passers-by. If you do not think you are good at evangelism, come along and observe. In doing so, you may soon discover that you become increasingly more confident at approaching people and initiating discussions about the gospel or inviting them to our church activities and services.

Christian Aid Appeal

It's with great joy and a big smile that I can tell you that we raised £515 for Christian Aid this year. Faced with so many worthy competing appeals due to flood, famine and poverty in our hurting world, of which Christian Aid has been our May - June focus, it is truly heart-warming to have raised over £500 in this current climate of need in Africa.



Each time I ride my pink bike, I now spare a thought for Aline Nibogora and how our contribution helped to fund the Christian Aid trainers whose workshop provided her with the skills which have enabled her family to thrive and achieve a positive future for themselves and their community in Zimbabwe.

Thank you so much for your response. You never fail to surprise me with your generous contribution to those in need around the world.

Mary Goodwin

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will take place on **Wednesday, 17th July at 7.00pm**. This will be preceded by a Bring & Share Tea starting at 6pm. For those wishing to come along for tea there will be a 'Sign Up' sheet in church so that you can indicate what you are able to contribute, tea and coffee will be provided. If you would like to join us for tea but you are not able to provide any food please come along anyway as I am sure there will be sufficient for everyone.

I hope we have a good number attending; it is important for our discussion and, decisions are more meaningful when a larger number are involved in making them.

Pauline Luckett, Church Secretary

Notes from Elders' Meeting, June 2024



- Elders noted that the new arrangements for Room Bookings and the reorganisation of Junior Church had gone smoothly.
- Pastor Sherry gave details of new initiatives she was setting up as part of her targets following her appointment; these include Passion for Prayer, a 30-minute session for private or shared prayer at 6.00-6.30pm on Thursday evenings commencing 27th June. The Sitting Room now functions as a Prayer Room as well as meeting space, and all are invited to visit for private prayer. Visitor forms and welcome packs to be given to any visitors to morning or evening worship. Sherry hopes to drop in on Home Groups, and she will be producing sets of questions based on her sermons for discussion material for the groups if they wish to use them. Sherry will be spending an hour each week (probably Monday from 11am - 12 noon) out in the community visiting local streets and places, spreading the Gospel with the people she hopes to meet and inviting them to church. Sherry also hopes to organise a course 'Coffee Morning to Sunday Morning' where people can explore the use of 'Talking Point – 200 Christian question cards for inspirational conversations to explore faith'. These cards will be on the tables at coffee mornings where it is hoped they will stimulate discussion led by those who have attended the course. Further details on all these initiatives will be available from Sherry or via the Sunday Notice Sheet and leaflets you will find in church.
- Apart from one or two snagging items, the Apse is now complete. The T-loop will be restored during the week commencing 17th June. A discussion took place concerning improvements to the audio-visual aspect, but opinion was divided as to the way forward. Hopefully, a small group can be set up to review what is required and bring a proposal to church meeting.

- Elders' election: nominations closed on 9th June and the election process moves to the next stage which is approaching the nominees to ask if they are willing to stand in the election.
- It was agreed to continue with the current arrangements for morning Communion, where people collect their bread and wine on entering the sanctuary. The presiding minister will serve people during evening worship.
- The account for the new boilers at Baginton Road has now been settled.
- M&M discussions are still ongoing.
- Baginton Road manse: a proposal will be put to the AGM asking members to consider its future.
- There will be a Fire Drill sometime in the next few weeks.
- HOPE Coventry is celebrating ten years of being in operation and to mark this milestone they are asking churches to share coffee and cakes. We will be taking part on Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th July when cakes will be available for a donation which will go to HOPE Coventry.
- Reports from the various groups and committees were tabled.
- Pastor Sherry has completed Advanced Safeguarding Training.

Pauline Luckett, Church Secretary



Prayer Room

I am excited to share that our new Prayer Room has been created. It is located in the previous Sitting Room. I want to extend a huge thank you to all who contributed with your ideas, donations and time. God bless you abundantly! I also want to thank those who have given wonderful feedback on the room and those who have mentioned that they have already started to use the space. I encourage you to visit if you haven't been yet.

