



One Church 4 Parishes

Long Buckby with Watford and West Haddon with Winwick

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace in our hearts,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Services this September

7th September

9:30am, Holy Communion, School Rooms, Long Buckby

10:30am, Morning Praise, All Saints, West Haddon

10th September

9:30am, Holy Communion, St Lawrence, Long Buckby

14th September

9am, Holy Communion, St Peter and St Paul, Watford

10:30am, Morning Praise, St Lawrence, Long Buckby

10:30am, Harvest Festival, All Saints, West Haddon

4pm Messy Church Harvest, St Lawrence, Long Buckby

21st September

10:30am, Morning Praise, All Saints, West Haddon

10:30am, The Family Service, St Lawrence, Long Buckby

4pm, Harvest Festival, Winwick

28th September

10:30am, Harvest Festival, St Lawrence, Long Buckby

10:30am, The Family Service, All Saints, West Haddon

4pm, Harvest Festival, St Peter and St Paul, Watford

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Opening Times across our churches

St Lawrence, Long Buckby
Open Monday-Saturday 10am-3pm

All Saints, West Haddon
Open Monday-Sunday, 9am-4pm

St Peter and St Paul, Watford
Open Monday-Sunday, 10am-4pm

St Michael and All Angels, Winwick
Open 24 Hours

The Vicar Writes

Here we are at the beginning of September, the start of the new educational term for our schools, colleges, universities and more, our children will be heading back to school after their summer holidays, quite a few will have visited one of our activities in either West Haddon or Long Buckby this summer. It's been great to have these activities going on and a massive thank you to everyone who has helped make them happen.

We've also made a decision to make a change to Tea Time Together which has served us faithfully over the last number of years at St Lawrence, but after much prayer it felt like time for a change and so we'll be launching our Messy Church in the same timeslot, 4pm on the second Sunday of the month - our first one is on the 14th September and will be a Harvest Special for children and families.

We've also been running a community larder in Long Buckby over the summer and you'll find an article further on from Chris Banks about the larder and we will be looking at further possibilities concerning the larder as well.

September also brings us into Harvest season and each of our four churches have Harvest Festivals this month, please do invite all those you know who would like to come.

May the Lord be with you this day and every day to come.

*Every blessing
Kevin*

**PRAYER POINTS:
FOR ALL OF OUR CHILDREN AND STAFF
IN THE EDUCATION SECTOR THIS SEASON.
FOR THE FARMING COMMUNITY.**



HARVEST SERVICES

14TH SEPTEMBER

**10:30AM, ALL SAINTS, WEST HADDON
4PM, MESSY CHURCH HARVEST,
ST LAWRENCE, LONG BUCKBY**

21ST SEPTEMBER

4PM, ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, WINWICK

28TH SEPTEMBER

**10:30AM, ST LAWRENCE, LONG BUCKBY
4PM, ST PETER AND ST PAUL, WATFORD**



Messy[®] Church

Harvest

**Come and have lots of fun at
Messy Church Harvest!**

**Crafts, Games,
Stories and Music**

Church for All Ages

4pm, 14th September 2025

Messy Church

**St Lawrence, Long Buckby
Church St, NN6 7QH**

www.onechurch4parishes.co.uk



Anne Boleyn

A one woman performance by Lesley Smith

In this portrayal of Anne she will appear in her execution gown during the last 45 minutes of her life in the Tower of London

All Saints' Church

Friday 19th September

6:45pm Refreshments served

7:30pm Performance begins

Not Suitable for children



Tickets: £10 inclusive of refreshments
available from TicketSource
www.ticketsource.co.uk/all-saints-church-west-haddon
or
contact Margaret Brassington tel: 01788 510366

smile

Church service

A minister, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his message. The man returned just before the conclusion of the service.

Afterwards the pastor asked the man where he had gone. "I went to get a haircut," was the reply.

"But," said the minister, "why didn't you do that before the service?"

"Because" the gentleman said, "I didn't need one then."

Hymns for people over 50

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah, I've Forgotten
Where I've Parked The Car

Count Your Many Birthdays, Count Them One
By One

Blessed Insurance

It Is Well With My Soul, But My Knees Hurt

Your choice

One beautiful Sunday morning, a priest announced to his congregation: "My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons...a £100 sermon that lasts five minutes, a £50 sermon that lasts 15 minutes, and a £10 sermon that lasts a full hour. "Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver."



