



# Stockport Sunday School

March 2024 Newsletter 47



Here we are in March, already, and by next Sunday, the 10th March, we will be halfway through Lent - the year seems to be flying by!

In some churches that Sunday is known as 'Laetare Sunday', Laetare being the Latin word meaning 'rejoice'. Its less formal title is 'Refreshment Sunday', marking a day when churchgoers are allowed to relax from whatever Lenten disciplines they have taken up; to recharge their batteries so to speak. A day of hope, with Easter in sight.

However, nowadays, this Sunday is generally better known as 'Mothering Sunday', a time when we and our families look back with thanks for all that our mother's have done for us.

A popular day of celebration when we are just coming out of the winter season.

In terms of religious practice, the observance of Lent has changed over recent years. The tradition of fasting, denying ourselves is derived from Jesus'

actions when He was baptised by John, and heard God's voice saying, "This is my Son, whom I love - with Him I am well pleased." It is perhaps the point in time when Jesus realises He has a special calling to serve God. He goes out into the wilderness, away from distraction, to understand what God intends for Him in this fallen world.

As Matthew's Gospel puts it, 'To be tempted by the devil.'

Firstly, in His state of hunger, He is told by the devil to use His powers to create bread to eat - to use His powers for His own physical wellbeing and also to demonstrate it to others. Jesus refuses.

Next He is challenged to throw himself off from the pinnacle of the temple, to demonstrate His invincibility.



And then offered 'authoritarian power', 'the kingdoms of the world' if He would only bow down and worship the devil.

As we know, Jesus rejects all three temptations. It is notable that each of His answers is based on scripture, as happens so often during His ministry.

They are the types of temptations that beset anyone who achieves a level of authority in worldly terms.

How many rulers of the nations have set off with apparent good intentions, and then fallen away to the shortcomings that come with power

- living lives that do not have a foundation based on God's word.



There are several modern day examples!

The tradition that we should give things up for the Lent season is intended to help us focus on Jesus' teaching and His example for us in our lives. It is still a practice observed by many churches, and especially in monastic life. But, for others in more recent times, it can seem a somewhat negative approach. Instead we are encouraged to do something positive with our time, to take up an activity which will help us understand our faith better, and to help us put it into practice more effectively.

It may be reading something that may help us think things through; sharing in our services of worship together; exploring our faith in a discussion group.

Nevertheless, forgoing something regularly for a period can help us to be aware that in Lent we are in a period of self-assessment, for that is, in effect, what Jesus was doing in the desert, albeit in a very demanding way.



The Wedding Feast at Cana by Paolo Veronese

Whatever we choose - be it doing something new, something extra, or some form of abstinence, it can help us think about how we can be better followers of Jesus. For He is someone who understands people's needs in every way - in times of trial, but also in times of enjoyment.

In that context, it is encouraging to remember that after His baptism, the first miracle Jesus performed in public was to turn water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.

Whatever we choose to do, or not to do, in the remaining days to Easter; however we give of that precious commodity - our time - in these coming days, let us do it gladly. For, as Paul says in his second letter to the Corinthians - "God loves a cheerful giver."



### THANK YOU

Many thanks to Walter Stead and Anne Mather for their generous donations to School, of which we will be able to claim Gift Aid from HMRC.

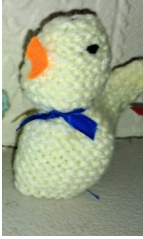
Joyce Sellers



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday wishes this month to:-

Judith Curry 5<sup>th</sup> March



### WELL DONE

Thank you to the ladies of the Sunday School Knit 'N' Natter group who have just knitted chickens for the Francis House Appeal. The chickens will be filled with Cadbury cream eggs and sold in shops, schools and churches to raise money for the hospice, it is one of Francis House's major fund raising events.

Thanks to the work of one other knitting friend, I was able to deliver over 163 chickens to Francis House this week.

