



Stockport Sunday School

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The Bible is the foundation stone of the Christian faith. It chronicles how mankind's understanding of the nature of God has changed over the ages - often driven by individuals chosen by God, such as Moses, the Old Testament prophets, Jesus Christ of course, and the New Testament saints.

What applies to the broad outline of Christian history, also applies to our own personal faith history. Our understanding of God surely has changed from what we were taught as young children, or even in later years. There is always something new to learn, if we are prepared to be open to God's prompting.

The sense of faith being a developing process is often likened to the concept of pilgrimage. This is not a new idea, as is demonstrated by John Bunyan's book, 'The Pilgrim's Progress' written between 1672 and 1690. Likewise, another well known hymn, written by Bernhardt Ingemann in the 19th century, - 'Through the night of doubt and sorrow - onward goes the pilgrim band' - reflects this approach.

Physical pilgrimage, defined as 'a journey to a sacred place for religious reasons' is not uncommon, even nowadays. I have just been reading how one regular 'pilgrim' explains how important to her personally, are the parallels between the practical preparation for the journey and the spiritual lessons which can be learned thereby.

One of the pilgrim's first tasks is to decide what to take on the journey. We have all had to face similar decisions when going on holiday. The advantage of travelling by car is that there is no 20Kg weight limit per person so you are tempted to take everything but the kitchen sink. Travelling by air needs a more focussed approach, which, if I am honest, I find challenging.

When I was working, I quite frequently had to make business trips by air, and I very soon learnt an important lesson. 'Always carry enough in your hand baggage to survive at least 3 days!' My very first trip was to Canada. I flew to Toronto, but on arrival, was told that the first meeting was now to be in Montreal. So I was immediately put on a flight - before my hold luggage arrived! It took three days before it eventually caught up with me, back in Toronto. As a result, I always made sure that I had essential clothes and business documents with me at all times. So I do know how to travel light when really necessary.

Before any journey, but especially a pilgrimage, you need to prepare well - to focus on where you are going, and why, and then how.

Then you can ask yourself what you need to take with you, - food, water, clothes, first aid kit, maps etc - or can some things be sent ahead to make the actual travelling easier? You probably can't cater for every eventuality so you have to be disciplined in your choices. You need to remember that the more you carry, the heavier the load, the more tired you will become, and the more risk of making mistakes - misreading maps, falling, misjudging danger. Getting the balance right is vitally important.

The relevance of this advice to our faith life is fairly obvious. So often we allow our lives to become encumbered with non-essentials - possessions, habits we have generated, activities of secondary importance maybe. It will be interesting to see how much the restrictions imposed



by the Coronavirus epidemic will impact on how we apportion our time and priorities in the days ahead.

Packing is only one aspect of preparing for a long journey or holiday. The detailed planning can be a source of interest and enjoyment. For the enthusiasts there are maps to be consulted, guidebooks to be read, travel details to be arranged. But then, maybe, other priorities in our lives will arise. The trip gets postponed, possibly indefinitely, and nothing transpires until what seems like another good idea comes along.

For us, faith wise, it begs the question - is looking at how we develop our relationship with God a guidebook exercise, where procrastination is an acceptable option; or is it important to us with a commitment to actually getting results? St Matthew's Gospel describes a disciple saying to Jesus - 'I will follow you wherever you go, but first let me bury my father,' to which Jesus replied - 'Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead'. A harsh comment it would seem to modern ears. Some commentaries suggest that the man's father was not necessarily dead, and that this was more a future family obligation. Nevertheless, Jesus was aware that the man's promise to follow Him was not wholehearted. Perhaps Jesus knew the man needed to be shocked out of his complacency. Whatever the reason, the message of Jesus was clear. 'Now is the time for you to make up your mind'. A reminder for us that we shouldn't let challenges pass us by, put off decisions which really need to be addressed.

A third aspect of an organised pilgrimage is the variety of people you will meet up with - people from all walks of life. One thing the pilgrims will learn is not to judge their fellow travellers at first sight. They all come with varying life experiences; some similar to ours, others very different. However, all are travelling to the same destination, and we can learn so much from each other.

In that respect, all of us who belong to a church fellowship, such as SSS, can, and surely have benefitted by meeting together and sharing our experiences. Perhaps it is something we take for granted. One thing Covid 19 has demonstrated in our country over recent weeks, is the value of community in times of difficulty. It has been heart-warming to see how friends and neighbours have assisted those who have been struggling with the demands of isolation etc. And also, to see how gratefully those offers have been received. Perhaps some long lasting good may result from the hardships we have had to endure.

