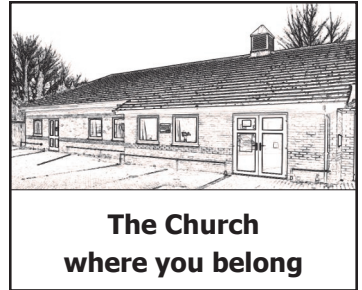




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## Our Mission Statement

We at Westgate New Church are called by God to highlight  
Jesus Christ's love for the people of Peterborough.

We pass on this good news by worship, fellowship, mission,  
education, personal life and social service.

Greetings,

Over recent weeks I have been proud to be involved with Westgate New Church members in discussions about our calling.

The first occasion was during the visit of Revd Kevin Watson, Assembly Moderator of the United Reformed Church. He came to see what we had done to address the issue of a large building consuming our resources (human and financial). You know that story at least as well as I do. The conversation, though, turned to what WNC saw as its mission. What are we called to be in City Centre Peterborough? Who are we called to engage with and what actions are we being called to undertake? The discussion did not result in decisions but was an important indication that the Church has moved on from moving-on to the next step on the journey we are making, with Christ at our head, towards being God's people



in Peterborough.

The second occasion was during our service and church meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> September, when we considered what talents we had been blessed with and then how we might be able to use those skills to engage

in the mission we feel called to. I'm still not sure we can articulate with a great deal of certainty the direction in which we're travelling, or what we hope God might achieve through us but we have identified what we can do and, of course, that means that we know what activities we might succeed with.

In all this, I made a deliberate mistake☺! When we identified, recorded and displayed our skills and talents, I omitted to ask those present to put their names on the post-it notes. Now, I think more people admitted to their gifts than if they'd had to identify themselves, but I'm left with several heaps of post-it notes and not knowing who to ask to do things.

I know we have lots of people who are talented in hospitality related skills, a good number of creative folk and one, who I'd very much like a conversation with, who is talented at IT.

If you were there, or even if you weren't, and you feel able to tell me what you wrote on one or more post-it notes,

I'd love to know so that everyone who God has brought into our fellowship with gifts to be used can be part of our exciting new developments so that together we can become effective disciples.

Yours in Christ

*Lesley*

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Dear friends,

Firstly, I thank you for making me so welcome. I really feel that I am settling into the congregations and I feel supported and encouraged by both the churches.

The last five weeks have been interesting, exciting and at times daunting. There has been so much going on that some days I hardly seem to stop, but I am learning so much about myself and what ministry is really all about.

Tuesday is generally my day for being at Westgate New Church, with Pause for Prayer at 10.30am and then Supervision with Lesley. The rest of the week is then split between regular commitments at Whittlesey, and other one-off activities in either church, as well as reading, reflecting and preparing for worship. I have already been involved in two work days, a visit from Kevin Watson, moderator of the URC General Assembly, handed out water in Cathedral Square with the Ladies Interfaith Coffee Group, and lots and lots of meetings.

At Whittlesey I am regularly involved in the Young People's Bible Study group on Wednesday evenings, and have visited Friendship Club and Little Fishes, as well as helping with the Messy Church tent at the Whittlesey Festival, and lots and lots



of meetings.

I have been to URC Minister's meetings, Churches Together in both Central Peterborough and Whittlesey, Methodist Circuit meetings, URC Synod and Area meetings and Pastoral Visitors meetings.

I have observed a baptism, a wedding and a funeral, and have led prayers of concern and preached sermons and reflections in both churches. I have also led a full service in Whittlesey.

I apologise in advance if I don't remember your name – they are gradually starting to sink in, so a gentle reminder is helpful. If I look blank or don't seem to know what to do, please point me in the right direction, or just come and have a chat. If you have any concerns, or indeed positive comments, about what I say or do in worship or at a meeting or social event, please have a chat with Rita or Gerry – they are my Congregational Companions, and will be meeting with me regularly to talk about how I am getting on.

I look forward to sharing the next eight months with you, and getting to know you all better, through church activities or as I begin to do more pastoral visiting.

