



QMC Magazine

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Minister's Letter

Our Church's Future Story – Together Worship

During the morning service, prior to our Annual Church meeting on Sunday 10th May, we took time to think about the church as it is now, and our hopes for the future. We also acknowledged the fears we have concerning the life of our church.

Those present at the service were invited to talk in small groups and identify six statements to describe how they see the church now. These statements were written on hexagons and are now displayed in the church foyer, for further reflection. I have also put up some of the hexagons that describe our hopes.

The fears we have are being held by God, as I acknowledged in the service, so these are not displayed. We should not dwell on our fears but offer them back to God in prayer, whenever they trouble us.

As for our hopes, the 'Our Church's Future Story' team has already been at work seeking to add a few things to church life that might address these.

On Sunday 31st March, we shall have our first **'Together Worship'**. You are invited on this occasion to 'Come for breakfast, stay to worship.'

I asked everyone at a recent Parade service to indicate which days and times would work best for them, handing out sheets for people to fill in. These were available for others to fill in the following week, and I was pleased to have a reasonable response. The poll suggested that a Saturday tea-time might work, as well as early on a Sunday morning, so Together Worship in June will be on Saturday 27th June. On that occasion we will start with worship, and end with tea. Those of you who like a cream tea might enjoy this one. I have promised to make some scones to bring along. Before you ask, it's jam on first, then the cream, if you want to eat them in the Cornish (right) way!

I have heard one person say, "Together Worship, it's not for me ...". If you are thinking this then maybe you haven't heard, or don't understand, the vision for this new initiative.

Together Worship is worship for everyone. At least that's our intention. I hope everyone will come along to at least one of the trial services we will be holding over the next three months. In the meantime, please let one of the team know the aspects of worship that help you to come close to God, and we will do our best to accommodate that.

Inevitably, with this new venture, we will need to learn what works for us all. This is what family life is all about. We want to celebrate being part of the Big Family of God and would love the whole family to get together for that celebration!

Ann Varker



Father,

Here we are in June – a beautiful month and a month when we remember a beautiful follower of Yours, Barnabas. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith and he encouraged Your people to remain true to You in what must have been dangerous times.

Lord, in these dangerous days, when so much seems alien and out of control, how we all need to be encouraged to be steadfast in our faith and in our lives.

How we need to remember that You are our faithful, sovereign Lord; that You never change; that in Jesus You have won the victory over sin and death. If we put our trust in Jesus, we are secure for all eternity.

Thank You for the example of Barnabas. Help us to be encouraged and to encourage others. May we enjoy June in all its beauty, knowing that nothing can separate us from You.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Daphne Kitching

Church Calendar

June

Sun	7 th	11.00 am	Morning Service	Sarah Freeman
		3.00 pm	Pets' Service	John Cowan
Sun	14 th	11.00 am	Family Service	Rev Ann Varker
Sun	21 st	11.00 am	Morning Service	Tim Ding
Sun	28 th	11.00 am	Morning Service	Dr Michael Hall
		6.30 pm	Communion	Rev Ann Varker

July

Sun	5 th	11.00 am	Morning Service	Carol Griffiths
Sun	12 th	11.00 am	Family Service	Worship leaders
Sun	19 th	11.00 am	Communion	Rev Ann Varker
		4.00 pm	Farewell Service	West Smethwick
Sun	26 th	11.00 am	Morning Service	John Cowan
		6.30 pm	Evening Service	Rev Ilidio de Oliveira

August

Sun	2 nd	11.00 am	Morning Service	Liz Featherstone
Sun	9 th	11.00 am	Communion	Rev Ann Varker
Sun	16 th	11.00 am	Morning Service	Dr Michael Hall
Sun	23 rd	11.00 am	Morning Service	Tim Ding
Sun	30 th	11.00 am	Morning Service	Rev Peter Bates



Church Leadership

Worship.

Lent was introduced by Lynn Weaver leading our first Lent service and continued with our Liturgies and the opportunity to study the Epistle of St James. Mothering Sunday saw everyone being given a small bunch of flowers while on Palm Sunday, John led a short procession and shouts of joy that accompanied the distribution of palm crosses to herald the start of Easter Week.



Two innovations were services led by Ann, a Maundy Thursday service with a shared meal and Communion, followed by our Good Friday service with hot cross buns and coffee within the Worship Area. Easter Day with Ann saw a vibrant interactive service with the Easter Cross of Flowers, again with refreshments in the Worship Area, cafe style including eggs for all.

