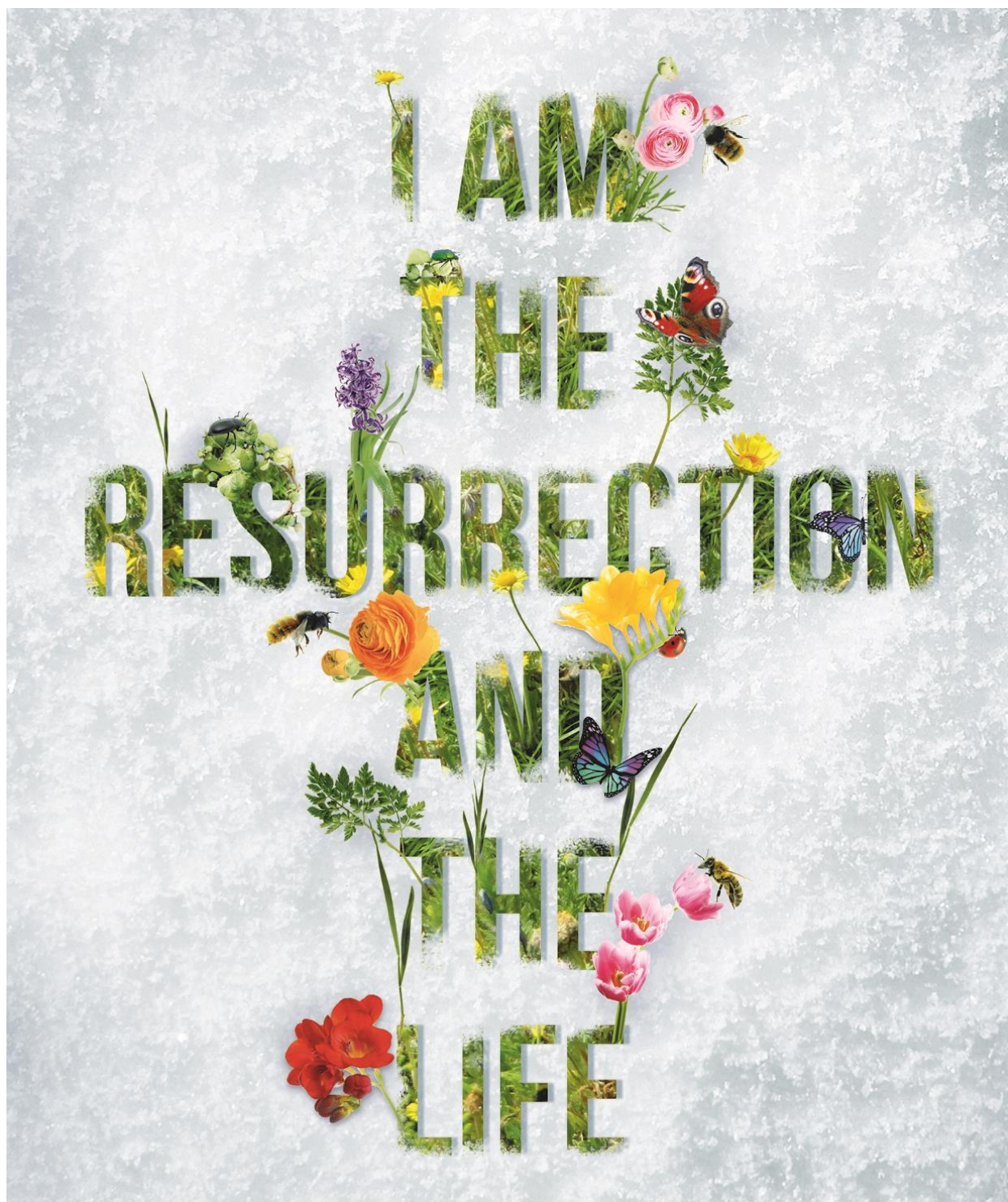


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Sharon's Sharings

As you read this, you will have already enjoyed Easter, with maybe an Easter Egg or two tucked under your belt, and are now looking forwards to early summer. But that lovely chocolate Easter Egg that you enjoyed so much is part of an interesting history.

