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## From the Minister ..



It is a unique month to be writing an article for the Messenger. As I write, we are not even in Holy Week yet, but by the time it is printed and distributed, it will be Easter Sunday! Often, we think of Easter Sunday as the end of the journey, we've come through Lent, endured the suffering of Holy Week and Easter Sunday represents the conclusion of the drama. However, Easter Sunday is just the beginning.

One of my favourite parts of Scripture is the account of the Emmaus Road encounter. Luke 24:13-17 says this;

*Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.*

*He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"*

I recently read a compelling article in the Church Times from back in 2010. It was written by Paula Gooder and she argued that perhaps the two met by Jesus on the road to Emmaus were in fact a married couple.

*"One of the disciples is named Cleopas, an abbreviation of the longer name Cleopatros, and this may also be the Greek version of the Hebrew name Clopas. We know of a Clopas from John's Gospel, where one of the women standing near the cross is revealed to be Mary, wife of Clopas." –*

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2010/26-march/faith/jesus-is-recognised-by-his-actions>

We do not find out the name of the companion on the road but the fact that Luke tells us that they were passionately discussing together the events that had gone on, we could well imagine that these were people who had been first hand witnesses of all that happened.

In my household, we too interpret things that have occurred in different ways and this at times can lead us into 'spirited discussions'.

Whether you agree with Gooder or not, we can well imagine how the events of Good Friday would have caused disagreement and tension amongst those closest to Jesus.

He said this, and yet...

Jesus knew this. These two were so engaged in their discussion that anything could have happened around them and they would have been oblivious to it, I think.

The risen Christ stepped into the midst of their argument and transformed everything. This is what Christ can do for us as well. A few weeks ago, I spoke a little about the transformative action of forgiveness. It's not easy to 'forgive and forget' but Jesus here, models what it means to be a peacemaker. This kind of conflict resolution is so desperately needed in our world and as believers, we are called to mirror Christ in our actions and behaviour. We have a hope to share with this world, a hope for a better world where conflict is no more and we all live at peace, one with another.

So, let's see Easter Sunday as just the start of this, let's speak out against injustice, be bridge builders instead of fence builders and let's do what we can to love brothers and sisters, even those whom we disagree with because Christ came to show us a better way, a way of love, forgiveness and we can start to build this kind of environment in our communities today, it is in our small actions that the Kingdom of God starts to break through and transform our world.

A very happy Easter to you all,  
Josh.



## **Singing group for 28th April**

If you would like to be part of the singing group for the St Paul's Liss service 28th April 2.30pm, please contact Fiona Darling at [fiona.rad@hotmail.com](mailto:fiona.rad@hotmail.com)

if you are not available for that date, but might be interested in the future in joining the singing group, do let Fiona know at [fiona.rad@hotmail.com](mailto:fiona.rad@hotmail.com)

# Secretary's Snippets!

Hello everyone,

The Minister and Elders of Petersfield and Liss URC  
invite you to a special service of  
Thanksgiving for many years of faithful worship  
at St Paul's Church, Hill Brow, Liss  
To be held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm  
Followed by refreshments.

This is the invitation that I have sent out to folk who have been involved in worship and fellowship at St Paul's, Liss in the past. We are very much hoping that many of them will come to the service. The invitation is open to all, and we hope that many of you will be able to attend as well.

I know that many of our congregation will never have visited St Paul's, but I also know that lots of you were originally worshippers there and that the church holds a special place in your heart.

I mentioned at one church meeting that, while at college in Chichester, I came to a service at St Paul's with Doc Jock Wilson who was a lecturer at college but also a lay preacher taking a service there. He had been contacted by my minister from home and asked to keep an eye on me! That was in 1970! Little was I to know then how the relationship with St Paul's would grow. Do let me know if you are able to come and if you would like transport.

On a completely different matter it is almost time for me to write the annual report of our church for 2023. This is completed every year and is a record of what has been happening within the whole church life including worship, fellowship, activities, home groups, children etc etc!!!

I think I'm going to have quite a bit to write this year as so much has happened. However, I would love to hear from anyone who runs any sort of activity so that I can include those reports too. I will need these in by the end of April so that I can compile the report to present at church meeting in May.

God bless you all,  
Carol

## **Dates for your diaries: -**

Craft morning on April 2nd.

Celebration service at Liss April 28th 2.30pm



## **Message from our Church and Community Worker...**



God is with us, through Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, he lives with us and guides us daily. He is with us when we make mistakes and let ourselves down and with us when we come in prayer to ask for forgiveness for our sins. God is our father, who guides, supporting, and showing us love. God is there all the time, when it counts through the good and bad times.

As Christians we know we will go through hard times, sickness, persecution just like everyone else, but unlike everyone else who has no faith we are not alone. Our extended family help with that too. Thats you..... Like most families today we are blended, have differences of opinions, fall outs, and hopefully make amends with one another.

