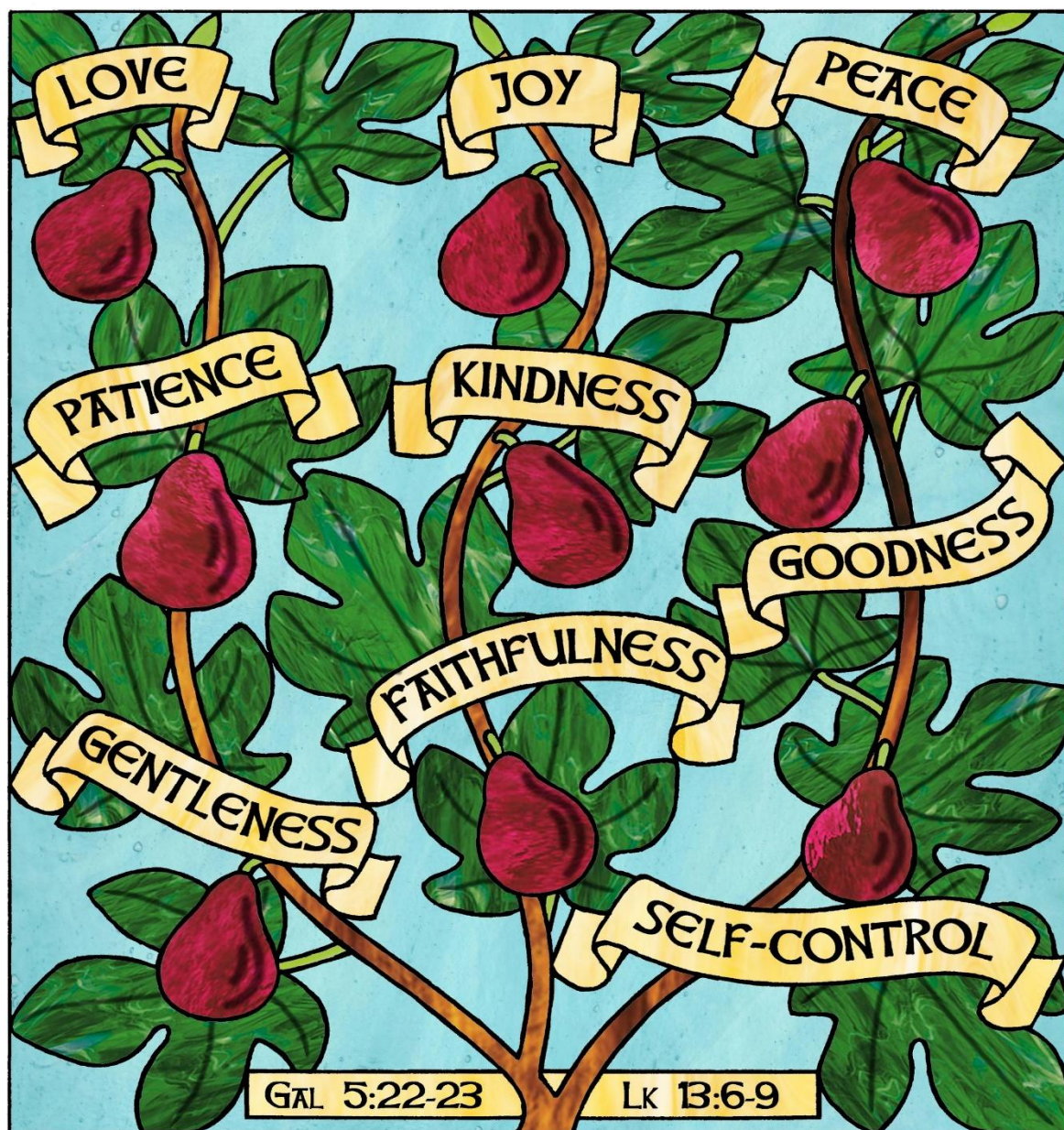


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From the Minister ..



Later on this month, Jo, Hannah and I will be heading off to help lead Wessex Synod's Children's Camp over the half term week. There are nearly 60 children booked to come along to this event which is wonderful, and I'm pleased that several children connected with our church here in Petersfield are among that number. Please do pray for them (and us!) as we spend just under a week together having fun but also sharing our faith together and helping them to realise that whilst there might not be many of them in their own particular church location, they are part of something much bigger and share that faith in common with others.

