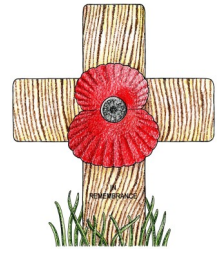


# Stockport Sunday School

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Last week we once again held our annual Anniversary Service, to give thanks for the life and work of our school over the years. Despite the Covid restrictions, it was good to be able to join together on Zoom to mark the occasion, and our thanks go to all those who were able to join us and share in such an enjoyable event.

In a week's time we will reach another important thanksgiving date - the annual national Service of Remembrance. The main event takes place at the Cenotaph in London, but is repeated in churches and at War Memorials across the nation.

In recent years, the choir I belong to has had the privilege of singing at Stockport's service at the War Memorial. Despite standing in the open air, usually exposed to a chilly breeze, it has always been an impressive and moving experience.

I'm sure the same is true for those of you who attend other commemorations, or watch the service from London on TV, and maybe the equally impressive Festival of Remembrance from the Albert Hall the day before. I'm glad to be able to say that, at present, both these events are scheduled to take place again this year, albeit with a restricted attendance and scope, due to the pandemic.

These are important events in the national calendar. As the British Legion explain - 'A time each year when the nation unites to make sure no-one is forgotten, and to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom.'

For our part at SSS, we will be holding our own Remembrance Day Service at 2.30pm, led by Stuart Dean, via Zoom. This will be available to all, either online or by telephone. Please contact Stuart on 0161 485 3404 or via email [stuart.dean2020@gmail.com](mailto:stuart.dean2020@gmail.com) if you would like to join us.

For anyone who cannot attend or watch any of the above events, the British Legion are asking people to stand at their front doors to share in the national two minute silence at 11am - an action inspired by the nation's demonstration of support for the workers of the NHS, at the start of the Coronavirus pandemic. The stated objectives of the British Legion are 'Promoting the welfare of ex-servicemen and their dependents and providing relief from hardship where it exists.' Sadly, this year their fundraising opportunities have been greatly restricted, including, of course, their annual Poppy appeal. Usually, at SSS we have been able to provide poppies and receive donations on behalf of the Legion, but, regrettably, that will not be possible this year.

However, there are a number of other ways in which you can contribute, and we will include details of some of these later in the Newsletter. Please do your best to help this worthy cause.

Looking back, we should be thankful that it is many years since the general population of our country had to face the hardships of war, although our forces have been involved in action overseas on many occasions. Our debt to them continues.

However, we are currently experiencing a different form of crisis, which has often been described as a 'war on the Coronavirus'; a threat to the nation's health that is once again becoming serious. In practice, the hazards we face are somewhat different to conventional warfare:

- the front line will again be in our hospitals
- the source of the threat is invisible, and still not fully understood by the scientists
- instead of evacuating children out of harm's way, we are having to shield the vulnerable by isolation, which in itself can have damaging effects.

But, at least, all the nations are of one mind in the need to work together to overcome the disease, albeit by differing means and with varying success.

But to be successful as a nation in our fight, as in conventional warfare, it requires a sense of common purpose amongst our population:

- a willingness to help each other, beyond the boundaries of family and close friendship
- an acceptance of a degree of hardship for the sake of our fellow citizens.

This sense of purpose and community spirit was very much in evidence in the early days of the pandemic. But, as time goes by, people get weary, and of course there are some who are concerned with their own personal gain, rather than the good of society as a whole. Some of you will remember in the 1940's there were the Black Marketeers, the spivs, who undermined the system.

As we enter this critical phase of Coronavirus, it is up to all of us to maintain the sense of community; to be willing to help one another in whatever way we can. To pray for each other, and for our leaders, politicians, all those in authority, that in their decisions - 'they may honour one another and seek the common good' to quote the Church of England service book. Life may well be challenging in the days ahead, but with God's help, and working together in the right spirit, we will overcome the hazards and difficulties, and soon return to a more normal way of life for everyone.

So - in the words of the well known Benediction Prayer, let us -

'Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage.  
Hold fast to that which is good, render unto no-one evil for evil  
Strengthen the faint hearted, support the weak,  
Help the afflicted, honour everyone  
Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit'

And may God be with each of us in our endeavours.



