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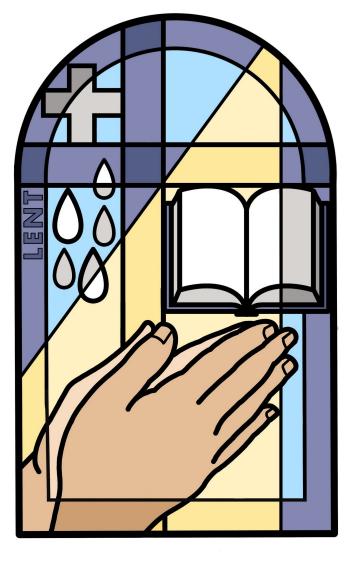


**Dear Church Family** 

It's been a long couple of months hasn't it? With Christmas well and truly over, it all feels a bit flat and grey. As the overcast days these past couple of months have threatened to steal my joy, I've seen a number of friends posting pictures of their 'winter sun holidays' on Facebook. Oh how I've wished I could have 'been there' with them. Comparison is often the thief of enjoyment, comparing our lives with someone's media persona will nearly always leave us feeling inadequate. Rarely do we ever see an honest post exposing the reality of what is behind a smile, or seemingly perfect life or holiday. The truth is we all have struggles, days when it's all too much and all that we really want to do is hide under the duvet.

However, it's not all doom and gloom, there are those moments when you laugh raucously, when as a family all feels good, when you've completed a jigsaw puzzle, when the sun shines, when a friend sends a card or gift, times when it all feels doable. Everywhere we now turn there are signs of spring, there is more sunshine and little flowers are appearing. Just a little sunshine can lift our spirits. We are moving towards Lent a time of reflection and preparation. It is an opportunity to focus not on ourselves but on God. We can leave comparison with others behind and seek what God wants for us, how He wants us to grow and our faith to deepen. The Church of England have released their Lent resources; Living Hope which can be found on their website, which you may like to use to help you go deeper with God. Our services too take on a more penitent and reflective atmosphere during Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday. The Ash Wednesday service reminds us that we are but human, created beings, loved by God our creator. What will you do this Lent to go deeper with God? Perhaps you'd like to join me by only buying what you need, reducing waste and recycling? (There is a separate article on this see page 5.) Or maybe you have planned a more traditional approach of fasting? Maybe you will set aside more time for prayer? Maybe you want to have a go at all of it?

Whatever you choose to do with God, remember that it is just you and God, there's no need to compare yourself to others and what they are, or are not doing. All that matters is God and his power to transform what we offer in penitence and worship; our whole selves. May you find blessings this Lent and feel God's presence in your life.



Blessings

Elveen

### What are you doing for Lent?

It's something I think about every year, what should I give up or do, to deepen my faith and discipleship. Well, this year I'm going to try something different. I came across something while scrolling through facebook, like you do when you should be doing something more pressing (or is that just me?).

There I was putting off doing something important, looking at my feed when an advert popped up for wool dresses. Now this is not the knitted kind that first comes to mind, these are fine merino wool fabric style dresses. My interest was piqued! It appears these dresses and other clothing made that way are eco friendly and need less washing as they don't hold smell. I then discovered that they do a 100 day challenge, where you wear one of their dresses for 100 days (with little washing and mostly spot cleaning).

The same dress for 100 days, that's quite long but looking at others who've succeeded there seems to be a lot of ideas and versatility. I have been hooked.

So for Lent beginning at Ash Wednesday I will begin my challenge, I will post pics each day on our Facebook page. My hope is that you will follow my progress and maybe sponsor me. My plan is to set up a giving page and money raised will go to a local eco charity. Here's some details that encouraged me to give it a go.

The 100 day challenge confirms what the wool industry and outdoor enthusiasts alike had been claiming: **wool is a performance fabric with remarkable odor-resistant properties.** If you're not already familiar, here are just a few reasons <u>why you'll love wool.</u> We now invite you to do a 100-Day Challenge, or at least attempt one. We're convinced you could benefit from simplifying your morning routine, making "what to wear" the easiest question of your day.