We plan to keep on developing the room with more resources. For example, the room will become more of an interactive prayer space – where you will have guidance, visual questions and prompts, formats for prayer, and much more. We continue to need donations for the room; please see me if you have any items that encourage prayer, e.g. prayer books and CDs. We would love more CDs for the music station where reflective and prayerful music can be played to encourage your prayers.

Remember that Elders and Ministers will be on hand to pray with or for you in the prayer room after Sunday morning services at your request. You can also visit the prayer room for personal prayer on a Sunday before the service until 10.20am.

Pastor Sherry Owolabi

Passion for Prayer



Are you passionate about prayer? Do you see yourself as a prayer warrior - always desiring to pray and intercede for God's people, our community and our world? Or are you keen to develop your prayer life by praying alongside others? Why not join our new weekly prayer drop-in service, **starting on 27th June 2024** and running **every Thursday at 6pm in the Sanctuary, lasting only for half an hour?**

These services will have a very informal feel; prayer points will be displayed on the screen and music will play in the background. If you are new to communal prayer, this will create a comfortable atmosphere where you can express yourself. Feel free to stand and pray, walk and pray, kneel, pray quietly, pray aloud, speak in other tongues – whatever you desire! All we ask is that you talk to God, focus on Him, and don't be distracted by anything around you.

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them" [Matthew 18:20].
I look forward to seeing you there!

Every blessing,
Pastor Sherry Owolabi

NEWS IN BRIEF FROM AROUND THE UK AND BEYOND

Hearsall Baptist Church has now been sold to Genesis International Christian Centre who worship under the name MARPE Assembly of All Nations; they currently meet in a rented building in the Rowley's Green area of Coventry. They have promised that the Christmas star will be lit as it has been since the late 1940s. The Hearsall congregation have moved to Holyhead Road URC (now called Sherbourne Community Church).

Conspiracy theories abound concerning the missing 15th century panel which was stolen in 1934 from St Bravo's Cathedral, Ghent, Belgium. It was part of the Adoration of the Mystic Lamb by the Van Eyck brothers. Another panel, stolen at the same time, was recovered from the left-luggage office at Brussels North station after the applicable ticket was received by the church authorities. The investigation was not helped by the cathedral organist suffering a heart attack, with his last words being that 'he was only one who knew', plus something about desk, key, cupboard and insurance; also, a judge who ruled "there is no negotiation with thieves". The panels have been described as Belgium's Sistine Chapel and a local filmmaker hopes to show a



mystery film based on fact and fiction next year. The latest conspiracy theory is that the missing panel is intact and held by an influential Flemish family.

A study of babies' names over the last two years has shown a decrease in Charles with Noah becoming popular. Since then, there has been an increase in rainfall and global warnings!!

Church of England attendance in 2023 is up 5% but there are still 170,000 fewer worshippers than before the pandemic. Could the C of E (and us) learn from the German Lutherans in Heidelberg who have a similar problem but have incorporated Taylor Swift songs into services? This has attracted Gen Z students and as a priest



who listened to her 11 albums said: "I think the church still has good answers to the important questions. But they are often packaged in a way that the younger generations do not understand." Taylor Swift's activism for LGBT rights was praised, as was her distancing herself from Donald Trump. There was also praise for her song *Christmas Must be Something More* with its reference to "Jesus Christ who saved our lives" and her song about her mother's cancer *Soon You'll Get Better*. Services have previously included music by Michael Jackson, Madonna and Bob Dylan but these have not been so popular. So, roll over Beethoven and become a Swiftie!

In April 2024 it was reported that mysterious "drops of blood" were spotted on a statue of the Virgin and Child that was positioned behind an iron grille in a stone grotto in Ostro, Germany. An investigation was started, led by a Professor of Applied Zoology at Dresden University. The red markings were found to be red spider-like mites which had responded to the rising spring temperatures by climbing to higher points which explained why they could be seen on the heads of the statue, giving the illusion of blood when viewed from a distance.

