

'Sharing the love of Jesus every day'



Connections

The church magazine for Baginton Road URC



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Connections – March 2026 issue deadline

News, articles and other items to be included in the March 2026 issue of *Connections* should be sent by email to the editor Claire Booth (clairehbooth@hotmail.com) no later than **Wednesday, 18th February 2026**.

Items should ideally be no more than 1 page in length (about 450 words) and definitely no longer than 2 pages.

Connections is published in digital format ten times a year and emailed to subscribers. You are also able to view it on the church website. If you want it emailed to you, please contact Kevin Bodsworth at the Church Office: office@bagintonroadurc.org.uk.

Thanks, *Claire*

Dear Friends



He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. [Micah 6:8 NIV]

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. [1 Corinthians 13:3 NIV]

The month of February is associated with romantic love and as Christians, we remember the life and witness of Saint Valentine. There have been many legends surrounding the saint, one being a letter he signed to a friend "From your Valentine" and we remember the saint for his faithful witness to the Gospel at a time when Christians were being persecuted for their faith. The Bible speaks of at least four different types of love: God's unconditional love (*agape*), family love (*storge*), romantic love (*eros*) and friendship (*philia*), and the New Testament tells us of the sacrificial and unconditional love of Jesus Christ.

This month as we read passages of scripture on love, may we experience God's abiding love, assurance and grace and show God's love in practical ways. May we serve humbly in love by spreading compassion and kindness wherever we are in our communities because without love our works are empty. In a turbulent world, may we be known for our loving acts of kindness and concern, prayerfully looking forward in hope to signs of growth and new opportunities.

God bless
Debbie



Women's Prayer Breakfast



Next dates: 7th February, 14th March, 11th April.

A warm welcome to all women from our Church, Belonging Church and any friends from another or no Church at all. We meet once a month at 8.30am to set up and start with a bring and share breakfast – always delicious and more than enough.

We spend about 20 minutes with an activity to nurture our spirit and soul, always ending in prayer for concerns shared. There is no obligation to speak, everything we share is confidential to those present. Not everyone comes every time, just come when you can. We promise it is always worth getting up for.

Kathy Jackson

Home Groups and Bible Study 2026

Have you ever thought about joining one of the small groups which meet within the church and wondered what they are all about? Here are some answers to your questions:



Where do they meet? In people's homes or at church in the Prayer Room or on Zoom.

How many people are in each group? Usually between six and eight people, but not everybody can manage to come to every session.

How often do they meet? Some meet weekly, others fortnightly or, for example during Lent, it might be just for a six-week block.

How long are the sessions and what is included? They last about an hour and a half, starting with tea/coffee and a catch up then moving on to the topic for the group.

What topics are covered? These vary and are usually chosen by the members of the group. They will usually follow through a published resource, for example the Study of the Lord's Prayer produced by 24/7 resources, or a Bible Study course. There are some examples in the meeting room if anyone wants to have a look.

Are the groups scary? Not at all! It's just an opportunity to talk more about your faith, ask questions and share answers and thoughts. None of us are experts and you can contribute as much or as little as you want. It's also a great opportunity to get to know members of the congregation better and to be part of a small support network.

When are they held and who do I ask about joining? There are groups meeting on Monday evening, Tuesday evening, a Lent Group is being planned and a Zoom group will meet monthly starting soon. There is also the possibility of a daytime group being formed if people are interested.

If you would like to give a group a try, please speak to Simon, Sarah Jarrad, Sue Matthews or Sue Davis.

Appreciation



Many thanks to everyone at Baginton Road URC for your best wishes sent to me recently, and special thanks to Sarah and Pam who visited me in my new home to bring their greetings. I wish all my friends good health and happiness in 2026.

Ann Foster



Special Cause for February, March and April

University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire Charity

UHCW Charity supports patients and staff at University Hospital, Coventry and St Cross Hospital in Rugby, and those treated in the community.

The funds raised go beyond the NHS budget by, for example, providing roll-out beds for families to stay beside end-of-life patients, training NHS staff in groundbreaking techniques and improving surroundings, helping to create a warm and comfortable environment for all. The charity also provides funding for world-leading innovative equipment such as the £1.9m Robotic Surgery System to give cancer patients the best outcome possible.