So, to close, I think the words of another hymn, a popular modern one by Richard Gillard, may be appropriate here:

'Brother, sister, let me serve you.
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey
and companions on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and share the load.

And may we all be 'Happy Wanderers' as we do so.

REV. BERNARD ELSDON

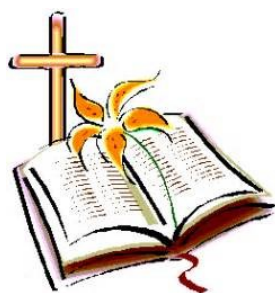
We were sorry to learn of the death of the Rev. Bernard Elsdon.

He had been brought to Sunday School as a young boy and continued to attend as a scholar, teacher and leader until he left Stockport to train for the ministry. After he was ordained he returned to preach at several services at SSS and it was Bernard who said the prayers of dedication and consecration of the new Triangle building when it was opened on Saturday 16th April 1989.

We thank God for Bernard's long life of service and remember his friend, David, in our prayers.

Several members of SSS were able to watch Bernard's funeral via a computer link.

Norman Sellers shares his memories below.



BERNARD ELSDON

I am very sad to hear of the death of my very first best friend, Bernard Elsdon. We were the same age and started attending SSS from the age of 5 years old in the Beginners Department.

When we moved up to the Junior Department we would wait for our mothers who were in the Ladies' Department, whose service finished much later than ours.

The Sunday School was a very large building, almost like a mill with many rooms on several floors, and broad and narrow steps.

The times we waited for our mothers, turned into exciting ventures, until one day the caretaker caught us, gave us a telling off and threatened to tell our mothers. It did not stop us, but we had to be very careful walking home with our mothers up Wellington Road South, we would run ahead and hide in small gardens, behind gates and up side streets, then jump out to surprise them (or so we thought). We would part at Bramall Lane and they would walk onto Great Moor.

Bernard starting teaching and by the time I had done my two years national service, he was the leader of the Young People's Department, then later he left to go into the ministry.

On several occasions he came back to School as a vicar to preach at Special Services and also in the Ladies' Class where I was the leader.

He would also tell a humorous story, but it would always lead to the message he brought from God.

I feel great sadness for David (Young) for the loss of his valued friend, and I thank God for Bernard's life and friendship for 85 years.



100 NOT OUT

August 1st marks the 100th birthday of Eva Flint, our friend, colleague and former pianist and organist at the Sunday School. We wish her a very Happy Birthday.

I'm sure she would enjoy receiving cards from Sunday School members as she still talks about the Sunday School. These can be sent c/o Bankfield House Care Home, Bankfield Road, Woodley, Stockport SK6 1RQ



MY FAVOURITE THINGS

In July 2008, Julie Andrews turned 69. To commemorate her birthday, she made a special appearance at Manhattan's Radio City. One of the songs she performed was 'My Favourite Things'. Here are the lyrics she used.

Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting
Walkers and hand-rails and dental fittings
Bundles of magazines tied up in string
These are a few of my favourite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses
Pacemakers and golf carts and porches with swings
These are a few of my favourite things.

When the pipes leak, when the bones creak
When the knees go bad
I simply remember my favourite things
And then I don't feel so bad.

Back pain, confused brain and no need for sinnin'
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin'
And we won't mention our short shrunken frame
When we remember our favourite things.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring
These are a few of my favourite things.

When the joints ache, when the hips break
When the eyes grow dim
Then I remember the great life I've had
And then I don't feel so bad.



Judith Curry



ZOOM SERVICES



ZOOM SERVICE, JUNE 7TH 2020, TRINITY SUNDAY

We were pleased that Norman and Joyce Sellers were able to join in this service using a telephone link. We were also pleased to welcome Walter's sister, Val, who joined by Zoom from Spain.

Walter said that the keystone to our faith is the Bible. We are very familiar with some parts eg Easter and Christmas stories, but less so others. The Old Testament chronicles the history of the Jewish people back to about 400 BC, it's law, the Commandments, their change from a nomadic life to city dwellers and the one true God they worshipped.

In the New Testament, there is a change from considering God as a judge to God a loving Father.