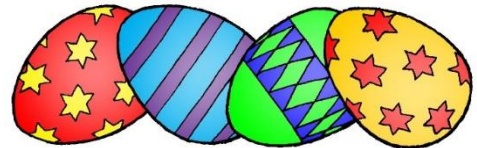
Easter Eggs, or Paschal Eggs as they were called, were possibly first made by the early Christians in Mesopotamia as ordinary eggs stained red in memory of the blood shed by Jesus on the Cross. There are many fascinating stories and traditions about how and why Paschal Eggs came to be part of Christian life. One such tradition was that Mary Magdalene told the Roman emperor Tiberius Julius Caesar about the resurrection of Jesus. The unconvinced emperor pointed to an egg on the dining table and said that there was as much chance of a human being returning to life as there was for the egg to turn red - and immediately the egg miraculously turned red.

Later, the Christian Church officially adopted the custom, regarding the eggs as a symbol of the resurrection of Jesus. In the Roman Rite of 1610, the coloured eggs eaten at Easter would be accompanied by the blessing:

“Lord, let the grace of your blessing come upon these eggs, that they be healthful food for your faithful who eat them in thanksgiving for the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever.”

In the 17th and 18th centuries red coloured eggs evolved to egg-shaped toys which

were given to children at Easter, and the Victorians decorated papier mâché and satin covered eggs filled with gifts and chocolates. In the 19th century came the fabulous jewelled creations of Carl Fabergé made for the Russian Czar and Czarina, and then later in the 19th century it began to be said that Easter Eggs came about through the German springtime festivities of a Germanic goddess known in Old English as Ēostre. The first chocolate Easter Eggs were beautifully made in France and Germany in the early 19th century, with the first Easter Eggs such as we know and love today being cleverly made by Cadbury in 1875.



So, within this illustrious history of that humble chocolate egg that you enjoyed so much, is a simple message of hope - the message of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

A holy and righteous God, once created a holy and righteous humanity to live in love and friendship with Him. We were created with freewill so our love for God would be freely given. But humanity chose in its freewill to go its own way so the Holy relationship with God was broken, and humanity has floundered in its sin ever since. But God sent His only Son Jesus Christ to pay the price for our sinfulness Himself, so that everyone who believed in Jesus could be restored to fellowship with Him.

We have a God who holds out His hands to us day after day, moment after moment, offering us eternal life with Him if only we would accept that He is who He has said He

is, and has done through Jesus what He says He has done. His death and resurrection give us hope – hope for the future, but also hope for the present. Not only can we look forward to an eternal life with God, but He is near to us, waiting to hold, guide and help us through this life too.

It is hope that we celebrate at Easter. Hope for everyone, rich or poor, weak or strong, young or old from anywhere or with any past, and God is still holding out His hands to us inviting us into His love and friendship.

With much love,
Sharon

Vicar of Christ Church
Orpington



It's reflections of our own lives that puts events into perspective with God in mind!

In early May last year, a friend paid a flying visit because she wanted to see my garden. Because of the long cold wet winter and spring (and partly because of old age!) I hadn't been able to do as much in the garden as I would normally have done, but that didn't stop some slightly unusual trees in my garden beginning to come into blossom, and lots of other things which had survived beginning to 'get going'. However, as she came up the front path, she noticed the grass growing in one of the borders and commented on it, as well as the weeds coming through the gravel

path on the other side. As we went around to the back garden, she made comments like "Oh look at all that goose grass you've got" and "I wouldn't like to be you with all that weeding to do".

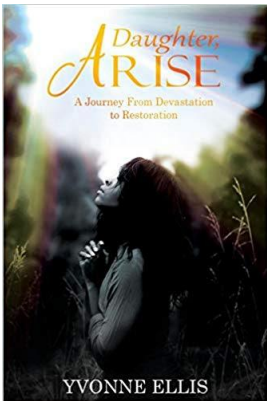
I wasn't bothered about these negative remarks because I knew that I would deal with the problems (well, some of them anyway) now that the weather was better. What I was sorry about was that my friend could only see the weeds and hardly noticed all the beauty that was emerging after the months of bad weather; she was looking down at the weeds instead of raising her eyes to see all the good things. And it struck me that this is a lesson for life. (And please don't think badly of my friend, who is a lovely caring person you would love to know.)