If there are any other knitters out there who would like to knit some chickens or rabbits for next year's Easter appeal, I have copies of the simple patterns. It's never too early to start. I can be contacted in Sunday School or ring me on 0161 285 0089.

Judith Higgins



### CONGRATULATIONS KITES

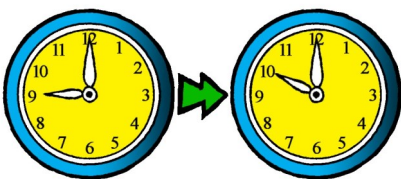
Congratulations to everyone involved in the production of the Kites' pantomime 'Dick Whittington'.

The show was a 'sell out' every night and the audience appreciated the hard work put in by the cast and all those involved with the scenery, costumes and erecting and removing the stage and lighting. Well done everyone.



### CLOCKS GO FORWARD

This year the clocks go forward on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Officially they say the change happens at 1am on Sunday morning, however, most people will change their clocks the night before or wait until the next day to update clocks (some electronic devices will do the update automatically), although if you have an alarm clock set, you will need to ensure the time is changed for your alarm to continue functioning and giving the correct time to you.





# Spring Fair

26<sup>th</sup> March 2024

1.30pm -3.30pm

Compass Point, Nangreave Rd

Stockport, SK2 6DQ

In aid of

**Bury, Tandem Club for the blind and partially  
sighted**

Stalls include:

*Refreshments,*

*Easter Gifts,*

*Bottle Tombola*

*Guess the weight*

*Crafts,*

*of the cake.,*

*Bric a Brac*

*Knitwear*

*Soft Toys,*

*Raffle*



## KNIT 'N NATTER SPRING FAIR

Please come along to support the Spring Fair which is raising money for Bury Tandem Club For The Blind And Partially Sighted. All the details are shown in the poster above, there will be items to buy, a bottle tombola, a raffle along with refreshments.. Why not bring along family and friends to enjoy this afternoon and support a worthy cause.

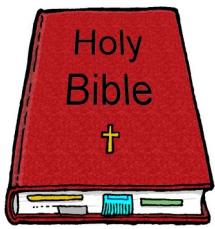


## SERVICES



### SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

We were pleased to welcome back Adrian Nottingham as our speaker. He told us the Bible was a best selling book, over five billion copies sold. It contains 66 books written by 40 authors over 1,600 years. In his gospel (chapter 20 verse 31) John wrote, "But these things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God and that by believing you may have life in His name."



The whole Bible was about Jesus. Adrian visualised the Bible today as a Netflix box set in five series.

#### Series 1. Beginnings

Adrian linked Genesis 1 verse 3, and God said, "Let there be light" and there was light to John Chapter 1, Jesus the light of the world, Christ the creator and bringer of light.

#### Series 2. Christmas

God's message to Joseph, Jesus will save His people from their sins and to the shepherds, "Today a Saviour has been born, the Messiah, the Lord."

#### Series 3. Easter

Calvary, the cross and the empty tomb.

#### Series 4. A message is proclaimed

Acts 2 36 - 39. The disciples spread the news of Jesus. Peter tells people to repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins and they will receive the Holy Spirit, a promise to all who God will call.

This is where we are today. People are still answering His call, lives are being changed, disciples are still being made.

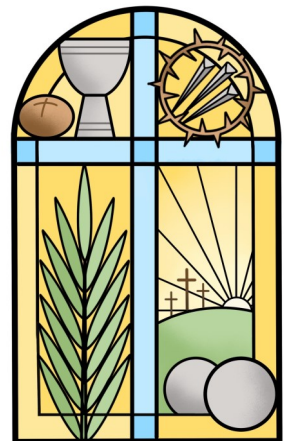
#### Series 5. The King is crowned

The King will establish His eternal kingdom.

Adrian closed by repeating the verse from John chapter 20 with which he opened the service.