Jesus died for us and took all the sin of the world away so we can have a relationship with him. He is our family; God is at the head and all of us are brother and sisters in Christ. This family of our is wonderful, supporting one another and encouraging each other. This year to date has been like any other year, but unlike years gone by I feel more emotional about our family and Church.

It always seems to come back to LOVE. Love and care for the family, everyone stepping up and doing what we can, not because we should but because of love. Walking along side one another in their dark times because of love and laughing through the good time because of love.

Our family is not just at Petersfield and Liss, it's worldwide it's an amazing network we all have added to on our journey of faith and love. So why so sentimental this month? Maybe because I went to a funeral last week of an old friend from my first Church and saw so many friends I hadn't seen in years and we all picked up from where we left off, so much love was there. Maybe the love I feel at Church each week as we worship together? I don't know whatever is it but thank you my family.

Love Jo x



By [Eleanor Lamsma](#)

April 30, 2018

Our May theme for the *Today* devotions, written by Jul Medenblik, is **“What is the Church?”**

**When you think of the church, what comes to mind?** Do you picture the large building with a steeple in your city or neighborhood, with a full parking lot on Sunday morning? Or do you think of a group of people who come together to encourage each other and to grow in their following of Christ Jesus?

When I say, “I’m going to church,” I’m likely referring to the building where I worship on Sundays and perhaps also meet during the week. But that’s just a building. More accurately, the church is an assembly of Christian believers, gathered in by the Holy Spirit, who are eager to live into God’s Kingdom and to share their love of Jesus with those around them. Church should really be a verb rather than a noun. Rather than being a place to go, it’s an action to do. It may sound strange, but we might better say, “I’m going churching!”

In our May *Today* readings, author Jul Medenblik will help us learn about the early church in the days following Jesus’ resurrection and ascension into heaven. Mainly through the New Testament’s book of Acts (short for “Acts of the Apostles”), we will first witness Jesus’ ascension into heaven and then look at the events on Pentecost—the pouring out of the Holy Spirit into the hearts and lives of the apostles. We will see how, filled with the Holy Spirit, those apostles boldly and fearlessly proclaimed the good news to all those around them that

God's Christ was Jesus of Nazareth, and how that early church grew in great numbers.

We'll see how the church molded and shaped the early Christians. And we'll see how the church can and does do that for us today as well. I hope you belong to a congregation with whom you can learn and grow and share your faith with others. And my prayer is that this month's focus on the early church will help you to grow in your love for Jesus Christ and for his church today.

**Reverend Jul Medenblik** is a former attorney who became a minister and founded a church in New Lenox, Illinois, where he pastored for many years. He currently serves as president of my alma mater, Calvin Theological Seminary, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

A decorative border of colorful Easter eggs with various patterns like polka dots, stripes, and zig-zags, arranged in two rows at the top and bottom of the flyer.

  
PETERSFIELD AND LISS  
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**Easter crafts and praise! -  
Tuesday 2nd April 10am-12pm**

**Join us for a morning of Easter  
crafts, stories, an Easter Egg hunt  
and loads of fun!**

**For more information speak to Jo Hopkins or email  
[communityworker@petersfieldure.com](mailto:communityworker@petersfieldure.com)**

## Called to be Fools!

April Fool's Day is the traditional way to begin this month. In medieval times the fool (or jester) was not just there for amusement. He had an influential role in the court because he could speak the truth in ways others couldn't. As Christians we are also called to be fools; Paul described himself as a *'fool for Christ'* (1 Corinthians 4:10). In what ways is this an appropriate description of a Christian? In his letter Paul expands on this theme.

### *A foolish message:*

*'For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.'* (1 Cor 1:18). The heart of the Gospel does not focus on clever ideas, but on the Cross of Jesus Christ. This message of foolishness and weakness is both God's wisdom and power for our lives.

### *A foolish community:*

*'But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.'* (1:27). The church in Corinth consisted of slaves, rather than the rich and successful. God calls the weak and vulnerable to follow Him, in order to shame those who think they don't need God.

### *A foolish ministry:*

*'My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.'* (2:4,5). Paul's ministry didn't rest on human wisdom, but on the power of the Holy Spirit. For us, this power is often displayed when we are at our weakest.

*'A fool thinks himself to be wise, but a wise man knows himself to be a fool.'*  
(William Shakespeare).

