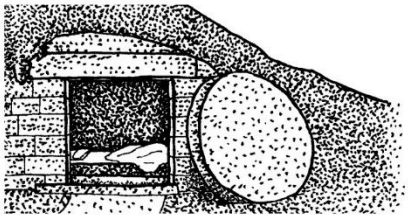
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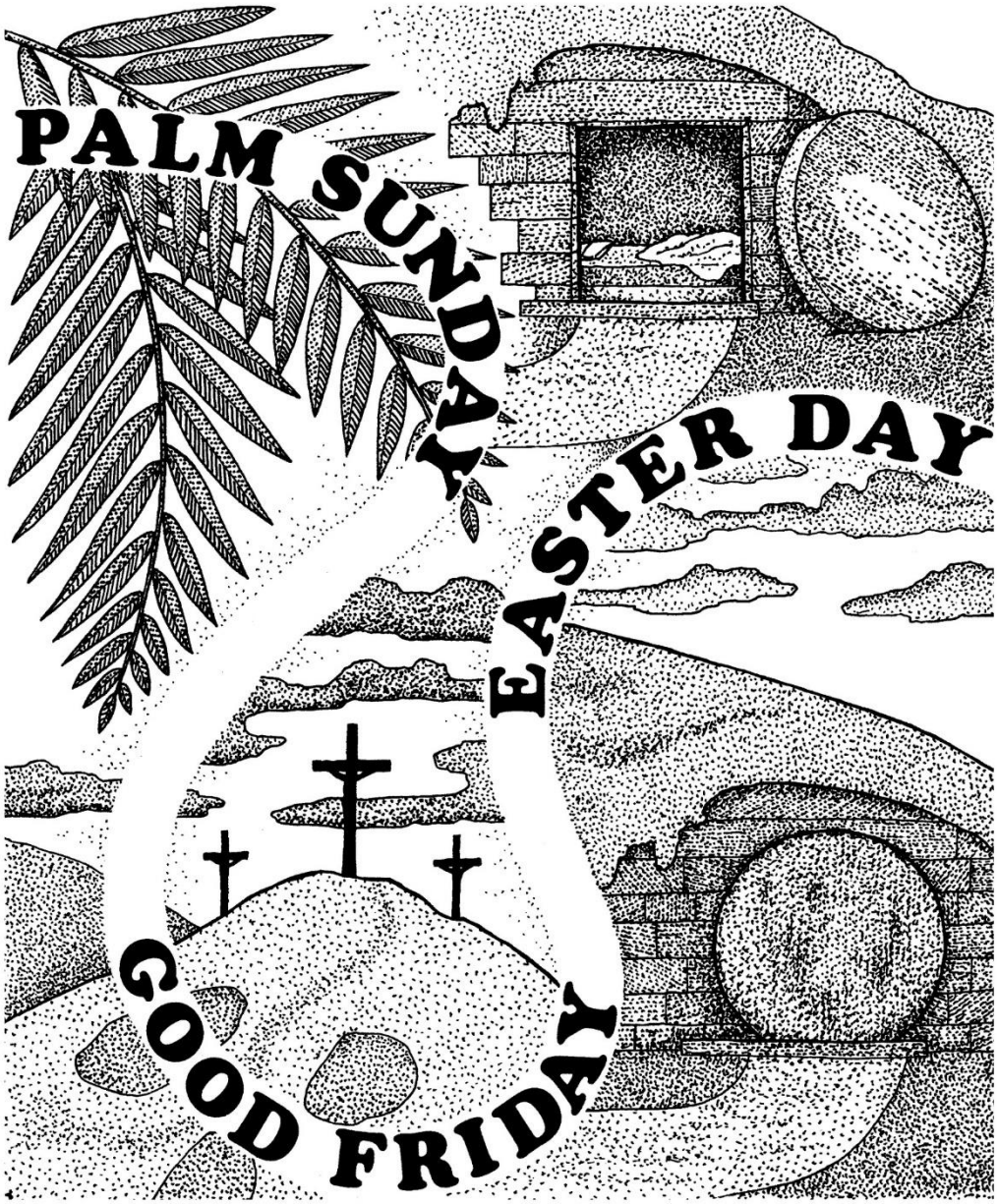
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The Lenten Journey

'Following Christ in the footsteps of St Chad'

March begins with the celebration of the lives of two saints; on 1st March we have St David, (or Dewi Sant) C6th Bishop of Wales and on 2nd March we have St Chad, C7th first Bishop of Lichfield and our patron. These days punctuate Lent, giving us an opportunity to pause and reflect on how the holy people of old patterned their lives on that of Christ. We might consider how we may learn from their ancient wisdom at this point on our Lenten journey. It's a journey which has a distinctive shape, beginning with a purposeful focus on discipline, fasting and intentional holiness; it moves inexorably toward the intensity of its conclusion in Palm Sunday, Holy Week and the Cross.

Yet during these middle weeks of Lent we find ourselves with Jesus in the wilderness, a place of desolation and abandonment; yet paradoxically, it's potentially a time of great spiritual growth, if we dare to withdraw, to enter deeply into a time of self-examination and keep company with Jesus. We are invited to dwell, abide, to wait, to 'tarry', to slow down in our journey. We can learn much from the Celtic saints who lived the monastic life for whom these practices were embedded in their 'Rule of Life'.

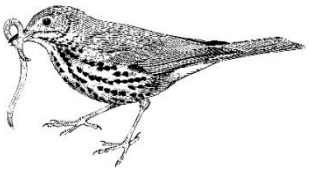
Earlier this year, I chose Jeremiah 6:16 as a guiding verse: "Thus says the Lord: Stand at the crossroads and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'" It seems to me that Lent is indeed a good time to pause at the crossroads and look to those ancient paths and perhaps heed the prophet's words to take them?