Worship during the week has the overarching theme of 'All are welcome'. We are going to explore this using examples of people Jesus met and what welcome looks like under the headings, Love, Grace, Forgiveness, Hospitality and Reaching out. I'll been using the familiar story of Zacchaeus to explore the theme of Grace and in planning this have found myself reflecting on just how hard being grace-filled can be. At the time of writing, I've just returned from Guernsey where I found myself preaching on the account of Saul's transformation and so some of the parallels between this and Zacchaeus's story are understandably at play in my thinking.

It's hard isn't it, when we see people, we know are acting in ways which do not match God's Kingdom ideals? The temptation is to get angry about such situations, bad mouthing people, 'if only they'd behave more like this' etc... I can imagine the crowds on that day in Jericho were angry to see how Jesus

responded to a man like Zacchaeus, whose morals were questionable at best. There will have been others in that crowd who will have thought to themselves, let's not bother, let's ignore the problem we can't do anything anyway. Hopefully that person will get what's coming to them. With the story of Saul, I'm always struck by the believers who welcome him as a brother following his conversion. Was there not just a tiny bit of them that was suspicious about whether he had actually changed and whether this was just an elaborate plot to get amongst them and finish them off?

But people can and are changed by God. Throughout history we have several amazing stories of people who have encountered God in blinding light moments or through the simple acts of love and kindness they have been shown by other believers. We can and must hope that God's power can break into even the most unlovely people transforming them from the inside out. Prayer has an important part to play in this and asking for God's grace to be able to pray for those we don't really like is a good way forward.

In December, a number of Petersfield churches will be joining together to host an evening with renowned evangelist and speaker J-John. If you've never heard him speak, do look up some of his talks on YouTube, he's a very funny, engaging and warm speaker and the furthest thing away from boring! We will be asking the congregation to think about someone they might like to invite to hear the Good News on the 2nd December at the Festival Hall. It's going to be a really easy one to invite people to as there will be carol singing, mince pies, mulled wine and the place will be beautifully decorated for Christmas as well – people love these Christmas traditions and so an invite to such an event shouldn't be too difficult to make!

Do have a think about those people in your life who you feel might be really distant from where God is, lets firstly commit to praying for them, but secondly, why not consider inviting them along to this event – how will they know the love of God if no one has ever told them about it?

I wish you every blessing in the month ahead and let's hope this gorgeous sunshine sticks around!

Josh.



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday September 20th will be a "clear up in the garden" day! Many hands make light work, and we will be recruiting folk nearer the time. We will ask people to book a visit to the tip and hopefully we will clear all the bits we don't need from the garden and sideways.

FUNDRAISING

We were delighted with the Plant and Cake sale result. Well over £1000 was raised and a lovely morning was had when we welcomed lots of visitors. In light of our church's economic situation, we would love folk to take the initiative and suggest (and even run) a fundraising event that will bring in folk from the local community. Come and talk to Carol or Jo if you can help.

THE KITCHEN AND FOOD!

Jo Hopkins has completed, and passed, a Food Hygiene course recently. We are very grateful to Jo for taking the initiative in all this. And well done for passing Jo!

Carol

Message from our Church and Community Worker...

Last month was so much fun, preparing the plant pots for the 10th of May fundraiser, with our Forest Church kids. With the plant and cakes sale we made over £1200.00



Well done everyone...



In the afternoon we had our last part of the Living Library, with 6 amazing volunteers sharing part of their lives with us. Thank you so much. Please write your life stories and share them with us in the Messenger.



Food Hygiene

I have just completed, and passed, a Food Hygiene course. As a result of this knowledge, there are various procedures that we will need to adhere to. **All food will need to be carefully labelled by us and any groups that leave food on the premises.** I have ordered new chopping boards, put suitable information in the kitchen. There are now temperature probes for cooked food and a temperature gauge in the fridge, which I will check monthly.

There needs to be a paper trail for any food produced or made for funerals, special teas and Holiday at Home etc to show where the food has come from. Please see me if you need any help or guidance, many thanks.

Love Jo

Faith Comment

Publication Date: 1st May

What Legacy are you leaving behind?

When people die, we often only hear at their funerals what they had done and accomplished in their lifetime. We hear about the people they impacted, the heights they climb, sometimes the sorrow they endured. Many times, this would be the first time we hear these things said about the person who died. It's at funerals we hear about the legacy they have left behind.

