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If you have any photographs you think may be suitable for our magazine cover, we would love to receive them. Please email them to the editor.

London Road Congregational Church Services

Sunday 11am — Morning Worship

Holy Communion is celebrated during Morning Worship on the first Sunday of each month.

Café Service is held in the church hall at 10.30am. Breakfast is on offer with tea or coffee, and followed by a sincere service with a difference.

Please see the calendars for more details about when each service will be taking place.

Anyone is welcome to attend the services.

Calendar for March 2018

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Thursday 1st

Friday 2nd Saturday 3rd 10am Parents and Toddlers

10am Women's World Day of Prayer 10am Just Sing Community Choir

in the church hall

Sunday 4th — 11am Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Preacher: Reverend Ken Hague Reader: Gail Duty Deacon: Val Communion Duty: Val and Julie

Thursday 8th 10am Parents and Toddlers

Friday 9th 10am Friday Focus

Sunday 11th — 11am Morning Worship, Mothering Sunday

Preacher: Debbie Taylor

Flowers: Mrs Robertson Reader: Stan

Wednesday 14th 7.30pm Film Club

22 Ringrose Close, Newark

Thursday 15th 10am Parents and Toddlers

Friday 16th 10am Friday Focus

Saturday 17th 10am Just Sing Community Choir

in the church hall

Sunday 18th — 11am Morning Worship

Preacher: Reverend Ken Hague

Reader: Mary Duty Deacon: Mark

Church Meeting following Service

Thursday 22nd 10am Parents and Toddlers

Friday 23rd 10am Friday Focus

Sunday 25th — 10.30am Café Service, Palm Sunday

Preacher: Mark Taylor

Flowers: Julie Reader: Julie

Wednesday 28th 7pm Bible Study

Thursday 29th 10am Parents and Toddlers

Friday 30th 10am Friday Focus

Saturday 31st 10am Just Sing Community Choir

in the church hall

Calendar for April 2018



Sunday 1st — 11am Morning Worship with Holy Communion Easter Sunday

Preacher: Reverend Ken Hague

Flowers: Dorothy Holman Reader: Beryl

Duty Deacon: Joan Communion Duty: Debbie and Gary

Thursday 5th 10am Parents and Toddlers

Friday 6th 10am Friday Focus

Sunday 8th — 11am Morning Worship

Preacher: Reverend Martin Spain, Federation President

Flowers: Val Reader: Gary Duty Deacon: Gary

Wednesday 11th 7.30pm Film Club

22 Ringrose Close, Newark

Thursday 12th 10am Parents and Toddlers

Friday 13th 10am Friday Focus

Saturday 14th 10am Just Sing Community Choir

in the church hall

Sunday 15th — 11am Morning Worship

Preacher: Reverend Ken Hague

Reader: Joan Duty Deacon: Val

Thursday 19th 10am Parents and Toddlers

Friday 20th 10am Friday Focus

Sunday 22nd — 11am Morning Worship

Preacher: Members Service Flowers: Mrs Bradshaw

Wednesday 25th 7pm Bible Study

Thursday 26th 10am Parents and Toddlers

Friday 27th 10am Friday Focus

Saturday 28th 10am Just Sing Community Choir

in the church hall

Sunday 29th — 10.30am Café Service

Preacher: Mark Taylor

Flowers: Sugar Reader: Julie

From The Minister

Dear Friends

One of the questions which we have to ask ourselves as Christians is "what does the Lord expect of me in spreading the word to people who do not know Jesus? How do I help spread the word of the gospels?"

This is not an easy question to answer. The traditional church is not accepted or recognised by many people in society. There are many reasons for this, some we know some we don't know. Historically many churches have not concentrated enough on outreach resulting in many traditional church congregations being made up of mature people with few young families.

Many people see church attendance as the only thing required to be a Christian. I have heard some people say all I need to do is live a life that Jesus wants me to live so that others can see my life and want to be like me.

However, it is important to live a life which reflects the moral teaching and ministry of Christ. It is important to attend church regularly to praise the Lord and to worship him. We must set time aside for prayer and worship regardless of who we are and how busy we are.

