

The Herald

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*We are like fragile clay jars
holding priceless treasure -
the strength
in us is not
ours but
God's.*

*2 Cor
4:7*



November 2023

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What's on when and where

Sunday 5 November - All Saints Sunday

10.00am St Peter's South Hanningfield Holy Communion

11.00am St Margaret's Downham Family Service

Note: No service at Ramsden Bellhouse

Sunday 12 November - Remembrance Sunday

10.45am St Margaret's Downham Act of Remembrance

11.00am followed by Sung Eucharist

10.45am Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall
Remembrance service

12.30pm St Peter's South Hanningfield Act of Remembrance

Sunday 19 November - 2 before Advent

11.00am St Mary's Ramsden Bellhouse Benefice Holy Communion

Note: No services at Downham or South Hanningfield

Sunday 26 November - Christ the King

10.00am St Mary's Ramsden Bellhouse Holy Communion

11.00am St Margaret's Downham Sung Eucharist

Note: No service at South Hanningfield

Sunday 3 December - Advent 1

10.00am St Peter's South Hanningfield Holy Communion

11.00am St Margaret's Downham Family Service

Note: No service at Ramsden Bellhouse

Other dates for your diary

Sunday 5 November All Saints' Church Stock

Evensong and sparklers at 6.00pm

Contact the Revd Jacqui for more information

Saturday 2 December Christmas Bazaar at St Margaret's Downham

See page 3 for full details

Christmas Bazaar



St Margaret's Church
Castledon Road
Downham CM11 1LG

Saturday
2 December

11.00am to 3.00pm

Stalls, games, refreshments
The place to buy your Christmas gifts



Come and meet
Father Christmas

A prayer for the people of the Holy Land

As we go to press we have just learned about the terrible conflict unfolding in the Holy Land. The Archbishop of Canterbury has published a prayer for the people of the Holy Land that you may wish to use in your personal prayers.

God of Compassion and Justice,
We cry out to you for all who suffer in the Holy Land today.
For your precious children, Israelis and Palestinians,
Traumatised in fear for their lives;
Lord, have mercy.

For the families of the bereaved,
For those who have seen images they will never forget,
For those anxiously waiting for news, despairing with each passing day;
Lord, have mercy.

For young men and women,
heading into combat,
bearing the burden of what others have done and what they will be
asked to do;
Lord, have mercy.

For civilians in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank, that they would
be protected and that every life would count and be cherished and
remembered;
Lord, have mercy.

For the wounded, and those facing a lifetime of scars, for those
desperately seeking medical treatment where there is none;
Lord, have mercy.

For medical and emergency personnel, risking their own lives to save
those of others;
Lord, have mercy.

For those who cannot see anything but rage and violence, that you
would surprise them with mercy, and turn their hearts towards kindness
for their fellow human beings;
Lord, have mercy.

For people of peace, whose imagination is large enough to conceive of
a different way, that they may speak, and act, and be heard;
Lord, have mercy.

Mighty and caring God, you promised that one day, swords will be
beaten into ploughshares, meet us in our distress, and bring peace
upon this troubled land.

Amen

Keeping up to date with developments

The Herald is published monthly, normally on the last Sunday of the month, but sometimes things crop up that were not known when *The Herald* goes to press. A reminder that each church has its own Facebook page which is regularly updated, in addition to the benefice website. Please follow us on Facebook if you do not already do so. You will then receive notification of any new information that is available.

You will find the Facebook pages

www.facebook.com/DownhamChurch

www.facebook.com/RamsdenBellhouseChurch

www.facebook.com/SouthHanningfieldChurch

From the ministry team

I am terrible at remembering things. When I go shopping, I have to write a list if I am to have any chance of remembering what I need to buy. I forget many things, and yet something brings memories right back.

Our ability to remember things will differ from person to person - and we will each have (or perhaps feel we have) a strength for either long or short term memory. My long term memory is definitely better than my short one (but that is not really saying a lot...).

As families and communities we also hold collective memories - as we remember together events that happened; events that perhaps happened even beyond the scope of our lifetimes. Yet within the community they are held, and remembered. As a country we “remember, remember, the 5th of November, gunpowder, treason, and plot.”