### FROM THE TREASURER

Donations received in lieu of collections from:-

Garth and Judith Higgins

Jean Norton

Christine Moore

Norman and Joyce Sellers

and a further donation from Margaret Forster and also a donation from Michael and Christine Rowbotham and their son, Andrew, now living in Lincoln.

Christine is the daughter of the late Bill and Annie Kirkland, long remembered for their tireless work at SSS. Annie organised the lovely dances, MC'd by John and Margaret Hill and also the annual holidays were very much enjoyed.



### ACTION FOR CHILDREN

Thank you to everyone who has been collecting money in their lanterns throughout the year for Action For Children, the final total Judith Curry collected from everyone was £204.17.

### CHRISTMAS CAKES

Judith Curry has made some 5 inch fruit Christmas cakes. If you would like to buy one they cost £4 uniced. She will put a layer of marzipan and icing on for an extra charge. Contact Judith on 0161 483 4039.

All proceeds to School funds.



### CHRISTMAS POST TO SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMBERS

With the uncertain plans for the next few months, it will mean that the Sunday School 'Christmas Post' for members won't be able to take place in the normal way.

Knowing how important it is for us all to keep in touch with each other and with the possibility that families may not be able to get together as normal for Christmas this year, receiving a card or good wishes through the post could boost us during these unusual times. Postage is expensive, so we are offering a 'Christmas postal service' where your cards for Sunday School members can be collected and delivered to all School members. Your cards can be dropped off at 11A Fortescue Road, Offerton, Stockport SK2 5DW or if you ring 0161 285 0089 or email [Kirsty.higgins@icloud.com](mailto:Kirsty.higgins@icloud.com) we can make arrangements to call and collect your cards from you to deliver out to members. Cards would be collected from 1st to 5th December and then will be delivered to everyone either the same week or between 7th to 12th December.



## POPPY APPEAL 2020

Look out for the Poppy Appeal again this year, but not so much via street collections. Instead, the Royal British Legion will focus on contactless donations, as a safer way forward during the pandemic.

One such method will be 'point of sale donations'. This means that when you shop at your supermarket and reach the till or online, you may be invited to round up your total to the nearest pound to help the Poppy Appeal. **Poppies can still be obtained from many of the major supermarkets, including Sainsbury's, Tesco, Morrison's, ASDA and Aldi.** Poppy merchandise can also be purchased online through the Royal British Legion site [www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/shop/poppy-shop](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/shop/poppy-shop) and through their official retail stores on Amazon and Ebay. You can also download a poster from the Royal British Legion site to put up in your window.

Lloyds Bank and Santander customers can make a donation to support the Poppy Appeal at their local branch.

A spokesman for the Royal British Legion said: "The Poppy Appeal 2020 is very much still going ahead", but that "the safety and wellbeing of our volunteers, staff and members is paramount.



This means that collectors who fall into the vulnerable category have been advised "not to take part in activity on behalf of the Poppy Appeal that would expose them to any additional risks while coronavirus is still present."

And yet the need is still huge: "Members of the Armed Forces Community are suffering significant hardship as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak and we at the Royal British Legion will do everything we possibly can to support them."

## REV'D PAUL DEAKIN

Recent correspondence from Rev'd Paul Deakin, notified us that recent services from his church, St Cross Church, Knutsford are available online for anyone who may like to access them. Their most recent Audio Services can be accessed online via the home page of the church's website, [www.stcrossknutsford.org.uk](http://www.stcrossknutsford.org.uk) or you can click on 'Audio Services' to access the last ten services or by typing [www.stcrossknutsford.org.uk/media/](http://www.stcrossknutsford.org.uk/media/). The services are available every Sunday and Wednesday and are about 20 minutes long.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish 'Happy Birthday' this month to:-

Maureen Jewsbury on November 4<sup>th</sup>

Jean Hughes on November 21<sup>st</sup>

Joyce Sellers on November 27<sup>th</sup>

Judith Higgins on December 4<sup>th</sup>



## ZOOM SERVICES



### ZOOM SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> 2020

Judith Higgins took the service on 27<sup>th</sup> October. Her theme was the five senses God has given us to enjoy His wonderful world. We looked at some examples about senses found in the Bible.