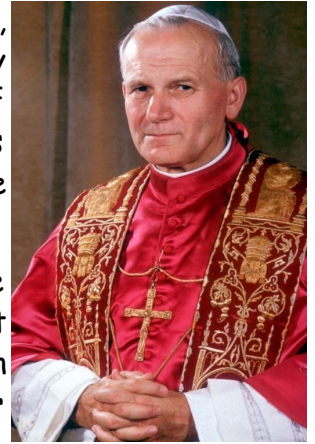
These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

Our thanks to Adrian for an interesting and thought provoking service.



## SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

Garth took the service this afternoon which was held in the Lounge, due to preparations in the main hall for the pantomime. He began by asking everyone if they knew that today was known as the 'Day of the Sick'. This was started by Pope John Paul II In 1992, and is remembered every year on February 11th and hospices are particularly remembered on this date for the work they do.



Garth went on to remind people that Valentines' Day would be celebrated this coming week. Who was Valentine? He was a priest in Rome who fell foul of the authorities and was imprisoned and then beheaded on what we now call 'Valentine's Day'. Ken Dean played for the hymns on the piano.

A poem was read by Garth which told of someone's grandma being swallowed by her computer and can be read below.

### Computer Swallowed Grandma

By Valerie Waite

The computer swallowed grandma.  
Yes, honestly its true!  
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'  
And disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely,  
The thought just makes me squirm.  
She must have caught a virus  
Or been eaten by a worm.

I've searched through the recycle bin  
And files of every kind;  
I've even used the internet,  
But nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Jeeves  
My searches to refine.  
The reply from him was negative,  
Not a thing was found 'online'.

So, if inside your 'Inbox',  
My Grandma you should see,  
Please 'Copy', 'Scan' and 'Paste' her  
In an email back to me.



## SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

Walter reminded us of the well known Bible story of how God had called to Samuel in the temple, and told us some of the background to the story.

At that time male offspring were important in a patriarchal society to continue the family line and inheritance, Samuel's father had two wives Hannah and Penina. His first wife, Hannah, was barren and unable to give him an heir. She prayed fervently to God and promised that if she had a son she would ensure he served the Lord all his days. God blessed Hannah with four sons and two daughters and she kept her promise to God. When her first son, Samuel, was three she took him to serve at the temple. Walter wondered how Samuel felt when being sent away from home. How did being brought up in a religious community prepare him for becoming one of the greatest prophets, a man of deep faith, principle and courage?



The priest, Eli, also had sons but they were described as wicked men with no regard for the Lord. They used force to claim a share of the peoples offering to the temple. God had already taken Eli to task for not stopping them.

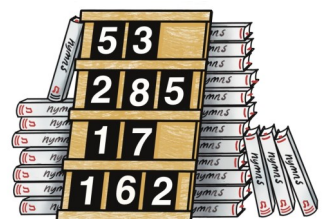
In the temple God told Samuel that he would bring doom and judgement on Israel and on Eli in particular for not controlling his family when Eli heard this he said, "He is the Lord - let Him do what is good in His eyes."

As it was the first Sunday in Lent Walter suggested it was a time to look at our own lives - to read the Bible and other writing to help us learn about how God wants to relate to us in our calling to love God and our neighbours as ourselves.

Thank you, Walter, for further insight into a well known story.

### SERVICES

March 3rd	Wendy Hill and Judith Hadfield
March 10th	Mothering Sunday Sandra Westhead
March 17th	Tony McIntyre
March 24th	Palm Sunday Cath Brown
March 31st	Easter Sue Shillito
April 7th	Garth Higgins
April 14th	Beryl Manley



# LANCASHIRE HILL SUNDAY SCHOOL



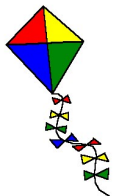
**Happy Birthday**

14 March - Eileen Harrington



## **Andy Mellor**

We are very sorry to report the death of Andy Mellor in late January. Andy who was aged 46 and the son of Pat and Colin Mellor, died suddenly whilst in hospital. He leaves his wife Lindsay, daughters Hollie and Abbie and son Dylan who were all able to pay tribute to Andy at his funeral which was very well attended. Andy was a member of LHSS into his early teens. We send our condolences to the whole family. Donations in his memory will go to Cancer Research UK.