One of the distinctive characteristics of both these saints, Dewi and Chad, is that they were encouragers of others in their mission. As founders of monasteries, they built communities of learning; but they also lived lives of discovery and adventure, spreading the Christian message and gathering disciples as they went. They recognised the wisdom of taking time out to rest, pray and study. We owe them, and so many others, much gratitude for their legacy of Christian practice.

In our Chad Foundations programme we have sought to embed some of these principles and practices in preparation for public ministry. The Chad programme allows those taking the first steps into ministry to explore what it feels like to be part of a learning community, albeit mostly online, in the virtual world of Moodle; yet we also take time out to pray, eat, study and enter into retreat together on our gathered days. We travel as companions together in small groups. Chad aims to be a journey of adventure and discovery, of exploring ministry and mission, where we can examine that vocational question, 'What is it Lord, that you have called me to do?'. As we each continue on our individual Lenten journeys, I wonder if that question is one that saints like Chad and Dewi might help us answer?

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The Storm Cock sings in March



March is a great month to search for and listen to mistle thrushes. They start to breed in February and by March can be heard proclaiming from the tops of tall trees. Unlike other thrushes such as song thrush or blackbird, mistle thrushes are know for singing during stormy weather, hence the name storm cock. They are also called Throstles, an old word for thrush. By perching high to sing, they amplify their already loud song which can be heard up to 2km away. Compared to other thrushes the mistle thrushes song is more monotonous and piercing but still a joyful sound to hear and a herald of spring. You can identify the three thrushes by their song and once you have learned the difference they are quite easy to separate. Have a listen on the RSPB website as a starting point.

Mistle thrushes favour parkland conditions with big trees and grassland, where they feed on a wide variety of invertebrates. Churchyards and cemeteries can be perfect for them having mature soils full of invertebrates, few or no pesticides and mature trees for perching and nesting. Many burial grounds contain evergreen trees which were planted during the nineteenth century, these are now mature and offer excellent habitat for thrushes as well as other birds and animals.

Mistle thrushes are currently in decline in the UK and churchyards and cemeteries may be important strongholds for them. We would love to know how many churchyards have mistle thrushes breeding in them, and if you hear one singing, this will be a male who is proclaiming his territory so a good indicator of breeding. Please let Caring for God's Acre know by making a record on iNaturalist, you can do this by recording the song or taking a photo of the bird. Alternatively you can email wildlife@cfga.org.uk.

All the best, Harriet
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From the Vicarage

Have you heard the tale about the couple who 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 at 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 you and me to see our lives differently and look for Christ's resurrection life at work in our lives and the people around us.

My prayer for you and yours is that Easter is a time of refreshment and renewal.

Fr John

An update on Revd Nicola

Revd Nicola has been moved from Stepping Hill to Manchester Royal Infirmary so that she can receive more specialist care. Do please keep her in your prayers. If you'd like to send her a card or something similar to show that you're thinking of her, you can send them to me at the Vicarage and I will drop them off with her family in Buxton – at least one of whom visits her each day.

A date for your diary...

Sunday 5th May is Rogation Day, and Bishop Michael is coming over from Lichfield to lead the walk, and to Preside at Holy Communion. He was originally coming just as the Coronavirus Lockdown changed everything at a moment's notice, so it's nice to be able to welcome him at last! There will be more details in next month's magazine, but it would be lovely if you planned to join Bishop Michael and myself on the day (if you don't fancy walking, you could come along to the prayers at the start, or the Communion service at the end!)

Introduction to new volunteer, Juliet Teare

My husband Robert and I first visited Longnor 16 years ago when our daughter wanted us to meet her fiancé's family. I don't think I had ever seen her so jittery, and we were given a lot of instructions about what to wear (and not to wear) and topics of conversation to avoid. Since we were a clergy family, and her new in-laws were church wardens I don't know why she was so worried. Of course we got along.

A few months later we were tasked with decorating Longnor church for her wedding, and the following day, Robert proudly walked our daughter (the bride) into church, then during the first hymn he ducked behind the organ and reappeared dressed as the priest with a stern expression daring any of us to smile.

Since then, we have been visiting Longnor regularly for family celebrations and get togethers and now we have decided to move here, it feels as if we have come home.

For the last ten years in Oxfordshire, I worked as a church Administrator for a large evangelical church sharing a vicar with 3 very rural parishes. I have agreed to help Fr John Baines with some specific administrative tasks until he is back to working full time. It would help Fr John to have a reading rota for Longnor, if anyone would like to be included on this please could they contact me.

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A thought about donkeys...

The hillsides and fields of our parishes are full of cattle and sheep, and I quite often see the odd hen pecking by the roadside as I drive around. As well as the livestock, many people own a pet such as a dog, a cat or some tropical fish, but so far as I know in our congregations, only Karen Kidd in Flash has a donkey!

Yet in Bible times, donkeys were essential to daily life, and everyone who could afford it would have had at least one. 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 fodder that would make horse turn its nose up, and can travel an average of 20 miles a day.

I can only think of two times 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 a donkey 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 rode a donkey to show that He had come with the dignity of the king of peace. His entry showed what sort of Messiah he would be.

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.

Sadly, the part of the donkey I take after is the stubborn streak...

