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All Saints' Church aims to be a welcoming Anglican community, a place of prayer and worship, providing a ministry to all and where people gather to share the love of Jesus Christ.

Normal SUNDAY Times

Said Eucharist

8.00 am

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10.00 am

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10.00 am

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The Parish Eucharist on Holydays &
Feastdays

7.30 pm

On weekdays

Wednesday

10.00 am

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The members of this month's production team are John & Carol Clarke, and Loralene Bain (our Parish Administrative Assistant) Articles for the February 2024 issue need to reach John Clarke by ***Tuesday 30th January 2024*** cwasnh@btinternet.com ***We shall definitely need some new items for the next edition, please.***

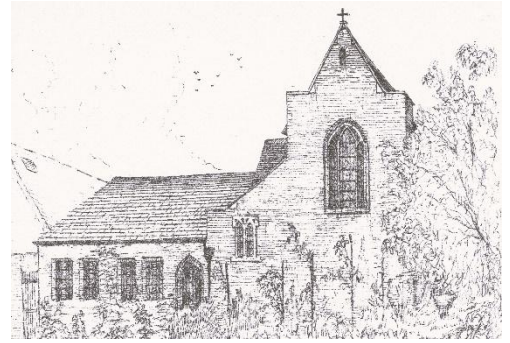
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A VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE



Greeting All Saints and Sinners!

I have so enjoyed my first Christmas with you. For us Christians, the ultimate gift is the birth of Jesus. But what about Santa, the man in the red coat and white beard to whom children give their requests for presents? He is a little like many people's view of God: nice, normally absent, and occasionally useful. Santa is like a jolly distant Uncle we rarely see, hardly know and can't quite remember how we are related to. And Santa's model of giving at Christmas is not great;

*You better watch out, you better not cry
You better not pout, I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is coming to town
He's making a list, he's checking it twice
He's going to find out who's naughty or nice
Santa Claus is coming to town*

Santa only gives presents if we have been good, his giving is one way (from him to us) and doesn't build relationship: there is no trust, no love, no obligation. And most of Santa's gifts will be consumed or end up in the trash within a few weeks. And knows if we have been 'naughty or nice' he, like God, must be all-seeing and all-knowing to give his conditional gifts accordingly. Like society and churches, Santa divides everyone into either good or bad.

The gift of God the Father is very different. The Christ-child is to all of us, saints and sinners alike. His gift of forgiveness, new life, hope, meaning, purpose and eternal life is completely unconditional. His gift is to those who haven't been good, to naughty shepherd boys and rough fishermen, social outcasts, the lost, the lame, lepers, prostitutes, tax collectors and adulterers. His gift is also not one way; just as Jesus is God's gift to all humanity, so God longs for all humanity to give him our hearts in return; he wants relationship with us, and wants to move in and live in our homes.

But having house-guests can be stressful! We have to make space, adjust our schedules, keep the house tidy, and consider what our guest wants; our lives are no longer completely our own. Do we sometimes think it might be easier if God kept his distance, and turned up occasionally, like Santa?

This 2024, may it be our New Year's resolution to receive God's gift in our hearts anew. He has more for both you and me. He longs to heal, guide, strengthen, bless, bring life, joy, restore relationships and open doors to new adventures. His blessings, unlike Santa's, are new every morning.

Revd Ulric



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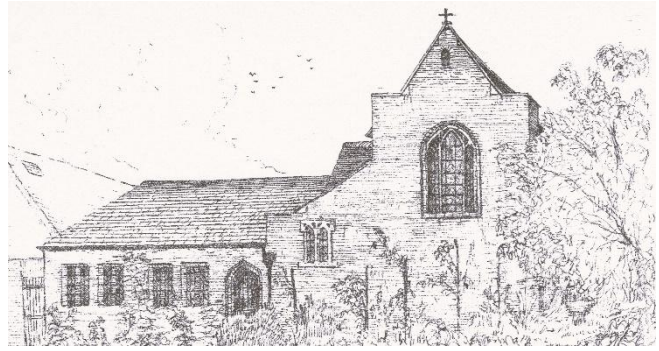
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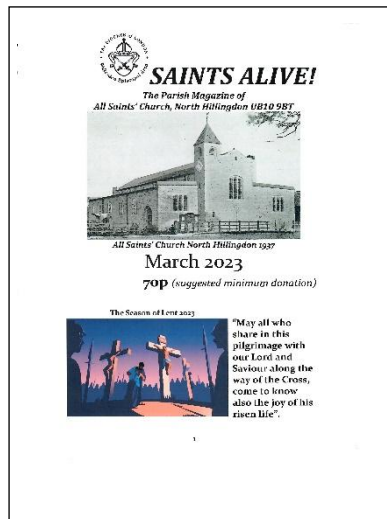


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SATURDAY 20th April 2024 @ 7:30 – 11:30pm
More information to follow**



Happy New Year and welcome to the January edition of Saints Alive!

