



Kilsyth Anderson

Parish Church

Magazine

October/November 2015



From the Manse.....

One of my interests happens to be history. I enjoy finding out about local history and especially church history and Kilsyth Anderson Church I know certainly has a long and interesting past. In recent weeks I have been looking back through some of the church records to find out what has been happening to the membership of the church here and from the information I have I have drawn up a graph of what the membership numbers look like over time (from 1928 to 2014).



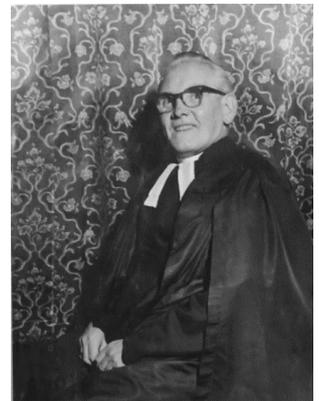
There are certain things which are obvious from the picture, first of all in recent times the church membership has been declining. Decline is an obvious concern for us and will mean that we will have to think very seriously about how to respond both creatively and courageously. We also need to be asking searching questions about why people are not participating as much as they once did. There are no easy answers or quick solutions but undoubtedly we will need to give consideration to what changes might be required. One immediate and much needed response from all who want to see the church here grow again is prayer.

Revival in the church is most often preceded by Christian men and women praying that God would work mightily in their midst. If, in reading this piece you are concerned for the future of Kilsyth Anderson Church can I ask you to pause before reading on further to bring this matter before God.

The second thing to notice from the graph is that back around the 1940s the church was roughly the size it is just now - but then the membership increased dramatically. The increase, which more than doubled the membership of the church, took place over a 5 or 6 year period (about 1950 – 1955).

This was during the ministry of the Rev McDonald and I am interested to know what was happening during this period. Why were so many people joining the church? What was the church like at that time? What do people remember of it?

If you were someone who was there during that period I would love to hear your stories and recollections so that a picture could be built up. If you have access to email then you can jot down your insights and send them to me at minister@vint.co.uk or alternatively a short letter to the manse or handed to one of the church elders would be great.



History has much to teach us. In the Bible we discover a rich history of God's revelation of himself. Jesus in particular gives us immense insight to the will and the ways of God and in his life, death and resurrection demonstrates for us the powerful work of God which seeks to reach out to us all. Our God longs for men and women to respond to His love and to know of the benefits of newness of life, of eternal hope and of the being part of the community of faith and much more besides.



I pray that God will again revive his church here in Kilsyth for we recall that the God who was there yesterday, is the same God here with us today and continues with us into the future. So may God continue to guide our paths as we seek to honour Him in the church in the world.

Yours in His name.

Allan Vint

Church Flowers



Thank you to all who have gifted flowers during the year and thank you to the talented ladies who arrange them so beautifully to adorn our church for the Sunday Services.

These floral gifts are very much appreciated by those members of our church family who are unable to join us in fellowship.

Should you wish to donate flowers for a Sunday in 2016 please add your name to the list which will be available on the Vestibule Table from Sunday 15th November

Thank - you



The Guild

The Guild's opening social is on Monday, 5th October at 7.30pm in Kilsyth Anderson.

The Rev. Allan Vint is the speaker for the night

A warm welcome is extended to all.



Kilsyth Community Food Bank



We are still accepting non perishable donations and have a box out in the vestibule or goods can be handed in at the drop-in on a Friday.

They have recently opened a charity shop in the Main Street called The Lighthouse (opposite the Co-op.) This is a great way for them to raise vital funds to keep their services in Kilsyth as they are a self-sustaining charity and

they do not receive any local authority or government funding. Please support this worthwhile cause.

A recent post from their Facebook page is from a lady looking for baby wool, knitting needles and premature baby patterns. This lady is part of a group of 12 ladies who are knitting clothes for premature babies in our hospitals. If you can help, you can hand these items into the new shop.

