

GLENFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER



**Show me
your way,
Lord,
that
I may
walk in
your
truth**

March 2012

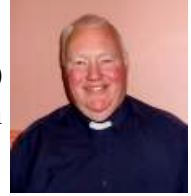
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THE MINISTER'S LETTER

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Dear Friends,

What is an acceptable sacrifice to God? Do we really have to take the heifer three years old, the female goat three years old, and the ram three years old and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other, remembering not to cut the turtledove and the young pigeon? In the light of that kind of idea of sacrifice, giving up chocolate for Lent hardly seems to be in the same league! Do we even need to offer an acceptable sacrifice in order to gain God's favour? Do we have any idea what an acceptable sacrifice might be?

Perhaps we should start with the word "sacrifice." Often that word seems harsh, even gruesome. How "Old Testament" can the idea of killing innocent animals appear to be in order to please God. Yet our simple "New Testament" Lenten practice of giving up something like chocolate seems hardly worth it when compared to what Jesus Christ gave up when he died on the cross

Does the word "sacrifice" need to be harsh or gruesome? When we share Holy Communion we sometimes say "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast." Is that a harsh or gruesome statement? Or is it one of celebration and joy?

If we come to understand, as the early Christians did, that the word "sacrifice" means "a holy action" then we can be released from "harsh and gruesome" into "celebration and joy." We are not stuck in Good Friday but move to the celebration and joy of the day when Jesus rose from the dead. Sacrifice, then, is "doing what is holy."

Jesus Christ, by his blood shed on the cross, is our Passover, the "holy action" that offers us escape from a world where minds can be wholly focused on the material things, comfort and success. If we don't recognize this "holy action" how can we keep the peace, a sharing of Shalom. If we ignore God's "holy action" in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, we will miss out on the fullness of all that God has to offer, the deeper meaning of the word "shalom," when we say "let us keep the peace."

So may we all know peace and shalom as we journey through lent towards Holy Week and Easter.

Yours in Christ,

David G. Vale



Church News



A Winter Wedding

Congratulations to Trudi Lynn and Allan Hubbard who were married at Glenfield Methodist Church on Saturday 11th February at 3pm. The service was led by Rev David Vale.

Following the ceremony Trudi and Allan's son, Jack Ryan Hubbard was baptised into the fellowship of the church. Jack and his sister Megan are members of Sunday Club.

In sorrow

We were sorry to hear that Mrs Betty Nutting passed away in January, aged 96. Betty was an active member of the Ladies Fellowship for many years and will be remembered as an enthusiastic helper at rummage sales and church bazaars. Betty's service of thanksgiving was held at Gilroes on Wednesday 25th January. Our sincere condolences go to her husband, Alan, and her friends at Glenfield Methodist Church.

Nice to see you all again

On Sunday 22nd January we were very pleased to welcome Mark Reasbeck, our former minister to lead us in worship. Mark was accompanied by his wife, Mary Sue, and their three children, Silas, Grace and Samuel. Mark left us in 2006 to become minister at Emmanuel Methodist Church in Barnsley. However last Easter he began a new ministry as Pastor of Gateway Church in Barnsley which currently meets at Oakwell Stadium (home of Barnsley FC). This new venture which began with just over 20 people has steadily grown and by Christmas they were delighted to see over 100 people at their carol service. It was lovely to see them all again and exchange news.

More about the ministry in Barnsley

Some of you may have watched 'The One Show' on Tuesday 31st January and have been surprised to see Mark again. There was a feature on a former son of Barnsley, James Hudson Taylor, who felt inspired by God to bring the Christian faith to China. He left these shores in 1853 at the age of 21 to begin his lifetimes work which lasted for 50 years. Mark was acting as the spokesperson for the Barnsley Hudson Taylor group and was leading a group of Chinese Christians through Barnsley, along the trail of significant buildings relating to the Hudson Taylor family, including the Salem Wesleyan Reform Church which was built by James Hudson Taylor's great grandfather. Mark was also accompanied by Pastor Johnny Chan, minister of Leeds Chinese Christian Church. Mark informed the programme's interviewer that there are now more Christians in China than the sum of the whole population of the UK, a remarkable legacy from James Hudson Taylor's mission of faith.

Church Flowers for 2012

The new flower rota is on the notice board in the foyer. There are a number of dates still available and if you would like to provide flowers for Sunday worship, perhaps to commemorate a special date or anniversary, please enter your name on the rota. Thank you for your support. Barbara Coombes .

Sunday evening services during Lent

Christianity is the largest movement our world has ever seen. It continues to grow at an immense pace – especially in Asia, Africa and Latin America. At the same time, Christianity in the West struggles to grow and, perhaps, even to survive. Over 5 weeks during Lent we consider some of the reasons for this and what it might mean for individual Christians, for churches and for Western culture, in a world where alternative beliefs are increasingly on offer. You are welcome to Sunday evening worship at 6.30 pm during Lent to explore these issues in a mixture of worship, prayer, meditation, reflection and discussion, based on this year's York Course:

Handing on the torch – Sacred words for a secular world.