Back in the Summer of 2023 I entered our Saints Alive magazine in the National Parish Magazine awards. It is to my knowledge the first time that our magazine has entered this national competition (someone please correct me if I am incorrect), and I am very happy to say that we have achieved 35th place out of 450 entries of all the Parish Magazines nationwide.

Many thanks for all your support, for subscribing, for providing articles and for buying the Saints Alive magazine throughout the past year, in my first year as Editor.

John Clarke

Dear John,

The results of the 2023 National Parish Magazine Awards have at last been finalised which we are pleased to announce today.

Out of nearly 450 entries, your magazine achieved **35th place** in the A5 magazine category.

A5 Magazine Category

1st place and Best Overall Magazine Award - The Parish Magazine of Wargrave with Knowl Hill (Berkshire)

2nd place and Best Design Award - Yealmpton Press (Devon)

3rd place and Best Print Award - News & Views, Caythorpe & Surrounding Villages (Lincolnshire)

4th place and Best Editor Award - Basinga, Old Basing and Lychpit (Hampshire)

5th place and Best Content Award - Parish News, Sampford Peverell & Uplowman (Devon)

Thank you for taking part in this year's competition.

Paul Orsborn Awards Co-Ordinator



The Night Before Christmas (2023)



'Twas the night before Christmas, and one thing was clear -
That old yuletide spirit no longer was here,
Inflation was rising; the crime rate was tripling;
The fuel bills were up, and our mortgage was crippling.

I opened a beer as I watched the TV,
Where Donny sang 'O Holy Night with Marie';
The kids were in bed, getting sleep like they should;
Or else they were stoned, which was almost as good.

While ma with her ball-point was making a fuss
'Bout folks we'd sent cards to who'd sent none to us;
Those ingrates, she thundered, and pounded her fist;
Next year you can bet they'll be crossed off our list!

When out in the yard came a deafening blare;
'Twas our burglar alarm, and I hollered, 'Who's there?'
I turned on the searchlight, which lit up the night,
And armed with my shot gun, beheld a strange sight.

Some red-suited clown with a white beard immense
Was caught in our eight-foot electrified fence;
He called out, 'I'm Santa! I bring you no mallice!'
Said I, 'If you're Santa, I'm Telly Savalas!'

But, lo, as his presence grew clearer to me,
I saw in the glare that it just might be he!
I called off our Doberman clawing his sleigh;
And, frisking him twice, said, 'I think he's okay'.

I led him inside where he slumped in a chair,
And he poured out the following tale of despair;
'On Christmas eves past I was jolly and chuckling.
But now with this pressure, I fear I am buckling.

You'll note I've arrived with no reindeer this year,
And without them, my sleigh is much harder to steer;
Although I would like to continue to use them,
The wildlife officials believe I abuse them.

"To add to my problem, a copper dropped by
And told me my sleigh was unsafe in the sky;
I now must wear seatbelts, despite my objections,
And bring in the sleigh twice a year for inspections.

Last April my workers came forth with demands,
And I soon had a general strike on my hands;
I couldn't afford to pay unionized elves,
So the missus and I did the work by ourselves

And then, later on, came additional trouble -
An avalanche left my fine workshop in rubble;
My building insurance was worthless, because
They had shrewdly slipped in a 'no avalanche' clause

And after that came an IRS audit;
The government claimed I was out to defraud it;
They finally nailed me for 65 grand,
Which I paid through the sale of my house and my land.

And yet I persist, though it gives me a scare
Flying blind through the blanket of smog in the air;
Not to mention the hunters who fill me with dread.
Taking shots at my sleigh as I pass overhead.

My torn-up red suit, and these bruises and swellings,
I got fighting muggers in multiple dwellings,
And if you should ask why I'm glowing tonight,
It's from flying too close to a nuclear site.'

