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From the Minister ..

A season of invitation...

With November upon us, thoughts naturally start to turn towards the Christmas programme in December.



79% of churchgoers in the United States, when asked why they started going to church, responded with the fact that they started going along because someone invited them.

Christmas gives us such a great opportunity to invite people to come and see. It is during the month of December that Christianity becomes sort of socially acceptable, we go into garden centres and see the nativity sets, each year in Petersfield over the Christmas festival weekend, a tableaux nativity scene is setup in the car park of Wetherspoons and if you stand there for long enough, you hear parents who would never normally step foot into a church building, telling their children the story of Christ's birth. Nativity plays are performed, carols are sung, you get the picture... Christmas is acceptable to the wider society... so what can we do?

Over the festive period, why not try inviting a neighbour, family member or friend to one of our services, to come and see what it is we do on a Sunday morning? On the first Sunday in December, Mary Fair will be leading a gift service to support Two Saints locally, on the second Sunday in December, Liss band will be leading our service here at the URC, the third Sunday sees our annual Children's Church led service and the fourth will be a more reflective

service led by Esmé and will include communion led by James Fells. We will have the usual Christingle service at 4pm on Christmas Eve and of course, the big one itself, our 10am Christmas morning service.

Matthew 28:19-20 tells us; 'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

If we do not tell people of the hope we have, how can they come to believe? And so, this Christmas, please consider the power of invite and think about who God might be putting on your heart and mind to invite along and to come and hear of God's love for them.

Every blessing,

Your brother in Christ,

Josh.



Signs found outside churches:

- * Church car park sign...This is for MEMBERS ONLY. Trespassers will be baptised!!
- * No God - No Peace. Know God - Know Peace.
- * Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!
- * Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!

Secretary's Snippets!

Hello everyone,

It is election time for elders.

By now members of the church will have had received their nomination papers, filled them in and returned them to their elder or put them in the box in the vestibule. Those people who have received 4 or more nominations will have been asked if they are willing to stand and, if they are, their names will have been made public ready for the election at Church meeting on November 26th. Being an elder is a very responsible job and it is important that everyone thinks and prays about those who are suitable to take on this role.

I have copied a piece from the URC Basis of Union for your information.

Elders 'share with Ministers of the Word and Sacrament in the pastoral oversight and leadership of the local churches, taking counsel together in the elders' meeting for the whole church and having severally groups of members particularly entrusted to their pastoral care. They are 'associated with ministers in all the councils of the Church'. Elders promise at their ordination to 'accept the office of elder of the United Reformed Church' and promise 'to perform its duties faithfully'.

It is also at that meeting that we review the roles and responsibilities of other folk in the church. Please let me know before then if you want to step down from any role. There is an updated list in the CFC.

I do hope that as many of you as possible are able to come to the church meeting.

On December 1st we have our gift service where, as in the past, we will bring gifts for Two Saints, Portsmouth. Donna Burney sent an email of appreciation for all the harvest gifts. She also sent a list of suitable gifts for Christmas.

***Toiletries (no medications)**

***Hat, scarfs & gloves**

***Longlife milk**

***Tea, coffee and sugar**

***Any long-lasting foods are great – cereals, pasta/sauces, tins etc**

***Hairbrush/combs**

***Festive chocolate items are always popular**

God bless you all,

Carol



Miscellaneous musings on daily life

He who waits to do a great deal of good at once, will never do anything. -
Samuel Johnson

Some people are born great, some achieve greatness, and some just grate. -
Anon

Experience is what you get when you are looking for something else. - *Anon*

It isn't easy for an idea to squeeze into a head filled with prejudices. - *Anon*

Unhappiness: not knowing what we want and killing ourselves to get it. - *Anon*

If you want enemies, excel others; if friends, let others excel you. - *Colton*

The longer we dwell on our misfortunes, the greater is their power to harm us. -
Anon



Message from our Church and Community Worker...

If you are weary and need rest, rest in the Lord's word. I know it's the start of a busy season preparing for next month, but God will give you all you need.

One of my favourite Psalm.

Psalm 23

A psalm of David.