### Here are some reasons you should give it a try:

- Spend less time and money doing laundry (hooray!).
- Learn how to get more wears out of a garment (e.g. when you spill on your dress, you'll immediately take action to clean it since you're wearing it again tomorrow!).
- Realize that your clothing isn't what defines you (have you heard of the spotlight effect? It's a phenomenon in which people tend to believe they are being noticed more than they really are.)
- Realize what you actually need, and reduce your impact on the planet when you realize you don't need a closet packed full of clothing.
- Simplify your life and focus on what matters.

God (my addition).

It doesn't take a mathematician to work out that I will be doing this challenge a lot longer than the days of Lent (40+ Sundays). However just for Lent I plan to do a bit more:

Write a daily gratitude statement. (I'll add this to the daily post).

Not purchase anything apart from necessities, food, loo roll etc To declutter (probably my biggest challenge out of all of them) I'll try and do this daily, just one drawer, cupboard, shelf or surface. Knowing this will be a challenge for me I will consider 3 out of 6 (in Lent Sundays aren't counted remember) a win. So will you join me, perhaps limiting what you buy? Or declutterring and either giving to charity or the selling of items? Maybe you just want to find something to be grateful for each day, but remember if you do this the transformation is in the why. You can't just say for the sunshine, you have to say something like, I am thankful for the sunshine today, everything feels better in my life when the sun shines I feel my spirits being lifted when I look at the pale blue spring sky after so many overcast days. Get the idea?

So follow along, enjoy watching me struggle declutterring, seeing what and how I'm getting on in the same dress and what I'm grateful for. Additionally, if you want to, consider sponsoring me (full disclosure I do get a voucher towards another dress).

Whatever you decide to do in Lent, I pray that your faith would be deepened and that you will know God more intimately as a result.

Blessings Elveen



## 75 THINGS TO THROW AWAY FOR QUICK DECLUTTERING

Trash

Expired medications Old and worn-out shoes Broken or mismatched hangers Damaged or useless kitchen gadgets **Dried-up paint cans** Chipped or cracked dishes **Outdated spices** Unused cookware Takeout menus you never use Excessive coffee mugs Empty cleaning product bottles Worn-out bath towels Scratched non-stick cookware Expired canned goods Old magazines and newspapers Unwanted or duplicate kitchen utensils Unwanted promotional items Broken or incomplete board games Old, worn-out pillows Unused or expired gift cards Duplicate kitchen appliances Unnecessary paper clutter Damaged or outdated wall art Expired food in the pantry Old greeting cards **Outdated software and CDs Expired batteries** Broken or tangled headphones Scratched CDs and DVDs **Unused pet supplies** Old, worn-out handbags Broken phone cases Old, unused phone books Broken or outdated kitchen appliances Expired pet food Empty, dried-out nail polish bottles Unused wedding or party favors **Outdated travel brochures** Broken or incomplete puzzles Old, unused stationery and envelopes

Expired makeup and skincare products **Outdated electronics** Torn or faded bed linens Empty candle jars Dried-up markers and pens Unused or broken jewelry Expired sunscreen and lotions Broken or outdated umbrellas Scratched and chipped glassware **Broken holiday decorations** Worn-out socks Outgrown children's clothing Receipts and bills over a year old Expired condiments in the fridge Old, outdated calendars Expired coupons Empty perfume bottles Duplicate kitchen gadgets Unneeded user manuals Expired tea bags Unworn or out-of-style clothing Old, worn-out bras and underwear Unused luggage or bags Outdated textbooks and reference materials Damaged or expired food storage containers Unwanted or broken holiday lights Outdated event tickets Worn-out gardening tools Broken or unused sports equipment Outdated calendars and planners **Expired toiletries** Empty and dried-out glue Scratched or broken sunglasses Old and broken cell phones Unused craft supplies



Donate





### SESQUIPEDALIAN

In order to strengthen our Faith might I suggest a deeper study of our Bible?

A reading of the King James version

reveals long lost words. Complementing this, I have recently been reading 'Attention all Shipping' by Charlie Connelly, written in a style akin to that of Bill Bryson. It is full of humour that is a step by step journey through each of the 31 shipping forecast areas.

