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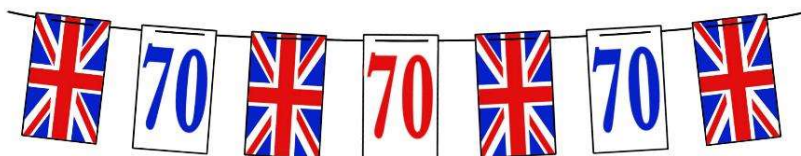
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Set the sat nav for
Coventry – we absolutely
cannot miss the Queen's
Platinum Jubilee lunch at
Baginton Road URC.



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Dear Friends

Jesus drew near and said to them, 'All power in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go, then, and make disciples of all people, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.'
[Matthew 28:18-19]



Have you noticed a new phrase that has come into our language in the past couple of weeks? – ‘vampire power’. In these difficult times of rising energy prices, we are being told of all those appliances that leach our electricity even when they are shut off. Televisions, radios, microwaves, computers and tablets are so easy simply to keep plugged in but they keep on drawing down the electricity. Vampire power (or standby power) can account for as much as 20% of our electricity bills. That is a lot of money! I have also read somewhere that the power used to keep televisions and electrical appliances in the UK on standby just for one day would be sufficient to provide electricity to a small town. It is a sobering thought, isn't it, all that power going to waste, achieving nothing.

Perhaps equally sobering is the thought that we, as individual Christians and together as a Church, might be equally as guilty of wasting a different kind of power – the power of God. Jesus tells us ‘You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.’ I am sure that what Jesus envisaged was that the power of the Holy Spirit would so flow through us that we would make a difference to the world in which we live, changing lives through how we work and witness.

Sadly, as churches we seem to look inwards far too much of the time, concerned with the many committees we need to attend, quotas, deployment, maintaining the fabric of the building, supporting church events. Instead of surging out, God's power becomes trapped in an internal loop. We go on standby. Just as, in our homes, we are looking at how to use the energy we need more efficiently, perhaps we should be looking at the energy we expend in church. If the power stored in our appliances could meet the needs of a town, so the power at our disposal could meet the needs of our community, if not the entire world, if only we had the will and the courage to release it!

God bless,

Yvonne

*"To the one who remembers the Spirit there is always a way out,
even in the wilderness with the devil" (Herbert Brokering)*

Appreciation

We would like to say a big Thank You to all of you who knitted these beautiful cushions. They are so finely and delicately done.

With love from
St Andrew's House



"Exercise daily - walk with the Lord" (Anon)

Christian Aid Challenge update



We are the: 'poverty fighters, justice seekers, sunshine walkers and joyful givers'. This is the logo on the red T-shirt I wore whilst completing the 300,000 steps to turn hunger into hope. Having finished the steps this week, I would like to add 'most generous givers' and 'encouraging supporters'!

Thank you so much for adding your donation via the sponsorship forms in the rear of the Sanctuary. It is not too late to get your donations to me! Cheques, if required, should be made payable to Christian Aid.

I am truly taken aback by your generosity – by the middle of May, your donations already exceeded £500. No matter the amount, your contribution will help change the situation in Zimbabwe where drought is starving the crops and children are sent to bed hungry. If we can be providers, then they can be survivors!

If you would rather give by the usual envelope, these will be on the table by the sponsorship forms. Please indicate if you would like to Gift Aid your donation on the form or on the envelope. Christian Aid will benefit from that too.

As soon as all monies are counted, we will let you know what looks like being a 'grand' total! Thank you all in advance.

Mary Goodwin

Social Committee news

We are organising a couple of events over the next few months that everybody is welcome to attend.



On Sunday 5 June 2022, we are having a celebratory Street Party lunch for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee after the church service. Please see the leaflets and posters giving full details.

A sign-up sheet is at the rear of the church for those wanting to attend. This is to give us some idea of the numbers attending but if you only decide on the day, you will be very welcome.

On Sunday 17 July at 3pm there will be a cream tea which will be accompanied by musical entertainment from Nick Wolf and his small group.

On 15, 16 & 17 August, Holiday at Home returns with an outing on the Monday and a variety of activities with refreshments and lunch on the following two days.

For further information please speak to one of the Social Committee.

Liz, Sarah, Pauline and Pam

Poetry Café

Poetry Café normally 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, 16 June, Theme: 'Celebration'

Thursday, 7 July, Theme: 'Seaside'



All are welcome. **Note the different date in June** – put back so as not to conflict with the Jubilee celebrations.