CAKE STALL
ALL SAINTS
CHURCH

SATURDAY 27TH
SEPTEMBER
10 - 1PM

COMMUNITY LARDER



We are running a Community Larder at St Lawrence Church during the school holidays to help address food insecurity and reduce food waste.

Surplus meals and groceries will be available to every household at a reduced cost. Food is purchased by a point system of £5 for 10 points, £10 for 22 points and a variety of food will be available.

Supported by the local Co-Op, Long Buckby Parish Council and FareShare.

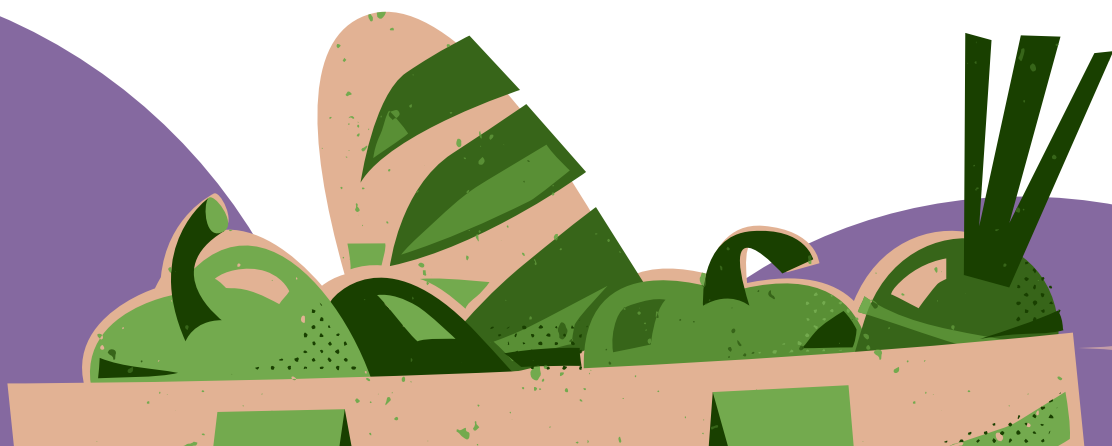
Registration Required. Bring your own bags!

The last of the summer
Community Larders is on the 2nd
September 2pm-2:45pm
Watch out for further
news of the larder.

St Lawrence Church, Church St, Long Buckby, NN6 7QH

Email: communitylarder@onechurch4parishes.co.uk

Web: www.onechurch4parishes.co.uk/community/larder



Community Larder Update

by Chris Banks

We have been running a Community Larder at St Lawrence every Tuesday afternoon since 29th July for the duration of the school holidays in addition to the ongoing offering of food through the Community Shelf.

The Larder provides a different type of support to households in Long Buckby as we offer a much larger quantity and range of food including fresh, chilled and frozen items. We receive a delivery of about 300kg of food every Tuesday from FareShare, who run a national network of charitable food redistribution from across the food retail sector. The aims are to address food poverty in the community and to reduce food waste.

We have been supported and enabled by Food For Thought, which is a not for profit community organisation operating in West Northamptonshire. We have also received a grant from Long Buckby Parish Council to cover the cost of the food as well as food vouchers from other charitable groups within the local area, which we have used at supermarkets.

People pay a contribution of £5 or £10 each week which gives them a number of points to use on food items with all fresh produce being offered for free to encourage healthier eating.

The response from users has been most encouraging and last week we had over 30 households attending. We offer refreshments as we seek to create a friendly and supportive environment and the feedback from those attending has been very positive.

The Larder at St Lawrence is the only example of one being run inside a church building and we have been blessed with tremendous support from our volunteers, the vast majority of whom are from the St Lawrence Church family with some from the other churches too.

We are so grateful for this opportunity to serve our local community in such a practical way and we give thanks to God for the way in which He has blessed this activity.

We are actively considering what we should do next and ask for your prayers.



ART EXHIBITION

and Sale

St Lawrence Church Long Buckby

A unique opportunity to buy original artwork by local artists

**Saturday and
Sunday 6-7 September 2025**

11 am to 3 pm



Faithful Friend - *Lesley Jordan*

**Entrance £3 (Includes
Refreshments)**

Children under 12 years FREE

**Fundraising for
St Lawrence Church**

SPEAK LIFE

Perspective is everything

SO HOW DO YOU SEE LIFE?

321 is a course that invites you to see life the way Jesus does.

Inspired by Jesus' vision of reality, 321 is designed to help you think about God, the world and yourself through immersive videos and thoughtful illustrations.