It's good to try and influence others by demonstrating the lifestyle Christ encourages us to follow. However we have to walk in faith guided by the Holy Spirit. We should remember that our flaws and weaknesses will be seen by people, Jesus's life is the only true example to follow.

As Christians we must talk about Jesus to those that do not know him or understand our faith. It is his example of lifestyle that we encourage them to follow not our own. Jesus embodies the goodness that is worthy of emulation. The life style we live will fall short of the glory of God. It is through learning the gospel stories that others gain the opportunity to enter into a transformational relationship with God. The children of God are blessed with faith and hope guided by the Holy Spirit the instruments of love and justice as described in Romans 10 verse 15. They can and do transform the world.

May we as a church fellowship, part of the Christian Community work together to live in love and respect for each other and in loving service to our saviour Jesus Christ and our heavenly Father.

May he bless your lives keep you safe and give you peace.

Reverend Ken

From the Fellowship

At the church meeting it was decided to hold church meetings in the opposite months to which we have been having them, as this will clear December (already a very busy month for most of us) and April (when the meetings often clash with Easter). We also decided that, for a trial period, during the dark nights to meet after the service on the third Sunday of each month. This does not conflict with our constitution, which states six meetings each year, one of which must be the AGM. The AGM will now be the May meeting, and will be held in the evening.

Decisions made at the last two meetings include work on some of the windows at the Manse, and a new covering for the hall floor. Mark has these two items well in hand. Ken said that he would like the members to meet over a lunch after church one Sunday. This was agreed, and a date is to be fixed.

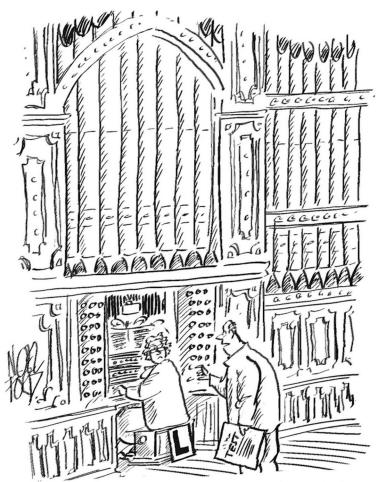
We still have several members who are poorly, and we hope to see them at church soon.

Please keep an eye on the Envoy for Café Service dates, as these now vary from the last Sunday quite often owing to Mark's training days and preaching at other churches. We are glad to see that he is able to put his training to use.

The clocks go forward on 25th March 2018. Less time in bed, and it is an earlier start as it is Café Service.

The charity for March and April is Sue's Place.

Joan



"At some point between Verses 3 and 6, I'll signal for you to do an Emergency-Stop."

Notice Board

Sunday 6th May 2018 11am Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Preacher: Reverend Ken Hague Communion Duty: Mark and Julie

Reader: Gail

Duty Deacon: Mark

Flowers: Tina Duckmanton

Magazine Articles

We are always grateful to receive ideas or articles from you all for the magazine.

Please help us to keep you informed, and keep the articles coming in.

Thank you.

If you wish to post anything to the editor, please contact her by telephone first to confirm the postal address.

Magazine material for the next edition should be submitted to the editor by 14th April 2018.

To add a notice to this page, please contact the editor for more information on 07965 631882, or via email to lorna.c.coleman@gmail.com.

Newark Foodbank Update

The items urgently needed at the time of print are listed in order below. Underlined items are particularly urgent. Please keep an eye on the board in the church hall for up-to-date lists.

Food

Tomato or Brown Sauce Cooking Oil Assorted Pickles Gravy Granules Stock Cubes

Salt Pepper

Long Life Juice — not fresh

Long Life UHT Milk — not evaporated

Chocolate bars/sweets/biscuit bars

Non-Food

Men's Shaving
Washing Up Liquid
Laundry Liquitabs/Tablets
Shampoo
Deodorant
Men's Toiletries
Tin Openers

Other items required at the moment, though not as urgent, are as follows:

Food

Tinned Custard Tinned Spaghetti

Tinned Vegetables (not sweetcorn)

Tinned Tomatoes
Jars of Pasta Sauce

Chocolate — bars/sweets

Cereal

Cereal Bars

Biscuits

Tinned/Packet Soup

Tinned Meat

Tinned Fruit

Tea Bags — 40s or 80s

Tinned Fish — all varieties except Tuna

Tinned or Microwavable Sponge Puddings

Packets of Instant Mash

Jam

Sugar

Non-Food

Feminine Hygiene Shower Gel

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

Liquid Hand Soap

Dog/Cat Food

Toilet Rolls

Laundry Liquitabs/Tablets

Strong Carrier Bags

Please do not donate items containing alcohol. Also please ensure food is 'in date' as we cannot distribute out of date food. Items not needed at the moment are baked beans, coffee and pasta. Thanks to everyone for their ongoing support.

