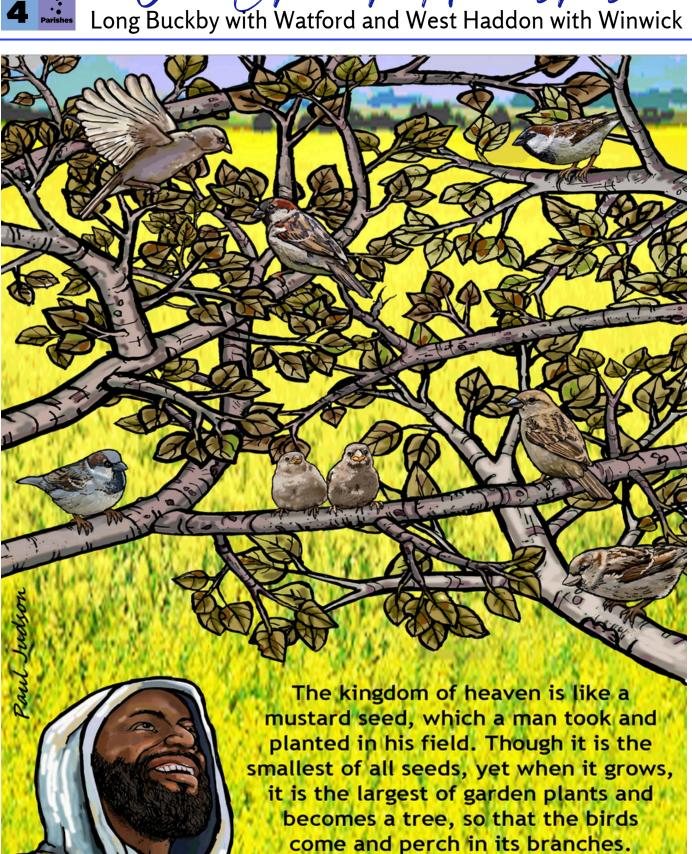


One Church 4 Parishes





Matthew 13: 31-32

Services this October

1st October

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

5th October

9am, BCP Holy Communion, St Lawrence, Long Buckby 10 for 10:30am, The Breakfast Service, The School Rooms, Long Buckby 10:30am, Morning Praise, All Saints, West Haddon

12th October

9am, Holy Communion, St Peter and St Paul, Watford 10:30am, Morning Praise, St Lawrence, Long Buckby 4pm Messy Church Harvest, St Lawrence, Long Buckby

19th October

10:30am, Morning Praise, All Saints, West Haddon 10:30am, The Family Service, St Lawrence, Long Buckby 6pm, Holy Communion, Winwick

26th October

9am, Holy Communion, St Peter and St Paul, Watford 10:30am, Holy Communion, St Lawrence, Long Buckby 10:30am, The Family Service, All Saints, West Haddon

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

Pray is something we need to do more of - always! Jesus tells the Parable of the Friend at Midnight (Luke 11) in the context of teaching His disciples to pray (1).

Pray Shamelessly:

In the parable a man approaches his friend at midnight and asking: 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him' (5-6). Despite the hour, the rules of hospitality mean that this is not an unreasonable request. Jesus says, 'though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will rise and give him whatever he needs' (8). Jesus is telling us to approach our heavenly Father in 'shameless boldness' with our needs. As adopted children we should have no hesitancy in coming to talk with our Father. It is not God who is reluctant to answer, but we to ask. Do we pray with shameless boldness?

Pray Persistently:

Like children we should be persistent in our requests: 'Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.' (9). All three verbs indicate a continual habit: 'Keep on asking...seeking...knocking'. We will not be content simply to ask once and then move on. Jesus tells us to bring our prayers to God persistently. Do we give up too easily in prayer?

Pray Expectantly:

'For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.'(10). Are we expectant in our prayers, believing that God delights in meeting our requests? Why not begin this adventure of prayer today!