Our All-Age services led by Ann often include creative activity for younger

and older members of the congregation, with enactments and innovations to the format of services. Garden Church in the Community Peace Garden runs before the All-Age services between May and September and is themed on Care for Creation.

During the summer we have several Eco Church services giving all who wish, the opportunity to take part in the activities and exchange ideas and experiences. The different services will be led by Sarah Freeman, Liz Featherstone and Peter Bates. Our annual outdoor Pets' Service on 7th June led by John, followed by our Count on Nature survey, highlights Care for all Creation and, like Forest Church, helps us appreciate the natural world around us.

We say goodbye to Ilidio and Gisela during the summer, and the Circuit farewell service will be on Sunday 19th July, 4pm at West Smethwick Methodist Church.

Together Worship

Being aware that Sunday morning worship at 11 o'clock may not be a good time for everyone, a monthly alternative style of gathering is planned during the summer months on different days and times. These include time to enjoy food together. They will not mean any change to existing Sunday services, and these will continue as usual. Do let us know your views and preferences.

Together More

A further initiative has been the Quiz Night arranged by Ann and Julian and held in March. This followed suggestions by the Brigades, responding to the inspiration generated by Our Church's Future Story, as one of the ways of bringing all altogether more as church family. More than 60 people of all ages enjoyed a lively evening inspired by the popular television programme, House of Games.



Pastoral News

In April we celebrated the life of Hilda - Aunty Hilda to so many of us and our children - in a packed church with a service that featured a screened montage of her life along with tributes and reflections from members of her family. We remembered that she was a driver of our mission, playing a key role in the life of our church, with Play Group and Junior Church inspiring and leading so many into lifelong worship, the Brigades, and fellowship groups.

Leadership Team

With several of the team retiring, we are actively seeking further people to help support the minister and ensure the smooth running of the church. We are also looking at alternative ways of managing aspects of church administration and the Church Council Secretary role if we are unable to recruit sufficient volunteers.

We look forward to the summer, continuing to help the church thrive.

Tony Burridge tony.burridge@quintonmethodist.co.uk

Giving Thanks for Fathers

There is no finer sound in the world than your child calling you 'daddy', or 'dad'. I love it!

And as I look around our neighbourhood, dads today are far more involved in their children's lives than when I was a child. Pushing prams, holding hands while out on a walk, bathing, playing games. Dads are in all these activities and more. I see the dads on either side of our house, and they obviously love their kids with all their hearts.

Unfortunately, too many kids grow up without a stable and involved male figure in their lives over the whole of their childhood and beyond. And no prizes for guessing the outcome; when they reach fatherhood, their kids often grow up without a stable and involved male figure in their lives.

The month of June brings Fathers' Day - this year on the 21st June. May all dads reading this be pampered like never before! If it's a fine day, it may be a case of 'Stand back everyone- dad's going to bar-b-q'. But before we get carried away, let's spare a thought for those who for one reason or another couldn't be dads, or whose dads fell far short of the high expectations we invest in them, or who lost a dad at a crucial time in life and feel a permanent ache where 'Dad' should be.

Our Christian faith teaches us to look at God as 'Father' - we address Him as such in the opening words of the Lord's Prayer, and it was Jesus' custom to talk to God as 'Father'. Maybe, taking into account those who have had a very mixed experience, or a bad experience of fathers, we should qualify what we say of God and call Him 'the Good Father', or 'our Good Father'.

Because that is what the experience of countless Christians would testify to; that God is a good father. I think of the picture Jesus paints in the parable of the Prodigal Son; the father on the look-out for his wayward son day after day, and when he sees him in the distance runs all the way to him to embrace him. Now in Jesus' time, in that culture, fathers did NOT run, least of all to welcome returning no-goods who had wasted half the father's fortune. Fathers were people of dignity. Run? Never!

Jesus has turned that on its head. We can be sure that a welcome awaits us; we turn to God, or return to God, and find that He's already half-way towards us, coming at speed to embrace us.

Rev Roy Shaw

Farewell, Adieu, Auf Wiedersehen, Goodbye!

