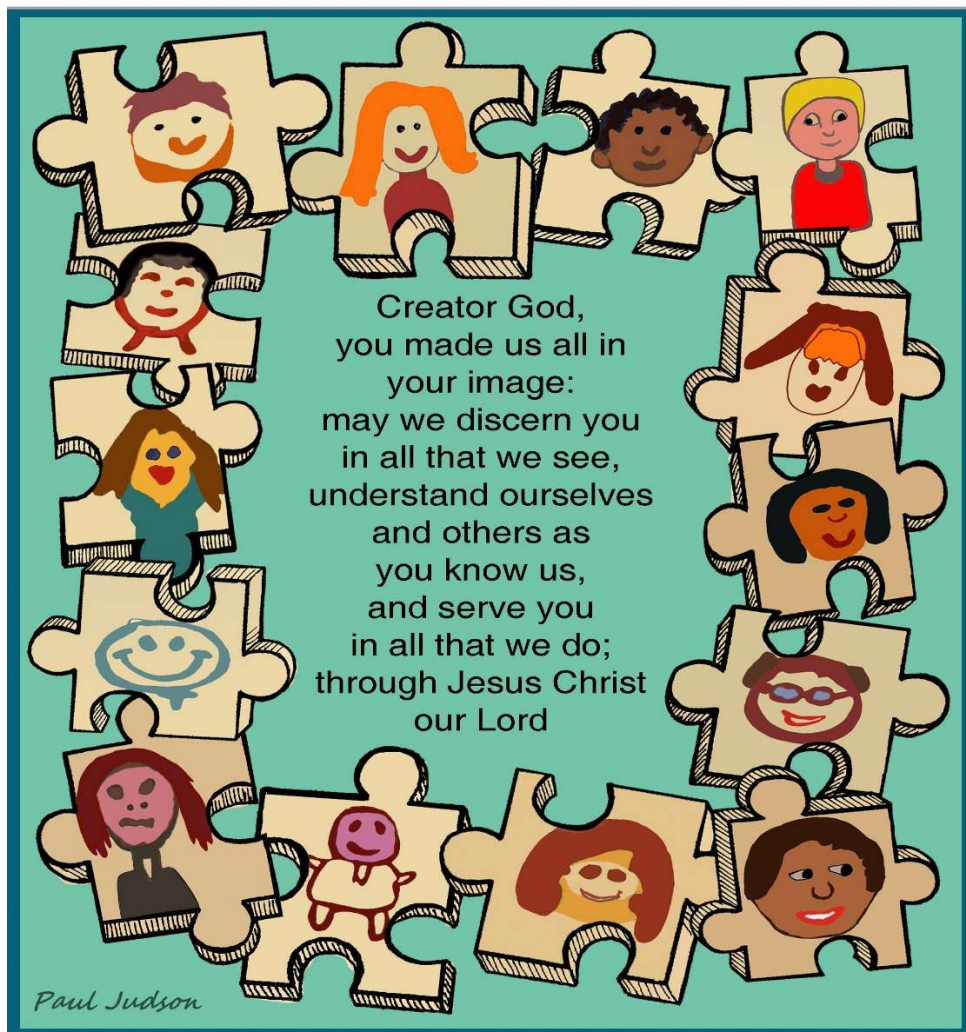


'Sharing the love of Jesus every day'



Connections

The church magazine for Baginton Road URC



Creator God,
you made us all in
your image:
may we discern you
in all that we see,
understand ourselves
and others as
you know us,
and serve you
in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ
our Lord

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Dear Friends

The Church is to be a place of fellowship where Christians can be devoted to one another and honour one another [Romans 12:10]), instruct one another [Romans 15:14], be kind and compassionate to one another [Ephesians 4:32], encourage one another [1Thessalonians 5:11] and, most importantly, to love one another [John 3:11].



Why do you go to church? Why do I go to church? After all, nowadays in Britain at least it isn't the most popular thing to do. We live in a country where many people have no faith in God and where there is more interest in other events than in going to church or other places of worship. However, for those who do go to a church there can be many reasons – habit, meeting friends, making new friends, seeking greater meaning in life or wanting to learn about spiritual matters. Perhaps some may wonder why so many other people in the world follow the teachings of someone who lived 2,000 years ago and who they believe still lives today.