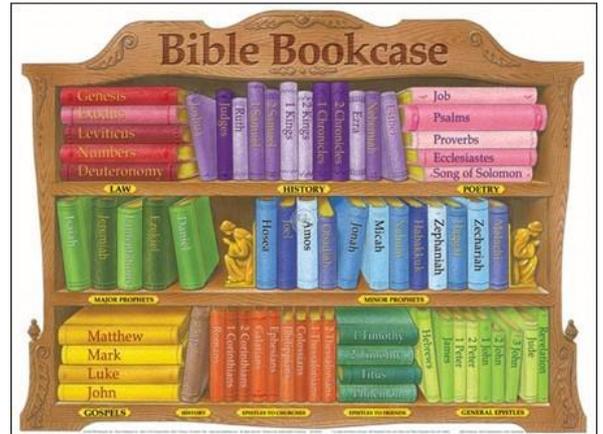
You can find out more about their organisation on their facebook page where you can share their news.

PASSING ON THE GOOD NEWS

It is exciting to encounter Jesus in the pages of the Gospels. Having done so well we will then, naturally, want to go on to share him with others.

This is one of the most important activities a Christian can engage in, but what is the message we are trying to spread?

The first part is Jesus himself for he is the Good News. The message is about a living personal relationship with Jesus. Seeking day by day to learn more of his purposes and allowing ourselves to be remade in his likeness, till we come to show the gracious characteristics of his family. In our memory verses in this issue, we are trying to put together truths that will launch us on this journey.



OCTOBER: ACTS 16 VERSE 10

The first memory verse is about obedience. Believing that God has a plan and purpose for our lives we have to seek that purpose out. Once we understand it, then the next step toward fulfilling it is by responding obediently. That was exactly what Paul did. He had, of course been brought up as a Jew and he read the Old Testament through Jewish eyes till God spoke to him and convinced him that Jesus wasn't just for the Jewish people, but for the whole world. So when Paul had this vision of a call to expand his missionary activity into Europe he is ready to respond.

“After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the Gospel to them.”

NOVEMBER: ROMANS 1 VERSE 16

Paul found that taking the Gospel into the community is far from easy for there can be real hostility there. But Paul had complete confidence in his message. That came from personal experience. We speak confidently of what we know and convincingly about what has worked in our lives.

“I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes for the Jew, then for the Gentile”

DECEMBER: 1 CORINTHIANS VERSE 20

The root of the gospel is that Christ died for our sins and was raised to life again by God. There is no more important truth than this. Here is our message

“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep”

Resources! Resources!

Have you had a wee look in the bookshelf beside the Prayer Corner recently? We have been adding some more material that might be of interest to you.

We know that some of you take special interest in particular organisations and causes, so we now leave copies of the "Prayer Diaries" produced by these groups.

These normally have themes covering each day for a month. When these themes are used regularly they include all the areas of work being done by the groups concerned.

Let me explain further - it might be the Bible Society - Then and the themes covered might include translation work, difficulties in getting the Scriptures out to areas of need, fundraising, danger to those distributing Gospels in certain hostile places, new initiatives and forthcoming activities, or areas of special concern. Now that is only a sample of the sort of topics, but there will be many more. This keeps us informed and also helps us to offer prayers that are relevant. That is the same for all the other groups from whom we receive Prayer Diaries.

Here is a sample list of some of the groups that come to mind:- Scripture Union, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Tear Fund, Care, Barnabus Trust, Open doors, Christian Aid, Cross Reach and many more.

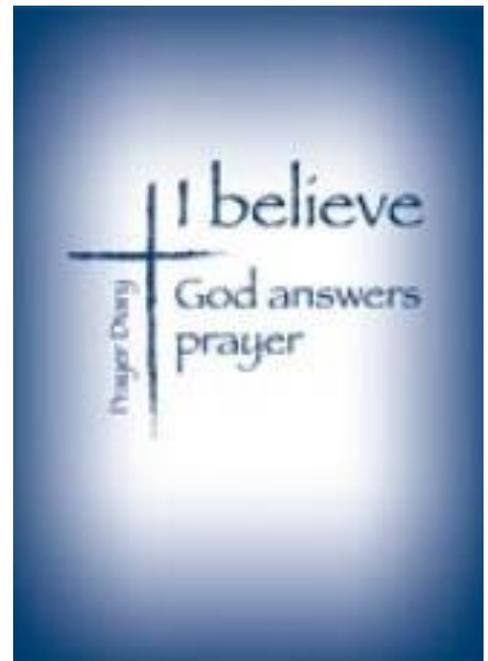
We have also received some books that might prove helpful and inspirational to those who want to find out how others find Christian living.