## **Kites**

Kites would like to thank everyone at SSS for their help and support during the run up to, and performance of 'Dick Whittington'. Hopefully we did not cause too much disruption or make too much of a mess. We had a very successful show this year, all nights were sold out.





## Recipe

# Chocolate Chip Oat Cookies

**Makes 24**

**125g butter, softened**

**150g light muscovado sugar**

**1 large egg**

**½ tsp vanilla extract**

**150g plain flour**

**75g traditional porridge oats**

**100g dark chocolate chips**



Preheat oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4. Line two baking sheets with non-stick paper.

Mix butter and sugar together with an electric whisk until light and fluffy and pale in colour. Add the egg, vanilla, flour and oats and whisk again until just mixed. Stir in the chocolate chips with a spatula.

Shape into 24 even-sized balls and place half of the balls on each baking sheet. Press the top down slightly to squash each one a little flatter. Bake in the oven for about 12-15 minutes, until golden brown all over. Transfer to a wire rack to cool (they will crack and crinkle).

*In the cookie of life, friends are the chocolate chips. - Anon*



*It's easy to be an angel when no one ruffles your feathers. - Anon*



*Every day is a gift; that's why they call it the present. - Anon*

Last year, Peter, my much-loved partner of 17 years, died on Easter Sunday. There was, of courses, a big gap in my life and as I was already a member of Stockport U3A, I decided to join more classes and also to try a new choir, based at SSS and called the 'Great Moor Singers.' I have sung in many choirs from the age of 12, when my friend, Mary, and I joined the HSS choir. However, this choir is an 'all ladies' choir, who sing in 3 parts and I haven't sung in an 'all girls' (or ladies) choir since I was at Stockport High School! So - forward for a new experience!



Our conductor is Sue - a vibrant, funny, enthusiastic and very talented young lady. We do hilarious 'warm up' exercises at the beginning of each practice, which certainly gets us started with a smile on our faces!

One of the songs which we are rehearsing for our next concert is 'I Believe', which was popular when I was a teenager and sung by Frankie Lane in 1953. I had almost forgotten it, but, when we started to rehearse it, I was impressed by the sincerity and simplicity of the lyrics, which, I think, are still appropriate 70 years after they were written!

Margaret M. Jones

### 'I Believe'

Words and music by:-

Ervin Drake, Irvin Graham, Jimmy Shirl and Al Stillman

I believe for every drip of rain that falls,  
a flower grows.

I believe that somewhere in the darkest night,  
a candle glows.

I believe for everyone who goes astray,  
someone will come, to show the way.

I believe, I believe

I believe above the storm the smallest prayer  
will still be heard.

I believe that someone in the great somewhere  
hears every word.

Every time I hear a new-born baby cry,

or touch a leaf,  
or see the sky,  
then I know why  
I believe!



## 30<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Eve or Holy Saturday

Easter Eve is the last day of Lent. It is the day between Good Friday and Easter Day, and represents the one full day that Jesus was dead. It is a day of quiet reflection and anticipation for Christians worldwide.

In various church traditions it is known as Easter Eve, Holy Saturday, the Great Sabbath, Hallelujah Saturday, Saturday of the Glory, and Black Saturday.

Easter Eve is sometimes incorrectly called Easter Saturday. But Easter Saturday is the Saturday *following* Easter Sunday.

Most churches do not have any services on Easter Eve. In the Catholic Church, the altar remains stripped completely bare. Many Lutheran, Anglican, Methodist, and other churches observe many of the same customs as the Catholic Church; however, their altars may be covered in black instead of being stripped.