High Days & Holy Days

Sundays of March

3rd March Third Sunday of Lent
10th March Mothering Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Lent
17th March St Patrick's Day – Fifth Sunday of Lent
24th March Palm Sunday
31st March Easter Day

High Days & Holy Days for March

1 St David's Day
2 St Chad of Lichfield
4 Casimir
5 Eusebius
7 Perpetua and Felicitas
8 Woodbine Willie
8 Felix of Burgundy – and Dunwich
9 Savio
10 Mothering Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Lent
17 St Patrick's Day
19 St Joseph of Nazareth
20 Cuthbert
21 Thomas Cranmer
24 Palm Sunday
24 Catherine of Sweden
24 Oscar Romero
26 Mother Harriet Monsell, founder of the Clewer Sisters
27 Rupert
28 Maundy Thursday
29 Good Friday
30 Easter Eve or Holy Saturday
31 Easter Day
31 John Donne

2nd March – Saint Chad – Patron Saint of our Cathedral in Lichfield

Chad should be the patron saint of any modern bishop whose consecration is questioned by another bishop. Chad was consecrated a bishop, then deposed - and then re-consecrated!

It all began about the middle of the 7th century, when Oswiu, King of Northumbria, made Chad the bishop of the Northumbrian see. But due to a scarcity of appropriate bishops, two dubious bishops

did the job of consecrating him. This led to Theodore, Archbishop of Canterbury, deciding to depose him about three years later.

Chad took his dismissal with good heart, and peacefully retired. But then Theodore had second thoughts: Chad was of excellent character: humble, devout, and zealous. So, Theodore re-consecrated him – to be the first bishop of the Mercians. Second time around, Chad was a great success – again.

When Chad died in about 672AD, he was quickly venerated as a saint. People took a great fancy to his bones, believing that they would bring healing. Even today, four large bones, dating from the 7th century, and believed to be Chad's, are in the R.C. cathedral in Birmingham, the last year one of those bones was 'translated' (moved in other words!) to our Cathedral in Lichfield, and placed in a special shrine behind the High Altar – where they can be visited today.

Bishops today may still argue about consecration, but they are unlikely to have their bones disturbed.

8th March – Woodbine Willie, bringing love with cigarettes and the Bible

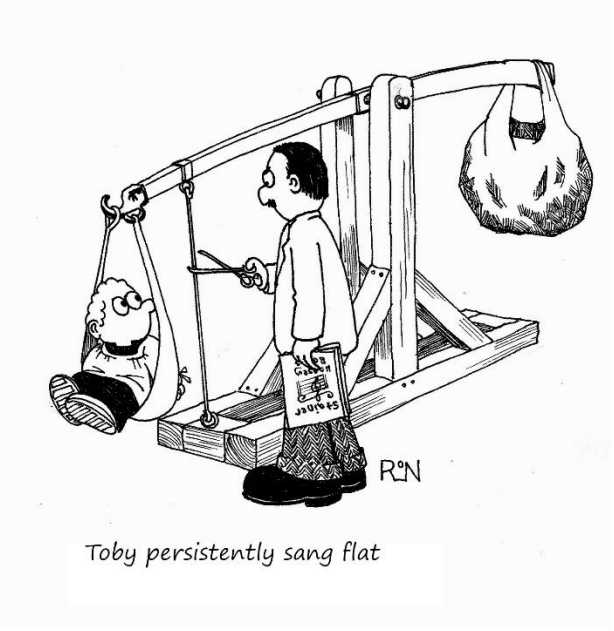
Here's a 'saint' that the Church of England remembers from the 1st World War - the Revd Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy MC, or 'Woodbine Willie', as everyone knew this popular, much-loved army chaplain on the Western Front.

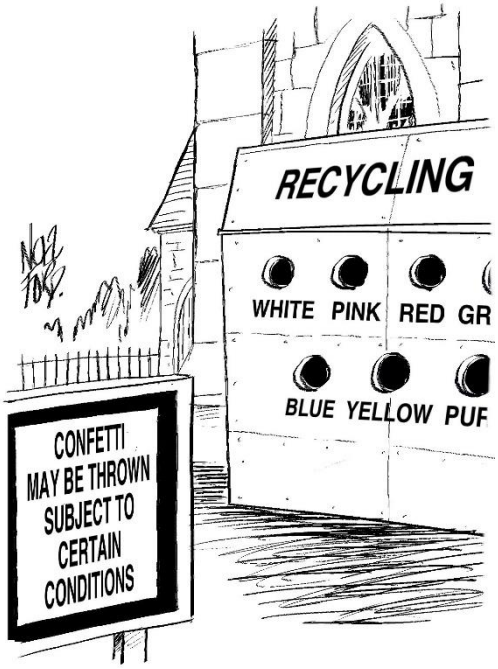
Studdert Kennedy (27th June 1883 – 8th March 1929) had been born in Leeds as the seventh of nine children. After reading divinity and classics at Trinity College Dublin, he'd studied for ordination at Ripon Clergy College in Oxford, and served his curacy at Rugby.

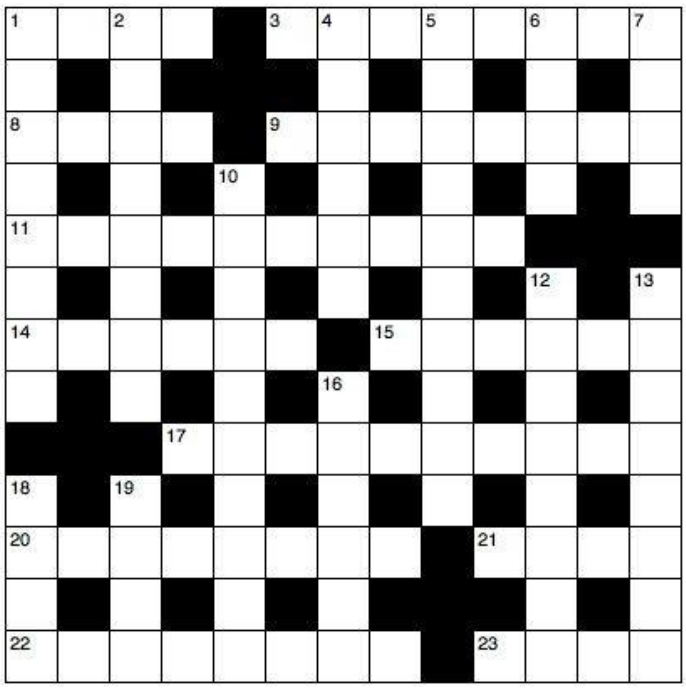
Ripon Clergy College eventually became known as Ripon College Cuddesdon (often just shortened to 'Cuddesdon'), and is the same college where I studied a million years ago, and where Fr David also studied much more recently. When I was there, Woodbine Willie's framed photograph was still hanging near the Principal's office – I wonder if it's still there?