In the Bible in the book of John, chapter 17, Jesus Christ prays His final prayer before his arrest, unjust trial, death on a cross, and on that glorious Easter morning, he rose. In this prayer Jesus in a sense, gave His eulogy. He says a few things from verse 1 – 26, but the one thing He says over and over, is that He came to earth to make His Heavenly Father known. In verse 4 He says, 'I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.' He accomplished all that He was tasked to do here on earth. The Apostle Paul said a similar thing before his death. In the book, 2 Timothy 4 verse 7, Paul says, 'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.'

Both Jesus Christ and Paul were confident that they have accomplished all that they were tasked to do by the time their time came to an end here on earth. Paul completed his race by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Jesus completed His race by making the Heavenly Father known.

The legacy both Jesus Christ and Paul of Tarsus left behind is still impacting people today, more than two thousand years after they have left this earth. What legacy will you be leaving behind?

Esmé Kelly



The Trinity

Tell me how it is that in this room there are three candles and but one light, and I will explain to you the mode of the divine existence. - *John Wesley*

A man in a blue plaid shirt over a dark t-shirt and khaki pants stands on the left, holding a paper. A woman in a yellow high-visibility vest and hard hat stands in the center, also holding a paper. They are in a church with white walls and arched windows. Other people are seated in the background.

How might God be calling us to 'stand firm in our faith'?





What I do and do not believe -by Loren Richmond, USA

(Read by Peter Jolly during Café Church)

God is with us in our suffering, loving us, comforting us. I do not believe God is the cause or author of such suffering, I do not believe God 'allows' bad things to happen. I can't imagine why God would 'allow' us to suffer.

I believe in a God who is always working for good, a God who is somehow able to take horrible, rotten things and create something out of the rubble. God came into the world amidst violence, oppression, and despair and was able to bring life from that darkness, and I believe that God is with each one of us in our challenges and suffering, comforting us and consoling us and trying to bring good out of that which was so bad, And that is what I think makes God, God.



Life in the Circus

A couple who worked at the circus wanted to adopt a child. Social workers had doubts about their suitability, but the couple produced photos of their large motorhome, which was equipped with a beautiful nursery. As for education, not only was there a nanny, but also a full-time tutor to teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin and computer skills. Finally, the social workers were satisfied and had only one last question. "What age child are you hoping to adopt?"

"Oh, we don't mind at all," the couple assured them. "As long as he or she fits in the cannon."

Community Matters

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR NEAREST OFFICE
TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT:

Frontline Petersfield Debt Advice

c/o Life Church Centre
16D Chapel Street,
Petersfield,
GU32 3DZ

Telephone:
07919 998442 (24hrs)

Email:
petersfield@frontlinedebtadvice.org.uk

Website:
www.frontlinepetersfield.org.uk



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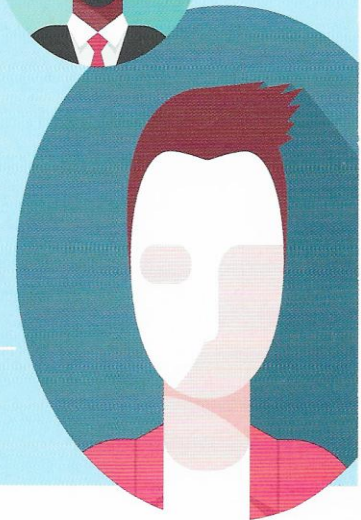
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Food Bank Updates

Our opening times are: -



Stock and Donations: Mondays and Wednesdays: 9.30 am – 11.30 am

Distribution: Tuesdays and Fridays: 9.30 am – 11.30 am

At Petersfield Methodist Church

For more information please check our website: [Petersfield Food Bank \(pactfoodbank.org.uk\)](http://pactfoodbank.org.uk)



Open every Wednesday from 2pm till 3.30pm at St Mary's. You can meet us, enjoy a cuppa and take away your food bags. Delivery can be arranged for those on foot. Can't get to St. Mary's? Then a

Wednesday delivery can be arranged if a request is made by lunchtime on Monday. Ring 01730 00659/300921 or text 07570792525

The Liss Foodbank is for surrounding villages as well as Liss. It can be accessed for your short-term need without a referral.