It is possibly a harder question to answer if you have been born and brought up within a Christian church-going family; in that case going to church can be more like “second nature” – something you have always done, until perhaps in your mid- to late teens it becomes time to decide for yourself whether or not to stay – and then the issue is about whether the church provides something which you feel you need at that stage of life. For many, the answer then is negative. And again, for many that remains the case.

That is similar to my journey in church-going: leaving ... but then, in my case, deciding to return. I was baptised and confirmed within the Church of England and attended Sunday School at Coventry Cathedral, but then in my late teens did not attend any more on a regular basis. About ten years later, my then fiancée Diane and I discussed where we wanted to be married and agreed that we wanted it to take place in a church. At that stage the CofE did not marry divorcees. We decided to visit Warwick Road Church and see what it was like, having been invited by a friend Jenny Quinn who was a member. And that was it, as they say. It was a truly life-changing moment for us. We experienced a loving, really vibrant Christian fellowship, a liberal church which avowed a clear faith but accepted doubts and a diversity of views – among lovely warm friendly people. And Revd Roger Hall quickly corralled us into the life of the church.

So, that is why we chose to go to church again. It was also a great place for our two daughters, Kate and Helena, to experience a religious dimension to their lives during their upbringing.

Faith and doubt, belief and uncertainty, hope and despair – these are all feelings which I imagine we all share at one time or another, especially in a world which is full of strife and turmoil, as well as beauty and variety. These feelings are not mutually exclusive of course, but they are manifest privately in our innermost lows and highs. Church can provide an opportunity to confront feelings of doubt and uncertainty among others who are also seeking greater meaning. Church is a place where we can provide opportunities for people of faith and of little faith, or for those simply seeking answers to spiritual questions, to find answers in an atmosphere of mutual support. Searching for greater meaning in our lives is so important, and to be able to do so in a place which is non-judgemental and supportive, and with folk also seeking such meaning, is a treasure which we can offer through so many ways in the activities we support in our church. Whatever stage in your journey of faith, it is always good to be able to reflect and learn from others. In an increasingly individualistic society, we sometimes believe we can find the answers by ourselves, but it is good to receive the perspectives of others in that process. Mutual support and learning don't replace that personal search, but they certainly can help a great deal.

So, whether it's to meet others, chat, share, explore, sing, praise, pray, support, weep, listen, explain, welcome, study, spread the word, worship, contribute, learn, develop or whatever else, church is a good place to be. If we can provide opportunities for people to develop a greater spiritual awareness in a welcoming and supportive way, then the church is doing its job.

David Lathbury

Good News

I am pleased to report that the Church Meeting on Monday 9th June agreed by a significant majority vote, to offer the post of Pastor (25 hours) and the post of Family and Community Worker (15 hours) to Simon and Linda Werrett respectively.



The arrangements for their official start date are still to be agreed as they are currently looking for somewhere to live in the area. Simon and Linda will however be joining us on a regular basis throughout the summer and we look forward to welcoming them into our fellowship.

We are planning to have a Welcome Service for them on Sunday 3rd August – more details to follow in the weekly notices.

Sue Davis

Notes from Elders' Meetings - June 2025

- Once Simon is in post, we will review the Code of Conduct for Elders.
- Dates were agreed for when Rev Debbie Brown will preach at BRURC. She will be ordained to the pastorate on a Sunday when the Moderator is available.
- Simon has agreed the dates when he will lead worship as far as the end of the year. Until they complete their move to Coventry, Simon will lead worship on one Sunday each month.
- Arrangements were finalised for the election of Elders and AGM.

Pauline Lockett, Assistant Secretary



Greetings from the Werretts

Thank you for the invitation to come and join the leadership team at Baginton Road, we have really loved the fellowship we have experienced with people over the past few months. We are continuing the process of house hunting in the area so we do not have a start date yet; however, we will be coming to Coventry on a regular basis and Simon will be preaching once a month. The dogs like walking and running at the War Memorial Park especially as the café does 'dog sausages' (not to mention nice cakes for the humans!)

