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Sunday	8.00 am	Holy Communion	Said
	10.00 am	Junior Church	In The Treasury
	10.15 am	Parish Communion	Sung
	5.00 pm	Evensong (B.C.P.)	Fourth Sunday See Diary P. 10
	3.30 pm	Messy Church	Second Sunday
	3.30 pm	Holy Baptism	Third Sunday
Friday	7.00 pm	Prayer Group	










Office Hours      **Enquiries regarding Baptisms and Weddings** -etc  
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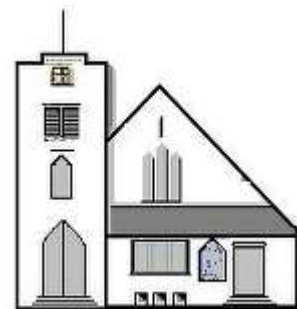
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# The Parish Church of St Lawrence Martyr Mansfield

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Welcome to your May Magazine.

If you enjoy a nice cup of tea, you may be interested to know that scientists in Australia have found that tea really does lower the blood pressure. In tests it was found that drinking eight cups of black tea a day 'significantly' cuts blood pressure, according to research from the University of Western Australia. So – put the kettle on!



*Rob*

## In your Parish Magazine this month

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### Lay Visiting Group

- If you notice someone missing from Church
  - If you know someone who is ill and would like a visit
- Please speak to Ruth or Jill.

## Parish Magazine

Editor: Rob Wood ☎ 01623 470467

Items for inclusion in the magazine to the editor or Churchwardens by the 2nd Sunday of the month please.  
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# The Way I See It

*Editor: Canon David Winter, a former Head of Religious Broadcasting at the BBC, continues his series presenting a point of view...*

## **The dignity of work**

May 1<sup>st</sup> is marked as 'Labour Day' in many countries, and in the UK the trade unions have traditionally made it their annual festival. It's seen as an opportunity to recognise the role of work ('labour') in human society and to honour its value and dignity.

In the biblical story of creation the first man, later named 'Adam', was immediately given work to do by the Creator: 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it'. So Adam the gardener took on what was probably a rather pleasant if lonely job, only blotting his employment record when he flagrantly broke the Boss's rules, aided and abetted by his new wife, Eve. It concerned a piece of fruit, you may remember.

Subsequently in the long history of humanity work has been a common experience - not always enjoyable, as Adam's was. Indeed, part of the penalty for Adam and Eve's disobedience in that ancient story was that the man's work, hitherto a joy, would become hard and painful - 'by the sweat of your brow you shall eat bread'. And so it has been. Most people throughout human history have worked for a living, or have worked equally hard in the home, and much of that work has been onerous.

On the other hand, work has benefits over and beyond mere economic survival. There is a distinct satisfaction in a job well done, whether it be brain surgery or feeding 40 hungry kids in a school canteen.

The Old Preacher Ecclesiastes in the Bible talks of 'taking pleasure in all our toil', and in a sense most of us know what that means. To that simple feeling of achievement ('it was tough, but I've done it!') we can add the satisfaction of team work, the daily presence of work colleagues and the reassuring rhythm of a daily routine. And then there's the pay - a kind of recognition that what we have done has value to others. Add all that together and one can appreciate why *not* working can seem like a distinct deprivation.

So on Labour Day we might think this year about all those who have no work to do - certainly not in the sense of a paid job. I'm not thinking of those whose invaluable 'work' is at home, raising and caring for children - it's hard to think of a more important task to undertake. But for the rest, the very word 'unemployed' has an empty and rather desperate ring to it. I have friends who have been looking for work for months, and I know how discouraging the whole experience must be. The last thing they need is to be labelled as failures, or even work-shy.

It would seem that God made us for work - 'service', if you like. While it doesn't necessarily have to be paid to qualify, as retired people know, there is a sense in which payment, large or small, gives recognition and respect to what the worker does. As we see around us many young people, especially, struggling with the fear that they won't ever get a job at all, it's important that we don't shut our eyes to the problem. Prayer, yes of course. But whenever we can, by the votes we cast, the decisions we make about spending, by the support we can give to schemes and projects to create jobs, we can help to make a society that *works*, in every sense of the word.