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,^[a]

I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

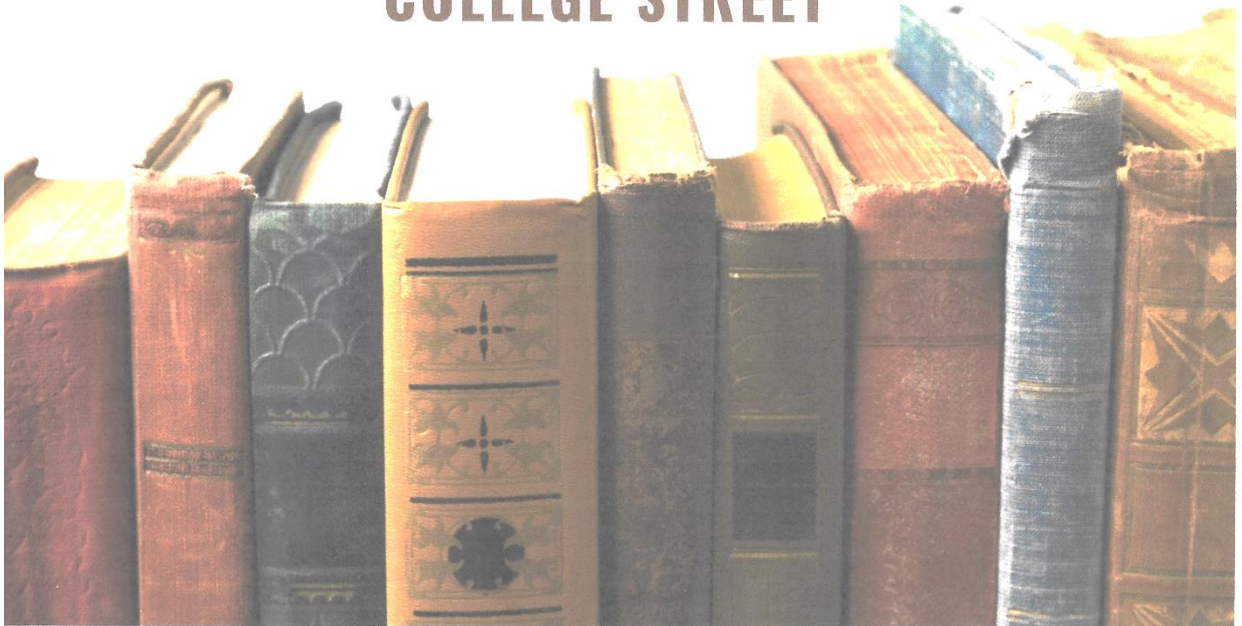
⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

Love Jo xx

WELCOME TO THE LIVING
LIBRARY
WHERE WE WILL BE SHARING OUR
LIFE STORIES WITH YOU.

You're invited to listen to different members of the congregations life stories, and learn who was a nurse or missionary find out their fantastic past.

**SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER
2PM TO 4PM
AT PETERSFIELD URC
COLLEGE STREET**



“I guess it’s just a sign of the times”

After the discussion at September’s Church Meeting about children in Church these thoughts came to mind.

I know our Minister is working hard to attract younger generation. If parents do not attend Church, then obviously children will not do so! I recall our early days as a family with five children, and without very much effort I can think of at least fifteen children, and I have probably overlooked others.

We are told that only 6 percent of the population attend Church.

I looked after the Scout campsite for twenty years at Fyning, and on one occasion with scouts from various troops we held a camping competition ending with ‘scouts own’ (A religious service). There were around 40/50 boys. Eric Hampton (Buster), our troop leader and senior teacher at Petersfield School asked me to lead prayers, which I did, including the Lord’s Prayers. I realised as I led that only a few boys were speaking. I ceased praying and asked, “Do you not know the Lord’s Prayer?” At which point Eric said in my ear, “I thought you were batting on a sticky wicket.” Afterwards he said, “We don’t have assembly at School any more and no Lord’s Prayer,” and he doubted they heard it at home!

Peter Crane



The poppies of Remembrance Sunday

In late 1914, WW1 erupted across Northern France and Flanders. Great swathes of previously green fields and forests were blasted and bombed, leaving them bleak and barren, with seemingly every living thing destroyed.



But then in the Spring of 1915, something beautiful began to come out of all the destruction. Tens of thousands of bright red Flanders poppies began to put out tentative shoots across the endless vistas of mud. These resilient little flowers had actually flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, because their seeds grow when exposed to sunlight, through disturbances to soil.

We all know that these endless fields of cheerful poppies, growing in the midst of such misery and destruction, were what inspired the Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

And it was McCrae's poem which inspired an American academic named Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She got it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across the United States, and worked with others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and the UK.