Theory blessing

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PRAYER POINTS:

FOR THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

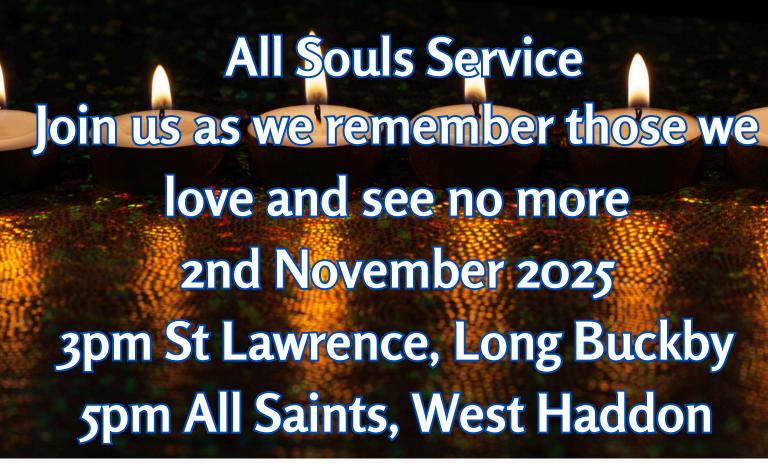
TO SHINE BRIGHTLY ACROSS THIS WORLD

FOR ALL IN NEED OF HEALING





Join us for fun, games, crafts, activities, a Bible story and songs as we get Messy at
St Lawrence, Long Buckby
4pm, 12th October 2025



We will remember them REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICES

9TH NOVEMBER 2025

10AM ST LAWRENCE, LONG BUCKBY 10:55AM ALL SAINTS, WEST HADDON 11AM ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, WINWICK (AT THE SHELTER)

3PM ST PETER AND ST PAUL, WATFORD



COMMUNITY LARDER





Following the successful trial of the Community Larder at St Lawrence Church, we are reopening on Tuesday 16th September on a permanent basis 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!

Every Tuesday 2pm-2:45pm

St Lawrence Church, Church St, Long Buckby, NN6 7QH Email: communitylarder@onechurch4parishes.co.uk Web: www.onechurch4parishes.co.uk/community/larder





Approaching 300 photos by local photographers*

* based on 2024 entry numbers

Sat 11th & Sun 12th October 2025

10am-5pm, All Saints' Church, West Haddon



We welcome images from all photographers.

Entries close 25th September and are free to submit.

Visit www.whphoto.club for details.

Entries are now closed for the West Haddon Photo Show but do come along to the show if you can!



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!



Farewell in Christ

s fourteen years of ministry in the Diocese draw to a close, our overwhelming sense is of thankfulness. Elizabeth and I are so grateful to God for the privilege of my being called here to serve as one of your Bishops, the warmth of your welcome and the kindness of your support. We have been upheld by your prayers, humbled by your appreciation and thrilled by your willingness to serve Christ. It has been deeply moving to see God at work in our communities, churches and ministries. Thank you all so much.

Throughout my Christian life, I have been sustained by the bible verse printed on a bookmark that I attached to my bedside cupboard whilst growing up. It had God's words of reassurance to Joshua as he took over leadership from Moses and read

"Be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for I, the Lord thy God, will be with thee whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua 1.9).

I love the beautifully challenging prayer attributed to Sir Francis Drake;

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves, When our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little, When we arrived safely because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess We have lost our thirst for the waters of life;



Having fallen in love with life, We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, To venture on wider seas where storms will show your mastery; Where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars.

We ask You to push back the horizons of our hopes;

And to push into the future in strength, courage, hope, and love.

Please continue to pray for us as we will continue to pray for you, as the Diocese grows under Bishop Debbie's inspiring leadership.

The Rt Revd John Holbrook Bishop of Brixworth

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"Good news on the lottery-funding for the organ repairs, Vicar – three of our numbers came up for £25!



After his induction, Harry met the leaders of the other denominations



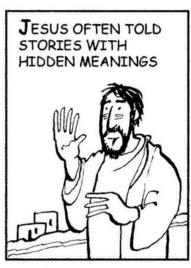
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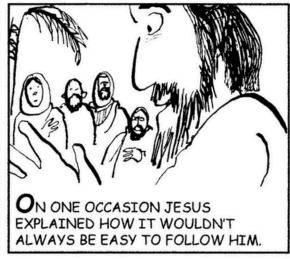
Sometimes these cartoons seem a little far-fetched.

Other times they seem to have far too much of the ring of truth to them.

Do any of these hold true for you?

