



Stockport Sunday School

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As we are often told, we live in challenging times, and it prompted me to look at the dictionary definition of the word 'Challenge'.

Firstly, it can mean to take part in a competitive situation.

For some of us, at the moment we are in the middle of just such a time, namely the football World Cup, in case you hadn't noticed!

At the same time, the government is in the process of appointing a new Prime Minister which is likely to have more significance for all of us one way or another.

However, if someone is described as 'Challenged', it seems to carry a sense of being at a disadvantage, struggling to achieve, which seems a bit unfair. For being disadvantaged compared to others in some way or another is part of the human condition, and like the animal kingdom is part of the concept of 'Survival of the fittest'.



However, that is not the full story; for both humans and animals have developed ways to counteract this basic concept by means of individuals coming together to gain mutual benefits.

For animals, it may be via their herd instinct, where in the face of attack, individual creatures join together for mutual protection.

Humans do something similar by means of widespread family cooperation, or tribal membership, townships, or, on the large scale, nationality.

And in the current state of international relations, such collaborations are vital.



When joint actions become necessary, it requires us to not only consider what seems to be best for just ourselves, but also what our companions' needs are, as we endeavour to determine what is best for the maintenance of justice and peace for all.

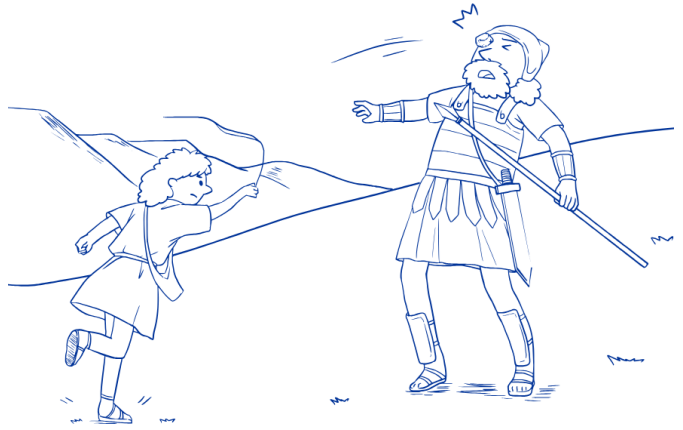
For that is the essence of what God calls us, His people, to do.

Going back to the subject of Challenges, they can take many forms, and the Bible is full of them.

One of the best known of them is the account of David and Goliath in the first book of Samuel, a favourite with Sunday School children, albeit told without the gory bits.

Goliath the Philistine Champion, who seems to be physically invincible puts out a challenge to the Israelites for them to send their Champion for combat to determine which side is to be the victor in their war.

He was certainly not expecting a young shepherd with only a sling as a weapon. In modern terms, we would say David was 'Thinking outside the box'. Or as Isaiah puts it 'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, and my ways are not your ways' declares the Lord.

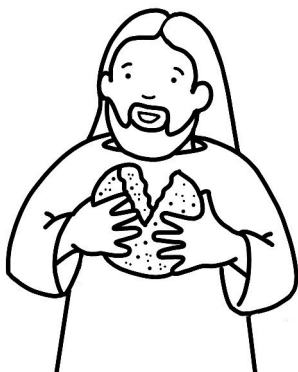


The message is that we are called to trust in God and not blindly follow custom. David did trust and was the victor.

There are times in our lives when we perhaps need to see beyond our traditional ways of addressing issues and check whether we are open to God's ways! Serving God has always presented mankind with challenges'.

When Abraham, the father of the Jewish nation and thereby the Christian faith was told to leave his native country, he faced many challenges, some of which in the early days he failed.

However he learnt from his failures, grew in understanding and became the leader God had decreed.



Our Lord Jesus faced many challenges from the Pharisees and the religious establishment. Their aim was to confound him by scripture and discredit him in the eyes of the people, but without success.

And in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus faced up to the challenge of his execution and accepted His Father's will.

The message for us, as His followers, is to accept that there will be challenges in our lives which we may have to cope with. But if, like Abraham, we do not always get it right, then God understands, as He did with him.