Although, we have had a house in our Norfolk village for over 16 years, we are still considered as 'outsiders' and unless we reach the age of 'Methuselah' (Gen 5:27) will never probably be considered as "insiders" or local. Often the fear of 'insiders' is that 'outsiders' will come and change things and take over. Our vision of leadership is working as a team, building on each other's strengths. When Jesus chose the twelve disciples, they were all different, bringing diverse gifts to the table. Letty Russell in her book *Church in the Round: Feminist Interpretation of the Church* speaks of all being welcome at the "common table" to enjoy "table talk and hospitality" as "in that way they become participants of their journey of faith and struggle for the mending and liberation of creation".

We are all at different stages of our "journey of faith" and part of Sunday mornings is providing fuel for the journey. Simon is always happy to receive sermon ideas so if you have a particular question, you would like addressed, or a Bible book/chapter you are struggling to understand or even a subject you want developed then please let Simon know. It might be we can cover some through Connections articles.

We hope to see you over the summer period and pray that God will bless all the ministry and activities at Baginton Road.

Simon and Linda



Appreciation

Jayne, Matt and Sarah would like to thank everyone for all your kind messages, beautiful cards, flowers, support, love, friendship and prayers over recent weeks.

They have meant so much during what has been an extremely difficult time for the whole family while Neal was ill in hospital and since he very sadly passed away on 19th April.

It was really lovely and much appreciated to have so many of you at his funeral to give thanks and celebrate his life with us .

As a family we are heartbroken but we all feel immensely blessed and privileged that he was such a very special person and an important part of our lives. He is and always will be missed beyond words.

God bless you all for everything.

The Ellis Family

We are so grateful for all the kind messages, prayers and beautiful flowers we have received from friends at Baginton Road following the recent passing of my brother Andrew. They have been a source of great comfort and are very much appreciated. Thank you.

Rich and Melanie Thompson

Women's Prayer Breakfast



Next dates: July 12th, September 13th - out for breakfast, place and time to be confirmed, October 11th, November 8th, December ?
(date and time to be confirmed)

A warm welcome to all women from our Church, Belonging Church and any friends from another or no Church at all. We meet once a month at 8.30am to set up and start with a bring and share breakfast – always delicious and more than enough. It is an opportunity to offer each other encouragement and a listening ear as we share good and tough times – laughter and maybe tears.

We spend about 20 minutes with an activity to nurture our spirit and soul, always ending in prayer for concerns shared. There is no obligation to speak, everything we share is confidential to those present.

Not everyone comes every time, just come when you can. We promise it is always worth getting up for. Please ask if you want to know more.

Kathy Jackson

What is God challenging you to do?

There were many new challenges which Pastor Sherry introduced us to: she introduced a weekly prayer meeting and helped set up the Prayer Room; she began a new Bible Study Group, in addition to the existing two Home Groups. Also, she encouraged us to evangelise.



To mention “evangelism” might well put fear into our hearts. But Sherry and her husband, Kerubu, came with us and showed us how to go about it. Sherry ordered leaflets which we could give away, which invited people to “Call in for Coffee” on Tuesdays or Thursdays. So where did we go?

We tried the shops across the road, but there weren’t many people around, so we tried the Daventry Road shops where it was busier – but busy people are usually wanting to get their shopping done and would rather not be delayed.

So we tried the Memorial Park, which on fine, sunny days was the ideal place to go to relax. In the Easter school holidays many families brought their children. They weren’t in a hurry and had time to stop and chat. Some of them were interested to hear about our church and accepted our leaflets; others were members of other churches and stayed to chat.

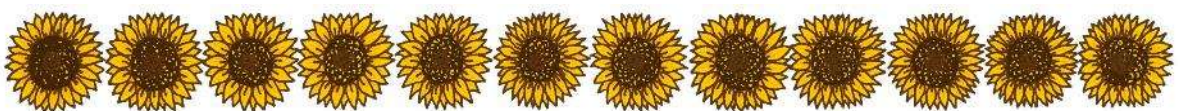
After a few visits, we took some leaflets about “Bounce and Play” on Wednesdays, which many young families were interested in for their young children. Some people who had problems asked us to pray for them, which we did.

Not all were interested, but quite a lot were. It would be good to maintain those visits to the park. It’s surprising how God will use us in a simple way to spread the love of Jesus in our neighbourhood.

We are hoping to start the group again and wondered if you would be able to join us? We usually went on a Monday morning, leaving the church at 11.00 am and returned at 12 noon. But any time is good.

Is God challenging you to join the group? If you are interested then please speak to me.