A French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921, caught the same vision, and planned to sell the poppies in London. There she met Earl Haig, the founder of the Royal British Legion, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as its emblem in the UK.

The Royal British Legion, which had been formed in 1921, ordered nine million poppies and sold them on 11 November that year. Ever since then, the red poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance, of support for the Armed Forces community, and also of hope for a peaceful future.

Community Matters

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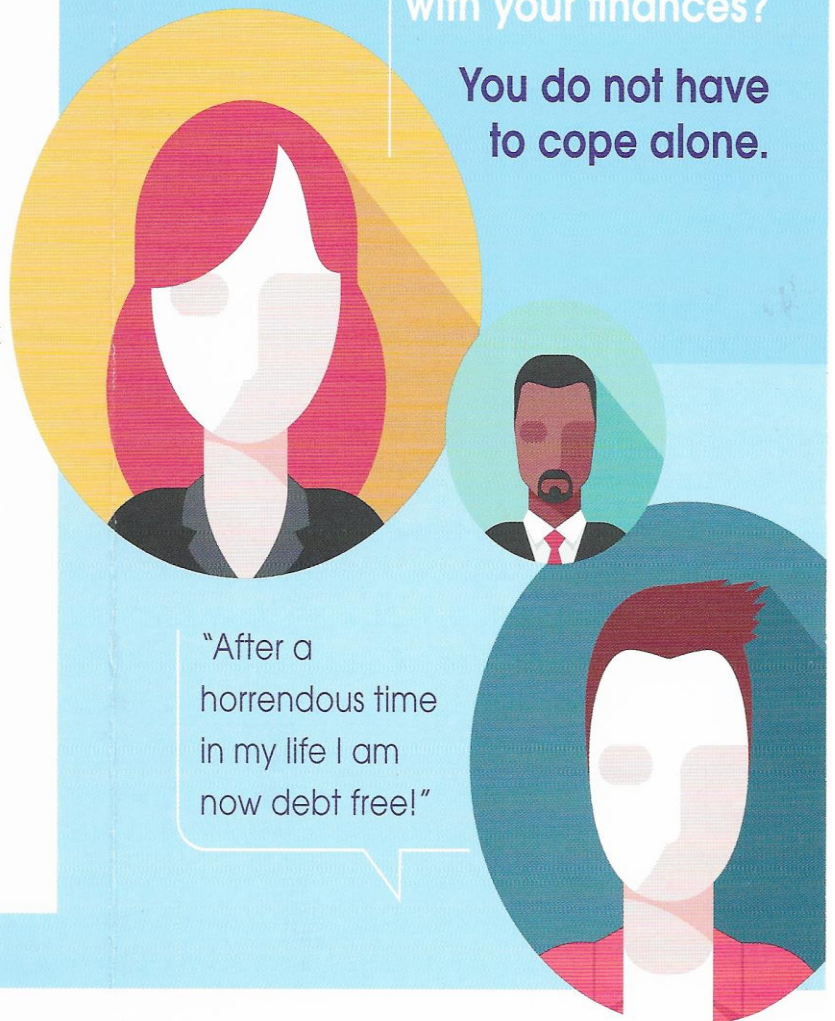


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Food Bank Updates

Our opening times are: -

Stock and Donations: Mondays and

Wednesdays: 9.30 am – 11.30 am

Distribution: Tuesdays and Fridays:

9.30 am – 11.30 am

At Petersfield Methodist Church

For more information please check our website: [Petersfield Food Bank \(pactfoodbank.org.uk\)](http://pactfoodbank.org.uk)



Open every Wednesday from 2pm till 3.30pm at St Mary's. You can meet us, enjoy a cuppa and take away your food bags. Delivery can be arranged for those on foot. Can't get to St. Mary's? Then a Wednesday delivery can be

arranged if a request is made by lunchtime on Monday. Ring 01730 00659/300921 or text 07570792525

The Liss Foodbank is for surrounding villages as well as Liss. It can be accessed for your short-term need without a referral.

Food donation points are the St. Mary's Church porch, Station Road and the Triangle centre reception (mornings), or bring donations to St. Paul's on a Wednesday afternoon.

Free Shop Petersfield

The Shop collects food from supermarkets, farms, community gardens and others, that would otherwise go to waste.