In the Catholic, Lutheran, Anglican, and Methodist traditions, Easter Eve lasts until nightfall, after which the Easter Vigil is celebrated, marking the official start of the Easter season.

What did Jesus do on that one full day in the grave? Christian understanding varies on this.

The Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and most mainline Protestant churches teach that Jesus descended to the realm of the dead on Holy Saturday, to save the righteous souls who died before His crucifixion.

The catechism of the Catholic church calls the descent "the last phase of Jesus' messianic mission," during which He "opened heaven's gates for the just who had gone before Him."

Often called "the Harrowing of Hell," the dramatic image of Jesus breaking down the doors of Hades has proved almost irresistible to artists, from the painter Hieronymus Bosch to the poet Dante to countless Eastern Orthodox iconographers.

But some Protestants say there is little scriptural evidence for the detour to hell, and that even Jesus' own words contradict it. For on Good Friday, Jesus told the Good Thief crucified alongside Him that "today you will be with Me in Paradise," according to Luke's Gospel."

"That's the only clue we have as to what Jesus was doing between death and resurrection," John Piper, a prominent evangelical author and pastor from Minnesota, has said. "I don't think the thief went to hell and that hell is called paradise."

The Bible says little about the interlude between Jesus' death and resurrection. Churches that teach He descended to the realm of the dead usually quote 1 Peter 3:18-20. "Christ was put to death as a human, but made alive by the Spirit," Peter writes. "And it was by the Spirit that He went to preach to the spirits in prison."

The descent might not have become a doctrine if not for a fourth-century bishop named Rufinus, who added that Jesus went *ad inferna* - to hell - in his commentary on the Apostles' Creed. The phrase stuck, but it was officially added to the influential creed only centuries later.

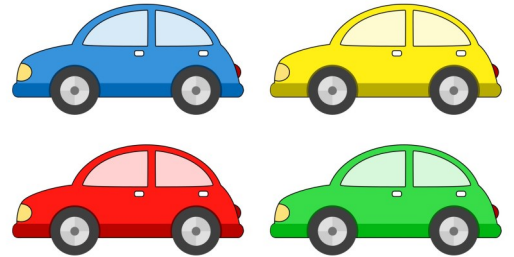


Jesus Christ grants [salvation](#) to souls by the Harrowing of Hell.  
Fresco, by [Fra Angelico](#), c. 1430s

## LOOKING FOR THE RESURRECTION

An old couple are driving down the motorway when the wife gets a call from their daughter. 'Mum, there's a car driving the wrong way down the motorway!' The wife warns her husband that there is a lunatic on the motorway. Her husband, clutching the wheel in terror, replies: 'One lunatic? There are dozens of them, all headed straight for us!' What we see is determined by our perspective on life.

In the Nicene Creed we say: 'We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.' In the gospel accounts of the Resurrection, there is a lot of looking and seeing. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome went early to the tomb. They saw the stone rolled aside and inside the tomb a young man dressed in white said to them: 'Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him...He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him' (Mark 16: 6,7).



Like the women we would probably have been left 'trembling and bewildered' by what we saw that morning. Had the body been taken? Was the young man an angel or deceiver? Was Jesus raised to life again, or was this an elaborate hoax?

Easter gives us a choice. We can approach life looking for disappointment, fear and despair. Or we can look for resurrection and find not just an empty tomb, but encounter the living Christ. He continues to meet us in our daily lives bringing new hope, forgiveness of sin, healing and wholeness and the assurance of His presence through the darkest of times. God invites us to see our lives differently and look for Christ's resurrection life at work in our lives and the people around us.

## REFLECTING FAITH: LYCHGATES



On the moors near to where I used to live in West Yorkshire, there were a couple of large stones with crosses marked on them. Many people thought that they were boundary or marker stones, and in so far as they marked the way towards the oldest church in that area they were. To be more exact, they were on the route towards the oldest churchyard.