Rita Dalton



NEWS IN BRIEF FROM AROUND THE UK AND BEYOND

Solar cell energy increased by 25% from 2022 to 2023 and now accounts for 5.4% of global energy generated, thus using no or very little fossil fuel to generate electricity. In the first five months of 2025 saw a 42% increase over last year and for some, increased earnings when selling on.

Is the Elizabethan historian William Camden in his 1586 tome, *Britannia*, still correct regarding our weather: "This Isle is blest with a good and temperate Air. The summer by reason of the continual and gentle winds so abating the heat... the summer not scorching nor the winter proves obnoxious to the inhabitants"?

Wink Martindale has died aged 91. He was an American TV show host but in 1963 had a UK No.5 hit with *Deck of Cards*. Based on an old English folk song, it told the story of a soldier accused of playing cards in church. His defence explained what each card represented ... an ace was one God. He updated the story by finishing: "I know, I was that soldier".



Age UK has promoted in the Houses of Parliament the importance of fitness in old age with a challenge to MPs to stand on one leg with their eyes closed. An early participant was Kim Leadbeater with 1m 18s but near the closing of the event came John Slinger, MP for Rugby, who managed 2m 53s!

When the new Pope, Leo XIV, first appeared in Rome he wore a cross with a removable cover that contained the bones of saints which was given to him by his religious order, the Augustinians, in 2023 when he became a Cardinal. There were tiny bones, pieces of three key Augustinians saints: St Augustine, whose writings inspired the Order's foundation; his mother St Monica; and St Thomas of Villanova, a 16th century Spanish Augustinian Italian bishop. The cross also contained the bone relics of two other important Augustinians: Anselmo Polanco, a beatified Spanish bishop who was executed in 1939 during the Spanish Civil War, and Giuseppe Bartolomeo Menocchio, an 18th century Italian bishop.

When interviewed for a newspaper article regarding the use of cash, a sheep farmer said "Agriculture has always used cash. We tend to carry it, as you never know when you might see a good bit of second-hand kit or a nice cow in someone else's yard".

Britain's two largest liberal Jewish denominations have voted for a merger. The Reform Judaism and Liberal Judaism are to become a new non-orthodox denomination called Progressive Judaism which would represent almost 400,000 British Jews, about one third of those affiliated to synagogues. They also want to attract Jews who do not regularly attend synagogues, especially Gen Z, by having female rabbis, conducting same sex weddings, allowing men and women to sit

together during services and deeming people to be Jewish not only through the maternal line but also through their fathers.

The Charterhouse Carthusian Monastery on our London Road has had two statues returned, St Lawrence and St Denis, but with a modern twist. Both statues were in the medieval gardens up to the Dissolution and were later discovered in the grounds by John Whittingham (a tenant) in the 18th Century. His daughter gifted them to what is now St Osburga's church. In 1944 they were re-discovered and restored. In 2025 they were copied by the 3D process and now the copies are in the Monastery, which is maintained by the National Trust.



Barry Stelfox



Social Committee News

We have a busy summer with a variety of events planned, that we hope will interest you. Please see the list below, full details of each event will be provided nearer the time.

A Family Games afternoon was held last year and was very successful. We had a number of families attending that had not been into our church before. We therefore decided to hold another one on 12th July at 2.00pm. This is a relaxed fun afternoon, suitable for all ages and with refreshments available. Everyone is welcome.

We are currently planning Holiday from Home, which will be from 4th to 6th August. Monday 4th and Wednesday 6th will include a range of activities, refreshments and lunch; Tuesday 5th will be a coach trip to Evesham Country Park. You can explore the park, ride a small train, shop till you drop and then decide which café you are going to frequent. A leaflet and application form giving full details is available.

Dates for Your Diary:

- Saturday 12th July: Family Games afternoon at 2.00pm
- Monday - Wednesday 4th - 6th August: Holiday from Home
- Sunday 21st September: Anything Goes concert, 2.30pm
- Saturday 8th November: Christian Aid Soup Lunch from 12 noon - 1.30pm
- Sunday ? December (date TBC): Christmas Poetry Afternoon 2.00pm.

Further information for each event will be given in due course.

We look forward to your continued support in the various events we have planned and value your input.

Social Committee

Baginton Road Church
invites everyone to a

Family Games Afternoon

Saturday 12th July at 2.30pm

Fun games for all ages. Board games, large Connect 4, Giant Jenga and garden activities.