Our last special cause for NRAS raised £70 – thank you. And the money raised for LOOK! last year was doubled by the 'Big Give' Christmas Appeal, so our donation was topped up to over £600!

Thank you again for your continuing support and donations.

Pam & John Dawson

Notes from Elders' Meetings – January 2026

- Elders were updated regarding fire drill procedures.
- A safeguarding issue had been dealt with by our Safeguarding Officers.
- Worship arrangements were confirmed up until Easter and most dates beyond are filled.
- Several new discussion groups will be starting leading up to and during Lent. Elders are holding a Retreat Day at Warwick Road Centre on 31st January. They met recently with Elders from the other Coventry URCs to share ideas and information,
- Admin and Personnel Groups have now merged, and the new group has met. They will be reviewing all policy and procedures during January and February and this will then be an annual task for group in January each year. They will also be looking at staffing roles and structure ahead of Trevor and Annie leaving their posts later in the year.
- Annual Return for Synod is being completed.
- Group Reports were received and discussed.



Pauline Luckett, Assistant Secretary



Giving Tree - Thank You from CCM

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your help with our Giving Tree Project this Christmas. We have found we are helping more and more local children each year and were expecting an increase from the 1,589 children we helped in 2024; however, we didn't expect the size of increase we actually received! This year we provided gifts for 2,201 children from 941 local families. This increase of an extra 612 children was unprecedented and did put a strain on our resources, but as Christians we trust God that he will provide and we found that you – our supporters – rose to the challenge.

We are so grateful for the role you played – whether you prayed for us, helped with the admin, donated money, donated gifts, gave your time to volunteer, supervised craft activities, arranged for Santa to visit, spread the word, packed up gifts for the families, provided a distribution location or anything else; however you helped, please know that we couldn't do it without you!

The value of gifts we gave out this year was over £33,000. Without people like you we couldn't continue to run this project, so thank you.

This year we again had six locations across the city where families could choose to collect their gifts from; some of these ran activities for the children too. Santa joined us at the Coventry City Mission sessions and he gave selection boxes to all of the children in addition to the gifts that they would later receive. The families took the gifts home at the end of the session with wrapping paper to wrap them and hide until Christmas morning.

I have received a number of thank you messages from the parents who are so grateful for our support at this challenging time.

We will be running this project again at Christmas 2026 and there will, yet again, be many ways you can be involved. I'll write to you in September with some ideas, however, in the meantime please do share the word and if you know of anyone else who would like to be involved, please put them in touch with me (sarah@covcitymission.org.uk). To continue to meet this level of need we will need to find even more people and churches to support us.

Thank you all.

Sarah White, Deputy Director



Social Committee News

We have planned several events for the coming year which we hope you will come and join us. Further information will be issued closer to each event along with the type of support that we will need to ensure everything runs smoothly. The Scouts will be helping at the BBQ and during the bazaar, it is so good to work with different organisations at our events and thank them for their support.



Dates for your diary:

- Saturday 14th March: Family Quiz and Pizza Evening at 6.00pm
- April (TBC): A Musical Afternoon with light refreshments (further details to follow)
- Saturday 20th June: Midsummer Afternoon Tea at 2.30pm
- Sunday 12th July: Family BBQ after the morning service
- Monday - Wednesday 3rd – 5th August: Holiday at Home including a day trip
- Sunday 27th September: Harvest Bring and Share Lunch after the morning service
- Saturday 31st October: Christian Aid Soup Lunch from 12 – 1.30pm
- Saturday 21st November: Christmas Bazaar and Craft Fair.

Social Committee: Sarah, Liz, Pauline, Chris and Pam



Coventry Foodbank Donations

We have received positive feedback from both the Foodbank and their clients after our toilet roll and shower gel donations over the Christmas/New Year period. One client said they had never seen the shelves so full! Thank you for your generosity.

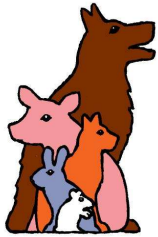
We will continue this theme over the year. Although we designate the first Sunday of each month as Collection Sunday, please feel free to bring your items to any service.