At this time of year the church enters a season of remembrance. There is obviously Remembrance Sunday, but before that there is also All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day - days where we remember those who have died (both our loved ones and those many people of faith who have gone before us).

We also, at the end of the month, celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It is the last feast of the church year (the new church year starts at the beginning of Advent). At the end of the church year we remember that Jesus is King, and we remember His promise that He will return. The church together remembers that, over all our memories, and our hope and fears for the future, Jesus is above all and holds all.

At every church service we remember that Jesus died for us, because he loves us. As the future can seem scary and uncertain at times, remembering what Jesus did for us, and has promised to do, seems a good place to start.

Revd Jacqui Pearson

All Souls' Day – a time of reckoning with the past

The Church celebrates All Souls' Day on 2 November.

The early Church was slow to dedicate a liturgical day to offering prayers and masses to commemorate the faithful departed. But in time prayers were offered on behalf of dead monks, that they might attain 'the Beatific Vision' through purification, which the Church later described as Purgatory. Odilo, the powerful abbot of Cluny, (d 1049) decreed that All Souls' Day should follow the feast of All Saints' Day.

At least four ancient English dedications are known, the most famous of which are All Souls College, Oxford and the church in Langham Place in London.

In bygone centuries All Souls' Day was certainly uncomfortable for anyone who had wronged a person who had then died. For it was believed that souls in purgatory could appear on earth on this day, in the form of ghosts, witches or toads, to haunt anyone who had wronged them in life.

On a more cheerful note, it was also believed that you could help the dead on this day by almsgiving in cash or in kind. Some of these beliefs seem to have been caught up in the popular customs of Hallowe'en.

When the Reformation came, the Protestants disregarded the idea of Purgatory, and this feast day remained with the Roman Catholic Church.

From the registers

Downham

Baptism

8 October	Felicity Ann May Wright Alexia Wright
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Burial of ashes

22 October	Audrey & John Rae
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Funeral & Burial

10 October	Patricia June Kirk
17 October	Betty Louise Burrows

Ramsden Bellhouse

Memorial Service

9 October Iris Bell

Wedding

5 October Neil Wyatt & Hollie Spooner

St Margaret's Downham

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Festival on 15 October. We received a large quantity of goods which have been donated to the Wickford Food Bank. Thanks to Freda and her team of helpers who decorated the church so beautifully.



Thanks also to Barbara and her team of helpers who prepared and served a delicious three course lunch after the service



Christmas Bazaar

Our Christmas Bazaar takes place on 2 December (see details on page 3). We hope to have our usual variety of stalls, including hand made Christmas decorations, home made jams and cakes, textiles, bric a brac etc. We will be serving refreshments and light lunches during the day. There will also be an opportunity for children (and adults too!) to meet Father Christmas.

We hope that you have the date in your diary. Please tell your friends about it and encourage them to come along.

The Jam Factory

One of the most popular stalls at our events is the one selling home made jams. Jean Pavely needs 1lb (454gm) and 3/4lb (350 gm) jam jars. If you have any available please bring them to church or drop them into Jean at Juniper Lodge, 12 Castledon Road, Downham.

Downham WI

It only seems like yesterday that I was writing last month's article, time does fly! I'm pleased to say that our Tuesday Club has finished the project that I set them at the beginning of the year. When you go through Downham you will see our contribution for Remembrance day (11/11) for this year. Our lovely members have knitted hundreds of poppies and the finished result will be on display outside Downham Village Hall and Jubilee Gardens. Well done ladies.

It's that time of year when we are preparing for our Christmas lunch and planning our next year's activities with the help of the whole group.

A small number of us went to see the Calendar Girls at the Billericay Theatre on Sunday 15 October which was absolutely fabulous. We all very much enjoyed the afternoon. Well done Billericay Theatre, we will be back.

I'm also pleased to welcome our new members this year and this has resulted in our membership growing to 37 members. This makes me a very happy President.

If you would like to join our friendly group then come along on the third Tuesday of each month.