Snacks and hot/cold drinks provided.

Suitable for all ages, so come along and have some fun.

For further information, please speak to Pam Dawson or contact the Church Office





Christian Aid

A few weeks ago, I received a most unexpected invitation to Westminster Abbey for a Service of Thanksgiving and Reflection to mark the 80th Anniversary of Christian Aid.

The service, which was led by the Sub-Dean of Westminster, the very Reverend David Stanton and sung by the Choir of Westminster Abbey, reflected the work of Christian Aid over the last 80 years and its profound impact.

These last two words remained in my mind as our Treasurer Margaret and I opened your envelopes and counted your donations: £533 (including Gift Aid). There was our 'impact', our response to Save the Children who, with our support, will build a better future, no matter what is going on around them.

They face brutal wars, the devastating effect of climate change as well as the disadvantages of growing up in poverty. But what shines through is their positivity, their energy and their determination to make things better. The children and their families we support, are the best reasons for hope for a better future.

Thank you all so much for your generous donations. You are part of that 'impact'.

Mary Goodwin

Becoming a Blood Donor

When you are giving blood, you're giving to everyone – including, potentially, yourself.

Have you noticed that we, as a Church, give blood by inviting the NHS Blood & Transplant Unit to park their large vans in our car-park and give them (the team) shelter in our hall?



Artificial blood could be used for transfusions by 2030 if trials in Japan are successful, thus taking shelf life from 35 days to two years.


However, only 2% of our population keep the nation's stocks afloat. Critical is the need for more donors, especially those having Type O Negative blood which is needed for emergencies. Two-thirds of the blood collected is used by people who rely on blood transfusions, including those with cancer or blood conditions.

Find out to how to become a Blood Donor at blood.co.uk.

Barry Stelfox



WE'RE GOING ON A JUNGLE JAMBOREE!



Our Summer Holiday Club 2025 for children aged 0 – 11 years old will take place on 28th, 29th, 31st July & 1st August. We will start at 9.30am, finishing at 12.30pm each day. The cost for the week is £5 per family, payable on booking.

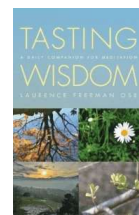


All under 5's must be accompanied by an adult.
Registration forms are available from
office@bagintonroadurc.org.uk
Closing date for booking is 18th July 2025.
Baginton Road Church, Baginton Rd., Coventry CV3 6FP

Book Reviews

Tasting Wisdom – A daily companion for meditation

By Laurence Freeman, Canterbury Press. £14.99



Every day for more than a decade, members of the World Community for Christian Meditation worldwide receive a brief reflection, *Daily Wisdom*, from Laurence Freeman, a Benedictine monk and leader of the community.

In just a few sentences, each day readers can orientate themselves to a more reflective and less reactive approach to the challenges of the coming day and living wisely and well in a restless, noisy world.

This collection of daily meditations will last the whole year, and offers wisdom to begin, end or punctuate the day.

All Shall Be Well: Visions of Salvation with Julian of Norwich

By Emmy Pennington, BRF, £12.99



How can all be well in the world in which we live? What does 'All shall be well' mean when all is *not* well? Through revelations 10 to 16 of her *Revelations of Divine Love*, Julian of Norwich returns time and again to the idea that 'all is well'.

In her latest book Emmy Pennington examines this popular mantra and explores what Julian really means by it, bringing depth and relevance to these words for the reader who lives in an age of pandemic, war and climate crisis which closely echoes Julian's own.

Through deep engagement with Julian's visions, we are encouraged to reflect in prayer and devotion on our own personal relationship with God.

from Parish Pump

Warwick Road Centre and Café – July / August Update



We are hoping the placements of volunteers from Adult Education will continue in September following the successful placements so far.

We have recently had work carried out in the kitchen to replace the old and deteriorating work surface with a new stainless steel unit. It looks lovely and fully complies with the strictest environmental health requirements.

We hope all staff and volunteers enjoy a summer that promises to be warm and dry!

Trevor Gay, Warwick Road Centre Manager



Baginton Road Church

Holiday from Home August 2025

Monday 4th & Wednesday 6th August

£10 per person per day.

Activity Days 10am to 3pm. There will be a wide range of activities to keep you busy throughout the day!