A cold shiver runs down my spine reading of 'Fastnet' then 'Biscay and Faroes'. Then 'Dover, Thames and Wight' seeming more homely. The writer talks of a Sesquipedalian love of words. Needless to say, I at once, Googled the word and found that it is a love of long words!

Just a few words in a whole long list of archaic words unearthed the following:-

AGUE - A fever Leviticus 26 verse 16
AMBASSAGE - Delegation Luke 14 verse 32
AMERCE - A fine Deuteronomy verse 19
BESOM - Broom Isaiah 14 verse 23
CHARGER - A large plate Mark 6 verses 25-28

Why not spend some time re-reading the Bible, it can be fascinating!

Try googling 'Archaic Biblical words no longer in daily use!', for a whole long list.

### **Colin Howell**



### Jesus calms the storm (Luke 8:22-25)

This gospel passage tells us how Jesus and the disciples are caught in a storm on Lake Galilee. The disciples are terrified. Jesus is sleeping - they wake him, telling him "We're going to die!"

Jesus stands, and orders the wind and waves to be still. There is a calm. "Who is this?" ask the amazed disciples. "Where is your faith?" says Jesus. Perhaps he is saying, "Didn't you know you could trust me to help you?"

Whatever storms we may be facing in our own lives, we can be sure that Jesus is with us, that Jesus cares, that Jesus has the power to bring peace. The reasons behind our personal storms may not always be resolved quickly or easily – but if we call on Jesus to help us, he will be there for us.

This prayer by David Adam has been set to music by Margaret Rizza. The model was made by Matthew (using Fymo).

Next time you are feeling tossed about in a storm, or your friend or relative is going through a difficult time, you may like to use this prayer.



Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm; still me, Lord, keep me from harm. Let all the tumult within me cease, enfold me, Lord, in your peace.

Words by David Adam



### Mothers' Union Swindon Deanery Branch

Our next meeting will be on Friday March 14th

It will be in St Margaret's Centre at 2.30pm It will be a Lent Reflection led by our new

Diocesan President, Rev Sarah Wyman

Do come and join us. For more info, visit the Bristol MU website <u>www.mubristol.co.uk</u>







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### Weekly Prayers for March – The Power of Love through Christ

### Monday: Love found through Christ

"God's love was revealed among us this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him." **1 John 4: 8 – 9** 

Come among us, living Lord, We need to hear your word deep in our hearts.

We come, through prayer, in Christ's name, to share his mission and his sacrifice to receive the power of the Spirit from our Triune God.

His motive was love; His means, grace.His gift was forgiveness; His promise for eternity;His resurrection - the confirmation.John 3.14-16 adapted

### What love! May we all know the fulness of life found in the love of Christ Jesus. Amen

In Christ is life, and that life is light to all people. Amen.

### **Tuesday: Love for Creation**

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created - all things have been created through him and for him." **Col 1: 15-16** 

### **Prayer:**

Jesus, you knew this world as fully human. Felt the hot sun, Were refreshed by its waters, Drank of the fruit of the vine, Ate the bread of the soil. In your love you created this planet for us. You abundantly filled it with all we need. You made it beautiful for the eye to see, to know, and experience. Lord we so often squandered such beauty; used it selfishly and wantonly. Forgive us our part. Help us to cherish this precious gift: preserve it for all who will follow us. Amen



### Wednesday: Love that makes a difference

"No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house." **Matt 5: 15** 

### Prayer

Lord, we remember your Mother Mary: She said Yes! Her faith enabled you to change the world. May we love enough to make a decision: Make the decision to make difference, Bring hope to the helpless, Bring joy to the despairing, Care for those who need love, Comfort the sorrowful, Share the light of your love, And so tell the Good News of a Saviour for all. **Amen** 

#### Thursday: Love for your community

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven . . . For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

#### Matt 6: 19,21

#### **Prayer:**

Loving Lord, you began a community among your followers, Shared their daily bread, their lives and their love for you. You began a new community - even as you suffered on the cross, As you bound your mother Mary and your friend John to one another.