*Alison*



## STORIES WITHIN THE STORY: THE COST OF FRIENDSHIP

*Genesis chapter 34 is the tragic story of Dinah, the daughter of Jacob and Leah. Dinah was brave enough to follow her own heart, rather than the rigid customs of her tribal group. Israelites of that day kept strictly to themselves, and friendship, let alone sexual relations, with people from other tribes was considered unacceptable.*

*In spite of this, Dinah, an outgoing young woman, set out to make friends with the women of the country in which her tribe had settled. While visiting with them she met Shechem, a young man who was a leader in that country, and he fell for her in a big way. The Bible says he forced himself upon her, but it also says he loved her tenderly – at any rate, she seems to have been quite happy to settle with him in marriage. Perhaps the text reflects the prejudices of Dinah's tribe rather than anything else.*

*Shechem, as was customary, got his father Hamor to offer for Dinah's hand in marriage, and at the same time to propose a treaty of friendship, allowing inter-marriage between the Israelites and the surrounding tribes. Initially, Jacob appeared to agree, on just one condition – men of the other tribe would be circumcised, just as were Israelite males.*

*But then it went horribly wrong. I think this is how Dinah herself might have viewed it:*

*"Even if our relationship started unconventionally, I loved Shechem and looked forward to a fulfilling life with him. I was happy that our marriage*



would bring together the tribe of Jacob, my father, and my husband's people, among whom I had many friends – surely together we could be stronger and more prosperous.

"My brothers destroyed that dream. They had made Shechem's people submit to circumcision as a sign that they would be accepted by our tribe; then they treacherously attacked them without warning, killing my husband and my father-in-law, Hamor, and all the men of the village, and forcibly dragging me away.

"It was Simeon and Levi who instigated this slaughter. They never considered my wishes, and they never thought about the effect this would have on our people and our relationship with the other people of the country. They simply acted out of misguided arrogance, 'my tribe, right or wrong'. I cannot forgive them: they have ruined my life and destroyed what could have been a fruitful relationship between our tribe and the people around. Even our father Jacob recognised the wrongness of what they had done.

"Our tribe has had to move away, for fear of retaliation, and now we



have settled in the area around Bethel. Father Jacob says this is on God's instruction – well at least he has behaved sensibly, unlike my ill-minded, cack-handed brothers!"

*Earlier times labelled this story "The Rape of Dinah", but looking more closely it seems to me it is a story about "The Cost of Friendship". Dinah tried to build bridges, and paid the price for that when her family disapproved, behaving in a way that showed the worst of human nature*

*in a situation that really called for understanding and reconciliation.*

*In a way Dinah was like our Lord, who paid the price for seeking to build bridges between sinful humanity and divine providence. And also us today, also, if we seek to bridge divides between communities or races, religions or social groups. We can applaud her courage and be inspired by her way of offering friendship and love across the boundaries of social conventions.* Ian

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## HERE TO STAY

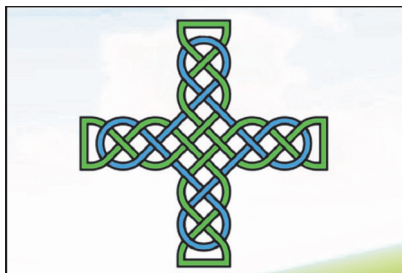
We, the Methodist Church, believe that God is calling us to stand alongside the Welland community: we are here to stay.

We believe that 'church' is something to be done together, rather than something done 'for us' or even 'to us'.

Our vision is to appoint a part-time Pioneer Team Leader who will work with a small group of committed people and, in Partnership with other Churches and organisations, help us to be 'church' and community in a way that works for everyone,

Would you like to be part of something new?

Would you value meeting together to support each other?



There was a meeting in October. If you are interested in future meetings or are a committed Christian who is interested in the pioneer post, please contact Sue Moore on [peterboroughcircuitoffice@gmail.com](mailto:peterboroughcircuitoffice@gmail.com)

# CECIL FRANCES ALEXANDER

1818 – 1895

Following my contribution on noted women hymn writers in the October edition of the Chronicle I am glad to be able to add another of Victorian Britain's huge army of hymn writing women, namely Cecil Frances Alexander, famous for writing children's hymns, of which the most famous is:

"There is a green hill far away  
Outside a city wall  
Where the dear Lord was crucified ,  
Who died to save us all"

This hymn can be found in our hymn book "Singing the Faith" under "The Passion and the Cross", hymn no 284. It is said that Cecil Frances wrote this hymn for her Sunday school and particularly while comforting a sick child and making reference to a green hill outside the city of Derry where she lived, which reminded her of Calvary. Mrs Alexander wrote other children's hymns including "Once in royal David's city" and "All things bright and beautiful". Children's hymns were not the only hymns she wrote; she also wrote hymns for adults. Her best known adult hymn is to be found in our hymn book under "The ministry of Jesus Christ", hymn No 250:

"Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult  
Of our life's wild restless sea,  
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth  
Saying, 'Christian, follow me'."