For February to July, we will be collecting the following:

- February: Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- March: Toilet rolls
- April: Kitchen wipes / washing up liquid
- May: Shampoo
- June: Toilet rolls
- July: Shower gel.

from the Elders

NEWS IN BRIEF FROM AROUND THE UK AND BEYOND



In October 2025, a London church blessed many pets on the feast day of St Francis. In December there was a service for pets at Christmas with 400 people at the Sunday service and upwards of 100 the next day. To keep order, a ticketing system was used plus a small charge, with the congregation forming queues for the blessing of their pet by one of five clergy. This church is now looking into the possibility of an Easter service. Many of the owners had found out about the services from social media, with some travelling from as far afield as Cambridge. Since this type of service commenced, congregation numbers have increased. Research has noted that lots of people on their own, or folk who had recently lost a pet, attended.

Six Franciscan friars have established a micro-brewery in an old carpenter's workshop in Montesaccato, Rome. This area was created by Mussolini for people from slum clearances in central Rome. The brewery produces 2,000 litres of beer a month to local restaurants and for their own eatery which is open Thursday to Saturday – not open on Sundays since that would conflict with Mass. Since its opening in 2023, the brewery has brought jobs and training to this low-income area. One beer is named *The Oaks of Mamre*, a biblical reference to the place where Abraham met three angelic visitors (Genesis 18). The Franciscans are less well-known for their brewing compared with Trappist monks, but have brewed since the Middle Ages, when nutrient-rich ale was ideal for getting them through Lent fasting. One of the friars is also an expert on artificial intelligence (AI) and lectures at the Gregorian university in the Vatican.

Researchers looking at church pipe organ tuners' notebooks have discovered that climate change has altered the tone of the notes produced more than had been thought.

Co-op Funeral Care has surveyed 90,000 funerals, noting the music chosen. Most popular is *Time to say Goodbye* followed by *My Way* and then *Somewhere over the Rainbow*; however, becoming popular is the theme music from the film *Jaws*.

Epiphany celebrations in France involve cake. This practice originated in the 13th century when gold nuggets were hidden inside the small cakes, symbolising gifts brought to Jesus by the three wise men. Austerity came with the use of beans, and in the 19th century, small porcelain figures were concealed in the frangipane filling. This custom still continues, with the finder of the figure getting the right to wear a paper crown. It is estimated that 60 million Epiphany cakes are sold every January. One town has nine bakeries which have united, selling cakes for a prize of two gold rings. Other towns offer "spend £14-£22 on Epiphany cakes to enter a draw for a 208 Peugeot car"; another town offers a prize of a £450 synthetic diamond.

Barry Stelfox

Behind the Scenes at Baginton Road URC

Someone recently remarked that we have several groups and committees here at Baginton Road, but they had no idea who they were or what they did, so we are featuring two committees each month and explain who they are and what they do. This month we look at our final group that is responsible for the ministry of our children and young people.



Youth and Children's Ministry: Meetings are held quarterly.

- Members: Pam D, Liz K, Pauline L, Marilyn S (Convenor), Simon W, Linda W.
- Responsibilities: To help the children and young people understand that in accordance with the Church's Mission statement, they are 'Sharing the love of Jesus every day'.
- Duties:
Monitoring attendance and seeking staff help as needed. Resourcing Junior Church with equipment and supplies. Organising the calendar of Junior Church events. Choosing lesson material. Pastoral care of all the members and staff of Junior Church. Organising special services in conjunction with the Worship Leaders. Assisting with organising (Informing about the arrangements for) holiday club and activity days. Organising children to assist at baptisms/blessings and present gifts. Organising Mother's and Father's Day gifts.

Except for Luncheon Club committee which comprises the team of cooks, the groups are not exclusive to the Elders and new people are always welcome. If you are interested and feel you would like to join any of our committees, please speak to Sue D or Pauline L.

Pauline Lockett, Assistant Secretary



Making Mondays 2026 - dates for the Spring and Summer

We meet either in the Small Hall or back of the Sanctuary. Please bring your own scissors, pens, pencils etc.

- 26th January, 1.30 pm – 3.15 pm: "Thinking of you" theme
- 9th March, 11.00 am – 3.00 pm: A longer session with a Mothering Sunday and Easter Theme. Bring your own lunch.
- 27th April, 1.30 pm – 3.15 pm: Flower theme for Springtime
- 15th June, 1.30 pm – 3.15 pm: Cards for Men and Father's Day
- 20th July, 1.30 pm – 3.15 pm: Pot Luck Session

Sue, Pam and Kathy



Theological Reflections – Membership

In January we welcomed Les into membership, and you may have wondered: what is membership all about? The official URC leaflet¹ describes: “becoming a Church Member means becoming a recognised part of the world-wide family of Christians. This is a community of people who believe in God.