**SIGHT** - Elizabeth Keeling read Mark 10 verses 45 - 52. Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus.

**HEARING** - Pam Bowden read Acts 9 verses 1 - 17. Saul was struck blind on the road to Damascus but could still hear the voice of God. He was changed from a persecutor of Christians to a man responsible for spreading the word of God to both Jews and Gentiles.

Moses' attention was drawn to a burning bush, but when he went closer he heard the voice of God telling him that he was to lead the people of Israel out of slavery in Egypt into the Promised Land.

**TOUCH** - Beryl Manley read John 9 verses 1 - 9 and Beryl Barnett read Mark 10 verses 13 - 16. Jesus healed the blind man by touching him and blessed the children by laying His hands on them.

Garth read Mark 5 verses 24 - 34. One woman had such faith in Jesus' power that she believed that if she could just touch His clothes she would be cured.

**TASTE** - Cath Brown read John 2 verses 1 - 10. When the steward at the wedding feast in Cana tasted the water that had been changed into wine, he pronounced it the best wine that had been served.

**SMELL** - Joyce Sellers read Genesis 27 verses 6 - 27. In his old age, Isaac was almost blind and relied on his sense of smell as well as hearing and touch to recognise the people around him. Rebecca and Jacob managed to confuse his sense of smell and touch to trick Isaac into blessing Jacob and passing on his inheritance to the younger son.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the service by reading and to Norman for giving the prayers.

## ZOOM SERVICE, OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 2020

Judith Curry led the service on October 11<sup>th</sup>. We can see the signs of Autumn around us and Judith began the service with a poem about an Autumn leaf.

Judith Hadfield read the lesson Matthew 13 verses 31 - 34 and 44 - 46, four parables Jesus used to explain what Kingdom of Heaven is like. The first the great tree that can grow from the tiny mustard seed, the second how a small amount of yeast can spread through the dough to make bread rise, the last two of how men sold all they had to buy a pearl of great beauty and a field in which he had found buried treasure.



Stuart then played a video of Chris Goswami, the Associate Minister from Lymm Baptist Church. Jesus often used parables to help people understand His message he used things from their everyday life. People of the time would have recognised the mustard seed and used yeast to bake bread and many towns had a merchant selling precious stones and pearls.

The parables of the treasure and pearl are similar in that they are both about the joy of discovering something wonderful - like discovering God for the first time. But they are also different. The man with the pearl had other pearls but he was always looking for something even better and when he found it, sold all he had to buy it. But the man came across the treasure in the field by accident and again sold all he had to buy the field and own the treasure. Some people search a long time before finding God, others find God when they are not looking for Him.

Again, the story of the yeast and the mustard seed have similarities. Just as the tiniest seed can grow into a large tree that can support birds in its branches and the small amount of yeast can spread through the dough to make it rise. A small thing can be made great when God is at work. God's Kingdom brings about great change and God can use a single person to do His work. The difference between the seed and the yeast is that the tiny seed grows into a great tree. If we continue searching for God, we too will grow. The yeast is not about growth, it permeates the dough to bring about change. Our prayers can disrupt a world system.

Our job is to spread the word of God through our words and deeds.

Thank you, Judith, for introducing us once again to Chris.

This zoom service had an international flavour as Joyce Darvil joined us from Cyprus where she and Colin were on holiday and the zoom service came via a Dutch provider!

## ZOOM ANNIVERSARY SERVICE, OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup> 2020

There were 32 people linked to the Anniversary Service by zoom or telephone.

Judith Higgins welcomed everyone and opened the service with a short prayer. Stuart Dean read the lesson, Luke 10 verses 25-37, the parable of the Good Samaritan. When Jesus told this parable He was referring back to the books of Deuteronomy and Leviticus where the Jews were told to love God and their neighbours. Walter told us how a vagrant found sleeping in St George's porch had been helped by Wellspring, a charity that not only provide hot meals and washing facilities for the homeless but help them to source other agencies who help them with housing and welfare issues. During the Covid pandemic, many more people



are seeking the help of charities such as the Samaritans, Shelter, food banks and individuals like Marcus Rashford, or neighbours. The driving force behind many charities is the Christian belief, 'love thy neighbour'.