Cecil Frances Humphreys was born in Dublin in April 1818, daughter of major Humphreys who served with the Royal Marines. She married the Revd. William Alexander in 1850 in county Tyrone and helped her husband in the parish by doing various charitable work and visiting the sick. The Alexanders moved to various parishes until 1860 when Revd. Alexander



was made bishop of Derry. Mrs Alexander carried on with her old and new duties with people of various social levels with humility and no desire for applause. She had become a well known poet and a prolific writer of over 400 hymns. Her best known poem "The Burial of Moses" was the envy of Tennyson, who wished he had written it.

Several of Mrs Alexander's songs have been translated into other languages, especially in Africa, Australia and India.

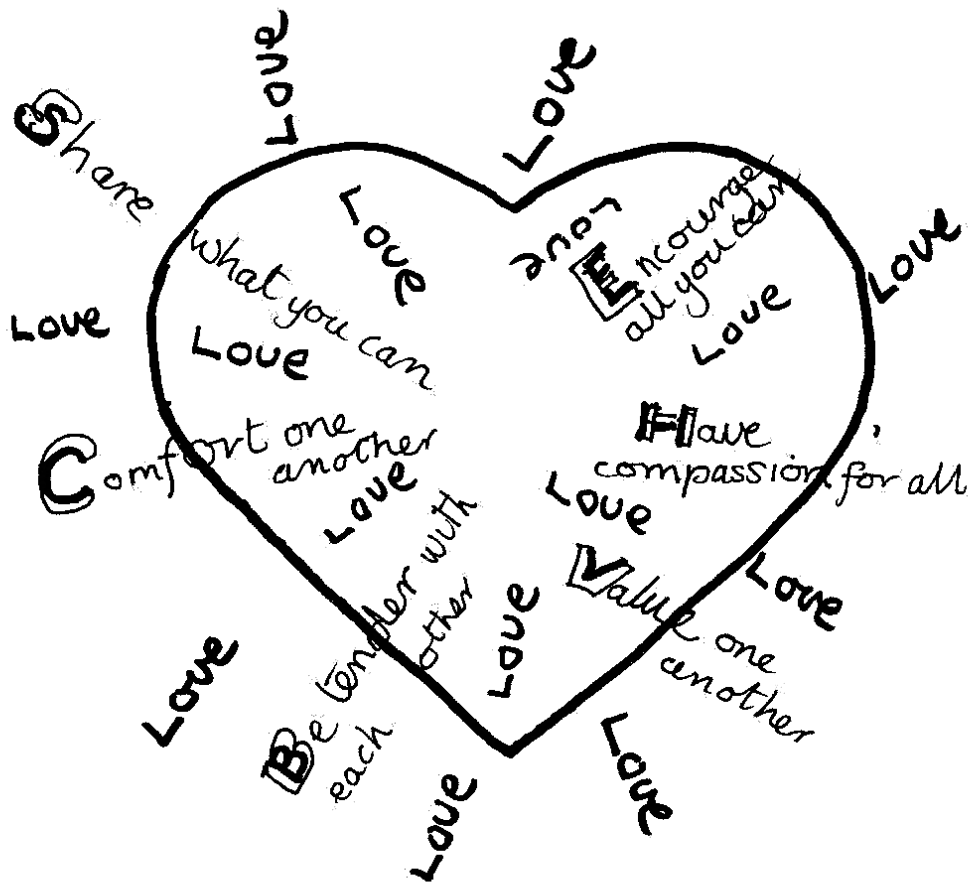
Cecil Frances Alexander died on 12th October 1895 in Dublin. Her funeral was attended by a large number of people representing many denominations.

*Manny*

Sources: 1) Christian Hymn Writers: Elsie Houghton: 2) Wikipedia

# Inspirational Colouring Verse

## Philippians Chapter 2, verses 1-4



If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

# LESLEY'S CAMINO WALK

On the 20<sup>th</sup> September, Lesley shared a wonderful presentation with the Church and visitors about her pilgrimage, which she took as part of her sabbatical.

