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Front Cover: River Trent at Farndon from Steve Caddy

Back Cover: Update from Reza in Afghanistan

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.

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 July 2018



Sunday 1st — 11am Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Preacher: Gary

Reader: Stan Duty Deacon: Val

Flowers: Maureen and Janet Communion Duty: Val and Julie

Thursday 5th 10am Parents and Toddlers
Friday 6th 10am Friday Focus
Saturday 7th 10am Just Sing Community Choir
 in the church hall

Sunday 8th — 11am Morning Worship

Preacher: Chris Emblen

Flowers: Mrs Wilkinson Reader: Mary

Duty Deacon: Debbie

Wednesday 11th 7.30pm Film Club
 22 Ringrose Close, Newark
Thursday 12th 10am Parents and Toddlers
Friday 13th 10am Friday Focus

Sunday 15th — 11am Morning Worship

Preacher: Reverend Ken Hague

Flowers: Dorothy Reader: Mark Duty Deacon: Mark

Thursday 19th 10am Parents and Toddlers
Friday 20th 10am Friday Focus
Saturday 21st 10am Just Sing Community Choir
 in the church hall

Sunday 22nd — 10.30am Café Service

Preacher: Mark Taylor

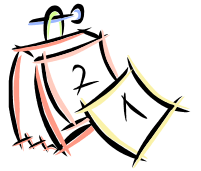
Flowers: Kath Reader: Julie

Wednesday 25th 7pm Bible Study
Thursday 26th 10am Parents and Toddlers
Friday 27th 1am Friday Focus

Sunday 29th — 11am Members Service

Flowers: Debbie

Calendar for August 2018



Thursday 2nd 10am Parents and Toddlers
Friday 3rd 10am Friday Focus
Saturday 4th 10am Just Sing Community Choir
 in the church hall

Sunday 5th — 11am Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Preacher: Reverend Ken Hague
Flowers: Mary Reader: Beryl
Duty Deacon: Mark Communion Duty: Debbie and Mark

Wednesday 8th 7.30pm Film Club
 22 Ringrose Close, Newark
Thursday 9th 10am Parents and Toddlers
Friday 10th 10am Friday Focus

Sunday 12th — 11am Morning Worship

Preacher: Reverend Ken Hague
Reader: Debbie Duty Deacon: Julie

Thursday 16th 10am Parents and Toddlers
Friday 17th 10am Friday Focus
Saturday 18th 10am Just Sing Community Choir
 in the church hall

Sunday 19th — 11am Morning Worship

Preacher: Reverend G Bakker
Flowers: Andrea Reader: Joan Duty Deacon: Mark

Wednesday 22nd 7pm Bible Study
Thursday 23rd 10am Parents and Toddlers
Friday 24th 10am Friday Focus

Sunday 26th — 10.30am Café Service

Preacher: Mark Taylor
Flowers: Dorothy Reader: Julie

Thursday 30th 10am Parents and Toddlers
Friday 31st 10am Friday Focus

From The Minister

What really matters

Hebrews chapter 12 verses 1 -2: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

I have been the chaplain in a local hospice for seven years. I have had many discussions with people who have a terminal illness and have to re-look at their lifestyle and their expectations for the future. I have been amazed with the way people looked at their current lives and lifestyle and decided how to move forward to find enjoyment in the important things in their individual lives and family. The day centre at the hospice is a happy place where people share their thoughts, joys, memories, and hopes for the future. I have often asked myself how do you find such happiness and purpose when life is predicted to be so difficult.

A prominent Christian suffering from terminal cancer was interviewed on the local radio a week before his death. He was asked about his faith. He said that as time went on he believed more and more about less and less. It seemed to him that as his faith grew it became possible to let go of many things which were once important in order to hold more strongly to the few things that he now realised did matter.

Many people who find their lives disrupted by illness or age-related problems will tell you that they have to jettison the trivial parts of their life to concentrate on a few really important things. What are the important things in your life and where do your Christian beliefs stand in terms of your priorities and planning for the future?

