



# The Envoy

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

*The next deadline for  
submissions to the magazine is  
10th June 2018.*

## ***London Road Congregational Church Services***

Sunday 11am — Morning Worship

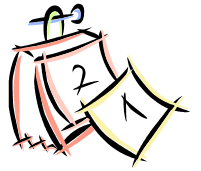
Holy Communion is celebrated during Morning Worship on the first Sunday of each month.

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 May 2018



Thursday 3rd                      10am Parents and Toddlers  
Friday 4th                        10am Friday Focus

## **Sunday 6th — 11am Morning Worship with Holy Communion**

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

Thursday 10th                    10am Parents and Toddlers  
Friday 11th                       10am Friday Focus  
Saturday 12th                   10am Just Sing Community Choir  
   in the church hall

## **Sunday 13th — 11am Morning Worship**

Preacher: Reverend Ken Hague  
Flowers: Beryl                  Reader: Stan  
Duty Deacon: Stan

Wednesday 16th                7.30pm Film Club  
   22 Ringrose Close, Newark  
Thursday 17th                    10am Parents and Toddlers  
Friday 18th                       10am Friday Focus

## **Sunday 20th — 11am Morning Worship**

Preacher: Reverend Ken Hague  
Flowers: Joan                  Reader: Mark                  Duty Deacon: Gary

Wednesday 23rd                7pm Bible Study  
Thursday 24th                    10am Parents and Toddlers  
Friday 25th                       10am Friday Focus  
Saturday 26th                   10am Just Sing Community Choir  
   in the church hall

## **Sunday 27th — 10.30am Café Service**

Preacher: Mark Taylor  
Flowers: Mrs Martin              Reader: Julie

Thursday 31st                    10am Parents and Toddlers



# Calendar for June 2018



Friday 6th

10am Friday Focus

## **Sunday 3rd — 11am Morning Worship with Holy Communion**

Preacher: Reverend Ken Hague

Flowers: Jean      Reader: Beryl

Duty Deacon: Val      Communion Duty: Debbie and Val

Thursday 7th

10am Parents and Toddlers

Friday 8th

10am Friday Focus

Saturday 9th

10am Just Sing Community Choir  
in the church hall

## **Sunday 10th — 11am Morning Worship**

Preacher: TBC

Flowers: Sugar

Reader: Sugar

Duty Deacon: Julie

Wednesday 13th

7.30pm Film Club

22 Ringrose Close, Newark

Thursday 14th

10am Parents and Toddlers

Friday 15th

10am Friday Focus

## **Sunday 17th — 11am Morning Worship**

Preacher: Reverend Ken Hague

Reader: Debbie      Duty Deacon: Mark

Thursday 21st

10am Parents and Toddlers

Friday 22nd

10am Friday Focus

Saturday 23rd

10am Just Sing Community Choir  
in the church hall

## **Sunday 24th — 10.30am Café Service**

Preacher: Julie

Flowers: Gary

Wednesday 27th

7pm Bible Study

Thursday 28th

10am Parents and Toddlers

Friday 29th

10am Friday Focus

# ***From The Minister***

Dear Friends

Being a Christian is not an easy task, we must balance out the life which God gives us. We can enjoy the wonderful experiences in our lives, with our need and requirements as a Christian to serve our Lord in faith and love.

I spend many hours praying for guidance through the Holy Spirit about how our fellowship can grow in faith and numbers. How can I be a greater servant of the Lord and spread his gospel throughout our community?

Society has changed so much in my lifetime; many people are richer, feel they can control their own lives, and feel they don't need the Lord. It is easy for many just to live the lifestyle they want regardless of Jesus's teaching. As a result, our society is divided and, in many areas, unfair to God's people. It is our duty to do what we can to spread the gospel and to live a Christ-like life. We must develop stronger faith and patience and trust in the Lord. To guide us through the Holy Spirit what he wishes us to do in his name. We must be patient and live in hope for the future.