As of 1st September, I will no longer be part of the leadership at Quinton, firstly as a steward, then part of the Leadership Team and latterly as joint Safeguarding Officer. I have been doing this role in its various guises since 2008, and it is time for a rest and to step down. It's been an interesting road to travel, changes of minister, seeing the congregation reduce in numbers, Covid and the struggle to get people to volunteer for the roles that are needed to run a church successfully. It's hard to step away when the help is so urgently needed but step away I must now.

All I can do is urge people to answer Ann's call for volunteers and not leave things to the few that have been doing their various roles for years...and years. The Methodist Church says that no one person should stay in a role for more than 6 years, but many of us have done way longer than that.

I am not leaving the church, of course, but our presence might not be as frequent in the future. Brian has served his time both as a minister, chaplain and supernumerary and we are looking forward to weekends where we can make plans to spend more time with the family and do other things.

Thank you to you all for your support when I have asked for it, for your kindness to us as a family, especially in these last couple of years and, going back to 1995, your welcome you gave to us as a family when we arrived in the area. QMC has a special place in our hearts.

Helena Taylor



Girls' Brigade

Last month, the Girls' Brigade enjoyed a wonderful weekend trip to Peck Wood, filled with fun, good food, friendship, adventure, and plenty of laughter (as well as a late night/early morning). From the moment we arrived, everyone was excited for the activities planned throughout the weekend, and it certainly did not disappoint. Our activities included:

We had plenty of outdoor time complete with the arrival of more of our girls and family members on the Saturday and some special guests. The girls engaged in a scavenger hunt around the grounds. Working in teams, we searched high and low for clues and hidden objects. The girls especially loved racing around to collect different types of objects, while the adults joined in with just as much enthusiasm. It was a fantastic way to explore the area and get everyone involved together. One of the highlights of the day was building a den for our mascot Bella Fudge. Using natural materials, groups worked together to create shelters in the woodland area. Teamwork was definitely needed, and it was amazing to see the different designs people came up with. The girls also let off some steam during the obstacle course against one another where they all got stuck in whilst cheering each other on. We enjoyed a peaceful bluebell walk through the beautiful woodland paths. The bluebells were in full bloom, creating a stunning carpet of colour beneath the trees. It was a calm and reflective moment during the day, giving everyone a chance to appreciate God's creation and enjoy the fresh air. The weekend was completed with games of catch the flag, mushrooms created with the parachute and an outdoor devotion!

Our indoor time saw us create some craft and colouring with lots of imagination on display as well as others enjoyed table tennis and a variety of board games, which provided fun for all ages. We tested our knowledge with a fun quiz. The quiz saw lots of picture rounds, and there was plenty of friendly competition between the teams (as well as leaders). The quiz brought everyone together and created a wonderful atmosphere.

The trip to Peck Wood was a brilliant opportunity for fellowship, fun, and friendship. It was encouraging to see people of all ages spending time together, supporting one another, and sharing in so many activities. We are very thankful to everyone for attending and those

leaders who helped organise the weekend and made it such a success. We look forward to many more adventures in the future!



We now enter our last half-term of the year with some fun weeks and also our annual awards evening on Monday 13th July with an invitation to follow. If you do know of anyone who would like to join, we can accommodate girls aged 4-18 years old. Please drop us an email beforehand and/or for more information:

Olivia Crook

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Eco Church

Faith in Action, Caring for Creation

Caring for God's Creation is at the heart of who we are as a church community. We worship a God who loves the world that He created and calls us to look after it. Responding to this calling is part of both our worship and our witness.



Worship and Creation

Care for Creation is woven into our worship through songs, prayers, reflections, and in our prayers of intercession. Many of our services reflect these themes, including All Age gatherings, Eco Church services, and those focusing on social justice.

This summer, we're excited to host a series of interactive and engaging Eco Church services for all ages:

7th June with Sarah Freeman,
2nd August with Liz Featherstone,
30th August with Peter Bates.

Living It Out in Church Life

Eco Church isn't just something we talk about—it's something we do.

Our Stitch Group puts recycling into action by reusing wool to create blankets and baby hats for hospitals and charities such as Hamlin Fistula. The group also brings together people who don't usually attend church and has even inspired a similar initiative at Pegasus Court.

The QMC Walkers group promotes health and fellowship, welcoming both church members and others from the community.

Forest Church offers outdoor worship through prayer stations, nature study, and shared reflection, while our Pets' Service celebrates the wider family of God's creation.

Residential weekends at Peckwood for the Brigades provide further opportunities to connect with nature and explore environmental responsibility.