These books include biographies, recounting the experiences of those who have travelled far in the Christian life. They might also be devotional books which explain topics like prayer and bible reading or challenging books that raise difficult & important questions that confront all who take the Christian message seriously.

There can also be books about how particular churches tackle the problems they encountered in the areas where God has called them to work. In short they provide a real variety of worthwhile reading.

Once we have gone through all of them and got them into some sort of order you are welcome to spend time just browsing. Take what you want - read it, let us know what you think of it and return it for someone else to enjoy.

These then are the latest developments, but we are always open to suggestions and new ideas.



Malawi 2016 Fundraiser

As part of the fundraising towards the planned return trip to Malawi next year one of the BB Boys, Blair Anderson will be running the 13 mile half marathon route at the Great Scottish Run on Sunday 4th October. Hopefully a ten week training programme ahead of the route from George Square to Pollock Park to Bellahouston Park and back to Glasgow Green via the Squinty Bridge will make sure he beats his target time of 2 hours and 30 minutes.



To make his efforts worthwhile Blair is seeking sponsorship of any amount large or small with all the money raised going to the planned repairs at the village church at Katete, which doubles up as two classrooms. A sponsor sheet will be on the vestibule table for the next couple of Sundays, any BB officer will gladly accept a donation or you can now donate via www.virginmoneygiving.com/malawihalfmarathon



Story Behind The Hymn

Morning Has Broken: Eleanor Farjeon 1881-1965



Morning Has Broken is the best known work of Eleanor Farjeon, children's author and poet. Eleanor was born in London on 13th February 1881, the daughter of a popular novelist at the time, Benjamin Farjeon. Known as 'Nellie' to her immediate family, she was a sickly child who suffered from poor eyesight and educated at home. Her father encouraged her to write from the age of five. She eventually earned a living as a journalist, broadcaster, writing poetry and stories and counted among her friends the celebrated D H Lawrence and Walter de la Mare.

Morning has broken was written in 1931 for an old Scottish tune called *Bunessan*, a village on the Island of Mull. It was there that a Gaelic only speaking crofter, Mary MacDonald [1789-1872], composed a Christmas Carol *Leanabh an Aigh* later translated into English as the popular *Child in the Manger*.

Morning has broken was originally published in the second edition of *Songs of Praise* [1931]. *Songs of Praise* was widely used in schools and its editor, Percy Dearmer, later wrote of how the compilers wanted a hymn to give thanks for each day, so Eleanor Farjeon was "asked to make a poem to fit the lovely Scottish tune". It was later published in her anthology called *Children's Bells* [1957] under its correct title *A Morning Song - for the First Day of Spring*.

Her poem achieved international fame when it was included in Cat Stevens' 1971 album *Teaser & the Firecat*. Stevens had asked his friend Rick Wakeman to write a piano accompaniment for the track. It became a hit, rising high in the charts in the UK and in the USA. Her poem achieved international fame when it was included in Cat Stevens' 1971 album *Teaser & the Firecat*. Stevens had asked his friend Rick Wakeman to write a piano accompaniment for the track. It became a hit, rising high in the charts in the UK and in the USA. Though *Morning has broken* is clearly a hymn for children it has an appeal for adults too. It praises God for the sights and sounds of the new day and likens each dawn to the very first day in the Garden of Eden.

Eleanor Farjeon died on the 5th June 1965. During her lifetime she won many prestigious literary awards and an annual prize is presented in her name to this day by the *Childrens Book Circle*.

