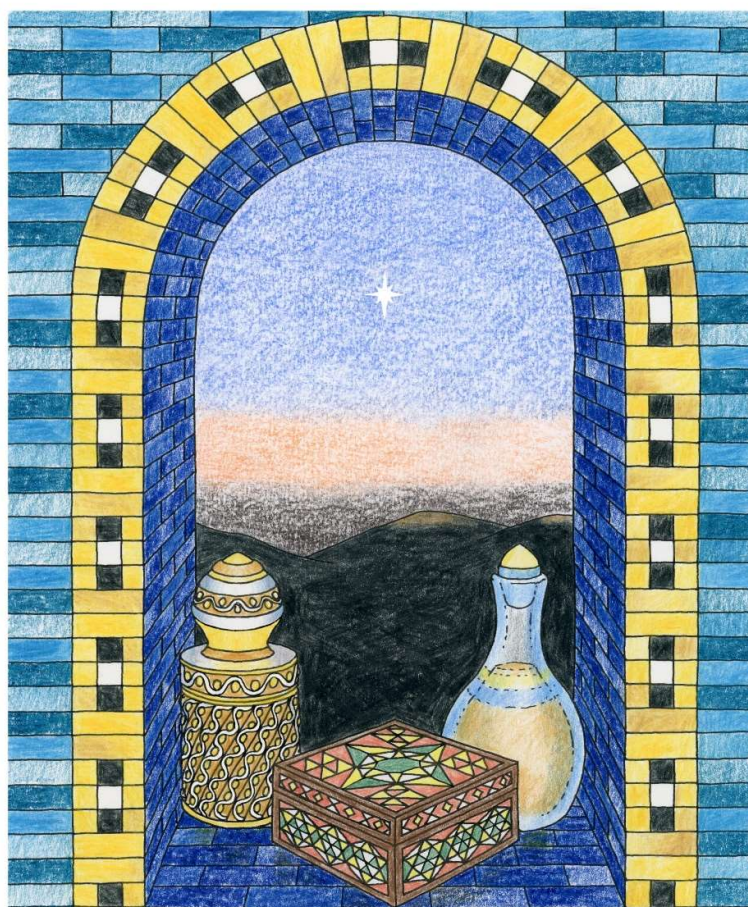




*'Sharing God's love so that
all may know Jesus'*



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Dear Friends

At the start of it all was the Word, the Word being God as with God. He was there in the beginning with God, all things coming into existence through him and nothing existing without him. What has come into being in him is life; life that is light for all people. That light shines in the darkness, the darkness having been unable to extinguish it. He was in the World and the World owed its existence to him, yet the World did not recognise him. He became part of what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. To all, though, ready to receive him and believing in his name, he gave the right to become God's children – children born not of blood or any union of the flesh, nor of any human desire, but of God. The Word became flesh and lived among us, such that we have seen his glory; glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. [John 1:1-5, 10-14]

There is something unusual about the Gospel of John. Unlike Matthew and Luke, John does not start with Mary and Joseph, nor does he refer to Bethlehem, a stable or even a manger. There is no Christmas story at all. Unlike Mark, John does not start with the ministry of Jesus either, though he soon moves on to it. Instead, John takes us to the dawn of time and the events of creation, reminding us of God's sovereign will which has been active since the beginning. Despite everything that was done, everything we continue to do, God's gracious purpose was being worked out from the very start and continues onward.

The coming of Christ was God's natural expression of love, a love constantly at work, revealed in history, declared through the prophets and lived out in flesh and blood. That love will be with us as we go into a different future than some of us might have imagined. We may be selling the sanctuary at Warwick Road but we are starting something new based at the Baginton Road church site – a new name, a new way of being, a new mission. It might feel scary, we might have lots of questions and not many answers, but John's testimony calls us to reflect on all that God has yet to do in the light of everything God has already done. We are promised that we will not be alone in this - God's love walks with us every step of the way.

God bless and have a wonder-ful Christmas as we go into a brand new year.

God bless,
Yvonne



West Orchard Christmas post

Once again, we will be giving you the opportunity to post your Christmas cards using the West Orchard Postal Service. Cards can be posted on Sunday mornings, **5** and **19** December and can be collected after these services. There will also be the opportunity to post cards at Call in for Coffee between these dates. When addressing the envelopes, please include **surnames** of the recipients and **only post to people who attend West Orchard church regularly**. Please note we always have several cards which remain uncollected.