Being part of this family encourages us in our faith as we work together to show God’s love and mercy to the world.” Most churches have some sort of membership structure, some more formal than others. Some would argue that membership is not mentioned in the Bible and there was no form-filling in the New Testament, they were saved and became part of the church. I would argue that Baptism was the method those Christians used to identify as Church Members; the message of the Apostles was to believe and be baptised.

We are all probably members of different organisation, whether that be the local golf club, the gym, a school, WI, Crafting Mondays or similar activities. We love to belong; we want to be recognised as part of that association or clan. Some people even wear the “old school tie” to impress on people their heritage or to open new doors. However, church membership is more than that: we are identifying with God’s people, that we want to be part of God’s Mission at Baginton Road. The reception service includes the words we “promise to share with us in the life of this church, and to be faithful in the privileges and responsibilities of church membership”. If I join the golf club then it is because I want to meet like-minded people and to participate in the sport – and the same with church membership, we want to participate in church life.

If you are not a Member, is it time you became one? Only those who are Church Members are entitled to vote on the decisions of the church, which shape the continuing life of our fellowship. Please speak to one of the Elders to find out more.

An integral and important part of our church life is the Church Meeting which the URC describes “as where all Members gather to seek God’s will and to discuss the life and work of the church” or, to use Baptist terms, “seek the mind of Christ”. The Church Meeting is not just to affirm the decisions of the Elders, but to seek the mind of Christ in respect of those decisions. At a recent conference², Ruth Moriarty said “when Baptists discern together, it is to honour each other as members of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:4-27), who gather together to encounter the presence of Christ (Matthew 18:20) as members of the priesthood of all believers (1 Peter 2:5) and as recipients of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-18). Although her research was in a Baptist context, the Church Meeting holds a similar role in the URC perspective.

According to “The Manual”, the functions of the Church Meeting come under two headings:

1. Looking Outward:

- to further the Church's mission in the locality;
- to develop local ecumenical relationships;
- to further the Church's compassionate ministry in the locality and throughout the world;
- to consider and support the wider work of the Church at home and abroad;
- to consider public questions in relation to the Christian faith;
- to bring concerns for consideration by the Elders' meeting and wider councils of the Church.

2. Looking inwards:

- Election of leaders, elders and officials
- Membership applications/transfers
- Financial reports
- Reports from the relevant committees.

From experience, we often get “bogged down” in the business side of the meeting, so that we do not have time to consider other areas. When did we last discuss “public questions in relation to the Christian faith” or “how we can further the Church’s Mission in the locality?” If the Church Meeting is an opportunity to determine the mind of Christ for the Church, then we need to leave space for this to happen – maybe we would need a different approach, to challenge the status quo. How can we know the mind of Christ if we don’t have time to seek and listen to him?

Paul reminds us: “now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it” (1 Cor 14:27) and, as Karl Barth (1954, pp. 63–64)³ explains, “the real church becomes visible insofar as it emerges and shines forth from its ecclesiastical organisation, tradition and custom, in the power of the Holy Spirit”. If we want to be a visible vibrant church, that needs to be done by seeking and listening to God and in the power of the Spirit. As Paul says: “The person with the Spirit makes judgements about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgements, for who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ” (1 Cor 2:15-16).

Simon Werrett

Notes:

1. <https://urc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Join-the-Family-membership-booklet-2024.pdf>
2. <https://www.rpc.ox.ac.uk/research-life/centre-for-baptist-studies/research-projects-partnerships/slow-wisdom/>
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Galentines Crafts!!