And if we trust in Him, He will show us the right way to go.

As we often sing -

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but Thou art mighty, hold me with Thy powerful hand.

Joy is the serious business of heaven. - C S Lewis

Grandparents are similar to a piece of string - handy to have around and easily wrapped around the fingers of their grandchildren. - Anon

If at first you DO succeed, try not to look astonished. - Anon



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

There are no birthdays in July.

In August, we wish the following a 'Happy Birthday'.

18th - Joyce Darvill

With no magazine in August, we wish a 'Happy Birthday' in early September to:-

2nd - Cath Brown

2nd - Joan Thompson

4th - Marjorie Barlow

7th - Janet Moore

8th - Brenda Richards



MISSING YOU

Several of our members are unable to attend our weekly services for various reasons and we want them to know that we miss them and are thinking of them and their families. It is always nice to see and catch up with past members who visit us at our different services when they are able to.



REMINDER



Just a reminder that there is no newsletter in August, the next one will be in September.

Wishing everyone a lovely summer break, whatever you are doing, let's hope the nice weather lasts a little for us.



UPCOMING SERVICES

As you know, our numbers on a Sunday are depleted with ill health. If anyone feels they could put together a service or part of a service, please have a word with Walter Stead or Judith Higgins. Thank you to everyone who has been able to do services.

July 26th

Walter Stead

August 2nd

Judith Higgins

August 9th

Walter Stead

August 16th

Judith Higgins followed by Committee

Dates for the rest of August and moving into September, have yet to be arranged.



SERVICES



SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2026

Walter spoke about how Jesus prepared the disciples for what was about to happen to Him. His first reading was from the gospel of John chapter 13 verses 1-17. Jesus washes the disciples' feet at the last supper, showing them an example of humility, love and service and encouraging them to do the same.

The next reading was John 13 verses 27, 29 and 30. Jesus had chosen Judas to be one of the twelve and given Him the responsibility to be the groups treasurer. We do not know why Judas betrayed Him. John says the devil entered Him.

In John chapter 14 1-6 Jesus tells the disciples that in God's house there are "many dwelling places and that He is going to prepare a place for them and He will come and take them there." When He tells them that, they know where He is going, it is Thomas who says we do not know and Jesus tells them He is the way, the truth and the life.

In John, chapter 14, verses 28-30, Jesus tells the disciples He is going away, but that He will come back. Only after Jesus' death and resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit did they begin to understand.

In chapter 15, John says how Jesus called them not servants but friends. He sends them out into the world to spread the word with the command, "Love each other" and this message was passed on to other disciples through the ages.

Thank you, Walter, for this insight into Jesus' message to us through John's gospel.



FOUNDERS' DAY, SUNDAY 14TH JUNE 2026



Once again, we welcomed Stuart Dean for our Founders' Day service this year. Everyone knows Stuart as one of our Inspectors and as a leader of Lancashire Hill Sunday School, and everyone looks forward to his services, which are always very interesting and informative.

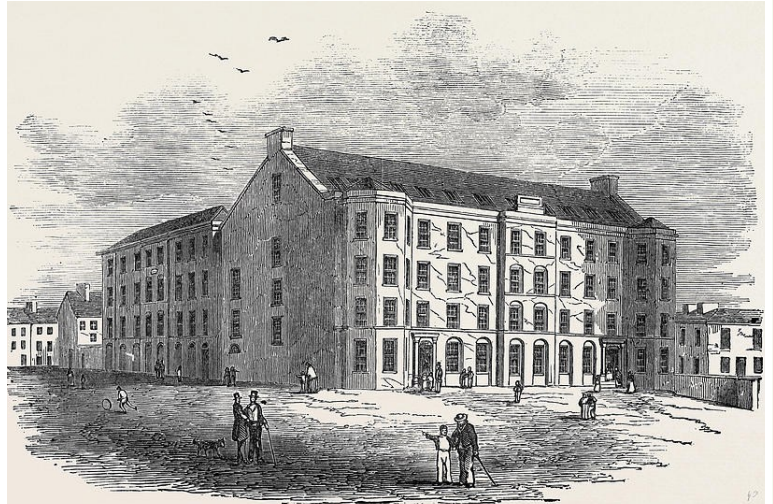
Today he talked to us about AI, it's capabilities and also its limitations for reliability.

