

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

# *Connections*

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## Dear Friends

*The Lord went ahead of them the whole time, a pillar of cloud to guide them by day and a pillar of fire to lighten their way by night, so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night moved from its place in front of the people. [Exodus 13:21-22]*



Imagine what it must have been like to be one of the people of Israel during the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness. Many, no doubt, must have thought their flight from Egypt would be short, leading swiftly on to an exciting if somewhat uncertain future. Many wanted to go back to things as they were. The reality, however, was that a lifetime's journey lay ahead, living as nomads in search of the Promised Land. Precisely where that was – and when they would get there – seemed hidden even from Moses. Yet, though the final destination was unclear, the route they had to take was not a matter of guesswork, for God was there to guide them. Just as he had led Abraham so now, with a pillar of cloud and fire, he directed their footsteps. They did not travel alone; God was travelling with them.

By the time many of you read this we will have had our final celebratory service honouring the many years we have gathered at Warwick Road Sanctuary and our first service of the new Baginton Road URC and I know that your emotions may be like the people of Israel. Some will be excited about what lies ahead, whilst others will be mourning what is being left behind. It may take some time for us to recognise that we are all fellow pilgrims on a journey into the unknown.

Not many of us are privileged to receive such a clear sign of God's presence as pillars of smoke or fire but the principle is one that applies to each one of us. As we journey into the next stage of our Christian life together, God is always there to share in our pilgrimage – leading, encouraging, equipping, providing. We have no more idea of where our path may take us than Abraham or Moses had, but we can have the assurance that wherever we are asked to travel, God will travel with us.

God bless you all,  
*Yvonne*

### **Progressive Voices magazine**

I have left a copy of the December 2021 edition of 'Progressive Voices' – the quarterly magazine of the 'Progressive Christianity Network - Britain' – on a table near the entrance to the church. Feel free to take it home, read it and then return it for someone else to read. Comments to *Connections* or to me are welcome.

*George Drake*

## West Orchard Christmas post



Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the West Orchard Christmas Postal Service, especially those who delivered cards to friends or neighbours. By Christmas Day there were no undelivered cards. Thank you to all who contributed to the Teenage Cancer Trust. We raised £115 and 25% will be added to this via Gift Aid so the grand total is £143.75.

*Sue Matthews*

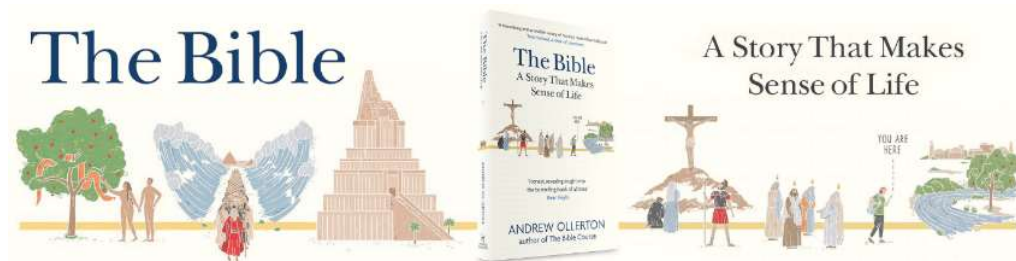
## The Big Church Read

Tuesday Home Group are taking part in the Bible Society's Big Church Read – it's a national book group with thousands of Christians. We will be reading a new publication *The Bible: A Story That Makes Sense of Life* written by Andrew Ollerton. This is a six-session course, with films and extra information to support our reading.

We meet fortnightly in the Baginton Road Sanctuary on Tuesday evenings, 7.30 - 9.00 pm. Feel free to come along and join the discussion – we have copies of the book available for you to borrow. The next meeting of the group is 1 February 2022.

If you'd like to find out more, please have a word with one of us or look on [thebigchurchread.co.uk](http://thebigchurchread.co.uk). You'd be more than welcome!