Help us to be so gracious, so gentle as we share love in our communities. May we similarly care for one another; make our neighbours and friends fully part of one family in Christ's name. Amen.

'Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.' **Heb 13: 16** 

May we be sharers of harmony and peace, comfort and support. May our hands become the touch of Christ; the bearer of love that comes from him.



### Friday: Love bringing justice, healing, peace

"You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven." **Matt 5: 43-45** 

#### **Prayer:**

Allow your thoughts, your will, dear Lord, to fill our waking minds. As we follow your ways of peace, grant us the ability, the courage, to bring life-giving hope to those suffering violence, abuse, discrimination, and persecution.

Through the power and force of your love, coming to us by your Spirit, may we stand firm against injustice, and work for healing and peace between each other and between nations.

As your Son has set us free from the power of sin and death, so may we speak that others may be so set free, in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen

#### Saturday: Love that is inclusive

"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God," **Eph 2: 17-19** 

In Him there is neither Jew nor Gentile neither Roman Catholic nor Protestant, **All are one in Jesus Christ** In Him there is neither black nor white neither north nor south **All are on in Jesus Christ**. In Him there is neither male nor female neither master nor servant **All are one in Jesus Christ** In Him there is neither rich nor poor neither middle class nor working class **All are one in Jesus Christ**.

Iona Abbey Worship Book

Loving Lord, you created our world; in all its glory, variety and provisions. You created humanity, in awesome variety of culture, language, colour, and perspectives. Help us see Christ in each person we meet and to thank you for unity in diversity. Help us to be people showing love for others through inclusion, forgiveness, compassion and social justice.



2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Next Sunday before Lent			
St Margaret's Church	St Leonard's Church		St Mary Magdalene Church	
9:30am	9:30am		10am	
Holy Communion Service	Sunday Morning Worship		All Age Worship	
5th March	Ash Wednesday			
St Margaret's Church	7pm Ash		Wednesday Service	
9 <sup>th</sup> March	First Sunday of Lent			
St Margaret's Church	St Mary Magdalene Church		St Leonard's Church	
9:30am	9:30am		11am	
Sunday Morning Worship	Holy Communion Service		Family Service	
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Second Sunday of Lent			
St Margaret's Church	10am Team Healing Holy Communion			
23rd March	Third Sunday of Lent			
St Margaret's Church	St Leonard's Church		Coleview Community Centre	
9:30am	9:30am		11am	
Sunday Morning Worship	Holy Communion Service		Holy Communion Service	
30th March	Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday			
St Mary Magdalene Church	10am		Team Worship	

Please see our website for the most up to date information **www.strattonteamministry.co.uk** We will endeavor to give as much notice as possible to any changes but that may not always be possible.

## Stratton Team Ministry

## Welcomes You to St Margaret's Church

Wednesday

5 March 7pm

# Holy Communion

Service

Many more events and celebrations at St Margaret's Church, St Leonard's Church, St Mary Magdalene's Church and Coleview Community Centre keep an eye out for more information or Please contact us at the Church office stmchurchoffice020@gmail.com ©01793 826505

St Mary Magdalene Church South Marston

## Stratton Team Ministry invite you for All Age Worship

10am Every First Sunday of the month

## St Leonards Invite you to our Family Service at 11am



All welcome for a lively Family Service designed to involve children and appeal to adults.

### St Margaret's Church Stratton



### at

St Margaret's Centre Every Thursday 9:30am - 11:30am Sundays after Church Services *Tea also available* 



## St Leonard's Church Stanton

Hosts Coffee Morning now at Stanton House Hotel 10:15am - noon On Wednesday 19th of March 2025 **Everyone Welcome** Mark & Sheila Tubey are our

speakers

ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH SOUTH MARSTON • Welcomes you to a Community Coffee • Morning Just drop in Come and Join Us for Refreshments (including bacon butties and delicious cakes) In the Village Hall 10 - 12Every third Saturday in the month Next dates 15<sup>th</sup> March & 19<sup>th</sup> April Enquiries or for table reservations please call 01793 824339



### Come and join Stratton Team Ministry for our Bumps and Babes group on Tuesdays.

Bumps & Babes is a place for expectant parents and parents with babies (up to one year old\*) to meet and chat over a coffee – sharing in the experiences of pregnancy and the joys and challenges of the early months of parenthood.