She and Roger took the Camino Francés (called the Way of St. James). A pilgrimage, she explained, is traditionally from your front door to sacred places such as Jerusalem, Rome or Santiago. There are several Camino pilgrimages, each a defined path to Santiago. Her pilgrimage was a 500 mile walk, which is designed to take just over a month, approximately fifteen miles per day. We were shown the backpacks they took, hers was 6kg, Roger's was 9kg. This was all they had with them for the whole journey.

Each of them received a Carnet de Pèlerin de Saint-Jacques, which acts as a type of passport. Each night, the lodgings (called albergues) where pilgrims sleep, put their stamp on the Carnet (on next page, centre left) then at the end of the pilgrimage it is checked and a Compostella is issued to confirm that you have covered the pilgrimage successfully. A lot of the stamps are designed incorporating the shell symbol (top of next page) that is used to guide the pilgrims on the road. It is a lovely reminder of the trip.

Every evening they would stop at one of the albergues and normally have a pilgrim menu for supper, which usually cost 10 euros. Roger tried drinking tea, once(!), but they quickly found that vino tinto (red wine) was a far more sensible choice and was often included in the meal. The meal often had soup, chicken and pasta, and occasionally salad. During the day, there were mobile cafés that provided food for the road.

The Albergues provided dormitory accommodation, which varied from a few

in a room to quite large dormitories. They had mixed experiences of these, some lovely evenings with their room-mates, but some others were not quite so considerate.

Lesley then went on to show us the route in pictures. The route is marked by signs with the shell symbol, in many different forms. Also on the road were cairns, monuments others had left to their pilgrimage. Indeed, they only did not know which way to go once, which was when they came to a fork in some trees. Fortunately, one path looked a lot more travelled!

They started by going through the Spanish Gate and spent their first night in a monastery at Roncesvalles, sharing a room with two others. They travelled through four or five cities, including Pamplona, Burgos and Leon, and saw some wonderful sights. One of the more bizarre was the Fountain of Wine in Bodegas Irache, which is meant to give the pilgrim energy for their whole journey. Unfortunately, it was rather early in the walk to fulfil its promise!

Some places seemed overtly religious, for example Burgos cathedral, which was not really enjoyable as it seemed to celebrate people who gave money or artists who worked on it rather than God. On the other end of the scale was a celebration of Corpus Christi that they saw in a small town. At the start of the day, the whole town worked together to adorn the road with flowers creating an elaborate "carpet" (next page, centre right). It was finished by lunchtime, when a mass was celebrated, then there was a procession with bands and community groups, over the carpet of flowers. By 2pm, the procession was finished and





# LESLEY'S CAMINO WALK

the flowers all cleared away, just as if nothing had happened. It was amazing to watch.

They found that the road as far as Sarria was good for things to see and lots to do, but after that point, the road was noisy due to there being a mix of groups including hen and stag nights, Scout groups, etc. . . with a lot of noise both during the day and at night.

When they arrived in Santiago, they found that there was heavy building work being done, which meant that the view from the distance was better than the view close up.

It was testament to how positive the



trip was that Lesley did not mention that she had issues with her leg on the journey, which made the walking difficult. Instead, you could tell that she could have talked about it all day and, looking at the beautiful pictures and hearing about the people involved, I could have listened for just as long!

*Sarah*



## PHOTO BONUS

This is going to work on the Île de Ré off the Western coast of France. Tractors set out at low tide to harvest shellfish, mostly oysters and mussels.

You can see part of the bridge, more than a mile long, which links the island to the mainland, and also part of La Rochelle, on the mainland coast, in the far distance.



# HARVEST AT WESTGATE NEW CHURCH

On September 24th, we arrived at Church to find that it had been decorated with flowers and some tinned produce on the window sills, together with flower arrangements on pedestals in the entrance and in Walsingham.

A table was set up for the produce brought in by our members, which was donated to the FoodBank, with any fresh items being auctioned off, the proceeds also going to the FoodBank. The service was led by Lesley (our minister) and Alison (student minister), with some well known hymns, so a good sing was had by all, together with some different interpretations of the Bible readings. During the service, we were asked to write on post-it-notes what skills (another form of harvest) we each had. These were then put on the stand on the same table as the produce. During the serving of coffee after the service these were taken down and like skills put in a group to be discussed in the Church Meeting that followed.



*Trevor*

*Pictures taken by Phil*





# FIRST WEDDING IN NEW CHURCH

When Gerry and Linda, friends of Lesley and Roger from Giffnock days, came to Westgate New Church on September 17th, it was a big step forward for us as well as for them. After our service was over, their wedding took place, the very



first wedding at Westgate New Church. We wish Gerry and Linda every blessing for a long and happy marriage.