Anyone is welcome to come along and take what they need.

It is not part of the Food Bank; the goal is purely to keep good food out of landfill.

The Free Shop is located to the right of Petersfield Station Entrance.

Opening times: Wednesday 1.30 pm – 3 pm

Friday & Saturday 10 am – 11.30 am

For more information contact: easthampshirerail.co.uk/freeshop-shop

Or call Lucy on **07988043870**

1st November - All Saints' Day, the feast day of all the redeemed

All Saints, or All Hallows, is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. When the English Reformation took place, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced, with the result that All Saints' Day stood out with a prominence that it had never had before.

This feast day first began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5th century, as commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9th century calendar named All Hallows as a principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and indeed of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection.

The saints do not belong to any religious tradition, and their lives and witness to Christ can be appreciated by all Christians. Richard Baxter, writing in the 17th century, wrote the following:

He wants not friends that hath thy love,
 And made converse and walk with thee,
And with thy saints here and above,
 With whom for ever I must be...

As for my friends, they are not lost;
 The several vessels of thy fleet,
Though parted now, by tempests tost,
 Shall safely in thy haven meet....

The heavenly hosts, world without end,
 Shall be my company above;
And thou, my best and surest Friend,
 Who shall divide me from thy love?*

**(Maurice Frost (ed.), Historical Companion to Hymns Ancient and Modern (London: Clowes, 1962), no. 274, verses 1,3,6.*

Petersfield and Liss United Reformed Church
Update on regular weekday activities



Please note the following updates.

- **Drop in Tea** – Drop-In Tea for November will be on the 12th. This is an opportunity for anyone to come to the CFC for a chat and a cuppa and even some cake! Call in any time between 2 and 4pm. Come when you can - go when you must! We look forward to seeing you then.

Julie, Keith and Mary



Rotas – November 2024

Date	Duty Elders	AV
November 3	Jo Oru	David Darling
November 10	Keith Evans	Keith Evans
November 17	Carol Tubbs & Jo Oru	Jonathan Oru
November 24	Mary Fair	Roy Knight

Welcomers' Rota

Date	Welcomers
November 3	Wendy Cassar
November 10	David Barton
November 17	Kay Penicotte-Henri
November 24	Brian King

- Please arrive 30mins before start of the service
- When all have arrived, count the adults and children, and enter the numbers on the notice board record sheet.
- Carry the offertory box to the Communion Table for the service.
- If your date is not suitable, please adjust with another person as a swap.

Petersfield and Liss Church Calendar – November 2024

Please note Services are held at College Street, Petersfield.

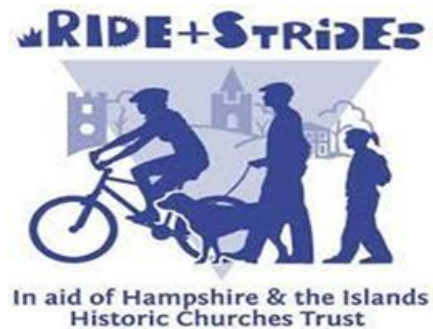
Sunday	3	10.30 am	TBC	
Monday	4	1 pm	Ladies' Bible Studies	Sanctuary
		4-5 pm	Forest Church	
Tuesday	5	9.30 am	Little Fishes	CFC
		7.30 pm	Elders' Meeting	CFC
Thursday	7	10 am	Prayer Meeting	Sanctuary
		2.30 pm	Home Group	84 Moggs Mead
		7 pm	Home Group	Buckmore Farmhouse
		8 pm	Home Group	12 Geddes Way
Friday	8	10.30 am	Friday Fellowship	Sanctuary
Sunday	10	10.30 am	Minister	
Monday	11	1 pm	Ladies' Bible Studies	Sanctuary
		4 – 5 pm	Forest Church	
Tuesday	12	9.30 am	Little Fishes	CFC
		2-4 pm	Drop-in Tea	CFC
		7.30 pm	Women's Fellowship	CFC
Thursday	14	10 am	Prayer Meeting	Sanctuary
Sunday	17	10.30 am	Minister	
Monday	18	1 pm	Ladies' Bible Studies	Sanctuary
		4-5 pm	Forest Church	
Tuesday	19	9.30 am	Little Fishes	CFC
		2 pm	Connie's Handicraft Group	CFC
Thursday	21	10 am	Prayer Meeting	CFC
		2.30 pm	Home Group	84 Moggs Mead
		7 pm	Home Group	Buckmore Farmhouse
		8 pm	Home Group	12 Geddes Way
Friday	22	10.30 am	Friday Reflection	Sanctuary
Sunday	24	10.30 am	Minister	
Monday	25	1 pm	Ladies' Bible Studies	CFC
		4-5 pm	Forest Church	

