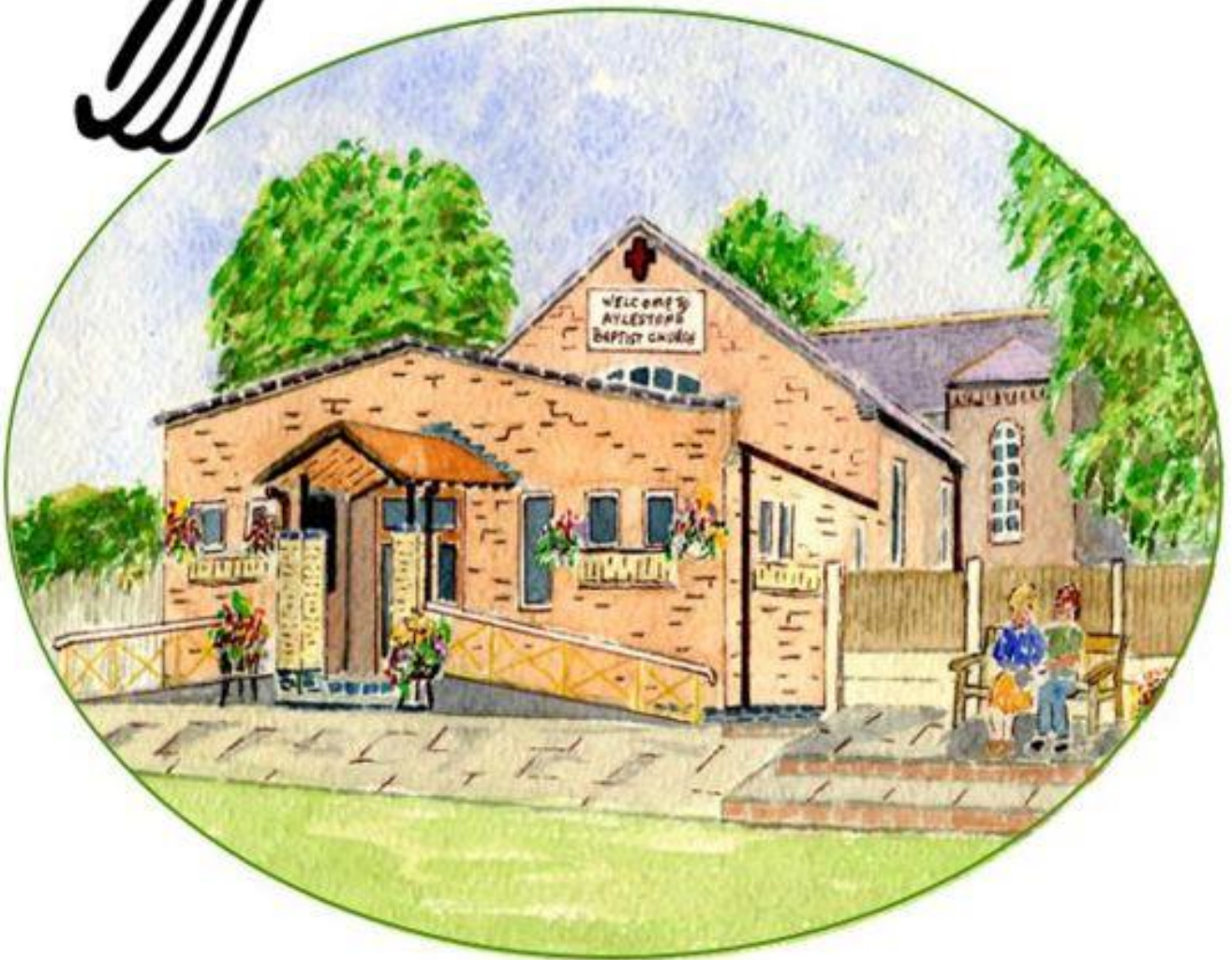




Aylestone Baptist Church
Learning God's Love, Sharing God's Love



**July & August
2019
Church Magazine**

Dear Friends,

First of all, thank you for making me feel so welcome as your moderator.

I really feel at home in your lively, lovely, welcoming church!