*Sue D, Sue M, Pam, Jenny, Mary, Pauline, June*



## Renewed Appeal for Readers

Rita Dalton and Mary Goodwin have met to produce a combined list of Readers for the new church, which is in operation from the New Year.

Please get in touch with either Rita or Mary if you would like the opportunity to read. They would be very grateful! Thank you in advance.

## News and Thank You from CCM Giving Tree



Thank you so much for your help with the 2021 Giving Tree project, whether with gifts, money, time or prayer. Without you we could not have given gifts to so many children in the city who otherwise would not have received any. We were able to give presents to a record number of 1,125 children from 475 families. When we distributed them, we worked with churches in Tile Hill, Foleshill and Willenhall, enabling us to reach families in more areas of the city than before.

It didn't go as expected, with Covid regulations making us change our plans and delay decisions all the time. Last year we knew we had to run it ourselves from the start, with no outside help from volunteers. This time we were able to have some people in to help us in the end but on a much more limited basis than usual.

However, there are so many things to be grateful for: we had an additional member of staff working with us; people supplied wrapping paper just when we had run out; additional toy donations arrived just when we were heading out to the shops to buy some; and there were many more instances of God helping us through all of you.

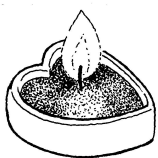
For two years of pandemic, we've not been able to have the usual parties when parents and children come to collect their bags of wrapped presents, do Christmas crafts, have refreshments and see Santa. At least we were able to provide party bags for all the children aged under 11 whose families came to collect their bags from us.



I received a number of messages of thanks after the distribution, both from families and from agencies supporting them. One family sent a card saying "Thank you so much for your continued support".

We are hopeful that Giving Tree 2022 will be easier and more 'normal'. We're already thinking of ways to have more contact with the families referred to us. We also hope that you will want to be involved again later this year. Thank you again for your support and generosity which has made so much difference to so many people.

*Sarah White, Project Co-ordinator*



## Pastoral News

Barry Stelfox was taken into hospital for an emergency heart bypass operation at the end of November. He is now doing well and we send him and Brenda all our best wishes for his continuing recovery.

## NEWS IN BRIEF FROM AROUND THE UK AND BEYOND

A miniature gold Bible has been found by a metal detectorist in farmland near York. This solid gold object is 1.5cm long and weighs approximately 5g. Researchers think that it could have belonged to a relative of Richard III (1452-1485) as it was found near Sheriff Hutton Castle, a property that once belonged to the King.

The London Garden Trust have been given the right to appeal against the plans to build a £75m Holocaust memorial in Victoria Tower Gardens, Westminster. They claim that it would damage the area and overshadow a monument to the abolition of slavery. The appeal will be held this year.

Delegates at the Church of England's General Synod in November 2021 decided to wear colour-coding to indicate whether to hug or not. Green was 'no social distance required', Amber meant 'a respectful social distance' and Red was 'please maintain a social distance of one to two metres where possible'.

The Heritage at Risk Register has named 16 sites in Coventry. The Church of St Mark in Swanswell was added to the list needing repairs to its walls and roof plus boundary walls to Stoney Stanton Lane and Bird Street. The Church of St John in Spon Street needs brickwork repairing. Charterhouse on London Road was also mentioned but repairs to its roof have commenced.



The journalist Maureen Cleave has died. She became associated closely with The Beatles, and was known as "Maureen Thingy" by them. In a teen fanzine magazine published during The Beatles' only tour of the USA was the headline "John says Beatles are bigger than Jesus", which resulted in a huge outcry and the public burning of their albums.

Coventry's Hebrew Congregation Synagogue was built in Barras Lane in 1870 (with its entrance in Gloucester Street). This Orthodox Synagogue stopped holding services in 1999 due to a decreasing congregation and moved to the Solihull Shul. For a short while the building was used by the Coventry Reform Jewish community. The building – which contains many original features including seating, ark alcove, binah and mikveh (sunken bath for ritual bathing) – is being restored, along with the Rabbi's house. The main issue is dry rot throughout.