There is no suggested donation for using the service, but when considering how much to give please take into account the cost of a second-class stamp is now 66p. The chosen charity to receive our donations for 2021 is the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Sue Matthews



Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers, plants and kind words following the death of my husband Mick in July. As a family, every message we received helped us through the dark days following his sudden passing. Also, many thanks for all who were able to come along to his funeral; your support was very much appreciated. A very special thank you to Peter and Diane Kimberley who helped me through the funeral process with such loving kindness. Throughout the whole experience I felt God's presence with us all and we continue to call on His strength every day.

Marilyn Sanders

A Huge Thank You from Carriers of Hope

I am writing to say a huge thank you to the congregation of West Orchard URC for the recent gift of £565.87 you sent us. We shall certainly use this money to provide emergency support to families who have recently arrived in Coventry as refugees.



The work we do is challenging at times and many new refugees have arrived in the Midlands recently, all urgently needing some love and support. The encouragement of people like yourselves supporting in very practical ways is very important and special. Again, my sincere thanks to you. It's wonderful to be part of a wider caring church and community family.

We have a really helpful website, so if anyone would like to keep track of what we're up to, visit us at: <https://carriersofhope.org.uk> or 'Like' us on Facebook to keep up to date with our latest initiatives and needs.

Jayne Davis, Team Leader – Admin & Finance

Advent Course on Art

Prepare for Christmas and deepen your experience of the Advent Season this year by coming along to our Coventry URC Advent Course. Each week we will consider a piece of art inspired by the Christmas story and take a new look at this season of hope and preparation.

Week 1: Hope – ‘The Annunciation’ by Henry Ossawa Tanner

Week 2 : Faith – ‘The Visitation’ by He Qi

Week 3: Joy – ‘Seeing Shepherds’ by Daniel Bonnell

Week 4 : Peace – ‘Angels Announcing the birth of Christ’ by Govert Flinck

We will meet either in person at 2pm on Thursdays, 25 Nov, 2, 9 & 16 December at West Orchard URC

or

7:30pm on Mondays, 29 Nov, 6, 13, & 20 December via Zoom.

Revd Yvonne Stone

Have yourself a Greener Christmas

Wrapping presents: Shiny foil wrapping ‘paper’ and glittery Christmas cards cannot be recycled so will go to landfill. Alternatives include using seasonal scarves, reusable bags or even newspaper for wrapping.



Trees: Despite recent research, it is generally accepted that real trees have less impact on the environment than plastic ones - but throwing away a good plastic tree you already own and replacing it with a real tree defeats the point! An alternative to a tree inside is to decorate a tree outside with treats for the birds.

Food: The typical Christmas meal generates 20kg of CO² emissions, 60% from the turkey. The total carbon footprint of all the UK Christmas dinners is equivalent to 6,000 car trips around the world or 300 return car journeys to the moon. Try to use locally sourced ingredients. Even not overcooking the spouts will help!

Jenny Barnes

Battery Recycling

With COP26 going on recently, I've been thinking about the environment and I was challenged on how to dispose of some old batteries I have. So, I've put a box in the vestibule at West Orchard labelled for recycling batteries. I will monitor the box and empty it as necessary at a local recycling centre.

Revd Peter Kimberley

Harvest at Manor Park

When Manor Park Primary School contacted us to see if their school could visit our church for their usual Harvest celebration, it was exciting. However, as the school has over 700 pupils, it was going to be very difficult for us to be able to welcome them here safely. It took some wise thinking from Reverend Yvonne to come up with the idea that rather than the school visiting us, we would take Harvest to Manor Park! As usual, we were welcomed warmly by everyone and were very privileged to learn that we were the first visitors that had been allowed into the school.



The children were amazing singing their favourite songs 'Conkers' and 'Harvest Calypso' with much enthusiasm and excitement. Reverend Yvonne shared a short talk with the children about 'seeds' and how even the smallest seeds can produce the biggest crops and how God can work within us in that way too. The food donations were all going to Coventry Foodbank which linked up with Yvonne's talk about 'seeds' of kindness which can spread happiness within a community.

The children were so well behaved and looked so smart in their school uniforms that it really boosted us to be amongst a school community again after such a long time. We are hoping that Manor Park will be able to visit us over the Christmas period and look forward to seeing them all again.