The point is life is often cluttered by trivial things which overlap the things that are essential to our spiritual faith, growth and survival as a disciple in Christ. I have always said to people when discussing faith and the messages within the Bible. Keep the core Christian values the indisputable facts of Jesus' life and teachings striving to live to his values.

Jesus lived and taught people how they should live in his short ministry but one which changed the world forever.

He died on the cross for our sins, his father resurrected him on the third day. By that sacrifice, a new life and salvation was made possible for each one of us. We have a place in heaven a future beyond this fragile life. We are assured of the love of our Heavenly Father and are guided through the Holy Spirit.

Beloved in Christ what more do we need? Jesus told us what was important to find peace, hope and happiness in our lives and the certainty of our future in heaven.

I believe it is essential that the teachings of Jesus govern our lives the way we live and how we treat others in his name. May our lives continue to be blessed by his love companionship and guidance.

Your friend and Minister

From the Fellowship

At the delayed AGM, the following dates were decided on for Church Meetings for the coming year:

10th July 2018
4th September 2018
18th November 2018
20th January 2019
17th March 2019

The 2019 AGM will be held on 7th May at 7pm.

The three retiring Deacons were re-elected for a further 3 years.

Most of the members are coping with various aches and pains, but still manage to come to church on Sundays. Gail is unable to be with us as often as she would like as travelling makes her pain worse. Please remember we have a Prayer Diary on the Communion Table. Do enter names of those you wish us to pray for.

My list of available preachers keeps getting shorter, so if you know of anyone who might be prepared to visit us and lead our worship, please let me know. We hope to keep in touch with those on the list who cannot come any more.

We will be reconsidering the charities we support at the July meeting. If you have any suggestions, please let me know beforehand.

The charity for August and September is The Patriotic Fund

Joan

From the Editor

After almost 8 months of waiting for our house move to take place, I can finally say it has happened! At the end of June, Steve and myself moved to our new house at 133a Barnby Gate, Newark, NG24 1QZ. We've been living out of boxes for far longer than either of us wanted, and I certainly look forward to knowing where to find things again!

Lorna Caddy

Notice Board

Sunday 2nd September 2018
11am Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Preacher: Reverend Ken Hague
Communion Duty: TBC
Reader: Gail
Duty Deacon: Val
Flowers: Pat Corah

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 12th August 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.



FOODBANK SHOPPING LIST

June 2018

**PLEASE DO NOT DONATE ITEMS
CONTAINING ALCOHOL – THANK YOU**

Shortfall Items

Food

- Packets of instant mashed potato
- Tinned or Microwaveable Sponge Puddings
- Sugar
- Jars of Pasta Sauce

Non Food Items

- Shampoo

**Please do not donate FRESH food items.
Also, check that your donation is well
inside its use-by date. We cannot
distribute out of date food.**

Always needed

Food

- Tinned Custard
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Vegetables
- Biscuits
- Tinned/Packet Soup – meat or veg
- Tea Bags – 40's or 80's - NOT 240/260/280's please
- Jam
- Tinned Meat – hot: e.g. mince; stewing steak
- Tinned Meat – cold: e.g. Spam: ham – NOT corned beef please
- Cereal
- Long Life Juice (not fresh)
- Long Life UHT Milk (NOT evaporated or condensed)

- Chocolate Biscuit Bars (KitKat, Penguin etc.)
- Chocolate / Sweets
- Cereal Bars
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Fruit

Additional Items

- Toothbrushes
- Washing up liquid
- Laundry liquitabs/tablets
- Loo Rolls
- Men's Toiletries
- Shower Gel
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Deodorant - female

Items of which we have a plentiful supply:

- Baked Beans
- Coffee

- Pasta – we are now very well stocked
THANK YOU

- Our warehouse continues to be well-stocked. However, we are grateful for all regular donations, especially the shortfall items
- Please take your donation to one of our many collection points in supermarkets and churches. See our website for a complete list.