By the time war broke out in 1914, Studdert Kennedy was vicar of St Paul's Worcester. He soon volunteered to go to the Western Front as a chaplain to the army. Life on the front line in the trenches was a desperate affair, but soon Studdert Kennedy had hit on a way of bringing a few moments of relief to the stressed-out soldiers: as well as good cheer he gave out copious amounts of 'Woodbines', the most popular cheap cigarette of the time.

One of his colleagues remembered Kennedy: "he'd come down into the trenches and say prayers with the men, have a cuppa out of a dirty tin mug and tell a joke as good as any of us. He was a chain smoker and always carried a packet of Woodbine cigarettes that he would give out in handfuls to us lads. That's how he got his nickname. He came down the trench one day to cheer us up. Had his Bible with him as usual. Well, I'd been there for weeks, unable to write home, of course, we were going over the top later that day. I asked him if he would write to my sweetheart at home, tell her I was still alive and, so far, in one piece… years later, after the war, she showed me the letter he'd sent, very nice it was. A lovely letter. My wife kept it until she died."







Across

1 Made from the fruit of the vine, symbol of the blood of Christ (4)
3 'You are to set an ambush behind the city. Don't go very far from it. All of you be on — — ' (Joshua 8:4) (3,5)
8 Seep (4)
9 Celebrated by Jesus on the night of his betrayal (Luke 22:15) (8)
11 One of the supposed sites of Christ's burial place in Jerusalem (6,4)
14 'A city on a hill — be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (6)
15 He inherited Elijah's mantle (2 Kings 2:12–13) (6)
17 Where Jesus prayed 'Not as I will, but as you will' (Matthew 26:36, 39) (10)
20 'Only in his home town and in his — — is a prophet without honour' (Matthew 13:57) (3,5)
21 Sail (anag.) (4) 22 How Jesus was punished before his crucifixion (Matthew 27:26) (8)
23 Eye sore (4)

Down

1 Can't grow (anag.) (5,3)
2 A servant girl to Peter, 'You also were with that — , Jesus' (Mark 14:67) (8)
4 Well-being (Proverbs 3:8) (6)
5 Pentecostal denomination, — of God (10)
6 One of the 'obvious' acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19, 21) (4)
7 'I preached that they should repent and — to God' (Acts 26:20) (4)
10 ' — — , the world will not see me any more, but you will see me' (John 14:19) (6,4)
12 He betrayed Jesus: Judas — (Luke 6:16) (8)
13 Jesus to Peter: ' — — of my sheep' (John 21:16) (4,4)
16 The centurion said, 'Surely this man was — — of God' (Mark 15:39) (3,3)
18 Baked bread (Mark 8:14) (4)
19 'Blessing and honour, glory and power, be — Him' (Handel's Messiah) (4)

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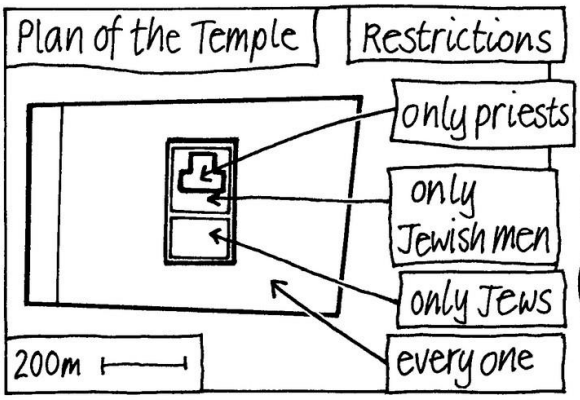
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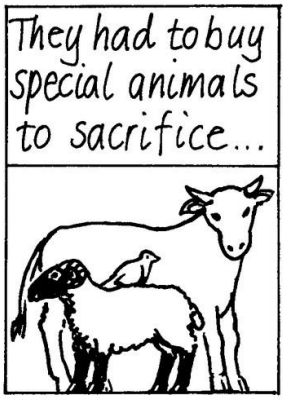
A short story from the Bible

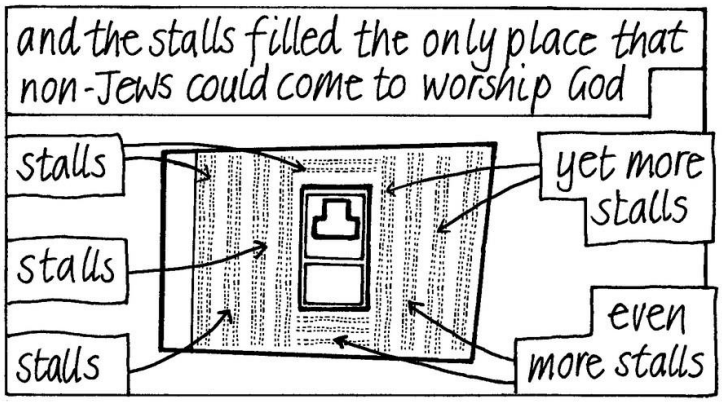
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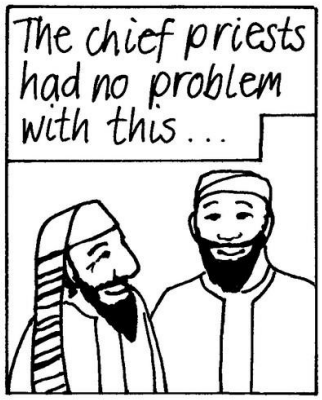
When Jesus reached Jerusalem he went to the Temple, built as a place where everyone could worship God, but with restrictions...