Over 150 years ago (1870) a Methodist group in New Jersey, USA, purchased a mile-square plot of land which included a beach. Access to the beach was blocked betwixt 9am and noon on Sundays during the 15 weeks of summer. The State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) issued a violation letter stating this blockage was illegal as it cut off access to the ocean, which was public land. The DEP ordered that the Methodist group should remove the barriers or be fined up to \$25,000 for each day that the beach was closed. The group has now temporarily allowed beachgoers access on Sunday holiday weekends while it continues to fight the court case.

Church of England senior clergy have been seen abseiling in aid of local charities. In Leominster the non-hazardous 100ft drop down the priory tower was sponsored by Co-op Funeralcare!

Barry Stelfox

Social Committee News

Holiday at Home Monday 5th - Wednesday 7th August: Please see the poster on p.12 of this magazine and the leaflets in Church.

There are limited places still available for the trip to the National Memorial Arboretum on Tuesday 6th August. Please register with Kevin Bodsworth as soon as possible if you wish to go.

We need volunteers to support us on the Activity Days to help with the crafts or in the kitchen to help serve, clear and wash up. This could be for part of a day (morning / afternoon) or the whole of one or two days. A list will be put at the back of the church for you to sign up and indicate how you are able help. We would be grateful for any help you can give.

Dates for your diary:

- Sunday 22nd September: Musical Concert, in aid of an Alzheimer's charity
- Sunday 29th September: Harvest Lunch; this will be a 'bring and share' lunch.
- Saturday 9th November: Christian Aid Soup Lunch.

Further information on the above will be available nearer to each event.

Social Committee



Pam and John Dawson invite you to a

Garden Party

in aid of LOOK, the charity supporting visually impaired young people to thrive



Sunday 28th July 2024, 2 - 5pm
25 Watercall Avenue, CV3 5AW

Tea and cakes, etc
Bring and Buy stall

Garden Railway running (depending on weather)

We look forward to seeing you!

The poster is framed by a decorative border of small red and white repeating patterns. It features two illustrations: one of a garden with a table and chairs, and another of a garden with a person and a dog.

Coffee Morning to Sunday Morning Course

What a blessing to have so many excellent contacts and existing relationships in the community. We are gifted in establishing and building relationships through all the social activities we offer at BR URC. However, in your conversations and interactions, do you struggle to attract people to the spiritual heart of our church? Would you like to deepen and evolve your relationships, enabling you to move on from a social encounter to a spiritual engagement?

If you have answered yes, please come along to this course, led by Pastor Sherry, on Tuesday 9th July, from 1pm – 2.30pm. The course will be a practical session aimed at moving relationships to a more spiritual level, focusing on questioning and engaging people's hearts, just like Jesus did.

Warwick Road Centre and Café - Here's to the Chef!

It is my absolute pleasure, indeed an honour for me, to offer a tribute to Clare Thornton who on 1st June 2024 celebrated 20 years of service at Warwick Road Centre.

Clare is our Catering Manager and Chef and has been involved in the Church Centre since Day 1 in 2004 when the building was commissioned.



We are blessed to have Clare on our payroll. She offers exceptionally high professional standards and provides leadership to all involved in the catering aspects at Warwick Road; this includes management of Open Doors Café, the two paid staff, and all the many volunteers. All catering for functions in the Centre come within Clare's brief. I have been working at Warwick Road for over 14 years and I have never had a complaint about any aspect of catering - a wonderful testimony to Clare's leadership.

Clare has many skills. She is one of those rare people in life who can relate to the full range of abilities in a diverse team of staff and volunteers, all of whom have individual needs. Clare meets them all and always, it seems to me, with a smile. All of us feel a bit better after we have received the reassurances Clare offers us.

Thank you, Clare, on behalf of everyone at Warwick Road - and here's to the next 20 years!