I particularly appreciate the worship group's hard work in keeping up-to-date and bringing us new songs, and using a variety of musical instruments. My two-year-old twin grandsons also enjoy attending your toddler group on Tuesday mornings :)

I thought it might be helpful for you to know what my aims are for this role as your moderator.

To begin with, I've tried to take some of the burden of responsibility from your deacons: being two years without a minister is very demanding on a leadership team, so please keep them in your prayers.

Secondly, in my opinion the church needs some TLC, as again, you've been without a minister's pastoral care for two years. So I will try and bring you pastoral care and prayer whenever I can. Do please contact me if I can help in any way.

Thirdly, it's my job to help you find a new minister, which I shall do to the best of my ability. We already know about the serious shortage of available ministers, so we know we have to be patient and prayerful. In the meantime, I hope, led by the Lord, to address areas of the church which might be affecting our ability to attract a minister, or perhaps are preventing the Lord from blessing us in this way. This I hope to do mainly through prayer, but also through preaching and input to deacons' and church meetings.

If there is anything else you think I should help with, or that you think needs addressing, please speak to me. I try to be available both before and after most Sunday services.

Every blessing,

Ellie Cockbill.

Sunday Services for July/August 2019

Services are normally held at 10am and include Junior Church and creche facilities.

JULY

- Sunday 7th Service led by Maxine Elliott with Jill Willett preaching.
Theme: John 14:1 "I am the Way, the Truth & the Life."
- Sunday 14th Service led by Wendy Hall with Chris & Debbie Carter
From BMS World Mission. Two of our Church BMS Partners.
- Sunday 21st Stan Mackley leading and preaching. Theme: John 15 "I am
The Vine." Service includes Communion and new members
will be received into membership.
- Sunday 28th Service led by Donna Nicholls with Graham Hill preaching.
Theme: John 8:48-59 "Before Abraham, I Am"

AUGUST

- Sunday 4th Service led by Ben Kaba with Robert Knight preaching.
Theme: John 9:1 "I am the Light of the World."
- Sunday 11th Service led by Maxine Elliott with Elaine Cockbill preaching.
Service includes baby dedication.
- Sunday 18th Service led by Annette Johnson with Elaine Cockbill preaching.
Service includes Communion.
- Sunday 25th Service led by Ben Kaba with Martin Pantling preaching.
Service includes baby dedication.

Other Dates in July/August 2019

July

- Sun. 7th Leicester Baptists in Mission host a Summer Praise at Oadby Baptist, speaker Rev. Dr. Nick Ashton.
- Thurs. 11th Community Lunch Club
- Thurs. 18th The Open House.
- Tues. 23rd “Cutting Out” day for crafts for Holiday Club. 10am.
Please bring your own scissors – cake will be provided.
- Sun. 28th Messy Church at Gilmorton Estate. 4.30pm.
- Mon. 29th July to Friday 2nd. August, Children’s Holiday Club
“The Greatest Show is Earth”.

August

- Tues. 13th, Wed. 14th, Thurs. 15th Holiday@Home for 3rd. Age.
- Sat. 24th Garden Party with afternoon teas, various stalls,
Bouncy castle -raising funds for SIGMA. 2 – 4pm.
- Sun. 25th Messy Church at Gilmorton Est. 4.30

Advance dates:

- Friday Family Night re-opens after Summer break : Sept. 6th
Babies & Tots re-opens after Summer break: Sept. 3rd.
Community Lunch Club re-opens after summer break: Sept. 12th.
Tuesday Fellowship re-opens 17th Sept.
The Open House Community Group re-opens: Sept. 19th

Ex Leicester City Football Chaplin, Bruce Nadin, and Louise, his wife, took time out from their sabbatical and called in on, ABC Family Night, and shared with us something of God's calling in their life's and the challenges that lay ahead of them when they moved to South Africa.



Bruce & Louise moved to Cape Town in 2009. Prior to moving Bruce was Minister at Sutton Elms Baptist Church and Chaplain to Leicester City F.C.

Louise was a GP at a practice in Highfields, Leicester.

Both have a passion to serve God with the poor, and a desire to see people loved and disciplined through their spheres of ministry.