To the Parish Community of St Lawrence's:

Rosemary, Ken, Andrew and Kim and the family are most grateful for the kind thoughts, prayers and support offered to us all throughout the time of Doug's illness and funeral. It is comforting to know that he was so loved among the parish community and that so many people wanted to be with us as we said goodbye.

Our thanks go especially to Fr Paul Bentley, Rev Pat Chapman, June Mitchell and to all the parishioners who helped with the arrangements for Doug's funeral service.

Thank you all for your generous donations in memory of Doug which will go to the John Eastwood Hospice.

The Whiting Family

### **Hosanna!**

Hosanna in the highest! That ancient song we sing,  
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

*By Jeanette Threlfall (1821 - 1880)*

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	6.15-7.45 pm	Brownies/Guides - Aged 7 - 10 yrs, 10+
Tuesday	5.15-6.15 pm	Beavers - Aged 6 - 8 yrs
	6.30-8.00 pm	Cubs - Aged 8 - 11 yrs



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Dear Members ,

Our next meeting is in The Treasury, on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm, when Jennifer Cox will talk about the Children of Honduras Trust. I confess to knowing next to nothing about Honduras except that it is a very poor country, south of Mexico where many people live in dreadful conditions. I am looking forward to hearing about the charity's work.

Edwalton MU have invited us to join them for their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Afternoon tea is at 4.30pm followed by Choral Communion at 6pm. Please let me know if you are interested in going and I will see if we can arrange transport.

We have also been invited, through the Deanery MU, to the Mansfield, Sutton, Kirkby and District 97<sup>th</sup> Women's Interdenominational Rally at The Baptist Centre, Rosemary Street at 3pm on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

Our visit to East Markham is on the evening of Monday June 11<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you would like to go. We may need to hire a bus if we don't have enough cars.

On Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> we are holding our Fundraising Lunch from 12 till 2pm. It will consist of a jacket potato with salad and a choice of fillings and will cost £4 with an optional sweet at £1. With the rising cost of food we have had to increase the price this year. As usual there will be a raffle and we will be grateful for any prize you may wish to donate.

I know you all were shocked and saddened by Betty Stanley's sudden death last month. I can't think of her

without seeing her smile, and remembering how she was always first to put her name down for outings or visits or to help with functions or services. She worked for MU for such a long time and was a keen supporter of everything we did. She has left a big hole which will be hard to fill.

Her family wish me to thank all who helped on day, those who baked cakes, helped to prepare food, made floral arrangements, made drinks or washed up and tidied the hall.

Marjorie Stanley has written a card to all members. I will pass it round so everyone can see it. If I miss you out please let me know.

I now have two ladies wishing to become enrolled members. If you know of anyone interested in finding what we do please bring them along to a meeting.

Love to each of you,  
Jennifer.

## Ploughman's Lunch

Saturday May 12th

12 o'clock to 2pm

**St. Lawrence's Church Hall**

Tickets £4.00 (optional) Sweet £1.00  
Raffle

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## Water - a vital commodity under pressure

As I write, drought prevails over much of Britain and many areas are threatened with hosepipe bans. This reminds us of the importance of water and the fact that there is a growing shortage of it in many parts of the world.

A massive report on the problem just issued by the United Nations shows that many daunting challenges lie ahead. These include providing clean water and sanitation for the poor, feeding a world population set to rise to nine billion by 2050 and coping with the impact of global warming.

In the report, UN secretary-general Ban Ki-moon says: "Pressures on freshwater are rising, from the expanding needs of agriculture, food production and energy consumption to pollution and weak water management. Climate change is a real and growing threat."

Population growth and a shift to more meat-intensive diet will drive up demand for food by some 70 per cent by 2050. Farming already accounts for around 70 per cent of water use, ranging from 44 per cent in rich countries to over 90 per cent in least-developed economies.



**The last few copies of the parish magazine were always difficult to shift.**

Abstraction of aquifers (underground layers of water-bearing rock or soil) supplies nearly half of all drinking water today. The UN report calls for a massive effort to curb waste. Better irrigation systems, less-thirsty crops and the use of "grey" (used) water are among the options.

There will be competition for water between cities, farmers and ecosystems, and between countries. So far, there seems no major risk of water wars, as countries have chosen to co-operate in water resources rather than fighting over them. A disturbing trend, however, is the buying up of farmland in Africa by western economies, Middle East states, China and India (to produce food or bio-fuels).