Trevor Gay, Warwick Road Centre Manager

Open Doors Café menu – July 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 2 nd	Chicken Chasseur, potatoes and vegetables Apple & plum crumble and custard
Wednesday 3 rd	Savoury meatballs, creamy potatoes and vegetables Raspberry & white chocolate sponge and cream
Friday 5 th	Corned beef hash and cauliflower cheese Warm chocolate & pear sponge with cream
Tuesday 9 th	Cumberland sausages and ratatouille Treacle sponge and custard
Wednesday 10 th	Braised beef & onions, potatoes and vegetables Mixed berry cheesecake
Friday 12 th	Bacon & cheese filled potato skins, coleslaw and salad Dutch apple pie and custard
Tuesday 16 th	Pork with a leek and stilton sauce, pots and vegetables Fresh cream strawberry meringue nest
Wednesday 17 th	Cheese & onion pie with vegetables Blueberry & lemon pudding and ice cream
Friday 19 th	Salmon with a lemon and dill sauce, pots and vegetables Pecan & maple syrup sponge and custard
Tuesday 23 rd	Hunter's chicken, potatoes and vegetables Jam & coconut sponge and custard
Wednesday 24 th	Cottage pie and vegetables Eton mess
Friday 26 th	Pork sausages and onion gravy, pots and vegetables Banana sponge and caramel sauce
Tuesday 30 th	Beef Bourguignon, potatoes and vegetables Lemon meringue pie
Wednesday 31 st	Vegetable lasagne and salad Black Forest trifle





Baginton Road Church Holiday from Home August 2024

Tuesday 6th 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 5th & Wednesday 7th 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.



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!

22nd – 23rd & 25th – 26th 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

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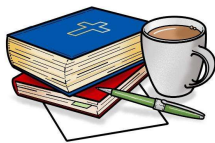
tel: 024 7641 9927

(deadline for registration 15th July 2024)

Mission, Outreach and Worship Report – July / August 2024

Church Membership: During August's Holy Communion service (18th), I will have the privilege of welcoming Graham and Sue Coles into church membership. Please join me in welcoming them both. I hope also to be welcoming Audrey Potts (via transfer from Holyhead Road URC) into membership during the same service.

If you are not currently a church member but regularly attend Sunday worship, could I ask you to seriously consider and pray about becoming a member. I will be writing more about church membership in the next edition of *Connections*.



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 all.

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.

Home 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 appreciate receiving Holy Communion please get in touch with me.

Warwick Road Centre: I am continuing my pledge to support the Warwick Road Centre and visit them on a Friday lunchtime. If you would like to visit Warwick Road Church Centre 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.

Agenda-less worship: We have restarted Tuesday evening worship time with the help of Kings Church, Christchurch and Quinton Park. The next Tuesday evening worship is on 30th July at 7:30pm at Baginton Road Church.

Holiday Club and Holiday from Home: I will be supporting both our Holiday Club and Holiday from Home summer activities during July and August. If you can spare a couple of hours to support or wish take part, the dates are 22nd, 23rd, 25th, and 26th July for the Holiday Club, and 5th, 6th and 7th August for Holiday from Home.

Every Blessing
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, 4th July, Theme: 'Fruit'

Thursday, 1st August, Theme: 'Vegetables'



Thursday, 12th September, Theme: 'The sea'

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



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Falun Gong

At a Thursday Coffee Morning some weeks ago, China came up in conversation and how we know very little about what goes on in that country. I mentioned Falun Gong and how people who practise it have been imprisoned and then killed to harvest their organs. No one at the Coffee Morning had heard of Falun Gong, so I said I would try to write something about it for *Connections*.

I first found out about Falun Gong when a Chinese lady came up to me and asked if I would sign a petition in support of Falun Gong, which I did and she gave me a leaflet explaining about the organ harvesting. It made horrific reading and I wrote an article about it for the *Messenger*, the magazine of Warwick Road URC, and also a letter to *Reform*, the URC magazine. Over the past seven years I have never seen anything mentioned in the news about Falun Gong, so it's no wonder few people have heard of it. Here is a brief outline of Falun Gong and what is going on in China.