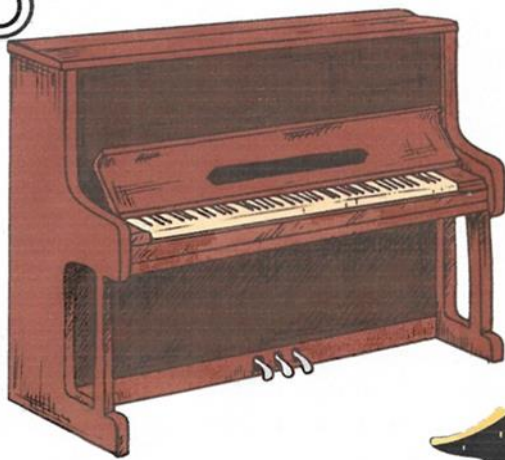




*Afternoon*



**TEA WITH MIKE ON PIANO**



**2-4PM**



**Saturday 20th  
April**

**AT Petersfield  
and Liss URC  
College street**



# 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

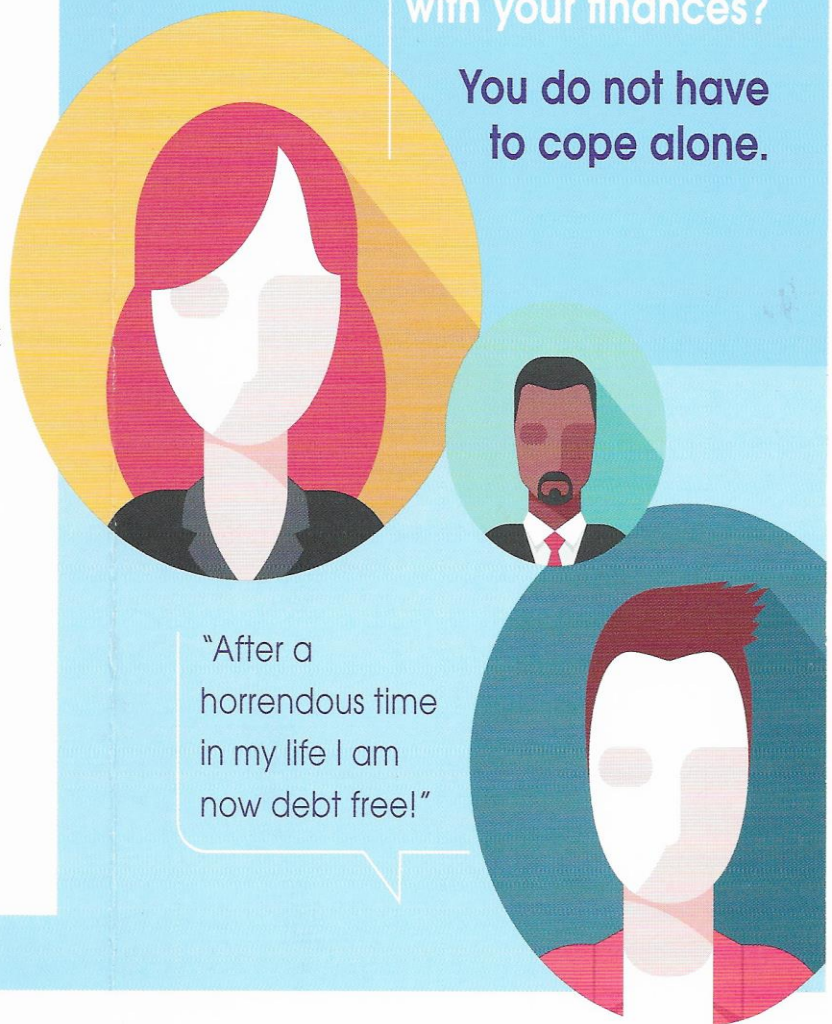


[www.frontlinedebtadvice.org.uk](http://www.frontlinedebtadvice.org.uk)

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Are you struggling  
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You do not have  
to cope alone.



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horrendous time  
in my life I am  
now debt free!"

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Registered Address: c/o Three Counties Church,  
Haslemere Locality Office, Lion Green, Haslemere,  
Surrey GU27 1LD

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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 2.30pm till 3pm. You can meet us, enjoy a cuppa and take away your food bags. Can't get to St. Paul's? Then a Wednesday delivery can be arranged if a request is

made by lunchtime on Monday. Text or call Nigel on 07598 949379 or Sarah on 07741 455041.

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

Food donation points are the St. Mary's Church porch, Station Road and the Triangle centre reception (mornings), or bring donations to St. Paul'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](http://easthampshirerail.co.uk/freeshop-shop)

Or call Lucy on **07988043870**

## **Friday reflection**

**Every 4th Friday of the  
month.**

**In the sanctuary  
10.30am.**

**A time of personal prayer  
and reflection.**

**All are welcome**



## Petersfield and Liss United Reformed Church

### Update on regular weekday activities.



Please note the following updates.