Contact Wendy on 07778 809723 for further information

Wendy



THE ROTARY CLUB OF WICKFORD

🎵 SID BOLAN BIG 🎵 BAND

Saturday 25th November 2023

Wickford Community Centre

Nevendon Road

Wickford

SS12 0QG

Time: 8pm – 11pm

Licensed Bar

Ticket £15.00

All Proceeds to Rotary Charities

For Tickets Contact: 07875994662



St Mary's Ramsden Bellhouse

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29 September. It was good to see so many people there and we are delighted to say that we raised £510 for Macmillan Cancer Support. This was more than double the amount raised last year.

Audrey Pegrum

Ramsden Heath Social Club

Our monthly BINGO EVENING will be on Friday 3 November at 8.00pm. Just £1.00 to play & £2.00 for each book you want to play. All welcome. FREE tea & coffee at the half-time break, but please feel free to bring other drinks/snacks of your own.

Following this, our next QUIZ NIGHT will be on Saturday 18 November starting at 7.45pm. Tickets ON SALE NOW: £3.00 for Members, £6.00 for Guests & £2.00 for Children. Book for a team of 8 people or join a table on the night. Please book your places ASAP as these are always popular nights.

If anyone would like to join the Social Club, membership at just £12 per adult is now available.

For more information please contact:

Dave Charlton on 07940 540819 or Dave Quinney on 07950 309524

Community Cuppa & Cake afternoon

14 November 2.00 to 4.00pm

Ramsden Heath Village Hall

Dowsetts Lane CM11 1HX

We were surprised how many people turned up at our Coffee Afternoon on 10 October as it was 27 degrees and thought people would be in their gardens making the most of it, but we had a lovely big crowd with all eight tables pretty much full.

This month we donated £100 to the charity BASIS Blind and Sight Impaired Society based in Basildon who will purchase equipment with that money.

Thank you to all who support us.

We look forward to 14 November and as always new faces are most welcome to enjoy a cuppa for 50p and a piece of homemade cake for £1.50.

Ramsden Cupcakes

Ramsden Heath Horticultural & Allotment Society

So the clocks have gone back, it's dark by 5.30pm and the garden has all but gone to sleep for the winter. But cheer up, we have lots of events happening to keep you entertained during the coming weeks.

Our first autumn event was the Harvest Supper, which took place on 4 October. The message was to 'bring and share' and our members certainly did.

The Harvest Supper is a work of cookery art. Members always come up trumps with some amazing dishes. It's never organised but every year we manage to have half savoury and half sweet items brought in. A great evening was enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who participated in making the evening a great success.



Future events

On Wednesday 1 November the subject of the evening is 'History of the Morris Men' and I'm sure The Morris Men will entertain us with a few bells and sticks.

Don't forget the mini show, Chrysanthemums, vegetables and pot plants, full details in the Society Schedule. A free raffle ticket will be given to each entrant to the mini show. One person, one ticket. This is the last chance to add points towards the Banksian Medal award.

Plans are now well underway for our annual Christmas Supper on Wednesday 13 December. Rita Elcock holds the list of food needed. Please contact Rita if you wish to supply a dish but haven't yet put your name down (remember all expenses can be claimed back, but you will need to supply a receipt). Rita's contact details are:

Telephone: 01268 733283; email: t.elcock@talktalk.net. The list will also be available at the November meeting.

This year, as our regular panto stars have gone into late retirement, we are breaking with tradition and will be entertained by a professional magician. Just like that!

St Peter's South Hanningfield

Thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Festival on 1 October. South Hanningfield's 'Mission Control' did sterling work, organising the decoration of the church and refreshments after.



The collection at the service has enabled us to send £200 to the charity Water Aid, which was dear to the heart of our late churchwarden, Derek Greasley. The donations of food were taken to the Chelmsford Foodbank and we have received a letter of thanks which reads

On behalf of the Trustees, staff, and volunteers of the Chelmsford Foodbank we write to thank you for your congregation's generous donation of food items given in St Peter's during this Harvest time. This year has shown a huge increase in demand from people in Chelmsford for food parcels, largely due to the current cost of living crisis. Your donations are now being sorted by date into individual and family boxes for delivery to our Food Distribution Centres across Chelmsford. They will then be given out to those who have already obtained a voucher from the agency looking after their needs. Your donations have been very much appreciated, especially as donations generally have

been lower than for previous years, but we can assure you that these gifts make many families humble when they realise that their food parcels come from the generosity of the public of Chelmsford.