I'm not naturally a patient person, Gail would tell you that. I don't like waiting and become easily annoyed by long queues, especially ones that don't move forward. I've tried to challenge my level of patience by deliberately choosing the longest queues at supermarket checkouts. Then instead of getting agitated I pray quietly for all the people in front of me and behind me. I tried this also in the ever-increasing traffic queues I find myself getting into particularly on a Sunday morning, round the Newark Showground.

It's a tough habit to cultivate! Patience is a fruit of the spirit which takes time to grow. I clearly need more practice developing this fruit. Sometimes waiting for God to answer my prayers tests my patience too, but it also stretches my faith. No wonder the Psalmist repeatedly asked God "how long?"

While I wait for God I am growing in God, so the waiting is not wasted time but an investment of time. I often feel the need to get closer to God. This desire is a natural step we take the more we grow in faith the more we feel the need to love and know him better. I believe this is a sign of our personal faith and our desire to be a true disciple of Jesus.

Beloved in Christ let us balance our lifestyle against Jesus's request to serve him. May Jesus always come first in our lives. He died for our sins and took the pain and torment that we may gain eternal life. Truly we are blessed.

Your Friend and Minister

Reverend Ken

***Psalm 62: 5 & 6***

***Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him.***

***He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.***



# ***From the Fellowship***

The new hall floor is down and looks very nice. Thanks to Mark for overseeing this. The church AGM had to be postponed due to sickness and other commitments. The new date is yet to be decided, but will be announced as soon as possible, and also put on the notice board in the hall.

We are having to make several last minute changes to the rotas fairly regularly, so please listen to the notices each Sunday. This is due to infirmity mainly, but also we are coming up to the holiday season.

As you might gather from the above, we still have several poorly members, although they are not always the same ones. Please remember them all in your prayers.

We have three retiring deacons this year — Val, Mark and Julie. Val and Mark are prepared to stand again, and have both been nominated. Mark has asked Julie if he could put her name forward.

I would like to thank you all for the lovely card I received from the members on the occasion of my 90th birthday, and also for the individual cards.

The charity for June and July is Air Ambulance.

Joan



*They had been promised a Celebrity  
Guest Preacher*

# Notice Board

**Sunday 1st July 2018**  
**11am Morning Worship with Holy Communion**  
Preacher: Reverend Ken Hague  
Communion Duty: Val and Julie  
Reader: Stan  
Duty Deacon: Val  
Flowers: Maureen and Janet

## 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 10th June 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](mailto: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**

- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Fish — all types
- Cereal
- Long Life Juice (not fresh)
- Long Life UHT Milk (not evaporated or condensed)
- Chocolate Biscuit Bars e.g. Kit Kat, Penguin, Rocky etc.
- Chocolate Bars/Sweets
- Cereal Bars
- Tinned or Microwavable Sponge Puddings

## **Non-Food**

- Deodorant — especially female
- Soap — tablets

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

## **Food**

- Tinned Custard
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Jars of Pasta Sauce
- Biscuits
- Tinned/Packet Soup — meat or veg
- Tea Bags — 40s or 80s
- Packets of Instant Mashed Potato
- Tinned Fish (not Tuna)
- Jam
- Sugar
- Tinned Meat, hot — e.g. mince, stewing steak etc.
- Tinned Meat, cold — e.g. Spam, ham (not corned beef)

## **Non-Food**

- Feminine Hygiene
- Shower Gel
- Shampoo
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Washing Up Liquid
- Dog/Cat Food
- Toilet Rolls
- Laundry Liquitabs/Tablets
- Men's Toiletries
- Strong Carrier Bags

Please do not donate items containing alcohol or any fresh food items. 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, [harryhunteronline.com](http://harryhunteronline.com)