- **Drop in Tea** – Drop-In Tea for April will be on the 9<sup>th</sup>.  
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
- Little Fishes restarts on April 16th
- Women's Fellowship April 9th



### Rotas – April 2024

Date	Duty Elders	AV
April 7	Ron Wing	David Darling
April 14	Carol Tubbs	Keith Evans
April 21	Peter Jolly & Anne Glenn	Jonathan Oru
April 28	Isaac Oru	Roy Knight

### Welcomers' Rota

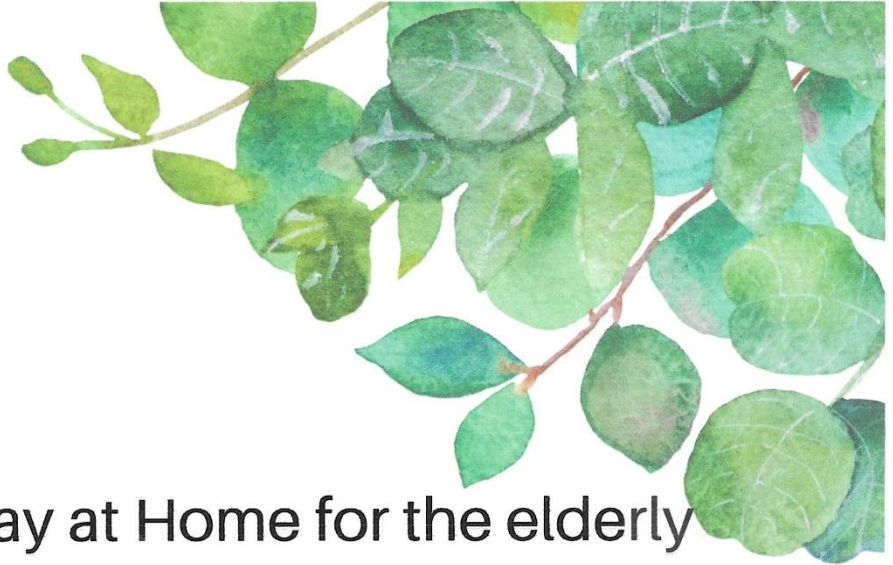
Date	Welcomers
April 7	Grace Fountain
April 14	Val Hart
April 21	Catherine Adams
April 28	Janet Adams

- 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.

## Petersfield and Liss Church Calendar -April 2024

**Please note Services are held at College Street, Petersfield unless otherwise stated.**

Tuesday	2	7.30 pm	Elders' Meeting	CFC
Thursday	4	10 am	Prayer Meeting	Sanctuary
		2.30pm	Home Group	1 Crundles
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Esme Kelly</b>	
Tuesday	9	2-4 pm	Drop-in Tea	CFC
		7.30 pm	Women's Fellowship	CFC
Thursday	11	10 am	Prayer Meeting	Sanctuary
		8 pm	Home Group	12 Geddes Way
Friday	12	10.30 am	Friday Fellowship	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Minister</b>	
Monday	15	1 pm	Ladies' Bible Studies	Sanctuary
		4-5 pm	Forest Church Liss	St Paul's Liss
Tuesday	16	9.30 pm	Little Fishes	CFC
		2 pm	Connie's Handicraft Group	CFC
Thursday	18	10 am	Prayer Meeting	Sanctuary
		2.30 pm	Home Group	1 Crundles
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Minister</b>	
Monday	22	1 pm	Ladies' Bible Studies	Sanctuary
		4-5 pm	Forest Church Liss	St Paul's Liss
Tuesday	23	9.30 am	Little Fishes	CFC
Thursday	25	10 am	Prayer Meeting	Sanctuary
		7 pm	Home Group	Buckmore Farmhouse
		8 pm	Home Group	12 Geddes Way
Friday	26	10.30 am	Friday Reflection	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Minister</b>	
Monday	29	1 pm	Ladies' Bible Studies	Sanctuary
		4-5 pm	Forest Church Liss	St Paul's Liss
Tuesday	30	9.30 am	Little Fishes	CFC



Holiday at Home for the elderly

invite you to join

the team at Petersfield URC

College Street

on Tuesday 6th 13th & 20th

August 10-to 3pm.

for craft, activities ,Lunch

and entertainment for £10 each day.

Please phone Jo on 01730-266475 to

book your place, or for more

information.



# 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

Thank you for your continued kindness to Ukraine Christian Partnership. We are very grateful for all your prayers and donations, including £100 from Connie's Handicraft Group.

We are pleased to let you know that Pastor Zoltan (Gyula) and his wife, Mesy, have a little baby daughter, Zorka. All three are well, for which we give thanks. Pastor Zoltan, as some of you may remember, visited us in 2015.

Pastor Sergey and his team in Chornobaivka, Kherson, are continuing to repair war-damaged houses when weather and availability of materials permit.