In John chapter 16, Jesus explains to His disciples that He is going away, and although they are filled with sadness at such news, He explains it is necessary for Him to go so that He can send the Spirit to come and speak to them when the time is right.

Today we have several phrases, such as 'seeing is believing' and 'I'll believe it when I see it', but we believe in the Lord without actually seeing Him in person.

Stuart had learnt more from Oracle University about AI. One of his friends had produced an image of Stuart in a garage full of his memories using AI.

Stuart asked us where we got our news from, TV or newspapers. Thinking about the founders' of the Sunday School he explained that they would have had to rely on newspapers and word of mouth. Over the years the advent of radio, TV and the internet have extended where we can get our news from and we can receive it much quicker. The founders' word of mouth brought people to the Sunday School, whereas today we are getting our news from many sources, but we can forget that the internet is not reviewed and everyone can be exposed to it.



The BBC in the UK is classed as the most trustworthy channel for giving us the news, but we can also get it from other channels, including ITV, and also from other countries channels if people have access to these channels, for example CNN in America.

Only 10% of internet users did not trust the online news.

29% don't make any checks on the news they see.

26% of social media users would not check the reliability of the source of the news.

How worrying it is that most people nowadays use the internet for their news and do not bother to check from another source how honest the report is.



In the past, even the radio has been used to broadcast fake news. In October 1938 in New Jersey, Orson Wells 'War of the Worlds' was broadcast and it was so convincing that this was live news, that the station received 2000 phone calls in 2 hours fearing that their relatives had been killed and that aliens had landed on the earth, and in the end Orson Wells had to apologise for any problems caused by his story.

Other fake news that people believed includes the Panorama report on April 1st 1957 of a spaghetti tree and the harvesting of the spaghetti. This was all delivered by Richard Dimbleby a trusted TV personality, which made it seem all the more true. BBC Nationwide reported on skateboarding dogs and all this was done without AI or Artificial Intelligence.

AI can be scary and the government tried to find a way forward with it. You can type in or speak what you are looking for with AI and during the service, Stuart asked for a picture of Stockport Sunday School in the snow. Using AI an image was shown of a Christian church in the snow from 1860, which was totally wrong, showing how easy it was to be given the wrong information and so it is important to always check with a different source. It did work out that SSS was Christian.

Who knows what AI will generate, there are some limitations: we must be careful. Elon Musk retweeted something from Tommy Robinson, which initiated mass protests on streets against foreign people attacking our country.

We ended the service as usual, by singing 'God Bless Our School'.

Thank you, Stuart, for another fascinating service. After the end of the service we had tea and biscuits, giving us the chance to catch up with friends who don't come each week, but like to join us for special services.

SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 2026

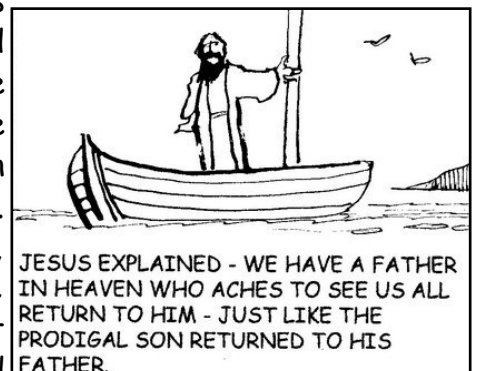


Unlike Mothering Sunday, Father's Day does not have a Christian origin. It is celebrated on the third Sunday in June. Father figures can include biological fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, fathers-in-law, guardians (such as foster parents) and all male relatives and family friends who play an important role in a child's life. In some Catholic European countries, it is celebrated on 19th March, the feast day of St Joseph, Jesus' earthly father.

It is a day when we also remember God our heavenly Father. No doubt Jesus surprised His disciples when He told them to pray, "Our Father who art in heaven". No-one had called Him Father before.