FLOWER LIST

October 4th Mrs Betty Beaver:
October 11th Mrs Marion Cowie:
October 18th Mrs Liz Meechan:
October 25th Mrs Margaret Kennedy:
November 1st Mrs Roberta Kennedy:
November 8th Mrs Hilda Dodds:
November 15th Mrs Elsie Short:
November 22nd Mrs Ray Goodwin:
November 29th COMMUNION
Mrs Mary Abercrombie:



Birthdays

Happy 80th Birthday to Roberta (Berta) Kennedy,
Blenheim Court on the 20th November



Weddings

1st August: Miss Alexandra Napier & Mr Andrew John Morris
21st August: Miss Anne Millar & Mr Andrew Smith

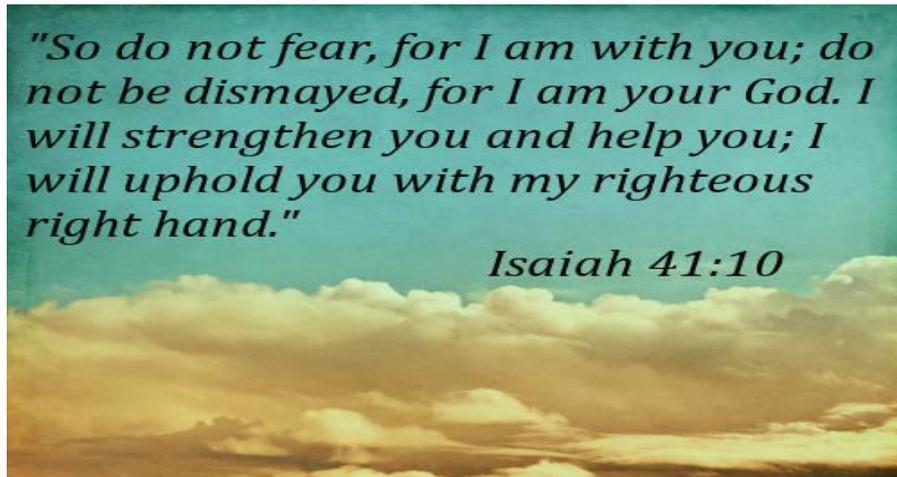
Deaths

10th August: Miss Isobel Barrie, Register Road
25th August: Mrs Rose Drysdale,
Darroch Care Home, Cumbernauld
10th September: Mrs Margaret McDonald,
Montrose Gardens

*Miss me but let me go, for this is a journey
We all must take and each must go alone
It's all part of the Master's plan
A step on the road to home*

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41:10





Church Diary

Sunday:	<u>Morning worship</u>	11.00am
	<u>Evening worship</u>	6.30pm
	(fellowship after service in main hall)	
	Time for prayer Wyper Hall	6.00pm
Monday:	<u>Ladies Bowling</u>	10.30am
	The Guild	7.30pm
Tuesday:	<u>Girls Brigade:</u>	
	Explorers (P1-P3)	6.00pm
	Juniors & Brigaders (P4 +)	7.00pm
Wednesday:	<u>Praise Group</u>	7.30pm
	<u>Boys Brigade:</u>	
	Anchor Boys (P1 -P3)	5.45pm
	Junior Section (P4 -P6)	6.30pm
	Company Section (P7 +Secondary)	7.30pm
Thursday:	<u>Mid-week Fellowship</u>	
	Wyper Hall	7.00pm
Friday:	<u>'Drop in Café</u>	
	Wyper Hall	10.00am - noon

Dates for your Diary



4 th October	Youth Parade & Dedication Service	11.00am
5 th October	Ladies Bowling resumes	10.30am
5 th October	Guild	7.30pm
6 th October	Work Party (Reading Room)	7.00pm
7 th October	Praise Group Practice	7.30pm
18 th October	Morning Service: Rev Martin Allen	
	Evening Service: Rev Bill Moore	
20 th October	Board of Managers	7.30pm
1 st November	Service: Craig-en-Goyne	3.30pm
4 th November	Guild of Friendship	2.30pm
	Led by the Methodist Church	
4 th November	Kirk Session (In Church)	7.30pm
8 th November	Remembrance Sunday	
	Evening Service (led by Kirky Baptist)	
28 th November	Christmas Fayre	
29 th November	Communion	11.00am & 6.00pm
6 th December	Youth Parade & Gift Service	11.00am



Contact for urgent Pastoral Care

Minister: Rev. Allan Vint

Session Clerk: Mrs Elizabeth Strang

The date for the Christmas Fayre

is the 28th November



WITH THANKS

I would like to thank everyone, especially Rev. Vint for your visit and the beautiful flowers and many cards I received after my hip operation.