Marilyn Sanders

Warwick Road Christmas Lunch

You are invited to Christmas Lunch in the Church Centre on **Sunday 12 December** at 12.30pm after the Morning Service. The cost for the lunch is £13 per person (children £6.50). The menu is:

First course: Tomato and basil soup, roll & butter

Main course: Roast turkey, chipolata sausage, sage & onion stuffing, roast potatoes, vegetables and gravy

OR Asparagus risotto

Dessert: Christmas pudding with brandy sauce

OR Orange & passion fruit tart with spiced cherry compote

OR Cheese & biscuits

Tea/Coffee & mints

Booking is essential. If you would like to book a place, please contact the Church Office by **Friday 3 December** at the latest:

email: office@wrurc.co.uk; tel: 02476 220299



Women's Prayer Breakfast

Next dates: 11 December 2021, 22 January 2022

8.30am in the West Orchard Small Hall



A warm welcome to all women from both our churches and any friends from another or no church. We meet once a month at 8.30am for a bring-and-share breakfast - there is always more than enough.

It is an opportunity to offer each other encouragement and a listening ear as we share our good times and our tough times, laughter and even tears. We spend about 20 minutes with an activity to nurture our spirit and soul and always end in prayer for concerns shared as we talk. There is no obligation to speak, you can just listen and eat too.

Nobody comes every time, come when you can. We promise that it is always worth getting up for!

Margaret O'Kane

Soup Lunch for Christian Aid



On 6 November the small hall at West Orchard was transformed for the 'deluxe' Christian Aid Soup Lunch. Brightly coloured tablecloths, willing waitresses, keen kitchen crew - all awaited the guest customers as the aroma of sumptuous soups pervaded the premises.

Pam oversaw her kitchen crew, soup ladle at the ready, as waitresses handed in a continuous stream of orders at the hatch. With over a dozen different soups on the menu (with optional swirls of cream or fresh-from-the-garden snipped chives), service was non-stop. It then became evident that people were hesitant to start ordering coffee because what they really wanted were 'seconds'!

It was so rewarding to see our mixed group of guests chatting and laughing, quite obviously enjoying the flavoursome soups in such a relaxed atmosphere.

Well done to the team of volunteers who made it such a memorable moment in our calendar of church events. And we raised in excess of £250 for Christian Aid.

Thank you all!

Mary Goodwin

Prayer of Acceptance - Teachings of the season of autumn

When I accept only the beautiful and reject the tattered, torn parts of who I am,

when I treat things that are falling apart as my enemies

Walk me among the dying leaves, let them tell me about their power to energise Earth's soil by their decomposition and their formation of enriching humus.



When I fear loss of my youthfulness and refuse to accept the reality of aging

Turn my face to the brilliant colours of autumn, open my spirit to the mellow resonance of autumn sunsets and the beauty of the changing land.

When I refuse to wait with the mystery of the unknown, when I struggle to keep control rather than to let life evolve

Wrap me in the darkening days of autumn and encourage me to wait patiently for clarity and vision as I live with uncertainty and insecurity.

When I grow tired of using my own harvest gifts to benefit others

Take me to the autumn fields where Earth shares the bounty of summer and allows her hands to surrender their abundance.

When I resist efforts to warm a relationship that has been damaged by my coldness

Let me feel the first hard freeze of autumn's breath and see the death it brings to greening, growing things.

When I neglect to care for myself and become totally absorbed in life's hurried pace

Give me courage to slow down as I see how Earth slows down and allows her soil to rest in silent, fallow space.

When I fight the changes of unwanted, unsought events and struggle to keep things just as they are instead of letting go

Place me on the wings of travelling birds flying south, willing to leave their nests of comfort as they journey to another destination.

When I fail to say "thank you" and see only what is not, instead of what is

Lead me to gather all the big and little aspects of my life that have blessed me with comfort, hope, love, inner healing, strength and courage.

Maker of the seasons, thank you for all that autumn teaches me.

Change my focus so that I see not only what I am leaving behind, but also the harvest and fullness that my life holds.

May my heart grow freer and my life more peaceful

as I absorb and respond to the many teachings this season offers me.

*From 'The Circle of Life - The Heart's Journey through the Season'
by Joyce Rupp & Macrina Wiederkehr*

Poem - Is There a God?