Working with the Community

We are pleased about our partnership with the Multicultural Community Group, whose work reflects care for both people and the planet. Their activities include growing vegetables, promoting healthy lifestyles, and celebrating diverse cultures. Their leader, Nadima, has recently received an Eden Project award in recognition of this work.

This spring has been full of meaningful connections:

- cultural activity sessions, including crafts and food;
- participation in the Big Iftar Dinner at Baitul Ghafoor Mosque;
- attendance at a Peace Symposium;
- a visit from Four Dwellings Primary Academy Nursery, where children explored the church, learned about Eco Church, and carried out a nature survey in the Community Peace Garden.

Their findings were shared and displayed on our Eco Church boards, alongside eco tips and sustainability projects from local schools.



Big Green Week (6th–14th June)

We're looking forward to celebrating some aspects of our approach to Care for Creation:

Saturday 6th June: Big Lunch at Stourton Road allotments;

Sunday 7th June: Eco Church Service (morning), Pets' Service (afternoon), and Churches Count on Nature survey.

We'll also showcase the creativity and commitment of our church community.



Community Peace Garden

Our outdoor "Garden Church" has returned for the summer, offering space for reflection, prayer, and singing before All Age services. Ideas and insights gathered here will be shared on our Eco Church displays.

Looking Ahead

We've been invited to take part in the Gower Gardens Community Open

Day on 15th August, where we'll share how our worship and church life reflect our Eco Church journey.

Eco Church Group

A small, dedicated team is helping lead our efforts by:

- organising Eco Church Services
- promoting Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- encouraging healthy lifestyles
- exploring ways to cut waste, improve recycling, and reduce energy use

Their work has already made a big difference. Over the past five years, we've reduced paper use by around 90% by moving Orders of Services, notices sheets and magazines online wherever possible.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

You'll find clearly labelled recycling bins throughout the building for items such as glass, plastic, cans, paper, and cardboard. Our volunteer maintenance team ensures waste is properly sorted and removed.

We also collect: books and jigsaws for reuse; clothes and household items for refugees and a school family support shop; spectacles, stamps, and printer cartridges for recycling

Our long-standing support for the Black Country Foodbank continues. During Lent, the Boys' Brigade led a "40 items in 40 days" challenge, resulting in donations equivalent to 412 meals and 27 toiletry packs.

Into Summer

Eco Church is something we all contribute to in different ways. If you feel inspired to get more involved, speak to Beth or Tony—we'd love to hear from you.

Together, we look forward to growing in worship, strengthening our community, and caring for God's creation in practical and meaningful ways.



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David's Music Box

*When you walk through the storm
Hold your head up high
And don't be afraid of the dark.
At the end of the storm
There's a golden sky
And the sweet silver song of a lark.*

Songs like this can sometimes give you a shiver down the spine, the hairs on your arms stand on end or you get a lovely warm glow inside, it's sometimes called The Tingle Factor.

The song **You'll Never Walk Alone** comes from the 1945 Rogers and Hammerstein musical *Carousel*, you will all remember the version by Gerry and The Pacemakers which went to number one in the UK charts in 1963. It is a lovely song, but perhaps at its best when sung by the fans of Liverpool Football Club, it is very moving and uplifting. The lyrics offer hope and emotional support in times of struggle, hardship and tragedy.

*Walk on through the wind,
Walk on through the rain,
Tho' your dreams be tossed and blown.
Walk on, walk on
With hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone.*

Another very moving piece of music is the Intermezzo from **Cavalleria Rusticana** by Pietro Mascagni. This beautiful music is very calming and can make you sad or happy and very easily give you goosebumps.

The Italian composer Ennio Morricone began to compose at the age of six and in his lifetime he wrote scores for hundreds of films. His music for the 1986 film *The Mission* includes the beautiful **Gabriel's Oboe**, which has become increasingly popular at weddings. It is a wonderful heart melting piece of music.

The hymn **Abide With Me** was written in 1847 by Henry Francis Lyte. It is most often sung to the tune "Eventide" by William Henry Monk, and can be heard at coronations, weddings, funerals and military ceremonies, but perhaps best remembered as being heard at FA Cup

Finals, where it has been sung since 1927.

*Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

All of this music can be found on YouTube. Including: You'll Never Walk Alone, Liverpool FC (Anfield sings after Liverpool are confirmed as Premier League Champions 2025).