The reading was the parable of the prodigal son. In the parable, the father represents God and the prodigal son a sinner who has wandered away from God. Jesus assures us that God our Father will forgive us if we truly repent our sins.

Many years ago a good father, Matthew Mayer, sent his own son to a private school where he received a good education, but he also thought of the poor children in the town and with two friends started a Sunday School where these children could get a social and moral education learning to read and write and a Christian education. When he finished his own education, Matthew's son, Joseph, followed his father's good example and became the first unpaid teacher at the School and the first Jubilee Teacher. Without their example our School would not exist today.



God is a model father, loving, compassionate, merciful and forgiving.

God says to each of us, "I am your Father". Now that is something to celebrate.

Thank you, Judith, for this Father's Day service.

LANCASHIRE HILL SUNDAY SCHOOL



Recipe

Warm tomato salad

Serves 2

2 tbsp olive oil

2 garlic cloves, thinly sliced

½ tsp herbes de Provence

40g pine nuts

200g cherry tomatoes, sliced

1 large beef tomato, thinly sliced

1 tbsp balsamic vinegar

handful of croutons

1 burrata ball

handful of basil leaves



Heat half the oil in a frying pan over a medium heat and cook garlic for a few minutes, then add the herbs, pine nuts and cherry tomatoes. Cook for a few minutes, then squish the tomatoes with a spoon so they release their juices. Add 2 tbsp of water.

Arrange the beef tomato slices on a serving plate and season with salt and pepper, and add the remaining oil and vinegar. Add the croutons.

Top the sliced tomato with the warm tomatoes, then put the burrata in the middle and sprinkle with basil and some more olive oil.

Prayer is the pulse of life. - Anon



I have found the paradox that if I love until it hurts, then there is no hurt, but only more love. - Mother Teresa



All that Jesus was and taught and did is but a revealing of the eternal God. - E F Hallock

MILESTONE BIRTHDAY

Many of us from LHSS were able to join Margaret Dean in a surprise celebration of her 90th birthday in May. The family had a hard job of keeping it secret and around 50 people were able to celebrate for afternoon tea (and a big cake).



THE SHELL

Upon the sandy shore an empty shell,
Beyond the shell infinity of sea;
O Saviour, I am like that empty shell,
Thou are the Sea to me.

A sweeping wave rides up the shore, and lo,
Each dim recess the coiled shell within
Is searched, is filled, is filled to overflow
By water crystalline.

From a poem by Amy Carmichael 1867 - 1951



THE STARFISH STORY

(adapted from Loren Elseley's 'The Starfish Story')

Recently, I found this article in one of my magazines and thought that it was worth sharing with my friends at SSS.

Margaret Morris Jones

"The Starfish Story"

One day, an old man was walking on the beach after a storm, which had washed hundreds of starfish onto the shore, when he noticed a young boy who was picking up the starfish one by one and throwing them back into the ocean.



The old man said to the boy, "What are you doing?"



The boy replied, "I'm putting starfish back in the sea so they don't die".

The old man said, "But there are hundreds of starfish. You can't possibly make a difference".

The boy carefully placed another starfish in the sea, smiled at the old man and said, "Well I made a difference to that one!"



"Do your little bit of good wherever you are and whenever you can. It's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

Desmond Tutu



13TH AUGUST - OCTAVIA HILL, SOCIAL REFORMER AND CO-FOUNDER OF NATIONAL TRUST

The urgent need for decent, affordable housing is a hot topic these days.

It was an even more urgent need in Victorian London, where the homes of the poor were tiny, cold, damp, and infested with lice and vermin. Water came from an outside pump, and filthy outside toilets were shared with several dozen neighbours. Stoves were rare; most people ate cold meals. Labourers lived 22 years on average; more than half of all babies died before their first birthday.

Into this festering mess of disease and misery came Octavia Hill in 1852. She was determined to make a difference, and she did.