I belong to the Progressive Christianity Network - Britain. The following poem by Grenville Gilbert was printed in our October bulletin and I would like to share it with you. To quote Grenville Gilbert, it is 'An argument for God but not for the existence of God'.

Personally, I now understand the word God as a 'verb' rather than 'noun'.

George Drake

Is There a God?

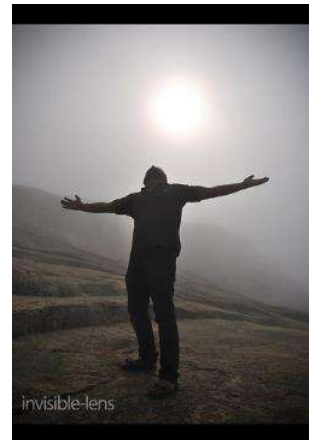
Either there is or there isn't - shall we ever know?
Is life just a solar event, an informed particle flow?
Are time and space imaginary; real as long as the mind persists?
Or is there meaning and purpose behind all that exists?

What then are the chances of the self-writing of DNA?
The life permitting structure whose code we know today.
Would monkeys sat at typewriters complete Shakespeare's collection?
Or is the watchmaker blind; life, a cumulative selection?

Are we witnessing the end days; our journey back to the sun?
All that ever existed; no further life to come.
Is consciousness an offshoot; a quirky quantum effect?
Are human beings the outcome of a chance particle connect?
Or, God the actual medium, essence of all creation?
The source of all that's living; the 'form' of information?

The answer is there 'isn't'; there's nothing that is not divine.
Existence and God are identical, there's no dividing line.
In God we have our being; in God we move about.
All life is right relationship; Love, answer to all doubt.

Don't worry about 'is and isn't' - knowledge and belief aren't life giving.
Love is the tree that matters, since all life's meant for living.
Seek out God within, for God is surely there.
'Love' is the real answer - it's another name for 'prayer'.



Grenville Gilbert

Poetry Café

Poetry Café meets on the first Thursday of each month in the Open Doors Café at Warwick Road URC at 2.30pm. We each share two or three poems – these are usually on a set theme but don't have to be!



The next meetings are:

Thursday, 2 December, Theme: 'Gifts'

Thursday, 6 January, Theme: 'Family'

Thursday, 3 February, Theme: 'Hot & cold'



All are welcome. For more information, please contact David Lathbury:
david@dlathbury.co.uk.

NEWS IN BRIEF FROM AROUND THE UK AND BEYOND

The 148 year-old Church of England church of St Michael's in Bournemouth is to be renamed St Mike's in an attempt to bring new life into an old Grade II building and the planting of a new congregation. They will be opening a new coffee bar and hope to offer a drop off café several mornings a week. Comments have been mixed such as "what next ... St Pete's or St Dave's?" or "Why, the Bible has not changed?". There is a nearby St Michael's CofE Primary School.

In 1941 the Church of England had 18,666 churches but a report states that within five years from now that could be below 16,000, with a possible 368 churches at risk. Friends of Friendless Churches, a charity that already looks after 58, say it should not be so fast or easy to close a place of worship; however, the CofE is looking at speeding the process up by reducing consultations from two to one.

Greta Tomlinson died in September aged 94 years. Greta was the first female "strip cartoonist" for The Eagle magazine, joining in February 1950. This comic magazine was thought up by the Reverend Marcus Morris and Chad Varah from the Society of Christian Publicity who wanted a wholesome antidote to the horror and sensationalism of American crime comics. The first issue in April 1950 sold 900,000 copies and continued until 1969 with a revival in 1982 and the last issue in 1994. The lead character was Dan Dare, an interplanetary person of the year 2000.

The latest (October 2021) high-ranking priest in the Church of England to convert to Catholicism is Michael Nazir-Ali who was Bishop of Rochester 1994-2009 and formerly Bishop of Raiwind in Pakistan. This follows the conversion of the former Bishops of Ebbsfleet and Burnley earlier this year.

The Vatican has issued a new version of its 'Click to Pray' app that gives users specific objectives for which they can pray together with the Pope, plus a reminder of their chosen time to pray. A first update since inception in 2016 has now been released, with a seven-language option including Chinese.

On 21 November, Venetians held a service of thanksgiving at the church of Santa Maria della Salute. A pontoon bridge was created across the Grand Canal to allow a pilgrimage to process from St Mark's Square. This domed church was built to mark the end of a plague in 1630, with completion in 1678. Many artists have been inspired to paint this church, including Canaletto and Turner.