March 4th: 1) A Christian country? Worship leader Geoff Clarke

March 11th: 2) A secular society? Worship leader Linda York

March 18th: 3) A beleaguered church? Worship leader Andy Jobling

March 25th: 4) Competing creeds? Worship leader Claire Bell

April 1st: 5) Handing on the torch – worship leader Rev. David Vale

Glenfield Churches Together



Children & Youth Work Project

SPRING INTO ACTION AND SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY!

HAVE COFFEE AND CAKE AND HELP THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF GLENFIELD!

* Can you or your group help Glenfield Churches Together Children and Youth Work Project by hosting a coffee morning, afternoon tea or evening snack and donating the money you raise to the Project? Just get your group to whip up some cakes and cookies, put the kettle on and invite all the group members, friends and family along. It's that easy. *

SPRING INTO ACTION COFFEE MORNING!

The Project will be kick starting this very important Spring fundraising effort with a Spring into Action Coffee Morning at Glenfield Methodist Church on Saturday 10 March from 10am till 12.30pm. If you would like to help by donating cakes or biscuits please contact Claire Bell or Sue Bradley

If you are able to help the Project to continue its vital work for the children and young people in Glenfield by hosting an event, please contact Claire or Sue for an event pack (poster and invitations and details of how to publicise your event).

QUIZ NIGHT 2012

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make this year's Quiz Night – the ninth - another great success.

Nearly seventy people enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship.

Especial thanks to Celia and Linda for the catering, and to Andrew for his support with the Computer graphics.

£334 was raised for Church funds.

NORMAN CLAYTON

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Enclosed in this month's Newsletter is an envelope for those readers who would like to make a donation towards the cost of producing this year's copies. We endeavour to keep the costs as low as possible, all editorial expenses being freely given, so that we do not have to make a specific cover-charge for the magazine. We hope that you enjoy our Methodist Newsletter and a donation of £5 would be much appreciated. Please help if you are able and, if you are a tax payer, please complete the attached slip to include with your donation so that we can claim back the tax on it as gift-aid.

Thank you The Editors

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Welland Place is an impressive new independent living development for older people in Market Harborough. It is part of MHA, which is a national charity providing accommodation, care and support services to 13,500 older people nationwide. It is hoped that it will prove to be a valuable asset to the town, enabling older people to enjoy their independence and privacy with the reassurance of on-site, 24 - hour emergency support and tailored care as required.

MHA always want to be integrated with the local communities they serve and believe their staff and residents benefit from being well acquainted with services and practitioners in their area. Welland Place is ideal for over 60s who are largely independent but need a degree of assistance, perhaps with chores or personal care, and the reassurance of 24-hour on-site specialist support.

This is why MHA would like to invite you to visit Welland Place, at any time convenient for you. We hope that you will find it useful to see what sort of care and service Welland Place could provide for older people in the area.

Residents at Welland Place can be confident of being well cared for. MHA's services have been independently assessed for quality by the Care Quality Commission, which has rated 97% of our care services as 'good' or 'excellent' by its latest ratings. MHA is also a registered charity with nearly 70 years of experience of caring for older people. We serve approximately 3,500 older people in residential, nursing and specialist dementia care homes, and 10,000 older people in independent living through a combination of apartments, 24-hour support, personalised care and live at home services in the community.

We aim to nurture physical, emotional and spiritual well-being in our developments. Our flexible care and well-being packages, and the sense of

community we create among our residents, are crucial in combating social isolation.

We would love to be able to show you round Welland Place and answer any questions you may have. You can call Nicky Powell on 01858412060 or email Nicky.Powell@mha.org.uk to arrange a time that suits you.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to welcoming you at Welland Place!

Warmest regards,



Linda Howes
Senior Sales a Marketing Manager

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GLENFIELD LUNCH CLUB FOR OLDER PEOPLE



The Glenfield Lunch Club has vacancies
for a number of people to join them.

The club has two dinners each month for the cost of £4.00 per dinner.

The next dinner is on Friday 9th March at 12.30pm
at Glenfield Methodist Church.

The latest date to book for the 9th March is
Wednesday 7th March

To know more and to make a booking
contact Alan Squires .

The latest date to book for Friday 23rd March is
Wednesday 21st March

Coming and going

Your child has started growing up when he stops asking you where he came from and starts refusing to tell you where he's going.

Ladies' Fellowship



We were fortunate that the weather was fine for our first meeting of 2012, when 28 members turned out for our annual Beetle Drive. Thank you Mavis for organising this once again and also for providing Christmas Cake to enjoy with our tea. Thank you also to Jean for providing the Chocolates.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Betty Nutting in January. Betty was an active member of our group in its formative years but had to give up due to ill health several years ago. She will be remembered for her involvement with Rummage Sales and Bazaars. Our condolences go to her husband, family and friends.

At the time of writing our March meetings will be:

13th March Rev David Vale - "It wasn't Alright On The Night"

Hostesses: Kath, Elsie and Joyce

27th March TBA

Our thoughts and prayers are with our members who are unable to be with us through age or illness.

Audrey Holmes

Church Photo Board



Melanie and I will be taking some more photos over the next weeks and updating the photo board in the church foyer. Our Sunday Club children in particular have changed since we last did these, but some others also need replacing. Please let us know if you would like your photo taken for the first time, and we'll also ask those of you who aren't on the board if they would like to be added to our church family album.