Walter went on to talk about Bethlehem. Today it is in Palestine, a small town the size of Hyde.

Christians know it as the birthplace of Jesus, but it has a long history. In 900 BC it was a military encampment. Rachael was buried there and Ruth lived there with Naomi and her family until famine forced them to move. Ruth married Boaz and later returned to Bethlehem and became the great grandmother of King David, who was born in Bethlehem.

After the wise men visited Herod looking for 'the King of the Jews', his scribes quote the Prophet Micah 'And then Bethlehem in the land of Judah are not the least among the princes of Judah for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel'. The holy family fled to Egypt after being warned in a dream they later returned to live in Nazareth as Bethlehem was too close to Jerusalem. Jesus was brought up with a knowledge of the Old Testament. At thirty, Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist and after spending time in the desert, went to Capernaum and spent most of His ministry around that area.

Walter asked how our lives and journeys of faith had been affected by the area we had been brought up in. Many of us had lived most of our lives in Stockport. What famous people came from Stockport?

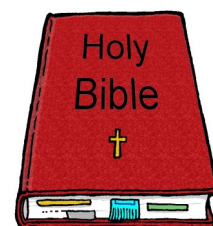
The town has a long history, its charter dates from 1260.

People with foresight started Stockport Sunday School to make the town a better place, providing education for the poor and putting the teaching of Jesus into practice.

The coronavirus has effectively closed schools and brought to the fore the importance of children's education.

On June 14th we should have been holding our Founders' Day service when we remember the contribution those men and women made to the life of the School. We will be holding the service when we are able to reopen the building.

Norman Sellers read the closing prayer.





ZOOM SERVICE, JUNE 21ST 2020

As this was Fathers' Day, Judith Higgins told us how the tradition of celebrating Fathers' Day began in America.

We all read the Bible and hear it read at services, but how many of us would get 100% in a Bible quiz. We know some Bible stories well but do we know where they can be found in the Bible?

Judith decided to base the service around the life of one man whose name we all know, King Solomon. It was interesting to fill in the gaps of our knowledge about the son of King David who became the third King of Israel and ruled for forty years. God gave him both wisdom and wealth. Solomon is renowned for his many building projects. He built many cities to store grain, his chariots and housing for his soldiers. He built the walls of Jerusalem, but his most important project, was the great temple at Jerusalem, which took seven years to complete. He used only the best materials and the walls and floor of the oracle were covered with gold, a special place to hold the Arc of the Covenant. The temple is described in great detail in several chapters of the first book of Kings. Solomon is said to have had seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines, worshipping other gods. Solomon built them their own temples and even began to worship them. Because of this God took the Kingdom of Israel away from Solomon's son and only allowed him to rule on Tribe.

The Bible is a whole library of books well worth reading and re-reading.

FUTURE ZOOM SERVICES

The next dates for our Zoom services are:-

Sunday 5th July - Judith Curry

Sunday 19th July - Ken Dean



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (Phil: 4.6)



Prayer is not an argument with God to persuade Him to move things our way, but an exercise by which we are enabled by His spirit to move things His way. - Anon



Science can add years to your life, but only Christ can add life to your years. - Anon





EYAM NOW AND THEN

Many of you will have visited the tranquil and picturesque Derbyshire village of Eyam and learned about the great sacrifice that the villagers made when the plague arrived at their village from London. They remained in the village knowing that many of them would die but by their sacrifice they prevented the plague from spreading any farther.

But Eyam was not always so peaceful - Judith Curry found this article in a SSS Magazine of 1916.

Matthew Mayer at Eyam

Mr Joseph Morton, of our Lancashire Hill branch school, writes:- "On reading in our S.S.S Magazine the very interesting account of events in the life of Matthew Mayer, father of Joseph Mayer, I was reminded of an account of an early missionary enterprise of Matthew Mayer I had read of in an ancient history. I quote the extract:-

'Methodism was very early introduced into Eyam; although in no place were the promulgators more roughly abused. The first sermon preached in Eyam by the Methodists was in 1765, by Matthew Mayer, of Portwood Hall, near Stockport. The preacher stationed himself by Furness's barn side; but so much hostility was exhibited on this and on subsequent occasion, that he each time narrowly escaped with his life. The few friends of the preacher were pelted with brick-bats, mud, stones, and other missiles; and to such a degree did the infatuated multitude carry on their opposition, that the preacher had the ringleaders brought before the magistrate, who bound them in recognizances for their good behaviour in future. Everett, in his 'History of Methodism,' says, that the then inhabitants of Eyam 'were employed in the lead mines and were a most savage race of people.'"