Mats and toys are available for you to play with your babies, as well as time for a few songs!

We are joined by guests each a month to share with us about subjects from weaning to breastfeeding; faith to reusable nappies!

Register for your place now via the link or complete a form on arrival – we look forward to welcoming you!

When: Tuesdays 11.15-12.15 (term time only)

Where: St Margaret's Centre, Kenwin Close, SN3 4NY

Cost: Free

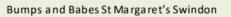
### **Contact Us & Useful Links**



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www.strattonteamministry.co.uk/explore /kids-and-youth/bumps-babes/

Register for your place now https://forms.gle/fM4NesmSPYWTNuiC7



\*Bumps and Babes aims to provide a safe place for younger babies to explore, therefore the group is only open to babies up toa year old or until they are very mobile - you will be responsible for your child at all times. A babies and toddlers group runs in the St Margaret's Centre on a Wednesday and Friday where there are more age-appropriate toys for toddlers. Please contact us if you have a special request.



### <u>A Mixture for March.</u>



Actors: A man walks into a daily newspaper office looking for work. When asked about his special skills he replies, "I actually have no particular interests or talents myself, but enjoy belittling the artistic endeavours of others." "Fabulous!" retorted the employment officer. "We have an opening for a theatre critic."

Did you hear about the actor who auditioned for a part as a trumpet player? He blew it.

When the unemployed actor got a job with a

demolition company he finally brought down the house.

### Aeroplanes Flying.

Always try to keep the number of landings you make equal to the number of take-offs



you've made.

A young and foolish hotshot pilot wanted to sound cool and show who was boss on the aviation radio frequencies. This was his first time approaching an airfield during the night. Instead of making an official landing request to the tower, he said, "Guess who?"

The tower controller switched the field lights off and replied "Guess where!"

### Cars and Motoring.

A motorist after being bogged down in a muddy road paid a passing farmer five pounds to



pull him out with his tractor. After he was back on dry ground he said to the farmer "at these prices I should think you would be pulling people out of the mud night and day." "Can't," replied the farmer. "At night I haul water for the hole."

Two cab drivers. "Hey," asked one. "Why did you paint one side of your car red and the

other side blue?" "Well" the other responded "when I get into an accident, you should see how all the witnesses contradict each other."

My grandad drives so slowly that he had to have a sign on his car:

This is not an abandoned vehicle.

### <u>Children.</u>

How do you make antifreeze? Steal her blanket.

### On the farm.



The vicar had just finished an excellent chicken dinner at the home of a member of his congregation when he saw a rooster come strutting through the yard. "That's certainly a proudlooking rooster you have there," the vicar commented. "Yes sir," replied the farmer. "He has reason to be proud, one of his daughters has just entered the ministry."



### Food.

Did you hear about the man arrested in the butcher's? He was choplifting.

Have you heard about the woman who decided that becoming a vegetarian was a missed steak!

What do you call a melon that's not allowed to get married? Can't elope.

Why do potatoes make good detectives?

Because they keep their eyes peeled.

Botanists have developed a vegetable that eliminates the need to brush your teeth -

bristle sprouts.

What kind of eggs are stolen? Poached eggs!





You may be aware that many charities and organisations are struggling at this time, this includes churches.