In the USA there is a shortage of headstones, with grieving families waiting for up to 12 months because of global problems in the supply chain. The granite comes mostly from India and China, and also Asia. The USA's supply chain is at least five months. Matters are not helped by the post-war baby boom generation starting to die, plus Covid-19 deaths.



Dorothy Manley, a URC elder, died on 31 November 2021. In the 1948 London Olympics she was the first British woman to win a medal in the 100 yards race. Silver was the colour she won; alas, Britain has never won a gold in this event.

In January 2021 Matt Bird, founder and chief executive of Nayba, a Christian charity, wrote an article discussing whether some Christians might think that the words “faith” and “wealth creation” are incompatible. Now he has launched a seven-week course to help churches, their parishioners and wider community to start businesses. His book, *The Spirit of Enterprise: Helping entrepreneurs transform neighbourhoods*, is being translated into seven languages. Through all the sessions, the course explores Biblical connections based on the idea that wealth can create well-being – for example, in the 19<sup>th</sup> century there were the Quaker families Rowntree, Cadbury and Fry with their confectionery businesses. Many churches have spare space which budding entrepreneurs can use for their start-ups. Today there is Grace Church, Nottingham, with a cleaning business that already has a £30,000 turnover and Cheriton Baptist Church in Folkestone with paddleboarding classes, while Causeway Coast Vineyard Church in Northern Ireland runs a log fuel business in unused buildings.

A gentleman celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday by giving each member of his family a copy of his recently completed autobiography, primarily to ensure that at his funeral his eulogy would be given from this book. When mentioning this to his vicar, the response was “I attended many more funerals than you, you cannot trust anyone, make it a video delivered by you!”



The Great Mosque of Cordoba, Spain, which was built between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> centuries on the site of a former church, has been a Cathedral since 1236 when the site was reconquered by Christian forces. Nowadays it is having problems with tourists. Up to 2 million tourists visit each year, mainly in the summer when temperatures can be 47°C (116.6°F), and the humidity created is damaging several areas including the famed horseshoe-arched mihrab, the prayer niche indicating the direction of Mecca, with its many columns reaching up to a wooden roof. During the Islamic period in Spain this building was the second largest after the Holy Mosque in Mecca. It is most famous for its forest of columns and double-tiered arches which have been influential on western Islamic art.

At the beginning of December in Oymyakon in Russia's far east, the air temperature is minus 57°C. It is also the start of the outdoor swimming season where the bathers enter the water after being blessed by their Orthodox Christian Priest. This action is seen as one that will wash away their sins. The water temperature is 2°C, coming from warm springs.

**Barry Stelfox**

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

A few years ago, a group of ladies from West Orchard began a "Prayer Shawl Ministry". This involved us knitting or crocheting shawls, scarves and blankets which were then distributed to people going through a hard time, illness, bereavement or other difficult circumstances. The shawls were accompanied with a card and the message: "Your shawl has been made by friends at West Orchard URC and is given to wrap you in comfort and assure you of our prayers". These shawls were very much appreciated by the people who received them.



There are several of these beautifully made shawls and scarves still available for distribution - they are suitable for ladies or gentlemen. If there is anyone that you feel would benefit from receiving one – a friend, neighbour or friend of a friend – please speak to myself or Sue Matthews.

*Sue Davis*

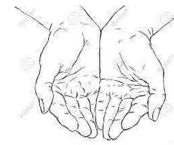


## Women's Prayer Breakfast

**Next dates: 19 February, 19 March 2022**

8.30am in the Baginton Road Small Hall

(NB: please enter by the ramp door to the large hall.)



A warm welcome to all women from our church and any friends from another or no church. We meet once a month at 8.30am in the Small Hall 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 maybe 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*





## Appreciation

We wish to thank Revd Yvonne and all who played their part in making our wedding service at West Orchard URC on 23 October 2021 such an enjoyable occasion for us, our family and our friends.