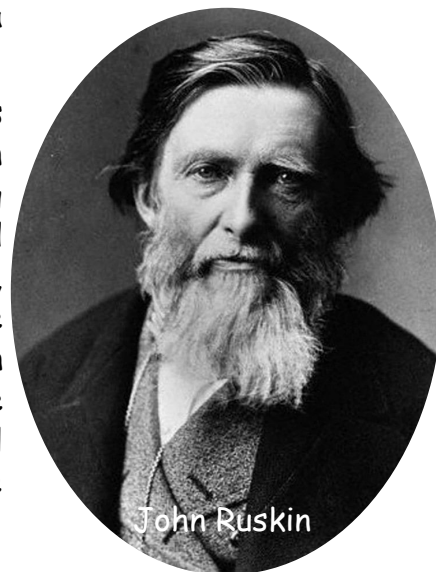


Octavia was well qualified for the job: though her family in Wisbech, Cambridgeshire were comfortably off, they had a passionate interest in social change. Her grandfather, Thomas Southwood Smith, was a national authority on sanitation and housing. Her father, a corn merchant and banker, worked hard for prison reform. Her mother managed a Christian Socialist co-operative in London, where the young Octavia met John Ruskin, and other notable figures with a passion for social change.

Once in London, Octavia began her first job, that of teaching poor children to make toys. It gave her grim first-hand experience of the horrors of life of the very poor.

By 1856 Octavia was helping run classes for women at the Working Men's College in Great Ormond Street, and she and her sisters also started a school for very poor children.

But what really grabbed Octavia's compassionate heart was the housing crisis. By 1864, with the help and advice of John Ruskin, she had launched a business scheme for improving Victorian housing in London. Gradually her scheme and experience expanded, until a breakthrough came in 1884, when the Ecclesiastical Commissioners handed her a large part of their portfolio of properties to manage in Southwark. As the years went by, Octavia's help and advice were often sought in connection with promoting social reform by legislation, though her heart was always in the voluntary sector.



It has been said of Octavia that her Christian faith made her seek "to make life on earth as positive an experience as possible, particularly for the poor and disadvantaged."

But today Octavia is remembered most for something surprisingly different: her joint initiative with Canon H D Rawsley and Sir Robert Hunter in founding the National Trust in 1895. It has become Britain's leading charitable organisation for preserving historical buildings and places of natural beauty.

Octavia's national fame never affected her - she lived quietly with her sisters in Marylebone Road until her death on 13th August 1912.

Prayer is the rope up in the belfry; we pull it, and it rings the bell up in heaven. - *C Evans*



I can take my telescope and look millions of miles into space; but I can go away to my room and in prayer get nearer to God and heaven than I can when assisted by all the telescopes of earth. - *Isaac Newton*



A compliment is verbal sunshine. - *R Orben*

THE STORY BEHIND THE HYMN: LORD, FOR THE YEARS

*Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.*

*Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the Word, receive your people's praise.*

**Lord, for our hopes, the dreams of all our living,
Christ and his kingdom one united aim;
Rulers and peoples bound in high thanksgiving,
Lord of our hopes, our trust is in your Name. ...*

By Timothy Dudley Smith

This well-loved hymn was written in 1967 by the Revd Timothy Dudley Smith, who later became Bishop of Thetford. He later confessed: "I wrote it on a train when I was very pressed for time. I'm thankful if something I write gets picked up, but I suspect anyone who does something in a rush later regrets that they didn't find time to apply the sandpaper a bit more!"

Dudley Smith had been asked to write a hymn for the centenary service of the Children's Special Service Mission, now Scripture Union, in St Paul's Cathedral. His commission was to write words that could be fitted to Jean Sibelius's *Finlandia*, as it was to be accompanied by an orchestra with this tune in their repertoire. And so - 'Lord for the years' was written.



Timothy Dudley Smith

Dudley Smith need not have worried about lack of time - his lyrics were a 'hit' in the cathedral on the day, and went on to become so well-loved that George Carey chose the hymn to be sung at his consecration as Bishop of Bath and Wells, and then again later, in 1991, on his consecration as Archbishop in Canterbury Cathedral.

The hymn continued to be widely sung and loved, until in 2002 Timothy Dudley Smith was asked to write an extra verse for it so that it could even be sung around the time of the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Many of the words in the hymn were true for Queen Elizabeth herself. She would have celebrated her 100th birthday this April, and her 'official' birthday on the second Saturday in June. She did indeed thank God 'for the years Your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way'...