The Half Hour Bible

Courtesy of Harry Hunter, harryhunteronline.com

Galatians

Grace and peace to the churches in Galatia – though really (said Paul) I'm Amazed you are being so quickly deceived by false teachers: Legalists who want to re-apply Jewish practices. Such external Appearances are not important to God, because in Christ There is neither Jew nor Greek nor any other division. All are one In Christ Jesus. God put His Spirit into our hearts so we can cry "Abba" (father) – we are all His children and heirs. Our sinful Nature is to be replaced by the fruits of the Holy Spirit – Self-control, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness.

Ephesians

Every spiritual blessing in Christ is ours, because God Predestined us to be adopted as His children, and the Holy Spirit marks us with a seal, guaranteeing our inheritance. May the Eyes of your heart perceive the hope and riches which are yours, as Saints. Grasp the all-surpassing scale of Christ's love. Be Imitators of God, living a life of love, unity and obedience. Wear the Armour of God, to stand against the devil's schemes – Never cease praying, and wear God's belt, breastplate, shoes, Shield of faith, helmet of salvation and sword of the Spirit.

Philippians

Philippi had a lively, faithful, Spirit-filled church. Although He was in chains, Paul was uplifted by their prayers and he preached Inside prison. He found contentment in all circumstances, for "to Live is Christ and to die is gain". He told his readers to rejoice, pray, Imitate Christ's humility, not be anxious; and to dwell on excellent and Praiseworthy things that are true, noble, right, lovely, admirable and Pure. Paul reminds them that, despite having been born a child of Israel, he now counts all the Jewish legalism as garbage – he has Already received so much more through Jesus. He exhorts them Not to slacken off until their race is run, and thanks them for their Sacrificial gift which has reached him in prison.

Colossians

Continue in your faith, established and firm, you who
Once were God's enemies but are now reconciled through Christ;
Live a life worthy of the Lord. Know that Jesus is the firstborn
Over all creation. In Him all things hold together; He has
Supremacy over everything; the fullness of God dwells in Him.
Since you have been raised with Christ, don't get lured back
Into other religions and don't give in to earthly desires. Be fair to
All people, even in an unequal society, for God shows
No partiality. Let your conversation always be full of grace,
Seasoned with salt. Greetings to everyone!

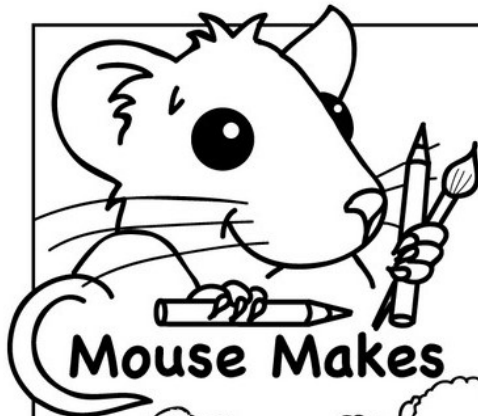
Thessalonians I and II

The Thessalonian church was thriving, having received the gospel with the
Holy Spirit, power and deep conviction – not just with words. Known
Everywhere for their faith, they had suffered severe opposition,
So Paul sent Timothy to see how they were coping. Fortunately, they were
Standing firm, and Paul encouraged them to be loving and holy,
Alert for the return of Jesus. Paul warned them about a man of
Lawlessness who would exalt himself over God and deceive many
Others with counterfeit miracles. He would delude those who had
Not believed the truth but had delighted in wickedness. So share
In the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, stand firm, and keep
Away from idle people who neither earn their keep
Nor live according to the apostles' example. Then Paul
Signs off with a greeting of peace and grace.