Please could you continue to pray that the villagers may be protected during this awful time and that they would know God's comfort and strength. Thank you.

David Darling





Ludmila, an elderly lady with a disabled husband, was very pleased that Pastor Sergey's team were recently able to fix her roof where a Russian rocket had gone through it (thank the Lord no injuries).



## Would your church like to join us this year?

UNLOCK – Urban Christian Charity Walk – London (Kensington, Chelsea, Hammersmith & Fulham) Saturday 27th April

Unlock is a non-denominational Christian charity founded in 1972. It supports urban churches of any denomination in responding to the opportunities and challenges in their areas. They are especially concerned with facilitating Bible engagement in more 'text-shy' cultures. As well as deploying Unlock Local Partnership workers to enable local Christians to reach and engage their communities, they provide training and publish a variety of group Bible study packs.

### The London Urban Sponsored Walk

This year's walk is the 41st annual London walk, all of which have been supported by St Mary Magdalen members. This year we are hoping to involve the rest of the PACT churches.

Each year the walk covers a different area of the capital. The walk typically includes brief visits to a variety of churches who mostly put on small exhibitions of their local work and provide refreshments for the walkers. To us in the Petersfield area, the work of the churches in some of the more deprived areas can be an interesting eye-opener!

This year the circular walk is around Kensington, Chelsea, Hammersmith & Fulham, on **Saturday April 27th**. It is about 7½ miles but walkers are free to shorten this and/or partly use public transport. There is a detailed route map and an optional quiz. Ideally we would like to travel up together by train, and it is most fun to walk in small groups, as walkers are not "herded" round! Usually there are around 700 people walking, some clockwise, some anticlockwise, so there is quite a friendly atmosphere on the streets when we meet fellow Unlock walkers!

### Sponsorship

There are sponsorship forms for individual use among friends, neighbours and colleagues, and there are also opportunities at each church on the walk to donate cash to that church and/or to Unlock generally.

Church workers we have met on previous walks were immensely grateful just that we took the trouble to visit them and take an interest in their work.

We were inspired by their amazing responses to situations, so dramatically different from our own. Mission support is more than just financial!

Any questions, please email [jan@sheet.church](mailto:jan@sheet.church)



*An evening about*  
**Refugees**



**Tuesday 30th April 18:30-20:30**  
**St Laurence church hall, Petersfield**

Speaker from the Rural Refugee Network,  
(RRN) a local charity assisting refugees to  
resettle into their new communities in  
Hampshire.

**Refreshments provided**



**All welcome**

## **Don't be afraid of clouds!**

Have you ever sat and watched the clouds drift by? Some of them are vast, towering up and up into the sky.

There can be clouds of discouragement and suffering in our lives as well, circumstances that temporarily blot out the sunlight of God's love for us. You may have such a cloud hanging over your life right now. You may be in a hospital bed, or suffering discouragement, fear, despair or bereavement.

Have you ever noticed that sometimes, when you board a plane, the sky is like a thick grey ceiling? It looks impenetrable. But the plane does not hesitate - it climbs steadily onward and upward straight into the cloud. And what happens? Nothing! The cloud cannot block your progress, it must give way before you.

The simple truth is, you may not be able to *see* through clouds, but you *can go through them*. The plane uses navigational aids for guidance, and we have the Holy Spirit to guide us through the darkest times. And finally, we emerge through the cloudbank, and there before us is a sun-drenched sky of blue and golden glory, far above the dismal and disappointing things far below.

Whatever cloud is hanging over you at present, whether suffering, discouragement, fear, there IS something you can do about it NOW. Pray – pour out your heart to the Lord about it. He has promised that His grace will be sufficient for anything that we encounter in this life.

And – look up. Look towards heaven, *think beyond* those clouds, and remember His promise that the sufferings we may be undergoing *here* are nothing compared to the glory that God has prepared for us *there*.

*The Bible assures us: 'The Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man that trusts in you.'* Psalm 84: 11-12

## The Rainbow

The world was so wicked that God  
made it rain  
For forty long days and long nights  
The floodwaters covered both  
mountain and plain  
They covered the highest of heights!



But Noah survived, because he – free from guilt  
Kept the Word of his God in his mind  
So he and his kin, in the ark he had built  
Lived with two beasts of every kind.

They floated by night and they floated by day  
No sign of the land could they spy;  
Till at last came the day when the flood drained away  
And a rainbow was seen in the sky.

And God said to Noah, “You see that bright bow?  
“That rainbow up there in the sky?  
“Now I’ve put it there as a sure sign to show  
“Of a promise twixt mankind and I.

“In future you’ll know that I won’t make it rain  
“So the whole earth is flooded that deep.  
“Now the rainbow is there and will be again –  
“And you’ll know that this promise I’ll keep.”