Thanks, Jane Sowler & Melanie Wright

GLENFIELD GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

‘Kids in the Countryside’

Farmer’s wife Mrs. Brenda Woodings leads a very interesting life working with children and animals. She shared her experiences with members of the Gardeners’ Association on January 24th, our first meeting of 2012.

Punctuated with laughter and chuckles from her large audience, she probably covered about fifty years of life on a farm, in fortyfive minutes. Childhood memories, before ‘Health and Safety’ reared it’s ugly head, included swimming in farm ponds, swinging from a rope across a stream, (carefully judging when to let go), and probably doing dangerous things with tractors. At school, any child of farming stock could be relied on to supply interesting and detailed answers to questions relating to their life surrounded by animals.

Later, as a farmer’s wife, Brenda entertained parties of school children, possibly from mainly non-farming backgrounds. Many innocent questions asked were answered by one or more of the few ‘young farmers of the future’ who were present.

On a visit to a school, to give a presentation, Brenda, dressed in boiler suit and wellies, was not recognised as a farmer, one important item was missing. she wasn’t holding a bucket! She was obviously a farmer’s wife as she was carrying a...handbag !

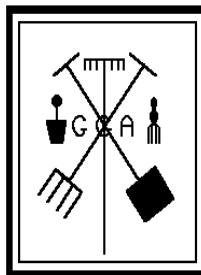
Our enjoyable evening finished with the reading of two poems, then the Chairman thanked Brenda for sharing the funny side of her life with us.

We were reminded that the next meeting , on February 28th, is the AGM. Please consider becoming a Committee Member, your Association needs you.

Also needed is a Secretary, Mrs Carol Bent, Secretary for eleven years, is stepping down. Carol has prepared a ‘job description’ and will I’m sure be happy to answer any questions regarding the work involved.

The speaker on the same evening is Mrs Smith , from Sharnford, giving an illustrated talk on ‘Wildlife in Your Pond’. I’m not sure whether the wildlife is animal or vegetable! But I will be able to tell you after 28th February.

There will also be a competition for a small posy from your garden. A trophy will be awarded for the winning entry. Go on, have a go!



Joy Duncan

Impossible God

A one-man Passion Play
Re-enacting the story of the
Death and Resurrection of Jesus

Written
by
Frank
Topping



Performed
by
Mark
Topping

Mayflower Methodist Church
Ethel Road Leicester LE5 5ND
17 March 2012 7 pm
Tickets: £7.50 under 17 £5.00
Contact: Anne Dodge 0116 2716638
Email: terando@live.com

The drama is based on the book, 'An Impossible God' in which the author, Frank Topping attempts to hear the voices of those who were touched by the passion and resurrection of Jesus.

He explores the hopes and dreams of those who witnessed events beyond their understanding. He relives both the joy and fear of those who stood in awe as apparently impossible events happened before their eyes.

The story is based on the devotional practice known as The Stations of the Cross, in which participants enter imaginatively into the Passion. An Impossible God adds a new dimension: the 'Stations beyond the Cross'.

The book is a remarkable blend of research and imagination

To share in this pilgrimage is to meet the ordinary men and women, soldiers, servants, scribes and disciples, friends and enemies of Jesus. As one reader said, "When I closed the book, I felt as if I'd been there."

Mark Topping has a degree in theology. He was a Franciscan novice and then a journalist for ten years. For eight years he was the curator of the New Room in Bristol, the oldest Methodist building in the world, where he began to perform as John Wesley.

For the last five years he has been touring England, Wales and Ireland playing John Wesley in An Evening with John Wesley and My own familiar friend.

He has had several appearances as John Wesley on BBC Television.

His current tour with Impossible God will take him throughout England, Wales and Ireland



By the time you read this you may have picked up a leaflet from church so that you can pledge different amounts each day.

Make Lent count this year in a fresh way by joining us on the *Count Your Blessings* journey and supporting some of the poorest communities in the world.

Lent is a time to take each day to reflect, pray and be thankful for the goodness of God and the blessings that we have received.



Prof N T Wright

'As economic and political troubles increase around the world, many of us forget just how much we ourselves have to be thankful for. 'Count your blessings' is a great way of using the discipline of Lent to remind ourselves of just how fortunate we are – and of the very



practical ways in which we can share our blessings with those in greatest need.'

Prof N T Wright, University of St Andrews (formerly Bishop of Durham)



BE PART OF THE
SUPER SOUP LUNCH 2012

**LET'S BOWL
OVER POVERTY!**

Join the 2012 Super Soup Lunch

Help bowl over poverty - hold a Super Soup Lunch!

Make sure it's soup you're eating on Friday 30 March 2012 to be one of thousands of people taking part in Christian Aid's Super Soup Lunch.

By holding a Super Soup Lunch, you will raise money to help Christian Aid fight poverty.

You could get friends at work to drink mugs of minestrone, organise a bring and share hearty homemade soup lunch at your home, stage a group soup lunch at your church, run a soup making master-class where everyone can enjoy the fruits of your labour, hold a 'Guess The Soup' quiz, or organise an event at your school.

Christian Aid Week – 13-19 May 2012
***'Let's Give the Tools
to help people in poverty out of poverty'***

Please pray about how *you* can help with Christian Aid Week this year.

**Thank you
Jane Sowler**

Easter Trail 2012



Churches Together in Glenfield are putting on an **Easter Trail** for children from the local primary schools.