Whether that was in a specific way, or by supporting us in church on the day – thank you.

***Brian & Tracey Payne***

Thank you so much for everything you have provided for the people of Coventry. My mum Gwen Limb was a member of the Church for over 10 years and gained so much from her time with you and many happy hours spent. Good luck with the final service on Saturday 22 January. Hope all goes well.



Very best wishes  
***Janet Limb***

## Letter from the Bishop of Coventry

*We have received the following letter from the Bishop of Coventry, The Right Reverend Dr Christopher Cocksworth:*

To the Elders and people of URC Warwick Road:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Please know that you will be in my heart and prayers on Sunday 22nd January as you come to the end of an era in the life of Warwick Road URC and prepare to move into the next stage of the church's life.

Thank you for your faithful witness to Christ in Coventry over these long years of your history.

With other Christians in the city, I am deeply grateful for all that you have done in the cause of Christian unity and for the making known of the Kingdom of God in our time.

May the Lord of the Church bless you as you look back on the past and look ahead to the future as you share your life in Christ with West Orchard URC!

With my kindest regards,

Yours in Christ  
**† Christopher**

## Warwick Road URC Celebratory Service

Warwick Road URC held its final Celebratory Service at Warwick Road on Saturday 22 January 2022. Members of the congregation, past and present, gathered together to leave the church building which has been a home for us for so many years.

This was an opportunity for one last act of worship before the move and merger to create Baginton Road URC. It also enabled everyone to give thanks for the life and work of the Warwick Road URC that has provided refuge, comfort, and challenges for God's people and which has served the faithful people of this community for years.

The service, led by Revd Yvonne, included a Litany of Thanksgiving, and Prayers of Letting Go and of Moving on in Faith. The choir performed several hymns and the congregation joined in enthusiastically at every opportunity.

The service was followed by a splendid tea in the Church Centre kindly provided and served by Mosaic Church. Many thanks to Martyn Smith for these photos taken at the afternoon tea.



## Words of Assurance

God hears our deepest feelings of heart and mind and spirit and has heard us this afternoon. We will continue to offer these feelings as we let go of this place. God will continue to listen to us.

God will go with us in our new ventures of life and faith, God is eternally to be trusted. God's peace, which passes all knowledge and understanding, will be our peace.

Thanks be to God. Amen.



## A Prayer of Moving on in Faith

When the chosen people left the land of Egypt for the uncertainty of the wilderness, You, O God, went with them. You inspired and directed Moses and the people to the Promised Land. You will be with us now as we move on.

When the prophets knew for certain that the old values and traditions would no longer serve your purpose, nor bring closer your realm, You, O God, showed the doubters a new way, and revealed fresh opportunities to the closed-minded. Ever-faithful God, you will be with us as we move on.

When Jesus realised that the trusted structures and the traditional leaders could no longer serve your purpose, when Jesus knew it was time for a change, You, O God, were at the heart of his ministry, you sustained him all the way to the cross. We move on to fresh ways of worship,

We move on to serve in Baginton Road United Reformed Church

We move on to work with new partners to build up the life of the United Reformed Church and of the whole church of Jesus Christ.



With you, we move on to strive for justice and peace in our local community and throughout the world.

We move on to sing the familiar hymns with familiar friends,

With you we move on to sing new songs with new friends. Amen.



## Eco news

We have all heard the news about single use plastics and the effect of microplastics on the rivers and sea. Many people feel that it is very hard for us, as individuals, to make a difference.

Here are four suggestions we could all consider using in the kitchen:

- Bicarbonate of soda, distilled white vinegar and lemon juice make great natural alternatives to shop-bought products that come in plastic packaging.
- Try reusable cleaning cloths instead of disposable ones. You can even repurpose an old T-shirt as a cleaning cloth.
- Use a refill station to top up the same plastic bottles with washing up detergent, rather than buying new bottles every time you need more. The closest I can find to us are in Coventry Market or Leamington Spa.
- Look for biodegradable dishwasher tablets that are soluble in water.