Petersfield & Liss Church Calendar –(Continued)

Tuesday	26	9.30 am	Little Fishes	CFC
		7.30 pm	Church Meeting	CFC
Thursday	28	10 am	Prayer Meeting	Sanctuary



Ride and Stride 2024



Report from UR Church Petersfield & Liss of the three participants.

Thank you to all our sponsors and to Val Hart, who gave of her time to host the visitors on Saturday 14th September. There were 21 participants welcomed to our Church Family Centre. The three commendable entrants from our College Street Church are the following. One strider Peter Jolly and two cyclists Doreen Lewis with Robin Hart benefited both HIHCT and our own treasury. The magnificent amount donated came to £2000. This means our treasury will be enhanced by £1000. Since 93.25 % was Gift Aid the Trust will benefit a further £466-25 from HMRC.

Report of Peter Jolly's *stride*

Starting at West Liss, I had (perhaps foolishly) set myself the task of walking, via a slightly convoluted route, back to the URC. Coffee at my first stop, the former St Peter's Church (I didn't think I then deserved the proffered cake), I proceeded to St Mary's Liss, where I was greeted by two fellow Liss Food Bank volunteers doing their stint as 'greeters'. There followed the first of five crossings of the railway, as I wended my way via Stodham Lane and ultimately into the Sheet Millennium Field. The sun was out, and I felt I merited interim refreshment at the 'Harrow' before the climb to All Saints, Steep. The walk into

Petersfield follows the 'Hangers Way', and as home was only a few hundred yards off the route, needless to say I called there before resuming my increasingly weary journey. Eight churches ticked off, culminating in the welcoming arms of Val Hart at the Church Family Centre. Cake now fully deserved – and much appreciated.

Report of Doreen Lewis and Robin Hart's ride

The four churches in Petersfield were first visited prior to leaving the town to cycle the heights of the challenging hills to the west. The long climb to the top of Stoner Hill was accomplished to visit Froxfield Green and High Cross where both churches had welcomers to greet all visitors.

The ride now was by wayside of many harvested fields where the crops had been gathered and birds were gleaning what was left behind. In the distance a divine beckoning sign of the 160 ft high spire of Privett Holy Trinity Church was seen. The spire dominates the treescape of this high point of Hampshire. This Church was built in 1876-78 and was funded by William Nicholson to the sum of £22000 - a local benefactor and gin distiller - and designed by Gothic architect Sir Arthur Blomfield, later responsible for the Royal College of Music. Coming upon this pastoral setting is an astonishing experience to find this lavishly decorated Medieval-style church with Italian marble mosaic floors in such a rural location.

More hedgerows to cycle beside with Buzzards calling and soaring from above on route to the early Norman C11th St Mary Magdalene Church in West Tisted. To approach this hidden little gem of a church, a moat is crossed and is surrounded by Irish and common yew trees, of which especially one predates the church. There are vestiges of Saxon work still visible in the form of blocked up arch with vertical and horizontal stones. By way of a farm track a mile was strode to the woods, whilst the Red Kites gave a wonderful display of their agility in flight at low level on route to the next church.

The Upper Itchen Benefice care for a small property named *Church in the Woods* sited in a grove of trees on Bramdean Common. It took just five days to build this mission church in 1883. Sheets of corrugated iron secured to a timber frame form the whole construction. It is uncertain what the base was constructed from, but a small flight of steps brings you to the doorway. Above the roof, the church bell hangs in its turret and an iron steeple points skywards, topped with a weather vane. The idea of building this church was to give commoners,

charcoal burners and gypsy itinerants who used the common, a place to worship.

Next was a ride to the other side of the winter bourne valley at Bramdean the Grade 2 C12th Church of St Simon and St Jude was built on high ground over looking this winter bourne valley. After that came three flint strewn fields all with their yield of harvest gathered in where a path leads to a Grade 2 listed building with origins in historic Saxon times at Hinton Ampner.