Please continue to drop off donations in St. Mary's Rectory porch, 111 Station Road, or bring donations to St. Mary's on a Wednesday afternoon.

Free Shop Petersfield

The Shop collects food from supermarkets, farms, community gardens and others, that would otherwise go to waste.

Anyone is welcome to come along and take what they need.

It is not part of the Food Bank; the goal is purely to keep good food out of landfill.

The Free Shop is located to the right of Petersfield Station Entrance.

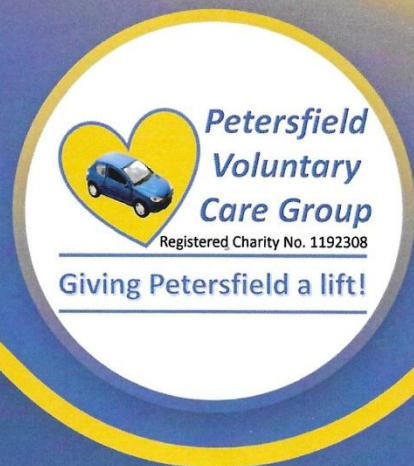
Opening times: Wednesday 1.30 pm – 3 pm

Friday & Saturday 10 am – 11.30 am

For more information contact: easthampshirerail.co.uk/freeshop-shop

Or call Lucy on **07988043870**

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS ALWAYS NEEDED



**Make a difference
in someone's
life today!**

Join Petersfield Voluntary Care Group Today!

Are you passionate about lending a helping hand to those in need? Petersfield Voluntary Care Group urgently requires volunteer drivers to provide vital assistance to the community. If you enjoy driving and have some free time to spare, we need your help!

SERVICES OFFERED

- ✓ Lifts from Petersfield area to medical appointments
- ✓ Shopping for the housebound

LOCATION

Petersfield Voluntary Care Group
Winton House Centre
18 High Street Petersfield GU32 3JL

CONTACT US TODAY

☎ 01730 266046
🌐 www.pvcg.org.uk

✉ petersfieldvoluntarycaregroup@gmail.com



WHY VOLUNTEER WITH US?

- ✓ Enjoy driving? Have some free time?
- ✓ Volunteer once a week, once a month, or less.
- ✓ Choose drives for timings that suit you.
- ✓ Lifts within Petersfield or further afield.
- ✓ Expenses reimbursed.
- ✓ DBS clearance will be undertaken.
- ✓ Meet interesting people grateful for our service.

Petersfield and Liss United Reformed Church

Update on regular weekday activities



Please note the following updates.

- **Drop in Tea** – Drop-In Tea for June will be on the 10th. This is an opportunity for anyone to come to the CFC for a chat and a cuppa and even some cake! Call in any time between 2 and 4pm. Come when you can - go when you must! We look forward to seeing you then.

Julie, Keith and Mary



Rotas – June 2025

| Date | Duty Elders | AV |
|---------|---------------|----------------|
| June 1 | Carol Tubbs | Carolyn Barton |
| June 8 | Tony Phillips | Keith Evans |
| June 15 | Tim Abbott | Jonathan Oru |
| June 22 | Anne Glenn | Roy Knight |
| June 29 | Jo Oru | David Darling |

Welcomers' Rota

| Date | Welcomers |
|---------|--------------------|
| June 1 | Elizabeth Phillips |
| June 8 | David Barton |
| June 15 | Tony Phillips |
| June 22 | Pat Berry |
| June 29 | Roy Knight |

- Please arrive 30mins before start of the service
- When all have arrived, count the adults and children, and enter the numbers on the notice board record sheet.
- Carry the offertory box to the Communion Table for the service.
- If your date is not suitable, please adjust with another person as a swap.

June 2025 Petersfield and Liss Church Calendar -
Please note Services are held at College Street, Petersfield.