*Jenny Barnes*

## Six Rules

A suggestion for six important rules for us all to follow, or even a good New Year's Resolution:



- The six most important words: "I admit that I was wrong!"
- The five most important words: "You did a great job."
- The four most important words: "Consider others - not yourself."
- The three most important words: "May I help?"
- The two most important words: "Thank you."
- The one most important word: "We."
- The least important word: "I."

*Graham Law*



## Making Mondays 2022

31 January, 28 February, 28 March, 25 April, 23 May, 27 June and 25 July  
1.30 – 3.30 pm in the Sanctuary at Baginton Road URC

Come along and join in a fun afternoon of simple craft activities – just bring your own pen/pencil and scissors. Everyone welcome.

NB: At the current time, you will be required to wear a face mask and maintain a safe social distance from others in the group.

*Sue and Pam*



## Coventry Foodbank update

The food and toiletries collected at our church on a weekly basis (the green box is under the table opposite the office door) go to the distribution centre at St Catherine's, Stoke Aldermoor, as it's quite local to us.

They are open for just two hours every Monday. Despite that short time, in the last nine months they have helped 500 people with food for three days (a standard food parcel) - 50% more than two years ago, when the numbers were already rising.

The rise in energy costs this Spring will inevitably bring more people needing help as they are unable to both heat their homes and feed their families. With that in mind, Foodbank are setting up a new advice service where those coming for food can get help with the longer-term issues which lie behind food hunger, e.g. energy costs, unemployment, disability support and mental health issues.

*Volunteering opportunity* – at the main food warehouse in Binley, volunteers pick and pack items to make up the food parcels before they are sent out to the distribution points like St Catherine's. If you would like to help on a Thursday or Friday morning, please email to find out more: [volunteering@coventry.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@coventry.foodbank.org.uk) or phone 024 7699 3770.

*Margaret O'Kane*

## Birds

Many of us love to watch the birds in our gardens. Here are some tips from the RSPB about feeding the birds:

- Blackbirds mostly feed on the ground and will eat a broad range of foods, from fatty nibbles to mealworms.
- Blue tits and great tits use a feeder, eating seeds as well as suet and peanuts.
- Finches, including chaffinches and greenfinches, use both a feeder and a bird table, and they love sunflower hearts.
- Look for good quality bird food – those that don't include 'fillers' such as dried peas and beans that birds rarely eat.
- Put out leftovers such as bread, fruit cake, dried fruit, unsalted pastry, or fruit such as apples and pears. Don't use anything mouldy or salty, and if you have a dog, don't put out dried fruit such as raisins – this can be toxic to them.



If you find you do not get enough visitors to your garden (or the smaller birds are chased off by squirrels, magpies and pigeons) view the RSPB live webcams from the Arne Nature Reserve looking over Poole Harbour or their live feeder cam.

*Jenny Barnes*



## Poetry Café

Poetry Café meets on the first Thursday of each month in the Open Doors Café, Warwick Road Centre 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, 3 February, Theme: 'Hot & cold'**

**Thursday, 3 March, Theme: 'Buildings'**



All are welcome. For more information, please contact David Lathbury:  
[david@dlathbury.co.uk](mailto:david@dlathbury.co.uk).

### Warwick Road Centre and Café – February Update

We are slowly coming to terms with the emotional trauma of saying goodbye to Keith as Church Centre Manager as he 'sails' towards exciting new chapters in his life.

George, Ruth, and I are working together as a team in the office and, between us, managing things during major changes. These changes include the merger of Warwick Road and West Orchard, and at the same time getting to know Mosaic Church who are in the process of buying the Sanctuary at Warwick Road.