Brenda Morris (aged 78 years) wanted to leave her body to science but had a Star Wars theme funeral instead. The undertakers were dressed in Star Wars Stormtroopers uniforms led by Darth Vader.

Sir Michael Palin is usually associated with the TV satire programme Monty Python's Flying Circus where he played the Boring Prophet, Pontius Pilate, and also played one of the three wise men in the film *The Life of Brian*. Today he is vice-president of the National Churches Trust which crusades to preserve sites. Sir Michael has said: "Churches remain a vital and much-loved part of the UK's heritage and we cannot let them fall into neglect and disuse. More and more churches are adapting to the modern world, providing not just spiritual comforts but a range of valuable services to local people such as food banks and youth clubs".

A study by probate experts published in The Law Society Gazette expresses concern about online wills. It found that consumers are often mistaken as to whether their affairs are 'simple' or 'complex' and that the online will-writing companies themselves 'offer very little liability for something going wrong'. Solicitors are required to have Professional Indemnity Insurance covering claims potentially as high as £2m or £3m (and some can take this as high as £10m per claim), but other professionals offering wills services limit their liability to the cost of the will.

Pope Francis has announced what could be the first reform in the Catholic Church for 60 years - a two-year process to consult every member in the world on such subjects as women's ordination, married priests and same-sex relationships. It will also look at alleviating poverty, climate change, and how the Church is run.

Nearly 1,500 financial institutions spanning 71 countries having more than £28.47 trillion of assets under management are committed to some form of fossil fuel divestment. This includes more than 70 faith institutions such as Methodists, Presbyterian Church of Wales, Catholic Bishop's Conference of Scotland and 15 Catholic dioceses in the UK and Ireland.

Barry Stelfox

Open Doors Café Menu for December & January

	Mains	Desserts
Friday 3 December	Lamb & vegetable casserole	Sticky toffee pudding and custard
Tuesday 7 December	Ham & leek pie, potatoes and vegetables	Fruit trifle
Friday 10 December	Sausage & tomato hot pot	Treacle sponge and custard
Tuesday 14 December	Christmas lunch	
Friday 17 December	Beef lasagne, new potatoes and salad	Black cherry tart and custard
Tuesday 21 December	Hunter's chicken, potatoes and vegetables	Mincemeat and apple pie and custard
Tuesday 4 January	Chicken & vegetable casserole	Creamy rice pudding
Friday 7 January	Faggots, creamed potatoes and Mushy peas	Peach crumble and custard
Tuesday 11 January	Fisherman's pie and peas	Lemon meringue pie
Friday 14 January	Pork & vegetable hotpot	Warm chocolate brownie and ice cream
Tuesday 18 January	Cottage pie and vegetables	Pineapple upside down sponge and cream
Friday 21 January	Gammon, parsley sauce, potatoes and peas	Dutch apple pie and custard
Tuesday 25 January	Beef & mushroom pie, potatoes and vegetables	Fresh cream strawberry sponge
Friday 28 January	Salmon & asparagus quiche, potatoes and peas	Bread & butter pudding and ice cream





GrowKids

Marilyn Withers and I recently went along to GrowKids, based at Foleshill Community Centre, to take some donations of hand-knitted items. GrowKids is an initiative set up by Vineyard Churches and has bases around the country. They offer free clothes and toys to parents of children under 5 years old (and older children) in the local area.

It was great to meet up with Zia Lee the Coordinator and to hear how the initiative is helping the local community in Foleshill. As well as looking for volunteers to help with their work, they are really appreciative of any children's hand-knitted items we are able to donate. So a call to all you knitters in our congregation: if you would like to help young children, please get out your knitting needles and support this fantastic initiative. They are also happy to receive pre-loved children's toys (for up to age 5) and clothes (including school uniforms with no logos) for all ages.

Zia forwarded me the following news about GrowKids: "The team is expanding as we get ready to launch a Stay & Play group alongside our normal Friday Morning donation collections. We are looking for people who love people and enjoy working in a team. Whether you are only available once/twice a month, or are able to help every week, we'd love to hear from you". Volunteer roles include: Crafts Coordinator, Catering Coordinator, Welcome / Host / Catering Team Member, and Donations Sorter.