A Fundraising event for the World Scout Jamboree

Sunday 1st February

2-4pm

**Make wearable art, create
embellished fabric brooches and
decorate a card with your brooch
to send love this February**



**Make sure you bring along
your favourite Gal Pal!**

**Email theaggs@outlook.com
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2-5pm

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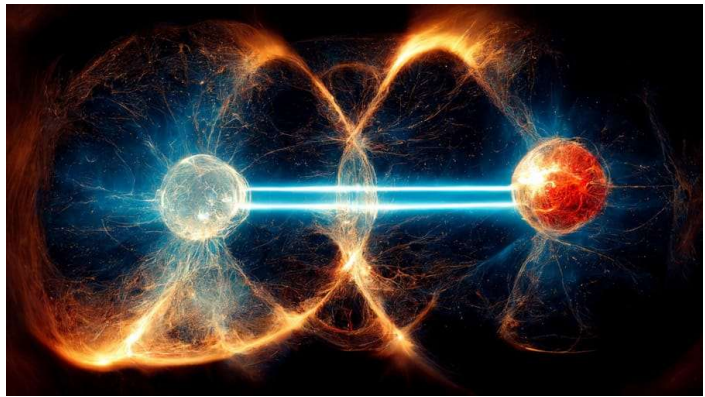
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**Bagington Road
Church Hall**

An Understanding of God in a Quantum World

A few years ago, I wrote a pamphlet called *The Way I See It*, a brief account of my faith journey and how I got to where I am today.

In it I mention the 'Luminous Web'; in simple terms, this suggests that every part of every atom is in some way connected to every other part in the universe.



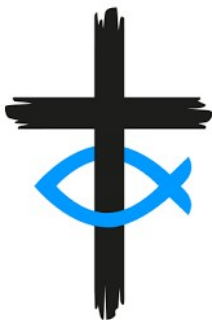
This is mind-boggling; but far from disproving God, I believe it is opening a way to a concept of God that is believable in to-day's world.

At the time, this was as far as I took it, but since then I have had time to think about it. Today we live in a world that is governed by 'Quantum': Quantum Theory, Quantum Science, Quantum Mechanics and Quantum Theology; we live every second of our lives in 'Quantum'.

With this in mind I have just written a sequel to this called *Trying to make sense of it all*. If you are interested and would like a copy, please ask me. Shalom!

George Drake

Warwick Road Centre and Café - February Update



Happy New Year to all from Trevor, Ruth and George in the office at Warwick Road Centre. We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas holiday.

Things have quickly returned to the normal busy time with regular lets returning, including Art Class, Age UK, AA, Allotments Society, Salvation Ministries, Coffee Shop Sunday, Chinese Church, Choir with No Name, Belonging Church Café – feels like we've never been away.

'Choir with No Name' use the Centre every Wednesday evening and they had a concert in the Centre on 10th December which was attended by 66 customers. Annie and Trevor were among the audience, and it was a wonderful occasion – highly emotional and fun at the same time. They are a brilliant group – humble, and highly talented.

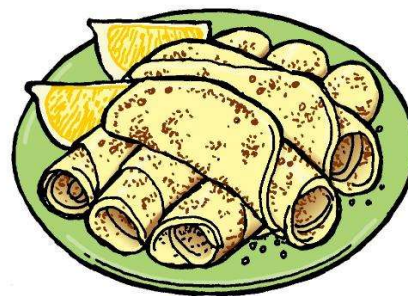
Trevor Gay, Warwick Road Centre Manager

Open Doors Café Menu - February 2026

Opening Times: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday.
Snacks and Drinks: 10am – 11.30am; Hot Meal: 12 noon – 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



February 2026	
Tuesday 3 rd February	Bacon & cheese filled potato skins and cauliflower cheese Dutch apple pie and custard
Wednesday 4 th	Cumberland sausages, mashed potatoes, vegetables and onion gravy Lemon sponge and custard
Friday 6 th	Honey & lemon glazed chicken thighs, potatoes and vegetables Mixed berry cheesecake
Tuesday 10 th	Lamb's liver & bacon casserole, bubble & squeak Biscoff sticky toffee pudding and custard
Wednesday 11 th	Beef lasagne, new potatoes and peas Tiramisu
Friday 13 th	Fish cakes, peas and parsley sauce Cinnamon spiced baked apples and custard
Tuesday 17 th	Minced beef cobbler and vegetables Warm cherry pancakes and ice cream
Wednesday 18 th	Ham & leek pie, potatoes and vegetables Apple & blackberry crumble and custard
Friday 20 th	Braised beef brisket bake and vegetables Fruit trifle
Tuesday 24 th	Chicken & vegetable casserole Queen of puddings
Wednesday 25 th	Shepherd's pie and vegetables Coffee, date & walnut sponge and custard
Friday 27 th	Barbecued pork, potatoes and vegetables Creamy rice pudding

EXPLORE SOMEWHERE NEW THIS WINTER



Wrap up warm, get outside and enjoy some fresh air and exercise this Winter!