Carol singing on the Tye

We hope to arrange carol singing on the Tye again this year, and possibly also in The Old Windmill. We will let you know more details in the December edition of *The Herald*.

South Hanningfield Village Hall

Defibrillator outside hall Recently our AED defibrillator was successfully used by the NHS ambulance service from Southend who borrowed it in an emergency. The hall committee had to arrange to get the defibrillator back and reinstalled at the hall after purchasing new pads for the equipment. The defibrillator is now ready for use again.

Murder Mystery Evening update We held this event on 23 September. It was a great success and something different at the village hall! Our grateful thanks to the Phoenix Theatre Company Chelmsford who put on a great evening's entertainment. There were prizes for the correct answer and the funniest answer, and the Raffle prizes were also a mystery too being wrapped up with clues on them. The event raised over £360 for village hall funds.



Our next events coming up:

Christmas Crafts & Gifts Table Top Sale at the hall on Saturday, 25 November from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Over 35 craft and gift stalls will be attending. The event is Free Entry, there will be a Raffle and refreshments will be available including Mulled Wine! For any further information, contact Clive on 07891 653238 or vallisc@aol.com

Fundraising Ball at Stockbrook Manor on Saturday, 27 January 2024

£77 per person Posh Evening Frocks and Dinner Jackets. Need numbers with £25 deposits as soon as possible. Proceeds to South Hanningfield Village Hall and St Peter's Church. Tables of 8-10 and cost includes pre-dinner drinks reception. After dinner all-inclusive evening bar including house spirits, wines, beers, lagers & soft drinks. 4 Course Luxury Dinner Menu including wine, beers and soft drinks. DJ entertainment. To book, call 07396 546050 or email shvhall@gmail.com

Other events at the village hall:

Afternoon Tea Party on Saturday, 11 November at 2.00pm

£20 per person, proceeds to the Teenage Cancer Trust as part of fundraising for Fleur to run the London Marathon. There will be a variety of sandwiches, cakes, tea with wonderful company for a great cause. Dietary requirements catered for.

To book, call Emma Keeling on 07961 963914
or Fleur Miles on 07917 138975

Christmas Wreath Workshops on Saturday, 2nd and Sunday, 3rd December 10.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Three hours of creative festive fun taught by two qualified florists. Price covers all materials and refreshments will be provided. £50 for a traditional round wreath and £20 non-refundable deposit required when booking.

To book, contact Julia 07399 116848 or 01245 445349 or
Debbie 07508 073007 or 01245 710060.

Dates for your Diary 2024

Other events coming up next year include Table Top Sale on Sunday, 25 February;

St Patrick's Ceilidh on Saturday, 16 March and Magic Evening on Saturday, 28 September. More details to follow in future editions of *The Herald*.

Raffle Prizes Needed If anyone has any suitable items for raffle prizes they can donate to us for use at future events, please let us know. The committee would be very grateful.

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library visits South Hanningfield Village Hall every three weeks.

Day of visit: Tuesday Time of visit: 12.25pm to 12.55pm

Next visit dates are 14 November and 5 December.

Regular Activities

Coffee Morning

Second Wednesday of each month from 10.30am – 12.30pm

This month's coffee morning is on Wednesday 8th November



Community officers from Essex Police attended October's Coffee Morning giving those present an opportunity to talk to them about any issues of concern. They are hoping to attend future coffee mornings.

January's coffee morning will have a visit from the Essex Police Fraud Officers to give advice and information to those attending.