Such practices could lead to simply transferring a wasteful water "footprint" to countries where water is already scarce. For Europe, says the UN report, the big problem is water stress induced by climate change for the central and southern part of the continent.

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# Letter from St James - the - Least of All

The elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar, Eustace, continues his correspondence to Darren, his nephew, a low-church curate recently ordained...

## On how maintaining the churchyard can lead to turf wars

The Rectory  
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Consider yourself fortunate that your churchyard consists of no more than a small paved area and that keeping it tidy requires ten minutes of picking up discarded takeaway boxes on Sunday morning. Our four acres of grass and randomly placed grave-stones absorbs a large portion of the time and energy of half the parish.

By getting different people to adopt sections of the churchyard, the hope was that an element of competition would be introduced; Major Rutherford would never let Admiral Crompton's section look tidier than his and the local farmers would want to show the amateurs that they knew far more about land maintenance.

Sadly, human nature has got in the way – as it invariably does. Miss Timmins has declared her section a nature reserve, so that the cuddly field mice and darling hedgehogs have somewhere to live in. This now means that crossing from her patch to the next feels like crossing from Kew gardens to the Amazon rainforest. Two feet high grass and a profusion of dandelions give way to manicured lawn with any weed daring to pop its head above the parapet being beheaded in seconds. Miss T is toying with erecting a fence round her plot, to keep her dear furry friends safe and Sir Horace is threatening to have it electrified, to make sure they do not defile his grass billiard table.

Mr Tremble, a retired health and safety officer, whose well-meaning advice on avoiding accidents is such a burden, is applying to have all the grave-stones on his patch levelled, so that no one could be killed by having a fall on them. The fact that this has

never happened in 600 years, seems an irrelevance to him. On the other hand, his neighbour spends summer evenings painting his stones with sour milk in order to encourage lichen. Mr Tremble's warning that some lichens can be quite poisonous have so far fallen on deaf ears.

A local farmer, who maintains the boundary walls, generously planted cherry trees all round the perimeter; not only for their looks in Spring, but so that the birds would have somewhere to roost. Sadly, Lady Lipton, while resting from maintaining her plot,

tends to shoot them while she smokes her briar pipe.

The only area which no one dares criticise surrounds the mausoleum of the Luscombes, main-

tained by the gardening staff of the present Lord. It contains such a collection of rogues and miscreants that parishioners fear their anger at being disturbed may even cross the divide of death.

I hesitate to admit it, but the thought of an area of concrete with a few pizza boxes scattered round does at times hold a certain attraction.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



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# Diary and Rotas for May

Friday	4 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Prayer Group - Lady Chapel
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month</i>		8.00 am	Holy Communion [Fr. Paul Bentley]
		10.15 am	Parish Communion [Fr. Paul Bentley]
		First Reading	Acts 8.26-end D Colley
		Second Reading	1 John 4.7-end T Baines
		Gospel	John 15.1-8
		Intercessions:	D Colley
		Sidesmen:	Hodson/Johnson
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Archdeacon's Visitation - St John's Mansfield
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	PCC Meeting - in Church
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Prayer Group - Lady Chapel
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	12 pm ~2.00	MU Fundraising Lunch - Church Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter <i>Start of Christian Aid Week</i></b>	
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month</i>		08.00 am	Holy Communion [Rev'd Alistair Littlewood]
		10.15 am	Parish Communion [Rev'd Alistair Littlewood]
		First Reading	Acts 10.44-end T Baines
		Second Reading	1 John 5.1-6 A Gent
		Gospel	John 15.9-17
		Intercessions:	S Howlett
		Sidesmen	Gent/Miller
		Coffee	Jillian/Anthony/Tessa Luncheon Club
		3.30 pm	Messy Church - <i>The Treasury</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ascension Day</b>	
		7.00 pm	Holy Communion []
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Prayer Group - Lady Chapel
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month</i>		08.00 am	Holy Communion [Rev'd Alistair Littlewood]
		10.15 am	Parish Communion [Rev'd Alistair Littlewood]
		First Reading	Acts 1.15-17, 21-end S Wood
		Second Reading	1 John 5.9-13 H Rock
		Gospel	John 17.6-19
		Intercessions:	J Fairhurst
		Sidesmen:	Rock/Wright
		Coffee:	Ruth/Marlene
		3.30 pm	Holy Baptism [Rev'd Alistair Littlewood] Stewards Veronica and Sue
		6.00 pm	Youth Group meet in <i>The Treasury</i>
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Prayer Group - Lady Chapel