It re-tells the Easter story in stages.

We need help to run it and take children round on:

Monday **March 26th** - 9.00-15.00 (Glenfield Primary in St Peter's)
Tuesday **March 27th** - 9.00-12.00 (Glenfield Primary in St Peter's)
Wed **March 28th** - 9.00-11.00 (at the Hall School)

Small groups of children are taken along the stages of the Trail. Leaders use pre-written scripts to engage them with the Easter story. Last year we had very positive feedback from children and teachers, and enjoyed it ourselves! It is a great opportunity to share Jesus' Easter story with local children.

If you can give any time to help (and are CRB checked) please contact Sue Bradley as soon as possible. Thank you!



Women's World Day of Prayer
in England, Wales & Northern Ireland

WOMAN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Speaker: Rev. Pam Harvey

The Woman's World Day of Prayer Movement will
celebrate its annual

Day of Prayer

Friday 2nd March 2012

at

St. Peter's Church Glenfield At 7:30pm

This year's service has been prepared by the
Christian Women of Malaysia



The theme of the service is:

"Let Justice Prevail"

All are invited and welcome
Come along and bring a friend

My Life and My Faith

A testimony from Michael Corden
(Janet Mouland's brother)

As you know Michael has been on our notices prayer list several times in the last couple of years. I know from Janet that a lot of people have responded prayerfully and have often spoken to her about him. Dave Almey



I've never been one to talk about my faith, but just recently something or someone has been in my head telling me I need to put on paper the way I feel. I don't think I could stand up and give a testimony, but writing this is something I feel I am being told to do.

I was brought up in the church from as early as I can remember. Sunday School in a morning, chapel at night and becoming a member of the Methodist church when I was 18. I can't say I had a deep belief in God, and if I'm honest I think I became a member of the church because it was expected of me.

Whilst I was at work most of my fellows knew I went to church but I would hardly ever talk about God or my belief- It just wasn't me. I was more likely to make a joke of things and get out of talking about Jesus and beliefs through humour, even when I was in meetings or groups where I was supposed to be looking at things a bit more seriously.

I suppose my belief was that I saw God as a father figure who I could talk to as and when I needed (which was not very often). I knew he was there if I needed him and would pray to him for others, but not on a regular basis. I still didn't discuss my very simple beliefs with anyone, and shied away from conversations if it looked like they were getting a "bit deep". I attended church fairly regularly, but again a lot of the time was out of habit as it was what you did on a Sunday morning, and it was nice to see people you hadn't seen all week. There were no spectacular miraculous signs in my life and no great Damascus road type encounters.

My life changed dramatically at Easter 2010 when I was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Having spent five weeks in hospital, I went through an unsuccessful operation to remove the tumour. Four days after the operation I was taken off permanent pain relief and went on to oral pain relief.

As I settled down for what was going to be a rather painful and uncomfortable night, the words of "Be still for the Presence of the Lord" came into my head, I felt a warmth go down my entire body: I didn't feel any pain all night and slept through for the first time since I had been in hospital. I knew then that God was with me, fighting

for me and giving me the strength to face what was to come. It was my encounter with God.

When faced with such a situation as cancer you have two options. You can say "why me", "it's not fair" or "I don't deserve this", get all bitter and twisted and totally ruin your quality of life. Or simply accept the situation, keep positive, fight and think about the things you can do while you are well enough to do them. With God in my corner and wonderful support from family and friends there was only one option to take.

After coming out of hospital in May 2010, I had nine months of chemotherapy and a month of radiotherapy and chemotherapy together. During that time I've played golf at St Andrews, been to New York, to Tenerife on holiday, and also holidayed in Yorkshire, Kent (to watch the British Open golf) and to London (to see the Lord's Test v India). All the while I was given the strength from God to overcome the effects of chemotherapy and to live as normal a life as possible.

Unfortunately things move on with this type of illness, and the cancer has now spread to my bowel and liver. The cancer is incurable. I know where I am going to end up, as Jesus promised in John 14 v 1-4*, and I know it will be a better place than we are in at the moment I also know that God has given me the strength to remain positive and face the future with courage. I hope I can live up to the task.

A lot of people have told Jane that they see me as an inspiration in the way I have dealt with what life has thrown at me in the last eighteen months. That makes me smile. I don't see myself as an inspiration but just someone who is getting on with enjoying life while he can and making the most of living one day at a time.

The support and prayers I have had, not only from Louth Methodist Church but from all over this country and even other parts of the world, has been tremendous and a great source of comfort and strength to myself. and to Jane and Tom. You do not know how much they have meant to me.

To my family and especially Jane and Tom, you told me you would be with me every step of the way and you have been. I couldn't have wished for more support

Thank you for your prayers, love and support.

God bless. Mike

**Do not let your heart be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going "*

Fair Trade Fortnight: 2012

A new year and a new start, so what better way than to think about your commitment to supporting Fairtrade.

Throughout 2012, the Fairtrade organisation are inviting churches across the UK to join the journey towards a better world for the poorest farmers and workers in developing countries by taking a step for Fairtrade. Each step represents one activity that an individual or group have done to support Fair Trade, such as buying fair trade products, attending a fair trade event, talking to your friends about the importance of fair trade etc.