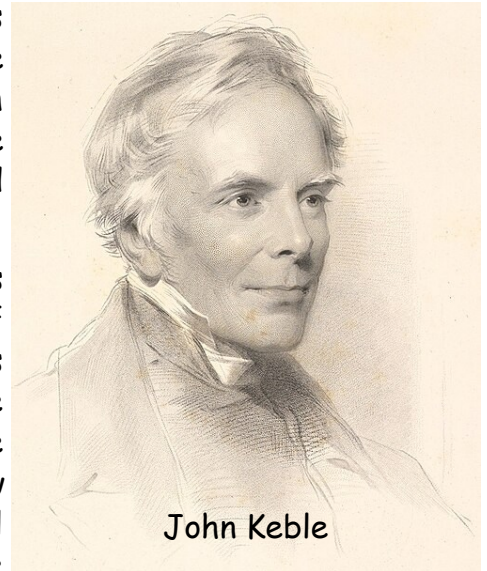
And so indeed the 'extra' verse added for the Queen also held true:

*Lord for our hopes, the dreams of all our living,
Christ and his kingdom one united aim,
Rulers and peoples bound in high thanksgiving,
Lord of our hopes, our trust is in your Name.*

14TH JULY - JOHN KEBLE, PRIEST, TRACTARIAN AND POET

John Keble is remembered for the spirituality of his hymns, and for being one of the leaders in the conservative Tractarian Movement of the 1830s, which aimed to defend the Church's Catholic heritage from the power of Parliament. Keble College Oxford was dedicated in his memory.

Keble was born into a clergy family in 1792, and his brilliance at Oxford led to him being elected a Fellow of Oriel College when only 19. In 1815, aged 23, he was ordained deacon and worked at Oriel as a tutor. But Keble yearned for parish life and so left Oxford in 1823 to be curate in his father's church in Gloucestershire. His new life gave him time to write hymns, some of which are still known today, such as *New Every Morning* and *Blest are the Pure in Heart*. But then in 1831 his poetry and hymns gained him election as Professor of Poetry back at Oxford.



John Keble

The 1830s were a troubled time for the Church of England. Many conservative clergy were concerned by the reforms being carried out between Church and State by the Whig government. In 1833 Keble used his Assize Sermon to clearly protest against the Church

of England being made subordinate to Parliament, as it was no longer exclusively Anglican. His views were very popular in the clerical circles of deeply conservative Oxford.

But although Keble went on to write nine of the 90 *Tracts for the Times*, and engaged in some debate, he did not enjoy controversy or the limelight. He was at heart a scholarly parish priest, and so in 1836 he left Oxford again, for 30 years of parish life in Hursley, where he sought to revive sacramental



Keble College

confession in the Church.

As in the words of one of his hymns, his prayer was always above all:

*Only, O Lord, in thy dear love, Fit us for perfect rest above;
And help us, this and every day, To live more nearly as we pray.*

Keble died in 1866, and four years later, Keble College was founded at Oxford, in his memory.

Eternal life does not begin with death, it begins with faith. - Sam Shoemaker



The only thing worse than an alarm clock that goes off is one that doesn't. - Anon

SMILE LINES



Flight path

Windsor Castle, outside of London, is directly in the flight path of Heathrow International Airport. While a group of American tourists was standing outside the castle admiring the elegant structure, a plane flew overhead at a relatively low altitude, making a tremendous noise. One particularly annoyed tourist demanded: "Why did they build the castle so close to the airport?"

Adopted

The teacher's young pupils were discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had a different hair colour than the other members. One of the children suggested that he was adopted. A little girl said, "I know all about adoption; I was adopted."

"What does it mean to be adopted?" asked another child.

"It means", said the girl, "that you grew in your mommy's heart instead of her tummy."



Who I am

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.

"The front row please." she answered.

"You really don't want to do that", the usher said. "The vicar is boring."

"Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired. The man shook his head. "Well, I'm the vicar's mother," she said indignantly.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked. The woman shook her head. "Good," he grinned.

