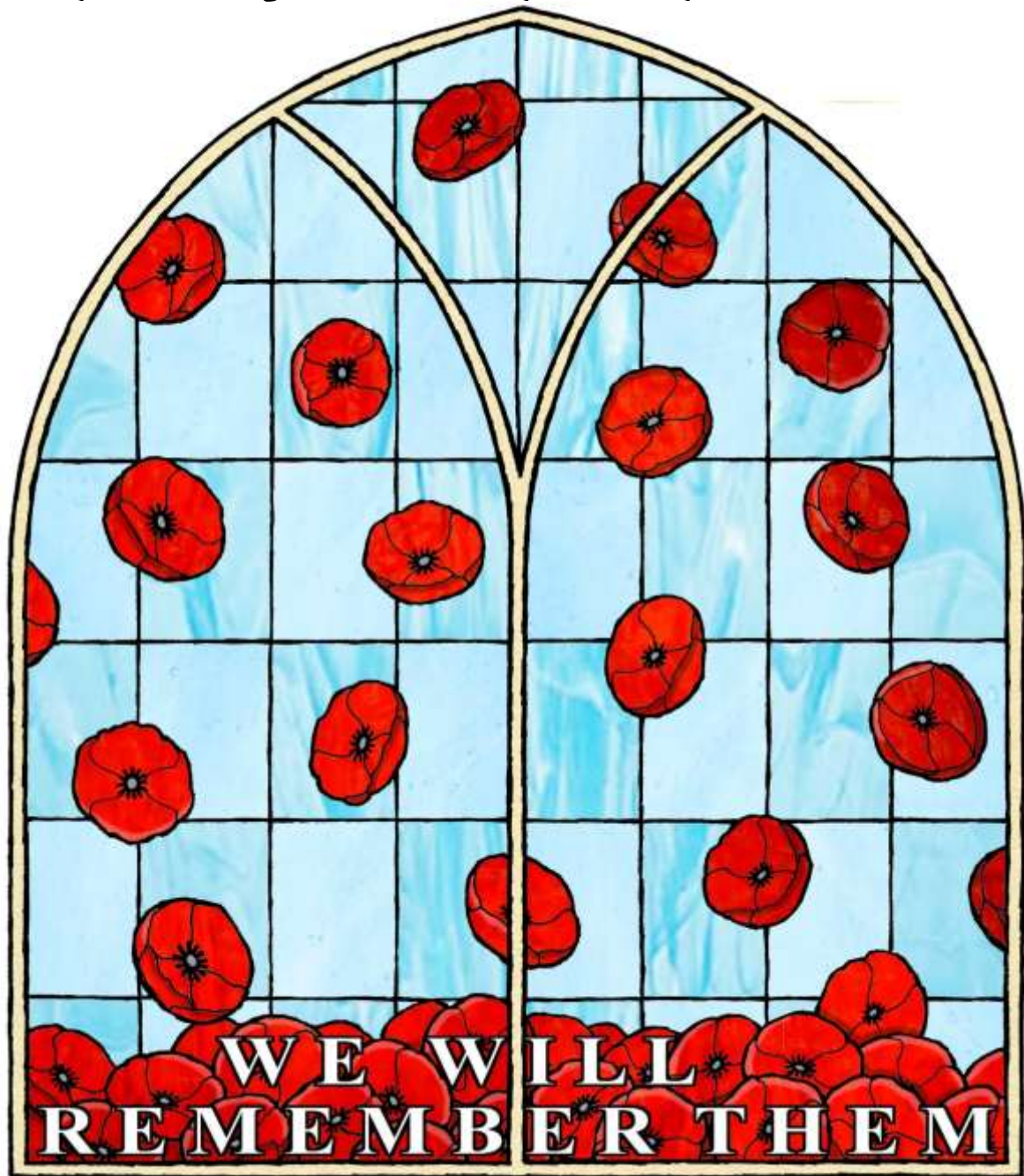


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SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Sunday November 2nd