He rose from his chair and he heaved a great sigh,
And I couldn't help noticing a tear in his eye;
I've tried,' he declared, 'to reverse each defeat
But I fear that today I've become obsolete.'

He slumped out the door and returned to his sleigh,
And these words he said as he went on his way;
No longer can I do the job that's required;
If anyone asks, just say, "Santa's retired!" '

Provided by John Scoates



Battle of Britain Bunker

Just a few hundred yards outside our Parish boundary lies one of the most historically significant locations in the Borough of Hillingdon and, arguably, in the whole country.

The Battle of Britain Bunker was the control centre for No 11 Group, Fighter Command, which was responsible for the defence of London and the South East of England during the World War II Battle of Britain which lasted from 10th July 1940 until 31st October 1940.

The significance of the Battle of Britain was that Hitler, following the fall of France in May 1940, intended to invade England to try to force us to negotiate a peace settlement. However, to carry out a sea-born invasion he needed air supremacy over the English Channel to avoid his troops from being attacked by the RAF. Hence the Battle involved the German Luftwaffe trying to destroy the RAF and it remains to this day the only military campaign in history to have been fought solely in the air.

The fact that the Germans failed to achieve the destruction of the RAF despite overwhelming odds in their favour is largely down to the existence of the World's first Integrated Air Defence system, known as the 'Dowding System'. This is named after Air Chief Marshal Hugh Dowding who devised the system in Hillingdon House (RAF Uxbridge) during the 1930s and of which the Bunker is a key element.

The Bunker sits 60' (18 m) underground and was constructed in just 7 months being completed in August 1939, 1 week before the outbreak of the war!

Each of the 4 Groups that made up Fighter Command had a similar underground Bunker, the other 3 being at RAF Box in Wiltshire, RAF Watnall in Nottinghamshire, and RAF Newcastle. Only the one in Uxbridge remains and hence its ongoing survival makes it of considerable historical significance.

The Bunker was used to consolidate information about the enemy air movements and to present this using a plotting table across which a team of WAAFs (Women's Auxiliary Air Force) would move blocks that represented enemy aircraft together with the RAF Squadrons, to allow the Group Controller to determine which Squadrons to call into action and when. This process needed very rapid decision-making as the RDF (an early form of Radar) system provided only about ½ hour advanced warning of an incoming attack. It would take about 5 minutes for the information to be filtered and transmitted to the Bunker and then take a Spitfire or Hurricane about 15-20 minutes to take off and climb to the correct altitude so the Group Controllers had barely 5 minutes to decide which Squadrons to use and where to send them.

Because the majority of the Aerial bombardment took place over the South East of England, aircraft from No 11 Group, controlled from RAF Uxbridge, were very much in the front line, and over ¾ of the enemy aircraft destroyed during the Battle of Britain were brought down by aircraft directed from the Uxbridge Bunker.