When our founders started the Sunday School they too were responding to a need - helping to educate the poor. But they met with opposition from people who didn't like children to be taught on a Sunday or really didn't want the poor to be educated at all. Jesus too met opposition from the Pharisees for healing on a Sunday and speaking out about some of their teaching.

The role of the Sunday School has changed over the years with the needs of society, looking to the wellbeing of people.

Walter was reminded of the characters in the Wizard of Oz, Dorothy, the lion, the tin man and the scarecrow. Each one had something missing from his life. At the end of their journey was an ordinary man not a wizard but they discovered that they had learned a lot by travelling together.

At Stockport Sunday School we enjoy fellowship working, learning and praying together. Remembering to pause and listen to God.

Norman Sellers led the prayers.

Thank you to Walter for organising the service and to all who took part and joined us for our Anniversary.

### FUTURE ZOOM SERVICES

The next dates for our Zoom services are:-

November 8th - Remembrance Sunday, Stuart Dean

November 22nd - Garth Higgins

December 6th - Judith Higgins

**December 13th** - Christmas Service organised by members of Lancashire Hill

### THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has sent in completed shoeboxes and items for the shoeboxes. This year the boxes will be going to Bosnia and Romania where they will be much appreciated by those who have very little.

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## PANTOMIME TIME

I think that most people can look back into their childhood and remember certain special events connected with Christmas. One of my favourite memories is the lead up to Christmas when, for many years, I took part in Heaviley Sunday School pantomimes. These were usually written by Harold Swann, a much-loved leader at Sunday School, and were bright, lively, great fun and full of singing, dancing and lots of parts for the aspiring actors and actresses.

The rehearsals, for me, were almost as exciting as the actual weeks of the pantomime. We started rehearsing in October and learnt the songs, gradually progressing onto the stage to do the dance routines and the 'dramatic' bits. We had an excellent costume committee who were able to produce dozens of costumes of all shapes and sizes, and all of which looked brilliant on stage. Our dancing teacher, Beryl Wood, organised speciality dances, sometimes ballet, sometimes tap, which again, involved lots of rehearsals to reach the required standard.

We did 8 performances - always in December - 4 the first week and 4 the second week and there was always a big queue when the tickets went on sale, for the two Saturday performances. Most nights were a 'sell-out' and HSS pantos became a legend in Stockport. The cast was huge. I've got photos with as many as 60 people on stage!

Now that I'm older and wiser. I realise how much hard work and dedication went into the productions, ranging from the stage-staff, joiners, scene shifters, props and, of course, enthusiastic chorus mistress, Mary Ingram and brilliant accompanist, Elsie Swann, who was later assisted by Alan Nuttall.

HSS panto was also a great encouragement for youngsters to attend Sunday School, as you could not take part unless you were a regular attender, this seemed to work well as far as I can remember.

My mum, Doris Morris, was also in many of the pantomimes, usually as an older, comic character and I remember her duet with Arthur Bailey from Hallam Street - "Dearie, do you remember?" and her lively solo - "Buttons and Bows" from 'Paleface'. She loved being on stage, as I did, and much to my delight my 4 grand-daughters (not sure about my grandson) all enjoy performing on stage, following along in the family tradition. Summer has been in a competition at the Tower Ballroom, Blackpool, Willow does ballet and Alice and Emily-Rose have appeared in various musicals at Wilmslow Community Centre and taken leads in their school productions.

I started 'treading the boards' when I was 6 in 1945 and I was a fairy in the youngest of several choruses.

During the following years, I progressed into the Junior chorus, then the Senior one, (usually villagers), then to a minor principal, next to second, principal boy, and, finally, after serving my apprenticeship for 12 years, I attained the much sought after, starring role of 'Principal Boy' - the Prince of Diamonds! I had 2 dazzling costumes made for me by a very talented lady in Soudan Road, and was able to stride around the stage, complete with fish-net tights, high heels, and sparkling waist coat, singing to my 'principal girl', and becoming more proficient with the intricacies of grease paint! Several years later, I was asked, to my great delight, to take the coveted role of 'Prince Charming' in 'Cinderella' - this time at Stockport Sunday School, Nangreave Road.