Together, we hope to take 1.5 million steps for Fairtrade in 2012! That's one for every single Fairtrade farmer and worker around the world. Each of these steps leads to a better deal from global trade that millions more farmers and workers so urgently need.

How can you help?

Come to the Fair Trade Prayer time and/or Breakfast

You can support this cause by coming to the prayer meeting on Sunday 4th March at 8.30 or the Fair Trade Breakfast starting at 9.00. There will also be Fair Trade products for sale before and after the church service on the 4th March.

Lent

Lent is traditionally a period of penitence and abstinence. If you are giving something up this Lent, why not use the money you save to buy a Fairtrade chocolate Easter egg. You could even go a step further and give up non-Fairtrade products for the whole 40 days. What a great way to help those in poverty and promote justice this Lent, though it would be a real challenge!

Start taking your step today.

God Bless

Alison Blane



Diamond Jubilee: Elizabeth - pt 2.

The War Years

‘Not Majesty, but Service’

Elizabeth was 13 when the Second World War began, and 18 when it ended - five years that undoubtedly influenced in profound ways the rest of her life. Her father and mother, the King and Queen, decided to remain in London or at Windsor throughout the War, and were conspicuously present through the years of the blitz - not only in London, but visiting other cities which suffered from bombing, usually on the morning after the attacks.



There were many press and newsreel pictures of them standing in the ruins of bombed streets talking to those made homeless or to the tireless volunteer air raid wardens and the members of the emergency services. When eventually a bomb struck Buckingham Palace, the King remarked that his family was now truly one with his people, because they too had experienced their home being attacked.

The two young sisters shared all these experiences. They were not sent to safe hide-outs in the country, but endured the full horror of night after night of incessant air raids. Doubtless Elizabeth, knowing that she was heir to the throne, noted her parents' total identification with their people and learnt that royalty was primarily about service, not majesty.



Royal broadcast 10th October Courtesy of the BBC

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**Glenfield W.I.
Meetings 3rd Tuesday in every month at
St Peter's Church Centre 7.30pm
Visitors always welcome.**

Due to unforeseen circumstances we are unable to bring you an account of our last meeting and presently are looking for a new 'scribe'!

Please note our next two meetings are as follows:

Tuesday 20th March when Mr K. A. Bates will talk about 'Orchids'

Tuesday 17th April when the subject will be 'Corsets & Camis, Swimsuits & Smiles' and the speaker will be Mrs Maggie Rampley

New members welcome.

Jackie Spencer

Food and Hygiene Course



**21st April 2012, 10.00am - 4pm at Glenfield
Methodist Church, led by Alison Whitmore -**

- a food handling training opportunity for anyone involved in the preparation of food in our kitchen
- for further details please contact
Linda York



WHO CAN JUDGE?

Thomas Guy was a bookseller in London during the time of the Great Plague and the Great Fire in 1665/6. His business was very successful and he did well but people looked down on him because they thought he was mean. They saw him eating his lunch of dry bread in his shop, he wore worn out clothes and would only light one candle at a time. What people didn't know was that he lived in this way for a reason. When a new hospital was built at London Bridge they heard that it had been completely paid for by Thomas Guy. And on his death he left a huge sum of money as an endowment so that the hospital could continue to provide treatment for London's poor.

Even today Guy's Hospital is one of the most famous London teaching hospitals. Thomas Guy could have ignored the suffering all around him and eaten grand meals off fine china; instead he chose to eat dry bread wrapped in paper. So often we are wrong about people because we do not know all the facts.

JUMBLLED BIBLE BOOKS

Can you unscramble these letters to find books in the Bible?

1. e r e d m o n t y o u
2. a h a c e h i r z
3. a k m r
4. a e d i l n
5. b e e w r s h
6. c c e h i l n o r s
7. a e v e l i n o r t
8. e d g j s u
9. t e e p r
10. a l m p s s

**Doctor, Doctor my son has
swallowed my pen, what
should I do?**

Use a pencil 'till I get there.

**Doctor, doctor, I feel like a
dictionary.**

I'll have a word with you later.



**Doctor, doctor, I've been stung
by a bee. Shall I put some
ointment on it?**

Don't be silly - it must be miles
away by now.

Answers: 1.Deuteronomy 2.Zechariah
3.Mark 4.Daniel 5.Hebrews
6.Chronicles 7.Revelation 8.Judges
9.Peter 10.Psalms

Bible Sketchbook

Who Comes First?

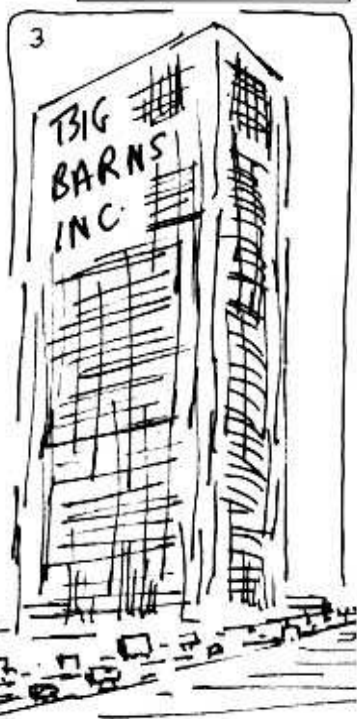


He was very rich. But he wanted more. He didn't have room for all his stuff so he bulldozed his old barn, borrowed a heap of money and put up his dream building: Big Barns Inc.