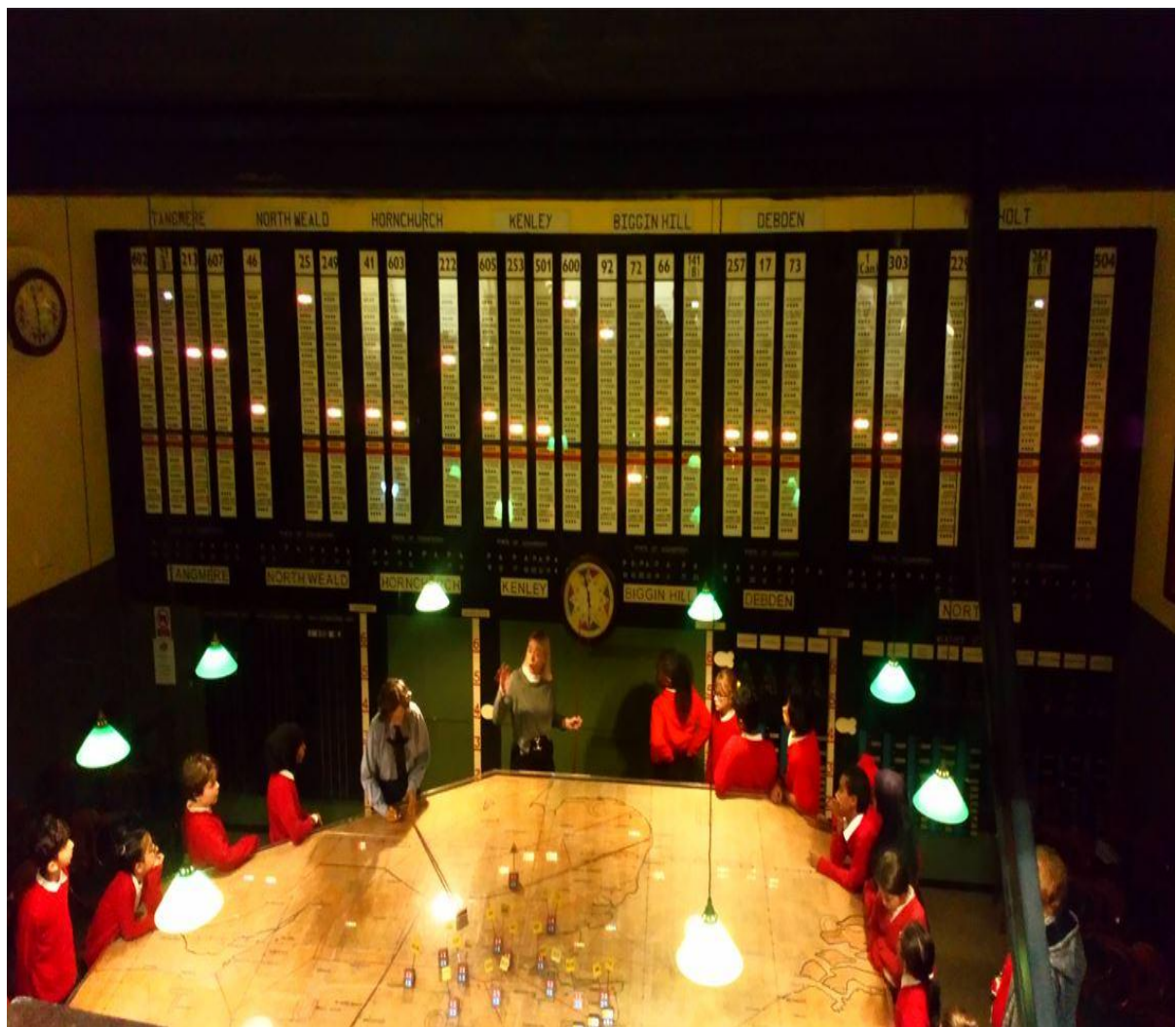
On one particular occasion (16th August) Winston Churchill visited the Bunker and watched as Air Vice Marshal Keith Park (the head of No. 11 Group) orchestrated his response to 2 huge raids of enemy aircraft during the day. On his departure he was so moved by what he had seen that he uttered his immortal words "Never in the field of Human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so Few", words that he then repeated in Parliament 4 days later.

The Battle of Britain was the turning point of the Second World War as the failure of the Luftwaffe to gain Air Supremacy over the RAF prevented the sea-born attack on England so arguably without the Bunker the outcome of the Battle and hence the war might have been very different.

We are extremely fortunate that this incredibly historic relic remains intact so close to our Parish. Today the Bunker is owned and run by London Borough of Hillingdon and guided tours lasting around 1 hour are offered 3 times per day on weekdays and 4 times per day at weekends and local residents can obtain discounted entry if you have a Hillingdon First card. Most of the tours are conducted by unpaid volunteers (including me) and the only constraint if you wish to pay a visit is that there are 76 steps down (and 76 back up again of course) so a modicum of fitness is required but it is well worth the effort.

I have only recently qualified as a Tour Guide so I don't yet have a regular time slot but if anyone would like to hear one of my tours next year then just have a word with me in Church and I will advise you as to when to come along. Maybe we could have a congregation group visit at some stage.

Mark Hamlin



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PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS :



1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:



1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

**PLANT FOUR ROWS
OF LETTUCE:**



1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:



1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN YOU MUST HAVE THYME:



1. Thyme for God
2. Thyme for each other
3. Thyme for family
4. Thyme for friends

WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE.

THERE IS MUCH FRUIT IN YOUR GARDEN BECAUSE YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW.