## Acts of the Apostles

After Jesus had ascended the apostles gathered together in an upper room and Continued praying. On the day of Pentecost, a tempestuous sound filled their house and Tongues of fire rested on them: just as Jesus had promised, the Holy Spirit had been poured out, empowering them. Peter preached urgently to the Onlookers and three thousand people joined them in a caring, sharing Fellowship – the birth of the church. The apostles continued teaching and healing but The Jewish authorities, including a man called Saul, thought they were Heretics and began to persecute them. The apostles scattered, and Saul Eagerly pursued them to Damascus, but on the road heard Jesus' voice And was blinded by a light from heaven. His sight restored, he was re-named Paul and joined the apostles. The scattered believers continued spreading Outwards, but only tried to convert the Jews, before realising that God's Salvation was for everyone. Then Paul, Silas, Barnabas, Timothy and others Travelled across Asia Minor and Greece, spreading the gospel. On the way, Luke joined them (and later wrote this book). After many tight scrapes, Eventually Paul was arrested and sent to stand trial in Rome. He was Shipwrecked off Malta but survived and preached in Rome prior to trial.

## Romans

Righteous they weren't, these Roman Christians! Saved by grace, Ordinary people predestined to be extraordinary. Sinners all, who became More than conquerors, Jew and Gentile grafted together, and no longer under Any condemnation, but transformed through the Spirit to be living sacrifices. For Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation can Separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Corinthians I and II

Church at Corinth was a messy affair in the first century, all Over the place in terms of faith, morality and behaviour – divided, Righteous in their own eyes, litigious and ignoring lessons from Israel's history about idolatry and one-upmanship. So Paul had to Nurture them in sharing communion and exercising spiritual gifts; he Taught them about the resurrection body, and the excellence of love. Much Hardship afflicted the apostles, and the Corinthians should have gloried In this 'treasure in jars of clay' rather than seeking glamour. They were to be Ambassadors for Christ, sowing generously, because they were "New creations". But because the Corinthians were so factitious and Sinful, Paul had to give them lots of tough advice (which is still invaluable today)!





# East Midlands Recorder Orchestra

presents a **Charity Concert** at

**4pm on Sunday 20th May.**

The concert will be held at

**St Giles Community Hall, Main Road,  
Balderton NG24 3LN**

The programme will include;

Brook Green Suite - Holst

The Imps of Lincoln - Paul Richards

Mountain Mosaic - Glen Shannon

Chaconne - Buxtehude

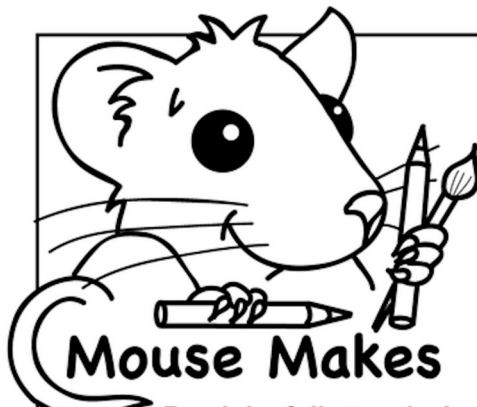
Folk Songs from Somerset - Vaughan Williams

Fantasia su 'Scampagnata dell'orso Teddi' - David Cranmer

There will be a retiring collection to raise money for Beaumont House Community Hospice in memory of the composer, Paul Richards.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sheilarichardsmusic>