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

NEWS IN BRIEF FROM AROUND THE UK AND BEYOND

As reported last month, in 2014 the Church of England allocated £176.7m for “strategic development” in grants to arrest the decline in attendance by growing new and existing churches. In 2020 during the global pandemic, churches stood empty by Government decree and the Archbishop of Canterbury banned priests from entering their church; he has now conceded that the latter decision was wrong. The Church of England is facing a choice regarding the future as of their 14,000 churches - 4,000 have Sunday congregations of fewer than 14 whilst 800 have fewer than seven. At St Mary the Virgin, a medieval Grade I-listed church in the tiny Buckinghamshire hamlet of Drayton Beauchamp, closure of the church looked certain as the congregation had fallen to six people, mostly in their seventies and eighties. This church has become the first in the diocese of Oxford to become a “festival church” committed to holding at least six services a year rather than one every Sunday. The church is to set up a charity run by locals to keep this building open, renting it out for film nights, café groups and perhaps a climbing wall, with an aim of one service a month.



In the village of Gando, Burkina Faso, there is a primary and a secondary school and teachers' housing all designed by Francis Kere who left the village at the age of 7 as there was no school. He trained as a carpenter and then won a scholarship to study development in Germany and then trained in architecture. His designs, for which he took advice from local inhabitants, won him the Pritzker prize and have become a blueprint for designing sustainable buildings for poor communities across Africa. His buildings combine local clay with cement to keep the insides cool plus raised tin “attics” to help the air to circulate so there is no need for air conditioning.

Saint Mark's Church, Upper Hale, Surrey is celebrating the restoration of wall murals painted approximately 100 years ago by local amateur artist Kitty Milroy (1885-1931) who was born in Newnham, Hampshire.

In the Vatican, on 5 June, a new Constitution commences, superseding that of Pope John Paul II in 1988. The 54-page *Praedicate evangelium* (Proclaiming the Gospel) will allow lay Catholics, including women, to run departments at the Holy See. The Pope remains opposed to female priests but has already hired women for high-ranking jobs and has regularly criticised the all-male staff of the Roman Curia as “back-stabbing, rumour-mongering careerists” and suffering from “spiritual Alzheimer's”. Within the new Constitution will be a new Dicastery (department) for evangelisation to be headed by the Pope, plus a Dicastery for the Doctrine of Faith which will look into reports of child abuse by priests and will incorporate the commission of independent experts set up by Pope Francis in 2013 to advise him on how to stamp out abuse in the Church.

Claude Monet, the French impressionist painter, did a series of paintings of the Eglise Saint Valery, an 11th century church at Varengeville-sur-Mer, south of Dieppe. At the time of Monet's paintings, this church was approximately 400m from the cliff's edge but now, similar to many places in England that have crumbly chalk cliffs, it is not that far away from the edge, which is causing concern. There is a great debate as to what to do next - should the church be left to its fate, even though £1m has already been spent on shoring it up? Or should it be dismantled brick by brick and re-erected close by, or it be placed on a platform and rolled inland? Would the machinery prove to be too heavy and cause a cliff collapse? A feasibility study would cost £600,000; to move the building would cost £12m.



The Church of the Latter-Day Saints has announced plans to build 17 more temples worldwide. Two are to be built in Europe, including one in Birmingham. There are currently two temples in the UK - in Chorley, Lancashire and in Newchapel, Lingfield, Surrey. Mormon temples are not open to the public nor even to ordinary Mormons unless they are considered of sufficient "good standing".

Barry Stelfox

Warwick Road Centre and Café - June Update



During May, the Open Doors Café opened for a third day (Wednesday) each week. Wednesday was always busy before lockdown. Although we no longer have the Widows' Group patronising the café on Wednesday, the early signs have been encouraging.

The much-needed redecoration of the frontage of numbers 10, 11 and 12 Warwick Row is now programmed for the week commencing 13 June. Scaffolding will be erected the week before to enable the work to be carried out.

Communication between the Centre and Mosaic Church continues to evolve, aided by Tracy of Mosaic Church spending a day or two in the Centre Office each week.

On 7 May, we had a false alarm fire alert which gave us the opportunity to carry out a fire drill and test our emergency arrangements. Everything worked well and the evacuation procedure was very effective - thanks to George for supervising things.