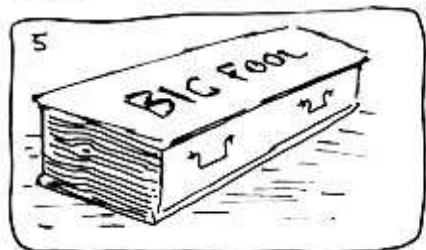


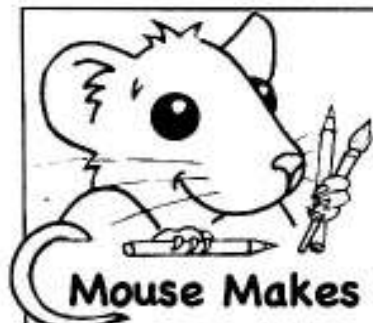
At last there was room for all his stuff! He thought he had made it! – that he was lucky! He could laze in the sun, eat, drink and enjoy himself. But God said: "You fool. You are going to die tonight!" He was rich OK - but not in God's eyes.. He couldn't take all his stuff with him.

How about you? Where are your riches? Read more in Luke 12: 16-21



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Jesus was **loved** by his mother Mary...
...she **cared** for him, **worried**
about him and **prayed** for him,
she washed his clothes,
cooked his food and
hugged him when he cried.

Mary cuddled Jesus when he was
born, cried when he died and rejoiced
when he rose from the dead.

*What does your
mother do for you?*

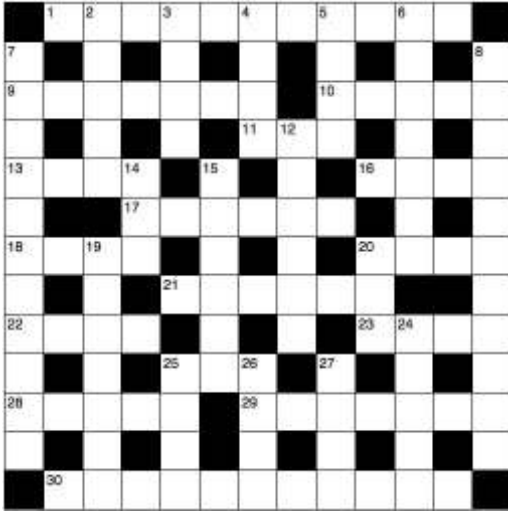
Give thanks to
God for her!

Glue this page
onto thin card,
colour in then
carefully cut out.
Cut along the
slots on the base
of the pot and the
stand then slot
together to make
a stand up card to
give to someone
who cares for you.



THANK YOU

STAND



Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)

- 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

Answers on page 30

Easy Sudoku Grid

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

Intermediate Sudoku Grid

	2	4	3	8				
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			7		5			
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3			5					
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Wordsearch for March

G Leeks for St David's day, daffodils for the rest of the month: March means the beginning of Spring. St Patrick, who brought Christianity to Ireland, is remembered with parades.

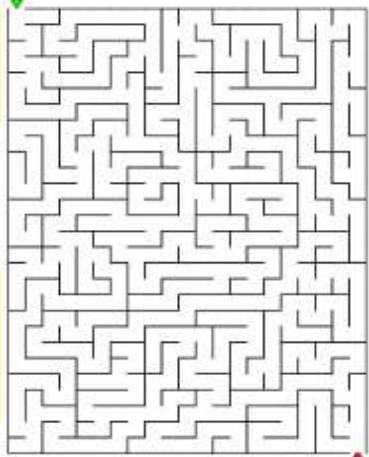
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E Mothering Sunday and Mother's Day is celebrated with more daffodils and Sunday lunch 'out'. March brings us the Annunciation, when the angel first appeared to Mary to tell her of her coming pregnancy. But Christmas is still months away: March is the month of Lent, of prayer and preparation for Easter.

P
A Words to find :-

G
E Leeks, Daffodils, Spring, Patrick, Day, Mum, Mother, Angel, Ireland, Wales, Sunday, Lunch, Pregnancy, Preparation, Prayer, Parades, Mary, Magnificat, Fasting, Lent

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Elizabeth - pt 2 - Continued from page 19

Her childhood and adolescence were in any case hardly ‘normal’, not only because of the way royal children were brought up in those days, but also because of the impact of the war. Those were strange times in which to be young. Bombs, food shortages, air raid shelters, evacuation and conscription for National Service at eighteen were simply part of the growing up process. Even those not directly involved knew that these were day to day experiences for millions of young people.

Eventually the War in Europe came to an end, with massive celebrations all over the country, but especially in London. The princesses were given permission to slip out of Buckingham Palace anonymously and join the crowds in Trafalgar Square and the Mall. It was a memorable experience - as Elizabeth recalled, “linking arms and walking down Whitehall, swept along on a tide of happiness and relief”. Somehow the two royal teen-agers went unrecognised, and were able to share in that extraordinary display of joy and thankfulness. Hostilities would continue in the Far East for a while, until the dark shadows of atomic bombs brought that conflict to an end as well.