In ages past bodies were carried by hand, sometimes over long distances, and there were restrictions placed on where they could be laid to allow the bearers to rest. These two stones were 'resting' stones.

When a body arrived at the church for burial, it would again be put down while the administrative formalities were carried out, and again the bearers could rest. So, a resting stone was placed at the edge or start of the consecrated land around the church.

The priest conducting the funeral would meet the cortege here, not originally out of respect, but rather to receive the required legal certificate for burial before he allowed them to enter the church grounds.

Because of typical English weather - rain and wind - it was usually sheltered, and benches were built for the bearers. There would also be a cross within the construction to signify the start of holy land. This is what today we call the 'lych-gate'; lych coming from the anglo-saxon word *lich* or *lic*, related to the modern German word *leiche*, all meaning corpse.

Few old lychgates remain today, as many were destroyed or damaged after the Reformation, and most of those that survived were constructed of timber and have since decayed. In the eighteenth century, when the use for the resting stones and thus lychgates declined, many were removed and replaced with gates, often retaining the shelter as it continues to be a meeting place for the priest to receive funeral parties.

*The Revd Dr Jo White*

### WHY WE SHOULD BE LIKE DONKEYS

Are you a pet-lover? Many people own a dog, a cat or a budgie, but most of us don't own a donkey! Yet in Bible times, donkeys were essential to daily life. They did everything from helping to grind corn, to ploughing, to carrying people, to transporting their belongings. Despite their small frame, donkeys are surprisingly tough. They can survive on poor fodder, can travel an average of 20 miles a day.

There are two occasions in the Christian calendar where donkeys walk into the picture. At Christmas, Mary travelled the 100 miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem on a donkey. And although a donkey doesn't get a specific mention in the manger story, that same one that transported her was probably there; where else would it have been?

On Palm Sunday Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Jesus deliberately chose this animal rather than a horse. Why? In Bible times, the horse was associated with war, conquest and worldly might. But the donkey was a symbol of peace and humility. So, Jesus used this animal to show that He had come with the dignity of the king of peace. His entry into the Holy City also fulfilled Zechariah's prophecy concerning the Messiah.

Donkeys are hardworking and undemanding. They wait for their master to put them to the work He has chosen for them. And, remarkably, each one bears the mark of the Cross on their backs!

Perhaps that is something we should learn - to wait for Jesus our Master, to be always obedient to Him, to serve Him with all our hearts, and to bear the mark of His grace in our lives.



*Lester Amann*

## THE COVENTRY PASSION CROSS

"He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement that bought us peace was upon Him and by His stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:4-6

Coventry Cathedral uses as its emblem the Coventry Passion Cross - three nails together forming the Cross of Christ. Here is my reflection on the Coventry Passion Cross; what does this design mean to you?

The first nail is the carpenter's nail and focuses us on the purpose of the nail. We are reminded that Jesus worked as a carpenter before entering His ministry. As He sat there in His carpenter's workshop, smoothing and working the wood with love, did He contemplate the rugged cross on which He would one day be crucified? As He hammered nails into wood, did He ever accidentally hammer one into His finger, and as He felt that pain, did He foresee the nails of His crucifixion? As He carried large logs to His workshop to make tables, chairs, and doors, did He contemplate the cross he would one day carry to Calvary?



The second nail is the nail of *Passion*, it represents the nails in Jesus' hands and feet that He accepted because of His passionate love for us.

The third nail is the nail of Promise, like the promise He made to the dying thief on the cross. It was that if we believe in Him, then we will reign with Him in paradise. This is the nail that Christ offers to you and to me. Will you accept this nail as a sign of His passionate love, His forgiveness of your sin and promise of eternal life for all who will come to Him? If so, why not pray the following prayer this Eastertide?