**Sunday 27th Pentecost Whit Sunday***4th Sunday of the month*

08.00 am	Holy Communion [Rev'd Alistair Littlewood]	
10.15 am	Parish Communion [Rev'd Alistair Littlewood]	
First Reading	Acts 2.1-21	B Johnson
Second Reading	Romans 8.22-27	R Colley
Gospel	John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15	
Intercessions:	T Baines	
Sidesmen:	Sheffield/Sheffield	
Coffee:	Jill/Glenda	
6.00 pm	Evensong at St Alban's	

**June**

Friday 1st 7.00 pm Prayer Group - Lady Chapel

Brasses

**Sunday 3rd Trinity Sunday***1st Sunday of the month*


8.00 am	Holy Communion []	
10.15 am	Parish Communion []	
First Reading	Isaiah 6.1-8	R Wood
Second Reading	Romans 8.12-17	G Mellor
Gospel	John 3.1-17	
Intercessions:	R Wood	
Sidesmen:	Hodson/Johnson	
Coffee:	Marie/	

**13 - 19 May - Christian Aid Week**

This year Christian Aid Week tells the story of change within a community in Sierra Leone. Sierra Leone is a place with vast natural resources of fertile land and mineral wealth, but in spite of this abundance, its turbulent past has left the country with deep challenges. These challenges have meant that many people's lives are defined by hunger, and their prospects limited by the urgency of finding enough to eat. In a society where women and young people are widely marginalised, decision-making can be weighted against people who are naturally more vulnerable in society, and the cycle of hunger and poverty continues.

A group of three Christian Aid supporters - Mike, Peter and Llinos - travelled to Gbap (pronounced Bap) in rural Sierra Leone in summer 2011. There, they saw first-hand the work of Christian Aid's partner, the Methodist Church of Sierra Leone (MCSL), who encouraged the people of Gbap to set up a village development committee. MCSL

also gave local farmers some simple tools that hugely increased the amount they could grow. Now that the community is free to think beyond their immediate hunger, their lives have changed beyond measure. For more details, and to give, please visit: <http://www.caweek.org/>

**Variety Show**   
in aid of  
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for Children**

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# Church News

## Christian Aid is to join rapid disaster response network

Britain is to establish a new rapid response network from top UK-based businesses and charities to respond to major international crises, such as famine, floods and earthquakes, International Development Secretary Andrew Mitchell recently announced.

The network, called the Rapid Response Facility, will mobilise life-saving support in the critical hours following a humanitarian disaster. It is the first time a British Government has brought together the power of the private sector as well as NGOs in this way to take part in emergency relief. The new facility allows organisations with extensive experience in disaster response to access funding and be mobilised in the critical first 72 hours following a disaster.

Christian Aid is one of 34 organisations which have been invited by the UK Government to join the network. Other organisations include Guava International (Land Rover), Mercy Corps Scotland, Oxfam, medical relief experts Merlin, water purifier manufacturer Lifesaver Systems, and the information and mapping volunteer group MapAction.

## Christian Aid launches West Africa crisis appeal as 13 million at risk in the Sahel

A perfect storm of failed rains, widespread drought, spiraling cereal prices, migrant unemployment, and mass population displacement due to regional conflict, has

left close to 13 million men, women and children in the Sahel facing acute hunger and severe malnutrition over the coming months.

Christian Aid say there is now a "rapidly closing window of opportunity" to save lives and prevent the loss of livelihoods. It is sending emergency food aid and nutrition kits for treating malnourished children in Burkina Faso, organising cash-for-work programmes in Mali where the most vulnerable will receive seeds and prepare their land to withstand drought, and scaling up our emergency response projects in Niger.

Christian Aid warns that unless donor countries act quickly, "there is high risk that this will develop into an extreme crisis by May 2012". To donate to Christian Aid's West Africa Food Crisis Appeal please visit [www.christianaid.org.uk/westafrica](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/westafrica), call 08080 004 004, or donate £5 by texting 'CRISIS' to 70800.