Bruce presently serves as National Director with Sports Chaplaincy South Africa (SCZA) which he co-founded in 2015. SCZA's vision

is to provide Gospel centred pastoral and spiritual care to people of all faiths and none in the sports community.

Bruce's main responsibility is to identify, train and mentor potential volunteer sports chaplains to serve this vision. The ultimate goal is for Bruce to pass this role onto a local leader which he hopes to achieve within the next five years. He also serves as a Chaplain at Ajax Cape Town F.C. and has disciplined dozens of sports people across the city since arriving in 2009. He has recently written a prayer resource for sports people which will be in print later this year.

Louise works as a medical Doctor with two Christian based NGOs. At Beautiful Gate she coordinates the Teen Club supporting 230 young people with HIV in the township of Lower Crossroads. The teen club provides clinical support, life skills, educational support and family strengthening to enable young people with HIV navigate their teen years positively. She also provides additional medical support to Baphumelele Orphanage and HIV/TB respite Centre.

Both are members at Capricorn Community Church, a multi-ethnic church in one of Cape Town's most economically disadvantaged communities. Bruce serves as part of the leadership team and regularly leads services. Louise offers friendship and pastoral support to families. Their home is a place where life is shared with many and refuge offered to those who need it.

Bruce & Louise have been married for 30 years and have two daughters – Loren who is working in Myanmar and Grace who is presently studying Bio-Chemistry at the University of Cape Town

Choirs and Cake for Christian Aid



This year's choirs and cake event was wonderful. The ABC choir sang songs ranging from Easter songs, to Goldfinger, to our Queen Medley finale (which received rapturous applause!).

The Overdale school choir came and sang again. This year they sang songs from a show called 'Past & Present'. They came along with their families and friends, which boosted our audience and meant that a lot of new people visited our church that evening.

We were blessed to have Rev. Rowena Bass play the harp for us. For many this was the first time they had ever seen a harp played live and it was amazing!

Other items included a recorder and viol trio (thank you to Sophie and Elizabeth for 'volunteering'!), a treble recorder duet and Oceans with Daniel on piano and me singing.

The atmosphere was really great and everyone commented on how much they had enjoyed the whole concert. The wide variety of cake afterwards also went down a treat...the Overdale choir tell everyone about the free cake at the Baptist church!

I'd like to thank everyone who took part and/or helped out in any way. We raised £373.12 for Christian Aid.

Beth Ellis



The Scrub Woman

What appears to be foolish in the eyes of society is often that which is most effective in the work of the kingdom. The ignorant, the uneducated, the despised of the world are sometimes God's choicest servants. So it was with Sophie "the scrub woman" Lichtenfels, "whose sermons rose not from an exalted podium or pulpit but from callused hands and knees and with the rhythm of a lowly washtub and scrub brush."



Her testimony was simple.

"God called me to scrub and preach. I was born a preacher, but since I was poor I had to work. My work is good and I can be trusted so they want me. But if they have me, they must hear me preach.

No preach, no work.

I scrub as unto the Lord and I preach to all in the house. When I am out of work I tell my Father. He is the best employment office. You don't have to pay or wait.

Sometimes we pray so foolish. For 12 years I prayed the Lord make me a foreign missionary. One day I prayed like that and my Father said

"Stop Sophie. Where were you born?"

"In Germany," I replied.

"And where are you now?"

"In America."

"Well, aren't you already a foreign missionary?" Then He said to me,

"Who lives on the floor above you?"

"A family of Swedes"

"And above them?"

"Some Swiss."

"Yes, and in back are Italians, and a block away Chinese. You have never spoken to them about My Son. Do you think I'll send you a thousand miles away when you've got so many different nationalities around you?"

What's on for 3rd Age during July/August 2019

Community Lunch Club Dates:



Thursday 11th July.

Lunch Club is then closed for the Summer Break – re-opening 12th September.

The Open House Dates:

Thursday 4th July

Thursday 18th July

The Open House is then closed for the Summer Break

Re-opening Thurs. 19th September.



Tuesday Fellowship Dates



Tuesday Seniors Fellowship

Tuesday 2nd July

Tuesday 16th July - Lunch at Sapcote Garden Centre.