On both days there will be a selection of different crafts as well as quizzes and a chance to play popular board games.

Tea and coffee will be available, and lunch will be served both days.

Tuesday 5th August

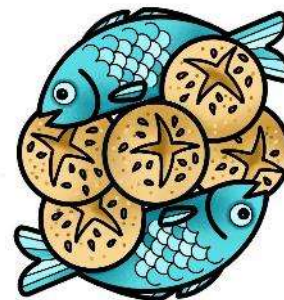
Coach trip to Evesham Country Park in Worcestershire.

£15 per person to be paid when booking. Contact office@bagintonroadurc.org.uk for a booking form.

Open Doors Café Menu – July & August 2025

Opening Times: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday. Snacks and Drinks: 10am – 11.30am; Hot Meal: 12 noon – 1.30pm (last orders 1pm)

Main course £5, Pudding £2.50, Meal Deal (Main and Pudding, served with tea or coffee) £7.50. Telephone orders: 024 7622 0299



July 2025	
Tuesday 1 st July	Cumberland sausages and Ratatouille Lemon & raspberry doughnut pudding and ice cream
Wednesday 2 nd	Braised beef & onions, potatoes and vegetables Fruit salad and ice cream
Friday 4 th	Faggots, creamed potatoes and mushy peas Treacle sponge and custard
Tuesday 8 th	Ham & leek pie, potatoes and vegetables Eve's pudding and custard
Wednesday 9 th	Chicken Kiev, potatoes and salad Bread & butter pudding and ice cream
Friday 11 th	Minced beef cobbler, potatoes and vegetables Eton mess
Tuesday 15 th	Smoked haddock, new potatoes, peas and parsley sauce Pecan & maple syrup sponge and custard
Wednesday 16 th	Corned beef hash and cauliflower cheese Raspberry & white chocolate sponge and cream
Friday 18 th	Chicken & vegetable casserole and potatoes Ginger sponge and custard
Tuesday 22 nd	Cottage pie and vegetables Fresh cream strawberry sponge
Wednesday 23 rd	Cheesy potato bake, grilled tomatoes and peas Apple crumble and custard
Friday 25 th	Savoury sausage meat lattice, potatoes and vegetables Mandarin flan and cream
Tuesday 29 th	Chicken Chasseur, potatoes and vegetables Bakewell tart and custard
Wednesday 30 th	Salmon & asparagus quiche, potato salad and salad Rhubarb sponge and custard
August 2025	
Friday 1 st August	Chicken dinner Fruit trifle

Tuesday 5 th	Savoury mince stuffed peppers and salad Apple & blackberry tart and ice cream
Wednesday 6 th	Lamb & vegetable casserole Banana sponge and caramel sauce
Friday 8 th	Lincolnshire sausages & onion gravy, potatoes and vegetables Jam sponge and custard
Tuesday 12 th	Fisherman's pie and peas Peach cobbler and ice cream
Wednesday 13 th	Sweet & sour pork and savoury rice Fruit strudel and custard
Friday 15 th	Beef lasagne and salad Tiramisu
Tuesday 19 th	Beef Bourguignon, potatoes and vegetables Mixed berry mousse
Wednesday 20 th	Breaded lemon chicken and salad Dutch apple pie and custard
Friday 22 nd	Pork in a creamy mushroom sauce, potatoes and vegetables Sticky toffee sponge and custard
Tuesday 26 th	Bacon and cheese filled potato skins and salad Biscoff & chocolate cheese cake
Wednesday 27 th	Steak in ale pie, potatoes and vegetables Pineapple sponge and cream
Friday 29 th	Chicken & vegetable cobbler, potatoes and vegetables Fresh cream chocolate and cherry sponge

Poetry Café

Poetry Café meets each month in the Open Doors Café at 2.30pm. Meetings are normally on the first Thursday of each month but this is sometimes changed so please check beforehand with Warwick Road Centre Office: 024 7622 0299.

We each share two or three poems – these are usually on a set theme but don't have to be! All are welcome. The next meetings are:



Thursday, 3rd July, Theme: 'Weddings & celebrations'

Thursday, 7th August, Theme: 'Travels'



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



← scan me!



SUMMER DAYS OUT IN COVENTRY

Coventry has some amazing places for a family day out...