### Pray

*Dear Lord Jesus, thank You that You have a plan and a purpose for my life, thank You for Your passionate love for me, thank You that Your blood was shed for my sins, thank You for Your promise of eternal life. As I think about that nail of promise, I receive Your passion, Your grace and Your forgiveness, may I fulfil Your plan and purpose for my life, In Jesus name, Amen.*

*Norma Murrain designer of Christian jewellery ([www.silverfishjewellery.co.uk](http://www.silverfishjewellery.co.uk)).*

*The cross of Jesus Christ is a two-way street;  
we have been brought to God and God has been brought to us.*

*- Donald Grey Barnhouse*



*Life is made up of getting and giving, and forgetting and forgiving. - Anon*



## SMILE LINES



### DESTINATION?

Lenora, 95-years-old and in excellent health, confided that she was terribly worried: "Every one of my friends has already died and gone on to heaven. I'm afraid they're all wondering where I went!"

### SEASICK

It was discovered on a cruise that a clergyman was a bad sailor. Another passenger, a judge, found him leaning over the rail of a ship as it swayed to the heavy roll of the sea. "Can I do anything for you?" asked the judge, with sympathy.

"Yes," pleaded the clergyman. "Overrule the motion."



### NOAH HAD PROBLEMS, TOO

When Noah sailed the waters blue,  
he had his troubles same as you.  
For 40 days he drove the Ark  
before he found a place to park.

### MISSING SOCKS IN YOUR LIFE

What does it mean when all the socks in  
your laundry match, with none left over?  
You're now losing them in pairs!

### ST PATRICK'S DAY GROANERS

Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day?  
Regular rocks are too heavy.

Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun?  
Because they're always a little short.

How can you tell if an Irishman is having a good time?  
He's Dublin over with laughter!

What would you get if you crossed Christmas with St. Patrick's Day?  
St O' Claus!



### MOTHER'S REWARD

A man was decorating his new den and decided it was a good place to display all the awards he and his two sons had won at various athletic competitions. When he had filled two whole walls, he remarked to his wife that it was a shame she had no awards to contribute.

The following day, she produced, neatly framed, the birth certificates of their two sons, and added them to the display.



# PUZZLES

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Sudoku

## WORDSEARCH

Can you find all the words shown in **BOLD CAPITALS** in the text 'Love And Serve One Another' below, in the grid. Words can be found in any direction.

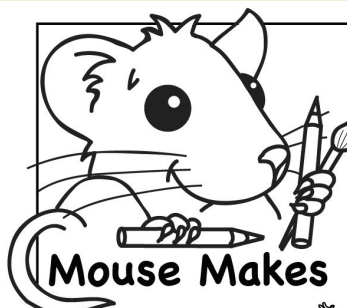
### Love And Serve One Another

On **MAUNDY THURSDAY** we recall the **FINAL COMMAND** that **JESUS** gave to His **DISCIPLES** before His **DEATH**. After the **LAST SUPPER**, He rose and **WASHED** His disciples' **FEET**. This was **ASTONISHING** for a '**TEACHER**' to do, but He had a firm **PURPOSE** in mind: "A new command I give you: Love one another. **AS** I have **LOVED YOU**, so you **MUST** love **ONE ANOTHER**." His disciples were to love through **SERVICE**, not **DOMINATION**, of one another.

In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is 'mandatum novum do vobis'. The word 'mundy' is thus a corruption of the **LATIN** 'mandatum' (or command). The 'washing of the feet' **CEREMONY** was an important part of the **MEDIEVAL** church's liturgy, symbolising the **HUMILITY** of the clergy, in **OBEDIENCE** to the example of Christ.

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**Mouse Makes**

*Matthew 21:1-11*

1. Which city did Jesus ride into?
2. What did he ride on?
3. What did the crowd shout?
4. What did clothes did they put down?
7. What did they cut down to spread on the road?