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Family Service at St Andrew's

11am Family Service at St Peter's

6pm Taizé Service at St Andrew's

Thursday November 6th

2.30pm Thursday Afternoon Service at St Peter's

November 9th Remembrance Sunday

8am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

9.30am Remembrance Service with 2 minutes silence at St Andrew's

10.45am Community Memorial Service at Campfield Road War Memorial

1.30pm Baptisms at St Andrew's

3.30pm Messy Church at St Peter's

Tuesday November 11th

10.55am Prayers at St Andrew's Churchyard War Memorial

Sunday November 16th

8am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's

11am Morning Prayer at St Peter's

Sunday November 23rd

8am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

9.30am Holy Communion at St Andrew's,

11am Holy Communion at St Peter's

November 30th Advent Sunday

8am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's

11am Morning Prayer at St Peter's

3pm Baptism and Confirmation at St Andrew's WESTCLIFF

6.30pm Service of Light at St Andrew's



DAILY MORNING PRAYER

Morning Prayer is said at St Andrew's at 9am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Morning Prayer is said at St Peter's at 9am on Saturdays.

The services last approximately 20 minutes and all are welcome. There may be some disruption due to Bank Holidays.

These services are available to read or listen to on the Church of England website.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

WEEKLY SERVICES

Tuesdays 10.30am Pram Service at St Peter's

A short service of songs and a Bible Story for pre-school children. This happens during our Tea, Toast and Toddlers morning (9.00-11.00am)

Wednesdays 10am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

A 40-minute service from the Book of Common Prayer, followed by refreshments in the church hall.

BE STILL

Is on THURSDAYS at 1pm at St Andrew's.

20 minutes of peaceful music, prayer and Bible readings.

MONTHLY SERVICES

6-7pm November 2nd

Taizé Service at St Andrew's.

Evening Prayer with chants from the Taizé community, candles and silence.

2.30pm Thursday November 6th Afternoon Service

at St Peter's

30 minutes of singing familiar hymns, Bible readings, prayers and shared reflection. Followed by refreshments. All welcome.

3.30-4.30pm Sunday November 9th Messy Church at St Peter's

Craft, Bible story and singing for all the family.

6pm Tuesday December 16th

Family Communion at St Andrew's

SERVICES IN CARE HOMES

Autumn Cottage at 6.15pm on Nov 10th

Kathryn Court at 2pm Nov 20th

BIBLE STUDY

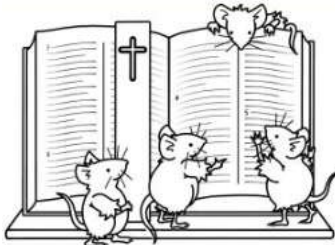
will meet from 2-3.30pm on Mondays at St Peter's.

We will meet on ***We will meet every Monday in November.***

This is not an academic activity. We read the Bible together, pray and talk about our faith. We find it encouraging and supportive and welcome any who would like to attend. Speak to Louise if you are interested in finding out more.

All welcome.

For more information call Louise on 01702 292778



TEA, TOAST AND TODDLERS

Tuesdays, 9-11am at St Peter's
Group for pre-school children, babies and their carers.

Refreshments, lots of toys to play with.

10.30am Singing, Bible story and a prayer. All welcome.

Please contact Mary for more information 07948 098959

SINGING FOR THE SOUL

Monday nights 8pm usually at St Peter's but occasionally at St Andrew's. A new community choir, all welcome. Contact Sandra for more information on 01702 294043

CHURCH FUN CLUB

After-school club for primary school children. The children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Games, Bible stories and singing.

We meet most Tuesdays in term-time, **3.30-4.30pm**

Contact Louise for more details (01702 292778)

YOUTH GROUP

We have started 2 new groups for young people in year 7 and above.

We hope this will enable the maximum number of young people can attend either, or both groups.