## Initial response to Government consultation on same-sex marriage

The Church of England/Archbishops' Council will study the Government's consultation on whether to redefine marriage to accommodate those of the same sex and respond in detail in due course. The following summary of the Church of England's position has been posted at [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org).

"The Church of England is committed to the traditional understanding of the insti-

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The church's income from offerings and donations in March

	Envelopes	Cash	Donations	Total
Week 1	£92.20	£21.60		£113.80
Week 2	£93.30	£6.00		£99.30
Week 3	£51.50	£9.80	£100.00	£161.30
Week 4	£81.55	£103.33		£184.88
Week 5				£0.00
			Gift Aid direct to the bank	£1,097.83
	Weekly equivalent: £414.28		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,657.11</b>

The month of March also saw the Easter Coffee morning realising a sum of £669.71.

*Anthony Hodson - Treasurer*

## *Church News Continued from p 12*

tution of marriage as being between one man and one woman.

"The Church of England supports the way civil partnerships offer same-sex couples equal rights and responsibilities to married heterosexual couples. Opening marriage to same-sex couples would confer few if any new legal rights on the part of those already in a civil partnership, yet would require multiple changes to law, with the definition of marriage having to change for everyone.

"The issue of whether marriage should be redefined to include those of the same-sex is a more complicated picture than has been painted. Arguments that suggest 'religious marriage' is separate and different from 'civil marriage', and will not be affected by the proposed redefinition, misunderstand the legal nature of marriage in this country. They mistake the form of the ceremony for the institution itself.

"Currently, the legal institution of marriage into which people enter is the same

whether they marry using a civil or a religious form of ceremony. Arguments that seek to treat 'religious marriage' as being a different institution fail to recognise the enduring place of the established church in providing marriages that have full state recognition. The Church of England will continue to argue against changing the definition of marriage, which has supported society for so long."

## **Would you like to sign the petition to defend traditional marriage?**

The Coalition for Marriage ([C4M](http://c4m.org.uk)) is a UK-based broad alliance made up of secular and faith-based groups who support the current legal definition of marriage and oppose any plans to redefine it. More than 200,000 people have already signed the petition, affirming that marriage is a union between one man and one woman. If you would like to sign the petition to defend marriage as between a man and a woman, go to: <http://c4m.org.uk>



## St MATTHIAS

May 14th

There is no mention of a Matthias among the lists of followers of Jesus in the Gospels but we assume that he was part of the larger group, outside the 12 disciples, during Jesus' ministry.

According to chapter one of Acts, after Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver, the disciples sought to replace him. They nominated two men; Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias to replace Judas out of a group of about 120. The disciples prayed, and then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles. Acts, chapter 1, verses 23-26.

And that is all we really know about Matthias. That he was chosen.

But we do know that he was one of the witnesses of Jesus's ministry. He was one of the great cloud of witnesses that includes us today, to the power of God in changing lives.

## CHANGE OVER

Can you rearrange these letters to make the names of people mentioned in the Bible? Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. A C B O J
2. N A N A
3. M A T H A R
4. N I S O M E U S
5. H A T B A T I
6. K O Z A D
7. S H A M I T A T
8. L I R E B A G



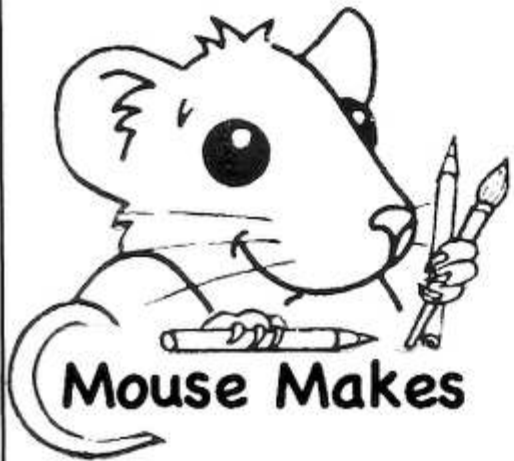
**What do you call  
a bee born in  
May?**  
A maybe.