The tale of the Tower Builder

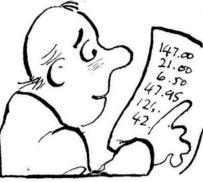






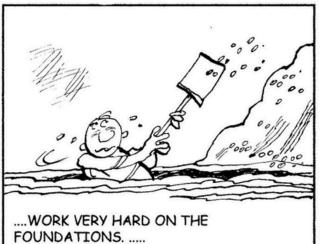
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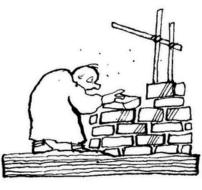


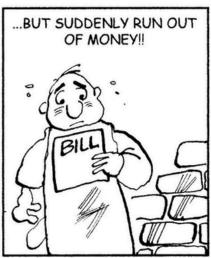


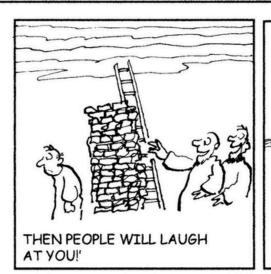




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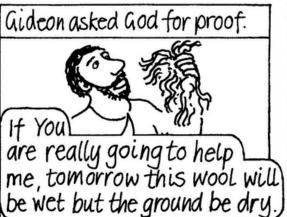


WE NEED TO REALISE THAT ALTHOUGH FOLLOWING JESUS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.; IT'S ALSO A GREAT CHALLENGE.

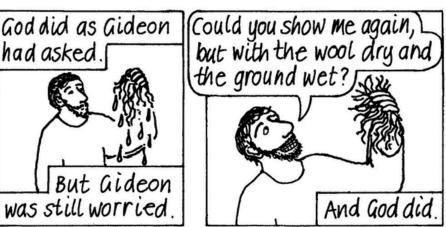
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A short story from the Bible

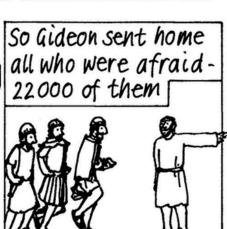
God had told Gideon he would drive the Midianite invaders out of His country. 32000 men had come to fight with Gideon.







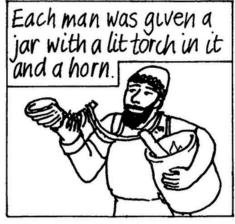






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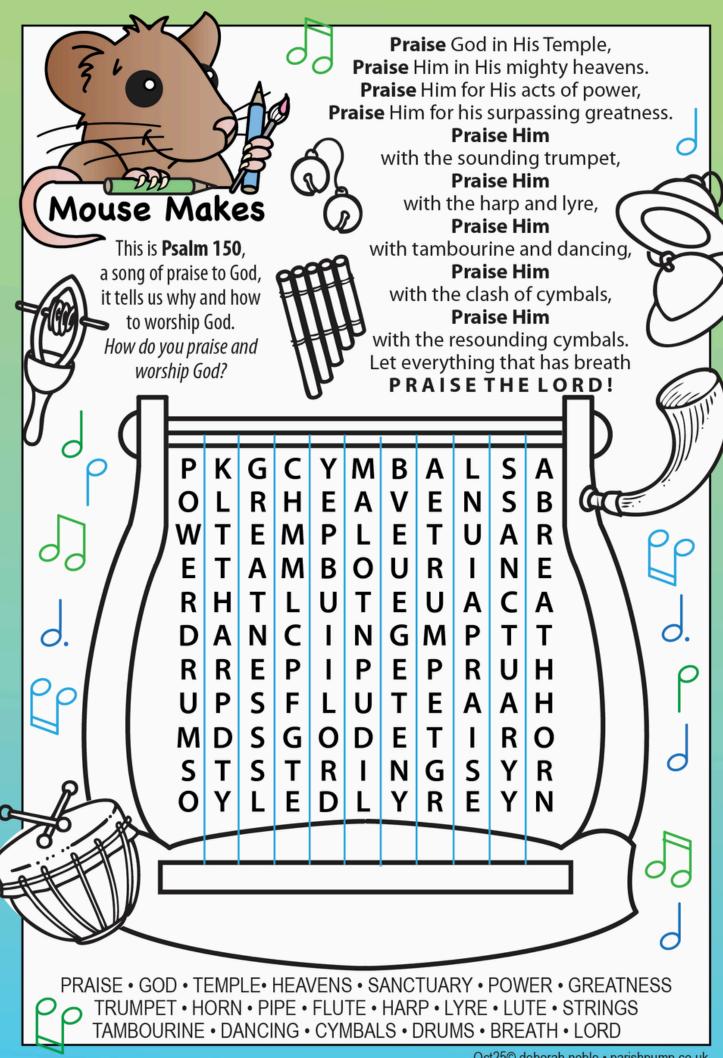