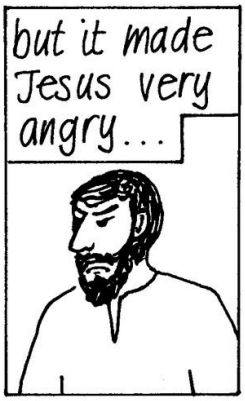






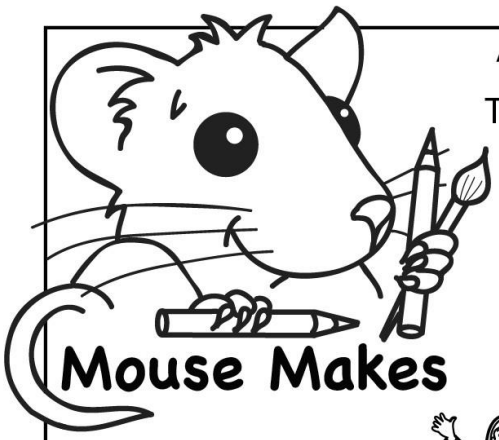












Mouse Makes

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

John 1:25



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



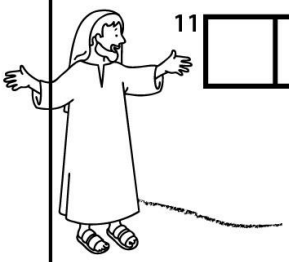
Matthew 21:1-11

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?

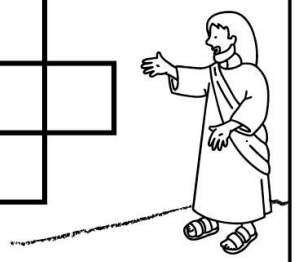


Matthew 26:17-29

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



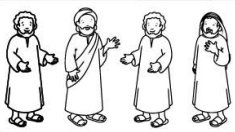






Matthew 27:27-61

17. What was Jesus' crown made of?
9. What was Jesus crucified on?
14. Who's tomb was Jesus buried in?
13. What did they wrap Jesus' body in?
16. What did they roll in front of the tomb?



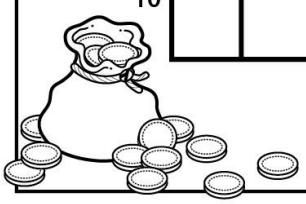
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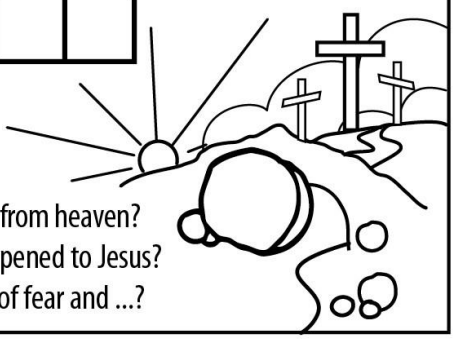
6. What did Jesus go to do at Gethsemane?
18. Who denied Jesus?



Matthew 26:14-16

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





Matthew 28:1-10

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

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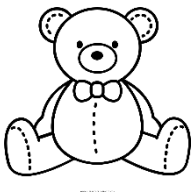
101 For all non-emergency calls

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Happy Mother's Day on March 10th to all of our Mums. Hope the sun shines and you have a lovely day!

Thank you to everyone who has now paid the annual subscription for the adverts. Your support is very much appreciated.

Longnor

Donations

Thank you for the kind donation from Mr and Mrs Baron and to Joe and Teresa Riley for their very generous regular annual donation.

Birthday memories of a loving Dad, John Riley 24th March, from Christine and Brian.

Funeral

A large congregation gathered at Longnor for the funeral of Charles William (Charlie) Mellor

Charlie passed away on 2nd January aged 81yrs. The service led by Rev Jane Held took place on Friday 26th January.

Born in Longnor, Charlie lived in the village all his life. Spending most of his working as a very skilled machine driver, first at ZandW Wade and then for Barry Wood until ill health forced him to retire.

Very much a family man, Charlie married Janet in Longnor Church and they were blessed with first Philip and then Jayne followed by grandchildren Jack, Natalie, Liam and Daniel,with whom he had a great deal of pleasure.

Best " supporter" of Horseshoe FC football team, Charlie was very popular with the lads, looking after them at the matches.

A valuable member of Longnor Sports Committee for a good number of years he was part of the team setting out the track and was known to enjoy the day itself!

The respect and affection for Charlie was shown by the number of people attending the service, which was followed by burial in the church yard.

Our thoughts are with Janet, Philip, Jayne and all the family.

Daffodils for Easter

If you would like to pay towards the daffodils and other flowers in memory of a loved one for Easter, the names are then displayed at the back of the Church you can do so by leaving the money with Helen at the shop or any member of the PCC.

Early Notice

Coffee Morning in Church on Saturday 6th April.