Our Women's Ministry team are supporting a wonderful charity:

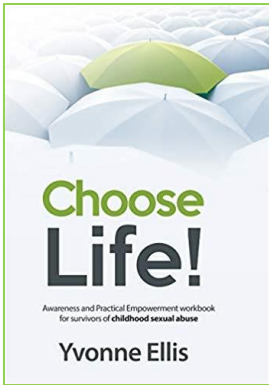


Yvonne Ellis is Founder of **Daughter Arise**, a peer empowerment organisation that supports survivors of childhood sexual abuse and Director of YEME Empowerment, a company that provides empowerment resources and services. In her autobiography Daughter Arise, she bravely shares her own story of sexual abuse and how she overcame its devastation.

Yvonne now uses her experiences to motivate, empower and educate people, and she has given a TEDx talk on how to empower survivors. Yvonne has written two books:



Daughter Arise
A Journey from
Devastation to Restoration
(£10)

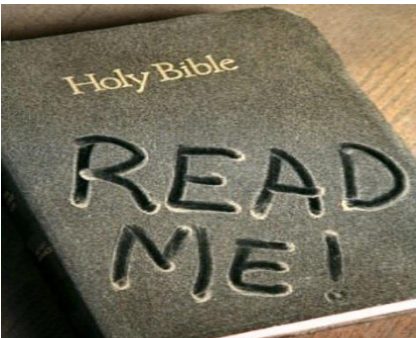


Choose Life!
Awareness and Practical
Empowerment workbook
for survivors of sexual
abuse (£12)

Both books are available at Waterstones and via Amazon BUT if you would like a SIGNED COPY, please see our Youth Minister, Andrena with payment, and she will arrange to get these books to you!

Andrena Palmer

The Bible Society’s “Bible Course”



Well, the 8-session course on “The Bible” has finished.

Thanks to the 60 or so people who came so regularly. We hope it was the first stage in an exciting Reading Adventure, to discover more of easily

the greatest book ever written. Of course, as we found out, it is not 1 but 66 books!

We worked out when many of the well-known Bible characters lived on the Time Line of history. We tried to link judges with leaders, kings with prophets. We shared the ups and (more) downs of God’s people. We noticed how much was actually written down at the time, which obviously makes the text more reliable when it was compiled later. How smart of God to arrange for four different records of Jesus’ life, all from different perspectives, to give us such a multi-faceted view.

So, what next? Well, perhaps many of us will be more enthusiastic to read God’s Word, more believing in its truth, and more understanding of some of the fascinating background. Some of us may find it easier to seek – and read – those small pesky books which we have tended to overlook, or can’t find. Some may be looking at the use of Daily Bible reading notes. Some will look at a passage in more than one Bible version, to help us see some further truth.

A few House Groups have started using this resource. This is good – an opportunity to look in more depth at the 66 books which make up the Bible in more depth. This is bound to help our Christian growth. So, the Bible Course may be completed for now, but studying and appreciating God’s Word should go on for ever.

The Bible in the picture pleads “Read Me”. May the dust be wiped off all our Bibles!

Bob Kendall

SEEKERS: Growing together in the knowledge, stature and love of God.

On a Sunday afternoon, it has been a pleasure to see Lyall and Oliver Wade, and several young people, Years 3 to 8, meeting for **Seekers**!

Seekers began with the idea of a parent whose children, like many of our young people, play sports on a Sunday morning and therefore they often can't make it to Church. The group had Bible Teaching, games, friendship and, most of all, FUN!

This was a pilot of a project that may continue in the future, but we will not be hosting Seekers over the summer term.



Men's Ministry

The past year has been a fulfilling year for the men that meet on a monthly basis at Christ Church. We gather in the Cafe, the Hall or sometimes in the Undercroft with the theme of "Real Ale, Real Issues and Real Conversation".

God has certainly blessed us in so many ways. He has put us together and created an environment where blokes can be honest, with themselves and each other, knowing that we not there to judge, but to support and encourage one another. We can certainly say that our conversations have been "Real" and the "Issues" we tackle have been challenging and at the same time incredibly uplifting; all this whilst enjoying some good food, real ale and the occasional banter.