Jane Turnbull

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All Saints' Church Hall, Long Lane,
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Saturday 3rd February

7.30pm

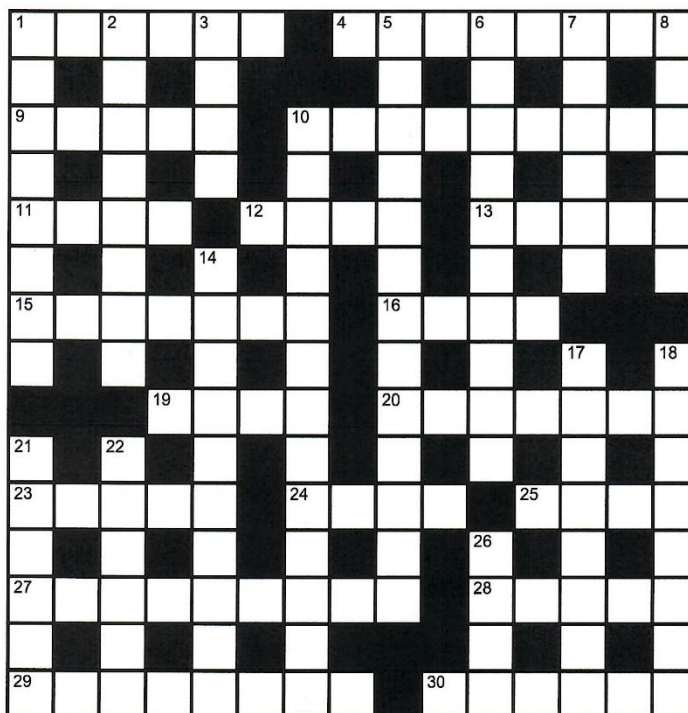
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Across

- 1 Silenced (6)
 4 Allocated (8)
 9 Kingdoms or domains (5)
 10 Babylonians (9)
 11 Left behind when Peter and Andrew followed Jesus (4)
 12 Lame man's entrance to the house where Jesus healed him (4)
 13 Depart (5)
 15 Stamens of a crocus (7)
 16 New thought (4)
 19 Unhearing (4)
 20 Absconded (7)
 23 Enticed (5)
 24 The coldest of the ten plagues (4)
 25 Insult rendering the giver in danger of hell fire (4)
 27 First visitors to the baby Jesus (9)
 28 Twinkle (5)
 29 Sin (8)
 30 Physical state after absence of food (6)



by Philologus

Down

- 1 Written on the Priest's headband (8)
 2 To set apart for sacred use (8)
 3 Wise men's domain (4)
 5 Location where Jesus met the disciples for breakfast (3,2,8)
 6 Greediness (10)
 7 Cured of leprosy by washing in the River Jordan (6)
 8 Crockery (6)
 10 Worn by Jesus on the cross (5,2,6)
 14 Amity between David and Jonathan (10)
 17 Against (8)
 18 Forbidden in the seventh commandment (8)
 21 A place to pray (6)
 22 Country visited by Paul (6)
 26 Hairy Old Testament hunter (4)

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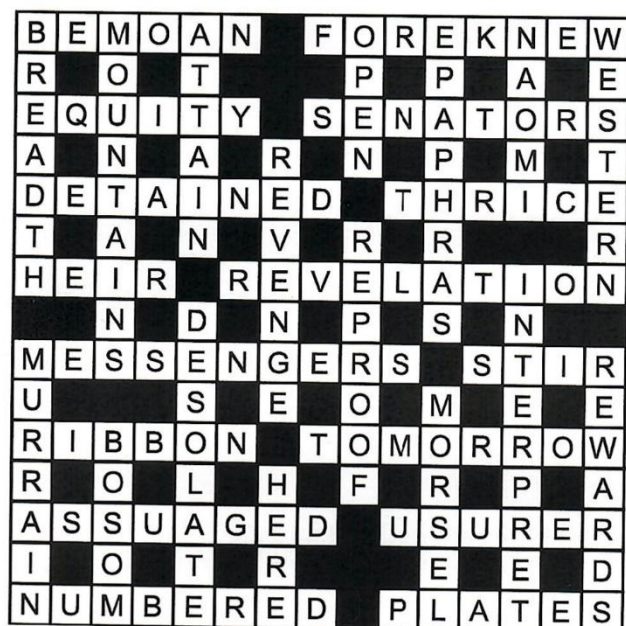
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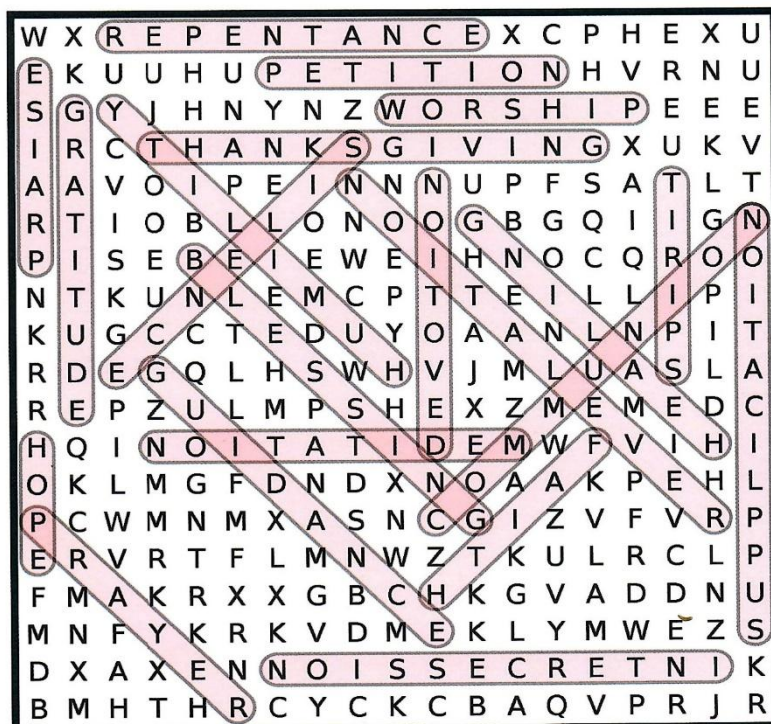