Timothy I and II

Timothy was quite a young man of mixed Greek-Jewish parentage;
Inevitably, some Christians considered him a lightweight. But Paul
Made him bishop of Ephesus, valued him highly, and counselled him
On many matters of Christian conduct. He taught him: that
The love of money is the root of all evil; to fight the good fight; to endure
Hardships; to understand that all Scripture is God-breathed; and not to
Yield to devious and deceitful opponents of the gospel.

Children's Corner



LOST AND FOUND

Jesus told three stories to help us to understand God's love and forgiveness.

The first is about a missing sheep that the shepherd did not give up looking for.

The second is about a lost coin that the owner kept searching for until it was found.

The third is about a young man who returned home after he realised he had made a mistake by wanting to go his own way.

Read the 'Lost and Found' parables in **Luke 15**

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Can you find the lost COIN, the lost SHEEP and the lost SON in the word search? Can you find these other words from the Lost and Found parables too?

HEAR • JESUS • HUNDRED • LOST • LOOK • FOUND
REJOICE • SINNER • REPENT • TEN • ONE • LAMP • SWEEP • SEARCH
FATHER • JOURNEY • SPENT • HUNGRY • PIGS • BACK • HOME • RAN
ROBE • RING • CALF • EAT • CELEBRATE • DEAD • ALIVE

Children's Corner

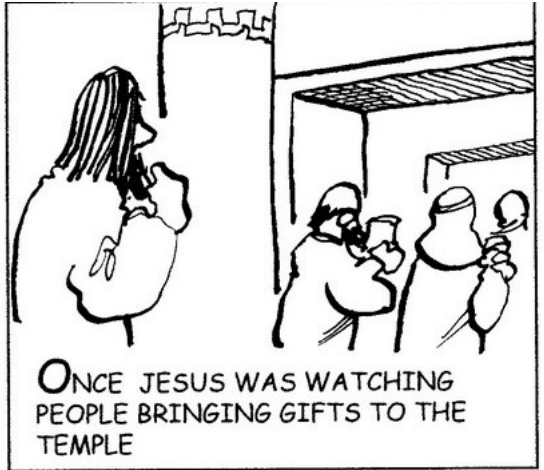
The Widow's little coins



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONCE JESUS WAS WATCHING PEOPLE BRINGING GIFTS TO THE TEMPLE



HE SAW THE RICH PEOPLE BRINGING THEIR MONEY



THEY MADE A BIG FUSS

THE PROUD PEOPLE WANTED EVERYONE TO SEE HOW RICH THEY WERE.



THEY MADE SURE EVERYONE COULD SEE THEM PUTTING THEIR MONEY IN THE BOX



BUT THEN JESUS WATCHED A POOR WIDOW CREEP UP TO THE TEMPLE...



...AND DONATE TWO SMALL COPPER COINS.



"THE WIDOW HAS GIVEN THE GREATEST GIFT", EXPLAINED JESUS. "IT IS WORTH SO MUCH MORE THAN ALL THE RICH PEOPLE'S GIFTS!" see Luke 21.1-4



Children's Corner

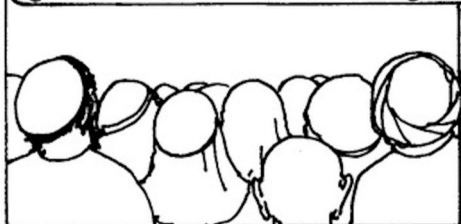
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Ex.19:3-9,20:1-21,24:7,12-18,32:1-25,34:1-9

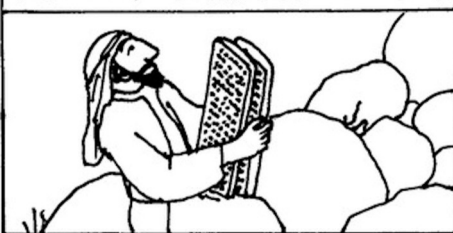
God rescued the Hebrew people from Egypt and led them to Sinai mountain. There He offered them a contract....

Keep My rules, and you will be My people and I will be your God and protect you.



We promise to do what You tell us and worship only You.