The following articles are taken from The Parish Pump.

14TH JULY ST CAMILLUS DE LELLIS - PATRON OF THE SICK

Sometimes those who suffer are best at helping others in a similar situation. Discharged from the Venetian army with an incurable leg wound, St Camillus (1550 - 1614) founded a religious order called the Ministers of the Sick (the Camellians). Both in their Holy Ghost Hospital in Rome, and by travelling to plague-stricken parts of the world, the Camellians dedicated their lives to caring for the sick. Camillus is the patron of the sick and of nurses.



THE FRAILITY OF LIFE

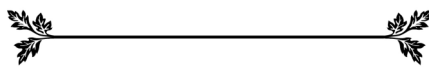
According to one survey, during the lockdown, a quarter of adults in the UK have watched or listened to a religious service and one in 20 have started praying. While the majority of people who contract Covid-19 survive, it reminds us that we are much more frail and weak than we like to think. As the prophet Isaiah says:

'All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the Lord blows on them. Surely the people are grass. The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures for ever.' (Isaiah 40:6-8).

Isaiah's words really resonate at this time. In more normal times we can avoid facing up to our vulnerability, but this pandemic has forced us to recognise our weakness and fragility.

However, this shouldn't lead us to despair or fear; rather it is an opportunity to worship and praise for His constancy and care. In Peter's first letter he quotes this passage from Isaiah and says, *'For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God'* (1 Peter 1:23). Peter contrasts our mortality with the eternal Word of God, which bring us new birth and life through the power of the Spirit. Jesus died for our sins and rose again to make us right with God, so that through faith in Him we can know eternal life. We don't need to be afraid of our frailty, for God is a dependable foundation on which to build our lives and face eternity.

'We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree. And wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.' (Immortal, invisible, Walter C Smith).



FREE NATIONAL PHONELINE BRINGING WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Government figures show that 2.5 million people aged 75 and above have never used the internet. And so, to help them, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, recently launched a free national phoneline to bring worship and prayer into the homes of those without access to the internet.



Daily Hope, which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 - offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England.

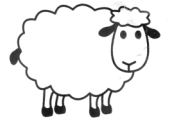
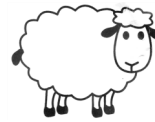
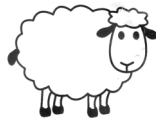
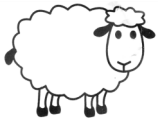
The line - which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** - has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

"With many in our country on lockdown, it's important that we support those who are feeling lonely and isolated, whatever age they are."

Archbishop Justin Welby

Options available include materials also available digitally by the Church of England's Communications team such as Prayer During the Day and Night Prayer updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England weekly national online service.

A section called Hymn Line offers callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love', provides a hymn and reflection and is based on an initiative by the Connections group.



CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

I have very many vivid childhood memories of my life in Stockport, from starting school at St George's Infants, aged 4 years 11 months, to leaving Stockport High School For Girls, aged 18.

However, one memory that stands out in my mind is that one of three very exciting visits to Stockport Town Hall and the Mayor's Ball. This was an annual event for, as I remember it, Primary School children, aged 10 and 11 and there was always a Fancy Dress Competition, judged by the Lady Mayoress. I was lucky enough to go to the Ball three times - twice in fancy dress. The first time I went as 'Little Bo-Peep', and it was a bit disconcerting, on arriving into the splendour of the Town Hall ballroom, to find that there were several other 'Bo-Peeeps', all complete with pretty, long dress, bonnet, crook, and a little white lamb! Needless to say, I didn't win, but remember the Lady Mayoress's comment as she walked along the long line of contestants, and on reaching me, smiled and said, "Oh! 'Bo-Peep' - very pretty", (which she'd probably said to all the other 'Bo-Peeeps' as well!)