Fridays at St Peter's 7-8.30pm:
Nov 14th and Dec 12th

Tuesdays at St Andrew's Hall
5pm -6.15pm: Nov 4th, Nov 18th,
Dec 2nd

Contact Louise for more information (01702 292778)

TUESDAYS AT TWO

Mostly for retired people, for companionship and chat.

St Andrew's Hall, back room, 2-4pm every Tuesday.

Please contact Geoff for more information 01702 296249



Nov 9th Remembrance Sunday:

services at 8am & 9.30am at St Andrew's. We will then join the community remembrance service on Campfield Road.

Nov 22nd Christmas Fair

at St Peter's, 10.30am-12.30pm

Nov 30th Service of Light

6.30pm at St Andrew's

Dec 6th Carol Singing

the Residents' Association

Christmas Fair 10.30am

Dec 7th Collection of Gifts

for those in need. Nativity Services at 9.30 and 11am.

Dec 14th Memorial Service

in St Andrew's at 3pm

Dec 19th Evening Christmas

Choir Concert in St Andrew's

Dec 21st Carol Services in both

churches: 11am, St Peter's; 3.30pm Christingle & Family

Carols at St Andrew's; 6pm Carols by Candle light at St Andrew's

Dec 24th 4pm Crib Service at

St Peter's; 11.30pm Midnight

Communion at St Andrew's

Dec 25th 8am Holy Communion at

St Andrew's; 9.30am Short Family

Service at St Andrew's; 10.30am

Family Communion Service at

St Peter's



FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral

Oct 27th Ernest Warren (88)

Burials of Ashes

Oct 24th Carol Treveil

Baptisms

Oct 26th Nicole, Sienna and Ava Ayles

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Nov 23rd Mike Bayliss

Nov 23rd Gwynneth Bromley

Nov 24th Robert Waliker

Nov 26th Debra Donoghue

Nov 28th Tom Williams

BIRTHDAYS

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Birthday:

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Please hand this to Louise

BIBLE READING NOTES

Daily Bread Bible reading notes provide the reader with a passage from the Bible to read, a prayer and a thought for the day following on from the daily reading. They are a very popular way of helping us to read and understand more about our faith. It also gives encouragement and teaching.

Would you like to receive a free copy each quarter of the year? Speak to myself or Louise. I'm at St Andrew's most Wednesday mornings or St Peter's on a Sunday.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Carol Rawson

STAMPS

Many thanks for all the wonderful stamps you have been giving to Jane for the Animal rescue centres. We collect them all year round. Please bring to either church. Thank you!

Jane Gray

MAGAZINE

CONTRIBUTIONS

Do you have any interesting news, articles, photos or information that you would like to be included in the magazine?

If you have, please email them to Steve Thomas by the 18th of the month at

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DONATIONS FOR THE FOODBANK AND HARP

We continue to collect items for the Food Bank and HARP.

Please only leave non-perishable items, tins, packets, toiletries etc.

We can't guarantee to pass on the items before they go stale! Items may be left in the box on Louise's doorstep (42 Church Road) or in the box at St Peter's

LETTER FROM REVD LOUISE

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you so much for the extraordinarily generous amount of harvest gifts which you brought to church this year. The gifts were shared between the Food Bank and HARP and it's good to know we can help those in our city who are having hard times. Thank you too, for the £222 raised at the Harvest Supper for the Southend churches winter night shelter. Your donations for the annual shoebox appeal continue to come in: our boxes this year will be taken to Kosovo to help people in need. On December 7th we invite you to come to church with a gift for someone who has no decent home. Please don't wrap the gifts. You can bring them to any of our regular services or leave them in St Andrew's which is left open during the day. Thank you so much!