Tuesday Group will re-open after the Summer Break on Tuesday Sept. 17th.

Holiday@Home for 3rd Age 13th – 15th August

Supported by
Aylestone
Ward Councillors
(Community Ward Funding)



A three day event for anyone over 50 – please book in with Dorothy – Phone 0116 2836422. Cost £5 per day.

Tuesday 13th August: 11am, coffee & quizzes, 12.30 2-course lunch, Afternoon of crafts and games, afternoon tea before bedtime.

Wednesday 14th August: 11am, coffee & quizzes, 12.30 2-course lunch, Film afternoon, tea before bedtime.

Thursday 15th August: Day trip to Hunstanton. (Sorry – fully booked).



GARDEN PARTY

Aylestone Baptist Church
Saturday 24th August 2pm - 4pm



Bouncy Castle

**Refreshments
Various Stalls....
Bric a Brac & Plants
Cakes & Books,
Preserves, etc...**

**All proceeds from the Garden Party go to... SIGMA
Supporting India Gospel Ministries Akividu.**



BMS Partner Update

Joe and Lois in Uganda

Join us in praising God for: A great restart to the Agricultural Livelihoods Project

The Students and end of year camp Globetrotters making two years

Please pray for: A teacher for Globetrotters and a new site

Wisdom in parenting and Reuben's anxiety

Time with Lois' family who visit in July

Thank you for taking the time to read this. We love doing this journey knowing that we have so many people supporting us. We feel like we are in the right place and that God is using us. Nevertheless, it can also be hard at times, especially for the children, so we really appreciate all the encouragement we get. Much love to you and every blessing Joe, Lois, Connie, Reuben and Eleanor

John and Sue in France

Our Easter celebrations this year were full of faith and testimony. Sadly the week began with the fire at the Cathedral of Notre Dame. This became a talking point in general and faith became a news item, where Christians were able to talk about the ongoing presence of Christ in our lives that doesn't change even if a building is destroyed.

Over the last few months we have prepared three young people for baptism. Easter gives us the surprise of hope which transforms the darkest places. We are thrilled to see God at work in people's hearts and lives and ask you to continue to pray for our ministry in Paris and the mission of the church. Blessings Sue and John

Chris and Debbie in Albania

Thank you we are so grateful for the support of people who have remembered us in prayer throughout this academic year.

Prayer: Please pray for us as we embark on Home Assignment that we will give a clear and honest account of life in Albania to the churches we visit and that we will have a restful time with family.

Also, we know of half a dozen relatives of friends who are suffering from serious illnesses at this time in Tirana. Healthcare here is not straightforward. Please pray for their treatment and more importantly access to treatment. We will have the delight of seeing some of you on our travels in June/July. Thanks again to all of you for your interest in our work in Albania. With love, Chris and Debbie

Debbie and Chris will be at ABC on Sunday 14th July

Please find a full copy of their news either via our church website or see the BMS board in the church lounge www.aylestonebaptistchurch.org.uk

BMS Birthday Scheme.

Thank you and happy birthday to:

July 10 th	Richard Chapman
July 21 st	Grace Elliot
July 23 rd	Maxine Elliot
July 25 th	Duncan Ellis - Happy 60 th !
July 27 th	Sarah Brazier
July 29 th	Angela Wafforne
July 31 st	Steve Gray
Aug. 2 nd	Teddy Gent-Craston
Aug. 4 th	Sophie Gray
Aug.4 th	Aaron Johnson-Muskwe
Aug.10 th	Annette Johnson
Aug.18 th	Stanley Mackley
Aug.28 th	Jude Randell.



If you would like to join the Birthday Scheme – when you will receive a birthday card with an envelope for you to make a donation to BMS in celebration of your special day – please see Denise Vernon.

Church Family News:

Congratulations to Chrystin and Jayanthony on the birth of Jayanika, little sister for Jayanna. We thank God for a safe delivery and ask His blessing on Jayanika and all the family.



Congratulations to Bernadette and Rick on the birth of Oscar, little brother for Palo. We thank God for this new life, and ask His blessing on Oscar and all the family.