However, after this experience, it was decided that something more original in the Fancy Dress category was called for and that Pat Ellam and I should go as 'The Bisto Kids'. Pat was a friend from Cale Green Juniors and Heaviley Sunday School and I think that the two of us had a reputation for causing a certain amount of havoc in the Cale Green area. For those of you born in the 1940's and 1950's, you will remember that 'The Bisto Kids' figured prominently in adverts showing two cheeky little, rather scruffy-looking children, inhaling the aroma of Bisto gravy, with the slogan:- "Ahhh! Bisto!" We were probably more suited to scruffy kids than 'Bo-Peeeps' and, much to our delight, we won 1st prize. Sadly, I can't remember what the prize was, but the honour of winning was reward enough for two excited 10 year olds!



The third visit to the Ballroom was in yet another costume. This time as a member of Beryl Wood's dance class. (Beryl ran her classes at Heaviley Sunday School). We were doing a Scottish medley, so we donned kilts and tartan and danced jolly reels to entertain the audience, again at the Mayor's Ball. I loved every minute, especially being escorted into a side room afterwards for a reward of special ice-cream!

Happy memories! We are so lucky to be able to take out our memories and share them, and although I've sung and danced (and had Speech Day), in the Town Hall ballroom many times since then, the Mayor's Ball will always be a special memory for me.

Margaret Morris-Jones

Lancashire Hill Sunday School



Recipe

Smoked mackerel and crunchy Asian slaw salad

Serves 3

white cabbage 250g, shredded

carrots 250g, shredded

red onion ½, thinly sliced

smoked mackerel fillets 300g, skin removed and broken into large pieces

black sesame seeds 1 tsp

Dressing

rice wine vinegar 1 tbsp

toasted sesame oil 1 tsp

caster sugar ½ tsp

salt ½ tsp

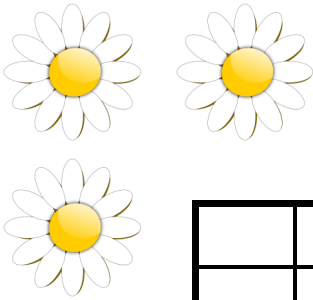
Put the cabbage, carrots and onion in a large bowl. Mix the dressing ingredients, pour over the salad and toss. Leave for 15 minutes, tossing now and again.

Pile the slaw onto three plates and top with the mackerel and a sprinkle of the sesame seeds.



LOCKDOWN

Just be careful during this lockdown as people are going crazy from being so isolated. I've actually just been talking about this with the microwave and toaster who were having a heated discussion with the oven and all of us agreed that things are getting bad. I didn't mention anything to the washing machine as she puts a different spin on everything and certainly not to the fridge as he is acting cold and distant. The vacuum just believes we all need to suck it up, but the lamp had some views which were very enlightening unlike the toilet who just thinks everything's turned to ****. In the end the iron straightened me out as she said everything will be fine as no situation is too pressing! Good thing the car is in the garage because he would've driven us all round the bend!



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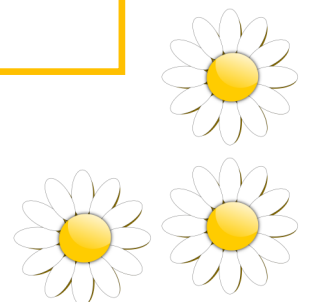
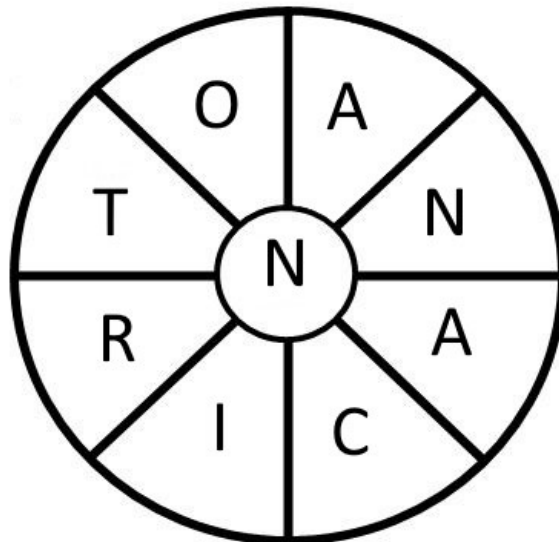


WORD WHEEL

How many words can you make using the letters in the word wheel?

Words must be four letters or more, each word must contain the central letter N. Plurals and proper nouns are not allowed. There is at least one nine letter word.