Great News! You can now sign up to join the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) online. There is a link for this on the Giving page of our website:

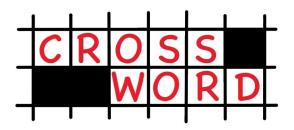
https://www.strattonteamministry.co.uk/giving/

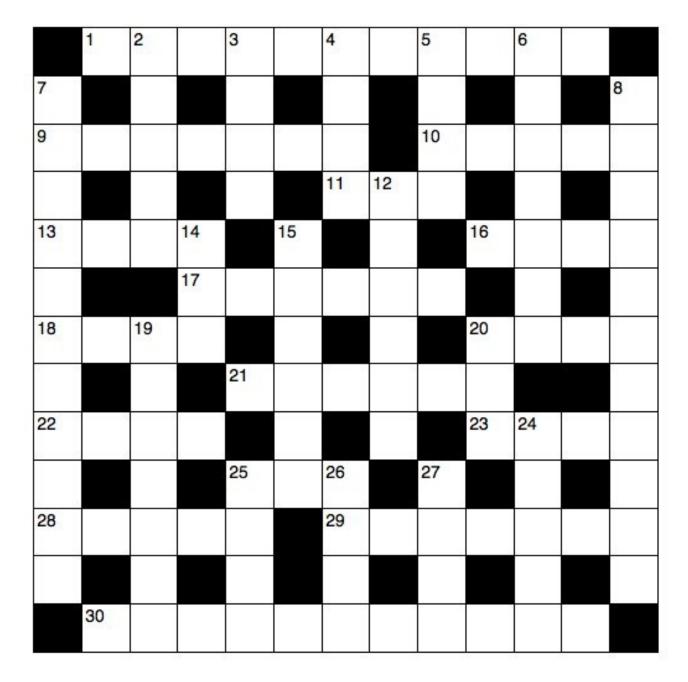
If you haven't considered the PGS before, we would ask you to prayerfully consider doing so. It's very easy to sign up and it works in a similar way to a Direct Debit (that it is intended to replace), in that a regular payment authorised by you goes out either weekly, monthly or yearly straight to the church. It is perfectly safe and can be stopped or changed at any time.

PGS is a great way to give to the work and mission of St Margaret's Church. Donations given through PGS come straight to the Church, there are no admin fees or bank charges for us to pay. 41 people have now signed up to do this - Thank you









### Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)

### Across

13 Mede (anag.) (4)
16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
23 Edit (anag.) (4)
25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

### Down

2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him" (John 9:23) (2,3)

3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4

4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)

5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)

6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31)(7)

7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)

8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)

12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)

14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)

15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)

19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)

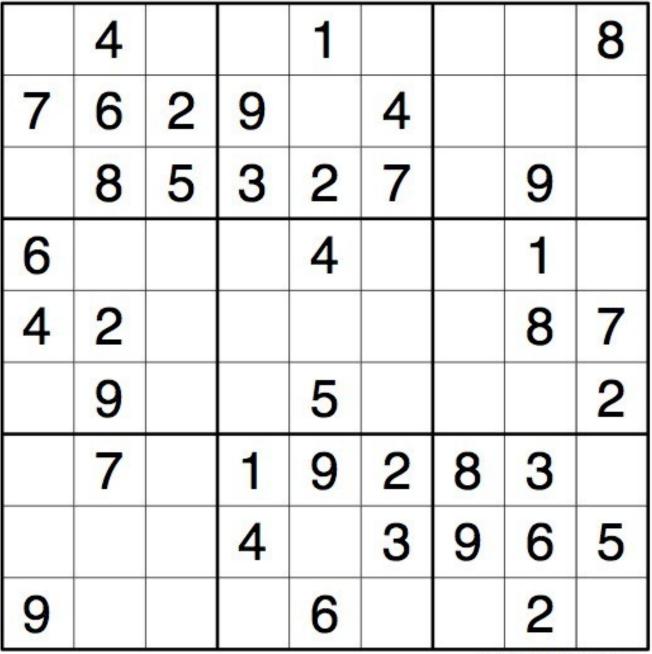
20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)

24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)

25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)

26 'In the image of God he created him; - and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)

27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)



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The rules for Sudoku are to fill a 9x9 grid with the numbers 1–9, without repeating any numbers in a row, column, or 3x3 box.

Hello everyone,

Swindon Food Collective is your local independent food bank that collects and redistributes donated nonperishable food and non-food items to those in need. We help individuals and families that are finding it hard to feed themselves for a variety of reasons such as low wages, low income, family crisis, delayed benefit payments, redundancy, bereavement or sickness.



We currently operate 11 Food Distribution Centres in and around Swindon.