**What is green  
and fluffy?**  
A sea-sick poodle.

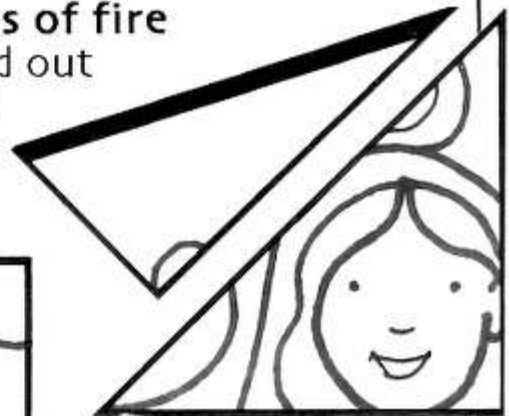
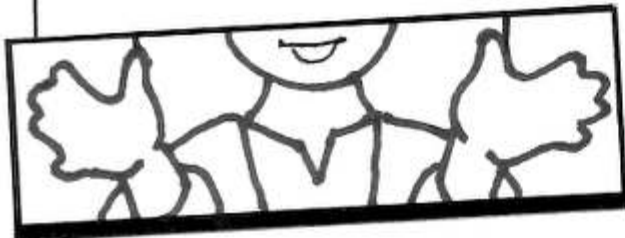
**What do you call a person  
who can't weave?**  
Unbeweavable.



Answers: 1.Jacob 2.Anna 3.Martha  
4.Onesimus 5.Tabitha 6.Zadok  
7.Matthias 8.Gabriel

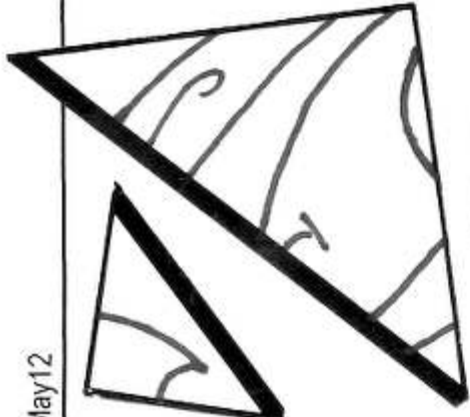
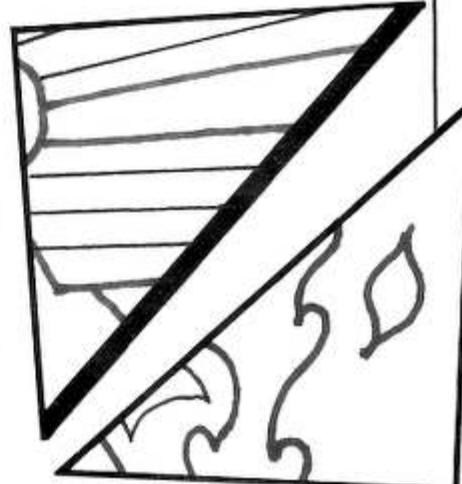
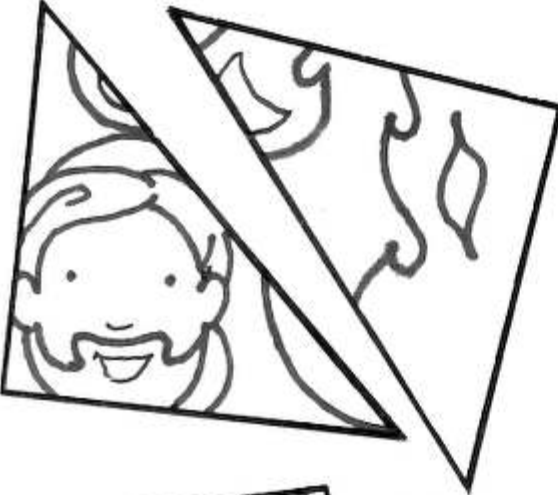


When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost there was a noise from the sky which sounded like the blowing of a **violent wind** and what looked like **tongues of fire** which spread out and touched each person.