Whenever change is around the uncertainty affects everyone. I would like to place on record that George and Ruth have been great with their commitment and flexibility. As a team we feel supported by Elders and Trustees, in particular David Lathbury who meets with us every two weeks so that we can monitor how things are going and plan ahead, as best we can, in changing times. Effective communication is always the key during uncertain times.

The Open Doors Café is now open on Tuesdays and Fridays, and has been well supported by regular customers who have returned following lockdown closures; and new customers have come along. There are no immediate plans to open on a third day, though Wednesday opening is Clare's next objective. The café menu is below.

Room hire is on the increase with several pre-lockdown customers renewing bookings.

As always, we welcome new volunteers, and anyone interested can contact the Office or Clare.

*Trevor Gay, Warwick Road Centre Manager*



## Open Doors Café – Volunteers wanted!



We are looking for volunteers to come and help out in our Open Doors Café on a Tuesday or Friday from about 9.30am – 1.30pm. This would generally entail taking orders and payment for meals and refreshments, and just maybe lending an ear and having a chat to our very friendly and regular clientele.

We would hope that eventually we will be able to open on a Wednesday as well, but of course that will be dependent on our volunteers.

If anybody would like to come along and perhaps shadow our present stalwart helpers and “learn the ropes”, please get in touch with the Warwick Road Centre Office on 024 7622 0299 or just come along for a coffee / meal and a chat.

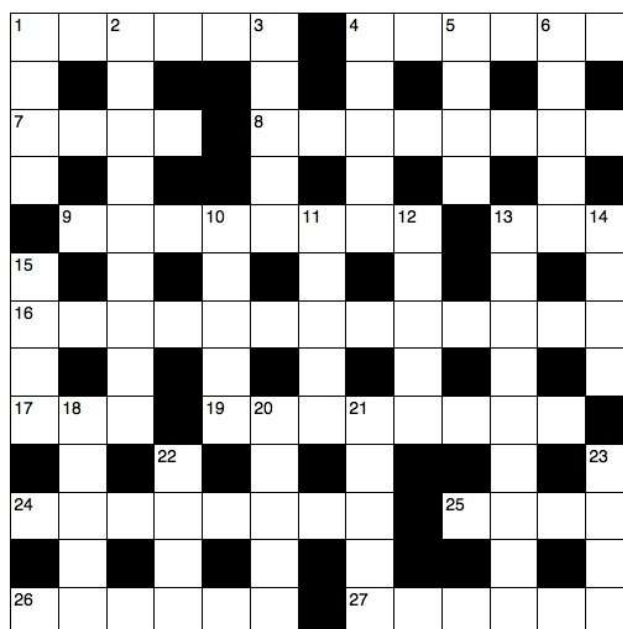
We would really hope that some of you would like to join us. No experience is needed and it really is a worthwhile and rewarding couple of hours a week.

*Ruth Mohamed*

## Open Doors Café Menu for February

	Mains	Desserts
Tuesday 1 February	Turkey & vegetable casserole	Cherry tart and custard
Friday 4 February	Lambs' liver & onions with bubble & squeak	Mixed berry cheesecake
Tuesday 8 February	Smoked haddock, creamed potatoes, peas and parsley sauce	Mincemeat & apple sponge with custard
Friday 11 February	Mince beef cobbler, vegetables and potatoes	Sticky toffee sponge and custard
Tuesday 15 February	Cumberland sausage & onion gravy, mashed potato and vegetables	Bakewell tart and custard
Friday 18 February	Chicken & mushroom pie, vegetables & potatoes	Creamy rice pudding
Tuesday 22 February	Beef stew & dumplings	Treacle sponge and custard
Friday 25 February	Lamb & vegetable casserole	Apple crumble and custard

## Puzzle Pages



### Across

- 1 'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)  
 4 'They threw the ship's — overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6)  
 7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4)  
 8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:22) (8)  
 9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8)  
 13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts 3:2) (3)  
 16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4)  
 17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1)  
 19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. — — I will praise you' (Psalm 145:1-2) (5,3)  
 24 Simon had (anag.) (8)  
 25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4)  
 26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6)  
 27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)