Coventry Rocks now features 100 local parks, walks and nature reserves for you to discover. Head to www.coventryrocks.co.uk to browse the full collection! Here are some of our favourites...

Canley Ford | Canley

Canley Ford is situated between Hearsall Golf Course and Stivichall Common, part of the Millennium Green Local Nature Reserve, and is a great place for families and dog walkers. There is a small wood to explore, and 3 picturesque meadows



Secret Quarry Garden | Baginton

This wildlife haven was created over 30 years ago in an old quarry, once full of rubbish and cars. Now it is a beautiful and interesting garden, with so much to explore. Stroll among the six acres of pools, streams, trees and flowering shrubs and spot the many birds and animals that have made it their home.



Coundon Wedge | Coundon

Coundon Wedge is an attractive stretch of countryside in Coundon. Predominantly grassland with mature trees and hedgerows, it is criss-crossed by footpaths, making it readily accessible to all. A popular place for dog owners!



Brandon Marsh Nature Reserve | Near Binley Woods

Brandon Marsh Nature Reserve is set in 220 acres and features a wide variety of large pools, bird hides, woodland walks and wildflower meadows. There's lots to do for all ages, including a lovely café, mud kitchen, mouse maze, gift shop, and walking trails (accessible for wheelchairs and pushchairs).

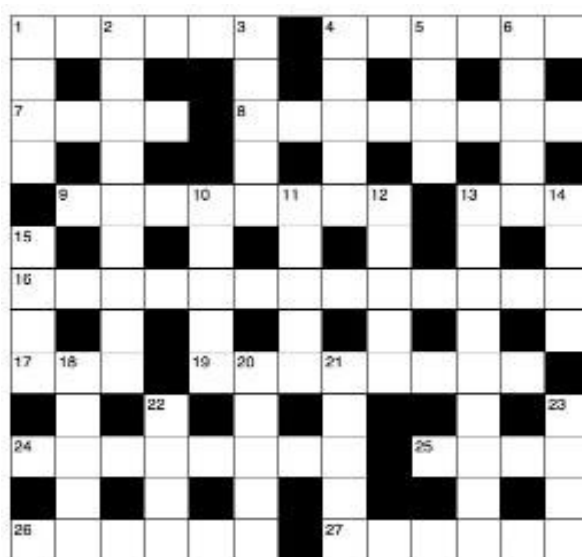


Coventry Walking Groups and Routes

There are some fantastic Walking Groups in Coventry, ideal if you want to get active and meet new people. Whether you're a seasoned walker or a beginner, there's a group and a pace for you. You'll also find some gorgeous walking routes and trails on the Coventry Rocks website. A great way to explore Coventry and the surrounding countryside.

And there's more! Head to www.coventryrocks.co.uk and discover somewhere new!

Puzzle Pages



Across

- 1 'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)
- 4 'They threw the ship's — overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6)
- 7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4)
- 8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chron 15:22) (8)
- 9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8)
- 13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts 3:2) (3)
- 16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4)
- 17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1)
- 19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. — — I will praise you' (Psalm 145:1-2) (5,3)
- 24 Simon had (anag.) (8)
- 25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4)
- 26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6)
- 27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)

Down

- 1 'Before the — crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4)
- 2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9)
- 3 'They have — the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5)
- 4 Belief (5)
- 5 'Take the following fine spices: ... 250 shekels of fragrant — ' (Exodus 30:23) (4)
- 6 'Do not — Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5)
- 10 A seer (anag.) (5)
- 11 'Even there your hand will — me' (Psalm 139:10) (5)
- 12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5)
- 13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilized people (Colossians 3:11) (9)
- 14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of 16A, — and Dolls (4)
- 15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4)
- 18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2)
- 20 'Today, if you hear his — , do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebr 3:15) (5)
- 21 The Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5)
- 22 'And now these three remain: faith, — and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13) (4)
- 23 'God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end' (Daniel 5:26) (4)

SUDOKU (EASY)