Moses climbed the mountain. God gave him two stone slabs with the contract on them.



Then God and Moses talked ... for 40 days and nights

Meanwhile...



Aaron, that Moses isn't coming back. We can't worship something we can't see.



Make us something we can worship

So Aaron made a gold bull and the people went wild.

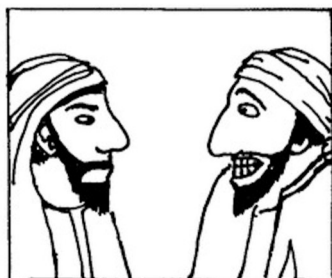


God told Moses....

Your people are already worshipping a statue.



Moses was so angry he smashed the contract slabs



It's not my fault, they made me do it.

God, please, please forgive Your people.



So God forgave His people and gave Moses two more contract slabs.



Puzzles

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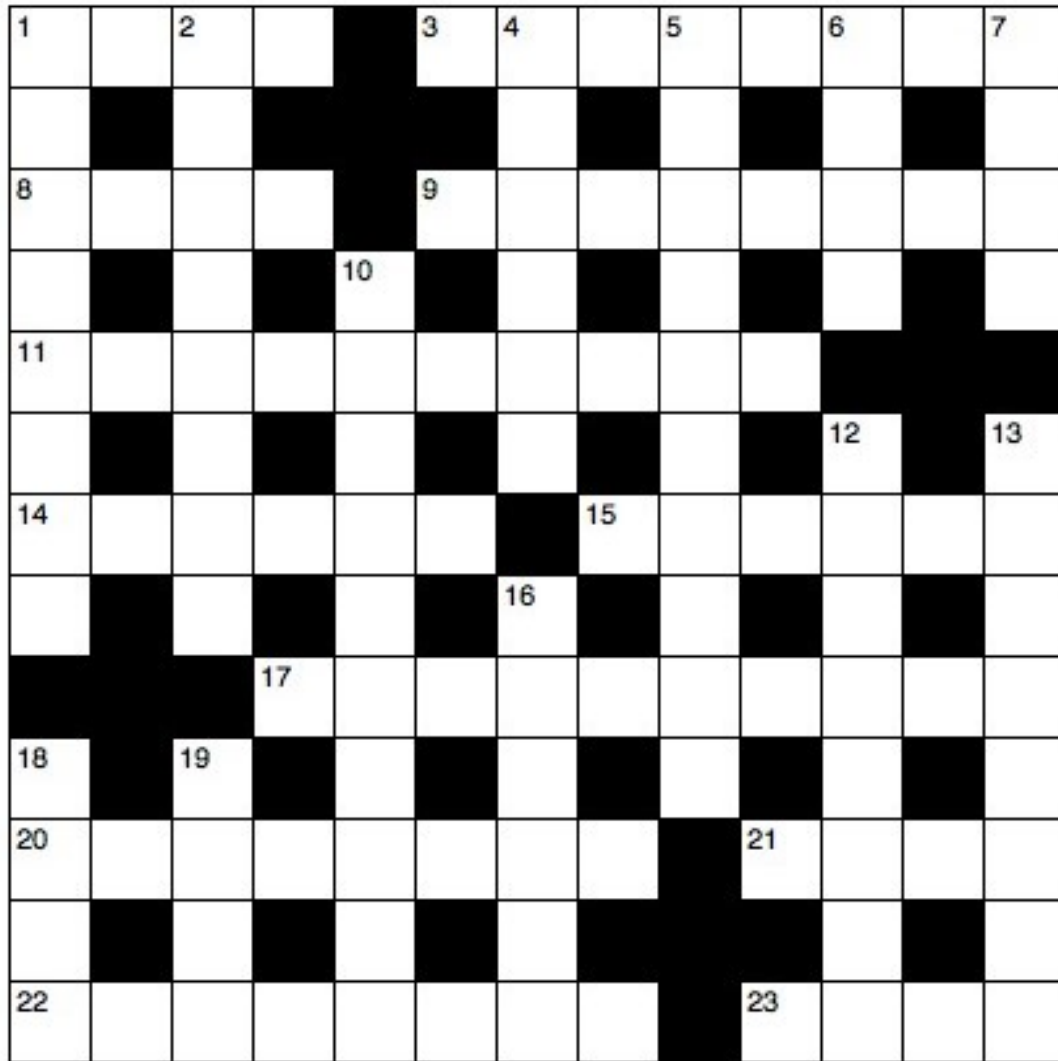
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Answers for the last editions' Sudoku and Crossword