When Elizabeth was 13 she had met for the first time a tall and handsome distant relative, Philip, the son of a Greek prince and princess, who was serving as a young officer in the Royal Navy. She was deeply smitten, we later learnt, and the seeds were perhaps sown in her thoughts of an alliance that would eventually prove one of the most enduring love stories of modern times.

For now, though, it was a new life of increasing responsibility. Her father did not enjoy robust health and his elder daughter, an attractive young woman who became the spotlight of what we would now call media attention, was quietly learning a role in life with which she would one day become totally familiar.

By David Winter

Men and women

Three men were hiking through a forest when they came upon a large raging river. Needing to get on the other side, the first man prayed, "God, please give me the strength to cross the river." Poof! God gave him big arms and strong legs and he was able to swim across in about two hours, having almost drowned twice.

After witnessing that, the second man prayed, "God, please give me strength and the tools to cross the river." Poof! God gave him a rowboat and strong arms and strong legs and he was able to row across in about an hour after almost capsizing once.

Seeing what happened to the first two men, the third man prayed, "God, please give me the strength, the tools and the intelligence to cross the river." Poof! He was turned into a woman. She checked the map, went one hundred yards up stream and walked across the bridge.

Glenfield Park W.I.

Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday in each month in the Memorial Hall, Stamford Street, Glenfield.

In February we had a cookery demonstration - Mrs. Brenda Featherstone is a farmer from Markfield, who brought all the kit needed to give us a detailed demonstration of "Simple Farmhouse Cookery". She brought along her two daughters to help, one of whom is hoping to go into catering as a career.

Several recipes, both savoury and sweet were made - the cooking smell was mouth-watering. Whilst Brenda was busy cooking she told us various anecdotes of farmhouse life and animal behaviour. She had brought a diagram of her farm where she had been born and was now following in the footsteps of her father and grandfather.

We were all able to taste the various dishes and were given a recipe sheet to take home. The farm - Little Markfield Farm - has an open day in June to fundraise for Air Ambulance and the local Church. This occasion would be an opportunity to see the animals mentioned and take part in a variety of activities.

Next Meeting:-

March 1st. The History of Twycross Zoo with Amy Moore.
Competition - A Zoo Animal, any medium.

On April 5th. it is our Birthday Party for members only.



News From St. Peter's

February 6th marked the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second's accession to the throne.

If you have watched television programmes about the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in recent weeks you will have seen again those poignant pictures from 1952: King George the Sixth waving farewell as Princess Elizabeth and her husband Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh leave on their international tour starting in East Africa; the young Queen dressed in black walking down the steps of the aircraft as she returns to Britain from Kenya.

I was little more than one year old when these momentous events took place and nearly two and a half at the time of the Coronation in June 1953 but I grew up looking at pictures of the Royal Family on visits to my mother's parents.

Articles and pictures over the coming months will capture different aspects of the Queen's 60 year reign in serving our country and commonwealth.

Now we have heard the exciting news that the Queen will be visiting Leicester at the very beginning of her Diamond Jubilee tour of the United Kingdom, a wonderful honour for our City of Leicester and County of Leicestershire.

As Churches Together in Glenfield we look forward to a Diamond Jubilee Celebration service for our community and our two churches on Sunday June 3rd at 10.15am in St. Peter's Church. Invitations to representatives of our village organisations will be sent out nearer the time and we look forward to many people, young and old, being there.



John Sharpe

GLENFIELD METHODIST CHURCH COACH OUTINGS FOR 2012



***COACHES LEAVE PROMPTLY FROM THE ENTRANCE TO THE
CO-OP CAR PARK, STATION ROAD***

DATE	DESTINATION	DEPART	HOME BY	COST	DEPOSIT
Thursday 12 April	DERBY	9.00 am	4.00 pm	£13	£8
Tuesday 22 May	MORETON IN MARSH and BROADWAY	9.00 am	6.00 pm	£15	£10
<i>We will be spending the morning in Moreton, then after lunch in Broadway</i>					
Wednesday 20 June	WINCHESTER	9.00 am	8.30 pm	£22	£12
Friday 13 July	LINCOLN	9.00 am	6.00 pm	£15	£10
Wednesday 15 August	WESTON SUPER MARE	9.00 am	9.00 pm	£22	£12
Thursday 11 September	CITY OF SHEFFIELD	9.00 am	6.30 pm	£15	£10
<i>(This trip is to the City, NOT Meadowhall)</i>					
Friday 12 October	MARKET HARBOROUGH	9.00 am	3.30 pm	£10	£5
Wednesday 21 November	SOLIHULL	9.00 am	5.30 pm	£15	£10
<i>This is the annual Christmas Shopping Trip</i>					

A non-returnable deposit will be payable at the time of booking of each trip, balance to be paid on the coach.
All cheques must be made payable to GLENFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

All booking enquiries to:

June Clayton, e-mail: normanclayton@talktalk.net

Neither the Glenfield Methodist Church, The Coach Proprietors, nor June Clayton will be held responsible for persons left behind after the stated departure time

How many church members does it take to change a light bulb?

What do you mean CHANGE??? That light bulb was given in memory of my grandmother! My father installed it with his bare hands! He donated his time AND the use of his ladder to do it, too! My family's been members of this church for four generations! And if you think you're going to come in here and make a bunch of changes all of a sudden, vicar, you've got another think coming!