Stan and Dorothy Mackley would like to thank the Church for the beautiful flowers on the occasion of their Golden Wedding. Also for the many cards and the donations to SIGMA from family and church friends. We have been able to send £1,000 to India. What a wonderful blessing from our Golden Wedding.

Stan & Dorothy.





As Cameron Bruce goes off for a month in Costa Rica, we pray for safety for his journey and God's protection as he volunteers in that country. Cameron would like to thank all those who helped him to raise the money for this expedition.

(We look forward to hearing all about it when he returns).

Congratulations to Elaine & Richard Robinson on the birth of their first grandchild, Etta Rose. May God bless her throughout her life.

Congratulations to Cindy and Keith Elliott who celebrate their Golden Wedding on August 2nd. We pray they have a lovely day and that God will continue to bless their life together.



We thank God that Diane Bland's heart operation was successful and pray for her full recovery in the months ahead.



Congratulations to Roxanne Kaba on qualifying as an Educational Psychologist.

Please hold Martin Bruce in your prayers as he has an operation on his leg which has caused him so much trouble, that this will make a big difference to his mobility.

Congratulations to Elaine Pantling and Duncan Ellis – both turning 60!

We wish a happy retirement for Peter Fowler, who retires as head of Granby Primary School after 24 successful years, and pray God will bless Dale Cross as he steps into Peter's footsteps.

Please continue to remember those who are no longer able to join us for worship - Ruth Hopkins and Paul Onions, who remains in hospital under observation.

Craft Fair



The Craft Fair was a lovely event, from the delicious cream scones to the variety of crafts on sale. The talents of local people are quite wonderful, and it made for a lovely afternoon outing on a sunny Saturday.

Over £400 was raised for Church Funds. Thanks to all who helped on the day.

Smile-a-while

Ooops.. extracts from a Catholic elementary school test....

The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.

The greatest miracle in the bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him,.

David was a Hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar, he fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.

Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

Subject: Email from God.

One day God was looking down at earth and saw all of the rascally behaviour that was going on. So He called one of his angels to go to earth for a time.

When the angel returned, he told God, "Yes, it is bad on Earth, 95% are misbehaving and only 5% are not."

God thought for a moment and said, "Maybe I had better send down another angel to get a second opinion." So God called another angel and sent him to earth for a time too. When the angel returned he went to God and said, yes, it's true. The earth is in decline, 95% are misbehaving but 5% are being good.

God was not pleased. So He decided to e-mail the 5% who were good, because He wanted to encourage them, give them a little something to keep them going.

Do you know what the e-mail said?

No?

Okay, just checking with you - I didn't get one either !

Fishing for People

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." Mark 1:17 (TNIV)