A special thanks to Molly & Margaret, you cheer up so many people
God bless!

Anne Leishman

I would like to thank the church members for their prayers, expressions of sympathy, cards which I received on the death of my husband, Bill. Thank you also for the lovely flowers which were much appreciated.

Jean Paterson

Thank you for all the cards, flowers and prayers I received for my recent stay in hospital, they were very much appreciated

Thanks again

Donna Cook

Thank you all so very much for prayers, kind thoughts, cards and flowers received on the loss of my sister Betty

Your friendship, kindness and support were very much appreciated.

God Bless

Cathie & Willie McIlwain

Sorry for the delay in thanking the Guild & other friends for the flowers, cards and gifts received on the occasion of my 80th birthday

Annabel Smith



DAY BY DAY IN PRAYER

I hope you will allow me to speak to you about the nature of the Christian's prayer life. Prayer is not meant to be a mere "emergency button" in our private everyday lives – only there for times when things get out of control and we are desperate. Nor is it meant to be a moment in worship when we switched off and let our minds drift to everyday activities. Prayer is meant to be a constant in our lives.

So in these little prayers we are attempting to introduce you to the possibility of prayer in everyday situations. We hope you find them helpful.

AN AUTUMN PRAYER *of thanks*

Father, we thank you for this season of Autumn
That is always marked by fruitfulness,
By harvest and a sense of completion.
After the hard work of Spring and the patient watching
Through the changing days of Summer
We rejoice that once more you have kept your promise
That seed time and harvest should not fail
Oh we often complain and get impatient
And sometimes selfishly expect and look for more.
Today, we thank you that you faithfully meet our needs
While teaching us to control our wants
So, in our response of thanksgiving for your generosity
We would ask that you will help us to look outwards
To see and remember a starving & needy world
That with the joy of ingathering
We might also come to learn to share
And so discover the incomparable joy of giving

AN AUTUMN PRAYER *of hope*

Father, the days are shortening
The rains come and the wind takes on an edge
Autumn then carries the seeds of winter
The yellowing leaves and withering flowers
speak of ending, of death and decay
Oh we resist such thoughts, for they sadden us
But they come unbidden into our minds to cause us pain
Yet lord, we rejoice for you would speak to us of hope
Renewing your message of life and resurrection
Pointing forward again to the returning sun
And the bright promise of Spring
Death could not end the life of Jesus
And you whisper tenderly in our hearts
That he is our hope too
For fullness of life here and for a life to come

Minibus

If you know of anyone who would like to come to Church on a Sunday, but does not have access to transport, please let them know that we run a minibus on a Sunday morning and that there are spaces available.

Speak to Anne Lauder for more information about this service.



GIRLS BRIGADE



We have a great team of girls who have come back and some new members too who we are delighted to have.

If you know of any girls who are between P1 and P3 for our Explorers or between P4 and P7 for our Juniors or at secondary school for our Brigaders we would be very pleased to welcome them. Our Explorers run from 6pm to 7pm and our Juniors and Brigaders are on between 7.00pm and 8.30pm all of which are on Tuesday nights.

This month we are excited that Helen Shaw begins her Officer's Training and we are pleased to say our Brigaders have nearly completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

It was with sadness that during the summer we got a telephone call from Action Aid to let us know our sponsored child Fiona had sadly passed away with malaria. It was heart-breaking to hear, as Fiona was only 5 years old and she hadn't been with us long. This has touched us all.