What wonderful memories! I've still got lots of photos of many of the pantomimes and, one day, I'll dig them all out and show them to my grand-children, just to prove that Grandma has not always been elderly, wrinkled, bespectacled and rather deaf! I wonder what they'll say?

Margaret Morris-Jones



## LANCASHIRE HILL SUNDAY SCHOOL

### "SAVE STOCKPORT'S HISTORIC CENTRAL LIBRARY"



Please sign the **petition** the more support we can get behind it, the better chance we have of succeeding. You can read more and sign the petition here:

[https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/save-stockport-s-historic-central-library?share=f076383b-0701-43c1-89e0-f041d33dad78&source=&utm\\_source=](https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/save-stockport-s-historic-central-library?share=f076383b-0701-43c1-89e0-f041d33dad78&source=&utm_source=)

The Stockport Central Library was built in 1913, using money provided by an American philanthropist called Andrew Carnegie who gave £15,000 to build a central library and a branch library elsewhere in the town of Stockport. He paid for the erection of over 600 libraries in Britain and over 2000 in America.

Stockport Council is consulting on moving the library to the now empty Argos unit in Merseyway; the idea being that the facilities will be more accessible to people in the shopping centre. They claim that this new location will be closer to transport links and that in its new location; people can drop in to borrow books, and use computers etc.

Recent financial cuts have been made to borough library services and more are expected. The plan to move the library could be seen as a way of slashing funds, wrapped up as positive changes. **However once the central library is lost, there is no going back.**



## KITES

Unfortunately the Kites Group are unable to perform a Pantomime in 2021, for obvious reasons! They are hoping to present a show of some kind later in 2021. Please see [www.kitesgroup.com](http://www.kitesgroup.com) for more details.



## Recipe

### Oatmeal and Ginger Cookies

12 Cookies

*50g unsalted butter*  
*100g soft light brown sugar*  
*1 egg, lightly beaten*  
*2 tsp olive oil*  
*125g wholemeal flour*  
*100g rolled oats*  
*1 tbsp ground ginger*  
*1 tsp baking powder*  
 *$\frac{1}{4}$  tsp bicarbonate of soda*  
*Pinch of salt*

Pre-heat the oven to gas mark 3, 170°C, 150°C fan. Line a large baking sheet with baking paper.

Cream together the butter and sugar till just combined. Stir in the egg and olive oil until well mixed. Add the flour, oats, ginger, baking powder, bicarbonate of soda and salt. Mix everything together to give a wettish mixture.

Using damp hands, roll into 12 even-sized balls and place them on the baking sheet. They need to be spaced apart. Squish them down to about 1 cm in thickness with a fork and bake in the oven for 10-12 minutes until cooked through, but still soft to the touch. Once cooked, remove them from the oven to cool a little before carefully moving onto a wire rack.

## ADVENT CALENDARS

The first Advent Calendars were printed around 1902 or 1908 in Germany. In the 1920's, the first calendars with opening doors appeared. These opened to reveal a Bible text or religious picture. The last door revealed either baby Jesus in the manger or the holy family.

Today children expect a chocolate or small gift behind each door. A few calendars do still have a nativity scene on the front but many have no reference to Christmas at all. Instead, they have pictures of pop groups, football teams or Disney characters.

That is why we were pleased and surprised to receive this email.

### REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR



Perhaps some of you might like to give it a try this year or starting on 1st December, just add extra items to the boxes many supermarkets put out for contributions of food to be sent to food banks.

It will serve to remind us that Advent is the time to prepare for the coming of Jesus into the world and remind us that as Christians we should 'love our neighbour' and look after those in need.

Judith Higgins



## SAINT DAY - ANDREW - FIRST DISCIPLE OF JESUS, 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Andrew, whose feast day ends the Christian year on 30<sup>th</sup> November, is probably best known to us as the patron saint of Scotland, though his only connection with the country is that some of his bones were reputedly transported in the 8<sup>th</sup> century to Fife and preserved at a church in a place now named St Andrews.

In fact, there are so many legends about him all over Europe and the Middle East that it's safest to stick to what the Gospels tell us - though the strong tradition that he was martyred by crucifixion is probably true and is perpetuated in the 'St Andrew's Cross', the 'saltyre' of Scotland.