On days when it seems that the rain just won’t go  
And the floodwaters fill us with fear;  
At last comes the sun and the bright coloured bow –  
Our God made that rainbow appear.

*By Nigel Beeton*



## Recycling at Petersfield Infant School

We welcome the following items which help to raise valuable funds for our school

- used batteries**
- empty toothpaste tubes, used toothbrushes & toothbrush heads**
- empty crisp packets (not tubes)**
- used pens used stamps**
- red, green or blue plastic milk bottle tops**
- unwanted spectacles (without the cases)**
- household cleaning wipes packaging**
- tinted fabric conditioner bottles and caps**
- dishwasher and laundry capsules or tablets plastic packaging**
- plastic air freshener packaging,**
- air fresheners and cartridges**
- any brand of flexible plastic cheese pouches**
- plastic nets from mini cheese packets**
- any brand of individual plastic cheese wrappers**
- any brand of sliced cheese protective plastic film**

All of these items help raise much needed funds for our school with the exception of the used stamps which raise money for Canine Partners and the spectacles, which go towards the Lions Club of Petersfield 'Sight For Life' initiative

Simply drop your recycling at the Front Door on St Peters Road and we will do the rest!

**THANK YOU!**

For our younger readers ...

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Exodus 7:14-10:29, 12:21-23, 29-33, 14:5-29

God told Pharaoh to let the Hebrew slaves leave Egypt, but he refused. God then showed his power over Egypt (and its gods)...

The Nile turned blood red (Hapi)

Frogs (Heket)

Gnats (Geb)

Swarms (Khepri)

Death of livestock (Hathor)

Boils and sores (Sekhmet)

Hail (Seth and Nut)

Locusts (Nepri)

Darkness (Ra)

.. but Pharaoh still said 'No!'

God told the Hebrews to prepare to leave, and each family to kill and cook a lamb. He told them..

Mark your house door with the lamb's blood.

That night, in each un-marked house, the eldest son died.

The Hebrews left Egypt...

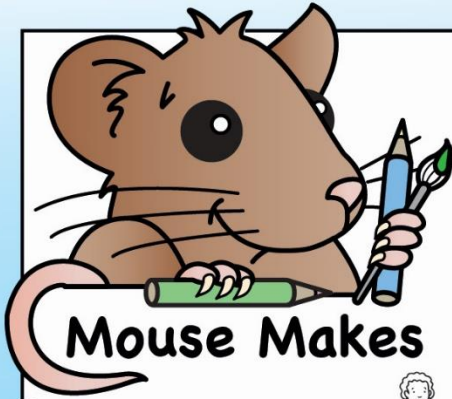
but Pharaoh followed with his army.

The Hebrews were trapped by the Reed Sea..

God made a cloud to hide them from the Egyptians..

and sent a wind. By morning the sea bed was dry and they walked across..

.. but as the Egyptians followed, the water flowed back.



# Mouse Makes

Some time after Jesus had risen a few of His disciples met together to go fishing.

They fished all night but caught nothing. As the sun rose a man on the shore asked;

*"Have you caught anything?"*

*"Not a thing"* they answered.

He said to them *"Throw your net out onto the right side of the boat and you will catch some."*

So they did and they and they caught so many fish they could not pull in the net.

Then John recognised the man, *"It is the Lord!"*



How many times had the risen Jesus revealed himself to the disciples before this?

Read John 21:14



How many disciples were there? Who were they?

Read John 21: 11

How many fish did they catch? Read John 21: 11



**READ** the story in **John 21**

DISCIPLES • TIBERIAS • SEA • SIMON PETER • THOMAS • NATHANAEL • JOHN • DAY FISHING • BOAT • NIGHT • CAUGHT • NOTHING • WATER • SHORE • FISH • CAST • NET RIGHT • FIND • HAUL • LORD • FULL • LAND • FIRE • BREAD • BREAKFAST • JESUS

Colour in all the fish

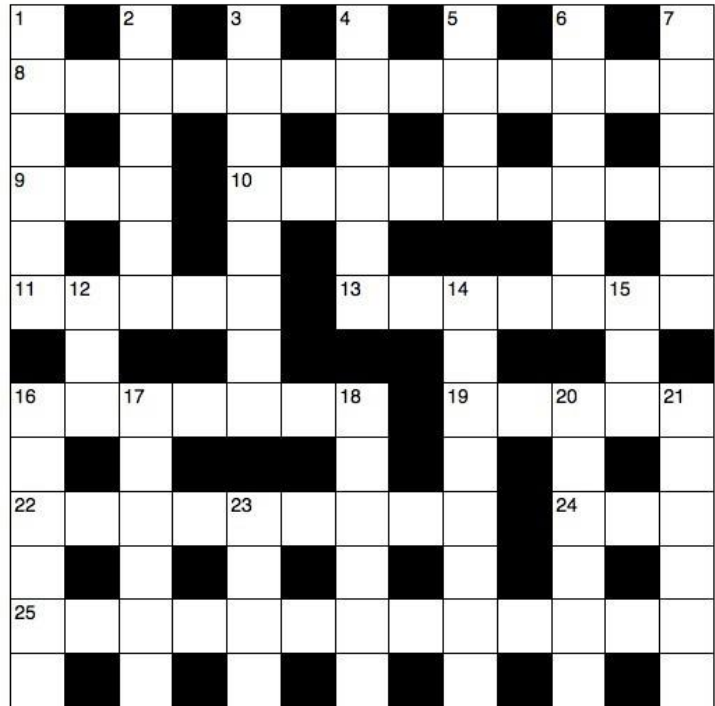
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## Crossword