Based on Mark 1:14-20



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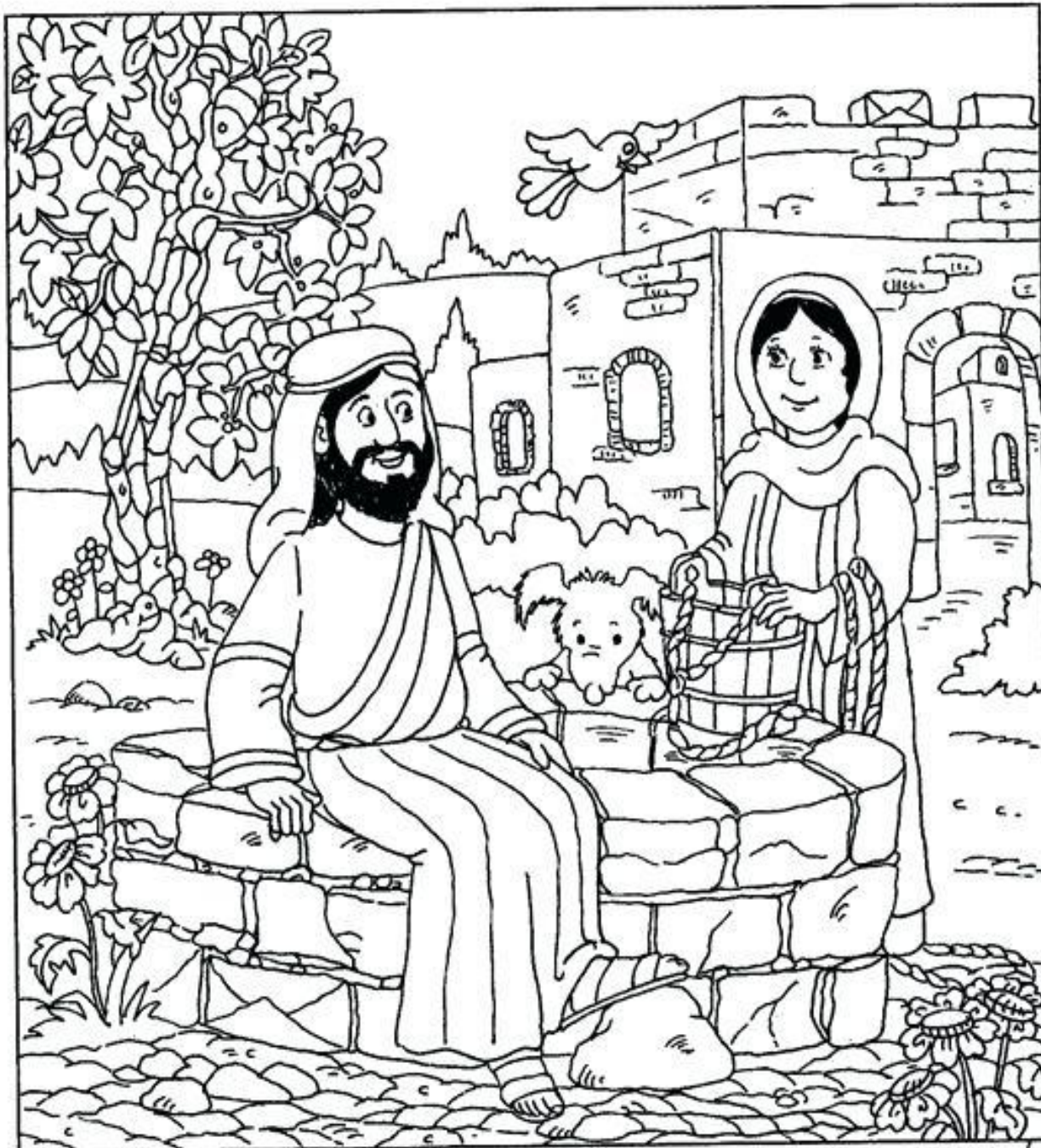
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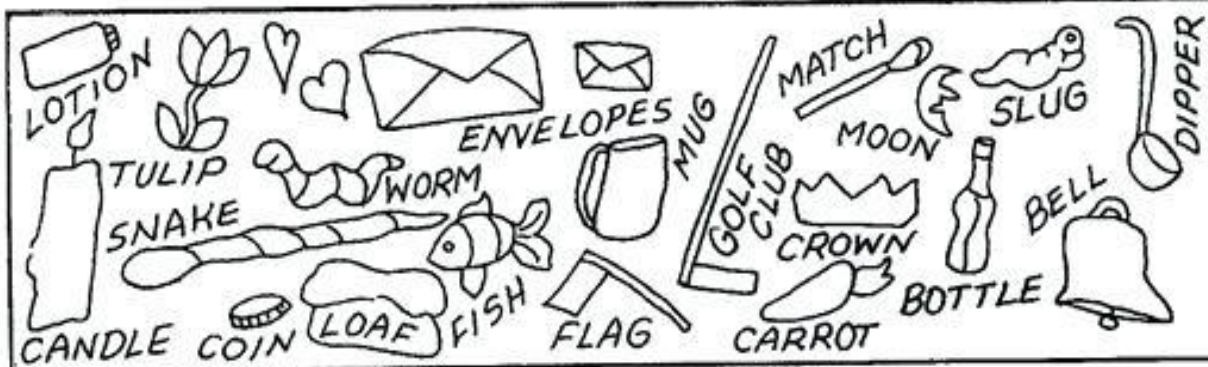
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I need a drink of water.