The Gospels record that he was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and the very first to bring someone else to Christ - his own brother. Like many fervent Jews at the time Andrew and an unnamed companion had been drawn to the desert, to be taught by the charismatic prophet known to us as John the Baptist. Many thought that he was the long-promised Messiah, but John insisted that he was not. 'I am the voice crying in the wilderness,' he told the crowds. 'Prepare the way of the Lord! One comes after me who is greater than I am.' So when one day John pointed out Jesus to Andrew and his friend and described him as the 'Lamb of God', the two young men assumed that the next stage of their spiritual search was about to unfold. So as Jesus made off, they followed him.

All the more strange, then (though, on reflection, very true to human nature) that when Jesus turned and asked them what they were 'seeking', all they could come up with was a lame enquiry about his current place of residence: 'where are you staying?' Or, perhaps, they were hinting that what they were seeking could not be dealt with in a brief conversation. If they could come to his lodgings, perhaps their burning questions might be answered.

The reply of Jesus was the most straight-forward invitation anyone can receive: 'Come and see'. Come and see what I'm like, what I do, the sort of person I am. What an invitation!

The results of their response were in this case life-changing - for themselves, and for many other people. Andrew brought his brother, Peter, to Jesus. The next day Jesus met Philip and called him to 'follow'. Philip then brought Nathaniel. The little apostolic band who would carry the message of Jesus to the whole world was being formed. They came, they saw, they were conquered! And right at the front of the column, as it were, was Andrew, the first disciple of Jesus.



## GREEN GROW'TH THE HOLLY

A music manuscript from about 1515 and attributed to King Henry VIII has the words:

*Green grow'th the holly,  
So doth the ivy,  
Though winter blasts ne'er so high  
Green grow'th the holly.*

The next three verses take us through spring, summer and autumn, so this is clearly not a Christmas carol, unlike the familiar 'The Holly and the Ivy'. What may not be known is that holly and ivy are two of the very few native evergreen trees, and in past times must have been especially popular in providing greenery during winter months.

With its shiny spiky dark green leaves, holly is surely one of the most easily recognised trees in this country. Though often bushlike, holly can grow up to ten metres high with a straight trunk and pyramid shape. It is *dioecious*, meaning each tree is either male or female, explaining possibly why the one in your garden never has any berries!

Nowadays we associate holly with Christmas wreaths and garlands, cards and carols. Pre-Victorian times saw holly branches used as Christmas trees, with the spiky leaves representing Christ's Crown of Thorns and the red berries as drops of blood. Holly brought into the house was regarded as protection against evil spirits and as a refuge for good 'faeries' who would guard the residents of the house in return.

It is interesting to note that where no person or animal brushes by a holly, the leaves lack all spines except the one at the tip. This includes upper leaves on mature trees. A bit like people - be nice and they won't be scratchy!

Back to 'Green grow'th the Holly'. The final verse ends:

*The God of life can never die,  
Hope! Saith the holly.*

How wise. Where would we be without hope?

Kirsty Steele

*This is the month we remember soldiers and war. So, here is a prayer written by an anonymous confederate soldier in the American Civil War. What he says applies to all of us fighting our own private battles in life.*

## THE SOLDIER'S PRAYER

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,  
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.  
I asked for health, that I might do greater things,  
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.  
I asked for riches, that I might be happy,  
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.  
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,  
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.  
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,  
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.  
I got nothing that I asked for -  
But everything that I had hoped for,  
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.  
I am among all men most richly blessed.

*Soldier in American Civil War*

# PUZZLES

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Sudoku

## 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.

This month **SCOTLAND** remembers one of the very first **DISCIPLES** of **JESUS**. St **ANDREW** is **HONOURED** not for any mighty deeds of his own, but for his **LOVE** of **INTRODUCING** people to Jesus. He went straight off and introduced his brother **PETER** to the **SAVIOUR**, and followed that up by bringing **NATHANAEL/BARTHOLOMEW** to Jesus. 'Better Together' seems to have been his slogan, too! 'We have found the **MESSIAH!**', he told them, unable to keep the good news to himself. Andrew's connection with Scotland dates back to the claimed **TRANSLATION** of his remains from **PATRAS** in **ARCHAIA** to Scotland in the **EIGHTH** century. The church in **FIFE** where these **REMAINS** were buried became a **PLACE** of **PILGRIMAGE** during the **TENTH** century. All of this may be no more than **PIOUS** legend, but that St Andrew was highly regarded in Scotland and became its **PATRON SAINT** is beyond doubt.