The last year has taken us through a revised resource by Christian Vision for Men called "The Code Unlocked". This is based on a small booklet called The Code that is written for men who aim to be wholehearted



Some photographs of the "competitors" in the Seekers 'Grow a Sunflower' competition!



followers of Jesus. In short it has twelve codes for men to live by, these are:

- i. Jesus is my Captain, Brother, Rescuer and Friend.
- ii. I owe everything to Him. I will do anything for Him.
- iii. I will unashamedly make Him known through my actions and words.
- iv. I will not cheat in anything, personal or professional.
- v. I will look away from the gutter, but be prepared to pull people out of it.
- vi. I will keep my body fit and free from any addictions.
- vii. I will put the welfare of those closest to me before my own welfare.
- viii. I will treat all men and women as brothers and sisters.
- ix. I will lead as He would lead. I will honour my leaders provided this also honours Him. I will follow Him in company with my sisters and brothers.
- x. I will use my strength to protect the weak and stand against the abuse of power.
- xi. I will protect the world that God has made.
- xii. If I fail, I will not give up. He never gives up on me.

What a tremendous privilege it has been to walk this walk together with such a great group of guys. The personal stories, the impactful witnessing and the authentic vulnerability has meant that we have grown closer as brothers and undoubtedly, we have all undergone a personal shift to be better followers of Jesus. Thank you, God, for this ministry!

During the year we also have the occasional guest speaker as well as some regular events, like our Christmas party where we enjoy 'God's Wallop' ale from our local Westerham Brewery and a Summer BBQ (or braai) that will be announced shortly.

We pray that God will continue to bless us as men who love Jesus and wish to enjoy an ever-closer walk with Him. We pray that God will take more men by the hand and bring them along to our Friday night gatherings to share and grow together. We pray that as we grow, we experience the joy that can only come from knowing that we are deeply loved and cherished by a Dad who is the Creator of the universe.

The next resource we will be exploring is called "52 Men of the Bible". We hope to go on a journey together to discover more about the well-known and lesser known heroes of the Bible and most importantly learn more about ourselves and God's unique plan for our lives. So, if you are interested in joining us please do so, whether you are a regular member of Christ Church or not, and please bring a friend, whether they believe or are just looking around; everyone is welcome. I can add you to our email distribution and/or our WhatsApp group, so please email me at pieter@dorado-group.com

Pieter Van Rooyen

The Holy Alphabet...

Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life without His love
Joy would cease to be
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee
Move out of "Camp Complaining"
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking at the future
Redeem the time at hand
Start every day with worship
To "thank" is a command
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
Xalting God most high
Yes, there'll be good times and
yes some will be bad, but...
Zion waits in glory...where none
are ever sad!

Author unknown

**Cafe Manager,
Christ Church, Orpington**

Do you have the passion and ability to manage a Café in a Christian environment? You would have experience of catering for groups or cooking in a Café. You would be able to manage volunteers, put together menus and have basic bookkeeping skills. You would be paid £13 an hour for 18 hours per week to use your abilities and fulfil your passion to provide a welcome and a service through food in Christ Church. There may be opportunities to provide catering for special events.

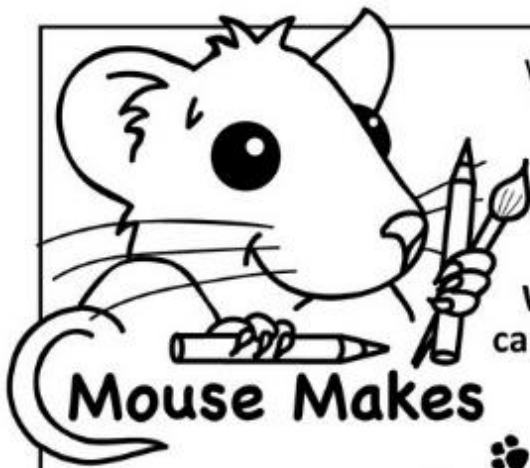
Applicants are invited for this post which starts from about the end of May. You will work closely with a group of volunteers who will help you in the kitchen and also by waiting at tables. You will need to be able to work flexibly and run the Café between 9.30am and 2pm on Wednesdays and Fridays. You will also need to prepare food for those days and source materials as well as keep basic accounts. You would need to be able to support and work within the ethos and values of Christ Church, Orpington.