Do you know someone who would like to know more about the Christian faith? To help discover what difference believing in Jesus can make to their lives?

321 has been temporarily postponed.
Please keep an eye out for the new date!

LOVE
 JESUS
SHARE
JESUS

The Season Of Creation

As we enter the month of September, many churches will spend some time focusing on the wonders of creation, with Harvest Festivals or other types of service. For some time now, the Church of England has named the period between 1st September and 4th October as Creationtide, or the Season of Creation, where we can give thanks to God for his gift to us in creation. It was good to witness an uplifting in the recent meeting of General Synod, where further liturgical resources were discussed.

As well as giving thanks to God, this period of time provides us with an opportunity to recommit ourselves to care for all that God has made. As a Diocese, we share in the commitment of the Church of England to become net carbon zero by 2030, an ambitious target, but one that is very important, and reminds us of the fifth Mark of Mission, 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth'. Maybe this is a month when you might like to think afresh about you can do to help reach the target.

I am so encouraged to hear of churches that are engaging with Eco Church and delight that we now have some 'gold churches' amongst us. What an example they are!



Amongst the resources for Creationtide on the Church of England website, I came across this beautiful passage:

*In every acorn
there is the potential for a forest;
In every apple pip
there is the potential for an orchard;
In every soul
there is the potential for your
kingdom
to be established;
full of joy and peace and love.
Lord, may your kingdom come
in us and in all your creation.*

May this be our prayer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debbie".

The Rt Revd Debbie Sellin
Bishop of Peterborough

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Premier.

ChristianRadio

Christian broadcasting was not always allowed in this country. As late as the mid-1980s, Christians were petitioning Parliament and the broadcast regulator to allow Christian broadcasting to begin in the UK.

Finally, it happened, and in 1990 the law was changed. Five years later, in the summer of 1995, Premier Christian Radio was launched. The Christian community rallied around the station, with thousands committing to provide regular monthly support, and to make it the success that it is today.

Highlights of the past 30 years include:

- 1999 – launch of Premier Online, streaming Premier to the world
- 2006 – launch of Premier.tv, providing Christian Internet TV on demand
- 2009 – broadcasting nationwide begins on DAB Digital radio
- 2010 – Premier Gospel begins
- 2016 – Premier Praise begins

Nowadays, with more than 1,100,000 listeners every week, Premier is the largest Christian Media organisation in the UK, reaching people via its print, digital and radio platforms.

Premier Christian Radio is available online and nationally on DAB and on smart speakers. The Premier Christian App is available to both iPhone and Android users, via their respective app stores.

Premier.

**CHRISTIAN
NEWS**

Do you want to know more of what's going on across the country and indeed further afield?

Premier Christian News and Premier Christian Radio can be a great way to be informed as well as hear plenty of Christian Music as well.



*As far as Reg could tell, the burglar had
disturbed nothing in the vestry*

The vestry is a mystical place, where many weird and wonderful things can be found, some obvious, some not so much.

Often there are many useful things in the vestry which get used all the time, there are things that get used occasionally which we always have to hunt for when it's time to use them and there are always one or two items that no-one knows what they are but dare not throw out in case one day its use will be revealed and everyone will say "Glad we didn't throw that out!" - from the Vicar.

The tale of the RICH FOOL



JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A MAN
WHO HAD LOTS OF LAND WHICH
GREW WONDERFUL WHEAT.

I HAVEN'T ANYWHERE TO
KEEP ALL THIS FOOD



I KKNOW! I'LL PULL DOWN
MY BARNs AND BUILD
BIGGER ONES



THE MAN DEMOLISHED HIS
OLD BARNs....

...AND BEGAN TO BUILD
NEW ONES.



SOON I'LL BE THE RICHEST
MAN IN THE TOWN!



I'M SO LUCKY - I CAN
EAT, DRINK AND BE
MERRY!



BUT THAT VERY NIGHT,
THE MAN DIED!



WHAT GOOD WERE HIS
RICHES NOW?



JESUS EXPLAINED - 'IT'S NOT
YOUR WEALTH THAT MATTERS,
IT'S HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE
THAT'S IMPORTANT

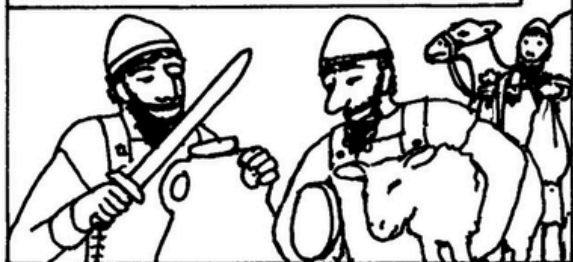
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Judges 6:1-7, 11-16, 25-35

Once the Israelites had moved into their
promised land, they obeyed God, but not for
long, so God let other countries invade.