*Many thanks to Roger for providing these lovely pictures.*



The trouble we went to and the forms we filled in to get our new home registered as a place of worship and registered for marriages has paid off. We hope that this will be the first of many marriages to take place at Westgate New Church.



# CTICP PRAYER BREAKFAST

7<sup>th</sup> October at Westgate New Church

It is always a pleasure to welcome people from other churches to the Prayer Breakfast and this month we had 21 people for prayers. Not everyone was able to stay for breakfast but it was a true time of fellowship. Revd Lesley Moseley led with the reading from Philippians 2:1-4, followed by prayers and the sharing of the news from around the area.

The next Prayer Breakfast will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 8am at St. John's, Cathedral Square.



## ZACHARY MAXWELL KING

On Sunday 1st October, Chris and I (Sue) attended the dedication of our grandson at the C3 Church in Cambridge. (*Many of you will remember his father, Andrew. Editor*)

The dedication of four children was part of the family service; a very different type of service to that at Westgate New Church. Each child was welcomed into the Church and the parents were invited to say why they had brought their child.

Zachary means 'remembered by God' and this was the basis of Hannah's (mum) citation. Zachary enjoyed his time in the limelight – smiling and joining in with the clapping!

The C3 Church has a large purpose built building that they moved into two years ago. The sanctuary is very similar to Kingsgate. Part of the service outlined the vision of the church over the next eight years 'Towards 2025', explaining the commitment and finance that would be needed. The music was provided by a group of musicians who were supported by singers to help with the very modern Christian songs (hymns).





# SINGING AT THE CATHEDRAL

## AN EXPLANATION



Regular readers will remember Phil's article in last month's edition about singing in the Cathedral. Phil has done some research and found out that this was part of the Drop in the Ocean event. This is from the official information:

When: Sat 12th August, 2pm

(performance). To take out a share, see the opening times of the Clutter Bank.

Where: Peterborough Cathedral,  
Peterborough PE1 1XS

Who: Eric MacLennan

What: Workshop and Performance

Inspired by the results of a recent United Nations climate summit, which highlighted the fact that many of us have been carrying out small environmental actions, with little hope that it makes a difference. International Energy Agency figures show that 'billions of collective small actions add up to something massive.'

So if we all do our bit, small things can be the difference. Drop In The Ocean seeks to harness the 'collective effort' idea and then celebrate it.

Come and join a workshop to discuss what pledge you could make to help the earth become more sustainable, in order to preserve and protect our planet. You

will be held to keep your pledge and get given a certificate, your 'Earth Share', as proof.

Drop into the Clutter Bank to take out your Earth Share which is floated through the Peterborough Stuff Exchange. These shares are not sold, but given to people. Once you have a share in the earth — you have responsibility to it. Earth Shares aim to encourage people to come together to do something practical for our environment. '

The second part of the event is a procession in the Cathedral which will act as a movement for change in Peterborough and will show the impact that can be made from lots of small actions collaborating together to make one big movement for change. This is a celebratory performance that features participant shareholders performing with two local choirs.

*This strikes me as an interesting and potentially useful initiative, which could have had much more impact if it had been better publicised. If we had known, we would have made sure it was advertised in the August Chronicle.*

*Editor*

## QUOTATION SPOT

Modern technology

Owes ecology

An apology.

~Alan M. Eddison



The sun, the moon and the stars would have disappeared long ago. . . had they happened to be within the reach of predatory human hands. ~ Havelock Ellis, *The Dance of Life*, 1923

You think you can fix everything, change everything. But there will come a day when things cannot be fixed. And, you know what, it will be a day just like today.

~ American Indian elder, quoted by Kent Nerburn, "Thoughts on the Dakota Access Pipeline," 2016

Don't blow it – good planets are hard to find. ~ Quoted in Time



## KEY THEATRE VISIT

On Wednesday October 4th, four church members went to the Key Theatre to see Gervase Phinn. He is a teacher, freelance lecturer, author, poet, educational consultant and a visiting professor of education. For fourteen years he taught in a range of schools, then acted as General Advisor for Language Development in Rotherham, before moving on to North Yorkshire, where he spent ten years as a school inspector. It is during this time that he takes much of his material for his books and theatre presentations. He has a grown up family living near Doncaster.



to learn and many people do not speak it correctly, even if they think they do. Gervase uses the word *malapropism* to describe the problems which we have. If you don't know what this means, I leave it to you to look it up in the dictionary.