The Half Hour Bible

Courtesy of Harry Hunter, <u>harryhunteronline.com</u>

Matthew

Many flocked to John the Baptist (who was in fact 'Elijah'), by the Jordan, And when Jesus was baptised the Spirit descended on him like a dove. Tempted for forty days in the wilderness, Jesus then called Twelve disciples, preached the Sermon on the Mount, taught about prayer, Healed many, spoke in parables, and warned of future judgement. He Exasperated the authorities who bribed Judas to betray Him. So he walked the Way of the cross, rose from the grave and commissioned his disciples to build a church.

Mark

Minimum detail, but maximum urgency, Mark tells a gripping narrative About the Messiah – baptised, appointing, preaching, healing, challenging, acclaimed,

Rejected, crucified, resurrected. Always proclaiming the nearness of God's Kingdom, throughout his life and beyond the grave.

<u>Luke</u>

Like Matthew, Luke begins with genealogies, the virgin birth and John's baptism but

Unlike Luke the account is for all born of Adam (Gentiles), not just Abraham (Jews).

Knowledgeable Doctor Luke reports lots of Jesus' sayings, and the post-resurrection

Emmaus road encounter, which helps to make sense of everything that had taken place.

John

Jesus, light of the world, Only begotten son of God He is the way, the truth, the life Nazarene carpenter, cosmic King

Credo Article

I am studying for a B.A. degree in Practical Theology at York St John University. 18 months to go and (if I work hard and get the grades) I'll be graduating.

One of the topics we looked at recently was the issue of slavery. It was fascinating to look at the history of the debate about slavery that took place both in this country and the United States at the time when the arguments for abolition were gaining momentum. What was particularly interesting is the role of Christians and the use of the Bible on both sides of the debate.

The various books of the Bible were written many years ago at a time when slavery was commonplace and an accepted practice. So on reading the Bible (both Old and New Testaments) one finds passages that accept and condone slavery. It is true that in some places in the Bible limits are placed on how slaves should be treated, but the fact that they existed goes largely unquestioned.

Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' was very influential in the slavery debate in the USA. She uses characters, including clergymen, who quote the Bible in support of their pro-slavery position, but counters that with the message of Jesus: one of the characters says: "I can read my Bible; and there I see that I must feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and comfort the desolate; and that Bible I mean to follow." The author's anti-slavery stance is made very clear.

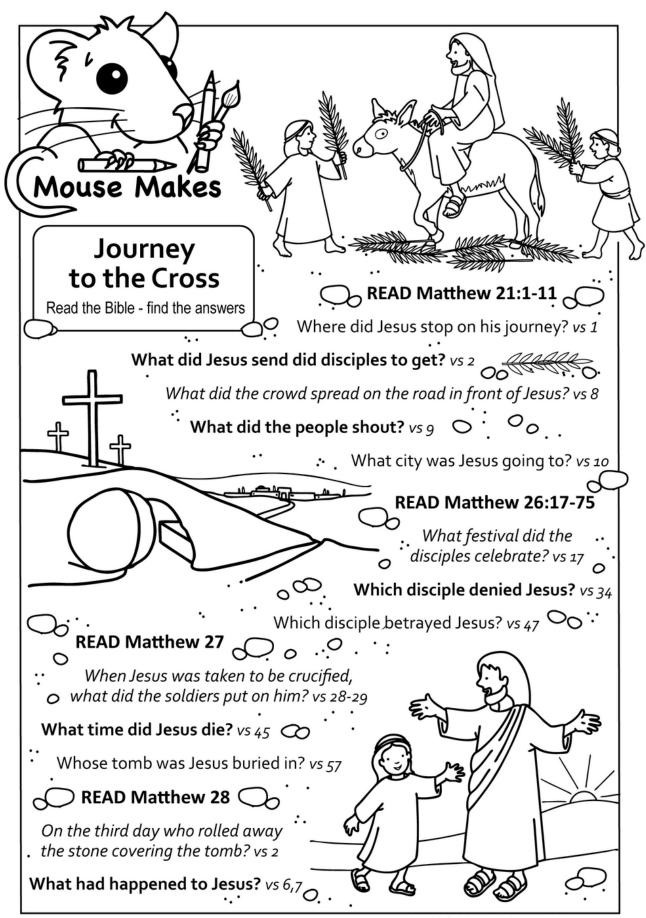
I don't think there is any Christian now who would argue that slavery is justifiable – at least I hope not. The argument has been won long ago. Those texts that seem to support slavery have been weighed in the balance with the words of Jesus about loving one another and the message of love has won the day.