I  
**WILL  
POUR OUT  
MY SPIRIT  
ON  
ALL  
PEOPLE**  
ACTS 2:17

Read the story of Pentecost in Acts 2 1-41



The wind has mixed up these puzzle pieces. Cut them out and rearrange into a flame shaped picture



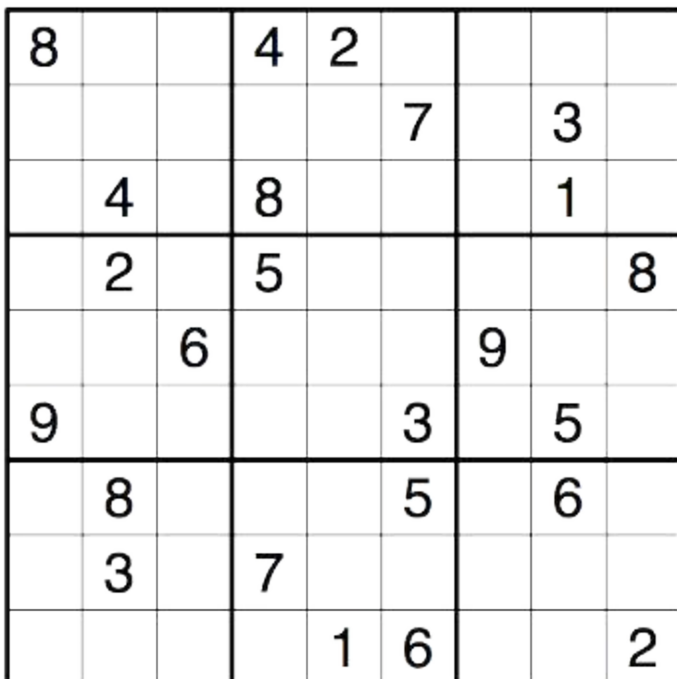
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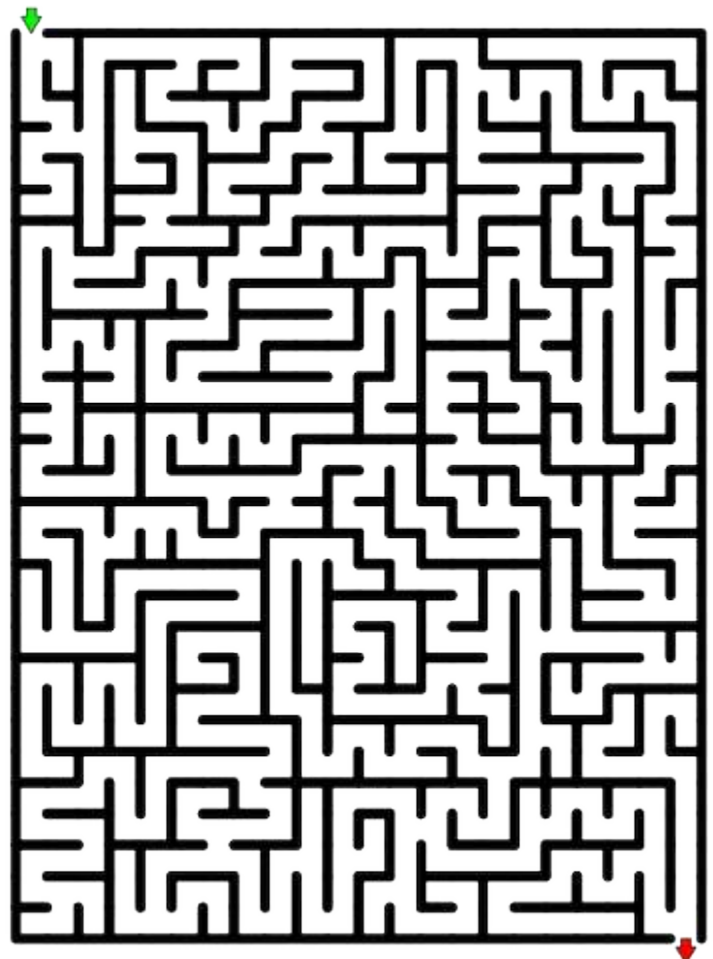
## Word Search

May brings us Bank Holiday, that long weekend when if we don't join the traffic jams on the motorway, we attempt to do some DIY, fall off the ladder, and end up in A&E instead. May brings us Ascension Day, when Jesus blessed his disciples, and gave them the Great Commission to take the Gospel to all nations. May is also the month of the Church's birthday – on Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit fell like flames on the praying disciples in Jerusalem. It is a time of new beginnings, to seize the time given to us, and forge ahead, making the most of every opportunity!