If you are interested in exploring this further do get an application from the Church Office or email

ccorpington@talktalk.net for an application pack or talk informally to Colin Beesley, Alan Goddard or Sharon Smith

Closing date Sunday 19th May 2019

Interviews Friday 31st May 2019



Which animal did Noah let out of the ark first?

— — — — —
Genesis 8:7

What plague of animals came out of the River Nile?

— — — — —
Exodus 8:6

What insects did John eat in the wilderness?

— — — — —
Matthew 3:4

Which animal can we learn from?

— — — — —
Proverbs 6:6

Which bird did the Holy Spirit appear as?

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Luke 3:22

Which animal did Jesus ride on?

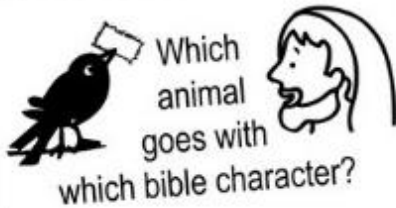
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Matthew 21:7

DID YOU KNOW?



Four of the miracles Jesus performed were to do with fish.

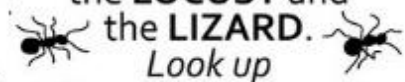
1. Feeding of the 5000
Matthew 14:15-21
2. The coin in the fish's mouth
Matthew 17:24-27
3. When Jesus called His first disciples
Luke 5:4-11
4. At the Sea of Galilee after Jesus' resurrection
John 21:4-11



LAMB	HOLY SPIRIT
LIONS	BALAAM
LOCUSTS	JESUS
DOVE	JONAH
RAVENS	PAUL
BIG FISH	SOLOMON
DONKEY	DANIEL
BEES	ELIJAH
SNAKE	JOHN
PEACOCK	SAMSON

DID YOU KNOW?

There are four animals that are small but the Bible says are extremely wise... the **ANT**, the **HYRAX**, the **LOCUST** and the **LIZARD**.



Look up
Proverbs 30:24-28
to find out why.

D O G C A M E L A M B G A
P L I Z A R D O V E Q N N
F Q P E A C O C K G O A T
I U R A V E N U S X D T F
S A B U L L K S H E E P R
H I S N A K E T E O E I O
L I O N H Y R A X R G G

Find the animals in the word search

SHEEP • GOAT • LION • LAMB
DONKEY • RAVEN
SNAKE • DOVE
LOCUST • QUAIL • HYRAX
CAMEL • DEER • FISH • FROG
GNAT • PEACOCK
ANT • OX • LIZARD
DOG • PIG • BULL

Mystery Sudoku

Sudoku with a twist – solve the puzzle and you'll discover that one of the rows/columns/blocks spells out a word, phrase, place or a song

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NDT		IFE						RRE
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Last edition's sudoku solution

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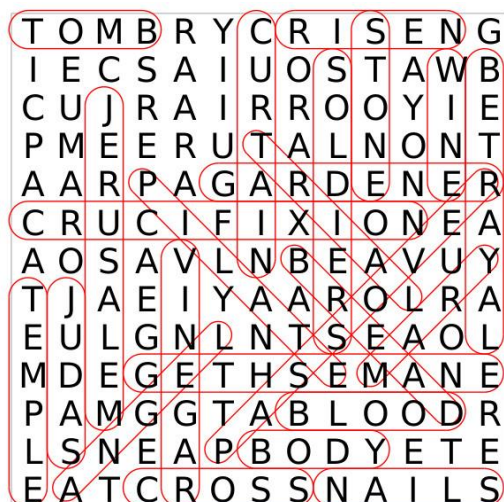
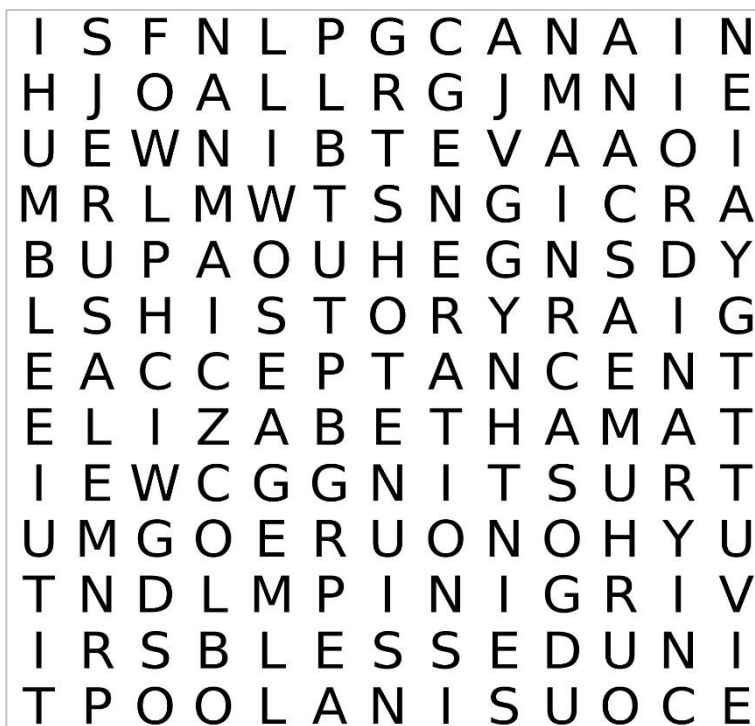
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Word Search