Please call the listed contacts below to book a place

Puppy Dog Training Classes

Monday from 6.00pm and 7.00pm

Dog training for puppies of all ages

Contact Rachel on 07484 706085

or email Rachel@PuppyPotentialDogTraining.co.uk

Pilates & Keep Fit

Monday 9.45am – 10.45am

Thursday 10.00am – 12.00 noon

Contact Hayley on 07758 427379

Strollercise Dance

Monday 11.15am – 12.15pm

Tel: 07952 791183

Email: lynne.strawford@sky.com

No booking is required, just turn up

Kid's Role Play (children 0 to 6 years)

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

9.45am to 11.30am

Every Tuesday and Every Wednesday (except the 2nd Wednesday of the month)

For more information, visit the Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094542279687>

To book, visit <https://bookwhen.com/kidsroleplay>

Yoga and Zumba Thursday night - Sakura Yoga Studios

Zumba 6.20pm to 7.15pm and

Vinyasa Flow Yoga 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Pay as you go

Tel: Charlene on 07772 443028 or email info@sakurayogastudios.co.uk

Upholstery Class

Friday morning 9.30am – 1.00pm

Contact Fiona on 01621 776586 or 07887 507208

If you would like to book the South Hanningfield Village Hall for any regular activities or events, please call Sandra Graves, our Bookings Secretary on 07396 546050 or email shvhall@gmail.com to check availability and prices.

Please continue to support our local village hall and if there are any other ways you can help us, let us know. Please contact the Chairman, Clive Vallis for further information on 07891 653238.

Website <https://e-voice.org.uk/shanningfieldvillagehall>

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/southhanningfieldvillagehall>

Tickets
£20 per
head



Afternoon Tea Party

Please kindly join us for a delightful afternoon of tea, treats, and wonderful company as we host an enchanting afternoon tea party.

Sat 11th nov 2023 2PM

South Hanningfield Village Hall

Fleurs London marathon fundrasier for Teenage
Cancer Trust



For tickets contact
Emma Keeling 07961963914
Fleur miles 07917138975

All in the month of November

It was:

100 years ago: on 8 November 1923 that Christian Barnard, South African cardiac surgeon was born. He carried out the first successful human heart transplant in 1967. (Died 2001.)

Also 100 years ago, on 11 November 1923 that the eternal flame at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier under the Arc de Triomphe in Paris was lit. It was the first modern-day eternal flame in Europe.

80 years ago, from 28 November to 1 December 1943 that the Tehran Conference in Iran was held. US President Franklin D Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet Leader Joseph Stalin met to discuss plans for a second front against Nazi Germany. This led to the D-Day assault on Normandy and the Allied invasion of occupied Europe, starting in June 1944.

75 years ago, on 4 November 1948 that American-born British poet and playwright TS Eliot won the 1948 Nobel Prize in Literature.

Also 75 years ago, on 14 November 1948 that Charles, King of England, was born.

60 years ago, on 22 November 1963 that US President John F Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas by suspected gunman Lee Harvey Oswald.

Also 60 years ago, on 22 November 1963 that CS Lewis, Irish-born British novelist, literary critic and academic, died. Best known for his book on Christian apologetics, and the Chronicles of Narnia.

Also 60 years ago, on 23 November 1963 that the first episode of the science fiction television series Doctor Who was broadcast in the UK. It is the longest-running and most successful science fiction TV series in the world.

50 years ago, on 13 November 1973 that Britain declared a state of emergency as a strike by coal miners caused supplies to dwindle. A 3-Day Week was introduced to conserve supplies.

40 years ago, on 14 November 1983 that British Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine announced that the first American Cruise missiles had arrived at Greenham Common airbase.

30 years ago, on 1 November 1993 that the Maastricht Treaty came into effect, establishing the European Union. (EU).

20 years ago, on 22 November 2003 that England won the Rugby World Cup for the first time.

15 years ago, on 14 – 15 November 2008 that the first G20 Summit was held in Washington DC. It was established as a result of the 2008 financial crisis.

Reflecting faith – Remembering Our Loved Ones

Perhaps you've noticed that on the more 'special' items in or around our churches there are dedication plaques to the person who donated the money to buy the item, or in whose name the item was purchased.

In some churches, pretty much everywhere you look you will find such labels, whilst in others they are much rarer.

Of course, many people donate financially and give specific items in their own name or in memory of someone else without wishing for this to be publicly noted. But often when folk donate something they do like it made clear.