On the back of one of Gervase's books there is a quote that 'young children are nothing if not honest, and their honesty is invariably disarming and comical'. Try as I might, it is impossible to remember any of the stories and although many are included in some of my books written by Gervase, it is not possible to repeat them because of copyright.

If you ever get to know that Gervase is coming to a theatre near you, we can recommend going to hear him, we can promise you an hilarious evening.

*Trevor, and June*



## CHOCs FOR PRISONERS



You may know that it has become a tradition for local churches and others to provide chocolates for those who will be in prison at Christmas. Would your church help us in this act of Christian kindness?

We ask for dinner-plate sized tubs of 'Heroes', 'Quality Street', 'Celebration' or 'Roses', or own-brand equivalents (about 750–800g), often on special offer at supermarkets. (The weight is around 750–800g.) For every sixteen tubs we receive we can give one sweet per person, so we need quite a few tubs. Last year, we gave each resident fourteen sweets. By courtesy of different charities, we also provide a diary, calendar and Christmas card. For some residents this is all they

have for Christmas.

We will need all your tubs to be delivered around 11/12 December so we have time to put chocolates into individual bags. If you plan to take part, please let me know as soon as you can: I will then send details of when and where to deliver the tubs. (We have contact details.)

This kindness from local people is really appreciated by our residents. With every blessing as you prepare for this busy season of the year. Kind regards

*Abbreviated letter from Michael Page  
Chaplain - Justice Services*

*Please watch the weekly notices for our  
response to this request.*

# FILM MUSIC GALA

On Saturday 2nd September we went to the Broadway Theatre to listen to the BBC Concert Orchestra, together with the Peterborough Male Voice Choir, Peterborough Voices and Peterborough Youth Choir. In the past we have not been too enamoured with this type of concert as it can be difficult to hear the singers above the orchestra, but this was different as we could hear the singing and the orchestra combining well together.

The first half started with a medley by the Orchestra called 'Heroes of the Silver Screen' followed by the Youth Choir singing 'Pure Imagination' and 'My Heart Will Go On'. A John Barry Medley was next on the programme and this was followed by the Peterborough Voices (Ladies) with 'The Way We Were', 'When She Loved Me' and the 'Wind Beneath My Wings'. The final arrangement was a John Williams Medley from the Orchestra.

The second half was started by the



Peterborough Voices' rendition of a James Bond Medley and then 'Somewhere Over The Rainbow'. The Male Voice Choir then joined the concert to sing 'The Rose', 'Unchained Melody', and 'Wonderful World'. The men were joined by the ladies choir for 'As Time Goes By' and 'Born Free'. The concert ended with tunes from Star Trek, with the adult choirs and the Orchestra together making a wonderful ending to a wonderful evenings entertainment.

*June and Trevor*

## IT'S TIME TO CLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR



### 'Church of the poor': Grenfell Tower

The terrible fire at Grenfell Tower in London showed very starkly the gaps between rich and poor in our society – and especially the terrible impact it can have when the most vulnerable people in society are ignored and excluded.

But the responses to the fire showed what it really means to be a 'church of the poor'. In contrast with authorities – which were criticised for being remote and uncaring – local churches were immediately there to support survivors.

They also spoke out about the injustices that led to the fire. The vicar of one local church said, "We are called to share in the brokenness and the forgottenness of the people we serve."

### UK's food insecurity worst in Europe

A report from UNICEF has found that the UK has some of the worst food insecurity in the European Union. 19% of children now face food insecurity that limits their access to decent food. 10% are living with severe insecurity that leads to hunger and skipping meals. Only Lithuania, Bulgaria and Romania have worse levels of food insecurity.

Read the report at [www.unicef-irc.org/publications/pdf/IWP\\_2017\\_09.pdf](http://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/pdf/IWP_2017_09.pdf)

Two items from **Spark**, the magazine of Church action on Poverty.

[www.church-poverty.org.uk](http://www.church-poverty.org.uk)

# WESTGATE PUZZLE PAGES

Before the Church moves into the season of Advent, we will be reflecting on two key events in the life of Joshua.