This church still retains some pre-conquest works, which survived the C13th rebuilding which preserved the earlier Saxon building. It stands in the grounds of Hinton Ampner House and has the benefit of the wonderful gardens supported by the National Trust at its gateway.

Now followed a ride through Brockwood Park to West Meon Church dedicated to St John the Evangelist designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott (1811-1878) at the age of 31, this was an early commission in the 1840s.

Further up the Meon Valley is All Saints Church at East Meon where you can see the most fascinating Tournai Font from Norman times and is one of seven brought to this country by King Stephen's brother Henri de Blois who lived in the nearby Court House.

This journey in fine weather through magnificent rural neighbourhood continued back to Petersfield via Oxenbourne, Ramsdean and Stroud and to the 2008 Family Centre at the end of a 50 Km cycle ride, for refreshments so assiduously prepared by Val.

A heartfelt thank you is extended from the three participants for all the very generous donations given for the benefit of this Trust for the work in many churches.

Robin Hart



Smile Lines

Tractors

A little girl was watching her daddy repair his tractor. She asked her mother, "What happens to old tractors when they finally stop working?"

Sighing, her mother answered: "Someone sells them to your father, dear."

Mission News

For your information and prayers, there will be news from one or more Missions each month. If you support a mission that has any information and prayer updates, please send these to the editor so that they can be included



Thank you for your continued kindness to Ukraine Christian Partnership. We are very grateful for all your prayers and generous donations, including £160 from Connie's Handicraft Group. Recently I have been asked:

Why does our church have a link to Ukraine?

For those folk who are new to our church they may be wondering how we got involved with Ukraine. Well, it all started some 20 years ago, back in 2004, when Holy Trinity Church, Claygate were looking to run their first mission to the villages of Akli, Ujakli and Gyula in Transcarpathia, western Ukraine. One of their members, Dr Michael Webb-Peploe, was putting together a medical team. He needed a radiologist and a pharmacist and through his daughter, a friend of Fiona Darling, Fiona and David were recruited to fill these positions. That first mission, like all subsequent ones, was a Spirit-filled time of real blessing for all concerned, both locals and those from the UK.

The next year we expanded the dental work with the recruitment of Tony Phillips, Alan Jones and Sue Bone. Our former minister, Peter Norris and his wife Lyn, and Sue's husband Steve came along as part of the community team. In the following years, our church's involvement grew and grew. We increased our presence in the children's work with Carol running the school activities with help from both adults and our Petersfield YUMsters (Youth Ukraine Mission). While it would be nice to mention everyone else from the church who has been involved, there are just too many - over 30 have gone on mission to Ukraine over the years!

As our mission became established, Ukraine Christian Partnership (UCP) was formed as an independent UK charity, in 2011. UCP is made up of members from our church and Holy Trinity Claygate. Four of the current trustees are from our church (Carol, David, Tim and Wendy).

While the Russian invasion has sadly restricted our recent mission visits, UCP's assistance to Ukraine is needed more than ever. Thanks to people's generosity we have been supporting not only our 'old' friends in Transcarpathia, but also new ones in Kherson. In particular, since spring 2022, we have been supporting Pastor Sergey and his church in Chornobaivka (close to Kherson city). A church which is faith in action in the most difficult of circumstances. Please do continue to pray for these dear folk – and for peace.

A new initiative for Akli, Transcarpathia – would you be able to help?

From 2004 – 2020, UCP was providing medicines to needy folk through its medical mission. This was becoming more and more difficult for a number of reasons, including Brexit and local Ukrainian political reorganisation. God guided us through this difficult path. In January 2020, our last medical visit before Covid, we could not obtain any British medicines and instead bought medicines locally in Ukraine. This meant that when Covid struck, people were used to taking Ukrainian medicines and, with help from family and the local church, were able to buy their own medicines.

However, as times have got tougher due to the war, there has been a request from the local church for us to help 15 elderly folk who live on their meagre state pension with no support from family members. While their medicine requirements vary, the average cost per month for each patient is £35. Would you like to help support this initiative either on a one-off or ongoing basis? If so, please ask any of the trustees for further details. You can donate via online bank transfer. See [Ukraine Christian Partnership | UK Charity | Community Support \(ukrainecp.org\)](https://ukrainecp.org) for details. You can also pass cash or cheque (payable to Ukraine Christian Partnership) to David Darling, Carol Tubbs or Jim Cleverly. All donations can be gift aided.