In 1992, Falun Gong, a new Buddhist movement, began to sweep China; it is a traditional Chinese Qigong practice promoting self-improvement of one's physical, mental emotional and spiritual well-being. As a dictatorship, the Chinese Communist Party fears groups it does not control; to maintain its grip on the country, it creates an atmosphere of fear by persecuting any independent group.



When in 1998 a government survey showed that 100 million people were practising Falun Gong in China – more than the Chinese Communist Party's membership – the Party leader Jiang Zemin banned Falun Gong, fearing the Party's power was threatened.

In China innocent prisoners of conscience are used as a living organ donor bank. They are killed on demand and their organs are sold for a large profit. The majority are Falun Gong practitioners, who are considered to have healthier organs because they meditate, exercise and have a peaceful way of life.

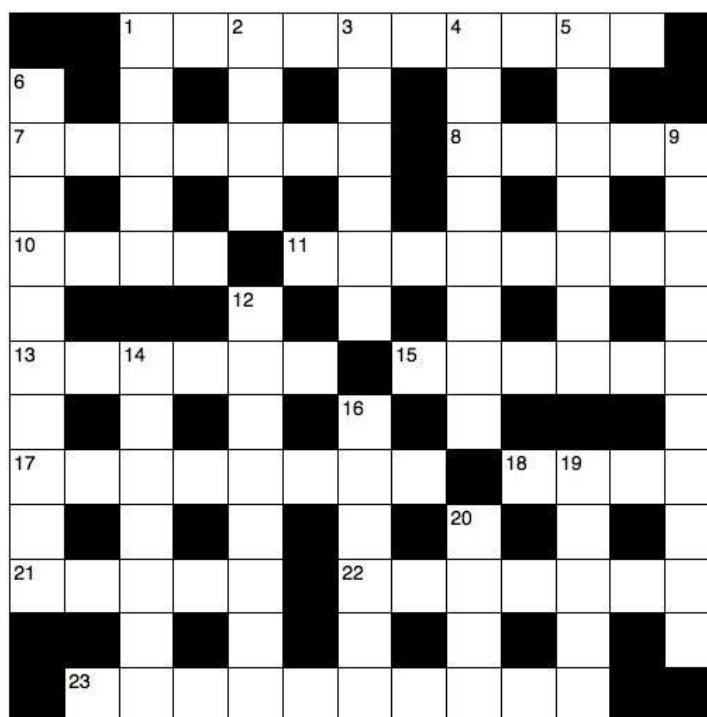
Although we hear nothing about Falun Gong on the News, there is a vast amount on line. For anyone who is interested, go to – www.EndOrganPillaging.org.

I have recently found out on good authority, that China is not the only country killing people to harvest their organs – Nigeria is another one. I wonder how many more unscrupulous countries are involved in this practice. If you would like a copy of the leaflet I have, let me know.

One final thought: "*All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men [or women] do nothing*" (attributed to Edmund Burke).

George Drake

Puzzle Pages



Across

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

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

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Solutions on p.20

WORDSEARCH

14th July brings us Sea Sunday, the day when Christian churches remember, pray and give thanks for the more than 1.5 million merchant seafarers worldwide. If seafarers seem irrelevant to your daily life, think again: 90 per cent of everything you buy in the shops comes to you by sea. Merchant seafarers quite literally keep our global economy afloat. Yet it is a tough life, far from loved ones. Merchant ships are harsh working environments, never mind the threat of piracy or even shipwreck. To help the seafarers, a worldwide network of port chaplains has sprung up. They offer hospitality and friendship, as well as practical, emotional and spiritual support, providing almost a 'home from home' in hundreds of ports, in more than 50 countries. There are three well-known societies: The Mission to Seafarers (Anglican), The Apostolate of the Sea (Roman Catholic), and The Sailors' Society (inter-denominational).

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SUMMER DAYS OUT IN COVENTRY

Coventry has some amazing places for a family day out...



Warwickshire Lavender Farm | open until 28th July

Pack a picnic, grab the kids, and enjoy a wonderful day out in the lavender field. Tea and cake available in the cafe.

Lunt Roman Fort | open select dates in Summer holidays

Get immersed in history at one of the Lunt Roman Fort events this summer. The Roman Festival on 3rd and 4th August is a particular highlight. See the fort come to life!