I went along last Friday to help with sorting donations and it was a humbling and thought-provoking experience which made me realise how easy it is to help others less fortunate than ourselves. As a church, lots of us already support Coventry City Mission who carry on such wonderful work in Wood End. This item is not intended to discourage you from supporting their work but simply to make people aware that if they want to specifically donate toys or children's clothes, GrowKids would be happy to receive them. If you have any items you would like to donate, please let me know and as long as they are not too big, I will be happy to take them along. Thank you.

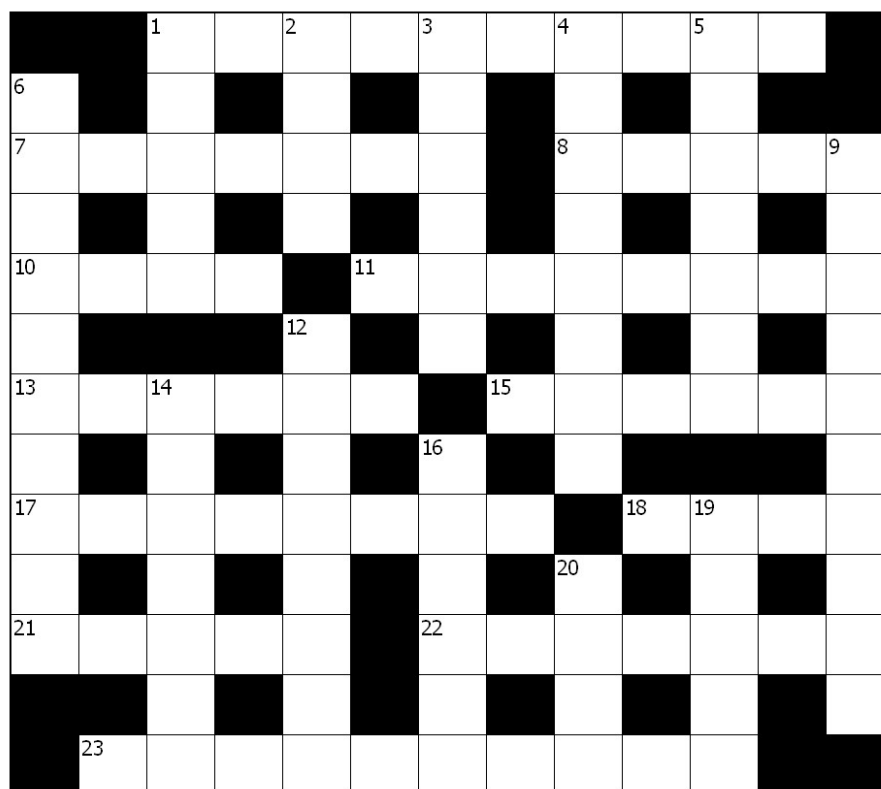
Marilyn Sanders

On the Move!

Janet and Paul Jarvis have informed us that they have moved house – to Cheylesmore. If you would like their new address and / or phone number, please contact the Warwick Road Church Office.



Puzzle Pages



Across

- 1 Provisional meeting place of God and the Jews (Exodus 25:9) (10)
- 7 David's third son, killed when his head got caught in a tree during a battle with his father (2 Samuel 18:14-15) (7)
- 8 They ruled much of the west coast of South America in the 15th and early 16th centuries (5)
- 10 Small deer of European and Asian extraction (4)
- 11 Seized control of (Numbers 21:25) (8)
- 13 Terror (Luke 24:5) (6)
- 15 First World War heroine shot by the Germans in Brussels, Nurse Edith ____ (6)
- 17 Stormy (8)
- 18 A bitter variety of this, together with lamb and unleavened bread, was the Passover menu for anyone 'unclean' (Numbers 9:11) (4)
- 21 Arson (anag.) (5)
- 22 How John Newton described God's grace in his well-known hymn (7)
- 23 Habitation (Isaiah 27:10) (10)

Down

- 1 '____ and see that the Lord is good' (Psalm 34:8) (5)
- 2 'The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as ____ as a lion' (Proverbs 28:1) (4)
- 3 One of the exiles, a descendant of Parosh, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:25) (6)
- 4 He escaped from Nob when Saul killed the rest of his family and joined David (1 Samuel 22:19-20) (8)
- 5 City and lake in Central Switzerland (7)
- 6 'Offer your bodies as living ____, holy and pleasing to God' (Romans 12:1) (10)
- 9 Pouches carried by horses (Genesis 49:14) (10)
- 12 One who accepts government by God (8)
- 14 Aromatic substance commonly used in Jewish ritual (Exodus 30:1) (7)
- 16 He asked Jesus, 'What is truth?' (John 18:38) (6)
- 19 Are (Romans 13:1) (5)
- 20 'You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will ____ his people from their sins' (Matthew 1:21) (4)