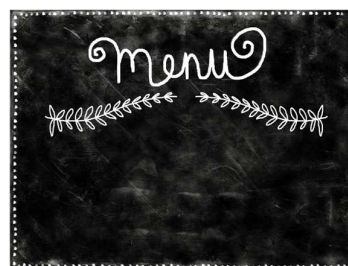
Trevor Gay, Warwick Road Centre Manager

Open Doors Café Menu for June

Opening times: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Snacks and drinks: 10am – 11:30am;

Hot meal: 12 noon – 1:30pm (last orders 1pm)



Main course - £4; Pudding- £2

Meal Deal (Main and Pudding, served with tea or coffee) - £6

Wednesday 1 st	Mince beef cobbler Blackberry & lemon sponge and cream
Friday 3 rd	<i>Closed - Bank Holiday</i>
Tuesday 7 th	BBQ pork, coleslaw and salad Bakewell tart
Wednesday 8 th	Chicken chasseur, potatoes and vegetables Mixed berry mousse
Friday 10 th	Sausage & tomato casserole Treacle sponge and custard
Tuesday 14 th	Cottage pie and vegetables Fruit trifle
Wednesday 15 th	Salmon with a lemon & dill sauce, potatoes and peas Apple pie and custard
Friday 17 th	Steak & mushroom pie, potatoes and vegetables Warm chocolate & orange sponge
Tuesday 21 st	Lamb's liver & onions Lemon sponge and custard
Wednesday 22 nd	Beef and Yorkshire pudding Fruit flan and cream
Friday 24 th	Chicken & vegetable casserole Fruit salad and ice cream
Tuesday 28 th	Fish cakes, peas & parsley sauce Jam & coconut sponge
Tuesday 29 th	Ham & egg pie, grilled tomato and peas Fruit crumble and custard

Baginton Road United Reformed Church
is holding a
Street Party
to celebrate



at 12.15pm
on
Sunday June 5th

There will be a lunch of cold gammon, roast chicken,
new potatoes, a selection of salads
followed by ice cream and fresh fruit salad
Tea & coffee

Everybody is welcome and it is not necessary to attend
the church service prior to the meal

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The Mayonnaise Jar – a parable

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day is not enough - remember the mayonnaise jar and two cups of coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students unanimously responded “yes”.

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed. “Now,” said the professor, as the laughter subsided, “I want you to recognise that this jar represents your life.

“The golf balls are the important things – God, family, children, health, friends and favourite passions; things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter, like your job and house.

“The sand is everything else – the small stuff. If you put the sand into the jar first,” he continued, “there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

“So pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness: play with your children; take care of your physical health; take your partner out to dinner. There will always be time to clean the house and dispose of the rubbish. Take care of the golf balls first – the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.”

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled. “I’m glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there’s always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend.”

Graham Law

Smiles - Puns to ponder

- Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.
- What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled.
- A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.
- Never buy flowers from a monk. Only you can prevent florist friars.
- I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.
- When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, he gave me a blank stare.
- Bono and The Edge walk into a Dublin bar and the bartender says, "Oh no, not U2 again."
- Prison is just one word to you, but for some people, it's a whole sentence.
- I'm trying to organise a hide and seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.
- I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts. I won't lie, it was a rocky road.
- What do you say to comfort a friend who's struggling with grammar? There, their, they're.
- I went to the toy store and asked the assistant where the Schwarznegger dolls are; he replied, "Aisle B, back."
- What did the surgeon say to the patient who insisted on closing up her own incision? Suture self.
- I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.

Submitted by Barry Stelfox



Are you a Velcro person or a Teflon person?