Good score 14+ Excellent 22+





CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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)

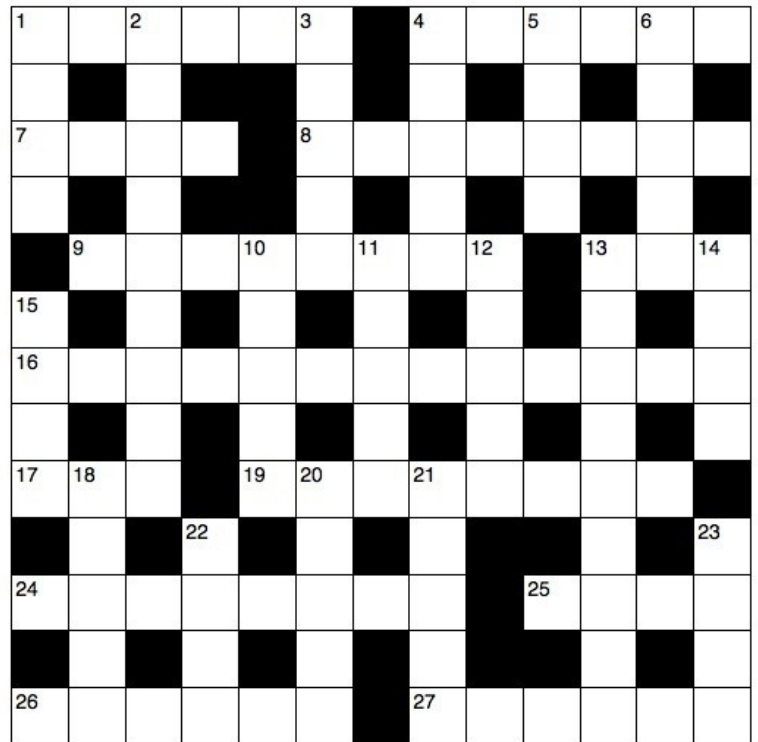
27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

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)



Down Continued

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)

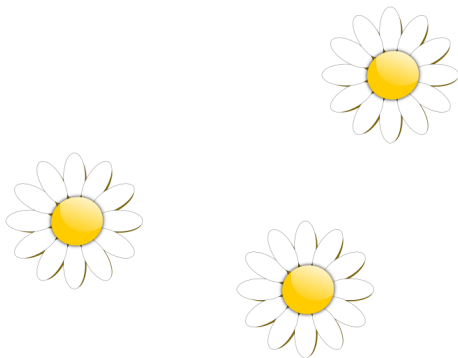
23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)



WORDSEARCH

Can you find in this grid the words shown in **BOLD CAPITALS** in the Bible passage below? The words can be found in any direction.

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St Mary Magdalene, the woman with a past

It is easy to understand the popularity of **MARY** Magdalene over the centuries: she is the **PATRON** saint both of **REPENTANT SINNERS** and of the **CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE**. Jesus drove **SEVEN DEMONS** from Mary, who came from near **TIBERIUS** in **GALILEE**. Mary has also sometimes been identified with the woman who **ANOINTED** Christ's **FEET** in the house of Simon.

She became His **FOLLOWER** to the bitter **END**. She followed Him to **JERUSALEM** and was present during the **CRUCIFIXION**, standing heart-broken at the **FOOT** of the **CROSS**. Her love for Jesus did not end there, for she went to the **TOMB** to anoint His **BODY** on the Sunday **MORNING**. Such **FAITHFUL, HUMBLE DEVOTION** was richly repaid; it gave her a unique **PRIVILEGE** among all **MANKIND**: she was the first person to whom the **RISEN** Lord **APPEARED** on **EASTER** Sunday morning. She thought He was the **GARDENER** at first.

Jesus told Mary to go to His **DISCIPLES** and tell them about His **RETURN** to Heaven. She was **OBEDIENT** and became the first emissary of the **RESURRECTION**. In those days, the **WITNESS** of a woman was worthless. Despite ridicule, Mary had the **COURAGE** to speak about Jesus in a place of great disbelief.





ANSWERS FROM LAST NEWSLETTER



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1. Great **Expectations**
 2. **Wayne** Manor
 3. **Dursley**
 4. **Desperate** Housewives
 5. **Sherlock**
 6. **Hobbit**
 7. **Northanger** Abbey
 8. **Orson** Welles
 9. Edgar **Allan** Poe
 10. **Rebecca**
- Mystery novel = **Howards** End

QUIZ QUICKIES ANSWERS



CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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SUDOKU ANSWERS