### Down

- 1 'Before the — crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4)  
 2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9)

- 3 'They have — the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5)  
 4 Belief (5)  
 5 'Take the following fine spices: ... 250 shekels of fragrant — ' (Exodus 30:23) (4)  
 6 'Do not — Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5)  
 10 A seer (anag.) (5)  
 11 'Even there your hand will — me' (Psalm 139:10) (5)  
 12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5)  
 13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilised people (Colossians 3:11) (9)  
 14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of 16A, — and Dolls (4)  
 15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4)  
 18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2)  
 20 'Today, if you hear his — , do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebrews 3:15) (5)  
 21 Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5)  
 22 'And now these three remain: faith, — and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13) (4)  
 23 'God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end' (Daniel 5:26) (4)

### SUDOKU (EASY)

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### SUDOKU (MEDIUM)

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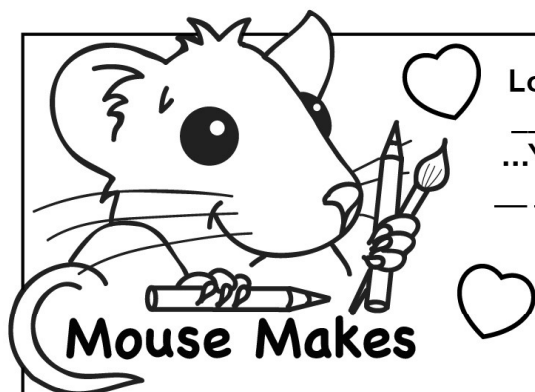
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## WORDSEARCH

February is the month of romance. Millions of Valentine cards will be sent in the next week or two, as we celebrate our romantic love for that special person in our lives. But there are other kinds of love to celebrate, and on Candlemas we remember Mary and Joseph taking their baby son to the temple to present Him to God. Jesus' whole life was a loving present to us from God. Through His death for us on the cross, and His resurrection, His love can now transform anyone's life. Romance can die, but God's love for us is always there. But it won't do us much good unless we accept it!

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PRESENT	ANGELS	P R E S E N T A T I O N
RESTAURANT	BABY	E U N R T A A N N E L E
HEARTS	TEMPLE	S A T O I R E D S C C I
KISS	MARY	S T A W G L A L S N É R
HUG	CANDLEMAS	I S N L A U E E A R O F
GIRLFRIEND	PRESENTATION	K E C V O G H M H S A Y
		R R E M N V O A E O P O
		M O S A P R E S E N T B



See what great love the Father  
has for us that He would call us His

1 John 1:3

Lord, you are a God who shows  
\_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_  
...You have great \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 86:1