A donation in memory of Les Riley a much loved husband,Dad and Grandad from Nannette and family.

Thinking of Rev Nicola Pepper and her family as she continues her stay in Hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with her.

Quarnford

Welcome back to Father John after several months of sick. Father John is starting slowly doing Sundays and 2 days. We hope he builds up to full time soon.

We are sorry to hear that Nicola Pepper is in hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery and she is held in our prayers. Nicola did a very good job of taking the reigns whilst Father John was of sick.

The funeral of Arthur Bennet was held at St. Paul's on February 15th followed by burial in the churchyard. He will be sadly missed, and our prayers go to all his family. Arthur spent his early years living on Brandside on the family farm. He married his neighbour Gwenneth, and they then made a family home at Ladmanlow.

St. Paul's was sorry to hear that Martin Blackman had passed away on January 26th. He was a responder with the Flash & Longnor Community First Responders and will be sadly missed and our prayers go to all his family.

Martin had promised to paint the church gates at St. Paul's during the summer for which we were very grateful. Should there be another volunteer willing to undertake this job please contact one of our church wardens or a member of the congregation

The church services have been planned through to the beginning of August.

In March there is a Mothering Sunday service at 2.30pm on March 10th which includes holy communion and Holy communion on Sunday 24th March again at 2.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to both services.

Looking ahead, a couple of dates for your diary The Rose Queen and Fete will be held on May 18th. The Flower Festival will commence on June 15th with a theme of Nursery Rhymes. Anyone interested in helping at either of these please contact a member of the church.

Spring Markets at Flash Village Hall

*** Sunday 24th March ***

**** 10am - 2pm ****

We're set to host another fantasticabulous Spring Market. The stalls are in the process of being agreed but you can expect a wide variety of local crafts and market people such as Jake's Peak

Bakes, Sweetilicous Sweets, Tropic with Debs and Arts in the Peaks watercolours....more to be confirmed.
Our kitchen will also be serving drinks and food.

Flash Village Hall is available for hire Suitable for Parties, concerts, Club meetings etc Hire rate is £10.00 / hour (minimum 2 hours) To book the hall contact: Sue on 07773881761 or email: flashvillagehall@outlook.com

Flash Village Hall Tea & Tots is a group providing a great opportunity for local parents and guardians to meet and mingle with the added social benefits of children making new friends.
Where: Quarnford Memorial Hall, Flash
When: 10:30am, last Monday of the month
Who: Parents, guardians and children aged 0-4 years
The group is free to attend but welcomes any donations towards maintaining the group (toys, good quality children's clothes, drinks, cake and biscuits)
The group can be found on Facebook @ Flash Village Hall Tea & Tots Group

Sheen

DONATION – Thank you to Nicola and Ian and one Anon donation made to St Luke's church it is most appreciated.

LENT LUNCH – Monday 25th March in Sheen Village Hall from Noon onwards. Lunch will consist of homemade soup, warm bread, as much Tea and Coffee you can drink and good company. The cost of lunch is just a donation.

EARLY NOTICE – This year's Rogation Walk will take place on Sunday 5th May Starting point is St Luke's Sheen and finishing in Longnor . More details to follow.

SPEEDY RECOVERY – We would like to wish Ann Belfield a speedy recovery after her recent hip operation and hope she is soon back to full fitness.

MARCH'S 100 CLUB RESULTS – 1st 57 John Critchlow £20, 2nd 106 Claire Pitcher £15 3rd 46 Jean Thompson £10, 4th 30 Brian Belfield £6.50. New Members are welcome. To be included in April's 2024 draw please see Jean, George, or Ann. It costs £12 for a year. The proceeds are split 50% to St Luke's and 50% given out in prize money.

CRAFT AND CHAT – We will be meeting on Tuesday 12th and 26th March 2024 at 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm in Sheen Village Hall weather permitting You can bring your own craft or just have a cup of tea and chat. Everyone is most welcome.

BRASS CLEANING – Gould Family
Ann is unable to clean the brass in April would someone be willing to do it for her, please let her know.

WHIST DRIVE – Friday 15th March in Sheen Village Hall at 7.30pm £2 including refreshments. If anyone would like to donate any prizes, please leave with George Grindon. This years whist drive dates are as follows
19th April, 17th May, 21st June, 19th July. 16th August, 20th September, 18th October, 15th November and 20th December

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GOD BLESS

Newtown

We start this month by sending our best wishes to Rev Nicola. We hope she is recovering well.

It was great to see Fr John back taking the service at Newtown on 28th January, and it was well attended with 24 in the congregation.

Newtown will be having a sunrise service on Easter Sunday at 6.45am, followed by breakfast. Everyone is welcome.

We are hoping to hold our summer Flower Service again this year as it was very successful last year. Look out for the date nearer the time- probably August.

If anyone is interested in being on a flower rota now we have Fr John back, it would be nice to have some flowers in church when services are taking place. Please liaise with Pauline on 01298 83250

To everyone with a birthday in March we send our best wishes. To those who are ill, especially as there are a lot of viruses going around, we wish everyone a speedy recovery.

Reapsmoor

Please accept my apologies for the lateness of this message. I would like to say a big thank you to all who helped make the Christmas Carol service happen, thanks go out to all who helped with the lovely food we had, thank you to all who came to the service and made it a lovely afternoon.

Moving forward to Easter, we have a service on Maundy Thursday at 6pm. We will start our service in the school room where we will share a simple supper of lamb or vegetable stew and then we will move up to the Church to continue our service of Holy Communion. It would be excellent if we could have an Idea of how many we need to cater for that would be great. Contact Sharon on 07764157078. Thank you

Hollinsclough

The funeral for the Late Martin Blackman led by Rev. Andrew Parker and Lucy Biggs took place on Friday 16th February at Hollinsclough Methodist Chapel.