Stonebridge Adventure Golf | open 7 days a week

Stonebridge Adventure Golf features 18 challenging holes with many woodland friends along the way! Perfect for quality time with the whole family.



Lunt Roman Fort | open select dates in Summer holidays

Get immersed in history at one of the Lunt Roman Fort events this summer. The Roman Festival on 9th and 10th August is a particular highlight. See the fort come to life!



Go Ape | Coombe Abbey

Go Ape Coventry offers the best of high rope antics, set within the 500-acres of Coombe Country Park. With a Treetop Challenge, Treetop Adventure Plus and Treetop Adventure, this location has something for everyone.



Ryton Pools Nature Reserve

Get out into nature at Ryton Pools. Go for a family walk around the pools and stop in at the play parks on the way!



Naylor's Ark | Berkswell

Naylor's Ark is offering local families a gorgeous hands-on animal experience in Coventry. This little farm is a loving home for a range of rescue animals including lambs, calves, goats, donkeys, ducks, ponies, and even alpacas!

Bands in The Park

Bands in the Park take place from June to September in many of Coventry's beautiful parks. There's a variety of music from brass bands to acoustic bands. There is something for all the family to enjoy on a relaxing summer Sunday afternoon and all for free.

Browse local events at www.coventryrocks.co.uk

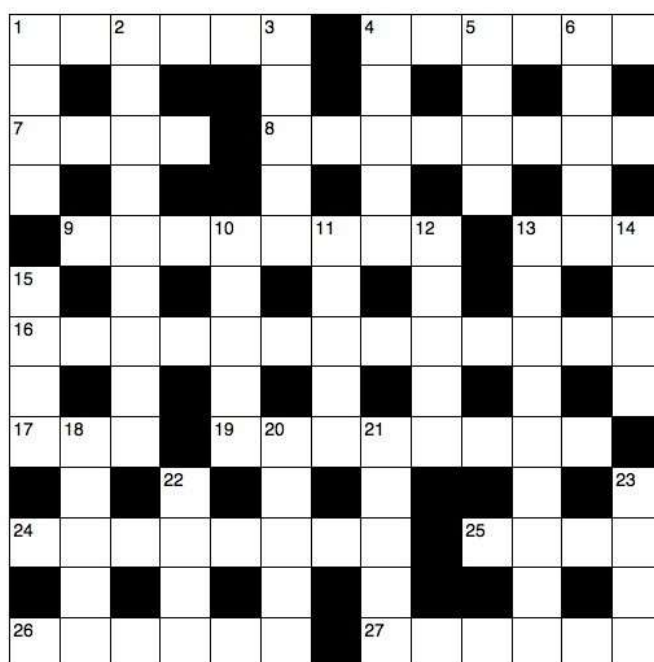
FOLLOW US AND JOIN THE COMMUNITY!

There are thousands of local parents following us Social Media, and we'd love for you to join in! Just search Coventry Rocks and like our page!

www.coventryrocks.co.uk



Puzzle Pages



Across:

- 1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)
- 4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)
- 7 'Praise the Lord, O my — ' (Psalm 103:1) (4)
- 8 See 5 Down
- 9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)
- 13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)
- 16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)
- 17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)
- 19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)
- 24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)
- 25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)
- 26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)
- 27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

Down:

- 1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)
- 2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)
- 3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)
- 4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)
- 5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards — ' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)
- 6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
- 10 Trout (anag.) (5)
- 11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)
- 12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
- 13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)
- 14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who — bread into the bowl with me" (Mark 14:20) (4)
- 15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)
- 18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)
- 20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)
- 21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)
- 22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)
- 23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)

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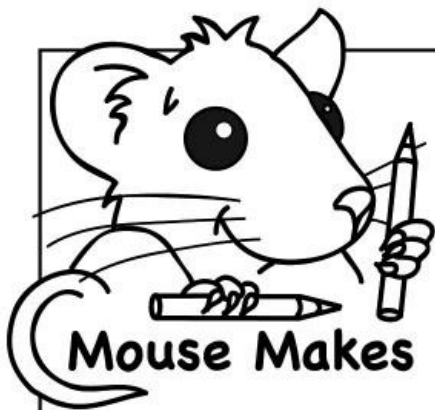
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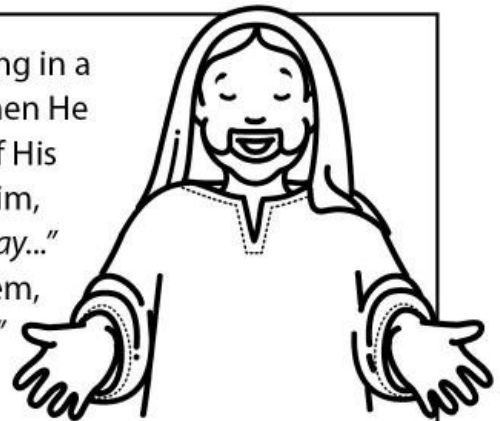
WORDSEARCH