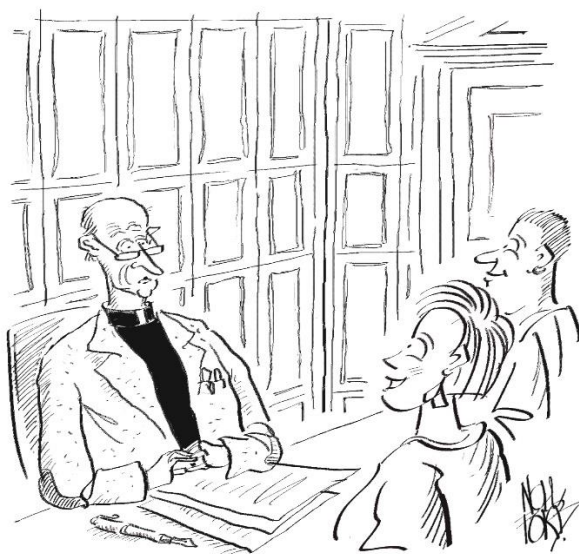
At the end of May, the Church remembers the visit of the virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth. Both were pregnant, and the visit gives a poignant glimpse of two humble, ordinary women, caught up in a great event that would shape world history. Their trusting faith in God and total acceptance of His will, shine through.

After Jesus is born, Mary fades into the background, and makes few appearances: when she loses her Son in Jerusalem, when she urges Him to help the wedding party in Cana; and when Jesus gives her into the keeping of the beloved disciple when He is on the cross. Mary, chosen to be the mother of Jesus Christ, one who is both God and Man, holds a unique place in the history of mankind. Down the centuries that have followed, the Church has paid special honour to Mary – and well deserved it is. "All generations shall call me blessed..."

VISIT	TRUSTING
VIRGIN	FAITH
MARY	GOD
COUSIN	ACCEPTANCE
ELIZABETH	WILL
PREGNANT	JESUS
GLIMPSE	JERUSALEM
HUMBLE	CANA
ORDINARY	SPECIAL
WOMEN	HONOUR
GREAT	GENERATIONS
HISTORY	BLESSED



Last edition's solution



"...and then, as the organist hits us with a cool hip-hop riff, you kick off the wedding vows in a smokin' rap style..."

**Christ Church
Community Club: HISTORY**

The Club was started in 1973

At the beginning about 12 to 20 people attended. Meetings were in the small hall at the time, and the church.

Grace Dane led the team together with Janet Crossley. Community Club and Tea & Toys were initially inspired by Dorothy Jones, wife of the vicar, who sadly became aware of a terminal illness shortly afterwards so was unable to work with them. However, both Clubs are still flourishing 46 years later!

At first a sandwich lunch was provided but this quickly developed into a hot meal, cooked mainly in volunteers homes and numbers built to 40+. Sometimes an exercise video, by Eileen Fowler followed.

Alan Eaves, vicar from 1982 to 2003, instigated the involvement of first-time offenders with the Club, a system that has worked very well when things are going right and this meant that volunteers were a bit freer to expand ideas.

In around 2003 Greta Kitchener took over the leadership of the volunteers. Assisted ably by husband Alan, she was a dynamic leader. This was before the kitchens were available, and hot meals were continued to be cooked by volunteers at home and heated, in various ways, at the back of the church.