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| Sunday | 1 | 10.30 am | Peter Jolly | |
| Monday | 2 | 1 pm | Ladies' Bible Studies | Sanctuary |
| | | 3.45-4.45pm | Forest Church | |
| Tuesday | 3 | 9.30 am | Little Fishes | CFC |
| | | 7.30 pm | Elders' Meeting | CFC |
| Thursday | 5 | 10 am | Prayer Meeting | Sanctuary |
| | | 2.30 pm | Home Group | 84 Moggs Mead |
| | | 8 pm | Home Group | 12 Geddes Way |
| Sunday | 8 | 10.30 am | Minister | |
| Monday | 9 | 1 pm | Ladies' Bible Studies | Sanctuary |
| | | 3.45-4.45 pm | Forest Church | |
| Tuesday | 10 | 9.30 am | Little Fishes | CFC |
| | | 2-4 pm | Drop-in Tea | CFC |
| | | 7.30 pm | Women's Fellowship | CFC |
| Thursday | 12 | 10 am | Prayer Meeting | Sanctuary |
| | | 7 pm | Home Group | Buckmore Farmhouse |
| Friday | 13 | 10.30 am | Friday Fellowship | Sanctuary |
| Sunday | 15 | 10.30 am | Communion - Minister | |
| Monday | 16 | 1 pm | Ladies' Bible Studies | Sanctuary |
| | | 3.45-4.45 pm | Forest Church | |
| Tuesday | 17 | 9.30 pm | Little Fishes | CFC |
| | | 2 pm | Connie's Handicraft Group | CFC |
| Thursday | 19 | 10 am | Prayer Meeting | Sanctuary |
| | | 2.30 pm | Home Group | 84 Moggs Mead |
| | | 8 pm | Home Group | 12 Geddes Way |
| Sunday | 22 | 10.30 am | Café Church - Minister | |
| Monday | 23 | 1 pm | Ladies' Bible Studies | Sanctuary |
| | | 3.45-4.45 pm | Forest Church | |
| Tuesday | 24 | 9.30 am | Little Fishes | CFC |

Petersfield & Liss Church Calendar –(Continued)

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| Thursday | 26 | 10 am | Prayer Meeting | Sanctuary |
| | | 7 pm | Home Group | Buckmore Farmhouse |
| Friday | 27 | 10.30 am | Friday Reflection | Sanctuary |
| Sunday | 29 | 10.30 am | Minister | |
| Monday | 30 | 1 pm | Ladies' Bible Studies | Sanctuary |
| | | 3.45- 4.45 pm | Forest Church | |



‘We shall remember them’

The recent VE day celebrations have shown that Britishness is very much alive, despite what the media may think.



I have always been passionate that post war generations should be proud of their birthright and appreciate the bravery and determination of our armed forces, who fought to preserve our freedom.

At this point in time, we have very few veterans left to share their experiences and those nonagenarians who also have memories are becoming a rare breed. In another ten years it will be all too late for those iconic memories to be shared. This is why I felt it necessary in these troubled times to offer a presentation to remind everyone how fortunate we are. At least Nations come together on every 11th day of the 11th month to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice that we may be FREE.

So, in the meantime I look forward to being with you on Wednesday 4th June at 7.00 pm in the Sanctuary with dialogue, slides and providing a different perspective for your entertainment.

Doors will open at 6.00 pm for light refreshments.

Brian King

Mission News

For your information and prayers, there will be news from one or more Missions each month. If you support a mission that has any information and prayer updates, please send these to the editor so that they can be included



UKRAINE MISSION UPDATE

We are pleased to report that the project to provide medicines to elderly, needy villagers in Akli, Transcarpathia has been up and running now for a few months and is working well. A special thanks to those of you who are very kindly supporting this particular need.

We are most grateful for all your donations and prayers. We would like to thank Connie's handicraft group for the further kind donation of £120.

We continue to pray for peace – and a just peace - in Ukraine.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

David Darling, Ukraine Christian Partnership (www.ukraine-cp.org)

Ukrainian medicines for a diabetic patient in Akli



Medicines being given to housebound patient in Akli



And for those who remember handwritten prescriptions, the Ukrainian versions are also quite illegible!

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2) аспірін кардіо 100мг
3) розувастатин 20мг
4) прескардіум 5мг
5) пантопразол 40мг = 1575 грн

1) Карболеніт 200мг
2) бісопролол 5мг
3) верапаміл 80мг
4) L-тірокс 100-100мг / = 500 грн

A Simple Hug

There's something in a simple hug
That always warms the heart;
It welcomes us back home
And makes it easier to part.

A hug's a way to share the joy
And sad times we go through,
Or just a way for friends to say
They like you 'cause you're you.