If you ever struggle with doubt, take heart: so did one of the apostles, whose Feast Day is this month. St Thomas just could NOT believe that the Jesus he had seen crucified and dead on the cross could ever come back to life. But Thomas was an honest sceptic, because he really wanted to know the truth. Jesus could help such a man. And so He appeared to him and the other disciples. Instead of scolding him, Jesus simply showed him the wounds. Thomas's response was immediate: "My Lord and my God" (John 20.26ff). Ancient legends tell how Thomas went on to India as a missionary. There are rumours that Thomas even built a palace for a king's daughter in India, and thus he is the patron saint of architects. It is believed that he was martyred by a spear on 3rd July, 72AD in Mylapore, near Madras. 46 ancient churches in England are dedicated to him.

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"Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray..." And He said to them, "When you pray, say..."



Our _____
in _____,
hallowed be your
_____, your
_____ come,
your _____ be done,
on _____ as it is in
_____.

Give us today our daily
_____.
_____ us our
S _____ as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into

_____ but _____
us from _____.
For the kingdom,
the _____ and
the _____ are
yours now and forever.
Amen

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Fill in the missing words of the Lord's Prayer then find them and these extra words in the word search:

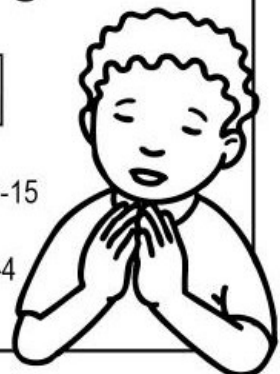
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DISCIPLES
JESUS
GOD
WORLD
NEEDS
FORGIVENESS
TRESPASSES
PROTECTION
REPENTANCE



The versions of **The Lord's Prayer** we say today come from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.
Which version do you use in your church?



Read
Matthew 6:9-15
and
Luke 11:1-4



SOLUTION - SUDUKO (EASY)

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SOLUTION - SUDUKO (MEDIUM)

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CROSSWORD and WORDSEARCH SOLUTIONS

ACROSS:

1 Riches. 4 Abner's. 7 Soul. 8 Damascus.
9 Statutes. 13 Add. 16 Craftsmanship.
17 Old. 19 Redeemer. 24 Walls are.
25 Wise. 26 Target. 27 Thief.

DOWN:

1 Rest. 2 Courtyard. 3 Sadhu. 4 Arm he.
5 Nose. 6 Round. 10 Tutor. 11 Timid.
12 Sense. 13 Ashbelite. 14 Dips. 15 Echo.
18 Lhasa. 20 Exact. 21 Erect. 22 Flog.
23 Mede.



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News, articles and other items to be included in the September 2025 issue of *Connections* should be sent by email to the editor Claire Booth (clairehbooth@hotmail.com) no later than **Wednesday, 20th August 2025**.

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Thanks, *Claire*



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Morning service: 10.30am; Evening service: 6.30pm
(unless otherwise stated)

Date	Time	Preacher	
6 th July 2025	am pm	Simon Werrett Simon Werrett / Sue Matthews	Holy Communion
13 th July	am	Revd Debbie Brown	
20 th July	am pm	Revd Ralph Hanger Winston Collier	Holy Communion
27 th July	am	Revd Ian Coates	
3 rd August	am pm	Simon Werrett Simon Werrett / Sue Matthews	Holy Communion
10 th August	am	Trevor Gay	
17 th August	am pm	Revd Melanie Smith Songs of Praise - Pauline	Holy Communion
24 th August	am	Sue Fry	
31 st August	am	Simon Werrett No pm service	
7 th Sept	am pm	Bernard Every Crawford Dow	Holy Communion

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