Things became much easier when the new Church Halls and kitchen became available in May 2005. Numbers grew to

about 80 regularly attending and 120-130 members belonging.

Greta introduced the Christian-input sessions, from 11 till 12 o'clock every meeting and became very popular, with about 25-30 regularly attending this part of the day; they start with coffee and biscuits and, maybe, even cake!

**In January 2017 Mel Ketchin
took over leadership of the team**

The Club has maintained its momentum and is still flourishing. Membership continues at around 130, and 80 or so attend each week.

**Christ Church
Community Club:
PRESENT DAY**

We meet every Tuesday during school term dates. Members pay £3.50 for a 3-course hot meal followed by teas and coffees, from 12.45pm until around 2.30pm

- (i) Homemade soup
- (ii) Hot meal with meat and vegetables
- (iii) Homemade desserts with custard or cream.

Fresh flowers are placed on each table, and members take them home at the end.

We have a bring-and-buy stall – for clothes, knick-knacks, jigsaws, books, etc.

There is a fruit & veg stall where items are bought in bulk and sold as close to cost price as possible, e.g. melons, pineapples, cauliflowers are cut into portion sizes and wrapped carefully.

Homemade marmalades and jams are often for sale too.

NB Any profit made and monies collected from the stalls go into club funds and will eventually subsidise outings for the club.

Before the lunch session there is a one-hour session with some Christian input led by many different volunteers. Members are still greeted with coffee biscuits and cake. Around 25 to 30 people attend this first session.

Birthdays are celebrated with personal cards and small gifts.

Leadership

There is a very willing and able team of volunteers led by our hard-working leader Mel Ketchin.

Mel, with the help of Andi, orders and collects all the food and she does much of the secretarial work. This can be quite considerable, e.g. data necessary for contacting Club members; protection data; medical records – all information to be kept securely. Careful weekly accounts are kept.

The main volunteer team have taken tests to show they have completed the course to care for vulnerable elderly people. Each has a role in fire protection and some have first aid training. A register of attendees is taken each day.

A valuable team of drivers, organised by Bill Whitman, bring people to the club at both start times and take them home at the end of each session. Volunteers wash tea towels, aprons, etc. at home.

None of this could operate if the club did not have the support of First-time offenders working off their hours by supporting the community.

These are ably led by Sally, who does an excellent job in organising and helping her team to produce a superb meal, as well as preparing all the tables and chairs beforehand and then a massive clear up at the end.

Pastoral care continues throughout the week, and during the holiday periods. Club members do a great job in supporting each other.

Other Activities

During the lunch sessions various forms of entertainment may take place, e.g. talks on local history; Hearing dogs; Police – protection in our homes; Devices to help the elderly; Armchair exercises. Also, singers, e.g. old-time music hall, gospel choir; local choirs and schools.

Every year we celebrate Christmas with a big party, a wonderful Christmas lunch, some entertainment, and each member gets a gift, a card and a jar of jam. About 130 people come for this occasion. The previous week we are privileged to watch a local school rehearse their nativity play.

About 4 or 5 times a year, outings are organised, perhaps river trips, visits to the seaside, shopping trips, or Brick Lane music hall. Usually a coach is used, and subsidised from club funds to around 50% of the cost – we are fortunate to have had Derek as our regular coach driver, but, sadly, he will not be with us in future. Food is always included in our outings.

Meals are often taken to members who are in need and cannot attend the club.

The most important aspect is the sense of Community that comes from all areas – the volunteer leaders, the team of offenders who usually give their time very graciously (indeed, some have returned to help us even after they have worked off their hours), the 130 or so members, Christ Church, by providing excellent halls and kitchen, maintenance staff, especially Jim, and secretarial help, especially Jacqui, and our regular weekly drivers.

In Summary:

As always, with any successful organisation, such as this, there is a constant need for volunteers, so if any of you feel that this is where God would like you to be, please talk to us. There is always a great need of drivers, even if you cannot stay for the whole session.

I felt shy of it for some time and now, 16 years later, I realise that the calling was there, and we all get a wonderful feeling of happiness, along with slight tiredness, each Tuesday! For many of the people who attend club, this may be their only outing in the week and there is always a huge amount of gratitude shown.