The Midianites invaded every
year, and stole all the food
the Israelites had grown.



The Israelites had to
hide in the hills.



After 7 years,
the Israelites called
out to God for help.

Gideon was secretly
threshing wheat when
an angel arrived.



The Lord is helping you,
mighty warrior.



I don't
mean to be rude, but it
doesn't look like He is.

God said

I will give you the
power.



But my clan
is the weakest in our tribe and
I'm the weakest in my family.

I'll be helping you. Start by pulling
down the altar built for Baal and
build one for Me.



Gideon did as he was told (but he
waited and did it at night).



In the morning, people
came to complain to
Gideon's father



If Baal is upset, he
can take his own
revenge, can't he?



Gideon sent out messages
to call men to fight the
Midianites..



and 32000 came.

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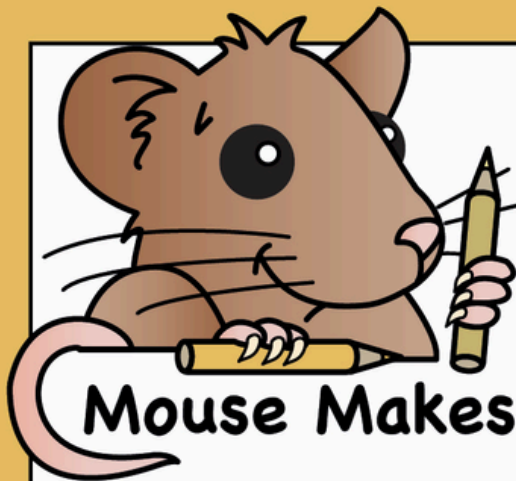
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Gideon

messages



Mouse Makes

"May the people **praise** you **God**...
The **land yields** its harvest, God,
our God **blesses** us."

- from Psalm 67:5-6

"Let us fear and respect the Lord our God.
He gives **autumn** and **spring** rains
at the right time. He makes sure that we
have the harvest at just the right **time**."

- from Jeremiah 5:24

"**Honour** the
Lord with your
wealth and the
first part of
your **harvest**."

- Proverbs 3:9

"God... gives you **rain** from
heaven and good harvests
at the right times. He gives
you plenty of **food** and
fills your hearts with **joy**."

- from Acts 14:16-17

"So the one who **plants** is not
important, and the one who **waters**
is not important. Only GOD is
important because He is the one
who makes things **grow**."

- 1 Corinthians 3:7

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Find the words in **bold** type in the bible quotes in the
wordsearch then look for the words below too!

PLOUGH • FIELD • SOIL • SCATTER • SOW • SEEDS • SUN
REAP • PICK • CROPS • GRAIN • CORN • BARN • BREAD • THANKSGIVING

Double Sudoku!



EASY

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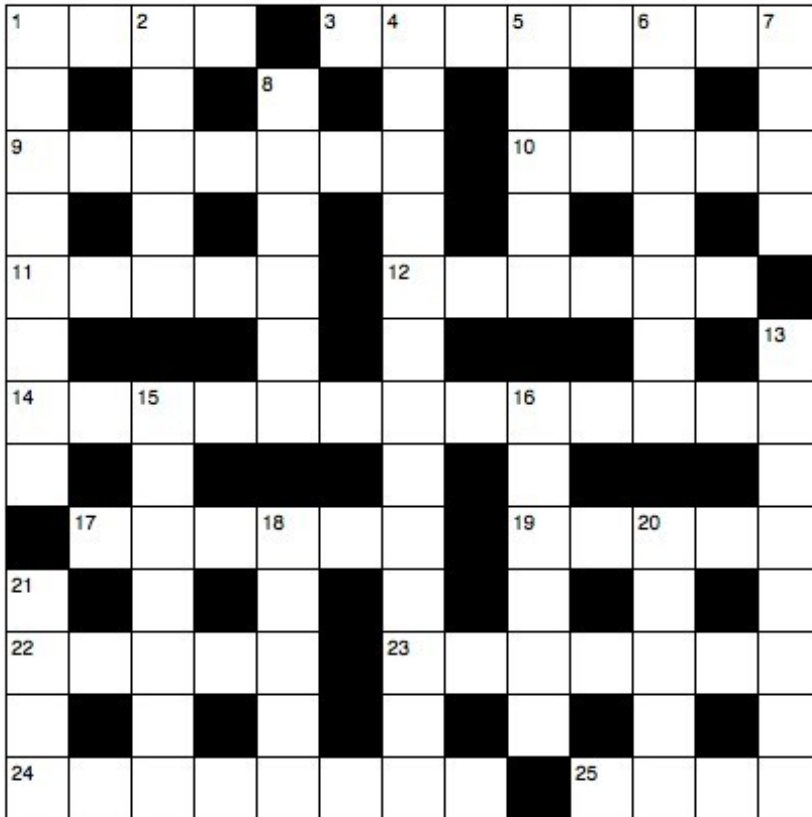
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HARD