# Children's Corner

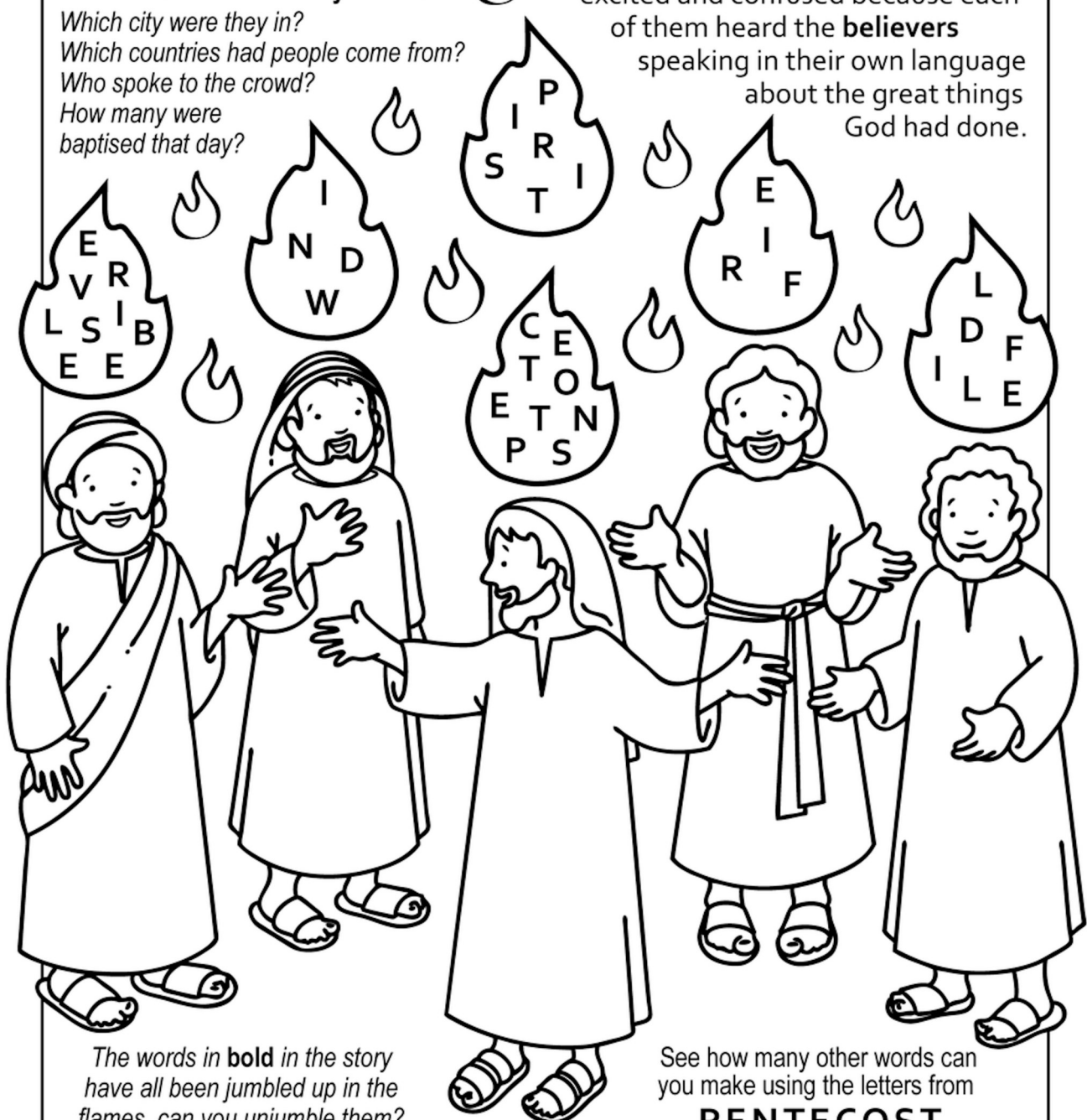


Read the full story in Acts 2

Which city were they in?  
Which countries had people come from?  
Who spoke to the crowd?  
How many were  
baptised that day?

It was the festival of **Pentecost** and the Apostles and other believers were all together in one place, when they heard a sound like a strong **wind** and saw what looked like flames of **fire** which spread out and touched each person. They were all **filled** with the Holy **Spirit** and began to talk in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.

A crowd gathered outside, they were excited and confused because each of them heard the **believers** speaking in their own language about the great things God had done.



The words in **bold** in the story have all been jumbled up in the flames, can you unjumble them?