Mary Kendall

Prayers – as heard by children – remembered as adults!

Richard: When I was a child, I learned this prayer as "Our Father, who are in Heaven, Howard be thy name." I always thought that was God's real name.

Lisa: My mother spent her early childhood saying, "Hail Mary, full of grapes."

Alison: My son, who is in nursery school, said, "Our Father, who art in Heaven, how didja know my name?"

John: I remember thinking this prayer was "Give us this day our jelly bread."

Pauline: When my husband was 6 years old, he thought a certain prayer was "He suffered under a bunch of violets." The real words were "under Pontius Pilate," but at that age, he didn't know better.

Tina: When I was younger, I believed the line was "Lead a snot into temptation." I thought I was praying for my little sister to get into trouble.

Susan: When my older brother was very young, he always walked up to the church altar with my mother when she took communion. On one occasion, he tugged at her arm and asked, "What does the priest say when he gives you the bread?" Mom whispered something in his ear. Imagine his shock many years later when he learned that the priest doesn't say, "Be quiet until you get to your seat."

2019 Diary...

Wednesday 1st May
10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 5th May
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Worship

Sunday 2nd June
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Worship

Wednesday 5th June
10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 12th May
9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship

Sunday 19th May
10.30am Morning Worship
Seekers @ 4pm
6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 26th May
9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship

Thursday 30th May



Ascension Day

8.00pm Holy Communion

Pentecost Sunday
Sunday 9th June
9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship



Sunday 16th June
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd June
9.00am Holy Communion
10.30m Morning Worship
Seekers @ 4pm
6.30pm Evening Worship

Sunday 30th June
9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship

On the Grapevine

We give thanks for the safe arrival of
Matilda Mackay born on 16th January

We welcome to the family of
Christ Church Orpington
Daisy Harvey baptised on 14th April

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July & August 2019

Is there a forthcoming church event you
would like to promote or write about one
that has just happened (special days,
weddings, baptisms etc), then
new winepress may just be the
place to tell everyone about it!

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Children's Groups

On Sunday's

During Morning Services:

The Rainbow Room Crèche is a fun,
supervised soft play facility available on
Sunday mornings for babies and children
aged 0-3 years (inclusive)

CLIMBERS is for children aged
3 to 7 years and meet in the Small Hall.
Activities each week include singing, Bible
stories, games and craft

EXPLORERS is for children aged
7 to 11 years and meet in the Large Hall
for singing and crafts in a framework of
Christian teaching

Pathfinders is for young people aged
11 to 14+ and meet in the basement of
the church for games, videos, drama and
discussions, looking at the Bible and
discussing relevant issues

During Evening Services:

Juice for young people who are year
10+ in a place where you can
be yourself and hear something
about how great our God is!

Juice meet on alternate Sunday
evenings (6.30pm – 8pm) in the
Undercroft at Christ Church.

ATSOC POD (for those year 11+)
meet bi-weekly at
Costa, Tesco, 4pm - 5pm

Grin

Keep smiling – it makes people wonder what you've been up to.

Keep it short

The minister stood up and said: "Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. You'll be glad to know that when I asked my secretary to type this sermon out for me. I asked her to eliminate any thing that was dull or confusing. So, in conclusion...."

Of mice and men

A minister went into his local pet shop to ask for some help. 'I need at least 50 mice, 2,000 ants and as many of those little silverfish that you can get.'

The pet shop owner was startled. 'We can probably do that, but it might take some time. Mind if I ask why you are placing such an unusual order?'

The minister shrugged. 'It's simple. I've accepted a call to another church, and the church council told me to leave the parsonage the way I found it.'

Right Wright

A student called 'Wright', so they say
Wrote 'right' in a wrong kind of way
His teacher, inflamed
Then loudly exclaimed
"Right Wright, write 'right' right, right
away!"

By Nigel Beeton

Some miscellaneous observations...

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are going dead?

We childproof our homes, but they are still getting in.

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.

Surely it's no coincidence that the word "listen" is an anagram of the word "silent"

You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.

You may have grown old, but you may not have grown up.

Sometimes I think I understand everything – but then I regain consciousness.

Have you ever noticed how the contents of a box are much more interesting before the box is opened?

I try to lose weight, but it keeps finding me.

No God
No Peace.

Know God
Know Peace.