Answers to the crossword on page 24

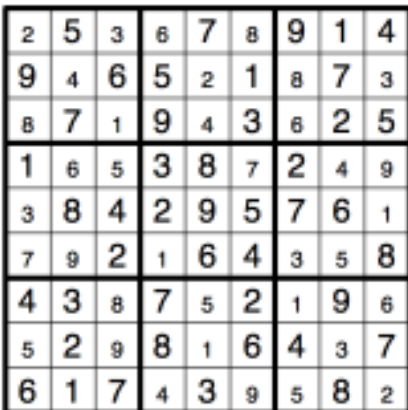


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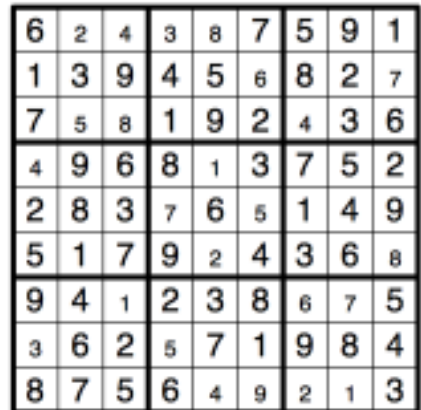


Answers to the Sodokus on page 25

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Intermediate



SATURDAY COFFEE ROTA	
Date	Personnel
3rd Mar	Grace & Alison
10th Mar	Vikki & Mary
17th Mar	Alan & Mary
24th Mar	Linda & Phil
31st Mar	Joan & Audrey
7th Apr	Dorothy & Iris

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA	
Date	Personnel
4th Mar	Janet & David
11th Mar	Andrea & Andrew
18th Mar	Sue & Dorothy
25th Mar	Alan & Mary
1st Apr	Claire & Pearl
8th Apr	Tish & Julie

Sound Desk Rota		
Date	Morning	Evening
4th Mar	Nick & Mike	Andrew
11th Mar	Pat & Anne	Dave
18th Mar	Eddie & Nick	Nick
25th Mar	Steve & Anne	Pete
1st Apr	Nick & Mike	Geoff

Door Stewards			Flowers
Sunday	Morning	Evening	
4th Mar	Tish Gautrey Audrey Aston	Anne Fenton	Vacancy
11th Mar	Audrey Holmes Joan Armstrong	Mary Squires	Barbara Moore
18th Mar	Michael Withers Jamie McFarlane	Mary Bothwell	Doris Lewin
25th Mar	Doug Weston Barbara Coombes	Pearl Ives	Penny Jones
1st Apr	Glynne Davies Audrey Aston	Dorothy Cole	Dorothy Cole

Sunday	Morning Readers		Evening Readers	
4 th Mar	Mary Squires	Pearl Ives	Alison Blane	Brian Newth
11 th Mar	Jane Sowler	Maggie Osborne	Janet Kirk	Penny Jones
18 th Mar	Irene Arthur	Dorothy Cole	Claire Bell	Mary Squires
25 th Mar	Steve Wadsworth	Andrew Paul	Brian Newth	Mary Bothwell
1 st Apr	Claire Bell	Mike Chester	Iris & Brian Bradbury	

MacMillan Coffee Morning at Glenfield Methodist Church



Friday 28th September 2012

9.30 am – 12 noon

*Volunteers & offers of help will be needed
More details to follow- watch this space!*

GLENFIELD METHODIST CHURCH PREACHERS FOR :-

March 2012

10.15am.

6.30pm.

4 Mar	John Bateman	Lent series
11 Mar	Roger Stephenson	Lent Series
18 Mar	Joyce Patti	Lent Series
25 Mar	Rev David Vale HC	Lent Series
1 Apr	Rev Peter Hancock	Lent Series

HC = Holy Communion

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OUR REGULAR CHURCH Activities



SUNDAY

8.30 am Prayer Meeting (1st Sunday)	Margaret Almey
10.15am Morning Worship	
10.15am Sunday Club and Crèche	Linda York
3.00pm Open Door (2nd and 4th Sundays)	Mavis Newball
6.30pm Evening Worship	

MONDAY

9.00 am Playgroup	Kerry Merrell
glenfieldplaygroup@yahoo.co.uk	
7.15pm Pathfinders Youth Group (11-14) @ St Peter's and	
8.00pm PNG Youth Group (14+) @ St. Peter's	Katie Balfour

TUESDAY

9.00 am Playgroup	Kerry Merrell
2.30pm Ladies Fellowship (2nd & 4th Tuesdays)	Audrey Holmes
6pm Tuesday Club	Claire Bell

WEDNESDAY

9.00 am Playgroup (Monday to Friday)	Kerry Merrell
1.15pm – 2.30pm Toddler Group (0-4 years)	Liz Clarke
	Sue Bradley
7.30pm Drama	Gillian Edwards

THURSDAY

9.00 am Playgroup	Kerry Merrell
6.00pm Girls' Brigade	Jill Collins

FRIDAY

9.00 am Playgroup	Kerry Merrell
11.15am Coffee Morning and...	
12.30pm Lunch Club for Older People (1st & 3rd Fridays)	Alan Squires
7.30pm Music Group	Wally York

SATURDAY

10.00am (until noon) Coffee Morning	Alan Squires
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Monday afternoons, Monday evenings, Thursday evenings.

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