Martin of Hollinsclough and a Responder with Flash and Longnor Community First Responders, passed away on Friday 26th January 2024 aged 67 years after a very brief illness.

Donations in memory of Martin are to be divided between Flash and Longnor Community First Responders and Hartington Surgery Patient Participation Group.

Martin was buried in St Batholomew's churchyard together with his father Charlie who sadly died in September last year.

Karen would like to thank all friends and neighbours who have given her much support during this very sad time.

Hollinsclough Craft Group will recommence on Wednesday 6th March 2024 2-4pm in Chapel Hall Hollinsclough.

Bring along whatever you are working on, sewing, knitting, painting, weaving etc or just pop in for a brew and a natter with your neighbours. New and old participants all welcome. £2 per session to cover costs. For more information call Karen on 07973 739157

Flash and Longnor Community First Responders

Fund raising quiz Sunday 3rd March and Sunday 7th April.
Winking Man Pub Upper Hulme- 7.30pm start
£1 per person entry plus raffle

Warslow

March services
17th Holy Communion 11am
29th Good Friday Service 11am

Flower rota - no flowers during Lent

It was lovely to see Father John officiating his solo Holy Communion service on 18th February, which was thought provoking and interesting. We hope his health continues to improve a little more day by day.

We pray for anyone who is unwell at the moment, especially Nicola Pepper who is still recovering in hospital, and we pray for her family at this time.

If anyone would still like a Benefice Magazine each month, please leave your details in church on the information table near the font.

We welcome anyone who has just taken up residence in Warslow, and they will receive a warm welcome at any of our church services.

Finally, we congratulate Robert Simpson and Amy Houston on the recent birth of a beautiful baby boy, called Frank Anthony.

Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council
Speedwatch

Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council would like to hear from any parishioners interested in receiving Speedwatch training by advising the clerk at parishclerk.warslow@gmail.com
To enable Speedwatch sessions to take place, with a view to reducing the number of speeding vehicles in the parish, at least 4 people must undertake the training and subsequently be

available to carry out periodic Speedwatch exercises.
The parish council would like to request that all motorists driving through the parish adhere to the identified speed limit.

Repair Café

A representative from the Staffordshire Repair Café recently attended a parish council meeting to provide information regarding the Repair Café which presently operates regularly in Leek. The parish council would like to bring this service to Warslow for an event on a Saturday, in the Summer of 2024, in Warslow Village Hall. Once confirmed, the date will be publicised.
The service involves volunteers offering their skills, free of charge, to provide a repair service on defective items. A donation towards each repair is welcome, plus the payment for any required parts is required.
Repairs on a wide variety of items may be considered, including small electrical items, bicycles, sewing machines, clothing, clocks, computers and more. In addition to the repair service being offered, the event provides an opportunity for social cohesion in the parish and also reduces the number of items potentially going into landfill. It is also hoped that some skills can be passed on.

Dog fouling

Unfortunately, the parish council has received a number of complaints regarding an increase in cases of dog fouling within the village of Warslow. The parish council would like to advise that all waste bins are now dual purpose and can accept bagged dog waste. The parish council appreciates that the majority of dog owners in the parish are very responsible and that some of the cases may be due to visitors to the parish; however, it would be very much appreciated if all dog owners could kindly 'pick up, bag and bin' after their dog has fouled, for the health and safety of everyone. Thank you very much for your assistance with this polite request.
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Elkstones

Spring must be coming at last, as the first returning curlew has just been seen at the top of Elkstones. It is so good to see this lovely bird, and to hear its haunting bubbling call, which heralds Spring each year.

St John's Church March dates:
The mid-March Service will be Holy Communion at 3 p.m. on Sunday 17th
Easter at Elkstones
Our Easter Service will be on Easter Eve, Saturday 30th March at 6.30 p.m
Cleaning for March: Sally Faulkner

Flower Festival coming up!
This year's Flower Festival will take place on the weekend of Friday 14th to Sunday16th June, with the Festival Service on the evening of Sunday 16th, our Annual Wakes Sunday. The planning meeting will be held in April, so watch this space!

Cats and dogs Information Update
In England from 10th June 2024 it will be compulsory to have your cat microchipped from 20 weeks of age, but there is no minimum age to have your cat microchipped.

It became a legal requirement to have any dog over the age of 8 weeks microchipped and to keep your details up to date. This became law on 6th April, 2016

History Live!
An Introduction to the Portable Antiquities Scheme and Treasure in Derbyshire presented by Meghan King Finds Liaison Officer at Derby Museum and Art Gallery
Wednesday March 6th at 7.30 (doors open 7pm) Warslow Village Hall, SK17 0JL

Meghan King is the Finds Liaison Officer for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, based at Derby Museum and Art Gallery. Her job is to record small finds of archaeological interest which are over 300 years old, found by members of the public. Meghan also reports and records objects which qualify as Treasure under the Treasure Act 1996. Before starting in the Finds Liaison Officer role in January 2021, she worked for the Treasure Team at The British Museum as a Treasure Registrar.
Meghan's talk will provide an introduction to the Portable Antiquities Scheme and the Treasure process, explain her role and then give an overview of interesting finds from around our region. She will also bring along her handling collection so that you can handle typical objects recorded by the scheme.

You are very welcome to bring along any 'small finds' that you would like to show to Meghan or ask her about.