There are other contentious issues that the church continues to wrestle with. The role of women in church leadership is one; the different Christian traditions have a range of viewpoints on that matter, but overall the trend is clearly in the direction of equality of the genders. Late last year, for example, the Church of England appointed a woman to the third highest role in that church, Bishop of London. But not everyone in the Church of England agrees with the current stance: no doubt the debate will continue for some time yet. Another such issue is homosexuality; again there are widely different views in the churches, with some being happy to marry same sex couples and others seeing homosexuality as a sin. In both these issues biblical texts can be quoted in support of both sides of the argument.

It is over 200 years since the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade. Looking back it is difficult to see how Christians could ever have supported slavery. I wonder what Christians in 200 years from now will think when they look back on the debates Christians are having today about equality of gender and sexuality?

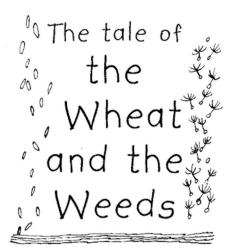
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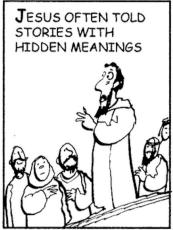
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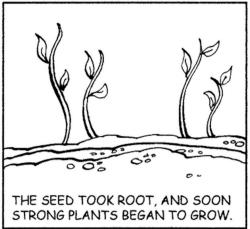
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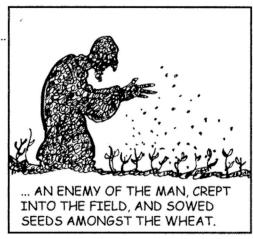


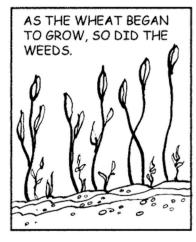




















WHEN THE WHEAT WAS READY, IT WAS HARVESTED INTO HUGE BUNDLES.



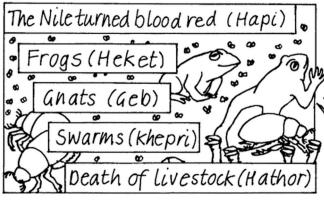
CAN KEEP SEPARATE FROM IT.

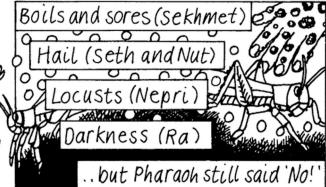
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BID BITE

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Exodus7:14-10:29,12:21-23,29-33,14:5-29 God told Pharaoh to let the Hebrew slaves leave Egypt, but he refused. God then showed his power over Egypt (and its gods)...





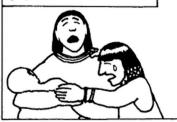
God told the Hebrewsto prepare to leave, and each family to kill and cook a lamb. He told them..

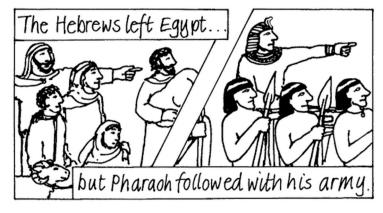


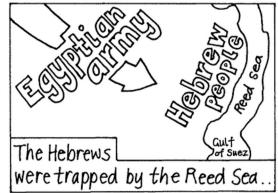
Mark your house door with the lamb's blood.