A couple of centuries ago people would leave money after their death for a mass to be said for their soul. In some rich cases this would be every day for a year or even longer.

The 'very' rich paid for a new altar to be placed in the church building or even in an extension to the building – a chantry. This is where their personal mass would be conducted each day. In these cases, a stipend would also be paid to cover the cost of a separate priest to do this task, rather than the rector or vicar having it as an extra daily task.

A room would often be provided for that priest above the chapel.

This all stems from the belief that we have sinned and will be punished in purgatory or hell but can 'buy' time off through prayers.

Today our theology has moved back to a more biblical understanding, that Christ is the one who bore our sins on the cross, and we can't earn our way to heaven; we can only get there by faith in Him.

But we still love and think about the people whom we loved, even though they are dead. Some Christians believe that, as we prayed for them in life, why should we stop just because they are dead?

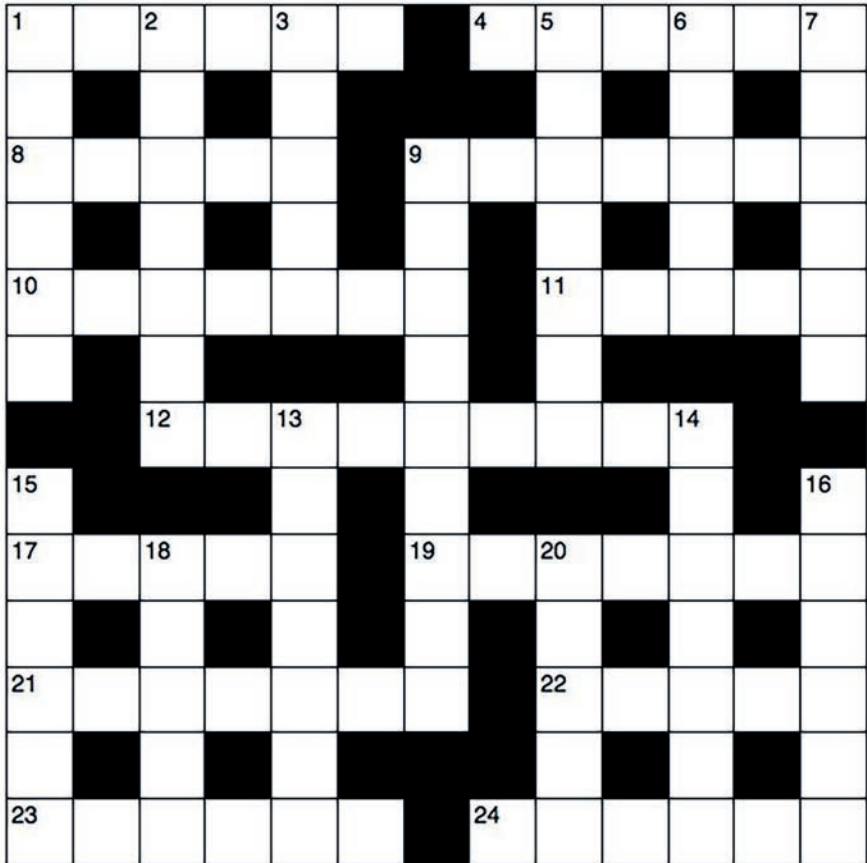
As C.S.Lewis wrote;

"I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God. It changes me."

This month we celebrate All Souls day.

As you remember your loved ones whom you see no more, hold them close in ways that make sense to you, and reflect your faith in God's loving grace and mercy.