Never too old for cricket

"Well, well," said the old gentleman to some boys who were playing cricket. "I wish I could join your game, but I'm too old."

"You CAN join in," said one young player. "Our ball has just gone through that window. You can go and ask for it back."



Lists

I love to make a list. When I get to the shops and find that I have left it behind on the kitchen counter, I like to try and guess what I put onto it.

Bucket list

I'm proud to announce that I have completed the first item on my bucket list. I have the bucket.



APPROPRIATE BABY NAMES

Lawyer's daughter: Sue
Thief's son: Rob
Lawyer's son: Will
Fisherman's daughter: Annette
Meteorologist's daughter: Haley
Steam shovel operator's son: Doug
Hairdresser's son: Bob
Gourmet chef's son: Herb
Justice of the Peace's daughter: Mary
Sound stage technician's son: Mike
Hot dog vendor's son: Frank
Gambler's daughter: Bette
Gambler's son: Chip
Exercise guru's son: Jim
Astronomer's daughter: Skye
Cattle thief's son: Russell
Painter's son: Art
Iron worker's son: Rusty
TV star's daughter: Emmy
Movie star's son: Oscar
Barber's son: Harry



MORE SMILE LINES



HYMNS FOR PROFESSIONALS

Dentist: Crown Him with many crowns.
Contractor: The church's one foundation
Obstetrician: Come, labour on.
Golfer: There is a green hill far away.
Politician: Standing on the promises.
Librarian: Let all mortal flesh keep silence.
Barrister: In the hour of trial.
Dry Cleaner: O for a faith that will not shrink.
Census taker: All people that on earth do dwell.
Tax officer: We give thee but thine own.
Traffic patrol: Where cross the crowded ways of life.
Credit card user: A charge to keep have I.



CHURCH BULLETIN NOTICES

Some church bulletin notices have a charm all their own, when you know that they MEANT to say....

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practise.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married last Saturday in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Please place your donation in the envelope, along with the deceased person you want remembered.

ODE TO SPELL CHECKERS

I have a spelling checker
I disk covered four my PC.
It plane lee marks four my revue
Miss steaks aye can knot see.

Eye ran this poem threw it.
Your sure real glad two no.
Its very polished in its weigh,
My checker tolled me sew.

A checker is a blessing.
It freeze yew lodes of thyme.
It helps me right awl stiles two reed,
And aides me when aye rime.

Each frays comes posed up on my screen
Eye trussed too bee a joule.
The checker pours o'er every word
To cheque sum spelling rule.



Bee fore wee rote with checkers
Hour spelling was inn deck line,
Butt now when wee dew have a laps,
Wee are not maid too wine.

And now bee cause my spelling
Is checked with such grate flare,
There are know faults in awl this peace,
Of nun eye am a wear.

To rite with care is quite a feet
Of witch won should be proud,
And wee mussed dew the best wee can,
Sew flaws are knot aloud.

That's why eye brake in two averse
Cuz Eye dew want too please.
Sow glad eye yam that aye did bye
This soft wear four pea seas.