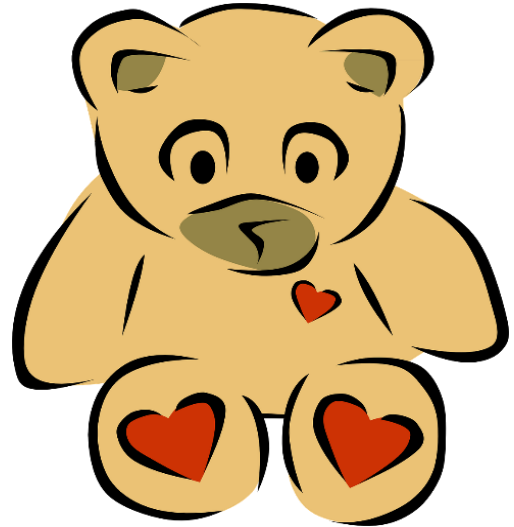
Hugs are meant for anyone
For whom we really care,
From your grandma to your neighbor,
Or a cuddly teddy bear.

A hug is an amazing thing -
It's just the perfect way
To show the love we're feeling
But can't find the words to say.

It's funny how a little hug
Makes everyone feel good;
In every place and language,
It's always understood.

And hugs don't need equipment,
Special batteries or parts -
Just open up your arms
And open up your hearts.

By: Jill Wolf



Understanding the Trinity

Trinity Sunday has its place in our liturgical calendar (15th June), yet we do not often hear sermons on the Trinity. The term 'Trinity' isn't found in the Bible, and the Early Church took nearly 400 years to come up with a clear understanding of it.

However, there are hints of trinitarian language in the New Testament, e.g. Jesus instructs His disciples to baptise 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' (Matt 28:19). Our understanding of the Trinity arises from God's activity in our world, as reflected in the creedal questions:

'Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the One for whom we exist?

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

So why should the Trinity be important for us? If 'God is love' (1 John 4:8) it means that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are in a community of love together. Their relationship has been expressed as a divine dance, as they interact with one another, expressing love for each another and complementing the work each one has to do. As people made in God's image, we are called to live this community of love in our lives and churches.

The Trinity also provides the basis for our mission, 'As the Father has sent Me, so send I you.' Just as God the Father sent Jesus into the world, so Jesus sends us into the world to do the Father's work, equipped and accompanied by the Holy Spirit. In sharing God's love, we share the life of the Trinity. Augustine spoke about the Spirit being the love between God the Father and the Son.

'At the heart of reality lies the love between the Father and the Son. The Spirit unites us with Christ so that we begin to experience the same depth of love that exists between the Father and the Son.' (Graham Tomlin).

For our younger readers ...

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 2:1-12, Mk 9:1-8, Lk 5:17-26

The Pharisees had come to Jesus' home in Capernaum to make sure he wasn't breaking any of their religious rules...

So many came to hear Jesus speak that they filled his house...



and the streets outside.

Four men brought their paralysed friend to Jesus for healing

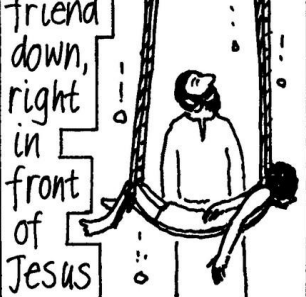


But the crowd wouldn't let them get close



so they climbed up to the roof and took off some tiles.

They lowered their friend down, right in front of Jesus

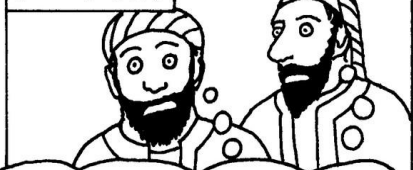


Jesus was so impressed by their faith, he said to the paralysed man



Your sins are forgiven.

The Pharisees were shocked!



Only God can forgive sins...so this fellow is insulting God!

But Jesus knew what they were thinking.



Why are you thinking such wrong thoughts?

Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Get up, take your mat, and walk'?



But I want you to know that I do have the authority to forgive sins...

Get up, take your mat and go home!



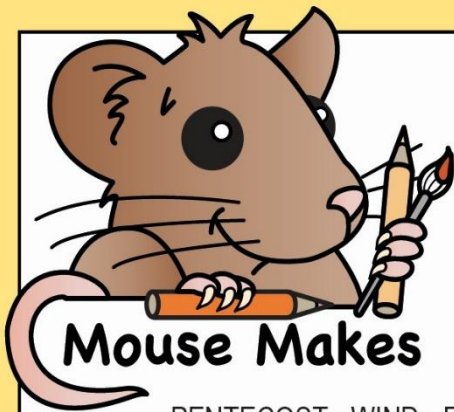
He got up, picked up his mat and walked home, praising God



The crowd was amazed...