David Danton

Celebrating the Writers of Hymns

Lord, your servants through the ages –
Common folk as well as sages –
Have filled countless reams of pages
With their joyful hymns of praise!

Through Your Spirit, all inspiring
Humble talents spring, untiring
Phrases that we, now admiring,
Sing to Thee with hearts upraised!

Perfect prose, and steady metre,
Sweeping lyrics, music sweeter,
Phrases flying ever fleeter,
Wondrously Thy love portrays!

These, their gaze upon Thee sighting
Upon whom Thy Spirit, lighting
Have, through all their faithful writing
Strengthened us throughout our days!

When from death our souls are springing,
We will join with them in singing;
And with them we'll all be bringing
Our eternal hymns of praise!

Nigel Beeton



Property Report

Following a warm start to spring, May has seen a much colder spell which has reduced the number of outside jobs we could attend to. Unfortunately, vandals have destroyed the outside bench in the Peace Garden. We are seeking to replace it with a much more robust structure. The lawnmowers have received a great deal of attention – fitting the grass collectors helps but we then need to dispose of the grass cuttings – those on the rota – please note. As reported in the last quarter, the roof leaks in the auditorium are to be addressed. Shortly, scaffolding will be erected on the Hagley Road frontage allowing access to the remaining top asbestos which will be removed and disposed of. This will allow us to inspect the void to identify, hopefully, the source of the leak(s) and re-point the brickwork before replacing the fascia with upvc panelling.

Internal jobs include continued work in the Minister's Vestry where the new sink has been surrounded by tiling and a panel fitted. The toilet has also received attention with attempts to replace the discharge fitting. It was not successful so it looks that we will need to replace this old toilet. The stage blocks have been transferred from the Choir Vestry into Classroom 3 to replace the large table football game which has not been used for some time and has now been broken up. This change has allowed for the filing cabinet to be moved from the Vestry to the Choir Vestry and, shortly, the photocopier should be transferred, although this will require electrical work first. The shelves with the books are transferring to the alcove – this requires some plastering first! The photocopier itself has received attention from Sharp, who provide it, and it can now be accessed from a laptop.

Fire Door Services have now fitted the new fire doors to the Choir Vestry, Classrooms 1 and 2 and the Parlour although Tim Ding had to chase them to complete the work. The old door to the Choir Vestry is replacing the old fire exit door to the Parlour after receiving some adjustments. WH Austin have visited to service the 3 Buderus boilers and have identified a developing fault to the solenoid within the multi-functional gas valve during operation. Their quotation is quite expensive to replace so, as the boilers are switched off for the summer, we are thinking of leaving until the new Methodist Year. Other work done has seen Julian Varker erect a large screen at the rear of

the auditorium to aid those at the front (which can be operated separately) and replacement front wheels fitted to one of the wheelchairs.

As usual, thanks to our gang of regular helpers and those who help with the gardens – weed killer has been applied to the weeds. We have had the benefit of Len Harris's grandson, Dan, helping us recently.

Chris Haynes

Safeguarding/GDPR

This is the last article we will be writing under the heading of Safeguarding. For the past 8 or so years, Brian and I have been responsible for Safeguarding at Quinton, as well as our safeguarding Circuit responsibilities up until last September. We have seen so many changes since we started and it has been a huge learning curve, but one that was so important for us all. We know that so many people find the concept of Safeguarding hard to understand, especially in a church environment, and sadly we have had quite a case load over the years, not always at QMC of course, but a few.

We would both like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and understanding, especially when questions like 'why do we have to do this?' or 'is this really necessary?' arise. Safeguarding is about keeping everyone safe as well as the young people and those who are vulnerable in our congregation.

We are delighted to say that David Housley has come forward to take over from us, subject to ratification by Church Council in June. We can say, absolutely, that he will be brilliant. He has loads of experience of safeguarding from his role as a teacher and we are grateful to him for answering the call. Please do give him your support.

For now though, over and out, and thank you again.

Helena and Brian Taylor

This is a letter from Rebekah Button about scam emails.

Hi everyone,

I have tried to look into the scam emails and can't find any breach of email from within the circuit. No one has reported anything other than receiving strange emails. Some people have said this looks similar to previous emails when someone tried to impersonate Mucha. This could be the same people trying again? Or they could have sold data on to someone else? There is no way for us to know. I have been told scammers usually go quiet for a while and try a few months later, but unfortunately, scammers keep trying, so please remain vigilant.