At our Harvest Festival this year, we also took time at St Peter's to give thanks and celebrate Andy Clipsham's long ministry here as our Lay Reader, organist, and friend. We gave him a card that many of us had signed and presented him with a gift from the parish. Andy has worked so hard and shared his gifts of preaching, worship leading, music and wisdom with us. Sadly, his health is making it hard for him to serve as he would like to. So, Andy is now officially retired from his licensed lay ministry but will play and read etc as often as he feels able to. He is now described as our 'Reader Emeritus'. In this way we acknowledge and affirm all he has been and always will be, to us, but it removes any pressure he feels to preach and play. Thank you, Andy and God bless, you!

We send our warmest congratulations to Lisa Thomas who recently received her certificate in Spiritual Companionship at Chelmsford Cathedral. Lisa has attended a series of modules on different aspects of the spiritual life.

Finally, I am delighted to welcome Mark Gadsden who will be helping us with our children's after-school clubs on Tuesdays. Mark works for most of the week at Shoebury and Thorpe Bay Baptist Church with their children and families. He has a huge amount of experience working with children and young people. He has been with us for a few weeks already and is a real joy to have around.

I've recently returned from a most interesting holiday in North Macedonia and Albania. It was organised by a Christian Pilgrimage company and included daily worship and visits to loads of amazing orthodox churches, beautifully decorated inside and out. This was especially moving in Albania as so many churches were destroyed during the dictatorship of Enver Hoxha (died 1985). We also visited some Catholic churches, and also a building built on the birthplace of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This was in Skopje, the capital of North Macedonia. Whilst we were looking at various items of memorabilia, I was very taken by a notebook on which Teresa had written some beautiful words.

Who is Jesus to me?

Jesus is – God

The Son of God

The second person of the blessed

Trinity

The Son of Mary

The Word made flesh

Jesus is – The word I speak

The light I lit

The life I live

The love I love

The joy I share

The peace I give

The strength I use

The hungry I feed

The naked I clothe

The homeless I take in

The sick I nurse

The child I teach

The lonely I console

The unwanted I want

Jesus is – The helpless I help

The beggar I welcome

The leper I wash

The drunkard I guide

The bread of life I eat



The sacrifice I offer
The cross I carry
The pain I bear
The prayer I pray
The loneliness I share
The sickness I accept

Jesus is – my God

My Lord

My spouse

My everything

My all in all

My precious one

My only one

Jesus is the one I am in love with.

To whom I belong and from whom nothing will separate me.

He is mine, I am his.

I wonder who Jesus is to you?