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Puzzles



Across

- 1** Proverbs describes her as being ‘of noble character’ (Proverbs 31:10) (4)
- 3** ‘Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?’ (Judges 20:23) (2, 6)
- 8** A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)
- 9** ‘Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my — ’ (Luke 14:27) (8)
- 11** Resentment (Ephesians 4:31) (10)
- 14** In Cain (anag.) (6)
- 15** ‘Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to—’ (Psalm 139:6) (6)
- 17** Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5) (10)
- 20** Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church (8)
- 21** ‘At midnight the cry rang out, “Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to —

him” (Matthew 25:6) (4)

22 ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in — ’ (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)

23 ‘As the — pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God’ (Psalm 42:1) (4)

Down

1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Reverend G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)

2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)

4 ‘We three kings of — are’ (6)

5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)

6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)

7 ‘Open your — and look at the fields!’ (John 4:35) (4)

10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John 10:22) (10)

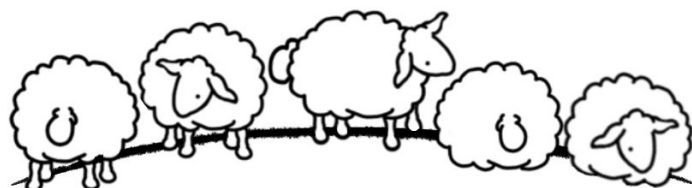
12 Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)

13 Forebear (James 2:21) (8)

16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha (6)

18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis 25:34) (4)