See how many other words can you make using the letters from  
**PENTECOST**



# Children's Corner

## The parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus



JESUS OFTEN TOLD  
STORIES WITH  
HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONCE JESUS TOLD A STORY  
ABOUT A RICH MAN...



...WHO LIVED IN GREAT  
LUXURY.



MEANWHILE THERE WAS A  
VERY POOR MAN WHO LIVED  
BY BEGGING AT THE RICH  
MAN'S GATE.

THE RICH MAN THOUGHT ONLY  
OF HIMSELF.



SADLY, BOTH THE RICH MAN, AND  
LAZARUS - THE POOR MAN DIED.



LAZARUS FOUND  
HIMSELF IN HEAVEN,  
BUT THE RICH MAN...



...ENDED UP SOMEWHERE FAR  
LESS PLEASANT!

PLEASE HELP ME. JUST GIVE ME  
SOMETHING TO DRINK - PLEASE! OR AT  
LEAST WARN MY BROTHERS!!!



THE RICH MAN HAD LEARNED A TERRIBLE LESSON.  
HE SHOULD HAVE CARED FOR LAZARUS WHEN HE  
HAD THE CHANCE! - IT'S A HARD PARABLE FOR  
EVERYONE WHO IS RICH.

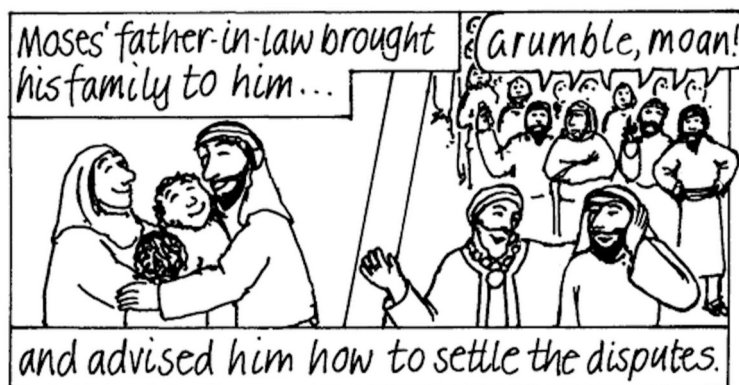
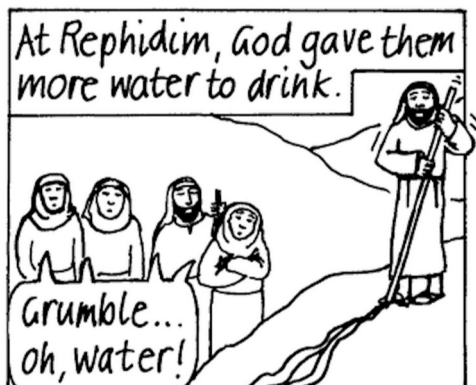
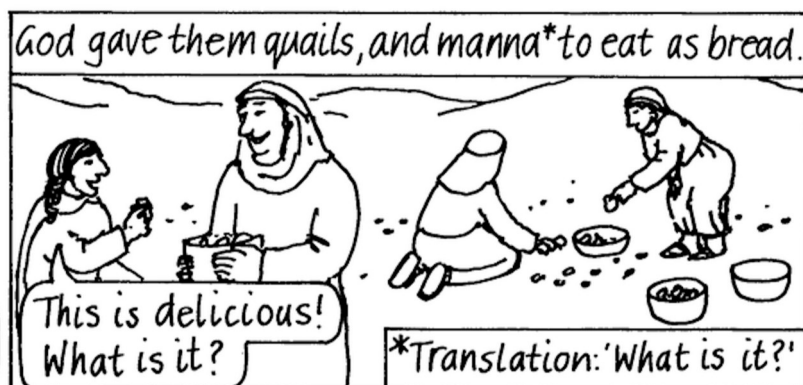
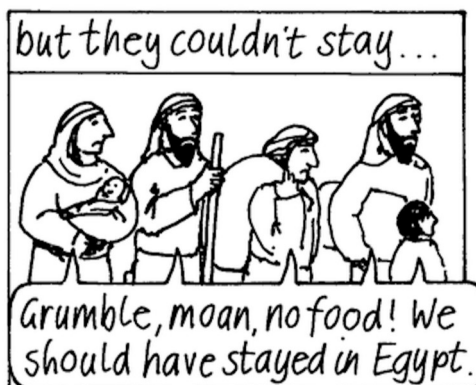
# Children's Corner

## Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Exodus chapters 15:22 to 19:2

God had rescued the Hebrews from Egypt, and was leading them to their new land. But after 3 days...



# Puzzles

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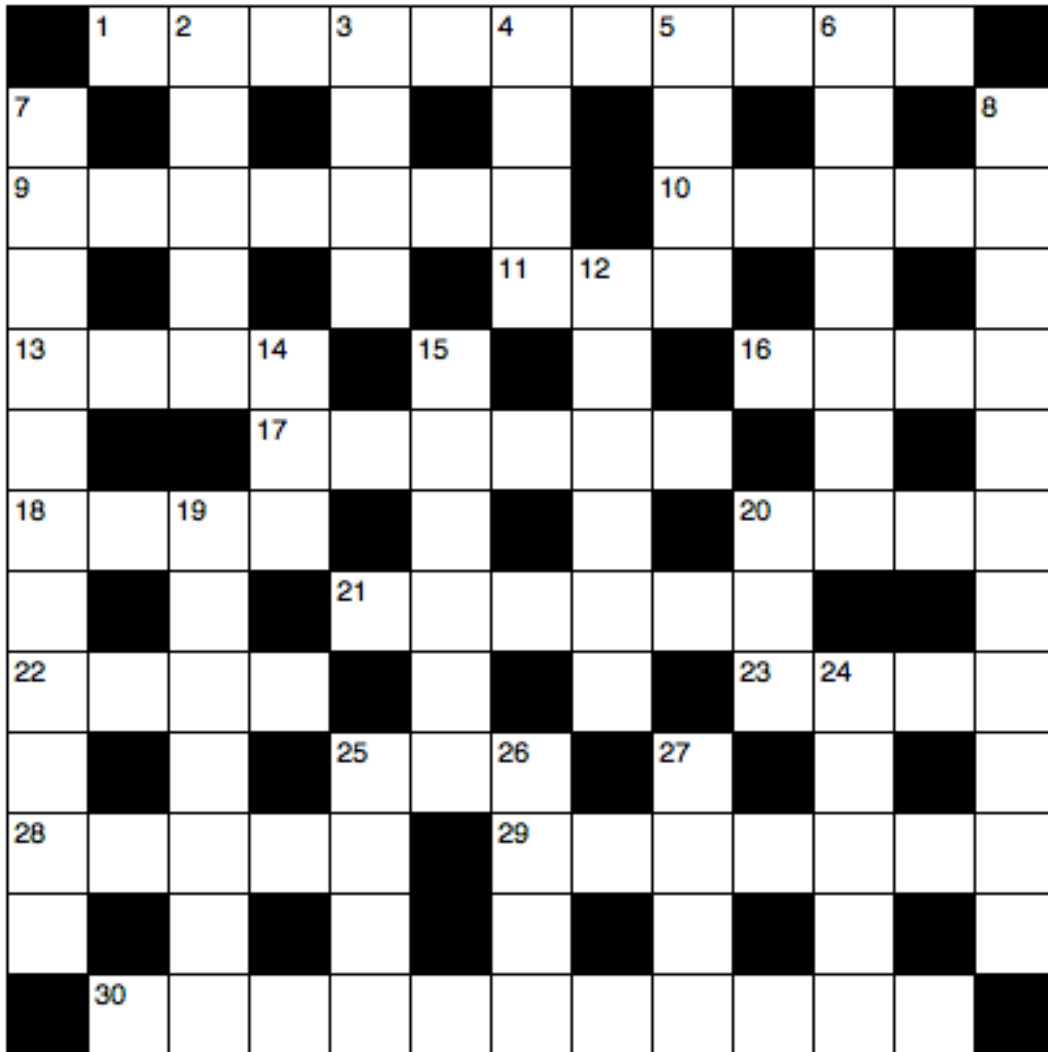
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Answers for the last editions' Sudoku and Crossword