BANK	BLESSED	COMMISSION
HOLIDAY	FLAMES	BIRTHDAY
TRAFFIC	NATIONS	JERUSALEM
DIY	JESUS	PRAYING
CASUALTY	DISCIPLES	MOTORWAY
LADDER	GOSPEL	
ASCENSION	BEGINNINGS	



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# Smile

## **Finger**

The Moving Finger writes; and, having writ, moves on. And so I stare and wonder - where does the ink come from?!

## **Mea Culpa**

A group of lads took a trip to France and decided to attend Mass in a small town, even though none of them understood French. They managed to stand, kneel and sit when the rest of the congregation did, so it wouldn't be obvious they were tourists. At one point, the priest spoke and the man sitting next to them stood up, so they got up, too. The entire congregation broke into hearty laughter. After the service they approached the priest, who spoke English, and asked him what had been so funny. The priest said he had announced a birth in the parish and had asked the father to stand up.

## **Finding**

The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in the dark.

## **Sportsmanlike**

During a game, the coach asked one of his young players: "Do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?" The little boy nodded yes. "Do you understand that what matters is winning together as a team?" The little boy nodded yes. "So," the coach continued, "when a no ball is called, or you are out first ball, you don't argue or curse or attack the umpire. Do you understand all that?" Again, the boy nodded yes. "Good," said the coach. "Now go over there and explain it to your mother."

## **Torch:**

A case for holding dead batteries.

## **Gift?**

I asked my mother if I was a gifted child... she said I must be, because they certainly wouldn't have paid for me.

## **Goliath**

If Goliath is resurrected, would you like to tell him the joke about David and Goliath? No, he already fell for it once.

## **Chicken run**

Idealistic politician: "I dream of a better tomorrow where chickens can cross the road and not have their motives questioned."

## **Skydive**

You do not need a parachute to skydive - you need a parachute to skydive *twice*.

## **Fear**

The only thing to fear is fear itself... and spiders.

## **Honest artist**

The aspiring young artist tried to concentrate on his work, but the attraction he felt for his model finally became irresistible. He threw down his palette, took her in his arms and kissed her. She pushed him away. "So, do you kiss all your models?" she demanded.

"I've never tried to kiss a model before," he protested.

"Really?" she said, softening, "How many models have there been?"

"Four," he replied, "A jug, two apples, and a vase."

## **Where am I?!**

A man was driving to work when a lorry hit his car broadside, and knocked him cold. Passersby pulled him from the wreck and revived him. He began a terrific struggle and had to be tranquilized by the paramedics.

Later, when he was calm, they asked him why he had struggled so. He said, "I remember the impact, then nothing. I woke up on a concrete slab in front of a huge flashing 'Shell' sign...and somebody was standing in front of the 'S'!"

# From the Parish Register

## **Baptisms**

*"Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the father"*

15 April: Mia Louise Boot, Lucy Marie Knight, Leah Louise Keeton  
and Anderson William Taylor



## **Marriages**

*"Those who God has joined together, let no one put asunder"*

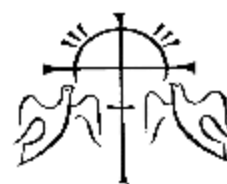
There were no weddings in April



## **Rest in Peace**

*"God will show us the path of life; in his presence is the fullness of joy."*

Betty Stanley



## **Sounds and Signs**

(Acts 2:1-4)

Sounds and signs from heaven,  
How to describe them?

*A roaring mighty windstorm -  
Tongues of fire -*

Words are too weak,  
Too one-dimensional.

We need the Lord's own linguist  
To describe them  
Through transformed lives.

Only when he fills us  
Can we understand,  
Only when he fills us  
Can we pour out the joy,  
The love and the laughter,  
The power and the praise.  
Only when he fills us  
Can we speak and show.

Come Holy Spirit,  
Transform us into  
Sounds and signs from heaven.

*By Daphne Kitching*

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Pot of Tea Large	£1.00	Choc Biscuit	£0.10
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½ & ½ Coffee	£0.50		
Glass of Milk	£0.50		
Squash	£0.15		
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