19 Rear (anag.) (4)



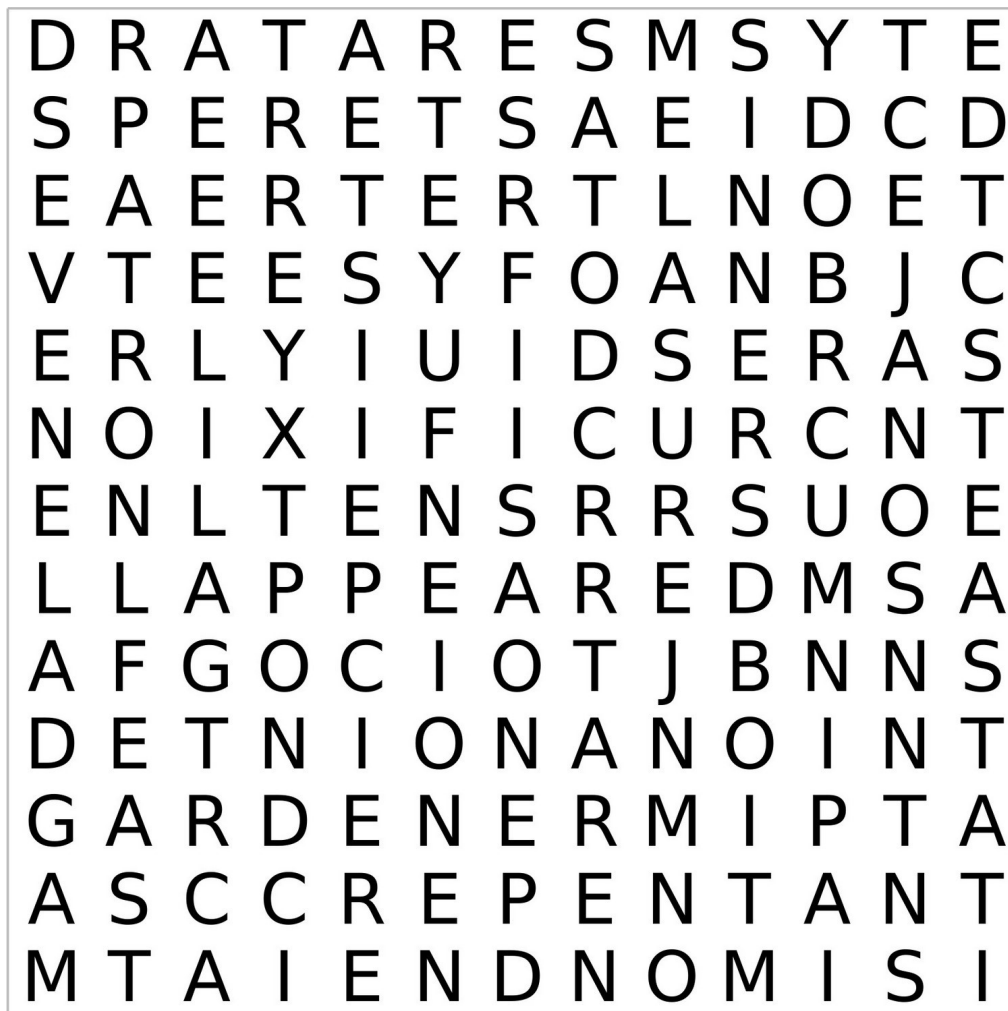
Puzzles

It is easy to understand the popularity of Mary Magdalene over the centuries: she is the patron saint of repentant sinners, and so represents all of us. We honour her on the 22nd of July.

Jesus drove seven demons from Mary, who came from near Tiberius in Galilee. Mary is thought to have been the woman who anointed Christ's feet in the house of Simon (Luke 7:37). She certainly followed Jesus to the bitter end – from Galilee to Jerusalem. Mary was present during the crucifixion, standing heart-broken at the foot of the cross. Her love for Jesus did not end there, for she went to the tomb to anoint his body on the Sunday morning.

Such faithful, humble devotion was richly repaid: she was the first person to whom the Risen Lord appeared on Easter Sunday morning. She thought He was the gardener at first.

Mary Magdalene's feast has been kept in the West since the 8th century. England has 187 ancient churches dedicated to her, as well as a College in both Oxford and Cambridge.



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| Mary | Magdalene | Patron | Saint | Repentant |
| Sinners | Seven | Demons | Galilee | Tiberius |
| Anointed | Feet | Simon | Crucifixion | Jerusalem |
| Tomb | Anoint | Body | Easter | Appeared |
| Gardener | | | | Feast |



Field worker update and translation/ Aggiornamento sul bambino
Fältarbetarens uppdatering/ Σχόλια τοπικού συνεργάτη

Dear Taylor!

I Thank you for your freindship, which is truly Precious gift indeed And I hope you keep warm during winter.

It is secondary month of autumn here which we called Aqrab (scorpion month) equal November, Today is semi sunny, The last two day snowy, I am going to prepare to attend on my final annual school exams. Maybe I finish my exams ten of fifteen days later, after ended of my school exams I have school holidays for a long time during winter season, which is a good winter vocation for all students here.

Thanks from ActionAid / JCSO which they hold literacy course for women in my village that my mother attended there to learn reading and writing, she got progress and she can use tele phone!