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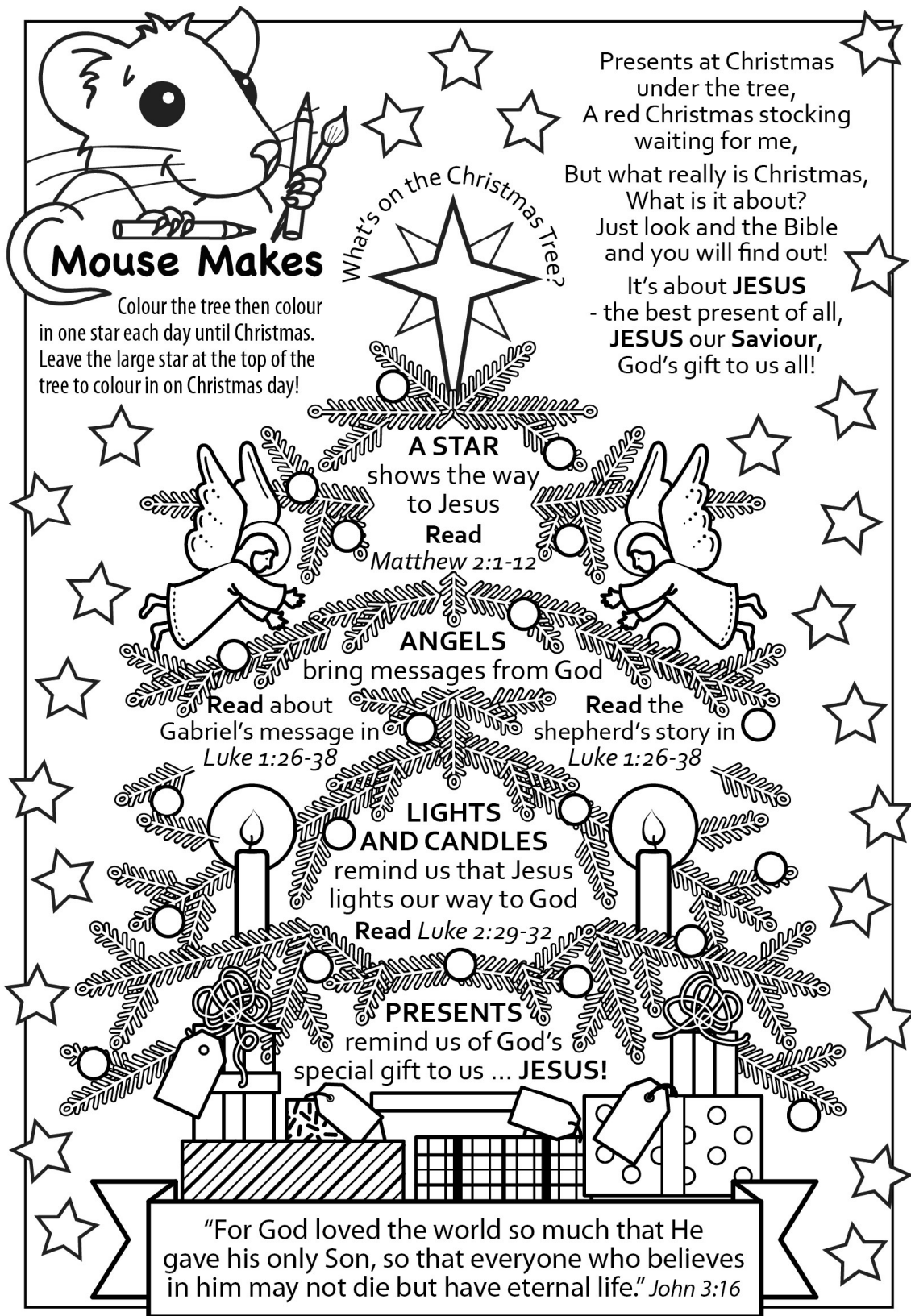
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Solutions on page 18

WORDSEARCH

Christmas is nearly here! Two thousand years ago the Jews were longing for the coming of their Messiah. The Old Testament had promised that when He came, He would preach good news to the poor, bind up the broken hearted, proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, comfort all who mourn and to bestow on His people a crown of beauty instead of ashes. Jesus did all those things. He was and is the Son of God, and whoever has seen Him has seen the Father. Whoever believes in Him will have the best gift of all – His Spirit within them, which gives them eternal life.