God bless you,

Louise.x



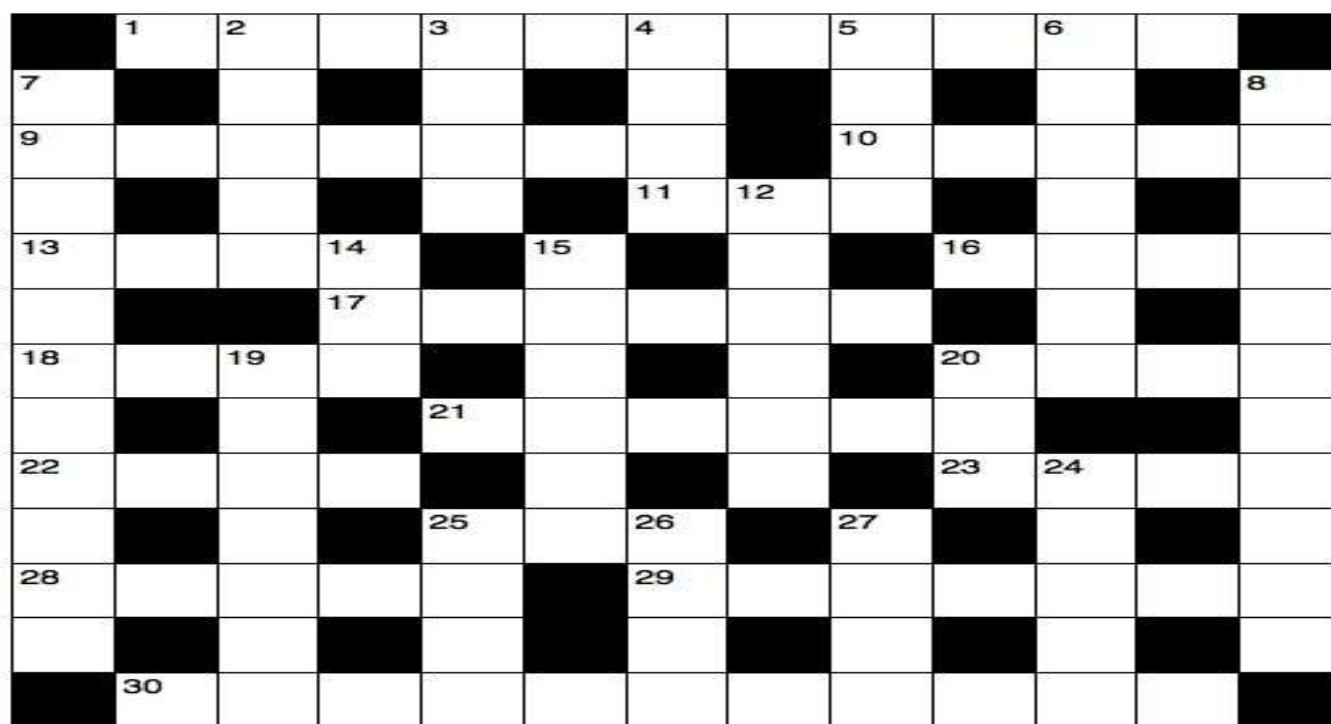
PILGRIM GROUP

We have been using Pilgrim booklets for many years to help teach the Christian faith. These include prayers, Bible readings, teaching content and discussion. We find them very helpful and user friendly. Each booklet lasts for 6 sessions. We have found that this works well on Zoom. Our studies about the Beatitudes will conclude in October (7th & 14th) but we will resume our meetings on Nov 4th learning about the Creeds. There is no charge but the booklets cost about £5 each so, if possible, we appreciate a contribution for that.

Please let Louise know if you would like to attend.



OCTOBER CROSSWORD – ANSWERS ON PAGE 23



Across - 1 The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11)

9 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — — ' (Matthew 6:13) (4,3)

10 Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5)

11 From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46) (3)

13 One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after Gideon's victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4)

16 Metallic element (4)

17 At line (anag.) (6)

18 'Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree' (Galatians 3:13) (4)

20 Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey's jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4)

21 He succeeded Moses (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)

22 'When he saw him, he took — on him' (Luke 10:33) (4)

23 'For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction' (Matthew 7:13) (4)

25 'The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (3)

28 Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5)

29 'We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf' (1 Corinthians 10:17) (7)

30 Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11)

Down - 2 'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made — ' (1 Corinthians 15:22) (5)

3 'After supper he — the cup' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (4)

4 The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul's vision: 'Come — to Macedonia and help us' (Acts 16:9) (4)

5 He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother's wife (Genesis 38:9) (4)

6 I veto me (anag.) (7)

7 Fourth king of Judah (1 Kings 15:24) (11)

8 Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18) (11)

12 'I have made you — — for the Gentiles' (Acts 13:47) (1,5)

14 Implore (1 Samuel 15:25) (3)

15 'Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the — , something sweet' (Judges 14:14) (6)

19 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do — — a man's understanding' (Proverbs 30:2) (3,4)

20 'Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under — , but under grace' (Romans 6:14) (3)

24 Native of, say, Baghdad (5)

25 The last word in the Bible (Revelation 22:21) (4)

26 Heroic tale (4)

27 'Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you — ' (John 8:32) (4)

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- Tinned fruit
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- Pasta sauce
- Long-life Fruit Juice
- UHT Milk (semi-skimmed or full-fat)
- Jam
- Biscuits
- Toiletries: shower gel, shampoo and deodorant

No donation is too small. Please don't give perishable goods, such as fresh fruit and veg. For anyone with a smartphone, there is an app called "Bank the Food". Once downloaded, add Southend Foodbank where prompted and they will update you weekly on the latest urgent needs (but there is no pressure to give).