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# Puzzles



## Across

- 1** Overpowered (Deuteronomy 11:4) (11)
- 9** 'The — are mantled with corn' (Psalm 65:13) (7)
- 10** 'Each man—a sword to his side' (Exodus 32:27) (5)
- 11** On the death of Jesus the curtain in the temple was torn from— to bottom (Matthew 27:51) (3)
- 13** Stagger (Isaiah 28:7) (4)
- 16** 'Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought——and doesn't do it, sins' (James 4:17) (2,2)
- 17** Stir up or provoke (Acts 13:50) (6)
- 18** Burden (Luke 11:46) (4)
- 20** 'As far as the east is from the—,so far has he removed our transgressions from us' (Psalm 103:12) (4)
- 21** Sign (Luke 23:38) (6)



- 22** ‘After that, Jesus poured water into a basin and began to—his disciples’ feet’ (John 13:5) (4)
- 23** The nature of the seven ears of corn which swallowed up the good ears in Pharaoh’s dream (Genesis 41:23) (4)
- 25** Has (anag.) (3)
- 28** ‘This is the account of Shem, Ham and Japheth,—sons’ (Genesis 10:1) (5)
- 29** ‘I will...make them drunk, so that they...sleep for—and— awake’ (Jeremiah 51:39) (4,3)
- 30** Paul said of him, ‘he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my chains’ (2 Timothy 1:16) (11)

## **Down**

- 2** Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5)
- 3** ‘A bruised — he will not break’ (Matthew 12:20) (4)
- 4** ‘Suddenly a great company of the heavenly — appeared with the angel’ (Luke 2:13) (4)
- 5** Slip (anag.) (4)
- 6** ‘Take an awl and push it through his — — into the door, and he will become your servant for life’ (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3,4)
- 7** Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11)
- 8** ‘Therefore, as we have — , let us do good to all people’ (Galatians 6:10) (11)
- 12** Acquire (2 Timothy 2:10) (6)
- 14** Container cover (Numbers 19:15) (3)
- 15** ‘He...became obedient to death, even death on——!’ (Philippians 2:8) (1,5)
- 19** Refrain (1 Peter 2:11) (7)
- 20** ‘She began to—his feet with her tears’ (Luke 7:38) (3)
- 24** One who worships Brahma, Vishnu or Shiva (5)
- 25** ‘Give to everyone who—you’ (Luke 6:30) (4)
- 26** ‘I lift up my eyes to the hills; where does my—come from?’ (Psalm 121:1) (4)
- 27** One of those whom the Lord said would be taken from Jerusalem and Judah as judgment on them (Isaiah 3:2) (4)

# Puzzles

## After the Ascension

The disciples had spent 40 days with Jesus and now they were called to share that experience with others. Jesus told them to wait for the gift of the Spirit to empower them as witnesses. *'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.'* The Spirit also equips us to display Jesus' character (fruit) and enables us to witness (gifts). How does our life demonstrate the difference Jesus makes? The early Christians were called to witness for Jesus in ever-increasing circles of influence. For us, this will mean



Ascension	Disciples	Forty	Jesus	Share
Experience	Wait	Gift	Spirit	Empower
Equip	Witness	Jerusalem	Father	Early
Christians	Demonstrate	Difference	Family	Friends
Workplace	Community	World	Calling	Serve



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Church meal at The Grange Hotel on Sunday 8th April 2018, including Reverend Martin Spain, President of the Congregational Federation, who preached at the service that morning.