Find the hidden objects in the picture of Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well, and telling her good news.
[Read the story in John's gospel Chapter 4]

I have recently been reading a book called **“In the Shelter of the fold”**, parables from farm life in the Welsh mountains by Mari Jones. It is a series of short observations, sometimes of the countryside, or the sheep or sheepdogs, plus bible verses. I can recommend it, and here is an extract to “whet your appetite”:

Visiting the Mill Gorgeonce there, we are at once reminded of others who have been there before us to enjoy the same sight. They had lingered long enough to carve their names to the accompaniment of the music of falling water – to carve their names into the rock behind us – dates that take us back to the end of the 18th century.



This is where the Pumrhyd brook pours its waters, emptying itself unsparingly, knowing nothing of what will become of it. Every drop of water that comes in its turn to the brink of the rock has to make the same leap into the unknown. Each one for itself goes trustfully over the edge, not knowing that the steady flow over countless years has hollowed out several basins in the rock

which, like loving arms, hold the waters and break their fall, saving them from plunging to the bottom in a single leap.

This is a sight that thrills me whenever I see it -the sight of the white foaming water falling from hollow to hollow, each new trough-full pushing its predecessor over the edge.

To see the brook merrily resuming its song on reaching the foot of the cliff is sheer delight. It is not a murmurous singing, like the mountain stream in Ceiriog’s well-known Welsh poem, but a song of rejoicing, bubbling over with hallelujahs in thankfulness for having come victoriously through the ordeal of venturing into the unknown.

The waters of the brook are much clearer now. Is it possible that it was washing its waters in the white foam? Was there some separation there between the waters of the brook and the clinging earth that had been so much a part of it before the great purification in the turbulence of the waterfall?

The water is so crystal-clear that the bed of the stream can be seen quite clearly now – a kind of bright transparent purity. There is little fear of moss or any other weed flourishing in its bed any more. There is too much movement and pushing forward of the waters, as though some new source of energy were behind them.

How different from the pools we see in some streams! In these it appears that the sluggish flow is all at the surface; below, all is still, and the mud is allowed to settle and to become a hotbed of weeds and vermin – like a selfish, lazy, purposeless kind of life, crying out against being disturbed or stirred up in any way; like some soul protecting itself lest any ray of light should pierce through and disturb its habitual way of life.

*“For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but
Whoever loses his life for me will find it.”*

Matthew 16:25

Graceful Acceptance.

Grace is perfection of thought and of mind,
Grace brings us motives both peaceful and kind,
Grace is God’s guidance we’re offered in life,
Grace is protection from anger and strife.



Grace is divine, it’s the love we can share,
Grace is in helping to show friends we care,
Grace is expressed in kind letters we send,
Grace is when goodness succeeds in the end.

Grace is in eyes, glowing bright with a smile,
Grace is in everything that is worthwhile,
Grace is in truth and in good manners too,
Grace when received and returned with a smile

Grace is in nature, life’s natural way,
Thank God for grace we receive every day,
Accept with grace all the blessings we’re given,
For then, if we fail, with God’s grace we’re forgiven.

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Weekly & Fortnightly Activities

Sunday

10.00am Morning Service / Junior Church / Crèche Facilities
Communion on the third Sunday of each month

Monday

7.30pm Prayer Meeting

Tuesday

9.30am Babes & Toddlers Club (LITTLE BATS)
11.00am Seniors Fellowship & Bible Study (Fortnightly)

Wednesday

7.00pm Gateway Club (Adults with Learning Difficulties)

Thursday

11.00am The Open House. For the 50's & over. 3rd Age. (Fortnightly)
11.00am Community Lunch Club (Fortnightly / Alternate week to The Open House)
6.30pm Young People Meeting
7.30pm House Groups

Friday

6.30pm Family Night



Loop System Installed



Wheel Chair Access



WC Facilities

Church Membership, Baptism, Infants Dedication, Weddings, Funerals, House Groups, Community Lunch Club, Babes & Tots Club, Youth Club, The Open House, & Family Night.

To find out more about church membership, Baptism, etc. Or any of the activities Please call us on 01162 832 527; by email: minister@aylestonebaptistchurch.co.uk or by visiting the Church website at, www.aylestonebaptistchurch.org.uk