This year our Explorers will be collecting their pennies for malaria nets along with the Juniors and Brigaders. We will be continuing to support Glasgow City Mission too.

Boys Brigade October/ November



The new session has started well. We welcomed 4 new Anchor Boys into the company, promoted 9 Anchor Boys and gained another 2 into the Junior Section and promoted 14 from the Junior to Company Section. We also welcomed 2 recruits from 1st Kilsyth into the Company. Of course it was great to see so many of our 'old' members returning for another year. This means that the Company strength stands at around 70 - a wee bit down on last year. We could do with some more P1 Anchor Boys and more Junior Section - P4, P5 and P6 - so if anyone knows of Boys in this age group we would be delighted to welcome them. We lost a helper and so say a big thank you to Betty Cook for her years of service to the Anchor Boys. We also gained a helper as Douglas

Anderson is now in a permanent shift pattern and has come back to help with the large number in the Company Section. Thanks for that Douglas.

The Anchors and Juniors are looking at parables at present and had fun searching for the Lost Sheep (Mr. Vint nearly ruined the exercise as he thought someone had thrown a lot of paper onto his lawn - it was our sheep - fortunately he didn't clear up the mess!!!)

Both the Anchors and Juniors have taken advantage of the light nights and dry weather to do some activities outside - the Juniors doing a scavenger hunt last week. One of our congregation had his door knocked and was asked for a coathanger! You'd better watch out when the BB is about!

We have had 2 badminton coaches come along to the Company Section and they are going to work with different age groups over a number of weeks. The other Boys - despite the dark and the midges - have also been outside. Simon prepared a challenge course and Mark has been doing outdoor cooking. Last week's comment was 'That was pretty good'. Maybe we are on the right lines.

Many thanks to those who continue to support out fundraising for Malawi by donating old cable. When I took one load to the scrap merchants, one of the drivers said as he helped me unload, 'I've never seen a female scrappie!' My response - 'Aye, and I bet you've never seen one as old as me either!' Do I care - I'm getting money for 'nothing'. The fundraising is going well, and, God willing, we will return to Malawi to renovate the Church in June of next year.

Advance notice - we will be offering our Christmas Card delivery service as usual this year - STILL 10p. More details in the next newsletter. Thanks to all who support this fundraiser, and to those who regularly give us money towards our next Malawian adventure.

Holiday Club 2015

Polar Explorers was the theme of our holiday club this year and you might have thought that was chosen because we had such cool summer weather! In fact, during the first week in August, when we held the club we were able to hold games outside most days as the sun did shine sometimes!



We had 82 children registered and around 60 of those appeared most days. We had a fast moving programme from 10 until 12.30 each morning, filled with games, songs a craft, stories and a drama. The youngsters were very well behaved and eager to join in all the fun. We had an exceptionally able leader in Lee Moody and the team all worked really hard to give the children a happy experience and the opportunity to learn about the gospel. The stories concentrated on 5 biblical characters that were amongst the first followers of Jesus and proved that no one is too bad, too young, too ordinary, too far away, or has made too many mistakes to become a friend of Jesus. On the Thursday night we held a family evening and

around 120 people filled the hall for some fun activities and for the children to share some of what they had learned in the week. On the Sunday we had a joint service with the Burns and Old and were delighted to be joined by some of the children and their families.

We welcomed 7 teenagers who acted as trainee Leaders and brought their youth and much needed energy to the team and to games in the afternoons. They continue to meet once a month as a group, and we hope will continue to want to serve in this way in coming years.

Grateful thanks are due to the team from Burns and Old who supplied our snacks every day, as well as very welcome reviving cups of coffee: the ladies who prepared and served our excellent lunches: Ronnie Swan for a terrific Igloo: the guys who erected the platform and everyone on the team from all the different congregations who pitched in and gave themselves to the task of creating a great Holiday Club experience. Most of all we are grateful to God for answering our prayers in so many ways and blessing us during that week.

Ann Allen



KITCHEN UPDATE.....