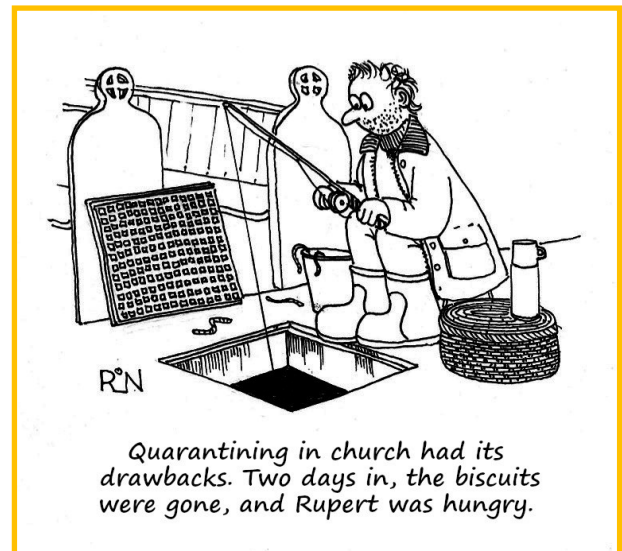
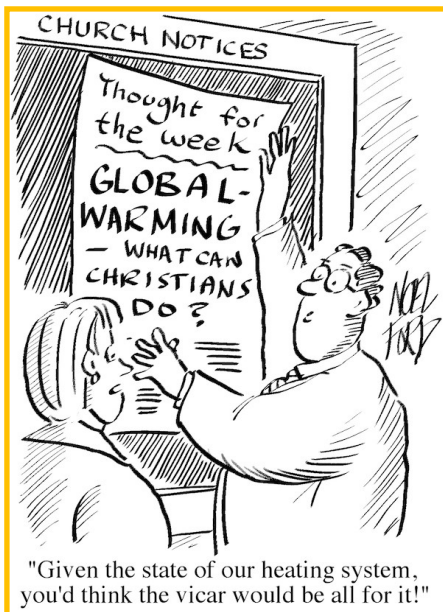
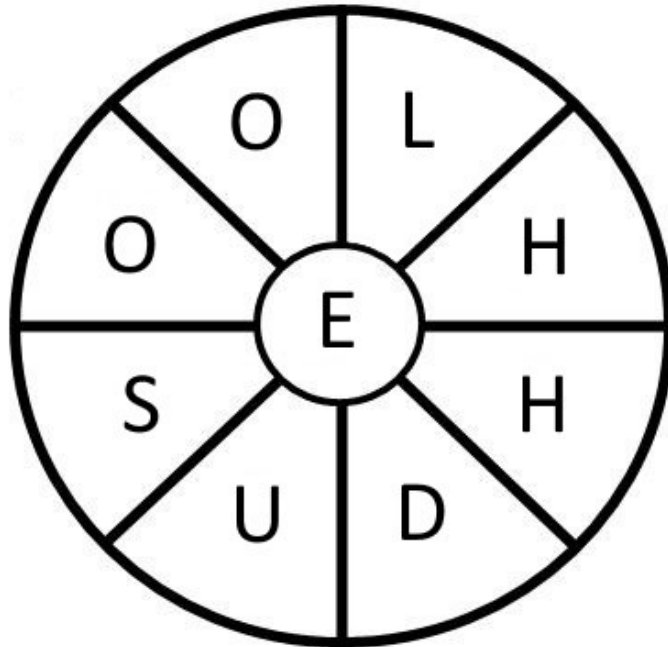
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F	I	F	E	S	S	U	O	I	P	H	N	S

## 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 E. Plurals and proper nouns are not allowed. There is at least one nine letter word.

Good score 11+ Excellent 16+



## ANSWERS FROM LAST NEWSLETTER

D	E	A	C	O	N		A	P	P	E	A	R	
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### CROSSWORD ANSWERS

### WORDSEARCH ANSWERS



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<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	5	7	9	1	8	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>



### SUDOKU ANSWERS