Just a few tips to help protect yourself against scammers:

- Make sure your online passwords are different to any other password you use and don't share it with anyone!
- Check your email SENT box regularly, to check no one is using your email without your knowledge, if you think something is wrong - change your password straight away
- If something seems strange - it usually is!
- Get 2 factor authentication (this means you need two methods to get into online programs like email -such as facial recognition/pin codes/memorable words etc). You may need to talk to your email provider to help set this up, but it provides extra protection and makes it harder to be hacked.
- Be aware of people asking for money.
- If ever in doubt, don't rush, check before responding! Because we have had people trying to impersonate circuit members over email, before responding try to always check the email address it has been sent from, and if you don't recognise the address - DO NOT REPLY. Just delete.
- Scams come in many forms such as emails, texts, calls, flyers and post
- Getting 'Threat/Fraud Protection' on your computer would help safeguard against virus attacks.

I'm sure you all know this but it's just a reminder to help everyone stay safe. You may wish to share this list with your congregation. You may even have more tips to add to this list.

Thank you to those who reported strange emails, it shows that you're already aware and being vigilant!

For more tips and advice, please visit the National Cyber Security Centre :<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/>

If you are worried about anything, please feel free to call me.

Thanks

Rebekah Button

Operations Manager

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Birmingham (West) and Oldbury Methodist Circuit (3/4)



The QMC Walkers

Though smaller in group size and slower in our paces, the enthusiasm is just as robust.



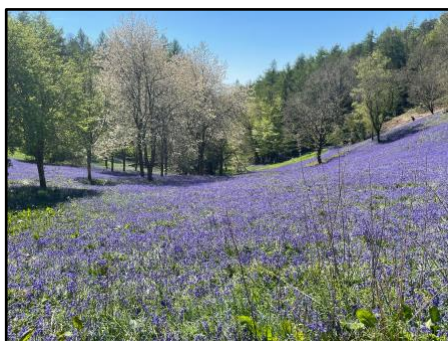
As usual for the past three years we start our walks in March and finish in November. Programmes are planned in January or February in a pub restaurant. Bearing in mind the majority of the ages in the group, the walks are usually between 3 to 4 miles and low level or with slight gradients. Also, with health and safety in mind, the trails are tested

beforehand by whoever is leading the walk. I take this opportunity to thank the leaders who have taken the time to test the walks, sometimes two or three times to make sure the walks are suitable.

For 2026 we have 9 walks planned ranging from canal walk, low hills, lakeside and rural countryside. In March this year we started the walk led by Chin at the canals near Wightwick Manor. In April for our second walk led by Christine we went to Clent Hills to see the bluebells and it delivered as expected, a spectacular view (see pics). Our next walk in May, to be led by Sue and Peter, is to Chaddesley Corbett a small, beautiful village. We will be walking in the woodland area. Next walk in June we will be walking round the Earlswood Lakes.

We would like to welcome anybody whether they attend church or not, as we see this as our outreach to the community as part of QMC. We have programmes printed out and let me know if anyone is interested.

Nancy



The tale of the Prodigal Son



JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A MAN
WHO HAD TWO SONS.

ONE WAS HARD WORKING
AND CARED FOR HIS FATHER



BUT THE OTHER SON JUST
DEMANDED MONEY FROM
HIS DAD



THEN HE LEFT HOME TO WASTE
HIS WEALTH.

HE HAD MANY FRIENDS...



...UNTIL HIS MONEY RAN OUT



SOON, THE ONLY WAY HE COULD
SURVIVE WAS BY FEEDING PIGS.



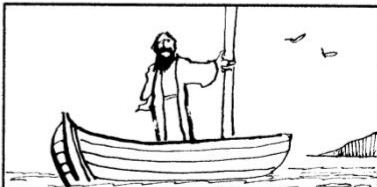
I KNOW, I'LL GO BACK TO
MY DAD AND SAY SORRY -
BUT HE'LL BE SO CROSS.



BUT HIS FATHER WAS
FAR FROM ANGRY - HE
WAS THRILLED TO SEE
HIS SON RETURN HOME!