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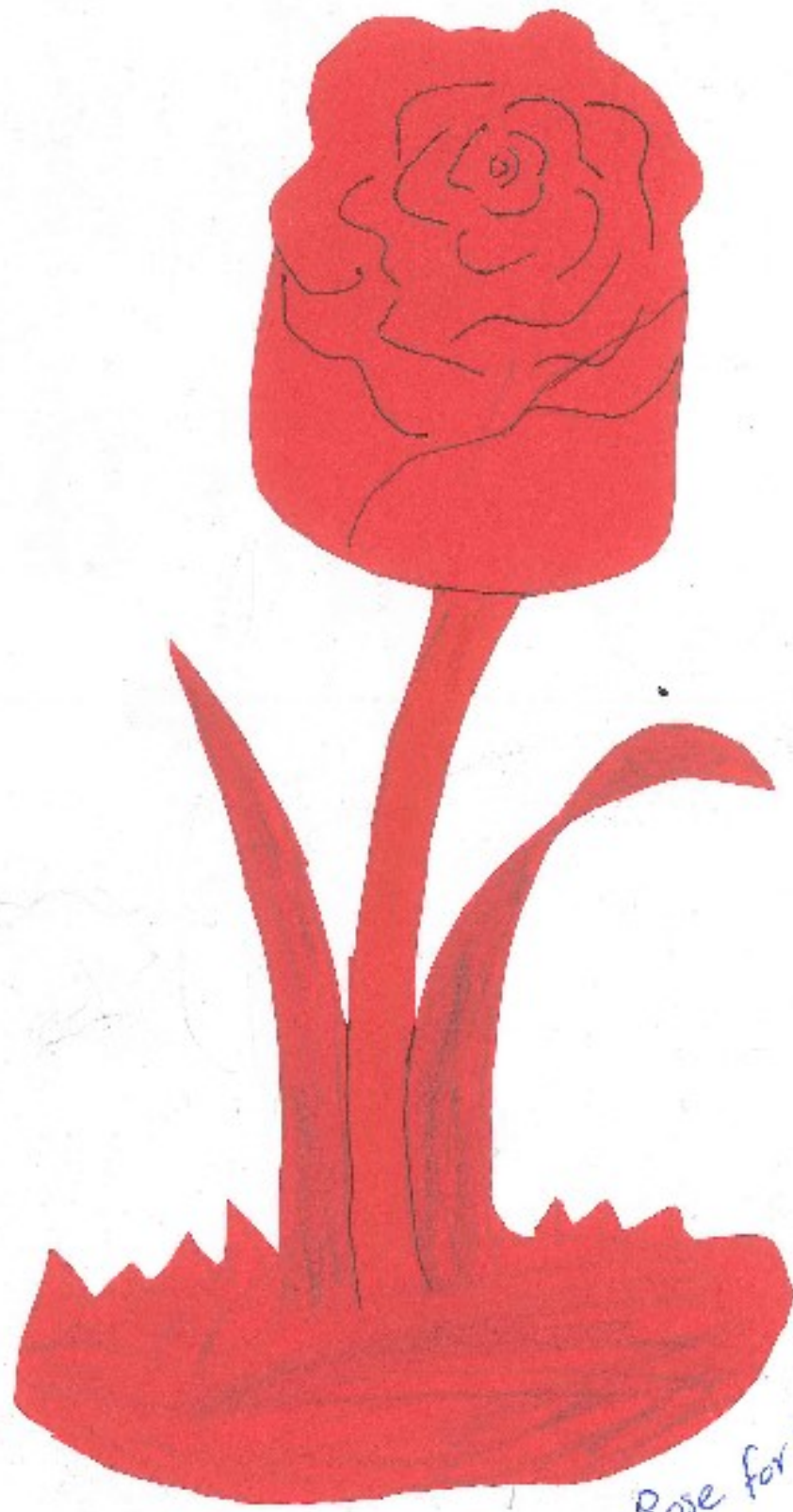
Essa CSA



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Child drawing and/or message Messaggio dal bambino / Teckning och/eller hälsning från fadderbarnet / To mīnīnā mou



A Rose for you

Please write to me at/ Scrivimi qui/ Skriv till ditt fadderbarn! Oa xapw πoλύ an μoυ σtέλλeις και εσύ ένα γράμμα στην παρoκάτω δ εύθuωση:
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