Puzzle corner



Across

- 1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when he had given — , he broke it'
(1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)
- 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his — over me is love'
(Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
- 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
- 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)
- 10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
- 11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)

- 12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
- 17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)
- 19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)
- 21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
- 22 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)
- 23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John10:3) (6)
- 24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

Down

- 1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)
- 2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)
- 3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)
- 5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
- 6 and 16
Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
- 7 A three (anag.) (6)
- 9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
- 13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
- 14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
- 15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
- 16 See 6 Down (6)
- 18 Paste (anag.) (5)
- 20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)

Answers on page 33

Children's pages



"Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by
_____ and _____
with thanksgiving, present your
_____ to God."
Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

"The _____
is _____
to all who _____
on him in _____"

"For where two or three
_____ in my name, there
I am with them."
Matthew 18:20



PRaise GOD

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH

NIV

Look up the Bible verses, fill in the blanks then find them in the word search

C O N F E S S P K R Q C
N E A R M D P E H E A R
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F P V O I R P T R E N U
O R D I T U R I A S K T
R A E C A T O O Y T P R
G I V E T H A N K S R A
I S O S E S C A P R A Y
V E T G A T H E R U Y E
E L E C A L L I S T E N
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FORGIVE • NAME
CRY OUT • AMEN

" _____
always, _____
continually, _____
in all circumstances."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Therefore, _____
your sins to one another and
_____ for one another,
that you may be healed."
James 5:16

" _____
yourselves
to prayer, being
watchful and
thankful."
Colossians 4:2

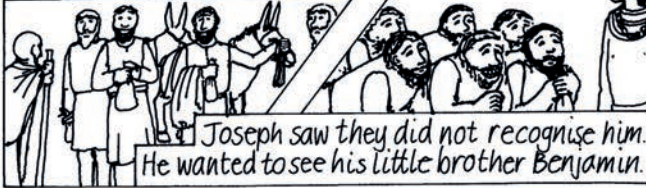
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Genesis chapters 41:46 - 45:28

Joseph: sold by his brothers, taken to Egypt,
now in charge of the stored food as famine
spreads through Egypt, and beyond...

Joseph's father sent 10 of Joseph's
brothers to Egypt to buy food.



Joseph saw they did not recognise him.
He wanted to see his little brother Benjamin.

To prove you are
not spies, you must
bring your other
brother to me...



They needed more
food so they had
to take Benjamin
to Egypt.



Joseph gave them food...



but to test them he
had his cup put in Benjamin's sack.

Then as they
went home...



Stop!

You have stolen my
master's special cup.



It was
in Benjamin's sack.

The servant
took them back
to Joseph.



You are a thief and
must stay as a
slave.



But Judah said



It would break our
father's heart. Let
me take his place.

Joseph saw that his brothers had
changed.



I am your brother Joseph. You
sold me but God sent me to Egypt.

I can look after you.
Come and live with me.



So all of Joseph's
family moved
to Egypt.



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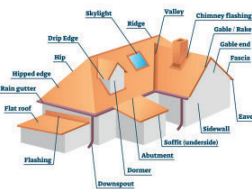


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- Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!
- Outside one church is a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed. A headline reads: 'For fast relief, take two tablets.'
- When the restaurant next to a church put out a big sign with red letters that said, 'Open Sundays', the church reciprocated with its own message: 'We are open on Sundays, too.'
- Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!

Someone out there must be very good at Scrabble!

Presbyterian – Best in prayer

Astronomer – Moon starrer

Desperation – A rope ends it

The eyes – They see

The Morse Code – Here come dots

Dormitory – Dirty room

Slot machines – Cash lost in me

Animosity – Is no amity

Election results – Lies; let's recount

Snooze alarms – Alas! No more Z's

A decimal point – I'm a dot in place

The earthquakes – That queer shake

Eleven plus two – Twelve plus one

Light

A small boy was fascinated by the red Sanctuary lamp during a rather long sermon. Finally, he whispered: *'Mum, when the light changes to green, can we go?'*

St Matthew

Underneath a street sign 'St Matthew's Close', someone had added: 'Well, I can't see him.'

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Contributions to the December edition

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Answers to the Crossword puzzle

ACROSS: 1, Thanks. 4, Banner. 8, Esher. 9, Azariah. 10, Compare. 11, Ishma. 12, Doorposts. 17, Oaths. 19, Galatia. 21, Papyrus. 22, Frail. 23, Listen. 24, Hyssop.

DOWN: 1, Trench. 2, Ashamed. 3, Karma. 5, Ananias. 6, Neigh. 7, Reheat. 9, Areopagus. 13, Observe. 14, Satraps. 15, Compel. 16, Gallop. 18, Tapes. 20, Lofty.

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