## **Puzzle 1:** Joshua 3: 7-17

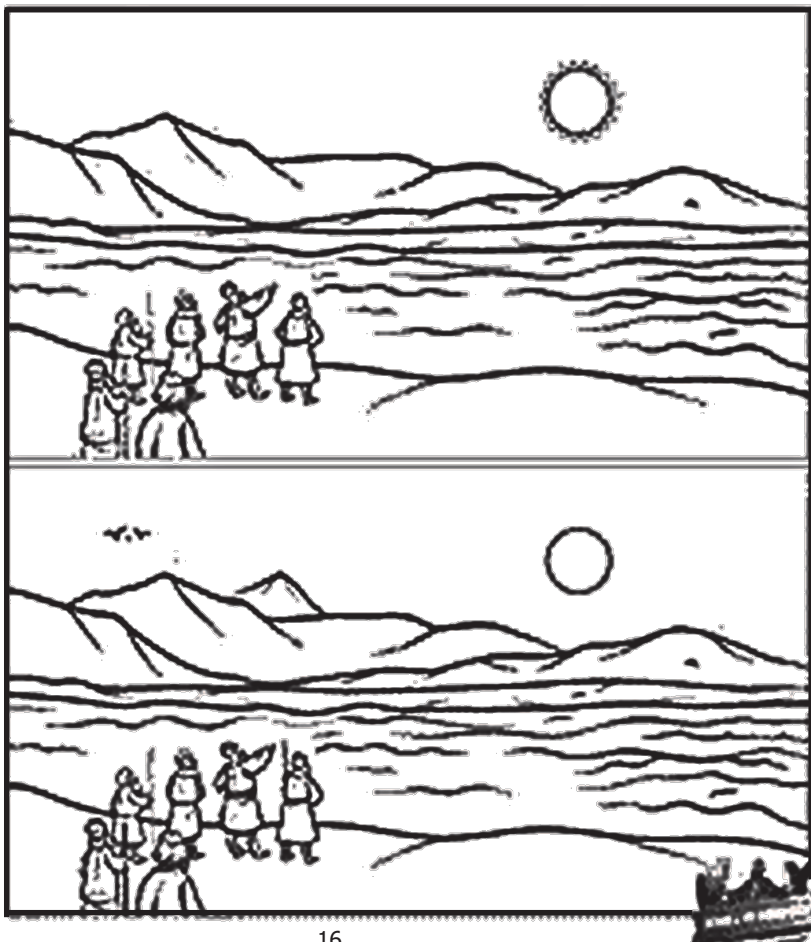
Joshua served God with his whole heart. God spoke to Joshua and told him to assemble the Israelites and get them ready to go across the Jordan River. He promised Joshua, that as with Moses, He would be with him and tell him what to do. Each tribe of Israel selected a priest who then went to the river's edge and held the ark of the covenant. When the soles of their feet rested in the waters of the Jordan, the water stopped flowing so the Israelites could cross the river. While all of Israel were crossing over, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over.

## **Joshua and the Jordan River**

Spot 8 things that are different Between these two pictures.

You could draw rings round them.

If you would like to, you could also colour the pictures.



**Puzzle 2:** Joshua 24: 14-25

Joshua reminded the Israelites to only revere the Lord and to serve him in sincerity and to be faithful.

*The words below have been written in code. Use the decoder to help break the code. Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.*

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5. 12-5-1-4-5-18
6. 8-15-21-19-5
7. 10-15-19-8-21-1
8. 2-18-1-22-5
9. 19-20-18-15-14-7
10. 19-5-18-22-1-14-20

*No-one knows what the ark of the covenant looked like: this is someone's best guess.*



# WORLD KINDNESS DAY:

## 13TH NOVEMBER



Scatter seeds  
of kindness  
wherever you go

World Kindness Day UK is celebrated nationwide annually. It is day which promotes and celebrates kindness in all forms.

On previous Kindness Days events have taken place worldwide; Scotland put on Kind Kids awards; England handed out 10,000 free chocolate bars at Tube stations in London; in Singapore the movement gave out 30,000 Gerberas.

The day is to encourage kindness to others, it does not have to cost you in monetary terms, it could be something as simple as holding the door open, smiling and saying hello to someone, this may be the only acknowledgement they receive from someone all day. You could give an hour of your time to do someone's shopping. Kindness does not have to be a grand gesture, one small gesture can make someone else's day.

In the dictionary kindness is defined as the quality of being gentle, caring and helpful. We all do it as a matter of course but on this day make a special effort.

### World Toilet Day –19th November

Water Aid is aiming to raise awareness and funds to supply good sanitation worldwide. One in three people do not have access to safe and private toilets. Water Aid's campaign is aimed at schools, to write jokes, puns and tongue twisters and also get MP's to put jokes on Twitter. You may not be able to get involved directly, but if you have any spare change Water Aid will gladly accept it.