A few people have been asking when the kitchen is going to be started. The plans are drawn, the committee have agreed on the units, work surfaces, etc. As we are hoping to knock the two kitchens into one, we are waiting for approval to start the building work, hopefully not much longer!



REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCK BACK!

The nights are slowly drawing in and on Sunday 25th October, British Summer Time officially ends. Remember to turn your clock back an hour.

Magazine

I was going through some of my old issues of this magazine and realised that I have been putting together this magazine for more than two years now. I am grateful to those who have given me items to include and to the minister for his “from the manse” and to Anne Lauder who helps me print. If anyone has a story to share, a piece of local or church history, special events, etc, I would love to hear all about it. I enjoy putting the magazine together and I was wondering if we should give our magazine its own identity. Kilsyth Anderson Parish Church magazine is a wee bit long winded and I would like to ask our readers to come up with a new name for our magazine. I look forward to hearing your suggestions

Helen x



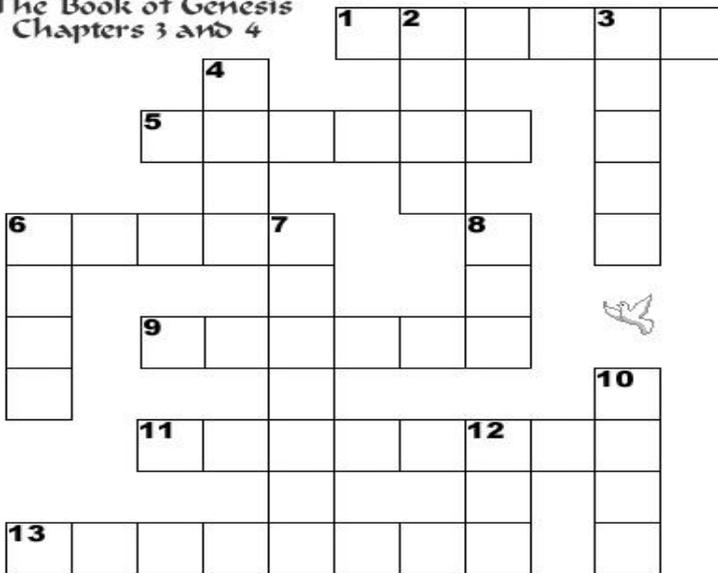


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The Book of Genesis Chapters 3 and 4



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Down

- (2) Adam's second son
- (3) Cain's first son (Gen. 4:17)
- (4) Adam's first son
- (6) Adam's third son
- (7) What creature tempted Eve
- (8) Cain lived in this land
- (10) First man
- (12) First woman

Across

- (1) Cain's occupation (Gen. 4:2)
- (5) The _____ of Eden
- (6) Adam and Eve's first clothes (Gen. 3:21)
- (9) Because of sin the ground was _____ (Gen. 3:17)
- (11) Abel's occupation (Gen. 4:2)
- (13) Cain became a _____ and a vagabond (Gen. 4:12)

Q: WHAT STARTS WITH AN E, ENDS IN AN E AND ONLY HAS ONE LETTER?

A: AN ENVELOPE!

Q: WHAT NAILS DO CARPENTERS HATE TO HIT?

A: FINGERNAILS

Q: WHY WAS THE MATHS BOOK SAD?

A: IT HAD TOO MANY PROBLEMS!

Kids Bible Wordsearch

Plants of the Bible

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

Puzzle #5

- ALMOND
- ALOES
- APPLE
- ASH
- BALM
- BARLEY
- BEANS
- CINNAMON
- CUCUMBERS
- DATE
- FIG
- FLAX

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- HYSSOP
- JACINTH
- LEEK
- MELONS
- MILLET
- MINT
- MULBERRY
- MUSTARD
- MYRTLE
- RYE
- SAFFRON
- THISTLE

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If you wish to listen to the morning service again, it can be found on the church website

CD MINISTRY

A copy of the morning service can be provided.

Please speak to your Pastoral Care visitor who can arrange for a copy

Items of news, special occasions, etc. for the next Newsletter should be given to Helen Shaw by Sunday 22nd November 2015

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