Bible Crossword

Across



- 1 'A little later someone else saw Peter and said, "You — are one of them"' (Luke 22:58) (4)
- 3 Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8)
- 9 They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king (Matthew 2:7) (3,4)
- 10 'An athlete... does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the — ' (2 Timothy 2:5) (5)
- 11 Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air preacher, leading 20th-century Methodist, Donald — (5)
- 12 'Come quickly to — — , O Lord my Saviour' (Psalm 38:22) (4,2)
- 14 'The God of Abraham, — — — , the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus' (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5)

- 17 Sear by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6)
- 19 'It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust — — ' (Psalm 118:8) (2,3)
- 22 Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5)
- 23 i.e. train (anag.) (7)
- 24 Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8)
- 25 'Righteousness will be his — and faithfulness the sash round his waist' (Isaiah 11:5) (4)

Down

1 Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8)

2 'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all — , but we will all be changed' (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5)

4 'I... delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your — — is' (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6)

5 Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5)

6 Of the Muslim faith (7)

7 Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4)

8 Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6)

13 Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8)

15 CIA char (anag.) (7)

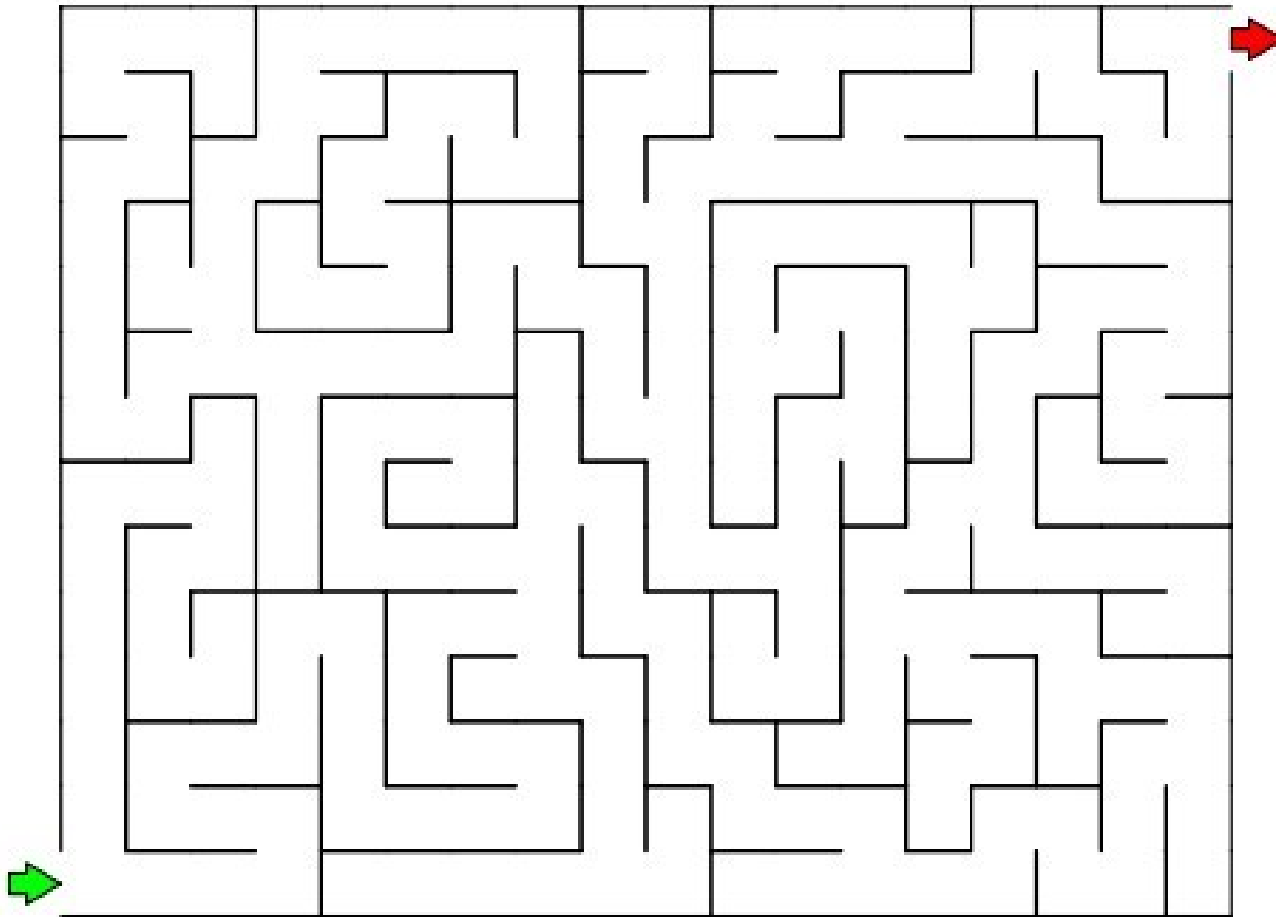
16 Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27-28) (6)