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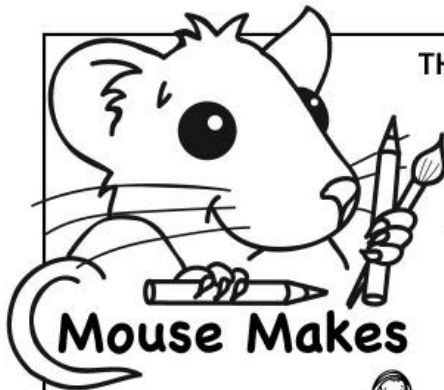
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WORDSEARCH

Candlemas, 2nd February, comes exactly 40 days after Christmas. In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child - to 'present Him to the Lord'. Thus, we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Luke 2: 22-40). So where does the Candlemas bit come in? Jesus is described in the New Testament as the Light of the World, and early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day.

CANDLEMAS	APPEARANCE	P B P Y O D E I B P N N M G
FORTY	MARY	T N W F R M L S I A N I H R
DAYS	JEWISH	W T L E T A P R P F B S N S
AFTER	TEMPLE	T W T S N D M P O S I Y A F
CHRISTMAS	FESTIVAL	N F N T A G E R A W D M I A
NEW	PRESENTATION	A N O I T A T N E S E R P V
TESTAMENT	DESCRIBED	D E C V R Y N J L L S H L R
IMPORTANT	LIGHT	A E A A O T E T D T C Y I I
AGE	WORLD	B T N L P P M N N H R L G T
BABY	CANDLES	S C D D M S A M T S I R H C
BOY	LIGHTING	E E L B I C T P J G B A T I
FIRST	EARLY	S W E Y E A S A H O E E I B
PUBLIC		A W S Y A D E T Y N D F N A
		P U B L I C T I Y G C I G G

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Read the story in
Luke 4:1-13



THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan where did the Holy Spirit lead him to? v1

How many days was Jesus being tempted by the devil? v2

What did Jesus eat? v2

What did the devil tempt Jesus to turn a stone into? v3-4
What did Jesus say? v3-4

What did the devil offer Jesus if He worshipped him? v7-8
What did Jesus say? v7-8

What did the devil ask Jesus to do? v9
What did Jesus say? v9

FIRST TEMPTATION

THE DEVIL SAID:

"If you are God's Son order this stone to turn into bread."

JESUS REPLIED:

"Man shall not live on bread alone."

Read Deuteronomy 8:3

WE LEARN:

Read the Bible
Learn God's word.



SECOND TEMPTATION

THE DEVIL SAID:

"I will give you power and wealth if you worship me."

JESUS REPLIED:

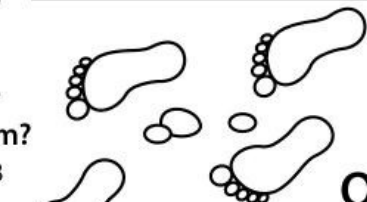
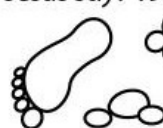
"Worship the Lord your God and serve only Him."

Read Deuteronomy 6:13

WE LEARN:

Put God **first**
Worship **only** Him.

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TEMPTATION • STONE • BREAD • WRITTEN • SON • WORLD
KINGDOMS • GLORY • WORSHIP • SERVE • GOD • HIGH
JERUSALEM • TEMPLE • SON • JUMP • DOWN • LIFT • FOOT • LORD • TEST • LENT



THIRD TEMPTATION

THE DEVIL SAID:

"If you are God's Son throw yourself down, the scriptures say God will take care of you."

JESUS REPLIED:

"Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Read Deuteronomy 6:16

WE LEARN:

God cares, **trust**
Him do not test Him.



SOLUTION - SUDUKO (EASY)

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

SOLUTION - SUDUKO (MEDIUM)

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

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WORDSEARCH SOLUTION

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Worship at Baginton Road URC - February 2026



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

Date	Time	Preacher	
1 st February	am pm	Simon Werrett Revd Debbie Brown	Church Parade Holy Communion
8 th February	am	Simon Werrett	Church Meeting
15 th February	am pm	Simon Werrett Rita Dalton	Holy Communion
23 rd February	am	Revd Robert Maloney	
1 st March	am pm	Simon Werrett Crawford Dow	Holy Communion

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