### ACROSS

- 8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the —' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)
- 9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)
- 10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9)
- 11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)
- 13 Muslim holy month (7)
- 16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)
- 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)
- 22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)
- 24 'Go to the —, you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)
- 25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)



### DOWN

- 1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)
- 2 Festival of the resurrection (6)
- 3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)
- 4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)
- 5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)
- 6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)
- 7 'But Christ is faithful — — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)
- 12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)
- 14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)
- 15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)
- 16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)
- 17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)
- 18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)

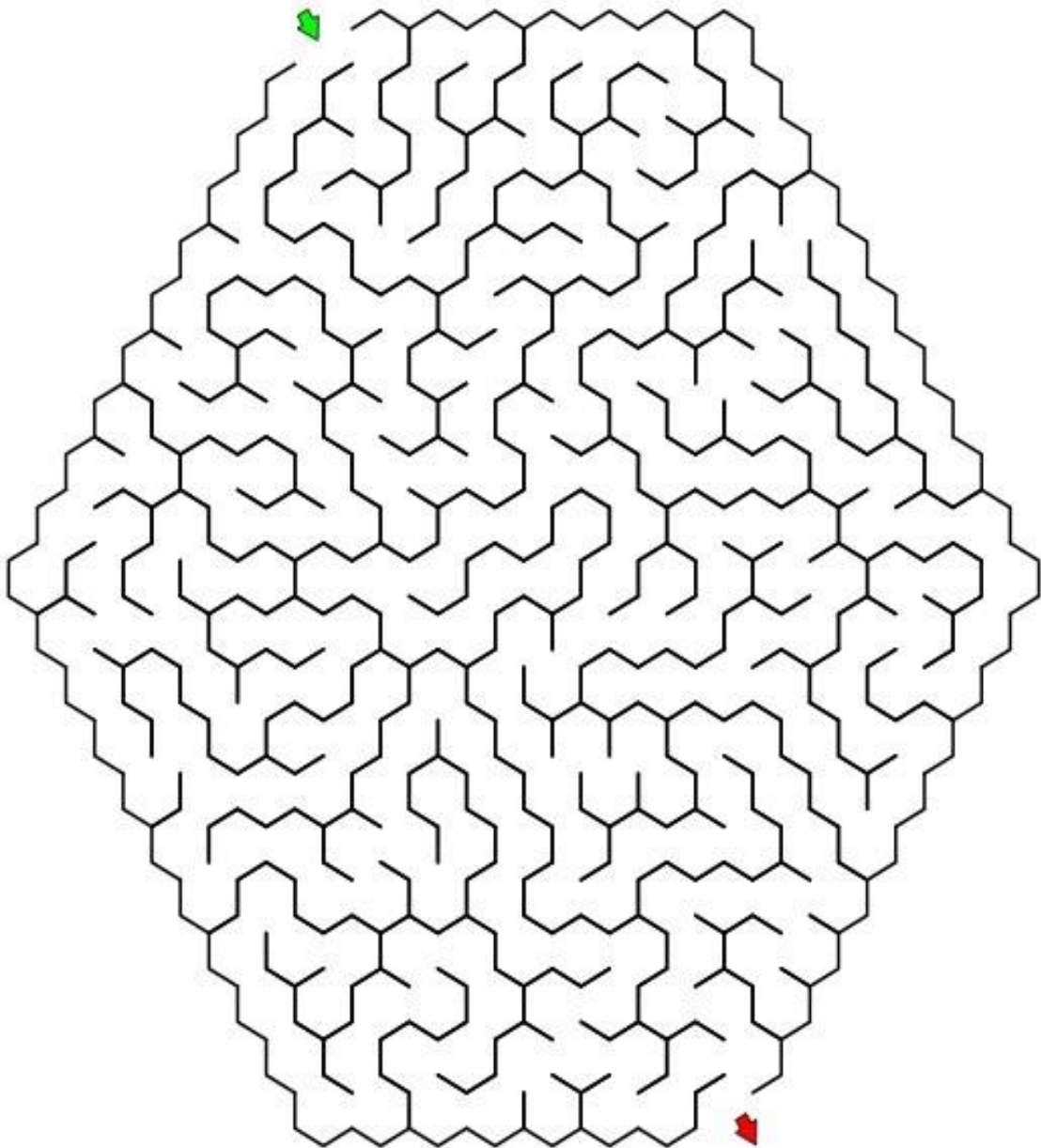
20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)

21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)

23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)



## MAZE



## Sudoku

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Medium

### Good likeness

Some children were asked: "What do you think of Jesus?"