*Matthew 26:17-29*

15. What feast did Jesus celebrate?
12. Who did he celebrate it with?
11. What did Jesus break to eat?

*Matthew 26:36-75*

6. What did Jesus go to do at Gethsemane?
18. Who denied Jesus?

*Matthew 26:14-16*

- 8d. Who betrayed Jesus?
10. How many silver pieces was he paid?

*Matthew 28:1-10*

5. Who descended from heaven?
19. What had happened to Jesus?
- 8a. Mary was full of fear and ...?

*John 1:25*

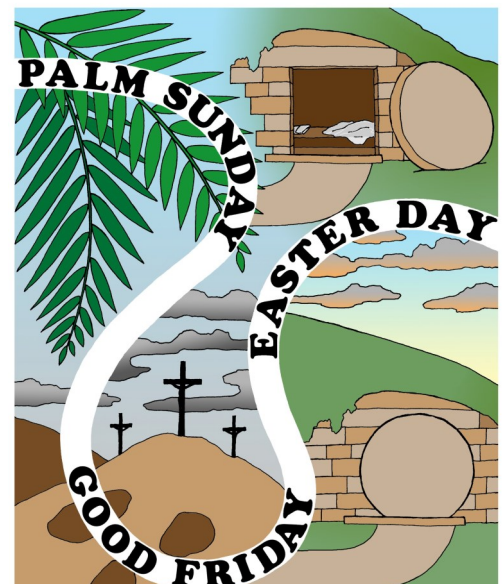
"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live even though they die."

READ the Bible passages to find the answers to the crossword clues

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### A QUIZ FOR EASTER (Based on Matthew 27)

1. Who planned to have Jesus executed?
2. To whom did they go for help to 'catch' Him?
3. What did they give in return for Jesus?
4. What did they do with Jesus?
5. What did Judas do then?
6. What did the governor ask Jesus?
7. What was the name of the other prisoner?
8. Why did Pilate wash his hands?
9. Who helped Jesus carry His cross?
10. What was the written charge?
11. When did darkness come over the land?
12. What did Jesus cry to God?



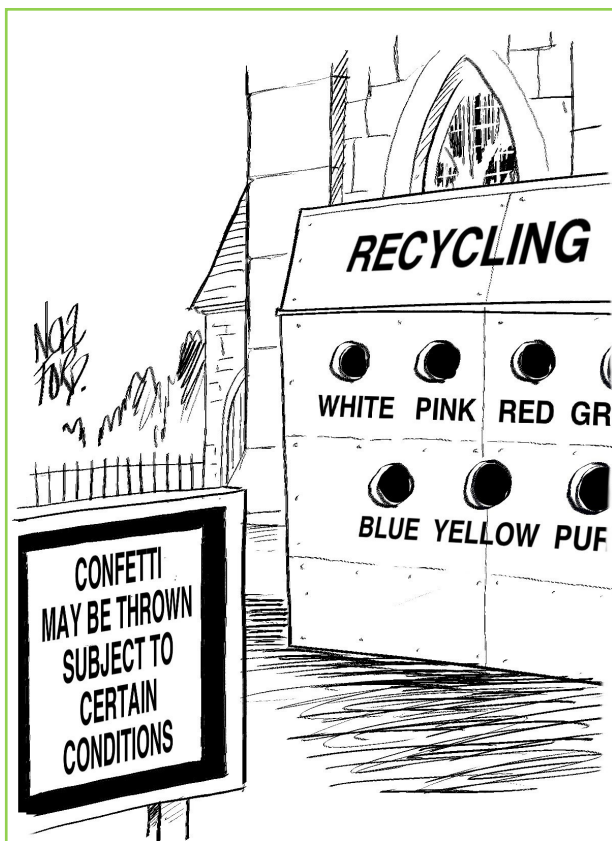
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### SUDOKU ANSWERS

### WORDSEARCH ANSWERS



"The new vicar is really cool, Dad. Did you know that God emailed the Ten Commandments to Moses' Tablet PC?"

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