Across: 1 Bemoan, 4 Foreknew, 9 Equity, 10 Senators, 12 Detained, 13 Thrice, 15 Heir, 16 Revelation, 19 Messengers, 20 Stir, 23 Ribbon, 25 Tomorrow, 27 Assuaged, 28 Usurer, 29 Numbered, 30 Plates.

Down: 1 Breadth, 2 Mountains, 3 Attain, 5 Open, 6 Epaphras, 7 Naomi, 8 Western, 11 Revenge, 14 Reproof, 17 Interpret, 18 Desolate, 19 Murrain, 21 Rewards, 22 Morsel, 24 Bosom, 26 Here.

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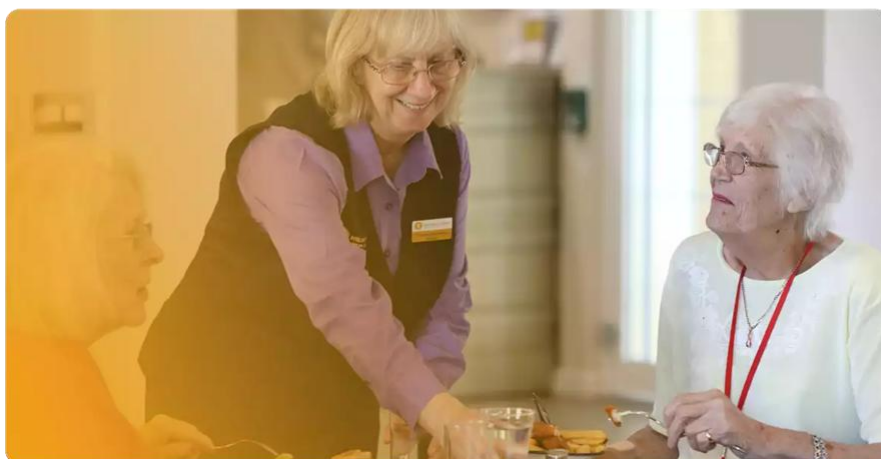
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- **We are a quarter of the way up the £10K pipe.**
- **Expected end date is April 2024**
 - **Next steps update to follow in Q2 2024**

Church of England Festivals 2024

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Festival</i>
<i>6-Jan</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Epiphany</i>
<i>2-Feb</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Candlemas</i>
<i>14-Feb</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
<i>25-Mar</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Annunciation Day</i>
<i>28-Mar</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Maundy (Holy) Thursday</i>
<i>29-Mar</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Good Friday</i>
<i>31-Mar</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Easter</i>
<i>9-May</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Ascension Day</i>
<i>19-May</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Pentecost</i>
<i>26-May</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Trinity Sunday</i>
<i>1-Nov</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>All Saints' Day</i>
<i>25-Dec</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Christmas Day</i>