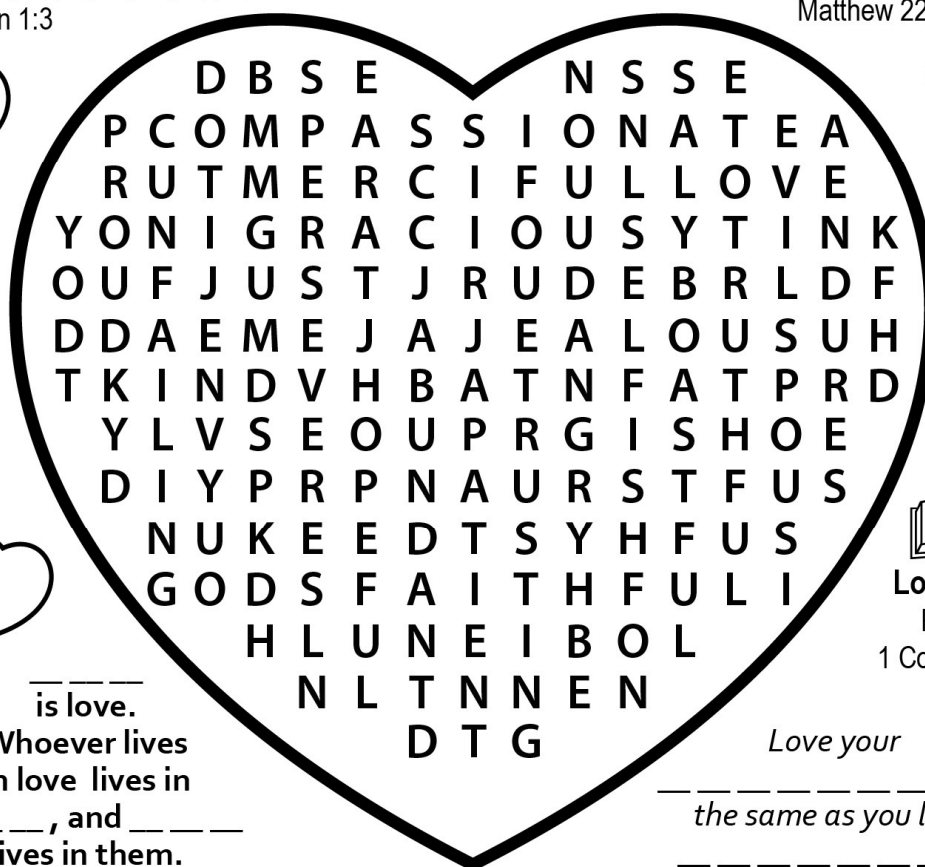


How did  
God show  
He **loved** us?  
Read 1 John 4:9

Love the Lord your  
God with all your

\_\_\_\_\_ with all your  
\_\_\_\_\_ and with all your  
\_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 22:37



\_\_\_\_\_ is love.  
Whoever lives  
in love lives in  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_  
lives in them.

1 John 4:16



Love is ..  
Read  
1 Cor 13:4-7

Love your

\_\_\_\_\_ the same as you love

Matthew 22:39

Love is:

PATIENT • KIND • GRACIOUS • JUST • TRUTHFUL • TRUSTING • HOPEFUL  
PERSEVERE • ENDURES • GOD

Love is not:

JEALOUS • ENVY • BOASTFUL • PROUD • SELFISH • ANGRY • RUDE • EVIL

God's love is:

LOVE • MERCIFUL • FAITHFUL • UNFAILING • ABUNDANT • COMPASSIONATE

### SOLUTION - SUDUKO (EASY)

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

### SOLUTION - SUDUKO (MEDIUM)

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

### CROSSWORD SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Credit. 4 Tackle. 7 Cain. 8 Kenaniah. 9 Strength. 13 Beg. 16 Salvation Army. 17 ARC. 19 Every day. 24 Admonish. 25 Dire. 26 Sneeze. 27 Bronze.

DOWN: 1 Cock. 2 Epistolic. 3 Taken. 4 Tenet. 5 Cane. 6 Leave. 10 Erase. 11 Guide. 12 Honey. 13 Barbarian. 14 Guys. 15 Asia. 18 Rod in. 20 Voice. 21 Rahab. 22 Hope. 23 Mene.

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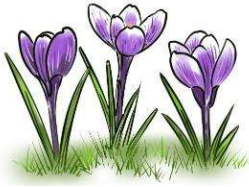
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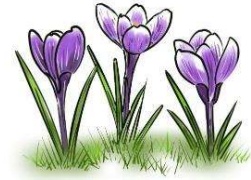
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*Claire*

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## Worship at Baginton Road URC



February 2022

Date	Church	Preacher	Organist	
6/2	10.30 am 6.30pm	Revd Yvonne Stone Revd Yvonne Stone	Tim Wilf	Holy Communion
13/2	10.30 am	Rev Colin Offer		
20/2	10.30 am 6.30pm	Revd Yvonne Stone Margaret Marshall		Holy Communion
27/2	10.30 am	Revd Peter Kimberley		

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