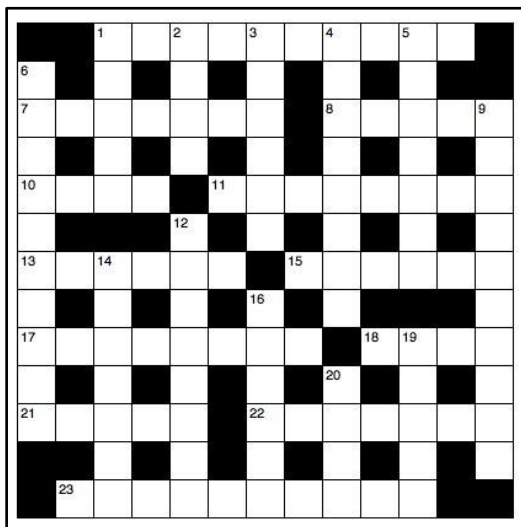


MY SON IS ALIVE!!



JESUS EXPLAINED - WE HAVE A FATHER
IN HEAVEN WHO ACHES TO SEE US ALL
RETURN TO HIM - JUST LIKE THE
PRODIGAL SON RETURNED TO HIS
FATHER.

Crossword

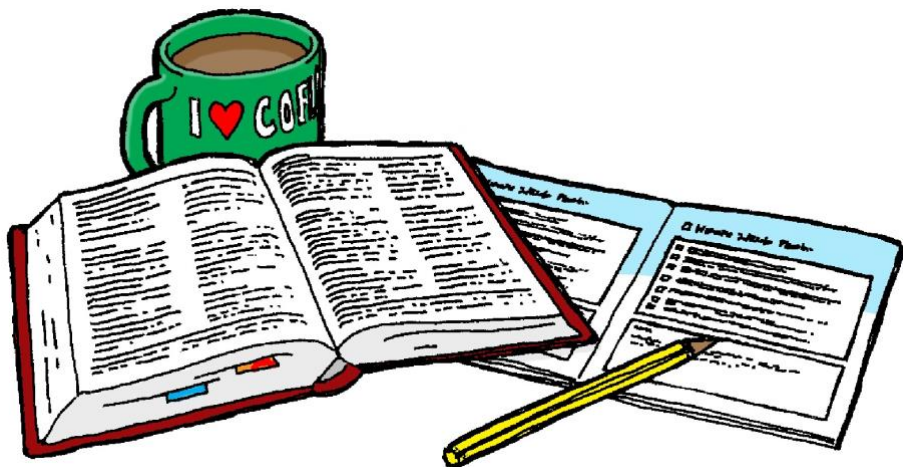


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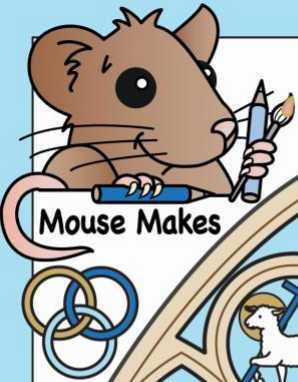
1. Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
7. Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
8. The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
10. 'We are hard pressed on every—' (2 Corinthians 4:8) (4)
11. Fraud (2 Corinthians 6:8) (8)
13. 'His troops advance in force; they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
15. Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
17. 'Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
18. Nomadic dwelling (Genesis 26:25) (4)
21. 'As for man, his days are like—, he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
22. Or I live (anag.) (7)
23. Those guilty of 1 Across (Romans 13:4) (10)

Down

1. 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
2. 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)
3. Mob ten (anag.) (6)
4. 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
5. Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
6. Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
9. Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10)
12. Put in jail (Acts 22:19) (8)
14. Aceturn (anag.) (7)
16. Discharge (Acts 21:3) (6)
19. 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)
20. 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!' (Revelation 19:7) (4)



Mouse Makes



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"May the grace of the Lord
JESUS CHRIST and the
love of **GOD** and the
fellowship of the
HOLY SPIRIT be
with you all."
2 Corinthians 13:14






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BREAD • WORD • HEALER
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GOD • FATHER

ABBA • LORD • JEHOVAH
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Crossword Solutions

Across: 1, Wickedness. 7, Harpist. 8, Teach. 10, Side. 11, Impostor. 13, Encamp. 15, Saddle. 17, Ignorant. 18, Tent. 21, Grass. 22, Olivier. 23, Wrongdoers.

Down: 1, World. 2, Crib. 3, Entomb. 4, National. 5, Started. 6, Whispering. 9, Harvesters. 12, Imprison. 14, Centaur. 16, Unload. 19, Evils, 20, Give.





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