"Jesus," said one little boy, "is the best photograph God ever had taken."

### Our God

Our God is able – (Daniel 3:17)

able to save (Hebrews 7:25)

able to help (Hebrews 2:18)

able to provide (2 Corinthians 9:8)

able to do far more than we ask or think (Ephesians 3:20)

## **Heaven**

Seen in a parish magazine: "We shall be meeting on Wednesday, when the subject will be 'Heaven - how do we get there?' Transport by bus is available at 6.45pm opposite the King's Arms.

## **Choir**

Seen in a parish magazine: 'Next Sunday the choir will give a recital, after which the church will be closed for repairs.'

## **Who is he?**

A musical concert was about to be performed in a prison. The Governor was talking to a titled lady guest, explaining that the orchestra was made up of murderers, embezzlers and other hardened criminals. The lady then pointed to a man in the corner, holding a trombone. "He looks a tough customer," she whispered. "Whatever has HE done?" The Governor paused and smiled. "Ah, actually, he is the chaplain."

## **Long prayer**

A friend took her small daughter to church. The vicar's prayer had gone on for several minutes when suddenly a small voice piped up: "Has he forgotten how to say Amen?"

## **What headstones are for**

In the 1950s, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, visited the church of Scotland in Dumfries. As she was walking through the graveyard after the service, she asked the Lord Provost who was with her, why the headstones were so large? He replied, "To hold them doon, Ma'am."

## **Up or down?**

Is this apisdn umop or am I just standing on my head?

# Wessex Synod **BIG** day OUT '24

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Were you at the Wessex Synod Big Day Out in 2022?

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Open to all church groups, user groups, and community links

BRASS BAND

FOREST CHURCH

STORY STORY STORY

**SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024**

**10AM - 5PM**

Book via:



**News from the United Reformed Church**  
**items from the February edition of the Synod News**



**2024 Synod Meetings – Save the Dates**

Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	April	(online in the evening)
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	October	(in person, all day, United Church Winchester)

**Moderator's photo/drawing request**

Our incoming Moderator, Michael Hopkins, would like to have a small range of notelets/greetings cards printed with images reflecting Wessex.

Everyone in the Synod is invited to send in photos or artwork that they think is suitable, and as many as possible will be used. Michael is not particularly looking for photos or drawings of church buildings, but anything that conveys an idea of Wessex.

Some parameters:

- You can interpret Wessex however that speaks to you.
- Everything submitted must be original, and by submitting you grant permission to the Wessex Synod of the United Reformed Church to use any material submitted for stationery and/or publicity in perpetuity.
- No photos of identifiable people please, to avoid safeguarding or data privacy difficulties. Unidentifiable people in the background are fine.
- Everything must be electronic, so if you draw, paint, etc. please scan it and send in an electronic file.
- Please use wetransfer.com or equivalent for large file sizes.

Send to: [office@urcwessex.org.uk](mailto:office@urcwessex.org.uk)

**Deadline: Monday 13 May**

**Wessex Synod Prayer Calendar**

April	7	Christchurch Thame; The Beacon Church, Canford Heath
	14	Normandy; Blackbird Leys, Church of the Holy Family
	21	Swanage; Havant and Emsworth United Reformed Church
	28	Hindhead, Beacon Hill; Twyford (Berks)



## Lectionary Bible Readings for April 2024

April 7	Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31
April 14	Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48
April 21	Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18
April 28	Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

### 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 **May Messenger** is May 12<sup>th</sup>. Please send articles to Messenger Editor, Carolyn Barton, tel 01730 265884 e-mail carolynbarton.barton6@gmail.com

### Solutions

ACROSS: 8, Transgressors. 9, Out. 10, Ephesians. 11, Throb. 13, Ramadan. 16, Nearest. 19, Neath. 22, Childless. 24, Ant. 25, Excommunicate.

DOWN: 1, Utmost. 2, Easter. 3, Assemble. 4, Archer. 5, Isis. 6, To hand. 7, As a son. 12, Hoe. 14, Monastic. 15, Apt. 16, Nuclei. 17, A piece. 18, Tied up. 20, Ararat. 21, Hatred. 23, Dome.

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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”.*