Thank you so much for your faithful support, in prayer and in finances.

David Darling

Ukraine Christian Partnership (www.ukrainecp.org)



Recycling at Petersfield Infant School

We welcome the following items which help to raise valuable funds for our school

- used batteries**
- used pens used stamps**
- red, green or blue plastic milk bottle tops**
- unwanted spectacles (without the cases)**
- household cleaning wipes packaging**
- tinted fabric conditioner bottles and caps**
- dishwasher and laundry capsules or tablets plastic packaging**
- plastic air freshener packaging,**
- air fresheners and cartridges**
- any brand of flexible plastic cheese pouches**
- plastic nets from mini cheese packets**
- any brand of individual plastic cheese wrappers**
- any brand of sliced cheese protective plastic film**

All of these items help raise much needed funds for our school with the exception of the used stamps which raise money for Canine Partners and the spectacles, which go towards the Lions Club of Petersfield 'Sight For Life' initiative

Simply drop your recycling at the Front Door on St Peters Road and we will do the rest!

THANK YOU!

For our younger readers ...

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

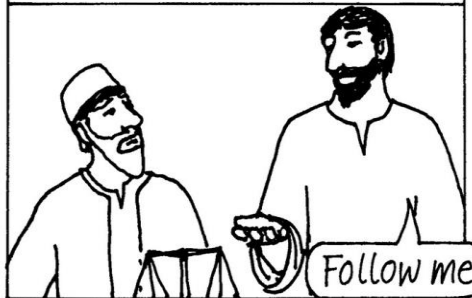
It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 9:9-13, Mk 2:13-15, Lk 5:27-32

The Roman invaders had given the job of collecting their taxes to local Jews who also overcharged, so they were doubly hated.



Matthew had his tax office by Lake Galilee.

Jesus walked past, and said



Matthew left everything and went with Jesus.

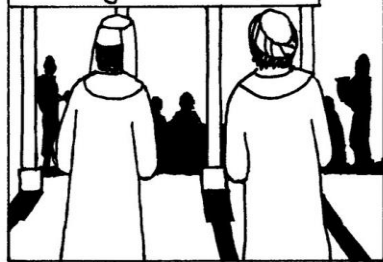


Matthew held a big feast and invited his friends so they could meet Jesus.



They were other tax collectors and bad people

The Pharisees saw Jesus eating with them.



They grumbled to Jesus' disciples.



Why is your teacher eating with all those bad people?

Jesus heard them and said



Who needs a doctor, healthy people or the sick?

Try reading 'keeping rules doesn't make up for not having kindness.' *



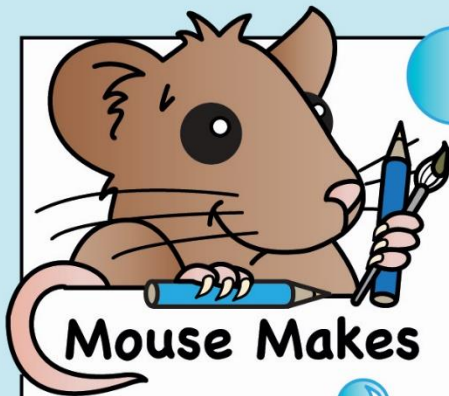
*Hosea 6:6

Hosea was talking about people who looked like they were following God's rules but were bad inside.



I have come for the people who need my help.





Mouse Makes



READ
the story in
John 13:1-17

"DO AS I HAVE DONE FOR YOU."

The disciples had met with Jesus in an upper room to share a meal together, but there were no servants to wash their dusty feet. Jesus got up from the table, took off his outer clothing, wrapped a towel around his waist and began to wash the disciples' feet just like a servant would do.



Then Jesus said:

"Do you understand what I have done for you? Now that I, your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example, that you should do as I have done for you."

By washing his disciples' feet, Jesus showed that as God's people we are never too important to serve and care for others.