We have never seen anything like this!



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It was fifty days since **Passover**, and Jews from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to celebrate Passover. As the **Apostles** were gathered together the **Holy Spirit** came upon them and they began to speak in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them.

The crowd that
were listening
were amazed
as they heard
about God
in their own
language.

How many
people
heard,
believed
and were
baptised
that day?

**DID
YOU
KNOW?**

The Bible or parts of the Bible have now been translated into over 3,000 different languages since it was first written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek.

Crossword

Across

8 Laban complained he had not been allowed to kiss them when Jacob fled with his family (Genesis 31:28) (13)

9 In favour of (3)

10 'The child's father and mother — at what was said about him' (Luke 2:33) (9)

11 Swagger (Psalm 12:8) (5)

13 'Terrors — him on every side and dog his every step' (Job 18:11) (7)

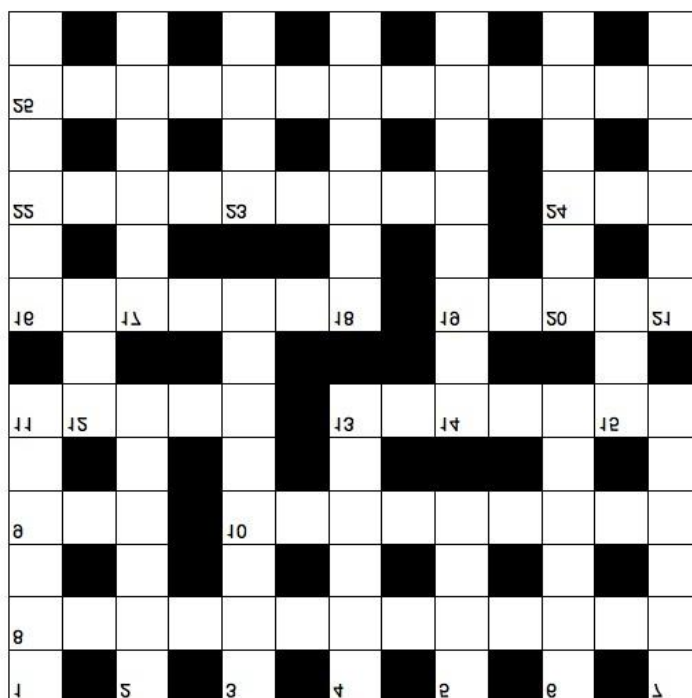
16 Bay bits (anag.) (7)

19 Preach, address an audience, speak in public (5)

22 Holy Communion (9)

24 'On their way to — out the land, Joshua instructed them, "Go and make a survey of the land"' (Joshua 18:8) (3)

25 Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint these to administer his grain storage plan (Genesis 41:34) (13)



Down

1 'Assyria's pride will be brought down and — sceptre will pass away' (Zechariah 10:11) (6)

2 'And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in — with God and men' (Luke 2:52) (6)

3 The descendants of Esau (Genesis 36:9) (8)

4 The components of the crown that Jesus was made to wear before his crucifixion (John 19:2) (6)

5 Colour of cloth which was to cover holy objects in the tabernacle when moving camp (Numbers 4:6–12) (4)

6 One of the gold articles plundered from the Midianites offered to the Lord by the Israelite army 'to make atonement' (Numbers 31:50) (6)

7 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set — — ' (Jeremiah 31:29) (2,4)

12 Ate (anag.) (3)

14 'We ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our — as sons' (Romans 8:23) (8)

15 Abram's nephew (Genesis 14:12) (3)

16 Rupture (Job 30:14) (6)

17 'Yet to all who received him... he gave the right to — children of God' (John 1:12) (6)

18 'I... asked him the true meaning of all —. — he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things' (Daniel 7:16) (4,2)

20 Military units (Exodus 14:20) (6)

21 'Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to — her to public disgrace' (Matthew 1:19) (6)

23 Diva (anag.) (4)



Race For Life

I have decided to take on The Race for Life on Sunday 29th June in Portsmouth. For those who may not know what this event is, it is a 5k race which you can run, jog or walk, raising money for cancer charity. People will often run the race in memory of someone who has been affected by cancer. I would appreciate any donations for this worthy cause.