Doors will open at 7pm to give you time to have a drink, a cake and a chat! No need to book – just turn up. Entrance is just £4 including refreshments.
*** We all love the home bakes provided by our volunteer catering team but we could really do with some more bakers - either as a 'one-off' or regularly. If you would like to contribute a cake please let Elspeth know at the latest by the weekend before the Wednesday meeting so that she doesn't have too many - or disastrously not enough - cakes for us all! Email her on elspethjwalker@gmail.com or ring 01298 83282. Free entry to the talk if you bring a cake!!!

For more information please contact Janet at historylivewarslow@gmail.com
01298 84624 / 07786961219 or our website historylive.co.uk

HARTINGTON SURGERY NEWS
Adrenaline auto-injectors pens – Thank you to all the patients who completed a short survey about these. It is important that these devises are in date, therefore please keep a check on them. Some brands of these devices, such as Epipen or Jext have online sites that you can sign up to and they will send reminder messages when the expiry date of your device is approaching. As with any expired or obsolete medication please return to the Dispensary for safe disposal.

Patient contact details – Do we have your correct address and contact number/s. Please inform us with any changes.

Well-being Zone – This room has relocated in the Surgery. It is now just down the corridor, on the right of the patient self-check in touch screen. All patients are welcome to access this room. The blood pressure machine can be used by anyone and the small ticket that prints out can be handed into reception on your way out, so the readings can be added to your medical record. Anyone wanting to keep an eye on their weight can use the scales. Over the coming weeks and months helpful resources will be added to the room about health conditions and lifestyle choices. Why not pop in and have look next time you have an appointment or are collecting your prescription.

Home Visits – these may not be carried out by clinicians from the Surgery. The Acute Home Visiting Service (AHVS) is now fully operational with a range of clinical staff on board. If you or your relative is housebound and needing to be seen for an acute illness this many mean a home visit is required. When an acute home visit is needed, please contact the Surgery as early as possible (before 10.30am) this will help us to ensure the visit can be carried out that day.

Tea and Talk's

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- Signposting to support agencies

To find out more about any of our services call us on 01629 810903 or email: info@thefarminglifecentre.org.uk. Visit our website at thefarminglifecentre.org.uk to keep up to date with the latest news from The Farming Life Centre.

You can follow The Farming Life Centre on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter

Listening to locals - Peak District National Park's chief executive launches new roadshows

A new series of Peak District roadshows will give local people the chance to share their views with National Park Authority chief executive Phil Mulligan.

The Meet the Chief Executive roadshows are an opportunity to speak to Phil in an informal setting and to share views, ideas, opinions and other feedback about the work of the National Park Authority or the National Park Management Plan.

Events will be held regularly, around once a month, at venues across the National Park.

Phil says: "It's very important that we involve local people in our plans – and that means getting out into communities and really listening to what people have to say.

"I want the Authority to be accessible to local people and for our role to be better understood. Every decision we take is welcomed by some and unpopular with others. We cannot avoid such tensions but we can aim to be more understanding and enabling where this is possible and explain the context more clearly when we have to make a decision that someone disagrees with.

"We know people feel proud to live in the National Park and I want them to also feel proud of the organisation that is helping to conserve and enhance the place they love."

The first four roadshows will be:

- Castleton Visitor Centre (Blueberry Café) – **14 February** (2.30pm-4.30pm)
- YHA Hartington – **22 March** (3pm-5pm)
- Hathersage Swimming Pool Café – date and time to be confirmed
- The Chakra Lounge, Bakewell – date and time to be confirmed

There is no need to book a place or to contact the National Park Authority beforehand, just simply drop in during the session times shown.

Phil will aim to speak to everyone who attends the events, where time and venue capacity allows. If he is unable to speak to everyone, there will be an opportunity to follow up at an alternative venue or by email.

Due to the very high volume of planning applications received each year and to allow a wide range of topics to be covered at each event, Phil will not be able to discuss specific residential or business applications. However, people are welcome to discuss broader planning and development issues, strategy and policy planning.

Further dates and venues will be announced in due course at https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/ceo

Ends

For more information: Please contact Communications Manager Tom Marshall – tom.marshall@peakdistrict.gov.uk / 01629 816293

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Wine. 3, The alert. 8, Ooze. 9, Passover. 11, Garden Tomb. 14, Cannot. 15, Elisha. 17, Gethsemane. 20, Own house. 21, Lisa. 22, Flogging. 23, Stye.

DOWN: 1, Wrong act. 2, Nazarene. 4, Health. 5, Assemblies. 6, Envy. 7, Turn. 10, Before long. 12, Iscariot. 13, Take care. 16, The Son. 18, Loaf. 19, Unto.

Sudoku solution

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Services in the Benefice – March 2024

Date:	Longnor	Quarnford	Sheen	Newtown	Reapsmoor	Warslow	Elkstone	Hollinsclough (Methodist)
Sunday 3rd March			11am HC					
Sunday 10th March Mothering Sunday	11am HC	2.30pm HC	9.30am HC					
Sunday 17th March				9.30am HC		11am HC	3pm HC	
Sunday 24th March Palm Sunday	11am HC	2.30pm HC	9.30am HC					
Thursday 28th March Maunday Thursday					6pm Meal 7pm HC			
Friday 29th March Good Friday	6.30pm		11am			11am LL(JM)		2.30pm
Saturday 30th March Easter Eve							6.30pm	
Sunday 31st March Easter Day	6.30pm HC		11am HC	6.45am HC				**2.30pm with Hollinsclough Band**
Postcode for SatNav:	SK17 0NU	SK17 0SW	SK17 0ES	SK17 0NE	SK17 0LG	SK17 0JL	SK17 0LU	**SK17 0RH**
Midweek Services:	Thursdays at 10.00am at St Paul's Church, Newtown to be confirmed							