18 One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5)

20 Episcopal headwear (5)

21 Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)

The Maze



Wordsearch

- Gregory
- History
- Son
- Roman
- Senator
- Converted
- Young
- Estates
- Monasteries
- Generous
- Poor
- Monk
- English
- Slaves
- Angels
- Angles
- Plague
- Pope
- Apostle
- elected

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Answers

CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

ACROSS: 1, Also. 3, Offering. 9, The Magi. 10, Rules. 11, Soper. 12, Help me. 14, Isaac and Jacob. 17, Scorch. 19, In man. 22, Loads. 23, Inertia. 24, Vicinity. 25, Belt.

DOWN: 1, Artistic. 2, Sleep. 4, Faith in Christ. 5, Enrol. 6, Islamic. 7, Gasp. 8, Fabric. 13, Abundant. 15, Archaic. 16, Jailer. 18, Resin. 20, Mitre. 21, Slav.

Easy Sudoku

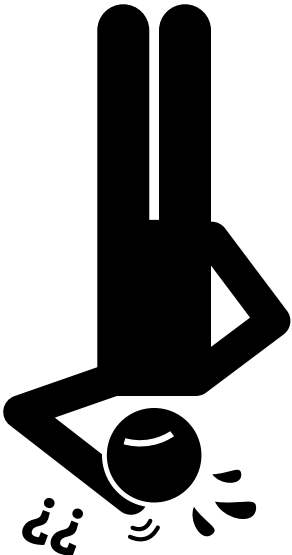
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Hard Sudoku

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Wordsearch

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BAPTISMS

Interested in getting your child baptised?

Whether you call it christening or baptism we are here to welcome you and those being baptised as part of our church family. A baptism service is a special service where those being baptised will be prayed for, where parents and Godparents will make important promises, water is poured over the person being baptised to signify being made clean and often a sign of the cross is made, a candle is given to you in the service to help remind you to “Shine as a light in the world to the Glory of God”. It’s a special day for not only the person being baptised but all those family, friends and church members who are there to be part of it. Please do contact us and we’d be happy to talk with you about baptism.



WEDDINGS

Have you considered a church wedding?

We are blessed to have wonderful church buildings in our benefice, in beautiful surroundings, where you can have a wonderful wedding as you make promises to God and each other in front of family and friends. Wedding services have declarations, vows, exchanging of rings, blessings and can include your own choice of readings, music and more, they are a joy to be part of. Church weddings are also surprisingly inexpensive and can help you have a very special wedding without breaking the bank. Contact us to find out how you can have your very special day with us.



FUNERALS

We are here for you.

Firstly our sympathies for your loss. We know how hard times like this are and we as the church can be here to support you, not only with the funeral service itself but also afterwards with pastoral support and special services to help you commemorate and remember your loved ones life. We are happy to liaise with you and funeral directors to help you say goodbye to your loved one, services can be tailored to help reflect the life of the deceased so that even in the sadness of loss you can remember the love, the times you had together and look to the hope that a church funeral services gives. Do contact us or ask your funeral director to be in touch with us and let us support you in this difficult time.

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