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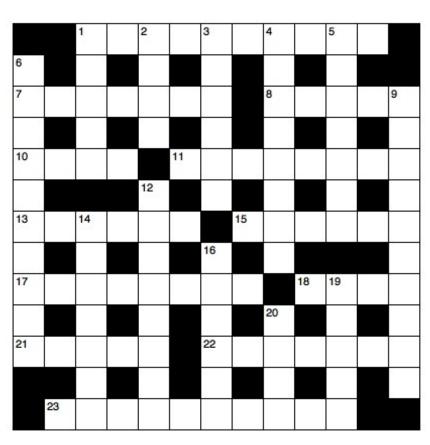
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Bible Crossword



Down

1 He betrayed Jesus (Matthew 27:3) (5)
2 Paul's assurance to the Philippian jailer: 'Don't — yourself!
We are all here!' (Acts 16:28) (4)
3 'Fear God and keep his commandments, for this — the
whole — of man' (Ecclesiastes 12:13) (2,4)
4 The sort of giver God loves (2 Corinthians 9:7) (8)

5 Sun rail (anag.) (7)

6 Naboth, the ill-fated vineyard owner, was one (1 Kings 21:1) with you to prison and to death" (Luke

9 Paul said of young widows, 'When their sensual desires overcome their — to Christ, they want to marry' (1 Timothy 5:11) (10)

12 This was how Joseph of Arimathea practised his discipleship 'because he feared the Jews' (John 19:38) (8)

14 Mop ruse (anag.) (7)

16 Foment (Philippians 1:17) (4,2)

19 Where Joseph and Mary escaped to with the baby Jesus
(Matthew 2:14) (5)
20 See 18 Across

Across

1 He was replaced as king of Judah by his uncle Mattaniah (2 Kings 24:17) (10) 7 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him — the cross' (Hebrews 12:2) (7) 8 Relieved (5) 10 Impetuous (Acts 19:36) (4)

11 Surprised and alarmed (Luke 24:37)
(8)

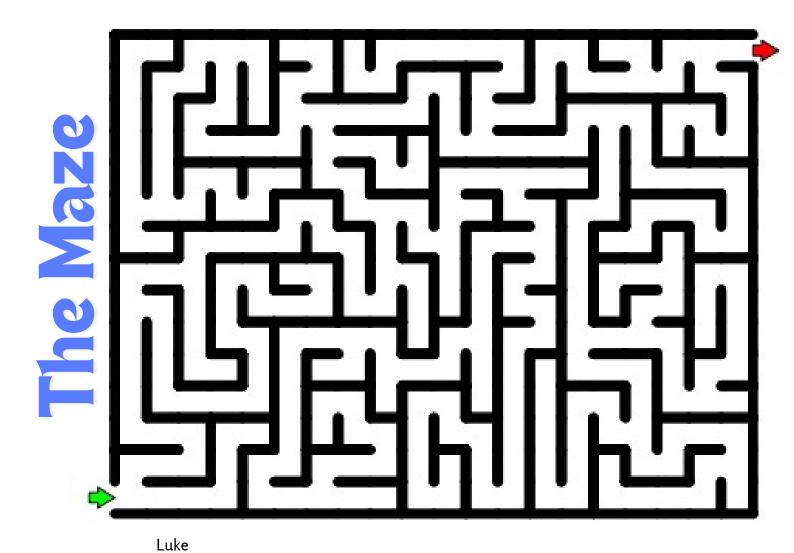
13 'It is — for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God' (Mark 10:25) (6)
15 Directions for the conduct of a church service (6)

17 One of the acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19) (8)

18 and 20 Down 'She began to wet his — with her tears. Then she wiped them with her — ' (Luke 7:38) (4,4)

21 'We will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an — , — the last trumpet' (1 Corinthians 15:51–52) (3,2)
22 'But he replied, "Lord, I am — — go with you to prison and to death"' (Luke 22:33) (5,2)

23 Third person of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:14) (4,6)



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Supremo. 16, Stir up. 19. Egypt. 20, Hair. DOWN: 1, Judas. 2, Harm. 3, Is duty. 4, Cheerful. 5, Insular. 6, Jezreelite. 9, Dedication. 12, Secretly. 14,

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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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