Grove Booklets



The Lord supports those that
stumble, and lifts up those who are
down. Ps 145:14



PUZZLES

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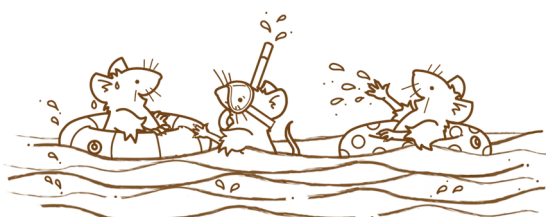
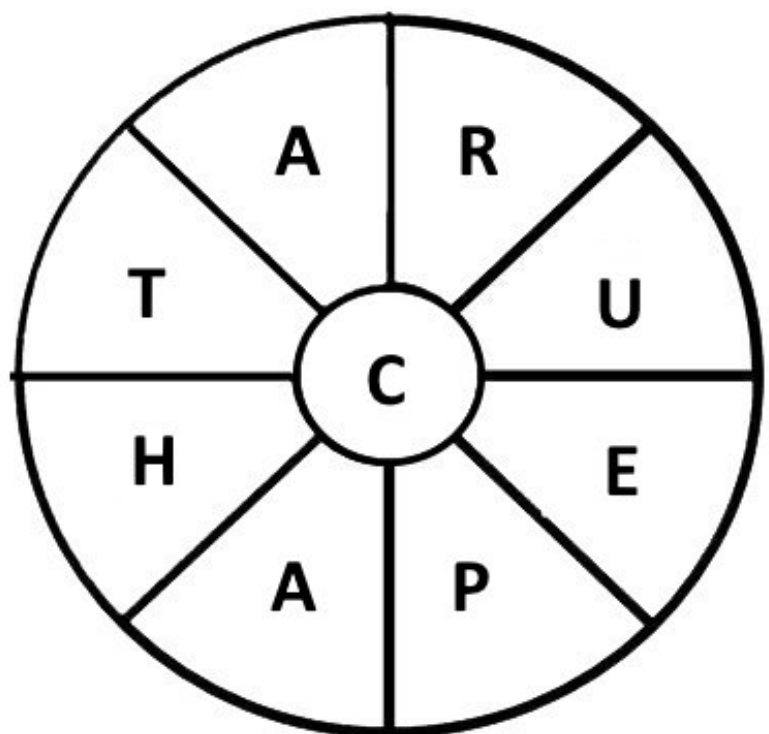
Sudoku

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

Good score 15+ Excellent 22+



BIBLE JOURNEYS

1. To which city did God send Jonah?

Jonah 1:1-2



2. Where did Paul travel to after seeing a vision?

Acts 16:9-10



3. Which sea did Jesus walk beside before he went up on the mountain?

Matthew 15:29

5. Which town did Naomi and Ruth travel to after leaving Moab?

Ruth 1:22



6. Where did Paul and Barnabas go after being persecuted in Antioch?

Acts 13:51

4 across

After Paul was stoned, where did he travel to with Barnabas?

Acts 14:19-20

4 down

Where was Saul travelling to when Jesus appeared to him?

Acts 9:3



B I B L E

7 across

Where did the Church in Jerusalem send Barnabas?

Acts 11:22



J O U R N E Y S

7 down

Where did Noah's ark come to rest after its journey?

Genesis 8:4

9. To which city did Philip travel to proclaim Christ?

Acts 8:5

10. To which river did people travel out to to be baptised?

Mark 1:5

11. After a five day journey where did Paul arrive?

Acts 20:6



12. Which sea did Moses walk through to get away from the Egyptians?

Exodus 15:4



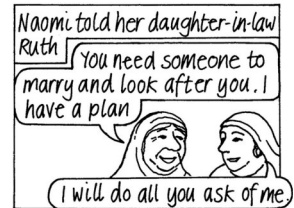
8. To where did Mary and Joseph flee to get away from Herod?

Matthew 2:13



13. Where did Paul travel to after he left Athens?

Acts 18:1



WORDSEARCH

Can you find the words shown in bold capitals in the passage below in the grid?
Words can be found in the grid in any direction.

It was 250 years ago, on **FOURTH JULY** 1776, that the US **DECLARATION** of **INDEPENDENCE** was adopted by the **SECOND CONTINENTAL CONGRESS**. The original signed parchment still exists, behind bullet-proof glass at the National Archives in **WASHINGTON**.

An original **DRAFT** of the Declaration was made by **THOMAS JEFFERSON**, and was amended by **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN** and **JOHN ADAMS**. It runs for only 1,320 words. The Declaration included the phrase: "We hold these **TRUTHS** to be self-evident, that all men are **CREATED EQUAL**, that they are endowed by their **CREATOR** with certain **INALIENABLE RIGHTS**, that among these are **LIFE, LIBERTY** and the **PURSUIT** of **HAPPINESS**."



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...Rodney, I've been meaning to have a word with you about your carbon footprint!



"...and once you've done the flower arrangements, polished the pews, scrubbed the floor, shined the silver and taken a look at the problem with the boiler we wondered, well, you have to laugh, but all six bell-ringers are on holiday at the same time and..."