Should you wish to support our collection then please read below for further information.

### WHAT WE DO NEED:

**Regular sized Tins, Jars, Bottles, Cartons or Packets of the following:** 

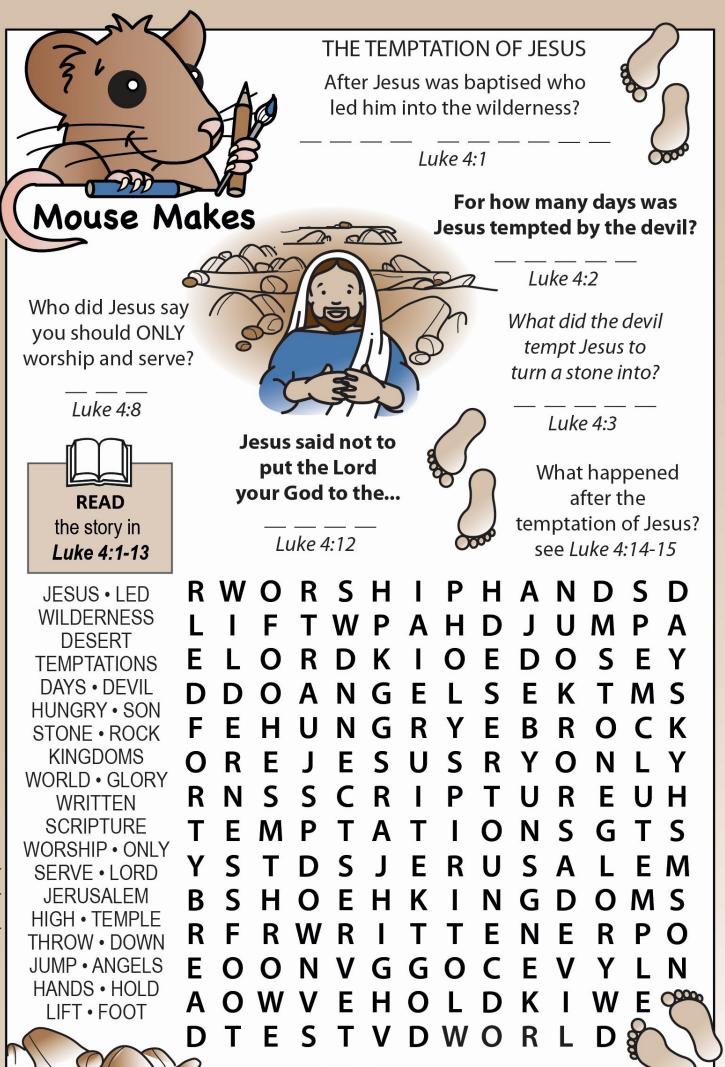
"Potatoes; Meat; Fish; Tomatoes; Soup; Vegetables; Fruit; Puddings; Pasta Sauce; Cereals; Small Jars of Coffee; Tea (40 bags); Small Bags of Sugar (500g); Biscuits; 1L Bottles of Squash; Washing Up Liquid; Toothpaste; Laundry Pods; 2 in 1 Shampoo & Conditioner; Male and Female Deodorants"

### WHAT WE DON'T NEED:

We do not need pasta, cereals and shower gel.

We hope you will be able to support us once again THANK YOU.

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Find the words from the questions too!

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### **Crossword Solutions**

#### ACROSS:

1, Corinthians. 9, Abandon. 10, Eglon. 11, Spa. 13, Deem. 16, Hi-fi. 17, Abijah. 18, Ohad. 20, Myth. 21, Now see. 22, Knit. 23, Tide. 25, Arm. 28, Nahor. 29, All done. 30, Kind-hearted.

### DOWN:

2, Of age. 3, ISDN. 4, Tens. 5, Idea. 6, Nullify. 7, Hardworking. 8, Enlightened. 12, Praise. 14, Mad. 15, Vigour. 19, Abishai. 20, Met. 24, Is one. 25, Arid. 26, Male. 27, Slur.

### STRATTON TEAM MINISTRY NEWS - NEXT EDITION DEADLINE

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