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How many church leaders today have time to enjoy their surroundings? Gilbert White was a vicar who became famous for his observations about the flora and fauna of his parish. His letters about the local wildlife through the seasons were so beautifully written that they are still in print today, more than 200 years after they were first published as *The Natural History and Antiquities of Selbourne*.

White is a great example of someone who saw science and faith in harmony. He writes that he hopes his readers will be inspired to “pay a more ready attention to the wonders of the Creation”. His stories are often so vivid that he gets away with packing in quite a bit of scientific detail, painting a more accurate picture of the wonderful events he observed as he travelled around the countryside. White’s book is one of the classics of nature writing, and there’s even an apocryphal story online that this is one of the most printed books in the country, after the Bible and Shakespeare.

White may have been one of those people with a capacity for endless activity, or perhaps he took rather more care over natural history than his vocation. Either way, I do think that anyone - from the parish priest to the youngest member of the congregation - could learn from his appreciation of creation. It is well worth spending ten minutes every now and again staring into a bush, pond or tree - especially in winter when it’s easy to hurry indoors and put the kettle on. Experiencing wildlife first-hand is wonderful fuel for our worship of God and care for His creation. As Psalm 111 says, “Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them” (NIV).

*(White’s book can be downloaded for free at <http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/1408>)

Harvest Festival



A big thank you to everyone who brought donations to church for Harvest Festival. As Louise said in this month's letter (see page 8), an extraordinary number of gifts were donated. These were shared between the Food Bank and HARP. In addition, £222 was raised at the Harvest Supper for the Southend Church's Winter Night Shelter.

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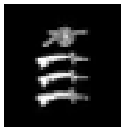
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Hire our Church Halls

Why not hire one of our church halls for your next
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Children's Party
Wedding Anniversary

Why not hire one of our church halls for your local club?

Keep Fit
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Hire includes use of tables,
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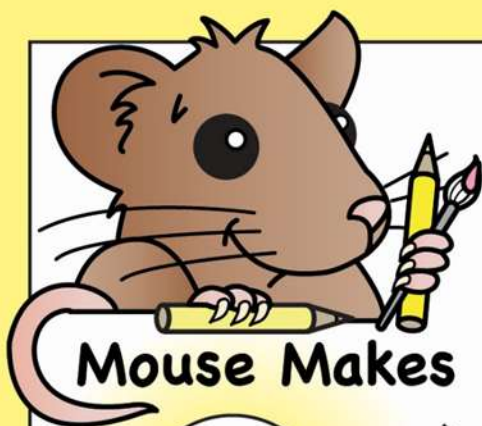
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CROSSWORD ANSWERS FROM PAGE 11

ACROSS: 1. Bartholomew. 9. Evil one. 10. Adore. 11. Ran. 13. Oreb. 16. Zinc. 17. Entail. 18. Hung. 20. Lehi. 21. Joshua. 22. Pity. 23. Wide. 25. Age. 28. Alarm. 29. Partake. 30. Sennacherib.

DOWN: 2. Alive. 3. Took. 4. Over. 5. Onan. 6. Emotive. 7. Jehoshaphat. 8. Melchizedek. 12. A light. 14. Beg. 15. Strong. 19. Not have. 20. Law. 24. Iraqi. 25. Amen. 26. Epic. 27. Free.



LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Advent Sunday this year falls on 30th November.

ADVENT is a time to celebrate the ARRIVAL of Jesus, God's Son, our Saviour.

We look forward with HOPE, we give thanks for God's LOVE and the PEACE and JOY we have in Jesus.



Read:
LUKE 2:10-11
Who is 'God's news of great joy' for?



Read:
John 3:16
How did God show He loves us?



Read:
Isaiah 40:5
What shall be revealed?



Read:
Romans 5:1-2
Through who do we have peace with God?

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