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Crossword

Across

1 In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)

9 'No — , impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7)

10 City on the banks of the River Nile (5)

11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)

13 Taverns (4)

16 'Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)

17 'He will not always — , nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9) (6)

18 and 27 Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1-2) (4,4)

20 Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)

21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)

22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)

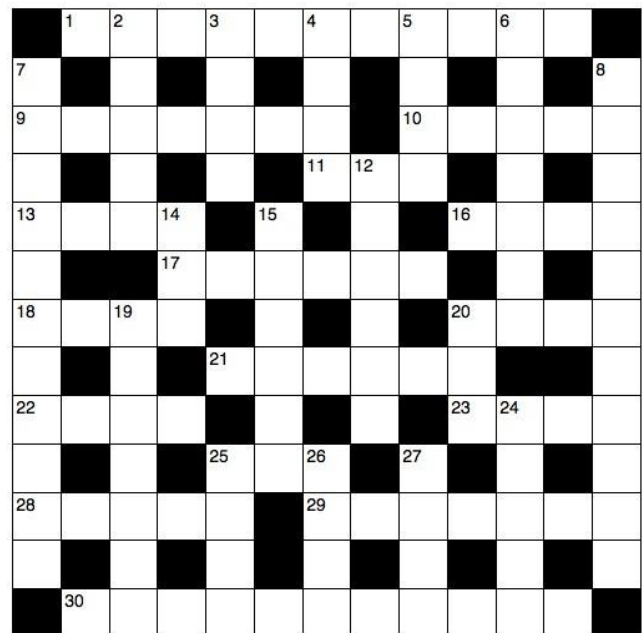
23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)

25 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a — of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3)

28 Annie (anag.) (5)

29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)

30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)



Down

2 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)

3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)

4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)

5 — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)

- 6 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
- 7 'Our — is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
- 8 'This is a day you are to — ' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
- 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
- 14 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
- 15 Liverpool dialect (6)
- 19 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
- 20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
- 24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
- 25 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
- 26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4)
- 27 See 18 Across



Smile Lines

When children tell Bible stories (*real-life efforts that didn't quite make it...*)

- * St John, the blacksmith, dumped water on Jesus' head.
- * Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you.
- * Jesus ruled that "a man doth not live by sweat alone."
- * It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
- * The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.
- * One of the opossums was St Matthew who was also a taximan.

Sudoku

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Medium

**He is Always There**

It is funny that when we're in trouble
 We immediately kneel down and pray,
 And expect that the good Lord in heaven
 Will all of our fears allay.

It's amazing that when we're in crisis
 We turn to the Lord straight away,
 But we barely spare Him a moment
 When everything's going our way.

We seem to seek God when it suits us
 And we fail to keep in touch each day,
 Yet regardless how badly we treat Him
 His love means He's not far away.

So perhaps we should stop for a moment
 And give thanks to the Lord in a prayer,
 For no matter how neglectful of Him we may be
 For us, He will always be there.

By Colin Hammacott

News from the United Reformed Church
Items from the September edition of the Synod News



Family Film Night – new resource

Elemental. Theme: How do we make an inclusive world.

These exciting resources are designed for families to have fun and explore big questions together, all based around a family friendly film. Each film night has a main theme and follows the same pattern. Watch the film together, have fun doing the activities and then explore using the wondering questions. For families who want to link to the Bible, there are ‘going deeper’ wondering questions to use. This resource can also be used in Sunday Schools, messy church, bible study groups and school assemblies.

Why not consider hosting a family film night and inviting your community to come along?

Free to download from the [Synod website](#).

Wessex Synod Prayer Calendar

November	3	Tadley; St Francis, Banbury
	10	Blandford Forum; Trinity, Abingdon
	17	Grange, Reading; Somerford, High Cross Church
	24	Bell Street United Church Shaftesbury; Caversham Park, Reading

Solutions

ACROSS: 1, Charioteers. 9, Immoral. 10, Cairo. 11, SAE. 13, Inns. 16, Firm. 17, Accuse. 18, East. 20, Ogam. 21, Judith. 22, Seba. 23, Msgr. 25, Den. 28, Inane. 29, Entreat. 30, Chrysoprase.

DOWN: 2, Human. 3, Rare. 4, Oils. 5, Ecce. 6, Raising. 7, Citizenship. 8, Commemorate. 12, Assail. 14, Sat. 15, Scouse. 19, Sabbath. 20, Ohm. 24, Seeds. 25, Deny. 26, Nero. 27, Star.

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Lectionary Bible Readings for

November 3	Ruth 1:1-18 and Psalm 146; Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34
November 10	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 and Psalm 127; 1 Kings 17:8-16 and Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44
November 17	1 Samuel 1:4-20 and 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Daniel 12:1-3 and Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8
November 24	2 Samuel 23:1-7 and Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18); Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 and Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37

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