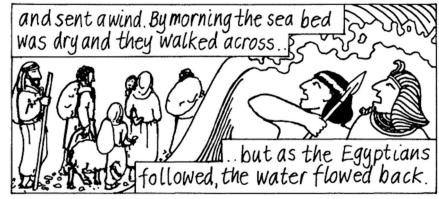
That night, in each un-marked house, the eldest son died.











Puzzles

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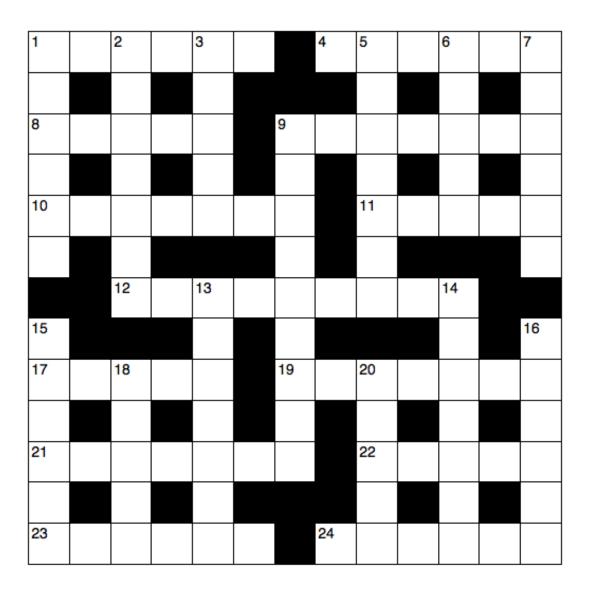
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Answers for the last editions' Sudoku and Crossword

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Puzzles



Across

- 1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)
- 4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)
- 8 "They ," you will say, "but I'm not hurt!" (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)
- 9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)
- **10** Jewish (7)
- **11** Dirge (anag.) (5)
- 12 'A truthful witness gives honest —, but a false witness tells lies' (Proverbs 12:17) (9)
- 17 Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)
- 19 'Do not use your freedom to the sinful nature' (Galatians 5:13) (7)
- 21 'As you can see, he has done nothing to death' (Luke 23:15) (7)

- 22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)
- 23 'All the people — one man, saying, "None of us will go home" (Judges 20:8) (4,2)
- **24** Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham's side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)

Down

- **1** Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)
- 2 'In an to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea' (Acts 27:30) (7)
- **3** Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)
- **5** 'But I have a baptism to —, and how distressed I am until it is completed!' (Luke 12:50) (7)
- **6** 'Of the increase of his government and peace there will be ——' (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)
- 7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)
- **9** 'For I desire mercy, not —, and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings' (Hosea 6:6) (9)
- 13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob's well (John 4:5) (7)
- **14** Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)
- **15** Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)
- **16** One of Paul's first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)
- **18** Donkeys (5)
- **20** Raked (anag.) (5)



Puzzles

Jesus at the gates of Jerusalem

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when the Church remembers how Jesus arrived at the gates of Jerusalem just a few days before the Passover was due to be held. He was the Messiah come to His own people in their capital city, and yet He came in humility, riding on a young donkey, not in triumph, riding on a war-horse. As Jesus entered the city, the crowds gave Him a rapturous welcome, throwing palm fronds into His path. They knew His reputation as a healer, and welcomed Him. But sadly, the welcome was short-lived and shallow, for Jerusalem would soon reject her Messiah, and put Him to death.

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Donkey	Triumph	Crowds	Rapturous	Fronds
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Update From Zambia

Dear supporter

Matildah hopes you are fine. She is fine. She is happy to write to you just to know if you are fine.

In the drawings she has drawn, she has drawn you a nice flower to show her happiness. Her family has planted many flowers at home.

Matildah and the family are about to shift to Chapanya school, near to the Kalungu school. She is a very good and clever girl, and good in drawings.

Best wishes

M Nakazwe (field worker)



A message for my sponsor from Zambia Un messaggio dallo Zambia! Minha mensagem da Zâmbia Μήνυμα από τη Ζάμπια για τον ανάδοχό μου



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