The Wave Waterpark

From high-speed slides and a fun-packed splash zone to the exhilarating Wave Pool and relaxing Lazy River, there really is something for everyone to enjoy!



Ryton Pools Nature Reserve

Get out into nature at Ryton Pools. Go for a family walk around the pools and stop in at the play parks on the way!

Blitz Museum | open everyday in the Summer Holidays

The Blitz Museum is the perfect place to step back in time and explore what life was like in wartime Coventry.



Quarry Disk Golf | Leamington Spa

Disc Golf combines the fun of Frisbee and the challenge of golf. Disc golf is fun for kids and adults of all abilities!

Midland Air Museum | Baginton

Step into a world of aviation at this museum with over 45 aircraft - there's a few you can climb inside and explore!



Faerie Tale Alpacas | Kenilworth

Faerie Tale Alpacas is a small farm located on a picturesque 15 acres in Kenilworth. Meet the gorgeous alpacas!

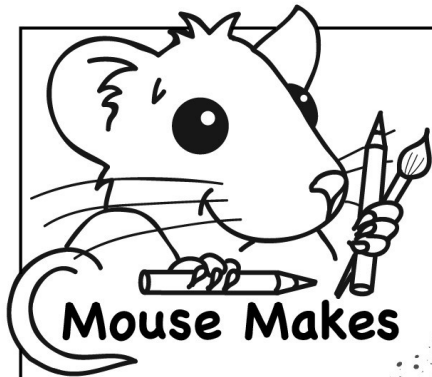
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How many days did the Lord tell Joshua to march around the city of Jerico?

Joshua 6:3



What did the priests carry that were made from rams' horns?

Joshua 6:4



What was carried along behind the priests?

The _____
Joshua 6:4



On the seventh day how many times did they march around Jerico?

Joshua 6:6



Who was saved from Jerico along with her family?

Joshua 6:17

READ

the story in Joshua 5:13-6:27

Word search grid:

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JERICO • LORD • JOSHUA • ISRAEL • KING • PRIESTS • GUARD
 CAMP • MARCH • AROUND • DAYS • WALK • ONCE • BLOW • HORN • SOUND
 DAWN • SHOUT • CITY • WALL • FELL • FLAT • FIRE • BURN • DESTRUCTION

Find the question answers in the word search too!

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SOLUTION - SUDUKO (EASY)

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SOLUTION - SUDUKO (MEDIUM)

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CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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

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

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News, articles & other items to be included in the September 2024 issue of *Connections* should be sent by email to the editor Claire Booth (clairehbooth@hotmail.com) no later than **Wednesday, 21st August 2024**.

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Thanks,
Claire

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A CAKE OR MAKE
ANOTHER SWEET TREAT
FOR THIS EVENT?



Coffee morning fundraiser

CELEBRATING HOPE COVENTRY'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Date: TUESDAY 2nd JULY and
THURSDAY 4th JULY

Time: 10.00 - 11.30 am

Location: BAGINTON ROAD URC CV36FP

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Worship at Baginton Road URC – July / August 2024

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

Date	Time	Preacher	
7 th July	am pm	Sherry Owolabi Revd Colin Ofor	Holy Communion
14 th July	am	Sherry Owolabi	
21 st July	am pm	Revd Peter Kimberley Sherry Owolabi	Holy Communion
28 th July	am	Trevor Gay	Coffee Shop Sunday
4 th August	am pm	Revd Peter Kimberley Margaret Marshall & Sue Matthews	Holy Communion
11 th August	am	Sherry Owolabi	
18 th August	am pm	Revd Peter Kimberley Sue Matthews	Holy Communion
25 th August	am	Revd David Spriggs	
1 st September	am pm	Sherry Owolabi Revd David Spriggs	Holy Communion

WEEKLY PRAYER



From June 27th

Every Thursday in the Sanctuary from 6 – 6.30pm

A comfortable, informal, prayerful atmosphere where you can express yourself. Speak to Sherry for more details.