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Mission Outreach and Worship Report - December 2021

My goodness where does the time go? We continue to emerge from the various lockdowns and restrictions we have endured and the church buildings are becoming very active once again, reaching out into our community and providing a space for people to gather. It all feels like the heartbeat has returned to our buildings.

I extend my thanks to the many volunteers who have returned to help make West Orchard a thriving community once more and I hope that I provide a useful support for all you do. Here is a sample of some of my recent activities:

I continue to plan and lead Sunday worship at West Orchard and Warwick Road, and to edit and upload these to YouTube. A significant number are still viewing our Sunday Services online so it is important to continue to keep uploading them. We recently had an enquiry from Australia regarding our choir at West Orchard, such is the reach of the internet! I also upload the Midweek Prayers, a prayerful process which takes time so thank you for your positive feedback.

Since lockdown, it has been a privilege to resume social Outreach activities. Coffee morning is proving very popular with our community and at least a dozen new people from the local community have joined our bi-weekly Coffee in The Car Park event. I thank all our volunteers who make this such a success. If you would like to join us, please come and share a hot drink and a chat - I am always looking for volunteers.

On Thursdays I often attend Luncheon Club; I also plan, organise and enjoy the bi-monthly Saturday Men's Breakfast.

The Tuesday after-school club, Drench Café, when 12 or so young people share fellowship, is a valuable mission – thanks to Marilyn and Sue for their continued dedication. I have also resumed my links with four of our local primary schools.

Evening meetings make up quite a lot of my weekly hours. Sue Davis and I have been trialling the Difference Course with the Tuesday House Group and we are looking to roll out the course to five churches across the south of Coventry next year. This is a Bible Study-type course with a theme of healing and reconciliation between different community groups and is sponsored by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Planning for the future of West Orchard is an important part of my Mission role. I continue to work closely with both sets of church leaders on the successful merger of West Orchard and Warwick Road. All plans and ideas will of course be subject to approval at church meetings in the future. Watch this exciting space.

I wish you a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Revd Peter Kimberley, Mission, Outreach and Worship Leader

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SOLUTION - SUDUKO (MEDIUM)

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

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Tabernacle. 7 Absalom. 8 Incas. 10 Roes. 11 Captured. 13 Fright. 15 Cavell. 17 Cyclonic. 18 Herb. 21 Sonar. 22 Amazing. 23 Settlement.

DOWN: 1 Taste. 2 Bold. 3 Ramiah. 4 Abiathar. 5 Lucerne. 6 Sacrifices. 9 Saddlebags. 12 Theocrat. 14 Incense. 16 Pilate. 19 Exist. 20 Save.

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Worship at Warwick Road & West Orchard **December 2021 & January** **2022**



Services - West Orchard (WO) 10.30; Warwick Road (WR) 11.00

Date	Church	Preacher	Organist	
5/12	WO 10.30	Revd Yvonne Stone		
Saturday 11/12	WR 2pm	Carols		
12/12	WR 11am	Revd Yvonne Stone		
19/12	WO 10.30am WO 6.30 pm	Revd Peter Kimberley Revd Yvonne Stone	Wilf	Holy Communion
Friday 24/12	WR 3pm WO 5pm WO 8.30 pm	Revd Yvonne Stone & Revd Peter Kimberley Crawford Dow Revd Peter Kimberley		Holy Communion Midnight in Bethlehem
Saturday 25/12	WO	Revd Yvonne Stone	Wilf	
26/12	No service			
All services are at West Orchard from the beginning of 2022				
2/1	10.30 am	In House - Elders	Tim	
9/1	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Revd Ralph Hanger In House - Elders	Tim Wilf	
16/1	10.30 am	Revd Yvonne Stone	Tim	Holy Communion
23/1	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Keith Stephens Rev Colin Offer	Tim Wilf	
30/1	10.30 am	Revd Peter Kimberley + Scouts	Tim	Parade