Blessings

Jo Oru



Sudoku

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14 JUNE 2025

We invite you to visit the
Ukrainian Art Exhibition
 Including traditional Ukrainian art demonstrations
 with Ukrainian artist Maryna Melnyk

Petersfield Physic Garden
 High St, Petersfield

GU32 3JJ
 Free entry
 11:00-15:00



**News from the United Reformed Church
items from the April 2025 edition of the Synod News**



Dates in 2025

Lay Preachers' Gathering – Saturday 29 March 2025 at Sarum College.

Church Treasurers' Networking Zoom – changed to Saturday 14 June 2025.

Elders' Conference – Saturday 28 June 2025 at Sarum College.

Church Secretaries' Networking Zoom – Saturday 20 September 2025.

Diary date 2026 – *new*

Lay Preachers' Gathering – Saturday 21 March 2026 at Sarum College.

Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory In Focus series

The General Assembly has recommended that URC members and groups widen/deepen their understanding of some of the fundamental issues as to why the conflict in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory seems so intractable.

The Interfaith Enabling Group together with Commitment for Life are hosting a series of online events, continuing with:

18 June - ANTISEMITISM with Nathan Eddy, Co-Director, Council of Christians and Jews

More details available here:

<https://urc.org.uk/your-church/church-local-and-global/commitment-for-life/israel-and-the-occupied-palestinian-territory/>

For more information and a link to the webinars please contact commitmentforlife@urc.org.uk.

Youth Camp, 11 to 13 July 2025 – *bookings now open*

For young people in school years 7 – 13 (ages 11 – 17 years old). At [G B Outdoor Centre](#).

Wessex Synod Prayer Calendar

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| June | 1 | The Beacon Church, Canford Heath; Warsash |
| | 8 | Three Legged Cross; Mike Shrubsole as he retires |
| | 15 | Jersey; Marston, Oxford |
| | 22 | Shanklin, Isle of Wight; Church on the Heath |
| | 29 | Braishfield; United Church of Egham; Brill |

June Eco Prayer

Creator God, source of all life
 You spoke, and the universe burst into being
 Abundant, full of wonder and life,
 Everything expressing praise to You, God of wonders!

We add our voices to the praises of the created world.

We pray this month that in our journey alongside you

We may serve you by our prayers for our world, and the challenges we face in the warming climate.

Inspire us by your Holy Spirit

To act faithfully to safeguard Creation in every way we are able,

Not thinking of ourselves

But loving our neighbours in all places

So that in our Synod, as in our local churches, and the whole company of your Church

Your Righteousness, Justice and Peace may flow

In love to all

Amen



Lectionary Bible Readings for June 2025



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| June 1 | Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14 17:20-26 | 21; - John |
| June 8 | Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17, (25-27) | |
| June 15 | Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 and Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15 | |
| June 22 | 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a and Psalm 42 and 43; Isaiah 65:1-9 and Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39 | |
| June 29 | 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 and Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 and Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62 | |

Important - Sensitive issues

As the Messenger is included in the Church Website, it is important that all the content is suitable for public exposure. When composing an article, if there is anything at all that you consider should be removed before publishing on the website, please inform the editor, Carolyn Barton.

The articles contained in this magazine do not necessarily represent the views of Petersfield and Liss URC leadership.

The deadline for the **July and August Messenger** is **June 13th**, an earlier **deadline**. Please send articles to Messenger Editor, Carolyn Barton, tel 01730265884 e-mail carolynbarton.barton6@gmail.com

Solutions

ACROSS:

8, Grandchildren. 9, Pro. 10, Marvelled. 11, Strut. 13, Startle. 16, Babysit. 19, Orate. 22, Eucharist. 24, Map. 25, Commissioners.

DOWN:

1, Egypt's. 2, Favour. 3, Edomites. 4, Thorns. 5, Blue. 6, Armlet. 7, On edge. 12, Tea. 14, Adoption. 15, Lot. 16, Breach. 17, Become. 18, This So. 20, Armies. 21, Expose. 23, Avid.

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Petersfield United Reformed Church Mission Statement

“As a congregation worshipping God: we seek to reach out with the love of Jesus; to worship God in our daily lives; to draw others into the knowledge and love of Christ; and to make disciples”