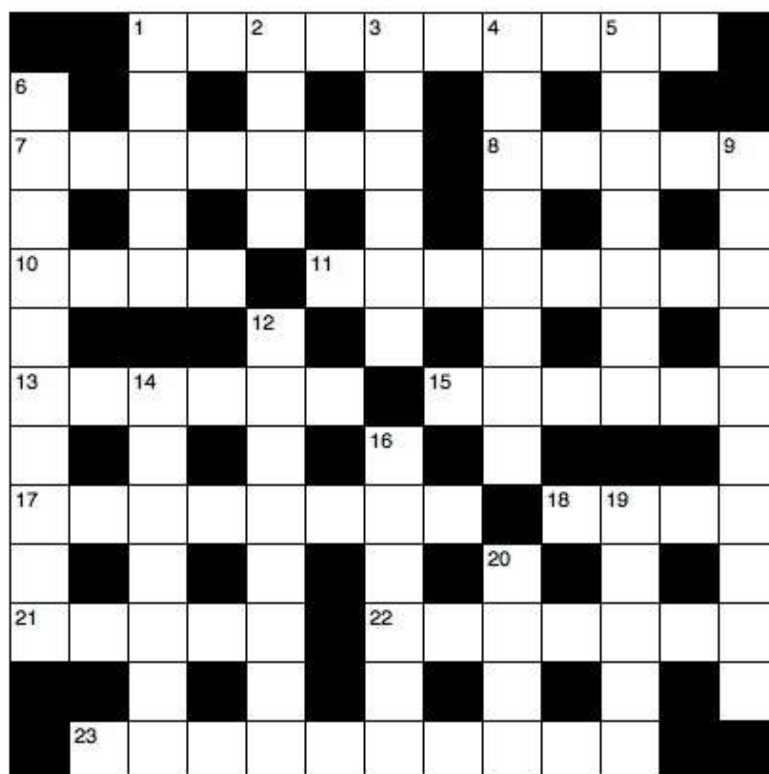
How much daily stress do you allow to stick to you? When it comes to coping with stress, David Almeida, a professor of human development at Pennsylvania State University, says that people can be divided into two categories.

'Velcro' people allow the stressful moment to stay with them, leaving them irritable and frustrated. 'Teflon' people see the moment of stress for what it is, but then let it slide away from them, leaving no effect on their mood.

In a ten-year study, Almeida found that people who become easily upset in the moment and who then dwell on their negative feelings and resentment are much more likely to suffer subsequent health problems such as pain, arthritis, cardiovascular complications, and mental health issues.

from Parish Pump

Puzzle Pages



Across

- 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—' (2Corinthians4:8) (4)
 11 Fraud (2Corinthians 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)

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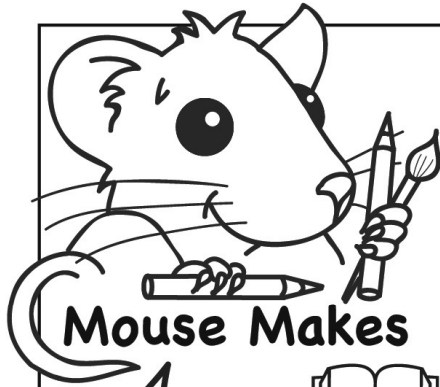
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WORDSEARCH

This year Her Majesty the Queen becomes the first British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth. Celebrations will include the Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour) on 2 June when more than 1,400 soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians will come together. Beginning at Buckingham Palace, the Parade will move down The Mall to Horse Guards Parade, joined by members of the Royal Family on horseback and in carriages. The parade will close with the traditional RAF fly-past, watched by the Queen and members of the Royal Family from the palace balcony. The UK's long tradition of celebrating Royal Jubilees, weddings and coronations with the lighting of beacons will also continue - over 1,500 beacons will be lit throughout the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories.

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BRITISH	PARADE	R C E M P B I G E D N C O C N
MONARCH	TROOPING	S I M O E L T E I A I G O O R
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Read the full story in Acts 2:1-11

It was the **festival of Pentecost**, **fifty days** since **Passover** and **Jews** from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to **celebrate**.

The **Apostles** and other believers were all **together** in one place when they heard a **sound**

like a strong **wind** and **saw** what looked like **tongues** of **fire** which spread out and **touched each** person.

All of them were **filled** with the **Holy Spirit** and began to **talk** in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them.

A **crowd** gathered outside, they were all excited because each of them heard the believers speaking in their **own**

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language about the great things **God** had done.

About 3,000 people **heard**, **believed** and were **baptised** that day!

SOLUTION - SUDUKO (EASY)

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SOLUTION - SUDUKO (MEDIUM)

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CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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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Thanks,
Claire

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the views of the URC or its congregation**



Worship at Baginton Road URC

June 2022



Date	Church	Preacher	
5 June	10.30 am 6.30pm	Simon Mills No service	
12 June	10.30 am 6.30pm	Kirsty Mabbott Revd Yvonne Stone	Holy Communion
19 June	10.30 am 6.30pm	Revd Yvonne Stone Wilf Hawes	Holy Communion
26 June	10.30 am 6.30pm	Revd Peter Kimberley Revd Colin Offor	
3 July	10.30 am 6.30pm	Revd Ralph Hanger Rita Dalton	

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