On a lighter note:

### Hug a bear day – 7<sup>th</sup> November

This may not be as silly as it sounds. Hugging is a way of giving out love and feeling loved. Some people do not have people in their lives they can hug, but a bear will take all the hugs you can give. Bears will let you snuggle up, hug and cuddle. They help people with both mental and physical illnesses, if you know someone you is ill or lonely and you can afford to, buy them a bear, a gift they can love and it will bring a smile to their faces, we hope. If you happen to have a bear give it a hug.



*Compiled  
by Brenda*



## 1st–7th November

Churches: Ailsworth (Methodist), Peterborough Quakers  
Events: Hug a Bear Day (7th)\*  
People: Our Minister\* and Student Minister\* and everyone leading worship in our church\*\*  
Special Request: the Christian work in the Welland\*  
Give thanks: for our Church building and freedom to worship in it



## 8th–14th November

Churches: Brookside (Methodist), St. Mary's (CofE)  
Events: World Kindness Day (13th)\*  
People: Inmates and staff at Peterborough Prison\*  
Organisations: Peterborough Foodbank (Recipients of our Harvest Gifts)\*  
Give thanks: for having enough to be able to give to others



# NOVEMBER PRAYER PROMPTS



## 15th–21st November

Churches: Christ Church (CofE, Methodist and URC), Castle Square, Wisbech (URC)  
Events: World Toilet Day (19th)\*, Methodist Circuit Healing Service (19th)\*\*  
People: Young people among our families and friends  
Organisations: CTiCP\*, Church Action on Poverty\*  
Give thanks: for our families

## 22nd–31st November

Churches: Crowland (Methodist), St. John's (CofE)  
Events: CTiCP Advent Reflection Day preparations for Dec. 2nd\*\*  
People: Everyone working in the area immediately around our church  
Organisations: Local organisations working to raise environmental awareness\*  
Give thanks: for the friends who will help us out when we need it

The Churches mentioned are taken from the Methodist Circuit and from a list of Churches in CTiCP and other churches with whom we have a close association. \*Further information elsewhere in the magazine \*\* See Diary on next page

# NOVEMBER DIARY

*Tuesdays, 10.30: Pause for Prayer in Walsingham*

*First Tuesday in the month, 2.30: at Park Road Baptist Church:*

*Tuesday Fellowship*

*Wednesdays, 10.30: Circuit Intercessions Service in Lindisfarne*

*Wednesdays, 1pm at the Cathedral: Wednesday at 1 (W@1) – the latest information we have is that this may resume in the new year.*

*Saturdays, 10.00-12.00: Morning coffee*

*Saturdays, 12.30-2.30 : Foodbank open*

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Sat.	4	8:00	CTiP Prayer Breakfast at St John's, Cathedral Square
Sun.	5	10:30	Morning worship, led by Mrs. Bridget Spencer
		4:30	In Walsingham: Evening Communion Service and Café Worship, led by Revd. Lesley Moseley
Sun.	12	10:30	Morning worship and Service of Remembrance, led by Revd. Lesley Moseley
Tue.	14	2:00	In Walsingham: Crafty Capers
Sun.	19	10:30	Morning worship with Holy Communion Service, led by led by Revd. Doug Stevens
		18:30	At Southside, Methodist Circuit Healing Service
Sun.	26	10:30	Morning worship, led by Mrs. Susan Halford
Tue.	28	2:00	In Walsingham: Crafty Capers
		7:30	At The Friends Meeting House: Peterborough Theological Society; Speaker: Revd. Dr. David Cornick, Gen. Secretary of Churches Together in England, Fellow of Robinson College, Cambridge, <i>The Reformation – living with the legacy.</i>
Sat.	2	10.00 - 3.30	CTiCP Advent Reflection Day at the Cathedral Speaker: Archbishop Bernard Langley from Birmingham Roman Catholic Archdiocese
Sun.	3	10:30	Morning Worship
		4.30	In Walsingham: Evening Communion Service and Café Worship

**December**

## ADVENT REFLECTION DAY



**Saturday 4th December**  
**Peterborough Cathedral**  
**10:00 – 3.30**

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**Speaker:**  
**Archbishop Bernard Langley from**  
**Birmingham Roman Catholic**  
**Archdiocese**

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**Please bring a packed lunch.**